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Greetings Members & Affiliates

Last weekend, just when I thought winter had returned, it "r'd." Yeah, I woke up Saturday morning and rejoiced at the 5" of new powder on my front lawn.

Hurriedly I got my gear together and readied for a day of teaching at Brandywine. I'm thinking "I need to get their by 9 for the freshies."

As I drove down the street my heart began to sink. Instead of snowflakes falling on my windshield, I saw "r"drops.

Yeah, Junior said "r" would be coming, but it was suppose to come in the afternoon. It was slow driving to the ski area. By the time I got there a steady "r" had begun to fall.

I carried my stuff to the instructor room where there was a sense of gloom among my colleagues and friends. Nobody was in a hurry to suit up. Lessons were delayed by 45 minutes.

When I finally went out, all that beautiful powder had turned to slush. By noon I was soaked. Fortunately, the "r" took a break after lunch so teaching wasn't half bad. Two of my buddies and I had a group of 15 8 and 9 year-olds and we had a lot of fun. The kids especially love spraying Thomas the instructor with snow as they learned hockey stops.

All was redeemed on Monday, MLK Day. We had 6" of fresh powder. What a great holiday day for the school kids. The snow was so good I went out to Brandywine in the evening and did some teaching. It was wonderful to ski on something other than



Some of our Taos crew

hard pack and ice.

Last How How Upcoming Events

Banff Pre-Trip Meeting

- Thursday, January 23rd
- Burntwood Tavern, 33675 Solon Rd.
- 6:30 PM
- RSVP Judi Fordyce, juditravels@live.com

Second Ski Day Trip— THIS WEEK-END!

- SIGN UP NOW!

- Holiday Valley
- January 26,
- Contact Dave Rock.
- Details inside.

Taos Ski Valley Trip Report

By Lisa Brand

Winter Storms Wreak Havoc

The weather wreaked havoc on the start of the CVSC ski trip to **Taos, NM**. Winter storms in Texas prevented airline connections at the Dallas hub, bringing to a screeching halt hundreds of flights over the course of a couple of days. Heroic efforts by Judi and Sports America prevailed. Eventually, after re-books, and then more re-books of already re-booked flights, the group had to split up.

Almost everyone was able to arrive by Sunday night January 12th at the Snakedance Condos in the **Taos Ski Valley** resort. With bellies full of sub sandwiches and chips, provided on the long shuttle bus ride from the Albuquerque airport, and a pizza reception for those lucky enough to arrive Saturday

night, everyone was ready to tuck into their rooms and anticipate fun on the slopes the following days.

Taos Ski Valley Resort

Sitting at a breath taking (literally) 9,200 feet and soaring upward to almost 12,500 feet, with more than 3,200 vertical feet to ski, Taos skiing boasts "...bone-dry powder stashes and some of the most untamed chutes, bowls and glades in North America.... a wild frontier for skiing and snowboarding...



flanked by sacred wilderness, rugged peaks and multicultural vibes... It sits in the heart of The Enchanted Circle; a scenic byway and national forest in northern New Mexico ." (taos.org). The motto "Better, Not Bigger" describes the atmosphere aspired to by the ski resort.

Mountain Experience Tour

On a frigid Monday morning, those who had opted for the Mountain Experience Tour, a mixture of a mountain tour and training, divvied up into appropriate skill levels and formed groups of just a few students to each instructor. Subsequently, there was nothing but excellent reports about the instruction. I can testify that by the end of 2 1/2 hours I was skiing more confidently than I ever had. Throughout the week I continued to practice the lessons I was taught and I shared notes with others, who also had a great learning experience, as well as pointers to pass along.

Angel Fire Ski Resort

Most of the group headed out for a day of skiing at **Angel Fire Ski Resort** on Tuesday. Angel Fire used to be a cattle range before it was developed into a ski resort in the mid-eighties. It's a small resort about the size of Holiday Valley with some long runs: up to 2000 vertical feet. Upon arrival, on the first run, a lone deer was seen wandering around the slope. Unfortunately, it didn't have any skis or poles. It just had to hoof it.

Other than the deer, CVSC had the place almost to themselves. Lunch in the small lodge was accompanied by some good 80s pop music. (Author's note: I must admit that I know nothing whatsoever about 80s pop music so I'm just taking the word of friends.) Along with lunch came the announcement that the main lift was shut down due to mechanical problems, so folks had to entertain themselves and each other until it reopened.

