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March/April

2020—2021

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Hi SCOLers,

It was one year ago, a Monday evening in Ellicottville. It was not known to me at the time but the group that gathered for 25 cent wings at Balloons was the largest, most social event I would experience for the next 12 months (and counting). The prior week Holiday Valley announced it was closing per governmental regulations. I remember having a third beer as restaurants were closing 8 pm that evening and I wanted to enjoy and savor every last minute of socialness. In my mind I thought that after a month shutdown we could get together again. I was wrong, wrong and wrong.

It is now one year later and my East trip consisted of a drive to Bristol Mountain and my West Trip was a drive to Byrnclyff to meet other SCOL members also looking for a little change of scenery. For the rest of ski season I found long lost runs at the Valley and found powder in the trees where there were no trails. But enough about the past year, it is time to move on and look forward to a return to normalcy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single member of SCOL for being a member this past pandemic year. In appreciation, the SCOL Board of Directors has voted to give all current SCOL members the opportunity to renew their membership at 50% off the renewal rate for the upcoming 2021-2022 ski season. In addition current members who renew will receive priority for the West trip sign up. Please see page 6 of the newsletter for further details.

I would also like to offer congratulations and a warm welcome to the SCOL Board of Directors to both Sheila Flanagan and Steve Korn, who will begin their two-year terms as director on May 1, 2021. Please extend your well wishes to them and provide suggestions for the upcoming year.

We have also scheduled another Zoom general meeting for April 21st at 7pm!

I look forward to your participation.

Although the ski season has rapidly come to an end, I am thankful for the spectacular local ski conditions this year and for the number of SCOLer's who were able to come out and enjoy the sport we all love. Hopefully we will be able to have an in person outdoor gathering soon. Please continue to check the SCOL website, Facebook and email for any updates on any socially distanced impromptu events scheduled. Ski you soon my friends!

Ski ya later,
Greg Stang

NEXT
ZOOM

MEETING
Wednesday
April 21
7PM

Watch for the
LINK in your
mailbox

zoom



**We are planning for the best,
but understand we will all need
to be flexible!!!**

Check This Out

- Meetings :
TBD
- Word of the
year “Go with
the FLOW”



DATE	EVENT	CHAIR
Postponed	Europe Trip - 2022	Shelia Flanigan
2/11	BRISTOL	Steve Korn
2/13	Byrncliff	Margo Covell
2/20 - 24	Penguin Paddle - Online Auction	Pam Fekete/ Deb Darling
3/4	SWAIN	Jeff Randall
3/13 & 14	Winter Carnival - Holiday Valley	HV
Cancelled	Contractors Day at Holimont	TBD
Cancelled	Happy Hour at ELV	TBD
Cancelled	Holiday Valley	Jon Laverty
Postponed	West Trip - 2022	Pam Fekete
Cancelled	East Trip - Cancelled	Melissa Kubis
Cancelled	Mardi Gras Parade - Float	Deb Darling
Cancelled	Luck of the Irish Potluck	Ken Schultz
Cancelled	Pond Skimming - Holiday Valley	TBD
Cancelled	Installation Dinner	Rayleen Tolejko
TBD	Last Chair	TBD

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SWAIN

Variable weather and conditions are the best way to describe SCOL day at Swain. The day started out gray, then an hour or so of good snowfall which really helped the crusty conditions. At lunchtime the sun came out and it was good for visibility. By the time we left at 4:30 the strong winds had blown all the fresh snow off the slopes and we were back to crusty again. Overall a good day with some fun people!

Thank you to all for attending!
Jeff Randall

SCOL wants to thank Margo for doing a wonderful job of organizing our cross country skiing/snowshoeing trip to the Byrncliff Golf Resort and Banquets. It was a beautiful crisp, sunny day that was perfect for outdoor activities. The snow and trail conditions were beautifully groomed. Byrncliff offers scenic, wooded trails of various distances and degrees of difficulty for both snowshoeing and cross country skiing.



Margo wants to thank everyone who came out on February 13th to cross-country ski, snowshoe, feed Wilson (the cat), and to socialize in the grill/picnic room at Byrncliff. The grill/picnic room was wonderful because we pretty much had it to ourselves.

We had ten cross-country skiers and seven snowshoe-ers. In addition, we had one visitor who stopped in to visit Wilson (the cat), and another visitor who just came in to see everyone in the group, at the grill/picnic room.

We even got to enjoy a few of Deb Talarek's amazing cookies. Although we had just 17 in total to participate, Byrncliff gave SCOLers the group rate of \$15.00 per person as opposed to the usual rate of \$20 per person. The \$15.00 per person rate is normally reserved for bringing in groups of 20 or more participants.

