

# 2020 DECEMBER

Ski Club of Lockport Official Newsletter



# SKI Fever

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## SCOLer's New Year Dream

WRITTEN BY: SCOL Sergeant of Arms, Ken Schultz & his wife, Jennifer

'Twas New Years Eve  
When all through the town  
Not a SCOLer was skiing  
And boy were they down

The crockpots were loaded  
In car trunks with care  
In hopes that the COVID  
Was no longer there

The skis and boots were  
All packed to go  
Their jackets and ski pants  
All lined in a row

They packed their SCOLer gaiters  
And corona masks  
And carefully poured  
To fill up their flasks

When out in the valley  
There arose such a clatter  
SCOLers drove out to see  
What was the matter

Down to EVL they drove  
Fast and swift  
Threw on their gear and  
Dashed to the lift

The moon on the breast  
Of the new-fallen snow  
Gave a luster of midday  
To objects below

When what to their wondering eyes  
Did appear  
But all of the SCOL board  
Dressed warm in their gear

With faces half hidden  
By masks we must wear  
No one was sure  
What member was there

One by one  
From the parking lot they came  
They smiled and waved  
But knew few by name

"Is that you Greg and Deb?  
Maybe Tim, Maybe Ken  
Hi Jon, Hey Linda!  
There's Pam and Melissa!"

"Oh look!  
Is that Bill?  
And maybe Rayleen?"

To the top of Morning Star  
To the top of the Wall  
Now ski away! Ski away  
Ski away all

So ride on the lifts  
To the trails they all flew  
With bellies full of Titos  
And Fireball too —

And then, as expected  
We heard on the hill  
The SCOLers all playing  
And having a thrill

Socially distant  
With mask on as we're told  
We discovered it helps  
Protect from the cold

All masked up  
We shared a chair up  
Some of us sipping  
A flask or a cup

As the night passed  
Our eyes became teary  
Our cheeks were like roses  
Our noses a cherry

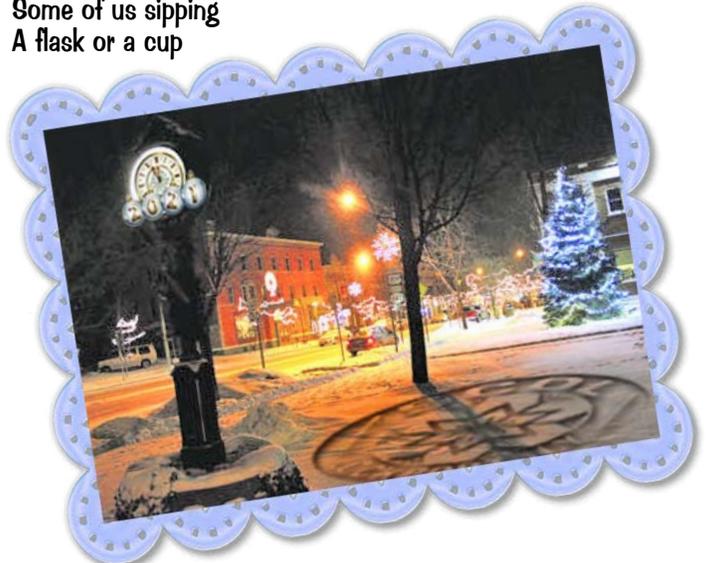
Our mouths remained covered  
By masks cuz of the Rona  
But we'd rather be here  
Than home all alone!

SCOLers skied all the runs  
'Til they felt froze  
And all too quickly the night  
Drew to a close

Alas the indoors  
No longer has bars  
So they spoke not a word  
But went straight to theirs cars

One by one from their cars  
They waved to each other  
Knowing one day soon  
They'd see one another

All of us heard  
As we drove out of sight —  
"Happy New Year to all,  
And to all a good night!"





Message from the President *Greg Stangy*



I hope that this Holiday season finds everyone in good health and ready for the SKI season. Ski Season is the time of year that we love more than any other. It is Go Time, as it is SNOW time. I know that so many of you are ready to get out of the house and do something, we are ready to do just about anything but stay home. Fortunately we are able to do something we all really enjoy. One cannot deny that this year will be different, as some members will have to concentrate on skiing, while in the past they concentrated on the social aspect of the club. Remember we are a ski club!!!

I was fortunate to be able to spend a day at the valley in December and report that, yes, you can get dressed in the lodge and there are lockers

available to store your shoes. Bring your quarters, it will be a dollar well spent. Also, do not try to exit thru the enter door as the nice man will inform you of the error of your ways. After a successful day of skiing my impression was that the Holiday Valley staff was doing everything in their power to provide a safe yet socially distanced experience.