VIP Dinner

Roger, general manager of Snakedance Condos, and his wife, Diane, hosted the entire club for dinner one evening at their huge luxurious home in Taos. Their home overlooks the Gorge Bridge that spans the Rio Grande River. The bridge, a steel deck arch bridge, is 600 feet above the river and the tenth highest bridge in the U.S. A magnificent feast was set out, including smoked salmon; portobello mushrooms with feta cheese; guacamole; tender slow-cooked brisket and tilapia. There were chocolates and brownies for dessert. Dinner was complete with an open bar. Roger and Diane were the quintessential hosts!



Off-Piste Adventures

CVSC boasts some awesome skiers. Some are youngish, some maybe a little bit not so much youngish. Mid-week, a group of 6 intrepid skiers, ages ranging from mid 50s to late 70s, headed off for some strenuous adventure on the slopes. It was a beautiful sunny day with glorious skies. After getting to the highest point possible with a chair lift, they began the trudge up the mountain to gain more altitude. After hiking for close to 1/2 hour,

and having previously obtained some good advice from a local, they chose their off-piste starting point. Then over the top they went!



Off-piste adventurers: (from top left) Jim Schaffer, Larry Fordyce, Eric Tucker, Jim Osteen (bottom left) Joe Zema, Bruce Newburger

They spent the morning navigating wild terrain and black bumps. The sun was shining, the snow was soft, and they were having a blast! As they dropped closer to the base the snow became more hard-packed, and the bumps more unforgiving. It was a tough go to the finish, with the terrain diverging, forcing the group to split up as they picked their way down. But then, they all reconvened at the base, ready for a lunch break. Yum! After lunch they happily went in search again for some more off-piste adventures.

Dinner in Town

The **Sabroso Restaurant** in Taos was the dinner destination for most club members on Wednesday evening. Dinner was served in a private cozy adobe-type room with a fireplace; service provided by a waitress named Cheyenne; and lots of green chiles, chipotles and southwestern spices were on the menu. The highlight of the evening was a delicious cake for dessert to celebrate Debbie Garcher's birthday. Happy Birthday Debbie!

Snow! Wind! Perks!

The week wrapped up with swirling snow, extremely cold weather, and severe strong winds, close to 30 mph. But it takes much more than that to stop brave hearted CVSC members, so it was off to the slopes! During the week everyone had gotten a nice little perk from the Snakedance Condos: cozy fleece vests. They were perfect to chase away the chill.



Ski Report for January 23, 2020

We currently have the best conditions yet this season. Last night at **Brandywine** was just wonderful. The cold weather enabled the ski areas to crank out tons of snow. **Brandywine** is virtually 100% open. Even the gladed area between Outer Limits and Downdraft is skiable.

tions should be pretty good when we go there.

