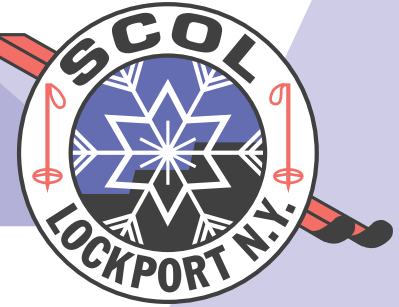


# SKI Fever NEWSletter



## The President's Message

Hello SCOLers;

It is my pleasure once again to be President of this great organization. It was very exciting to see Club events start to become more the norm again last season, as we exited the grip of the pandemic. We anticipate an even more robust year for the 22/23 season!

The Board of Directors has been busy this off season. We are putting together the SCOL Calendar and as always we find ourselves looking for people to volunteer to chair some events and even more importantly propose new events. We are also working on streamlining some club procedures and methods. We are working towards being able to accept electronic forms of payments and electronic forms for membership and event sign-ups. Both of these items are in progress but are not ready for roll out, so we will keep you posted as to the progress. We will be rolling out our new mass texting platform in September. Our thoughts are to use it to push information out to the membership more quickly and remind all of you to reference the website for the details. We are also exploring options to expand our website platform, but again it is a work in progress and we'll have to keep you updated as we move forward.

There is a West Trip approved and scheduled. You will see the details later in this Newsletter. We have some information accrued for a possible East Trip, however we are looking for someone to pick up the ball and run

with it. Any questions relative to this may be directed to any board member and we'll be happy to get you pointed in the right direction. We are happy to introduce our "SCOL Weeknight Ski Night". As you will see on the calendar we are going to try and ski every other Thursday (conditions permitting) in January, February and March at Kissing Bridge. I am still working on the details related to cost, but our hope is to promote members getting out on the slopes and enjoying the sport we all love.

SCOL is also organizing a very large ski event to benefit Roswell Park Cancer Institute. This is going to be a large event with a lot of people involved and again we are going to need some volunteers to help out and there are details in this letter. Please give a huge shout out to Tom Doran, Steve Korn and Greg Stang for the time and effort they have put into this event.

With all of this going on, we are excited to get started with our first General Membership meeting and see all of your smiling faces. If you look at our calendar you will see that we are going to move our general meetings around a little bit this year. We hope to provide some easier access for our more southerly members.

In closing, we hope everyone has had a great summer and we look forward to seeing everyone very soon!

Ski ya soon. *Bill F.*

## Meet Your New 22-23 SCOL Board

### THE OFFICERS



**President** Bill Fekete    **Vice President** Jon Lavery    **2nd VP** Greg Stang



**Treasurer**  
Tim Ryan



**Secretary**  
Pam Fekete



**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
Bob Ingersol



**Communications Officer**  
Gary Gottlieb

### THE DIRECTORS



Melissa Kubis



Steve Korn



Tom Doran



Sheila Flanagan

# Mark Your Calendars!

## SCOL Meetings are now the 2nd WEDNESDAY of the Month.

### And Set Your GPS!

#### SCOL Meeting locations are MOVING around!

So two new things to ponder. Rethinking your month of activities and planning on the second Wednesday for SCOL meetings (*this change is due to a scheduling conflict our newly Elected President had*).

Then add going to a new exciting location, that some may never have been before.

In efforts to better suit the ever growing membership of the SKI CLUB of LOCKPORT, 'cause let's face it, we ain't ALL from Lockport, the Board has decided to try something different this year. We're moving the meeting locations around a bit! **But they all START at 7:00 PM.**

Not only will this make shorter travel distances for some, it will allow some to save a few bucks on gas that we can now spend on skiing! Or at least that's the theory.

Moving meetings around WNY may also lead to bringing in even more new members, 'cause let's face it, some may think you have to be from Lockport to join the SKI CLUB of LOCKPORT. I know, silly, right.

Please let us know if you have a place to suggest for a meeting spot. We'd love to have your input, 'cause let's face it, this is YOUR Club too!

**FIRST MEETING ~**  
**September 14**  
 GOTHIC HILL GOLF COURSE  
 5477 Niagara Street Ext.  
 Lockport, NY 14094



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**October 12**  
 33 SPEAKEASY  
 3455 Genesee St.  
 Cheektowaga, NY 14225



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**November 9**  
**December 14**  
**January 11**  
**February 8**  
 DAVISON ROAD INN  
 383 Davison Rd.  
 Lockport, NY 14094



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**March 8**  
 MITCHELL'S TAVERN  
 734 Sheridan Dr.  
 Tonawanda, NY 14150



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**LAST MEETING ~**  
**April 12**  
 DAVISON ROAD INN  
 383 Davison Rd.  
 Lockport, NY 14094



## Welcome NEW SCOLers!

Hope you can make a meeting so we can introduce ourselves, and get to know you before the snow flies and we don't recognize you on the hill with your goggles & helmet on!

