



SKI SCOOPS MAY 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, hopefully the lack of events last year is behind us. Covid 19 kicked our butts in having face-to-face activities. York Ski Club members worked through the lack of meetings and still met in small groups to ski, socialize, and attend zoom meetings. The board has been holding zoom meetings to talk about the upcoming year and events we missed last year.

Our ski season made it through a full season, which last fall looked very risky. Vail Resorts gave our local mountains directions and mandates to follow so they could open and stay open. They worked out well. The reservation system took some getting used to, but managed the on-mountain skier visits. Roundtop was busier than ever on weekends but would have been a mess and overrun without a reservation system. Skiers in the states to our south day-tripped since they could not go to New England due to covid restrictions. Roundtop was open 92 days and from late January through the first week of March the snow quality was better than ever. Some of us made day trips on Wednesdays to 5 different local areas via the carpool route. Being a ski instructor, I ended up with 80 days on the snow at 15 different ski areas. So, if you sat home, it was your loss of fun downhill turns.

The Board of Directors has decided if you paid last year's ski club membership dues, this year is free! If you paid last year, we ask that you submit an updated personal information application. If you are a new member or a member who did not join last year, your money is due now. Club membership cost has not changed. Since 2020 was a wipeout, the board of directors made the decision to continue in our present positions for the upcoming club year. We will be looking for some help in filling some upcoming board openings for next year.

We do not have a clear picture on a meeting place for our monthly meetings. Stone Grille is not doing any private parties until the Covid restrictions are totally lifted. The patio area that we meet in is the area in which the bulk of their business is now. So, if someone has an idea for a social gathering this summer let's hear it sooner rather than later. We could just show up at a outside dining area but how close we are seated is a guess. With most of us now vaccinated, our summer picnic is a go. Location and date to be determined. The club zoom meetings will continue until we can meet face-to-face.

The board put out an e-mail request to see the possible participation on a trip to Red Mtn Canada and then Sweitzer in Idaho. 125 e-mails were sent out with 18 returns and only 12 people supporting a trip for a week. For a club trip to be priced right and be viable to go, there must be 24 or more paying full price. Over 24, trips become much cheaper and very doable. 40 to 45 is really ideal but really a dream with our club numbers. With less than 24, pricing becomes unstable and very dicey on deciding to go or not to go

I earn an Epic pass for working at Ski Roundtop and, for the last couple of years, have purchased an Indy Pass. Indy Pass is growing, adding many different ski areas every year. In the next few days, they will be adding even more areas and putting out their pricing for the upcoming ski season. I paid \$199.00 and used my pass 6 days. It would have been more, but we got rained out. I look for a 10% increase for early season purchase.

Vail threw some big snowballs at their competition with dropping all their pricing by 20%. It left many avid skiers asking why? What are their intentions on this price roll back? JUST IN our travel agent has thrown us a snowball. Will we catch it? He is offering a week-long trip such as Breckenridge CO, priced at \$2000.00 with an Epic pass included. The Trip committee will be looking into this. If you have not purchased an Epic pass, you might want to hold off if you are interested in a week skiing out west at a Vail property.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in-person soon. Kirk

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Breckenridge Colorado Ski Trip Feb. 12 - 19, 2022

Trip Leader: Chip Konrad

Due to lack of interest, the York Ski Club will not be running the Red Mountain and Sweitzer trip next year. Instead, we are going to Colorado. There was more interest for Colorado because many of you said you were buying Epic passes this year and could save a lot of money because they can be used at many of the resorts in Colorado, including Breckenridge, Keystone, Vail, and Beaver Creek.

We will fly non-stop from BWI to Denver, board a bus at the airport and be chauffeured to Beaver Run Condos at Breckenridge. A stop for liquor and groceries will be made along the way. Relax after skiing in your 2-bedroom, ski-in, ski-out condo at the base of the six-pack. The town of Breckenridge, with all its amenities is a very short walk from your condo.

We are offering a great deal that includes an Epic pass for the skiers in our group. This trip has been discounted for early signups. There are plenty of things to do for non-skiers as well.

- Trip cost with 5-day limited Epic Day pass is \$1995.00 (incl. discounted Epic 5 day pass @ \$300)
- Trip cost with an Epic Local Pass is \$2210.00 (includes discounted Epic Local Pass @ \$518.00)
- Non-skier trip cost without a pass of any kind is \$1695.00 . You can use your own pass.

You can use your Epic Local pass at the 3 local Colorado resorts and many more. Check Epic website for details: Epicpass.com

You must be a member of the York Ski Club to go on this trip. See membership dues on the website at www.yorkskiclub.org . Membership forms are available on the YSC website and are attached to every email for the newsletters. Your deposit is not valid unless membership is paid prior to, or concurrently with your deposit.

Prices are subject to change based upon increases in the Epic Passes. Pass prices are out of our control, and could increase before the end of May, so get your deposit in before then to lock in your price. You are welcome to buy your Epic pass on your own and pay the non-skier rate. When the rates go up to the general public, they go up for the trip accordingly. We can only lock your trip price (including the discounted pass) if you have paid your \$800.00 deposit before the increase. Those planning to use their own passes do not have to provide a deposit at this time.

EPIC PASSES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE FOR ANY REASON. A waiver must be signed and received before price is locked-in. Contact me by e-mail @ konradhj@msn.com and I will digitally send you the paperwork for the Epic pass.

Questions should be directed to Chip Konrad @ 717-858-1676 or e-mail me at the address above.

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New England Carpool Trip Trip Leader: Shawn McEachern

The York Ski Club is planning another New England carpool trip in late February/early March 2022, similar to the carpool trip we did in 2020. The 2020 trip was a small ski area/microbrew ski trip to mainly the Vermont region and turned out to be quite an enjoyable trip. For the 2022 trip we are going to branch out a bit more throughout the New England area to include exploring small ski areas and microbrews in VT, NH & Maine. We will be utilizing both the Epic Pass and the Indy Pass which will provide the potential of skiing 20 different ski areas.

Realizing that it's a long way off until next year's ski season, I'm mentioning these plans with the stipulation of purchasing next season's ski passes immediately. Most importantly, the Indy Pass for next year is on sale right now for \$279 and it will be sold in limited quantities and must be purchased by May 15, 2021. The Indy Pass is offering a payment plan for \$39.85 a month. The Epic Pass is also on sale now and is offering some additional perks if purchased by the end of May 2021.

If you have interest in joining us for another round of exploring skiing/microbreweries in the NE states, please get in touch with Shawn McEachern at 717-843-6883 (home) or shawnmce@comcast.net and I can keep you updated on the plans

REMINDERS

- Dues for the Ski Club membership can be paid now for the 2021-2022 membership year. Club membership year runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. You must be a club member to attend any York Ski Club trips. Please see the attached membership application 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.

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