

SKI Fever NEWSletter

**2022
OCTOBER**



SCOL Heads South!

Now don't get excited, it's just for one meeting, and it's not too far south. But I bet we had you worried just a little. Especially since we've been hearing and seeing all the devastation that Ian just caused down south, way down south.

Our thoughts are certainly with those who now have to deal with the clean-up and rebuild of many communities and the hard hit areas of Florida. I'll take our northern snow "storms", on any given day, over any of those "storms" the southern part of our Country gets!

Now onto the southern location this notice is really about.

SCOL's next meeting is heading a little bit south, and out of its namesake, the Ski Club of Lockport, to Cheektowaga.

Wednesday, October 12th, the meeting will be at the 33 Speakeasy on Genesee St. It starts at 7:00pm, but think about heading there a bit earlier and grab a bite to eat first. That way, it will give you a better chance to make it to the meeting on time if you don't plan your new travel time accordingly, LOL!

NEXT MEETING ~
October 12
 33 SPEAKEASY
 3455 Genesee St.
 Cheektowaga, NY 14225



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



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



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



HAPPY HOUR

Fräulein Kubis has reserved SCOL a table for 20 on the heated patio

FRIDAY- OKTOBER 21

Starts 6:30 pm
 Reservation are for 7 pm
 LIVE BAND 6 - 9 pm



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SKI CLUB





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2022-23
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The President's Message

Hello SCOLers;

There is a chill in the air. Well there was for a couple days. As we are all enjoying the fall season and all the related activities it brings with it, the weather Gurus are trying to predict our winter. A very wise friend of mine once said "if they could predict the weather, don't you think someone would". That being said, taking a look at the long range predictions seems favorable for SCOLers. The forecasters are calling for a "Triple Dip La Nina" event this year. This combined with last year's Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcanic eruption in the South Pacific, which sent huge amounts of water vapor into the atmosphere, have forecasters predicting a warmer wetter winter.

In the western parts of the country this should see an early start to the season. Here at home it should be a good opportunity for early season lake effect snow. The New England ski areas are predicted to have the best overall ski season, with consistent snow falls predicted. Hopefully this will allow us all a chance to get in some turns on good snow early.

Thanks to all who came out to the September meeting, we had a great showing with some new members on hand. The 2022-

23 SCOL calendar of events was announced and some of the details were gone over. We have a full slate of events but we need volunteers to chair them or we might have to cancel some. Please consider taking the reins for one of these events. The previous chair is always a big help and the board can certainly point you in the right direction. Grab a friend and do it together. We need your help.

This year will also bring the first, SCOL sponsored, "Ski 4 A Cure" event to benefit Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Special thanks to Steve Korn, Tom Doran, Greg Stang and John Laverty for their efforts in organizing this event. The planning phase has been months long and we appreciate the time invested.

Please take the time to get your equipment in order and tuned. Also, don't forget yourself. Many of us have fell victim to the summer activities. As much as I would like it to be that easy, 12 ounce curls just aren't going to get it done preparing for the ski season! Hope to see everyone at the meeting. Enjoy the great weather and be safe.

Ski ya later. *Bill F.*

Welcome NEW SCOLers!

You're helping to make this Club even more fun.

- Kim Campana - Grand Island
- Shawni Ingersoll - Ridgewood
- Scott Krevato - Williamsville
- Dave Pascoe - Grand Island

- Adam Peters - Buffalo
- Carol Sawyer - Lewiston
- Patricia Seis - Cheektowaga
- Karen Soldwisch - Buffalo

And if a few names look familiar, it's because we have some past SCOLers who have come back because they know, being a member of this Club, well . . .

It's Always a Good Time!

SCOL MEMBERSHIP TO-DATE = 128
101 Renewals / 7 Social / 20 New

There are 59 from 2021-22 who have not yet renewed!

One if by *Land* AND ONLY IF COVERED BY SNOW



Holiday Valley ULTIMATE PASS Club Discount offer is now available. But your saving goes down after November 1, 2022.

Currently you can purchase a ULTIMATE WHITE CARD PASS on-line and receive a \$10 SCOL discount at time of purchase.

Simply use the link below to access the Holiday Valley website at https://hv-hvnewyork.secure-cdn.na2.accessoticketing.com/embed/store.php?merchant_id=900934&merchant_id=900901 or you can just click this link now.

Enter the SCOL User Name: **MWSCOL**
Enter the SCOL Password: **scolski**

Under SEASON PASSES, select the ULTIMATE PASSES then ULTIMATE WHITE CARD.

Select the type of Pass and enter quantity you want to purchase. Follow the prompts to SIGN IN or SIGN UP for a new account. Enter your profile info. NOTE: you must select one of the PHOTO options to continue.

You must enter **SCOL10** in the DISCOUNT CODE box in order to receive the \$10 SCOL discount offer.