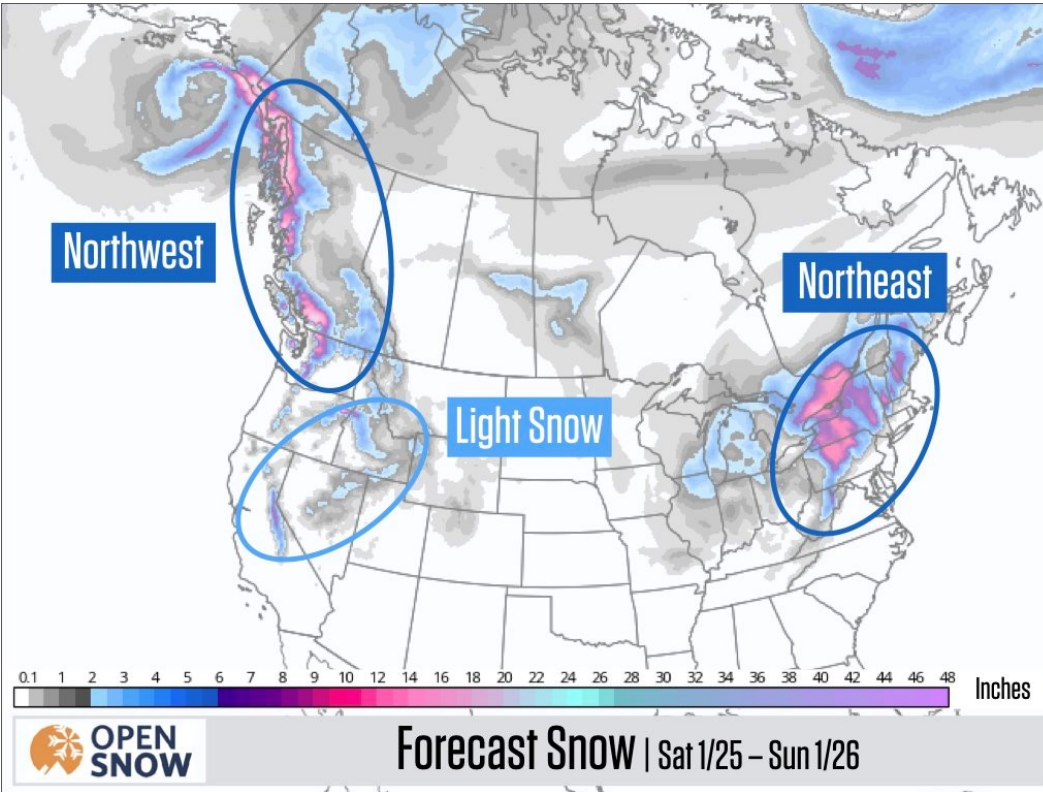
Western Pennsylvania will be getting the same weather as us. That means "r" on Friday and a "r"/snow mix on Saturday. Temperatures will be in the mid-30's.

This past week we saw a recovery of ski areas around the entire eastern US. It got cold and it snowed. Ski areas were able to make lots of snow. The weather map above indicate most of the Northeast will be seeing snow this weekend.

It snowed a good deal out west this past week. The biggest dump this past week was at **Mt. Baker, WA** who received an incredible 86" of snow. They're expecting an additional 30+" over the course of the coming weekend.

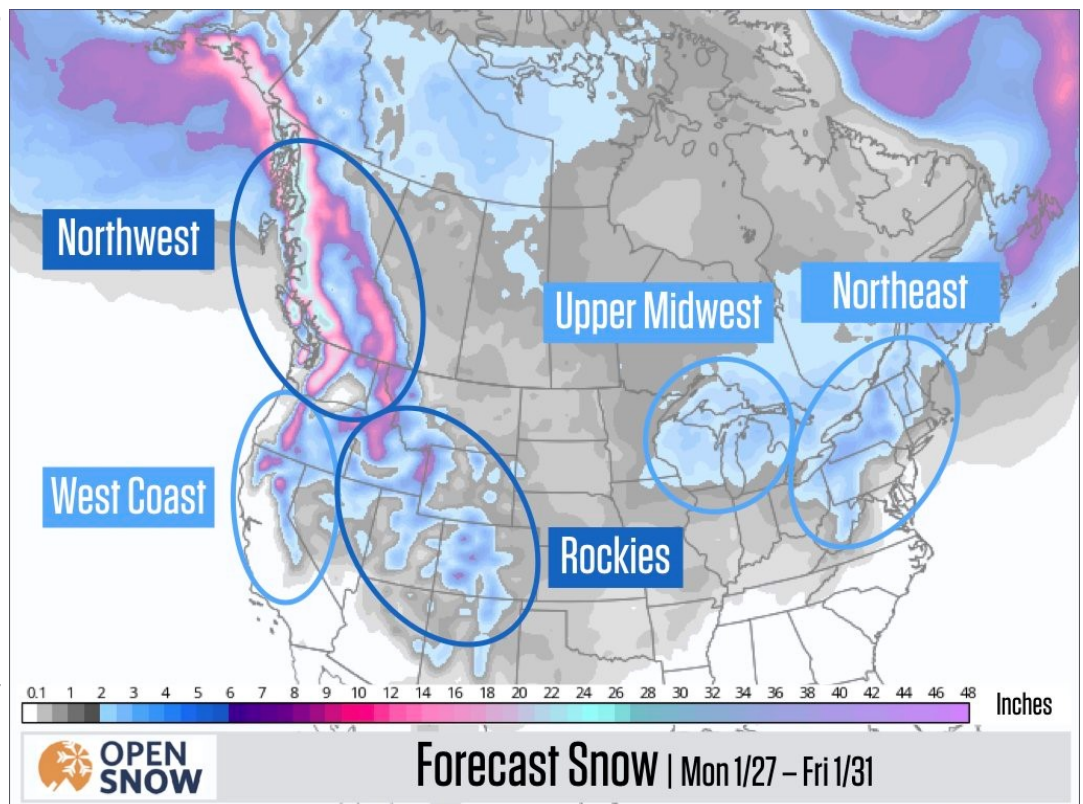
Next week's map calls for heavy snow in the Pacific Northwest with moderate snow in the Central Rockies. The upper Midwest and eastern US will be getting light snow next week.