Thank you Margo for a wonderful trip!

BRISTOL MOUNTAIN

The Bristol Ski Trip that took place on Thursday, February 11, 2021, was a fantastic success thanks to the outstanding work of our trip leader Steve Korn and the staff at Bristol Mountain.

For those of you that didn't know, Bristol is the only ski resort in Western New York to have a run long enough to hold an official race.

Twenty-eight SCOLers participated in the Bristol trip, which was a drive only trip due to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

The snow and skiing/boarding conditions were excellent! It was a quiet day with no lift lines. Just straight up and down long, glorious runs.

The trails were well groomed and all of them were available to SCOLers

Steve mentioned that Bristol Mountain is the only ski resort to have a run long enough to hold an official downhill race, other than White Face Mountain at Lake Placid.

According to Steve's Ski Tracks app, we did half as many runs but twice the vertical as Holiday Valley

Steve acknowledged that the People at Bristol were wonderful to work with, especially sales manager Meg Fuller, who went out of her way to accommodate SCOL and answer all questions. Meg helped Steve to pick a day that would have fewer people. Steve also mentioned that the Après ski area, had a wonderful beer selection.

Thank you, Steve Korn!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE VALLEY

"I think half of the folks at HV today were SCOLers, you couldn't swing a ski pole without hitting one!"
John S.

"Great day for skiing & partying. Thank you Peggy & Tony for getting the ball rolling for a ST. Patrick's Day tailgate party!"

"Was a very good day. It's always a good time!"
Derrick M.



A Tale of Two Ski Days at Holiday Valley!

It was the best of times and the worst of times, or maybe that's way too dramatic! One would have thought that the Cabin Fever Ski Day on February 3rd, would have been bursting at the seams with newbie skiers and boarders ready to take out the back of your kneecap from a behind the back, blind maneuver with just the wicked sound of scraping filling your ears!

But the conditions and volume of snow surfers were both pleasantly surprising and stellar. The sun and a blue sky came out by late morning, while the lift lines remained sparse. The only long line was at Tannenbaum. Foxfire, next to Cindy's was nice, with soft snow and no one on the trail. It was especially great to ski with SCOLers Linda, Lin and Tim. Although, I refrained from skiing down Falcon with Lin and Tim, because it was my first time out.

On February 17th. Julia proved that even non skiers can have a fantastic time, as she snowshoed over 5 incredible miles, including the bases of Tannenbaum, Yodeler, Mardi Grad and Sunrise. She attests to the crowds, with the exception of the Chute and Sunrise chairlifts.

My ski outing started out great with Betty and Mark on the opening run at the Yodeler lift. The morning was sunny and cold, with corduroyed conditions the entire way down Northwind. We met up with more SCOLers: Linda, Marie, Lin and later Margo.

My favorite runs throughout the morning were: Moon Shadow, Fire Fox, and this time even Falcon was amazing. By late morning, it seemed as though the world's population had landed in Holiday Valley. Whoops, I had forgotten that this was the week that students had off for winter break. Most of the lifts: Yodeler, Cindy's, Mardi Gras, Morning Star and of course Tannenbaum were swelling out of control, with anxious young skiers.

I got a clear signal that my ski day should end when I took Independence back to the Yodeler lodge. At first it seemed majestic, until I heard that gross sound of scraping skis much too close for comfort, from behind me. No time to look back, so I quickly shifted to my right. Bursting straight down the hill was a young gun flailing his arms like a drowning man. Just one straight line to the bottom, contorting his body like a pretzel. He had no poles! Of course not, that would only slow him down. Although, the local headlines the next day could have read SCOLer speared in the back on Independence. But all in all, it was another great ski day with SCOLers!



The Five Types of Northeast Ski Season Passes

Thinking of tapping into passes to maximize your locations and your wallet? Next year's Northeast ski season passes are arriving! Here's a link to 42 ski areas across New England, New York, and Pennsylvania that have passes for sale as of March 8, and what they're offering skiers as a whole:

[The Five Types of Northeast Ski Season Passes - The Storm Skiing Journal and Podcast](#)



PENGUIN PADDLE 2021



SILENT AUCTION

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INCLUDES 1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP TO SCOL

Penguin Paddle 2021



The **Penguin Paddle** benefits the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program and takes place over seven days. See lounsburyadaptive.org for more information on this incredibly important organization that gives the gift of skiing to people of virtually any type of disability.

