

## TCSC Snowplow

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*May 2021*

*Usually the May general membership meeting includes a Cinco de Mayo celebration with Mexican-style snacks and margaritas! Let's hope we can do it next year. In the meantime, have a great Cinco de Mayo!*



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### Letter from Marie

I hope everyone has a fun-filled summer planned! If you're not watching the website for all the upcoming outdoor and fitness events, you're missing out on a lot of exciting fun. As for me, I've even been watching the ski training videos on YouTube and reading articles to keep the "moves" fresh and ready for December's Killington Ski Camp. Yup, it's back! The ski trip schedule is ready for December through March. Dates are posted in this newsletter and on the website. As soon as details are ironed out, they will be published on the website.

Our spring, summer, and fall events schedule is growing as I speak - just take a look online. If you have an activity you love and would like to share it with the club, just call Bill Mead to schedule it. How about a social get together, like a Meet-To-Eat somewhere outside as the weather gets warmer? Marie Mead is always ready to hear from you with a something like that. It's FUN and so easy to do.

On a sad note, I've notified the Board of Directors that I am stepping down from my position as president, effective immediately. It has been my honor and pleasure to be your president for over five years. As of now the position is vacant.

### **Now it's your turn!**

It would be great to see someone who is dedicated, has loved this club and all it has provided, and wants to continue the pizzazz that TCSC constantly delivers. All the tools that you need are in place. The current Board of Directors members are expert in everything it takes to make this club an exceptional organization and are ready to help a new president take the reins. I also will be available to help you "get in the groove" of the job. Interested? Email [Donna McCall](#) or [Cheri Panko](#) or attend the May 20 board meeting at the American Legion. It's on the calendar.

Serving in this job has been one of the biggest blessings in my life. I leave my position with TCSC in good standing and I hope to see you at our next get-together.

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## **Summer and Fall Events**

Here is a quick list of what's planned so far. Check the website and calendar for details. As Marie said, members sharing activities they love with others in the club keeps TCSC vibrant and exciting. Just fill out an [Event Form](#) and send it to Bill Mead for outdoor and fitness, Marie Mead for social or Brenda Nichols for ski trips. Go to [Forms](#) under the About Us tab.

Sunday, May 16:	Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup
Thursday, May 20:	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, May 21:	Lehigh Gorge Bike Ride
Sunday, May 23:	Animal Adventure Park Outing
Sunday, June 6:	Picnic (Details pending)
August:	Board of Directors Meeting
September:	Hopefully a member meeting
Sunday, Sept. 19:	Tour de Shunk - bicycle ride
Oct. 1-3:	Farm to Fork Fitness Adventure
Oct. 8-11:	Adirondack Weekend
Nov. 21:	Ski Sale



## 2021-22 Ski Trips

Save the dates for these ski trips as details are being worked out. Check the website, calendar and your email for all of the updates.

Dec. 5-10:	Killington Ski/Race Camp
Friday, Jan. 14:	Windham Mountain
Jan. 20-23:	Holiday Valley/Holimont
Jan. 29-Feb. 5:	Whitefish, MT
Friday, Feb. 11:	Bristol Mountain
March 6-9:	Gore Mountain
March 13-16:	Killington Midweek
March 21-25:	Loon Village, NH



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## Season Pass Comparison Charts

While most of TCSC's 2021-22 ski trips will not require using an Epic, IKON or other pass, some of you may wish to purchase one. There is information on the [Deals and Discounts](#) page of our website, including tables comparing Epic to IKON. Note that the pre-season low price for IKON passes ended May 4.

We'll post on the website and pass on information about discount vouchers and ski club appreciation days from the NJSSC when we receive it. Keep posted.

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Here is an interesting article from SnoCountry by Andy Dennison.

### **Multi-Resort Passes: Sales Are On, Changes Announced For West Skiers, Riders**

The first round of 2021-22 multi-mountain season pass sales is underway, with a few changes from this past season in the works and price competition that continues to heat up.

The [Epic Pass](#) began its 13th season with a bang: Cutting its price of all its options by 20%. Also, the Vail-based management eliminated -- at least for now -- the reservation system installed this past season to control Covid crowds. And, they backed off a partial credit offer and will give full credit to pass holders who did not use their pass in the 2020-2021 season.

The full-on Epic Pass (\$783) gets unlimited skiing and riding at 37 U.S. resorts, including 13 in the West. In addition, the pass goes for seven days at three U.S. resorts, six in the Canadian Rockies; five days at seven Japanese resorts, and varying benefits at 10 European destinations.

The price reduction also applies to local pass options in Colorado and California, and single- or multi-day advance purchases.

The top-tier [Ikon Pass](#) (\$999) gives unlimited access to 15 U.S. resorts -- 10 in the West -- with seven days at 17 others and 11 beyond our borders. The Ikon Base (\$729) has blackouts at 13 unlimited North American resorts and 17 others for five days of skiing and riding.

And, the Ikon Session Pass (\$399) gives you four days total at any of 37 destinations but took Jackson Hole, Alta, Aspen, Snowbird, and Deer Valley off the list.

Ikon did some tweaking: Parent company Alterra Mountain now offers a payment plan, \$100/\$70 off top-tier or base pass renewals, respectively, and pro-rated credit for Covid-related closures. And, it moves Crystal Mountain from unlimited Base Pass status to five days, a move prompted by crowding this season.

The [Mountain Collective](#) (\$499) works for skiers and riders on long weekend or short-stay vacations. There are 17 U.S. mountains in its portfolio that pass holders have two free days at each. After that, a full-day ticket is half the rack rate.

Several destinations are lumped as one under the Mountain Collective, meaning two days at either Squaw-Alpine Meadows, the Aspen-Snowmass-Buttermilk-Highlands complex, and Mt. Norquay-Lake Louise-Sunshine Village in Canada. Others include B.C.'s Revelstoke, Utah tandem Alta and Snowbird, and steep-and-deep Taos.

Each season, the number of Mountain Collective passes sold is limited, so it pays to make your purchase as soon as you can because the price goes up, too.

Designed for pass holders at a home hill who want to head out, the [Powder Alliance](#) gets you off the beaten track to mountains known for catching big dumps with little glamor.

With a season pass at one of 18 member mountains and ID in hand, show up at the ticket window of any other Powder Alliance resort and receive a full-day ticket. Any combination of three days at each resort works, for a possible 51 days in total. Some resorts have discounts beyond three days.

This season, the reciprocal-season pass Powder Alliance added Alaska's Eaglecrest and Idaho's Silver Mountain to its U.S. portfolio of 14 resorts -- from Angel Fire in the south to White Pass up north, and powder stashes of Monarch, Sugar Bowl, Schweitzer, and Mt. Hood Ski Bowl.

## Website How to: Share Club Activity Photos

Keep the memories alive by sharing photos of club activities you participated in.

- You can add your pictures to the [Fun Times Photos](#) page under the Activities tab. Write captions and descriptions. These will be available to anyone who visits our website.

[Fun Times Photos.png](#)

- Create an album that can be shared with club members who have logged in to their website account. Albums are listed as [Photo Albums](#) under the Members Only tab. You can also add albums for just yourself.

[Photo Albums.png](#)

Help is available at the Help Center link on the top right of the page, or contact Communications Director [Ingrid Jordak](#) for more information and with questions.

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***Happy spring and summer!***  
***Hope to see you at our events!***

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