That's what's happening in ski country. Until next week, have a good run.



Unfortunately, the good conditions are about to be spoiled a bit. Beginning tonight and then again tomorrow afternoon we can expect locally the dreaded "r". We won't see any more snowmaking lows for the next week. Temperatures the next week will be in the high 30's to low 40's. This Saturday we will see a "r"/snow mix with snow flurries on Sunday.

The forecast for western New York is better. They will see a "r"/snow mix on Saturday but still expect to receive an additional 1-2" at **Holiday Valley**. When we go there on Sunday it is going to be cloudy with a high of 35 and a snow shower. They won't be able to make any new snow between now and then but condi-



Ski Report for the weekend of January 23, 2019

| Resort | open runs | % open | Base | Snow past week | Snow this weekend | Conditions/Comments |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| Eastern Great Lakes | | | | | | |
| Holiday Valley NY | 48 | 80% | 22-58" | 21" | 4" | Machine groomed, 3" predicted Sunday |
| Seven Springs PA | 17 | 52% | 26-38" | 4" | 2" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Bristol NY | 23 | 68% | 12-30" | 6" | 2" | Machine groomed, packed powder |
| Snow Trails OH | 16 | 94% | 20-36" | 2" | 2" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Peek'n Peak NY | 17 | 63% | 24" | 22" | 0" | Powder, packed powder |
| Kissing Bridge NY | 18 | 46% | 6-50" | 15" | 3" | Machine groomed, packed powder |
| New England | | | | | | |
| Stowe VT | 96 | 83% | 24-48" | 21" | 7" | Packed powder |
| Killington VT | 102 | 66% | 24" | 19" | 8" | Machine groomed |
| Jay Peak VT | 74 | 91% | 30-40" | 25" | 6" | Machine groomed, packed powder |
| Cannon Mtn NH | 66 | 68% | 11-30" | 19" | 10" | Packed powder, machine groomed, MEOW! 7" Sunday |
| Sunday River ME | 121 | 90% | 18-24" | 12" | 8" | Machine groomed, MEOW! 6" Sunday |
| Sugarloaf ME | 94 | 38% | 24-30" | 8" | 6" | Hard packed, packed powder |
| Catskills | | | | | | |
| Hunter Mtn NY | 48 | 72% | 12-24" | 4" | 6" | Packed powder, hard packed, MEOW! 6" Saturday |
| Windham NY | 36 | 67% | 12-26" | 1" | 6" | Packed powder, hard packed, MEOW! 6" Saturday |
| Belleayre NY | 28 | 56% | 6-20" | 7" | 6" | Packed powder, MEOW! 6" Saturday |
| Poconos | | | | | | |
| Camelback PA | 30 | 81% | 36-50" | 4" | 2" | Packed powder |
| Elk Mtn PA | 19 | 70% | 18-48" | 3" | 4" | Machine groomed, packed powder |
| Blue Mtn PA | 32 | 80% | 24-42" | 3" | 0" | Machine groomed |
| Upper Midwest | | | | | | |
| Boyne Mtn MI | 51 | 85% | 42" | 13" | 2" | Machine groomed, variable |
| Nubs Nob MI | 53 | 100% | 48" | 8" | 2" | Machine groomed, packed powder |
| Granite Peak WI | 68 | 100% | 48-88" | 14" | 2" | Machine groomed, packed powder |
| Lutsen Mountains MN | 59 | 95% | 30-60" | 13" | 1" | Machine groomed, packed powder |
| Mt. Bohemia MI | 102 | 100% | 40" | 6" | 0" | Packed powder, variable |
| Northern Rockies | | | | | | |
| Jackson Hole WY | 119 | 92% | 26-82" | 13" | 6" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Grand Targhee WY | 97 | 100% | 78-82" | 14" | 6" | Powder, machine groomed |
| Sun Valley ID | 109 | 91% | 31-43" | 3" | 5" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Big Sky MT | 310 | 98% | 43-73" | 0" | 6" | Powder, packed powder |
| Lake Louise AB | 135 | 93% | 49-55" | 7" | 0" | Packed powder, variable |
| Sunshine Village AB | 132 | 91% | 55" | 7" | 1" | Packed powder |
| Schweitzer ID | 92 | 100% | 68-109" | 16" | 17" | Packed powder, MEOW! 8" Friday |
| Central Rockies | | | | | | |
| Aspen/Snowmass CO | 331 | 98% | 39-58" | 15" | 6" | Powder, MEOW! 6" Thursday |
| Vail CO | 194 | 99+% | 57" | 9" | 74" | Powder, MEOW! 7" Thursday |
| Telluride CO | 131 | 89% | 37-39" | 11" | 3" | Powder, packed powder |