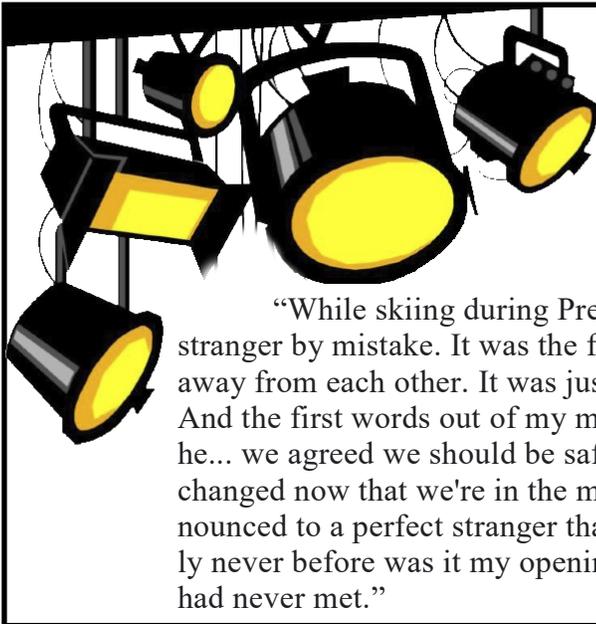
The Penguin Paddle was reimagined this year to be a week long online event that ran from February 20 through February 27, 2021.

SCOL participated in the traditional Raffle and Silent Auction with an amazing gift basket that contained Ski Club of Lockport membership for the 2021-22 membership year (\$45 value), a beautifully crafted portable insulated cooler representing your Ski Club of Lockport, which is great for Apres' ski and for easily finding other SCOL members, a SCOL neck gaiter, a \$25 Tops gift card to help fill your cooler and 2 personal flasks of mountain mouthwash, Fireball, the official SCOL toasting liqueur!

We look forward to meeting our newest member and winner of this basket! SCOL wishes Lounsbury much success and thanks them for letting us to participate.

We received a warm thank you from Kara Lounsbury Elias: "Thank you SCOL! Please share our auction with your friends and families. We appreciate your support! Hope to see you all in person next year."

As a THANK YOU for your continued support, those who paid for a SCOL membership for current 2020-2021 ski season will be granted a special half-price renewal rate of \$20 for the upcoming 2021-2022 ski season. Those members who renew for the 2021-2022 ski season will also be given priority sign-up status for the East trip and West trip. Membership renewal must be received by June 30, 2021, to qualify for the special discount renewal rate and trip priorities. Additional details will follow shortly!



In The Spotlight!

COVID conversations on the chairlift from Margo!

Margo shares a story about the kind of conversations that one can have on the chairlift during the crazy era of COVID!

“While skiing during President's week, I wound up boarding a chairlift with a stranger by mistake. It was the four-person chair on Cindy's so we were far enough away from each other. It was just a loading error on my part. But he was very gracious. And the first words out of my mouth were "I have been vaccinated" and he said so had he... we agreed we should be safe. My how my conversations on the chair lifts have changed now that we're in the middle of a pandemic. I don't think I've ever before announced to a perfect stranger that I had been vaccinated against a disease! And certainly never before was it my opening line on a chair lift, riding up with someone who I had never met.”

SCOL Welcomes New Board Directors



Please join in welcoming our new incoming Directors for the 2021/22 season.

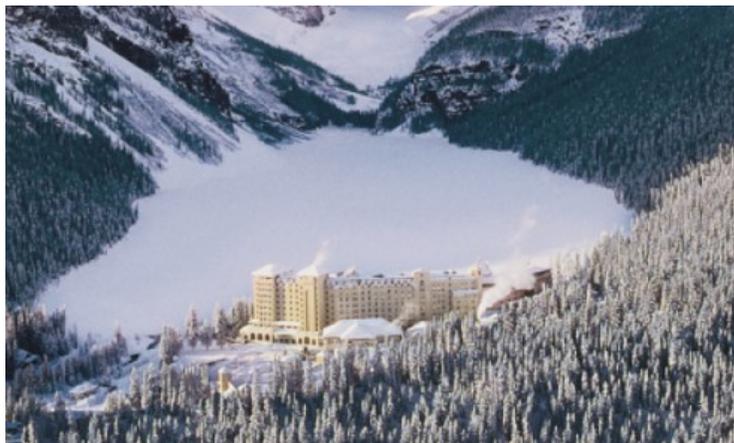
Shelia Flanigan
Steve Korn

Thank you ~ SCOL Board of Directors

Castles to Cabins trip

Postponed - February 26th through March 5th 2022

Lake Louise & Jasper
 Trip Chair: Pam Fekete email or Txt for
 further details (716) 628-9896
 Pamgun@hotmail.com



West Trip Update:

The mountains are calling ❄️ ❤️ 🏔️ 🎿

The West Trip:

Lake Louise/ Jasper Park:

