

TCSC Snowplow



March 2022

Happy Spring Skiing!

The calendar says March and it's time for spring skiing! Don't put away those boards yet. We've got a few more trips to go and hopefully another snow dump -- or two -- with some great sunny ski days ahead.



What to Look Forward to

Skiing and Riding

Killington Midweek may be sold out, but there's always hope on the waitlist. There might be a spot or two available for **New Hampshire**. Watch your emails and the website for impromptu tailgates at Greek Peak or other ski outings.

Dinner/Dance

Getty ready to put on your dancing shoes for the **Last Run Bash** on Friday, April 22! [Read More](#)

Future Events

The **Adirondack Weekend** will be Oct. 7-10. Registration will open in April. Stay tuned!



Triple Cities Ski Club

Last Run Bash

Join us for a relaxed evening of dinner and dancing.

Band – Highway Fruit Market

Friday, April 22

5:30 PM – 10:00 PM



Appetizers at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:15 PM, Dancing at 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Atrio, 409 Hooper Rd. Endwell, NY

Cost: \$45.00 per person. **Deadline to register is Friday, April 15.**

To register: Sign up and pay at www.triplecitysskiclub.com or pay in person at the March or April Ski Club meetings or mail a check payable to TCSC to: TCSC, PO Box 23, Vestal, NY 13851 by April 9.

Buffet Dinner includes: Chicken Piccata, Roast Beef and Gravy, Sweet Sausage & Peppers, Eggplant Parmigiano, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Bread, Coffee, Tea and dessert.

Cash Bar

Dress: Casual – Jeans are appropriate. Non-member guests are welcome.

Questions contact: Sue Jastran at 607-768-3323 or Brenda Nichols at 607-760-2160



Meetings and More

March 3 General Membership Meeting

- Catch up with friends and hear all the great ski stories.
- Learn about keeping your skis in great shape by tuning and waxing them yourself.
- 50-50 Raffle to benefit the Adaptive Ski Program and Door Prizes

March 17 Board Meeting

- All members are welcome at board meetings. The March meeting will be at the Spot Restaurant on Upper Front Street.
- Come to see what it's like to be on the TCSC board. Find out about being a trip leader or co-leader. The more the merrier to keep the club vibrant and strong.

Take Our Ski Trip Survey for 2022-23

Where shall the club ski next season? Fill out our poll to let us know. You'll need to be logged in to your account at triplecityesskiclub.com to take the poll.

Go to this URL for the survey: <https://triplecityesskiclub.com/Sys/Poll/32718>

Call for Volunteers

- We have several board positions currently open: President, Vice President, Social Director, Outdoor and Fitness Director.
- Looking for a volunteer to manage door prizes. There is a small budget to work with.
- Summer activity leaders for hiking, biking, etc.

Condolences

The club extends sincere sympathy to members Linde and Richard Graumann at the loss of Linde's father, Ernst Heinrich Ackermann. He had recently celebrated his 99th birthday at their home. There were no calling hours and the family will hold a small memorial service at a later date. You may view the obituary and sign an online guestbook at hefuneralhome.com.

Whitefish Wrap Up



By Brenda Nichols

After 2 years of planning and Covid delays, 48 participants finally made it to Whitefish, Montana! We had two groups leave Syracuse on January 29, with a few other participants flying in from separate locations. After landing in Kalispell and gathering our luggage, our bus took us to shop for groceries before finally settling in our condos on "The Big Mountain." The trip leaders noticed a lot of wine and beer being purchased, all in anticipation of a fun week! (I believe not much of it was left behind either!)

Like many other ski resorts, Whitefish hadn't seen fresh snowfall for a few weeks before we arrived and the forecast wasn't looking so good either. However, I brought my "special snow boots" which always seem to bring snowfall on ski trips. And they worked! The snow started a few days after our arrival and by the end of the trip there was at least 10 new inches on the ground. Many headed to ski the trees and reported that it was fabulous!

On our first day of skiing, several people met with the Mountain Ambassadors to tour the many trails on the mountain, and most importantly, learn how to get back to our condos at the end of the day. They gave us a little history of the mountain, showed us the best places to ski in the trees if we desired and suggested where to ski when fog comes in (and boy, did it!) It was cloudy that day, but we were lucky enough to view the valley and town of Whitefish below. Our Welcome Reception was held that night at Ed & Mullys where a great

appetizer feast was put on and everyone received a free drink while watching the remaining minutes of the Superbowl playoff game.

We gathered on Monday and Tuesday for happy hours in the Kintla lobby. The beer and wine flowed and lots of appetizers were shared while we all talked about our adventures on the mountain and where the best snow was found. Several members of the Onondaga Ski Club joined our club for this trip; new friendships were made as we all had a chance to talk and mingle before heading off to dinner either on the mountain or in town.

Our coldest day was Weds (temperatures started at 1 degree at 8 a.m. and only climbed up to 9 by mid-afternoon). A few hardy souls decided to ski while 39 others took a trip to Glacier National Park to see Lake McDonald and the historic Lake McDonald and

Izaak Walton Inns. It was really cold and a little cloudy, but the view of the lake and surrounding mountains was stunning. Unfortunately, our bus wasn't in very good condition but our guides tried to make the best of it as they told stories and histories of the area. At the end of the tour, several people opted to be dropped off in town to shop, find a great restaurant for dinner and then take the free SNOW bus back up the mountain to our condos.

On Thursday, we celebrated Nina Nesky's 60th birthday during our group dinner at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in downtown Whitefish. A few of us ladies came down early to decorate the room with balloons, streamers and pictures to surprise her. It became a fun scene as the balloons ended up being tossed around and popped - like we were all elementary kids once again! The lodge was absolutely beautiful with its grand fireplace and the food was excellent. We ended the night with a big (and tasty) birthday cake for Nina, complete with candles (although not 60 of them) and one last chorus of Happy Birthday was sung to her. It was so much fun to have everyone celebrate with her!

Our last day was extremely foggy, which made it difficult to see and ski. Ski patrol had the "fog balls" out to help guide everyone off the summit to other trails where the fog wasn't quite so heavy. Lots of people stayed on the lower parts of the mountain to avoid most of the fog. After our last happy hour, we all went back to our rooms to pack and be ready for the early morning departure to the airport. We all arrived back to our homes tired and happy.

Even though we never got a blue bird sky while there, the temperatures mostly stayed in the mid-20's all week (except Weds.), new snow fell, and the grooming was excellent so we had some great conditions! And even better, no lift lines! Whether this was a first-time trip for our members or a return trip to Whitefish, the trip was a truly unique experience and I'm sure we will all remember our adventures as we "Skied The Fish" for many years to come!



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