Ski Report for the weekend of 1/23/20 continued

| Resort | open runs | % open | Base | Snow past week | Snow this weekend | Conditions |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|---|
| Central Rockies (continued) | | | | | | |
| Steamboat CO | 169 | 100% | 51-65" | 9" | 4" | Packed powder |
| Copper Mtn CO | 145 | 96% | 38-54" | 6" | 3" | Powder |
| Breckenridge CO | 171 | 91% | 44" | 8" | 9" | Powder, MEOW! 9" Thursday |
| Keystone CO | 122 | 95% | 43" | 6" | 6" | Powder, MEOW! 6" Thursday |
| Winter Park CO | 157 | 95% | 50-51" | 9" | 5" | Packed powder |
| Snowbird UT | 117 | 84% | 105" | 23" | 12" | Powder, packed powder, MEOW! 10" Thursday |
| Park City UT | 309 | 91% | 50-64" | 22" | 3" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Deer Valley UT | 101 | 99% | 65" | 9" | 5" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Snowbasin UT | 107 | 100% | 78" | 14" | 5" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Powder Mtn UT | 154 | 100% | 48" | 5" | 6" | Packed powder |
| Southern Rockies | | | | | | |
| Taos NM | 110 | 100% | 62" | 20" | 0" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Ski Apache NM | 44 | 100% | 38" | 5" | 0" | Packed powder, variable |
| Arizona Snowbowl AZ | 37 | 67% | 54" | 0" | 0" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Lee Canyon NV | 26 | 100% | 20" | 2" | 0" | Machine groomed, variable |
| Pacific Northwest | | | | | | |
| Whistler Blackcomb BC | 233 | 99+% | 76" | 47!" | 25" | Packed powder, variable, MEOW! Heavy snow the entire weekend |
| Sun Peaks BC | 136 | 99+% | 68-77" | 9" | 4" | Powder |
| Revelstoke BC | 75 | 100% | 92" | 7" | 8" | Powder |
| Mt. Bachelor OR | 111 | 98% | 79-96" | 20" | 14" | Wet snow, variable |
| Mt. Baker WA | 38 | 100% | 131-172" | 86!" | 31" | Variable, MEOW! Heavy snow the entire weekend |
| Mt. Hood Meadows OR | 60 | 71% | 92-126" | 21" | 17" | Wet snow, machine groomed, MEOW! 6" Sunday |
| Sierras | | | | | | |
| Mammoth CA | 154 | 100% | 45-85" | 10" | 2" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Squaw Valley/Alpine CA | 214 | 87% | 45-103" | 25" | 5" | Powder, machine groomed |
| Heavenly CA | 95 | 97% | 29-57" | 15" | 2" | Packed powder, machine groomed |
| Northstar CA | 100 | 100% | 24-56" | 25" | 1" | Packed powder, machine groomed |

Foto of the week — Whistler/Blackcomb BC, 1/22/20



Join us this winter on our day ski bus trips.

Forget the white knuckle drive to Holiday Valley and back. Sit back, sleep, relax, drink, eat, and chew the fat with friends. Then enjoy a day on the slopes at a discount. All trips are on a Sunday.



