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Greetings Members & Affiliates

This past weekend I took a weekend clinic at Mad River Ski Area in central Ohio. It fulfilled my continuing education requirements for my ski instructor certification. The topic was movement analysis.

The goal was to train my eye so I'm better able to detect flaws in a person's skiing and then develop a training progression to improve the skier's performance. It's pretty dry stuff if you're not into it.

It was pretty humbling both in terms of having my own skiing critiqued and how my eye missed a lot of important stuff in how other people skied.

As usual, it's not just about the skiing. It was also about my fellow students I skied with. Some were from Boston Mills/Brandywine. Others were from Mad River, and still others from Perfect North in Indiana.

Our instructor, Danny Moss, was an interesting person. He spent decades teaching and ski patrolling at Mad River before deciding to head west. For the past five seasons he teaches in Colorado at Loveland Ski Area and also is a ski patroller at another ski area. What's interesting about Danny is that he primarily teaches ski instructors. So you can guess the quality of his teaching skills.

There was Laura, a ski instructor from Boston Mills. She's older and has been teaching for 26 years. What impressed me about her was her smooth style. Some call me a Mercedes when I ski. Laura was a Rolls Royce. Like so many of the BM/BW instructors she spent several springs teaching at Deer Valley UT.

There was a guy there who spends winters teaching in Colorado. Talk about roughing it. This guy

sleeps in his car at a rest stop off Interstate 70 just west of Beaver Creek. "How do you keep warm at night?" I asked. "I have a warm sleeping bag," was his reply. I guess CDOT doesn't mind his camping out at the rest stop and from his telling he's not the only one. When he needs to address bio needs there is a restroom. He showers at ski resort where he teaches.

There was another Laura in our group who came to class Sunday wearing a pink to-to, pink angel wings, and a pink halo affixed to her ski helmet. She was participating in a fund raising event Mad River was sponsoring.



Mad River Ski Area, Ohio trail map

Finally there was another fellow who would feel completely at home skiing with the likes of Larry and Eric. He's a go-anywhere kind of guy and showed a photo of him blasting powder two weeks ago skiing down Mineral Basin at Snowbird. He zoomed in on his facial expression which said "OH S—!" Through his goggles you could see

he was heading for a cliff. Fortunately, he managed to avoid it.

The Upcoming Events Fourth Ski Bus Trip!

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- Holiday Valley
- February, 23rd 2020
- Contact Dave Rock.
- Details inside.

Banff Ski Trip

- March 7th to the 14th

Review of Mad River Ski Ohio

My ski instructor clinic took me to Mad River ski resort in central Ohio, just east of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Since I've never skied there before, it deserves a review.

I have to put this review in its proper context. It would not be fair to compare this place to a western resort or even a Holiday Valley Class resort. It is a small, midwestern resort and that has to be kept in mind.

Because it is what it is, the area is not worth a day trip from Northeast Ohio. It was about 170 miles from my home, which took me about 2.5 hours to get there. For the same length of time one should go to Holiday Valley NY, or even Peek'n Peak NY in case.

Let's suppose though you just happen to be in Columbus in the winter and want to go skiing. Then a trip to Mad River would definitely be worth the effort. Even at that Mad River is kind of in the middle of nowhere and at least 45 minutes drive from the Columbus area.

Driving east from Columbus you see lots of flat farm land. It made me wonder where they could eek out 300 vertical feet from the farm land I was passing through. You drive through Marysville on Route 33 and it was still the same terrain. However, hills started popping up a few miles from the resort.

Mad River was founded in 1962, making it one of the oldest ski resorts in Ohio and the Midwest. It started a year before Boston Mills. It's base elevation is 1,160 feet and tops out at 1,460 feet above sea level. That means it has a 300 vertical foot drop, making it the second greatest vertical drop in Ohio.