**Darlene Allen** - Ellicottville

**Julie Dudek** - Brockport

**Jessica Dudek** - Kenmore

**Raymond Geary** - Bradford, PA

**David Mangino** - Orchard Park

**Stuart Penny** - Orchard Park

**Bill Pistner** - St. Mary's, PA

**Carl Root** - Buffalo

**Mary Salzyn** - Tonawanda

**Rebecca Seelbinder** - Ransomville

**Rodney Stumm** - Hamburg

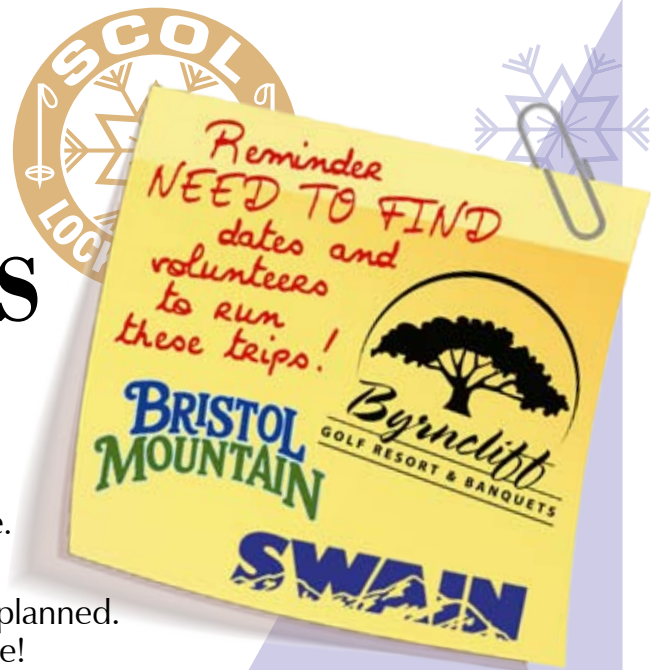
**Patrick Waldors** - Cheektowaga

# So While You Have Your Calendars Out . . .

# HERE ARE THE DATES TRIPS & ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED.

Feel free to sign-up to Chair any Event. Or suggest a new one. It's a great way to get to know your fellow SCOLers.

PLEASE NOTE: The 2022-23 SCOL Sesson is currently being planned. Trips, Events, with all the details and a whole lot more to come!



## JANUARY

12 Thursday  
21-29 Sat - Sun  
26 Thursday  
27 Friday  
28 Saturday

**KB Ski Night**  
**FRANCE ~ Club Med Trip**  
**KB Ski Night**  
**HOLIMONT ~ Contractor Day(?)**  
**HV ~ Wine & Cheese Event**

Bill Fekete  
WITH Sheila Flanagan  
Bill Fekete  
CHAIRMAN NEEDED  
CHAIRMAN NEEDED

## FEBRUARY

9 Thursday  
16 Thursday  
23 Thursday

**KB Ski Night**  
**HOLIMONT ~ Ski 4 A Cure**  
**KB Ski Night**

Bill Fekete  
T. Doran, S. Korn & G. Stang  
Bill Fekete

## MARCH

9 Thursday  
14-21 Tue - Tue  
18 Saturday  
23 Thursday  
TBD

**KB Ski Night**  
**WEST TRIP ~ Steamboat Springs, CO**  
**HV ~ Pot Luck-O-the-Irish**  
**KB Ski Night**  
**LAST CHAIR**

Bill Fekete  
Pam Fekete  
CHAIRMAN NEEDED  
Bill Fekete  
CHAIRMAN NEEDED



## Ski 4 A Cure. To Benefit Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center



DATE: Thursday, February 16th, 2023  
PLACE: HoliMont  
SLOPES OPEN: 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM  
REGISTRATION: \$100.00

Show your support to help SCOL members Tom Doran, Steve Korn and Greg Stang that are all part of the volunteers organizing this Event, or participate in it! More details to come.

### EVENTS:

- **Scavenger Hunt**
- **Bombardier Game** with the tennis balls
- **Self Time Race**
- **Costume Parade**
- **City Garage Demo Day** - at HoliMont

Cross Country Skiing & Snow Shoeing will also be available.