Chagrin Valley Ski Club Bus Trips For 2020
SIGN UP NOW FOR ALL 4 AND SAVE
Bus Trip Dates: January 12th & 26th, February 9th & 23rd
(Tentative - Weather Permitting)



The bus LEAVES the Solon Marcs parking lot (SR 91 north of SR 43 and south of Solon Road) at 6:00 AM sharp. A second stop is made at the Willoughby Hills BP Gas Station lot (SR 91 north of I-90) at 6:20-6:30 AM. Park at far end of Cracker Barrel/Texas Roadhouse lot.

- The bus leaves Holiday Valley at 4:00 PM.
- Bring your own dinner/beverage.
- The four trip prepayment cost will be \$65.00, members only.
- Refund if we cancel more than one trip (due to weather).
- The per day of the trip cost will be \$30 per CVSC member and \$35 per guest.

Email your single pay/day reservation to:
daverock46@yahoo.com

Single pay reservations NOT cancelled by the Friday prior to Sunday trip will have member charged \$30.00 bus fee.

Pre-paid members contact Dave by email
ONLY if you will not be there.

Pick Up Point GPS address:

Marc's (Solon) 6231 S.O.M. Center Road, Solon, OH

BP Gas Station (Willoughby): 2481 S.O.M. Center Road, Willoughby Hills, OH



Pre Pays for All 4 Trips is \$65.00 (bus only)

(Money must be received BEFORE the first trip.)

Message Dave Rock (daverock46@yahoo.com) for more info.



Join your fellow CVSC members for laughs, bus movies, shared meals, some libation and of course fun on the slopes!

Non members welcome.

\$35 for bus, same discount on tickets (\$56 pp).

Email, Text, Call or Message Dave Rock for more information.

Dave Rock: (440) 622-9516 - daverock46@yahoo.com

The following trips are listed on the Cleveland Metro Ski Council's website under "trips". It is suggested that you search the individual ski club's website to gain more information on any specific trip you may be interested in.

ONE DAY TRIPS

| Location | Start Date | Sponsor Club | Trip Leader | Email | Phone |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Clymer, NY | 11-Jan-20 | Stark County Ski Club | Scott Hunsinger | huns@roadrunner.com | (330) 340-7548 |
| Ellicottville, NY | 12-Jan-20 | Chagrin Valley Ski Club | Dave Rock | daverock46@yahoo.com | (440) 622-9516 |
| Ellicottville, NY | 26-Jan-20 | Chagrin Valley Ski Club | Dave Rock | daverock46@yahoo.com | (440) 622-9516 |
| Ellicottville, NY | 9-Feb-20 | Chagrin Valley Ski Club | Dave Rock | daverock46@yahoo.com | (440) 622-9516 |
| Holimont, NY | 12-Feb-20 | Fagowees Ski Club | Doc Tony T | holimont@fagowees.com | (440) 225-5035 |
| Seven Springs, PA | 14-Feb-20 | Stark County Ski Club | Janet Brunecz | bruneczjm@yahoo.com | (330) 412-5415 |
| Ellicottville, NY | 23-Feb-20 | Chagrin Valley Ski Club | Dave Rock | daverock46@yahoo.com | (440) 622-9516 |
| Ellicottville, NY | 28-Feb-20 | Stark County Ski Club | Jeri Johnson | skierjkj@gmail.com | (330) 495-9260 |
| Ellicottville, NY | 6-Mar-20 | Stark County Ski Club | Roberta Graham | skiingdef@gmail.com | (330) 418-2613 |

MULTI DAY TRIPS

| Location | Start Date | Sponsor Club | Trip Leader | Email | Phone |
|--------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Holiday Valley, NY | 3-Jan-20 | Beaver Valley Ski Club | Ray Lucci | raymond@lucckitchens.com | (724) 312-7080 |
| Holiday Valley, NY | 15-Jan-20 | Stark County Ski Club | John Masalko | jmasalko02@gmail.com | (330) 949-6016 |
| Breckenridge, CO | 22-Jan-20 | Cleveland Metro Ski Council | Curtis Bell | curtiscmsc60@gmail.com | (330) 240-8005 |
| Victor, NY | 26-Jan-20 | Warren Ski Club | Pat Kearney | attorneypkearney@gmail.com | (330) 550-8400 |
| Bristol, NY | 7-Feb-10 | Beaver Valley Ski Club | Ray Lucci | raymond@lucckitchens.com | (724) 312-7080 |
| Okemo, VT | 2-Feb-20 | Stark County Ski Club | Scott Hunsinger | huns@roadrunner.com | (330) 340-7548 |
| Canaan Valley, WV | 21-Feb-20 | Beaver Valley Ski Club | Ray Lucci | raymond@lucckitchens.com | (724) 312-7080 |
| Holiday Valley, NY | 21-Feb-20 | Fagowees Ski Club | Mark Pillon | mrpillon@gmail.com | |
| Holiday Valley, NY | 13-Mar-20 | Beaver Valley Ski Club | Ray Lucci | raymond@lucckitchens.com | (724) 312-7080 |