Not only that it is the largest ski resort in Ohio with 24 trails, 12 lifts, and 144 skiable acres. The area has a variety of terrain rated from green beginners to double blacks (which aren't really that, or even blacks for that matter). By comparison, Boston Mills has 264 vertical feet with only 7 runs, 8 lifts, and a measly 40 skiable acres. Brandywine has 240 vertical feet, 11 runs, and 7 lifts. The vertical drop monster in Ohio is Snow Trails with 301 feet. I feel suspicious though about that claim. Could it be they measured their vertical at a place so they could beat out Mad River by a foot? However, Mad River has got it all over Snow Trails when it comes to runs. Snow Trails has 17 where Mad River has

24. Snow Trails has 9 lifts where Mad River has 12.

Reportedly it has been voted to have the best terrain park in the Midwest by OnTheSnow.com readers. The description I read of the area described it as having "steep and entertaining" runs. I wouldn't say they are steep, but I would agree they are entertaining. I also agree it is a "nice family area" great for learning to ski.



His first pair of big-boy skis, Mad River, Ohio

While Mad River claims to have steeper terrain the locals are the first to tell you that's not the case. We didn't go down anything steeper than Outer Limits at Brandywine or North Bowl at Boston Mills. When it comes to steepness, Boston Mills, or even Brandywine, takes the icicle hands down.

We didn't get a chance to check out the terrain park but from I could see it looked better than the one at Brandywine.

Mad River has lots of intermediate runs with variable pitches. That means there are steeper parts that level out, similar to Buttermilk at Boston Mills.

The beginner runs have to be no doubt the best in Ohio. They are long, with a steady consistent pitch. I would love the opportunity of teaching kids to ski on them.

The area has trees and ungroomed areas that were very tempting. Granted, they are not glades in the proper sense, but the trees would be fun to ski in and out of on a good snow day.

Speaking of snow, I got lucky the weekend I was there. It flurried most of Saturday, which put some powder on top of the crust. By Sunday we had packed powder conditions. They were the best conditions I've skied this winter so far, including our trips to Holiday Valley.

The lodge is huge. Their previous lodge burnt to the ground and Peak Resorts built a new one a few years ago. They must have used the same architect to designed the Brandywine lodge because I could see the similarities. The lodge is a two floor structure with a large cafeteria and guest services on the ground floor. There's a large bar area on the second floor where they have free live music every Saturday night.

The lodge food could be better. Even the locals did not really care for it. I was warned to stay away from the shredded chicken sandwich. One of our group did not heed the warning and afterwards

wished he did. I was also warned to stay away from the cafeteria burger and advised they had better ones upstairs. I settled for a pulled pork sandwich on Saturday and a salad with chicken on Sunday. They were OK.

They have a nice ski shop selling lots of logo wear and other ski accessories. They don't sell any formal ski equipment. One member of our class broke a buckle on his ski boot but Mad River did not have the facilities to help him out.

The ski area is definitely a day resort and caters to the needs of day skiers. Bins for bags are all over the lodge. There is no shortage of them so you're definitely bound to find one. Parking is free and they have a large lot.

Mad River is THE place for Columbus boarders and plankers to go. Locals said it's best to arrive early because they get pretty crowded by noon. I can testify that is the case.

The bottom line— I'd go back there again if the opportunity arose. However, it is not worth a special trip to go there. While larger than our local resorts it is not superior. Because it is a Peak Resort, it is now owned by Vail. If you have an Epic Pass you could ski there using that pass. You might even be able to ski there if you have a season pass at Boston Mills/Brandywine.

Ski Report for 2/6/20

Last night was a pretty good night at Brandywine. The predicted "r"/mix did not materialize. It began to snow about 7 PM and this morning we had a few inches in our front lawn.

All runs except Grisly at Brandywine and Tiger at Boston Mills are open. The kids have a long weekend for St. Valentine's Day and snow conditions should be pretty decent around the area.

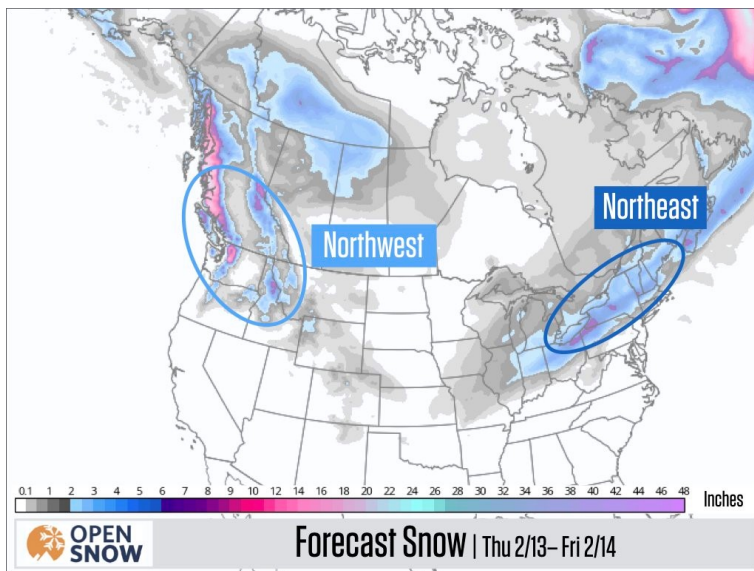
As you can see by the maps it is going to be snowy Thursday and Friday in our area and throughout the northeast.