Long-term board member Paula Bowers has resigned as Communications Officer and Tom Doran has been appointed to fill the position for the remainder of the term. I, along with the Board, want to Thank Paula for many years of service on the SCOL board and also Thank Tom for graciously stepping in to fill the position. Welcome to the Board, Tom.

I can also report that on December 19th SCOL conducted it's very first remote General Membership meeting via Zoom. The meeting was well attended, and I would like to Thank everyone present for their participation as well as Thank all of the presenters for an outstanding job. Everyone had so much fun at our first Zoom meeting, we have scheduled another Zoom general meeting for January 20th at 7pm! An invite will be coming shortly.

Please continue to check the SCOL website, Facebook and email for any updates on any socially distanced impromptu events that we can have on the hill or outside of the lodge.

*Ski Ya later,*  
Greg

It worked so well,  
we're doing it again



meeting - wednesday  
**JAN 20**  
**7 PM**  
a LINK will be e-mailed to  
you prior to meeting

Save the  
Date  
*and*

KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED  
WE CAN HAVE OUR  
PREVIOUSLY PLANNED



**SCOL**  
**Installation**  
**Dinner**

**Saturday-**  
**April 24, 2021**

More infomation  
as COVID goes away!

# Cross-Country Skiing or Snowshoeing

Saturday JANUARY 16, 2021

Snow date will be February 13th



GOLF RESORT & BANQUETS

2357 Humphrey Rd, • Varysburg, NY 14167

**GROUP RATE:** \$15/person includes tax for either  
**RENTALS:** \$15

20 people required for GROUP RATE/RENTAL  
And all must arrive at 11:00 a.m. to check in at  
the same time to receive the group rate.

**REGULAR RATES:**

\$20/person includes tax for skiing  
\$16/person — after 2:30 p.m.

**SENIORS** (65 & over)

\$17/person includes tax for skiing  
\$14/person — after 2:30 p.m.

**EQUIPMENT RENTALS:** \$20 Seniors \$16

RSVP by Jan 10 to Margo Covell at

[macove44@aol.com](mailto:macove44@aol.com) or text 716-417-2449  
Be sure to give your name, email and cell number in  
addition to if you are cross-country skiing or snow-  
shoeing and if you need to rent equipment

## BRISTOL MOUNTAIN

2021

Thursday, FEBRUARY 11th

Drive Only - NO BUS

Lift Ticket pricing & White Card usage  
should remain same as last year -  
but will confirm in next Newsletter

**Chairman ~ Steve Korn**  
716 481-7290  
[stevekorn52@gmail.com](mailto:stevekorn52@gmail.com)

Face coverings will be required at all times  
when you are at the resort, unless you are:  
Actively skiing or snowboarding  
Seated indoors eating or drinking

This season please consider the use of your  
vehicle as your base lodge. Boot up & leave all  
personal belongings in your vehicle.

LODGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO PUT YOUR BOOTS ON

While at your vehicle no tailgating or congregating  
No alcohol is permitted on the premises

## 2021 SCOL Events Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIR</u>
On Hold	<b>Europe Trip</b> <i>if borders open this will at very short notice</i>	Sheila Flanigan
1/16	<b>Byrncliff</b>	Margo Covell
1/29	<b>Contractors Day</b> <i>Holimont</i>	TBD
1/29	<b>Happy Hour</b> <i>in E-Ville</i>	TBD
1/30	<b>Annual HV Skiday</b>	Jon Laverty
02/11	<b>Bristol</b>	Steve Korn
TBD	<b>Swain</b>	TBD
TBD	<b>Penguin Paddle</b>	TBD
TBD	<b>Mardi Gras Parade</b> <i>"Red SCOLo Cup"</i>	Deb Darling
TBD	<b>Luck of the Irish</b> <b>Potluck</b>	Ken Schultz
TBD	<b>HV Pond Skimming</b>	TBD
TBD	<b>Cockaigne</b>	Sue Peacock
2022	<b>Postponed West Trip</b>	Pam Fekete

Please note, all Events are COVID rules & regulation  
pending. SCOL will do it's best to move forward on all.

If you'd like to volunteer to run an event, please e-mail  
us at [info@SkiClubofLockport.com](mailto:info@SkiClubofLockport.com)

# THE LOCAL SKI RESORT REPORT



## Important Updates

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL AREA SKI RESORTS MUST ABIDE BY NYS COVID RULES & REGULATIONS. BE SURE TO CHECK RESORT WEBSITES FOR ANY CHANGES BEFORE YOU VENTURE OUT TO SKI. *But for now, here are a few things we know.*

### HOLIDAY VALLEY

#### Base Lodges & Indoor Spaces

Indoor space this season is limited. We ask all of our guests to help by getting ready at their cars, going straight to the lift, and, where possible, avoiding the lodges entirely.