WEEKLONG TRIPS

| Location | Start Date | Sponsor Club | Trip Leader | Email | Phone |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Taos, NM | 11-Jan-20 | Chagrin Valley Ski Club | Judi Fordyce | juditravels@live.com | (440) 289-5511 |
| Steamboat, CO | 25-Jan-20 | Lewis Ski Club | Kim H | steamboat2020@lewisclub.org | none given |
| Mammoth, CA | 25-Jan-20 | Suburban Ski Club | Melinda Kellerstrass | melindassc@gmail.com | (440) 237-9849 |
| Kitzbuhel, Austria | 31-Jan-20 | Cleveland Metro Ski Council | Curtis Bell | curtiscmsc60@gmail.com | (330) 240-8005 |
| Sun Valley, ID | 1-Feb-20 | Hi Rise Ski Club | Bob Macluachlan | bobmacluachlan@yahoo.com | (440) 622-1283 |
| Niseko, Japan | 1-Feb-20 | Erie Ski Club | Tim Yapple | tlyapple1969@gmail.com | none given |
| Winter Park, CO | 1-Feb-20 | Warren Ski Club | Mary Kirila | mekskier1@gmail.com | (330) 502-9360 |
| Big Sky, MT | 1-Feb-20 | Goodyear Ski Club | Thurl Skis | thurlskis@gmail.com | (330) 678-9087 |
| Killington/Sugarbush, VT | 3-Mar-20 | Sandusky Ski Club | Tina O'Hara | tinacm70@yahoo.com | (419) 357-7158 |
| Hakuba, Japan | 7-Feb-20 | Chagrin Valley Ski Club | Judi Fordyce | juditravels@live.com | (440) 289-5511 |
| Hokkaido, Japan | 18-Feb-20 | Chagrin Valley Ski Club | Judi Fordyce | juditravels@live.com | (440) 289-5511 |
| Sunday River, ME | 23-Feb-20 | Suburban Ski Club | Joe Sullivan | joe@suburbanskiclub.org | (216) 932-3636 |
| Mammoth Mountain, CA | 29-Feb-20 | Lewis Ski Club | Tom Vannuyen | mammoth2020@lewisclub.org | (440) 879-8088 |
| Banff, Canada | 29-Feb-20 | Warren Ski Club | Mary Kirila | mekskier1@gmail.com | (330) 502-9360 |
| Banff, Canada | 7-Mar-20 | Chagrin Valley Ski Club | Judi Fordyce | juditravels@live.com | (440) 289-5511 |
| South Lake Tahoe, CA | 8-Mar-20 | Goodyear Ski Club | Mary Beth Grether | mbgrether4@gmail.com | (330) 328-3797 |
| Mammoth, CA | 14-Mar-20 | Fagowees Ski Club | Tom Keller | tomkeller@gmail.com | (216) 224-1066 |
| Lake Tahoe, CA | 14-Mar-20 | Cleveland Metro Ski Council | Curtis Bell | curtiscmsc60@gmail.com | (330) 240-8005 |
| Red Mountain, BC | 14-Mar-20 | Erie Ski Club | Vince Dunsworth | red2020esc@gmail.com | none given |
| South Lake Tahoe, CA | 14-Mar-20 | Stark County Ski Club | Art Pokopac | pokieman@aol.com | (330) 697-7491 |
| Telluride, CO | 21-Mar-20 | Suburban Ski Club | Beth Silverman | bethsilverman59@me.com | (216) 799-2001 |
| Lake Tahoe, CA | 4-Apr-20 | Beaver Valley Ski Club | Ray Lucci | raymond@lucckitchens.com | (724) 312-7080 |