Then attention shifts out west. There, most of your favorite ski resorts should get decent dumps.

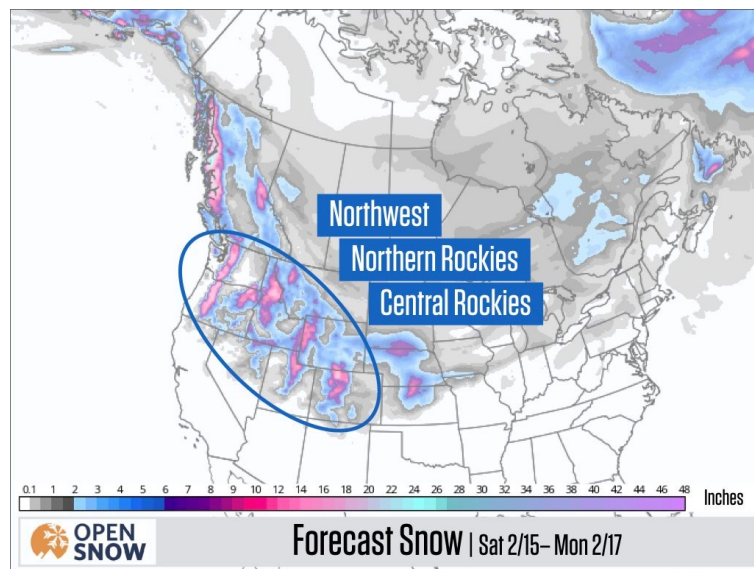
Junior, the Great Awesome Weather Computer, feels a little uncertain about next week though. The Pacific Northwest should get dumped. There should be some snow, maybe, in the Central and Southern Rockies. We and the rest of the northeast should get some decent snow. This should be a nice prep for our fourth and final bus trip to Holiday Valley. The weather map looks as if the place to ski next week in the northeast might be Whiteface NY.

Locally, we're looking to get some snow today on Thursday along with some tomorrow. Temperatures will reach a high of 35 today with a low of 12. Tomorrow it will be cold all day with a high of 20. This is going to give our local resorts an opportunity to make snow for perhaps the next 48 hours. Saturday and Sunday will be partly sunny with tem-

perature highs reaching 35 to 40. This should be a nice skiing weekend for us.



Western New York is going to have similar weather conditions, only colder. They're expecting up to 3" today with more snow showers tomorrow. Their temperature high today will be 33 and then they head into the deep freeze for the next 24 to 36 hours. During that time they too will have the opportunity to replenish their base. More snow is expected Monday followed by the possibility of "r" on Tuesday. The skies will then be clear of precipitation with cold, snowmaking temperatures. Junior predicts we should have a really nice fourth trip to



Holiday Valley on Sunday the 23rd. The skies should be partly sunny with a temperature high in the upper 30's.

The weather will be less favorable for western Pennsylvania. They're expecting a precipitation mix today with a high of 40. They too will have a really cold Friday where the snow guns will be blowing. Saturday will be mostly sunny with a high in the upper 30's. Sunday will then see some snow with a

