

# *Venture*

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February, 2016

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## Hi Rise Explores Park City Utah!!



Photo: Debbie Wentz

By Bob Maclauchlan, Trip Leader

At our Bi-monthly Wednesday meeting in May, 2015 Hi Rise Ski Club announced our annual Western Trip going to Park City, Utah and had a very good response with about 8 members signing up. Little did I know that 36 hours later, by 8AM Friday morning I had not only sold out the 36 spots but had actually sold two extra seats and had 38 committed to going. Fortunately I knew that The Cleveland Ski Council had also contracted for the same trip and I moved the extras to the Council Trip.

For the first time, our club flew via Southwest Airlines as a group and we were quite pleased with their service. I checked the complete group in easily on Friday night, the evening before our departure with just the confirmation number and a couple of key strokes, checking in for the return was easier now that I had experience. We flew through Chicago Midway and enjoyed full size 737's for the full trip. Only one bag of 54 people didn't show up but was delivered early the next morning to our Park Station condos.

How did we get from 36 to 54 you ask? We had 36 and CMSC had 16 sign up for their trip and between children, brothers and friends we actually had a total of 58 for the first few nights with ages ranging from 18 months to 78 years. On our arrival night we had a very crowded wine, beer and cheese party in our room to distribute lift tickets, itineraries and general housekeeping.

On Sunday the majority of us skied and rode on the old Park City side of the resort. Last year when Vail Resorts purchased Park City and merged it with Canyons, they connected it with a brand new gondola and renamed the combined areas Park City Mountain Resort. This was the busiest day we experienced all week but still had only a few lines and they were less than a couple of minutes. (Love the west!)



We left the boarders at Park City on Monday and went to look at some spectacular homes at Deer Valley as we skied by them. Deer Valley only allows skiers—no snowboarders. This is a great mountain where we enjoyed the fantastic terrain and views. Many in our group opted to participate in Deer Valley's free guided tour, and explored Deer Valley from one end to the other. With over 40% groom blue trails, the group enjoying a full day of skiing in the sun! The temperatures were brisk (brrrr-cold!), but the sun kept you warm as long as you paid attention to follow the sun while on the slopes.

Tuesday we were back in Park City on the Canyons side getting there via the new gondola taking us high over the valley for new views and more selection of runs. Once you get on the other side you can ski down to a slow lift that takes you over the roads and houses to the Timberline lift or you can ski and board directly there taking the Dreamcatcher lift and down Harmony to the bottom of the Tombstone Express. After our daily meeting in the hot tub to discuss the days and evenings events we were on our own to explore the town for dinner.

Wednesday some of the group started to take their days off but the majority of us skied and rode Park City again, we used our earlier experiences of the week to maximize our runs and ski where we wanted to. We met for lunch at the new Miners Camp which is located adjacent to the quicksilver gondola that takes you to The Canyons side. They have a large deck that many of us used to eat outside in the nice Utah sun. Menu selections were quite varied and the convenience to ski either side of the mountain on a fully belly sent us all in different directions afterwards. That evening (after the hot tub) we had our annual pizza party for the whole group where food and beverages were consumed and stories told of the current trip and those from many years past. We always seem to reminisce as the evening goes on, must be the anchovies.





Thursday morning we jumped on a charter bus that drove us through a snowstorm, past many moose, up a hill where chains were required, into a parking lot that the bus got stuck in and finally to our own private resort that had 8' of fresh powder and almost no one else on the mountain. The resort is called Solitude and is owned

by Deer Valley which offered us a good deal by using both of their facilities on this trip. They also allow boarders on the mountain which allowed for the majority of our group to enjoy what was our best day for conditions that is if you like deep fluffy white stuff. This is a hidden gem that the local like to keep for themselves so when asked the reply is usually "I guess it's not bad but not as big as the other" We spent the morning having a blast in Summit Bowl and coming down through Honeycomb Canyon that had enough to please any ability. We had lunch at the Moonbeam Lodge before spending as much time as we could on the mountain before picking up a souvenir and running for the party bus.