PLEASE NOTE: The \$10 discount is only available on the Ultimate WHITE CARD.

There is a new Group Sales Dept. at the Valley, and staff members are still working on this on-line purchasing system. YOU MAY EXPERIENCE SOME DIFFICULTIES. You can contact Customer Service at 716-699-2345 or e-mail them direct at cs1@holidayvalley.com

Or you can contact our Club liaison, Mitch Miller at skicat0@gmail.com for help.

The other was by *Sea* WELL LET'S JUST SAY IT WAS BY WATER



Monday, September 12, 5:00 PM

Our Lederhosen and SCOL Cruise aboard the worlds oldest working Fireboat, The Edward M. Cotter went very well. The day started out dark & stormy, but Marie was able to charm the weather gods to have all the rain end by 5 and it did!

We had 20 people from each club on board and it was a lot like a wedding. Not everyone on the Groom/ Lederhosen side knew everyone on the Bride/SCOL side, but give them enough beer, pizza and a few introductions and they ended up being one big happy family by the end of the ride.

Aside from when we experienced a few 5 foot rollers while we passed the north breakwater gap the 180 ton – 122 year old Fireboat provided a smooth ride for us behind the break walls. We saw all the prominent local landmarks, enjoyed the beautiful skyline of our city, and ended up shooting water for a little over a half hour.

Many people from both clubs participated on the post cruise happy hour at the Swannie House afterward.

Cheers,

Larry & Marie Cobado

We've got the Dates! And we know the Places! Now we just need some Volunteers!



Last month you marked your calendars with all the SCOL SKI Events we have planned for the 2022-23 Season. Or at least you were suppose to! Now you need to pick which Event you'd like to help with, as there are a few that volunteers are needed for in order to make them happen. Don't be afraid ~ it's really rather fun! See below for some details that may help you decide what to volunteer for! Let us know if you've got questions.

JANUARY

12	Thursday	KB Ski Night	Bill Fekete
21-29	Sat - Sun	FRANCE ~ Club Med	WITH Sheila Flanagan
26	Thursday	KB Ski Night	Bill Fekete
27	Friday	HOLIMONT ~ Contractor Day	CHAIRMAN NEEDED
28	Saturday	HV ~ Wine & Cheese Event	CHAIRMAN NEEDED

FEBRUARY

9	Thursday	KB Ski Night	KISSING BRIDGE Bill Fekete
16	Thursday	HOLIMONT ~ Ski 4 A Cure	T. Doran, S. Korn & G. Stang
23	Thursday	KB Ski Night	Bill Fekete

MARCH

9	Thursday	KB Ski Night	Bill Fekete
14-21	Tue - Tue	WEST TRIP ~ Steamboat Steamboat Springs, CO	Pam Fekete
18	Saturday	HV ~ Pot Luck-O-the-Irish	CHAIRMAN NEEDED
23	Thursday	KB Ski Night	Bill Fekete
TBD		HV ~ LAST CHAIR	CHAIRMAN NEEDED

HOLIMONT

~ Contractors' Day

In past year's Paul Fournier has coordinated this Event and we hope he continues. But if not, we need someone to coordinate & communicate the happenings of the days event at Holimont, to our Club & take sign-ups.

Holiday Valley

~ Annual Wine & Cheese (or whatever you choose to call it) In the past we've had "Beers & Steers", a "Chili Cook-off", "Shot-Dog-Ski", Mexican Fiesta, and a Wine, Cheese & Chowder. You pick what type of "PARTY" to do after our day of skiing and start promoting it. In most cases you'll find SCOLers will jump in to help you with all the details. There is a budget to pay for food, drink & supplies. You may also need to offer and coordinate the purchasing of lift tickets for those who don't have a pass for the day. Taking sign-ups is required.

~ Pot Luck-O-the-Irish This is mostly being the Leprechaun that is in charge to coordinate the location site at the Valley, and communicate it to the Club, so we can all bring something to make it magically delicious! No lift tickets to arrange for. You would be responsible to set-up, get paper products, cups, and beverages. All keeping within the allocated budget from SCOL.

NO DATES SET YET
Looking for suggestions

AN INSIDE GLIMPSE AT A SNOW RIFER



wonder who will be in December's spotlight

**A Bi-Monthly SCOLer Spotlight
Presented by SCOL Board Member Tom Doran**

THIS MONTH FEATURES CHRIS KUTLINA & SARAH SPARKS



Chris & Sarah skiing during the SCOL Banff trip!

Chris & Sarah moved to Lockport 10 years ago, and learned about SCOL by word of mouth from the different people who they met while skiing at Holiday Valley. They've been members with SCOL for one year.

They became interested in SCOL to meet like minded individuals who enjoy skiing as much as they do. They also like going on ski trips. They love skiing with everybody, as well as getting together at different events that happen year round. Chris and Sarah already volunteered to help with the Lock tending event this past summer at the Lockport Locks, which was chaired by Margo Covell.