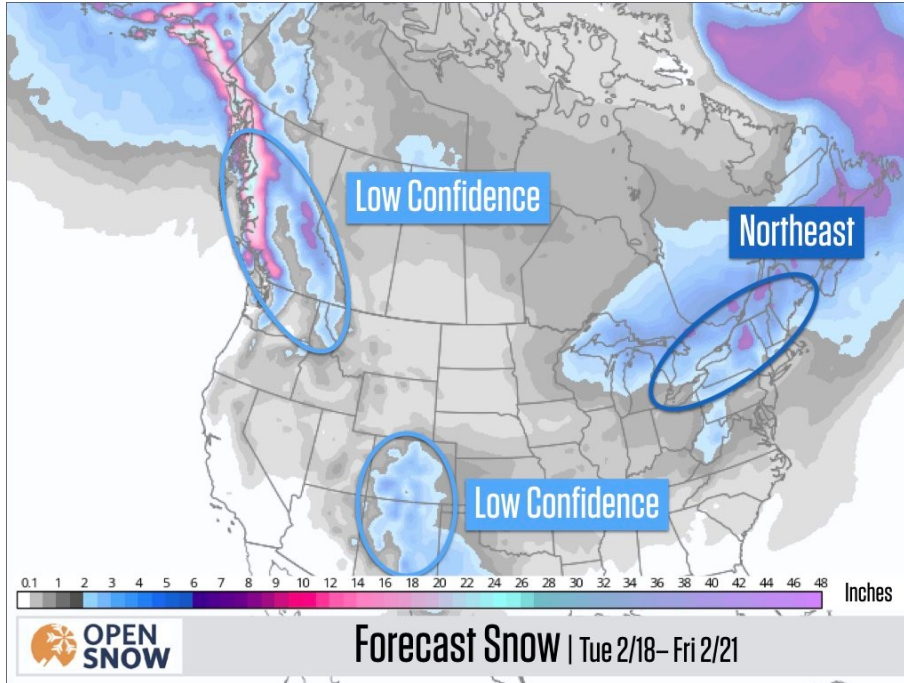
temperature high in the upper 30's.

With regard to the national conditions, my source did not have the weekend forecasts posted this time. Consequently I can't give you an estimate of who is going to get dumped this weekend. I refer you to the weather maps instead.

Overall, it was a good week for ski country. A lot more runs opened up in the northeast due to heavy

storms. It's been snowing almost daily this past week out west. Several resorts received heavy dumps with 17" and 19" ones commonplace. Breckenridge CO the most snow accumulation this past week with 62". Jackson Hole WY received 57" this past week too.

Get out and go skiing or snowboarding.



Ski Report for the weekend of February 13, 2019

Resort	open runs	% open	Base	Snow past week	Snow this weekend	Conditions/Comments
Eastern Great Lakes						
Holiday Valley NY	56	93%	26-63"	15"	?	Machine groomed
Seven Springs PA	29	88%	26-38"	7"	?	Machine groomed, packed powder
Bristol NY	30	88%	12-40"	12"	?	Machine groomed, packed powder
Snow Trails OH	17	100%	20-36"	2"	?	Wet snow, machine groomed
Peek'n Peak NY	27	100%	29"	13"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Kissing Bridge NY						Closed temporarily
New England						
Stowe VT	115	99%	36-60"	27"	?	Packed powder
Killington VT	117	75%	28-30"	17"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Jay Peak VT	76	94%	45-55"	29"	?	Powder, packed powder
Cannon Mtn NH	91	94%	20-65"	19"	?	Powder, packed powder
Sunday River ME	133	99%	26-30"	16"	?	Machine groomed
Sugarloaf ME	142	88%	28-34"	10"	?	Packed powder, hard pack
Catskills						
Hunter Mtn NY	41	61%	18-36"	5"	?	Machine groomed
Windham NY	40	74%	12-26"	0"	?	Wet snow, machine groomed
Belleayre NY	35	70%	16-28"	5"	?	Machine groomed
Poconos						
Camelback PA	37	100%	36-50"	1"	?	Variable
Elk Mtn PA	23	85%	12-40"	6"	?	Machine groomed, variable
Blue Mtn PA	39	98%	30-48"	0"	?	Wet snow, machine groomed
Upper Midwest						
Boyne Mtn MI	49	82%	42"	7"	?	Machine groomed, variable
Nubs Nob MI	53	100%	48"	6"	?	Powder, packed powder
Granite Peak WI	68	100%	48-88"	9"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Lutsen Mountains MN	61	98%	30-72"	2"	?	Machine groomed, packed powder
Mt. Bohemia MI	105	100%	40"	1"	?	Packed powder, variable
Northern Rockies						
Jackson Hole WY	132	99%	42-107"	57!"	?	Powder, machine groomed, snowing daily the past week up to 18"
Grand Targhee WY	97	100%	102"	40!"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed, snowing daily the past week
Sun Valley ID	114	95%	39-55"	1"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Big Sky MT	310	98%	62-107"	0"	?	Powder, packed powder
Lake Louise AB	141	97%	58-64"	9"	?	Packed powder
Sunshine Village AB	137	94%	67"	17"	?	Powder, packed powder, snowing daily the past week
Schweitzer ID	92	100%	62-112"	7"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Central Rockies						
Aspen/Snowmass CO	331	98%	41-56"	19"	?	Packed powder
Vail CO	195	100%	84"	36!"	?	Powder, snowing almost daily, 17" dump earlier this week
Telluride CO	142	97%	50"	17"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed

