

TCSC Snowplow



April 2021

From the President

The calendar may say spring, but as of the writing of this newsletter, Mother Nature says there are still ski days ahead.

Happy Spring, TCSC sisters and brothers!



It's hard to believe that it has been over a year since we've all been together. Yes, small groups of us have skied together, but it has been way too long since we've had general membership meetings. All official information continues to stress that meeting in large groups in a single room indoors is not safe. I can only imagine how exciting it is going to be to see all of you, and for all of us to be together again.

Make sure you keep up to date on events as they are planned. Watch [TCSC's website](#) and our two Facebook pages where you'll see posts and pictures posted by our members:

- facebook.com/TripleCitiesSkiClub (a general Facebook page)
- facebook.com/groups/61169583127 (a group page that you will be asked to join)

We're surviving the pandemic in style, safely, and with all the heart we've reflected over our 55 years as TCSC.

We received a warm thank you letter from Greek Peak Adaptive Snowsports with appreciation for the \$500 check we sent to them. They further detailed the programs the money would help, and invited our members to come up to the GPAS shack on the GP campus to see the activities and services they provide from January through mid-March.

We need a new president. If I can do this job, you can too. You would have all the support and coaching you might need from an energetic board of directors and your predecessors. We have all the documentation, schedules, minutes, and programs you may need. You will lead a new period of history for the club. We'd welcome you aboard wholeheartedly.

Did you know that any TCSC member is welcome to sit in at our monthly board meetings? Meetings are always listed on the club's website under Activities and on the Calendar. Board meetings are currently held via Zoom.

Please stay connected. Let's hope to be together again very soon.

Marie

TCSCers on the Slopes

Clockwise: Walt, ladies at Greek Peak, a bluebird day at Gore, spring skiing at Stowe with John and Jackie Sykas and Carol Aronowitz.



Looking Ahead

We're working on setting up events for 2021 and into the 2022 ski season. Here's what to look for on the website and club calendar at triplecityesskiclub.com. Be sure to set up your login account to access all of the information available to members -- and keep your membership current.

- Spring Adopt-A-Highway (TBD)
- April and May Board Meetings (April 15 and May 20)
- Paddling on the Tioghnioaga (May 22, pending)
- Hiking, Biking and Paddling Events (TBD, spring, summer fall)
- Farm to Fork Fitness Adventure (Oct. 1-3)
- Adirondack Weekend 2021 (Oct. 8-11)
- TCSC Ski Sale (Nov. 21)
- Killington Race Camp (Dec. TBD)
- Windham Day Trip (January TBD)
- Whitefish, MT (Jan. 29-Feb. 5)
- Bristol Day Trip (February)
- Midweek Trips to New Hampshire, Killington, Holiday Valley (February and March)

Trip leaders and event organizers are always welcome - and needed! If you want to plan a trip or event, contact Ski Director [Brenda Nichols](#), Social Director [Marie Mead](#) or Outdoor and Fitness Director [Bill Mead](#). They'll help you set it up and provide support along the way.



Ski Deals for 2021-22

Member Jill Darling spent this winter really getting to know ski resorts in the Northeast. Read about how she maximized her Epic Pass during the pandemic and her tips on how you can get the best deals on lift tickets in the 2021-22 ski season. Go to the [TCSC website](#) to view the chart listing season pass discounts when you buy early.

Ticket prices have skyrocketed at ski resorts this season. A midweek ticket at Killington and Sugarbush (both Ikon) are \$108 and \$169 respectively. Waaah! Where's my free Warren Miller Sugarbush voucher when I need it? No WM vouchers were available this year due to the pandemic. Stowe's and Okemo's midweek prices (both Epic) are \$139 and \$119 respectively.

These prices are forcing people to purchase [Epic](#) or [Ikon](#) passes. For example: a senior Northeast Midweek Epic Pass for next season is only \$271 for unlimited use (non-holiday use at some resorts and a five-day limit at Stowe). Using the pass only two days at Stowe at \$278, more than pays for the pass. Epic and Ikon passes are now available for purchase for the 2021-2022 season with Epic slashing prices by 20%.