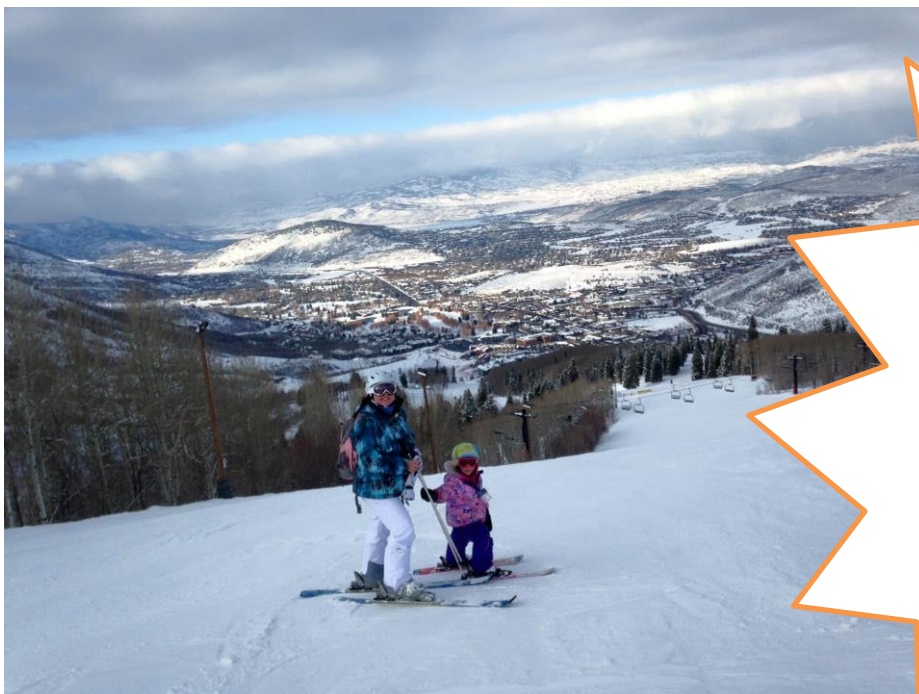
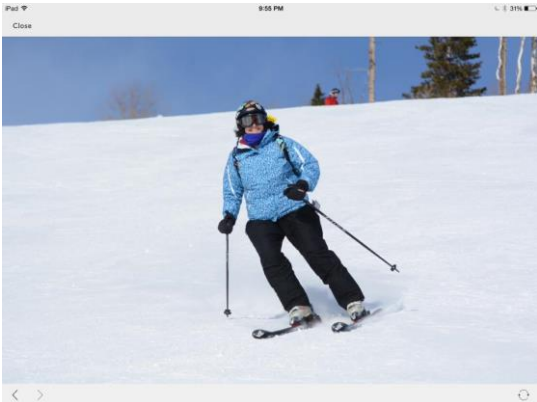
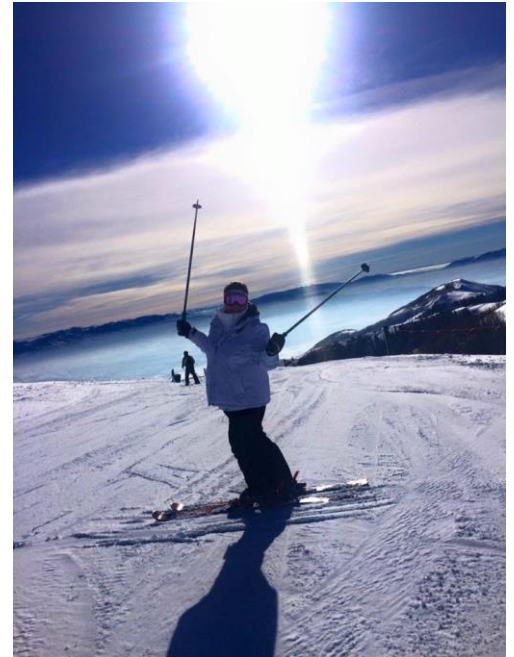
Friday was spent by most of the group on the Canyons side of Park City with about 4" of fresh snow to keep us excited. That evening we cleaned out our fridges to get ready for our short bus ride to the airport and comfortable flight home. Park City/Canyon's statistics: 9% beginner 51% intermediate 40% expert. There was ample terrain for every

level of skier to enjoy. We had fresh snow towards the end of the week, but the week prior to our arrival, there was a serious snow storm which covered the region with inches and inches of fresh snow. The first half of the week, we had sunshine—but the weather changed Wednesday, and we made the planned day trips to Solitude. There were so many great memories during this week—watching Ella ski the big hills with her family, the evening parties with everyone crammed into Bob and RoseAnn's condo, the evening hot tub happy hours...dinners at the great restaurants on Main Street...condo dinners...on mountain lunches...vista beers...shopping with friends...mani-pedis and spa treatments...the fire alarm being used as a kitchen timer. We welcomed some old friends on this trip (Bruno Frabotta), and kept other friends who missed the trip in our thoughts (Arlene Steuer and Neil Stark).



After this weeklong trip I am looking forward to Wasatch One which is a plan for the future to combine the two Park City resorts and four Wasatch resorts into a gigantic ski experience similar to what is currently offered in some European resorts. Park City and Deer Valley are currently only separated by a rope and from Solitude (it borders Brighton) you can see Deer Valley. Snowbird and Alta are already connected and only a couple of lifts would be required for an 18,000 acre mega resort requiring only one pass. When it opens, Hi Rise will be there! For more information use Google to search: Wasatch One.