Ski Report for the weekend of 2/13/20 continued

Resort	open runs	% open	Base	Snow past week	Snow this weekend	Conditions
Central Rockies (continued)						
Steamboat CO	169	100%	70-93"	39!"	?	Powder, snowing almost daily, 15" dump earlier this week
Copper Mtn CO	146	98%	56-94"	50!"	?	Packed powder, snowing almost daily with 16 & 17" dumps
Breckenridge CO	177	95%	83"	62!"	?	Powder, packed powder, snowing almost daily with 16 & 17" dumps
Keystone CO	128	100%	57"	32"	?	Powder, packed powder, snowing almost daily
Winter Park CO	165	99%	79"	49!"	?	Powder, snowing almost daily with 18" dump earlier this week
Snowbird UT	139	99%	121"	43!"	?	Packed powder, variable, two big dumps this past week
Park City UT	330	97%	54-68"	12"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Deer Valley UT	102	99%	66"	17"	?	Powder, machine groomed
Snowbasin UT	107	100%	89"	16"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Powder Mtn UT	114	74%	66"	4"	?	Packed powder
Southern Rockies						
Taos NM	98	89%	79"	9"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Ski Apache NM	37	84%	38"	4"	?	Packed powder
Arizona Snowbowl AZ	39	71%	52"	2"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Lee Canyon NV	26	100%	30"	8"	?	Powder, machine groomed
Pacific Northwest						
Whistler Blackcomb BC	233	99+%	98"	8"	?	Hard pack, machine groomed
Sun Peaks BC	137	100%	76-86"	12"	?	Machine groomed
Revelstoke BC	75	100%	39-100"	13"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Mt. Bachelor OR	113	100%	82-101"	10"	?	Packed powder, variable
Mt. Baker WA	38	100%	135-166"	22"	?	Machine groomed
Mt. Hood Meadows OR	70	82%	94-144"	13"	?	Hard pack, machine groomed
Sierras						
Mammoth CA	154	100%	45-80"	0"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Squaw Valley/Alpine CA	191	78%	40-92"	0"	?	Packed powder, machine groomed
Heavenly CA	90	93%	29-55"	0"	?	machine groomed
Northstar CA	100	100%	18-51"	0"	?	machine groomed, packed powder

Foto of the week—Breckenridge 2/9/20



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

"Drive-Up Discount Deal info for this weekend in this issue"

GREAT NEWS

Holiday Valley is giving CVSC Members, Family and Friends

a **Drive-Up Discount Deal** for this weekend Feb 14-17

\$42 for Friday

\$56 for Saturday, Sunday or Monday (Monday is a holiday)

or **\$50 per day if part of a Multi day ticket**

These are ALL Day lift tickets... so go back and do some night skiing.

Same process as in the past,

Go to the Groups Sales building (the building to the right of the main lodge)

Ask for Jake or Conor

Tell them you are with the Chagrin Valley Ski Club

They will take care of you.

Make sure you thank them...they are awesome for doing this.

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
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
Canaan Valley, WV	21-Feb-20	Beaver Valley Ski Club	Ray Lucci	raymond@luccikitchens.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@luccikitchens.com	(724) 312-7080

WEEKLONG TRIPS

Location	Start Date	Sponsor Club	Trip Leader	Email	Phone
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@lewisskiclub.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@luccikitchens.com	(724) 312-7080