Lodges have been arranged to 50% capacity in the dining areas. This year, guests should plan to be indoors for no longer than 30 minutes at a time to accommodate skiers and riders who need to access a lodge to warm up, grab a bite to eat, or use the restroom.

To promote the goal of minimizing time indoors, we will be implementing some changes:

- Lodges will act more as a “warming hut” for skiers and riders this season with a limited menu and new entry and exit points.
- We will monitor the space available in our dining areas and limit access if no seating is available.
- Do not bring guests who are not planning to ski or snowboard. They will not be permitted to wait for you in the lodge.
- Table space is available only for guests who are dining. Picnicking is

allowed in designated locations, but we ask that you do not bring anything into the lodge until your group is ready to dine. No crock pots or electric devices are permitted in the lodges this year. Picnicking is limited to no more than 30 minutes at a table.

- Guests may not leave any personal belongings in the lodges. We strongly recommend that you leave all possessions in your car. No day use lockers are available at the Main Lodge, except for those guests who have rented equipment from our rental shop. A limited number of day use lockers are available at the Yodeler Lodge and at Tannenbaum.

- We will offer several heated tents at the Main Lodge area, which will provide extra seating. Feel free to use a tent instead of the lodge.

- Per New York State Executive Order, alcohol is available only to guests who also purchase food. No outside alcohol is permitted this year in the lodges.

We’re also plan to offer up our conference rooms for guests who are coming with a group and would like to book a private space. Give us a call at 716-699-2345 to book a room—space is limited.

#### Pre-Purchase Your Lift Ticket

There already have been several days tickets have SOLD OUT! Book your tickets online at [HolidayValley.com](http://HolidayValley.com) in advance to secure your spot.

We may limit ticket sales on busier days or ask you to return at another time that during that day.

Some days you may not be able to buy at the ticket window.

And even though you may have a purchased a PASS, you still have to go to the window for a ticket so the above may effect you.

#### Face Masks

Face coverings are required at all times unless seated to eat or drink, or actively skiing down the mountain. You will need to wear a face covering in the lodges (including restrooms, rental and retail areas). Masks covering the nose and mouth are required in lift lines and while riding lifts.

#### Warming Huts

The warming huts atop Cindy & Champagne will be open with limited capacity. As with other indoor spaces, we ask that you use huts sparingly and limit your time inside to make them more available to everyone who needs them.

### KISSING BRIDGE

#### Lodge

No personal belonging can be left in the Lodge. All items must remain in your vehicle.

#### Lift Tickets

Prior reservation is required for use of daily lift tickets & lessons. Purchase online at [KBski.com](http://KBski.com)

#### Face Masks

Masks covering both you nose and

mouth must be worn at all times, indoor and outdoor.

#### Restaurants

Tables are limited to 4 per table for a maximum time of 45 minutes.

### HOLIMONT

#### Hours of Operation

Holimont is open to the public Monday through Friday. Check website for times and tickets at [Holimont.com](http://Holimont.com)

#### Health & Safety

Please, Stay home if you are sick, experiencing symptoms of, or have had known or possible contact with a Covid-19 Positive individual.

Please always wear a face mask unless

you’re seated while eating or drinking, or actively skiing or snowboarding down a slope

Please always practice physical distancing (at least 6 feet) from others and regular hand hygiene.

# Holiday Valley



*please remember*  
stay **SCOL**cially distant



# A P A R T

With all the uncertainty our World  
is going through ~

And all the new rules & regulations  
to go anywhere ~

If you are unsure about skiing this year ~  
Here is a little **NEWS FLASH**

To-date, SCOL has sold over  
**50 Holiday Valley Passes!**

## This year, playing

# Hooky

to ski with  during the day

is a bit differnt for some.