Chris and Sarah, have only been on one SCOL West trip so far, which was the Banff and Marmot Basin trip.

Sarah recalls that "on the first ski day at Marmot Basin, we had about 5 inches of fresh powder; it was an epic ski day."

Chris remembers that December 30, 2016 was the second day of a deep storm cycle where there were back to back 12 inch days which made for really awesome tree skiing at Holiday Valley.

Sarah remembers, during last ski season, getting to the slopes an hour early at Holiday Valley before the lifts started "spinning and skinning" to the top with her new alpine touring setup and getting fresh laps down any slope of choice.

So far their best trips were on the West ski trip to Banff/Marmot Basin and also rafting at Letchworth State Park with Adventure Calls Outfitters. They remember hiking Letchworth "a million times", but never experienced it from the bottom of the gorge. "The views and scenery were amazing." Sarah says that the "rafting was so much fun that they also went with Adventure Calls Outfitters and rafted the Salmon River, which are Class III rapids."

For conditioning before ski season, they work out at the gym and bike on road/mountain bikes during the Spring, Summer and Fall months. They also hike and are currently in the ADK on a hiking trip while they wrote this article. "We love hiking mountains and try to do at least one 46er every year."

As for checking equipment, "we always get our skis tuned up at the City Garage and usually purchase new skis every year because we love the new ski technology that comes out."

Chris' favorite trail at HV, on a powder day, is Ego Alley. He also likes skiing Holimont's glades. Sarah's favorite trail at HV is Moonshadow because it is less traveled and has a really nice pitch.



Chris & Sarah at the Ice Canyon in Jasper

West Trip

MARCH 14-21, 2023
Tuesday - Tuesday

TRIP CHAIR: Pam Fekete
LODGING: Holiday Inn
Steamboat Springs

HURRY only
one 8-passenger
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What that really means is
there are only 8-spots
left on this trip!
SIGN-UP NOW



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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 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:

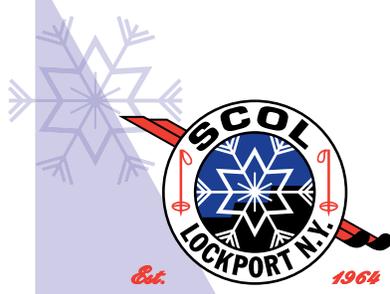
- Two of the past six winters have seen more than 300 inches of snow.
- Steamboat has had eight 400+ inch seasons: 2010/11, 2008/09, 2007/08, 2005/06, 1996/97, 1995/96, 1992/93, 1983/84.
- Single day snowfall record: 27 inches at mid-mountain on Feb. 20, 2013, and 29 inches at the summit on Jan. 25, 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**
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SCOL is proud to sponsor
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**ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE
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SCOL members Tom Doran, Steve Korn and Greg Stang are all working with Holimot & Roswell Park to create this first ever WNY Event for all Ski enthusiasts to participate in it! Cross Country Skiing & Snow Shoeing will also be available for those who are not a downhillers!

EVENT INCLUDES:

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

DATE: Thursday ~ February 16, 2023
PLACE: HoliMont

SLOPES OPEN: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
LUNCH: 12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM

Catered by Dina's

REGISTRATION: \$100.00

**Early bird special for a very limited time for Active SCOL Members: \$50.00*

Watch for details for on on-line registration will be coming soon. You can visit <https://holimont.com/events/> for more information.

Carl Kirchner 1953~2022

He Always had a Good Time!

Carl seen here on a SCOL Trip to Whistler Blackcomb in British Columbia from 1980 something



It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that this photo, shared by fellow SCOLer Bob Ingersoll, now has new meaning to it.

Carl Kirchner left us on September 22, 2022 after suffering injuries resulting from a motorcycle accident back in May. He was only 68.

For anyone who knew Carl, knew he had a passion for life. Knew that he made friends wherever he went. And knew that he'd pissed almost every one of them off at one point, or another.

But we all knew that he would have done anything for his friends. Now his friends wished they could have done anything for him, to have kept him with us a bit longer, to piss a bit more people off, to make us all smile a bit longer.

Carl leaves behind his memory not only with SCOLers, as he served as President, VP and received Pathfinder of the Year 1995-96, but at Holiday Valley having been the Retail Manager there for years, and with two Harley-Davidson Dealerships, American & Gowanda having worked at both.

But most of all, his memory will forever live on in the hearts of his Fiancée Allison Edwards, her daughter Ainsley Edwards, his daughter Jenna Kirchner, 2-grandchildren, and many, no hundreds of friends who all loved him maybe just a bit more than we ever showed him.

And, he better be up there, planning some awesome routes to ride and trails to ski once we meet again, or we're gonna be pissed off at him ~ again! Until then we'll just have to keep remembering him!

Ski Ya Carl, my friend!

Deb D.