February 26th through March 5th 2022

(Saturday to Saturday)

Trip Leader: Pam Fekete

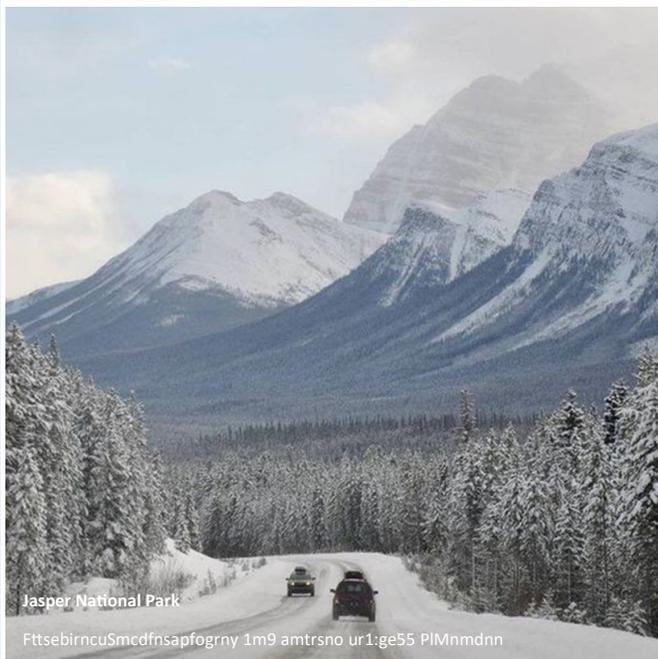
Flight: Toronto, Canada to Calgary, Canada

2 Days at Lake Louise and 4 days at Marmot Basin

The West Tripp to Banff National Park will be amazing!

From Cabins to Castles and from Mountains to Canyons, the 2022 West Trip to Lake Louise and Jasper Park/ Marmot Basin will be nothing short of phenomenal.

We'll fly to Calgary, from Toronto, on February 26th, 2022 and take a scenic drive into Banff. We'll stay in Banff at the Castle, right on Lake Louise and then travel on the Ice fields Parkway to Jasper and ski or board four days at Marmot Basin!



Jasper National Park

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Perched at a base elevation of 5570 feet overlooking the scenic town of Jasper, Marmot Basin is a ski resort that isn't as well-known as some of its Canadian Rockies counterparts, making it a great kept secret enjoyed by those who make the trip. Snow Riders get to experience a variety of terrain, including: glades, bowls, tree runs, off-piste trails, high alpine hike-to terrain and rhythmic groomers.

The signature chairlift at Marmot Basin is the Canadian Rockies Express (CRE). Since being built for the 2009/10 season, this giant lift stretching nearly a mile and a half has earned itself the title as the longest high-speed quad chair in the Canadian Rockies. In under 8 minutes, riders get shuttled to a zone that provides centralized access to all the hot spots of the mountain. Marmot Basin's newest terrain, Tres Hombres, is an expert skiers' dream – steep, long, and wide open.

Accommodations are set-up for Double Occupancy. Jasper Park Lodge is very scenic and the canyon is close by, making a great half day trip.

"The mountains are calling and I must go". ~ John Muir



Thank You For An Amazing

Ski Season 2020—21

Through your continued membership throughout the years, and more specifically this season, SCOL is positioned to continue into the 2021/22 Ski & Board Season. We are grateful to every member on this page for ensuring their clubs legacy continues on for may years to come.

Thank you!

Eileen Bauman
 Russell Bly
 Paula Bowers
 Debbie Campbell
 Richard Cameron
 Stuart Clees
 Larry Cobado
 Marie Cobado
 Amy Corcoran
 Ann Cornell
 Kevin Cornell
 Margaret Covell
 Murray Covello
 Joanne Crowley
 Deb Darling
 Rick Deegan
 Christine Deluca
 Philip Deluca
 Thomas Doran
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- * T-Shirts
- * Sweat Shirts
- * Hoodies
- * Wine Bags
- * Etc.
- * Free Delivery



In these crazy times it is hard to make decisions regarding trips when Covid 19 is still a threat.

We do know we need to do following:

- ⇒ Healthy Hygiene Practices
- ⇒ Hand Washing
- ⇒ Face Mask
- ⇒ Cleaning & Disinfecting
- ⇒ Social Distancing (Two Ski poles apart)

We will all need to be flexible during these crazy times, the board is going to plan for the best and make modifications



Are you a Business owner/representative? Want to get the word out and have support from your fellow members? SCOL is looking for door prize donations. It must be a \$50.00 minimum value. You will be mentioned at the meeting, in a newsletter and we are working on a SCOL Business partner page on our website.

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