Epic caters to the military with deep discounts for active duty, retirees and their dependents, as does Ikon, but at a higher price. Epic goes a step further with discounts for veterans and their dependents. For two years, I bought the Epic veterans dependent pass. This year, since I wasn't traveling out west, I got the Senior Northeast Midweek Epic Pass.

The [Indy Pass](#) has yet to be on sale for next season, but in addition to our local Greek Peak and Swain resorts, Jay Peak, Cannon, Waterville Valley and Saddleback are newly listed with a host of others across the nation. Two days can be spent at each mountain for the pass price of around \$200. The Indy Pass gives smaller mountains an edge in the mega pass wars competition. For example: many people who had never skied at Greek Peak came this season as a result of the Indy Pass. This pass, when paired with a local mountain resort pass, really make the ski season affordable and fun at a variety of mountains.

I used my Senior Northeast Midweek Epic Pass 27 days this year, which worked out to \$8.55 a lift ticket after applying my \$105 credit from last year. I skied a total of 47 days, which included various other mountains on their discounted days or through other deals, so my overall lift ticket price was \$20 a pop. That's the way, uh, huh, uh huh I like it, uh, huh, uh, huh!



A TCSC Hero

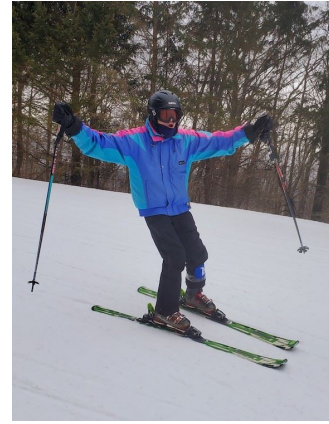
An inspiration to all
who have the
pleasure of knowing
him, Bob deVente is
86 years young and
still going strong,
writes Nina Nesky!

He's been dubbed the Energizer Bunny, and his long-time friend Joe Lomonaco wrote, "Bob has always been the most energetic person I know." Whether he's skiing, sailing or playing tennis, Bob is a joy to be around. His friends in the ski club wrote, "He's a beautiful skier," who "floats like a bird" down the slope. But don't let that fool you into thinking he's slow. He has "no fear of speed!"

Several of us in TCSC had the pleasure of skiing with him this past March at Elk Mountain and Greek Peak. Often, Bob would be the first one down the mountain, first one to get on the chair, and the first one to start down the next trail! You'd never know Bob was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer; he never complains. He skied 5 days in March. He is "always so fun to ski with." Bob is definitely my hero. Indeed, he is "everybody's hero."



Oh no, it's the
snow snake!



It's always fun
on the slopes.



Your Vote is Important

All current TCSC members should have received a poll asking them to vote on a change to the club's Constitution. This change will bring the Constitution up to date regarding treasury transactions. The Board of Directors recommends a "yes" vote. If you have any questions please contact a board member.

Communication and Website

Social Media Communication Committee

Do you use Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other social media platforms? Would you like to help promote TCSC to a broader audience? At the March board meeting, the directors agreed to form a Social Media Communication Committee to help spread the word about our club. If you think you're interested and want to find out more, let Communications Director [Ingrid Jordak](#) know. We'll be setting up a Zoom meeting in the near future to discuss how the committee will function.

Create an Avatar

Did you know that you can upload a photo of yourself to your profile on the website? The best way for other members of the ski club to get to know you -- especially while these pandemic restrictions on in-person gatherings are in place -- is for us to see your picture. It's easy to do. First find a photo of yourself on your computer or other device that you'd like to share. Then,

1. Log in to your account on the club's website; click on your name at the top left of the screen, then go to Edit Profile.
2. You should see your name and contact information listed.
3. After the phone number fields, you'll see one for Avatar.
4. Click on Choose file and then select the photo you want to upload. It will show up in the photo box.
5. Be sure to Save your work at the top of your profile.
6. Voila, you now have an avatar!

Strava and Garmin Connect

Last month, we wrote about using the Strava and Garmin Connect apps. They let you track and analyse your fitness activities. A plus for club members is that when you join the TCSC groups on the apps you can share your activities and see how others in the group are doing. Another feature available is live tracking, which will let us find each other in real time during activities. For more information, contact Outdoor and Fitness Director [Bill Mead](#).

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