

SKI SCOOPS DECEMBER 2019

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Next Board Meeting: December 17, 2019

Club Website: Yorkskiclub.org

President's Message

Our ski and boarding season is upon us. Have you made your first turns yet? Our ski industry is changing fast and the question is how long it will last. How will these changes affect how, where and when we ski?

Our local Roundtop Mountain Resort has many new changes. The big surprise was the early opening weekend with limited terrain in mid-November. Did you make some early season turns? I didn't plan right; I was still in football and hunting mode. There was a change at the top with the new GM Brett Cook taking over for Matt Thomas. Night season passes are back! The change seems to be in name only, Night Club Card to Night Tracker, thank goodness. New water pump and rebuilt pumps have added 20% more uphill snowmaking capacity. This really showed with the fast opening in November. Question is then, with the new ownership, how long will we stay open into the spring? What will the quality of the snow be after a warm spell? What will Vail surprise us with over the next six months? As of Tuesday, Dec 10th, the opening of the mountain is now pushed back until at least Dec 20th due to the temps. Are you interested in a resort job? Our employee benefits are now out. Employees receive a season pass for the Vail East resorts and comp tickets for other resorts with a letter. Immediate family members will receive a season pass for the same East resorts for \$40.00. Ask a few of us who work there for more info.

The December meeting is our annual holiday party. The club will provide lite fare and pizza, scheduled to be served around 6:15 to 6:30 pm. Bring your Holiday sweets to share - cookies, cakes, and other such mouth-watering items. Also, donate a wrapped gift to our holiday raffle. We have had some amazing gifts in the past. In addition, we will have a 50/50 raffle. There will be sign-up sheets for our planned day trips, along with the time and transportation logistics for those going. I ask you to BRING A FRIEND or an OLD OR NEW SKI BUDDY to the meeting. We need to bring in some new members. Let's grow the club.

The board and I wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Be safe in your travels and your downhill turns. Don't let the snow snake take you down to its level; stay upright and have fun.

Thanks Kirk

Annual Christmas Party & Fundraiser Membership Meeting 12/17/2019

We hope to see you at the next membership meeting, which is the Annual Christmas Party & Fundraiser, being held on December 17, 2019 at The Stone Grille & Tap House located at 204 St. Charles Way, York, PA.

Happy Hour is from 4-6 pm with discounted beverages and appetizers. The club will provide lite fare and pizza, scheduled to be served around 6:15-6:30 pm. Bring your Holiday cookies, cakes, and other such mouth-watering items to share. Please donate a wrapped gift to our holiday raffle and there will be a 50/50 raffle.

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The board meeting will be held immediately after the membership meeting.

REMINDERS

- Dues for the Ski Club membership can be paid now for the 2019-2020 membership year. Club membership year runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
 You must be a club member to attend any York Ski Club trips. Please see the attached membership application for details.
- If you have a current York Ski Club Membership, you are automatically enrolled in the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council and can attend any other EPSC Club trips without having to join those clubs. This includes lengthy vacations and one-day trips. See the EPSC website for details
- Photos from ski trips have been posted on the club's Facebook page. You
 don't need to have a Facebook account to view the page, just visit https://
 www.facebook.com/yorkskiclub/. If you have any photos that you would like
 to include in these on-line albums, please send them to Beka Schardt at
 Beka4628@gmail.com and include the trip destination and year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/16/19: Last day to purchase the Night Tracker Pass. (Details can be found at www.skiroundtop.com/night-tracker)

12/17/19: YSC Membership meeting, Fundraising event & Christmas Party: Stone Grille & Tap

House, 204 St. Charles Way, York, Pa

12/18/19: Last day to purchase a Peak Drifter Pass. (Details can be found at www.Peakpass.com)

1/11-1/13/20: YSC Club Trip to Belleayre Ski Resort, Pine Hill, NY. (See newsletter article)

1/15/20: YSC carpool daytrip to Whitetail Ski Resort (details at membership meetings)

1/21/20: YSC Membership meeting: Stone Grille & Tap House, 204 St. Charles Way, York, Pa

1/18-1/26/20: Uller's Trip to Mayrhofen, Austria. (Details at <u>www.Ullers.com</u>)

1/25/20: Launch Party & Fireworks @ Roundtop Mountain Resort

1/29/20: YSC carpool daytrip to Liberty Mountain Resort (details at membership meetings)

2/12/20: YSC carpool daytrip to Blue Knob Ski Resort (details at membership meetings)

2/14- 2/22/20: Uller's Trip to Grindelwald, Switzerland (Details at www.Ullers.com)

2/18/20: YSC Membership meeting: Stone Grille & Tap House, 204 St. Charles Way, York, Pa

2/27-3/1/20: EPSC trip to Mt. Snow, Vermont (Details at www.Easternpaskicouncil.org)

2/28-3/7/20: YSC trip to Vermont small ski areas/small microbreweries (See newsletter article)

Late February/early March 2020: YSC Retro Day (exact date yet to be determined)

3/17/20: YSC Membership meeting: Stone Grille & Tap House, 204 St. Charles Way, York, Pa

4/21/20: YSC Membership meeting: Stone Grille & Tap House, 204 St. Charles Way, York, Pa

January 2021: YSC Trip to Belleayre Ski Resort, Pine Hill, NY.

1/30-2/6/21: EPSC trip to Steamboat, Colorado (Details at www.Easternpaskicouncil.org)

2/27-3/6/21: YSC trip to Red Mountain, White Water, & Schweitzer

February- March 2021: YSC Trip to Canaan Valley, W.V.