**Now with working from home,  
the boss will never know. Let's go!**

Currently there are 63 on the **WEEKday-SKI**day List!  
Contact Linda ODonnell to have YOUR name added  
[lod5757@gmail.com](mailto:lod5757@gmail.com)



# JON & MARY'S

## Fun Facts

- The first recorded downhill skiing race was held in Sweden, in 1879.
- "Skiing" is the only word in the English language with a double "i" exactly in the middle.
- The first snowboard was called a "snurfer". About a million "snurfers", which were steered with a handheld rope and had no bindings.
- Snowboarding only became an Olympic sport in 1998.
- You can ski much faster than you can drive (well, some people can). Most passenger cars are designed to reach speeds of around 120 mph. But speed skiers can go a lot faster than that. The current world record, held by Italian skier Simon Origone, is an incredible 156.2 mph!
- Some resorts that are well of the beaten track include Masik Pass in North Korea, Mount Hermon in Israel and Bamyan in Afghanistan.
- Studies have shown that six hours' skiing a day can burn 2,500-3,000 calories on top of a person's normal daily expenditure.
- Alpine skiing burns approximately 500 calories an hour while snowboarding lags slightly behind at 450.
- Lou Batori is the world's oldest known skier, recently hitting the slopes at the age of 107 and he's been skiing since he was 10.
- New York State has the most ski resorts, with 50.
- In 2016 Alyeska Resort, Alaska accumulated 824 inches of snow (over 68 feet).

Do you want some SCOL swag too?

**Well don't be sad!** Even though you're not the 100th, but you are a SCOL Member, It's on it's way to a doorstep or location near you, and will arrive shortly! **ALL FOR JUST BEING A LOYAL SCOL MEMBER!**

Details later on how to purchase more

Bag available in RED or BLUE

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to our **100th** SCOL Member for the **2020-21 SEASON**

Polyester **TUBULAR BANDANA** Multi-Functional Facemask Imprint on both sides

Thermo Foil **INSULATED TOTE** Zipper Top Closure with Front Pocket Different imprint on front & back

**THINK YOU KNOW WHO THIS IS?** Be the first to e-mail this 100th SCOL Members name to [Info@SkiClubofLockport.com](mailto:Info@SkiClubofLockport.com) and get a PRIZE!

# The Small Bright Spots of This Year's Ski Season

*From a small colorful spec on the hill, DEB DARLING*

I'D LIKE TO TAKE ALL THE CREDIT FOR WRITING THIS, BUT I FOUND THE "IDEA" ON-LINE, THEN ADDED A SCOLERS VISION TO IT!

Resort executives are warning customers that skiing will be different this season. But "different" it's always a bad thing. Here's a few "different" ways to look at them.

With amenities and lodging curtailed all over, we'll all be spending a lot more time in muddy parking lots again, which have always been vital to the skiing experience and will bring back fond memories of your early "learning to ski" days. That's the first thing.

Then après festivities will be severely curtailed this year, with ski bars closed and our SCOL beery events canceled, we Buffalonians certainly know how to have fun in a parking lot. BUT remember, you need to keep such tailgating to a just a handful of distanced friends.

And or course, it's in the parking lot where I'm sure you'll learn to grab another joy - The Brown Bag Lunch. This winter, we'll all need to get creative with our refueling, but it shouldn't be too hard. No crockpots to maneuver, coolers or picnic baskets to carry. It's now a just a little single serving bag and thermos

of your favorite steaming hot soup. No bowls either, use that built one called the lid! And maybe Tony & Peggy can rig up the tablecloth as a makeshift "tent" of some sort (just saying).

Once upon a time, getting as much vertical feet of skiing in a day as Rick McIntosh was an accomplishment. But now with no Canadians - "EH!?", and less travelers from Ohio & PA, you'll have so much vertical you will be exhausted by noon - then off to the parking lot for a break. Let's face it, those seats in your vehicle are much more comfy than those hard chairs in the Lodge - Right?! They recline, have cup holders handy and some are even heated! *Woo-Hoo!*

The biggest gripe skiers have had in recent years is overcrowding on the weekends. Having to take the shuttle from the parking lot to the door ('cause who wants to cross-country to the Lodge BEFORE you ski) decreasing your time on the slopes. This year you may get to actually park just a few spaces from the door (or maybe not as Rayleen just experienced differently the last 2-weekends).

But now the "different" that truly is the best way to look at this. Since this pandemic started we have all gained more quiet time and a few pounds! Suddenly the term "I was here" or the "track-your-friends" technology has become a bit less meaningful. So now, we are all going to be more present in our skiing experience, more connected to our close friends & family, and a little more submerged in the sport, than concerned with how we look (no need to do our hair, you'll not see us indoors without helmets), what we bring to share ('cause who has arms 6 ft. long in order to pass the plate of cheese & crackers).

We will all once again (or some may for the very first time) get a taste for the what the old-school ski bum life was. What skiing was like before we all got spoiled with so many amenities the multi-million dollar Lodges now offer.

It all comes down to just getting out on the slopes, doing what we love, with a few friends at a time, because with SCOL . . . *It's Always a Good Time!* NO MATTER WHAT!