# West Trip



# Steamboat®



**SEE MORE INFO ON NEXT PAGE**

**MARCH 14-21, 2023**  
**Tuesday - Tuesday**

TRIP CHAIR: Pam Fekete

LODGING: Holiday Inn  
Steamboat Springs

### AIR TRANSPORTATION:

We are holding 40 seats on the following flights

#### **United Airlines**

from Buffalo to Hayden via Chicago

#### **March 14**

##### UA301

Buffalo 7:00 am – Chicago 7:50 am

##### UA2008

Chicago 9:25 am – Hayden 11:26 am

#### **March 21**

##### UA1547

Hayden 1:09 pm – Chicago 4:51 pm

##### UA1897

Chicago 9:19 pm – Buffalo 11:57 pm

Flight numbers and departure times are subject to change.

### PRICING INFO

**\$2250/person**

Price is based on double occupancy, other/nonskier rates & Ikon discount available

RETAIL PRICE of this trip would be

**\$6176/person**

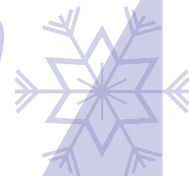
\$5580 for lodging & lift tickets

\$596 for flights

**SCOL MEMBERS SAVE \$3926**

### PRICE INCLUDES

- Round-trip Air Transportation
- Round-trip Transfers from Airport to Hotel
- Grocery Stop
- 7-Nights' Accommodation
- Welcome Reception & Club Dinner
- Breakfast Buffet
- 6-Day Lift Pass
- All Taxes
- FREE SHUTTLE to Town & Hill



## TRIP FAQs:

**\$150 to sign up**  
**\$500 due by November 1**  
**\$500 due by December 1**  
**Balance due by January meeting**  
NO EXCEPTIONS.

All payments must be payable to SCOL.

You **MUST** be a member to sign up!

You must have a valid passport or other acceptable travel documentation and adhere to any travel restrictions.

Ski Club of Lockport strongly recommends Travel Insurance.

Sign up form is on the website and must be accompanied with copy of travel ID.

I will try to accommodate room arrangements but reserve final decision to best fit group needs.

**You must be ready to have fun!**

### OTHER QUESTIONS:

Email: [pamgun@hotmail.com](mailto:pamgun@hotmail.com) or

TEXT ONLY 716-628-9896

### ELEVATIONS

Base	6,900 feet/2,103 meters
Christie Peak	8,020 feet/2,444 meters
Mid-Mountain	9,080 feet/2,768 meters
Summit/Mt. Werner	10,568 feet/3,224 meters

### VERTICAL RISE

3,668 feet/1,118 meters

### TRAIL SYSTEM

Permitted Acres	2,965 acres/1,200 hectares
Trails	170 named trails
Trail Classification	14% Beginner

42% Intermediate

44% Advanced

### Longest Run

Why Not – over 3 miles/4.8km

### LIFT SYSTEM

Gondola (8-passenger)	1
High-Speed (6-passenger)	1
High-Speed Quads	6
Triple Chairlift	5
Double Chairlift	2
Surface Lift	1
Secondary Lifts	1
Total Lifts	17

## Steamboat Mountain Facts

Snow piling up is a common occurrence in Steamboat-Ski Town, U.S.A.®, and finding pure Champagne Powder® snow on the slopes of Steamboat isn't difficult. The abundant snowfall is a result of Steamboat's location within the Park Range, which is the first significant barrier in the northern Colorado Rockies to storms arriving from the Pacific. Wintertime northwesterly storms blow in from the Pacific and hitch a ride on predominant winds. Along the way, these wet clouds encounter low temperatures in the lower part of the troposphere — roughly five degrees Fahrenheit at

2,000 to 5,000 feet above the earth's surface— where moisture attaches to dust or tiny frozen drops and begins to form a large lace-like snowflake known as the stellar dendrite. The storm clouds are saturated with "supercooled water" that remains liquid even though it is below the freezing point. (The water is essentially looking for particles to freeze to.) It is this rare combination that is responsible for the frequent occurrence of rimed crystals resulting in the formation of Steamboat's famous Champagne Powder® snow. On cold mornings these rimed crystals form layers on tree branches and chairlifts resulting in beautiful rime ice. Steamboat is

actually a micro mountain range that includes Mount Werner as well as Storm, Sunshine, Thunderhead and Christie peaks. The Park Range rises up smack in the flight path of these Pacific-born storms. When the clouds encounter the mountains, they lift rapidly then cool, ultimately losing their ability to hold moisture. Another way to explain it: The storms slam into the Park Range, and the upslope strips the clouds of moisture, so the snow that falls has incredibly low water content. Down come the stellar dendrites, better known as Champagne Powder® flakes, and out come the fat boards and the excuses to

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# West Trip

miss work. "Steamboat gets the snow with the lowest water content in the United States," said Ian McCubbin,



manager of Storm Peak Laboratory, which conducts ongoing snow studies atop Mount Werner at Steamboat Ski

Resort. Steamboat's powder averages six percent density. Translation: Ten inches of melted snow from Steamboat produce a mere six-tenths of an inch of water. Compare that to the 15 percent density of other locations' snowpack, where 10 inches of melted snow typically produces an inch and a half of water. "Other places may get more snow," said McCubbin, "but Steamboat really does have the most supreme snow on the planet."