February – March 2022: YSC Trip to Salt Lake City, Utah

Please send any event information to be posted on the calendar to tom.cree@comcast.net



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2020 Club Ski Trip Information

The Epic 2020

(Not to be confused with the ski pass)

YSC Trip to Belleayre Ski Resort, Pine Hill, N.Y.

! Deadline for Sign Up and Payment is December 17!

January 10-12, 2020

- Friday: Travel day with a stop at Hunter Mountain*
 - Friday night: Pizza party at Colonial Inn
- Saturday: Ski at Belleayre, with buffet that evening
 - Sunday: Ski and/or travel home

Price** \$223.00

Deposit of \$200.00 is due by November 19, 2019

Final Payment due by December 17, 2019

*Hunter lift tickets can be purchased on-line at their website.

*Please remember that if you have a Peak or Epic pass, these may include lift tickets to Hunter Mountain, so check to see if your pass includes this option.

Contact **Terry Holtzinger** for sign up and any questions you may have. Email (tholtzinger1@comcast.net) or phone (717-755-7290).

Epic 2020 Events after skiing:

- 20/20 raffle (three winners, first ticket drawn, second ticket drawn, and the YSC)
 - Belated 2020 New Year Party
 - 20/20 eye sight check (before and after New Year Party)
 - Etc. as you dream of new events or contests

2020 Club Ski Trip Information

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Small Ski Areas/Microbrew Trip to Vermont 2/29-3/7/2020

NOTE FROM TRIP LEADER SHAWN McEachern

- Trip is open with no limit on participants
- Participants do not need to attend the whole trip, members can arrive or leave as you want at any time during the trip.
- Each participant will be purchasing their own lift tickets and making their own reservations for lodging. See the attachment to this newsletter email for details
- Please contact Shawn directly ASAP if you are interested in attending this trip @ (717) 843-6883 or Shawnmce@comcast.net

Vermont Trip Skiing

The dates marked with an asterisk will be skied using a Ski Indy Pass for \$199. If you will be skiing these dates this pass is a great value as it can also be used for skiing more locally at Blue Knob, Shawnee and possible trips to Greek Peak for an overnight and Canaan Valley as well as other possibilities. https://www.indyskipass.com/

If you will not be purchasing a Ski Indy Pass check for discounted tickets through https://www.liftopia.com or the ski area itself as many now have discounted tickets available online. Also, look for senior discounts if this applies to you.

Buy your tickets in advance to save money!

*Fri Feb 28 - Skiing at Catamount Ski area (NY/Mass border) - https://www.catamountski.com/

Sat Feb 29 - Skiing at Gore Mountain - https://www.goremountain.com/ . Currently no discounted tickets available.

Sun Mar 1 - Skiing at Smuggler's Notch - https://www.smuggs.com/ . Discounted full/half day tickets available now on https://www.liftopia.com

*Mon Mar 2 - Skiing at Bolton Valley - http://www.boltonvalley.com/

Tues Mar 3 - Skiing at Mad River Glen - https://www.madriverglen.com/. Discounted tickets at https://www.madriverglen.com/. Discounted tickets at https://www.madriverglen.com/.

Wed Mar 4 - Skiing at Burke Mountain - https://skiburke.com/ . Website mentions Wacky Wednesday Tickets.

*Thur Mar 5 - Skiing at Suicide Six - https://www.suicide6.com/

*Fri Mar 6 - Skiing at Magic Mountain - https://magicmtn.com/

*Sat Mar 7 - Skiing at Berkshire East - https://berkshireeast.com/

2020 Club Ski Trip Information

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Small Ski Areas/Microbrew Trip to Vermont continued

- Trip is open with no limit on participants
- Participants do not need to attend the whole trip, members can arrive or leave as you want at any time during the trip.
- Each participant will be purchasing their own lift tickets and making their own reservations for lodging.
- For lodging options on this trip, please see the attachment to this newsletter email for direct website links to motels for each section of the trip.

Travel times for destinations on the Vermont Trip

- York to Catamount 4hrs 56min
- Catamount to Clifton Park NY 1hr 11min
 - Clifton Park to Gore Mtn 1hr 11 min
 - Gore Mtn to Shelburne VT 1hr 57min
 - Shelburne to Smuggler's Notch 55min
 - Shelburne to Bolton Valley 35min
 - Shelburne to Mad River Glen 57min
 - Shelburne to Burke Mtn 1hr 56min
 - Burke Mtn to Rutland 2hrs 21min
 - Rutland to Suicide Six 47min
 - Rutland to Magic Mtn 47min
 - Magic Mtn to Bennington 45min
- Bennington to Berkshire East 1hr 4min
 - Berkshire East to York 6hrs 7min

Further details regarding **microbreweries** to come closer to the travel dates. In the meantime, familiarize yourselves with some of the microbreweries previously listed in the October Newsletter to be certain of which you would like to visit

For more information, contact Shawn @ (717) 843-6883 or via email @ shawnmce@comcast.net

Changes at South Central Pa Ski areas

From Carla de Mendonca

Vail Resorts recently announced personnel changes at Roundtop, Liberty and Whitetail resorts.

Ann Weimer, who previously was the General Manager (GM) at Liberty Mountain, has been named GM at Whitetail.

Brett Cook, former GM of Whitetail, is now the GM of Roundtop.

Jeff Lifgren, Vice President of Vail's Mid-Atlantic region will assume the duties of GM at Liberty.

Matt Thomas, GM of Roundtop was let go.



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