I would like to thank everyone that came on the trip with us and made it another exceptional experience for all of us. I hope to see you all next year when we go to...???



**Thank you to the 36 Hi Risers who took their vacation with the club! Your loyalty and confidence in our club arranging your vacation means a lot and we appreciate you!!**

## 2016 Hi Rise Meeting Themes

3/23/16	Indians pre-season. Hot Dogs and burgers provided. ...discuss where the team went wrong last season.
4/13/16	Breakfast for Dinner???
4/27/16	Service and goods auction. Bid on handmade crafts, home baked goodies, services, all sorts of mayhem ensues. Tacos will be served for your enjoyment!



Hi Rise has again ordered a limited supply of the "Our Town and All Around" dining coupon books.

**Contact Arnie Rodriguez at 440-943-3975 to reserve and purchase your book.** In addition to the restaurants included in the coupon sections, there are also coupons to use at the Westside Market, Petersen's/King Nuts, etc etc etc. If you use the book three times (on average) you have paid for the book via the savings you received!

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**Hi Rise DOM at Siam Café enjoyed by all!**

**Special Thanks to Greg Schmid for organizing and hosting the Chinese New Year DOM!**



**Holimont -One Day Dash**

**HOLIMONT**  
ELLCOTTVILLE, NEW YORK

**Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Only \$82 per person  
(Only \$50 for members  
who renewed membership  
prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Depart Lakeland Community College  
at 6:15 am.

Ski private Holimont until 4:00pm.

Depart for the town of Ellicottville at  
4:30pm.

Depart from Ellicottville at about  
7:00pm.

Return to Lakeland lot about 10:00pm.

Trip Leader – Kerry Troy

Phones: 440-944-4591 (home)

440-918-3420 (daytime)

216-337-9567 (cell phone)

[ktroy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ktroy@sbcglobal.net) (email)

Payment to be made to Hi Rise Ski Club.

Mail payments to: 698 Pendley Rd.

Willowick, OH 44095

Trip is subject to all terms and conditions of  
HiRise trip agreement form.

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> Dinner of the Month:**  
**The Harp Restaurant**  
4408 Detroit Ave (216) 939-0200



The Harp has been voted one of the best Irish pubs in the US. Please contact your DOM hostess, Marilyn Daley at 216-256-7123 to RSVP

If you would like to host a Hi Rise Dinner of the Month, please let a club board member know. You pick the restaurant! If the restaurant is in the "All Around Town" coupon book, it saves our member DOM participants \$\$\$.

Easy Peasy—just like that you're a DOM host/hostess

## **Annual Hi Rise Spring Auction**

**To be held at the April 27<sup>th</sup>  
meeting!!**

**If you would like to  
donate an item  
please call Arnie Rodriguez  
at 440/943-3975  
To let him know**

**Save the Date**

**Hi Rise Banquet**

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Guido's Generations Center  
12809 Chillicothe Rd, Chesterland Oh 44026**

**(440-729-9666) Corner of Mayfield Rd & Rt.306**

*Live - 6 Person Rock & Roll Band*



The Belairs invite you to take a trip back in time to the fabulous 50's & 60's. Journey to the days of the Twist, the Mashed Potato and the Stroll; to an age of malt shops, high school hops, and when cruising the strip to the greatest music ever created was a right of passage!

[http://www.thebelairs.us/The\\_Belairs/Home.html](http://www.thebelairs.us/The_Belairs/Home.html)



**Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club**  
**The "What's Happening"**  
**Calendar**  
**Social Chair:**  
**Mary Hanrahan 440-488-6881**

**Indoor Meeting at American Legion Hall in Willowick!! We return to our regular season meeting venue on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>!**

Visit our website at  
[www.HiRiseSkiClub.com](http://www.HiRiseSkiClub.com) for more info!



Hi Rise ordered a limited supply of these books—when they are gone, they are gone. The books make great holiday gifts too! See newsletter for more info! There are only a couple of books left!! Please support your club!



**Holimont One Day Dash:**

February 12<sup>th</sup>, Kerry Troy is your trip leader

**Bristol Mountain:** February 26-28, Rick Gzesh is your Trip Leader

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dinner of the Month: Harp in Ohio City**

Please contact your DOM hostess, Marilyn Daley at 216-256-7123 to RSVP

**Swain II:** March 5-6<sup>th</sup>: Leader to be announced

**Snowshoeing at Chapin Forest** : February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Contact Mary Hanrahan to reserve your space. Hot snacks/soup will be available for a nominal charge

**March DOM:** The Harp! Celebrate St. Patrick's day at this authentic Irish Pub, right in Cleveland. See the DOM flyer in this newsletter. Contact Marilyn Dailey for more info

**Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: Hi Rise Banquet w/live music provided by the Belaires! Please refer to the flyer inside the newsletter for more information!**