## Snow Statistics:

- Two of the past six winters have seen more than 300 inches of snow.
- Steamboat has had eight 400+ inch seasons: 2010/11, 2008/09, 2007/08, 2005/06, 1996/97, 1995/96, 1992/93, 1983/84.
- Single day snowfall record: 27 inches at mid-mountain on Feb. 20, 2013, and 29 inches at the summit on Jan. 25, 1996.
- Biggest snow season: 489 inches in 2007/08.
- Biggest snow months: October: 40 inches in 2013; November: 90 inches in 2010; December: 165.5 inches in 1983; January: 216.5 inches in 1996; February: 110.05 in 1993; March: 83 inches in 1991; April: 60 inches in 1993.

**Club Med** **Alpe d'Huez**  
**2023** Join SCOLer Sheila Flanagan **FRANCE**

**BOOK NOW** with Karen Schwotzer  
603-289-0921  
karenslewis@comcast.net -OR-  
karen.schwotzer@milnetravel.com

**January 21-29**  
APPROX ALL-INCLUSIVE Cost: **\$3,600** DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**got?** Ask Sheila 716-870-2686  
flanster40@yahoo.com

# PLEASE KEEP A LONG-TIME FELLOW SCOLer ~ Carl Kirchner IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



For anyone who knows Carl, you know he is a very social, active, energetic guy both on and off the slopes. I'm just not sure if his passion for skiing is as great as his passion for being on one of his many Harley's. But I am sure he is always looking to have a fun time!

So now for anyone who does not know, Carl was in a serious motorcycle accident back on May 12th.

Like on most any given day, Carl set out for a ride from his home in Ellicottville he shares with the love of his life Allison, and her daughter Ainsley. Only this day, a deer was on the same path as Carl resulting in a t-bone collision.

Fortunately a passer-by saw (and ironically they knew it was Carl and his bike) and was able to call for help almost immediately.

Carl was then air lifted to ECMC where he spent many weeks with a collapsed lung, broken ribs (both front & back) a fractured pelvis and numerous other fractures with more details and explanations than I can remember. The Doctors had also determined he suffered a stroke resulting from the accident.

Waking up from the pain meds while healing began was and is a very slow process. A tracheotomy was placed to aid in breathing should he need it. And a feeding tube inserted so nutrients could help to bring his strength back. He was then moved to a rehab center in Erie, PA specializing in such injuries.

Small steps were seen and have been made in his recovery journey, but he has a long road ahead (which before the accident would have been something he'd think was a fun ride, LOL!)

Carl has now moved to the Salamanca Rehabilitation and Nursing Center which is much closer to Ali & Ainsley in Ellicottville. And visitors are welcome and encouraged!

As of time of the distribution of this Newsletter, Carl has not had much change and testing is being set up for brain level activity.

Both Ali and Ainsley could certainly use a few extra prayers. One can not imagine all that they are dealing with not to mention the tremendous cost all this is adding up to be!

So with all that said, words of encouragement and cards can be sent to Carl Kirchner at 451 Broad St., Salamanca, NY 14779.

A GoFundMe page has also been set up to help at <https://gf.me/u/3kz7zr> should you be able to contribute.

So again for anyone who knows Carl, knows he can be a pain the butt, but we love him lots and pray he recovers to once again be that pain in our butts!

His Dear Friends, *Deb & Ray Darling*

## A few things to look for in the upcoming SKI Fever Newsletters



Newsletter Editor  
Deb Darling

REMEMBER . . . NOW IS THE TIME to get your Skis out & tuned. Have your Ski Jackets cleaned, or shop for a new. But more importantly, try those damn Ski Pants on and make sure you can zip them up!

- HOLIDAY VALLEY ~ 2022-23 Pass Discount with Club Rebate Offer  
Contact is SCOLer MITCH MILLER
- KISSING BRIDGE ~ Season Pass / Lift Ticket Information
- TOM DORAN'S Bi-Monthly SCOLer Spotlight Article~  
See who will be featured in October!

