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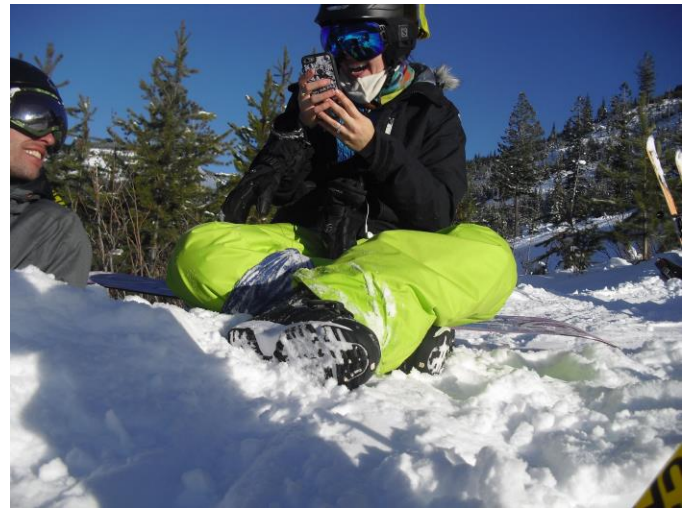
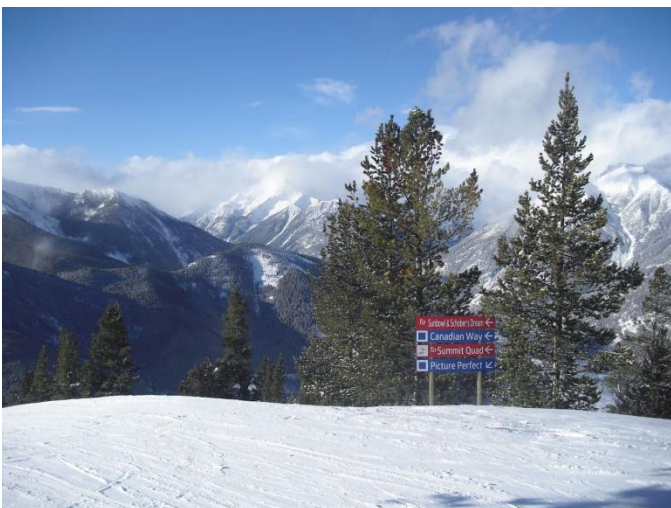
March, 2018
Hello Sunshine!



Going out West to ski for a week with your group of friends is always great and something I look forward to for the 8 months after we announce the trip. Of course during that time airlines reschedule and cancel flights making your travel days long and tiring, especially flying out of Cleveland, but what choice do we have? When choosing trips I always look at the air hoping to get us to the resort early enough to acclimate to the resort the day before we start enjoying the slopes. We flew United this year to Denver catching a flight to Calgary that was originally scheduled to land at 12:45 PM so we could get on our charter bus for a scenic 3 hour drive through the Canadian Rockies and arriving at Panorama by 6PM. Of course our flight was re-scheduled landing at 3:20PM, giving us a bus ride in the dark and not arriving until after 9 PM, a 14 hour travel day by my calculations. Not to go on but our return flight was supposed to also go through Denver but United cancelled the flight in September when we had 33 of the 55 seats booked. We ended up going through Houston and landing in Cleveland at 10:30. (Or was it 11:30)

Anyway, on Monday morning the 40 of us hit the slopes for a great day with partly sunny skies, temperatures in the low to mid 20's and fabulous vistas of the Rockies. All of the 132 runs were open and we enjoyed a small dusting most nights. Monday night we had our welcome wine and cheese party attended by most so we could tell stories about our adventures of the day. During the party the fire alarm was activated for about 10 to 15 minutes, we had an alarm bell ring in the building and my son Rob spent most of the time holding the bell in our party area and reducing the noise to keep us all relatively sane. The condos had a large common room just inside the main door and conveniently right next door to our condo where we gathered for our parties. The club stayed here back in 2003 and although the condos had aged a little and could use new furnishings in some, it's all about location here.

Normally our skiers meet for lunch somewhere on the mountain, at Panorama they have a couple of small restaurants on the mountain but nothing that could accommodate more than 20 people. So we decided to just eat lunch in our condos all week because we were at a true ski in, ski out resort. We'd get our equipment from the lockers, walk about 30 yards and were on the slopes, if adventurous enough when skiing in we could get within inches of the door. Although I remember it to be much larger the last time I was there, they had an outdoor hot tub large enough to fit the full group and 2 smaller ones that were very crowded the day they cleaned the larger tub. The tubs are a great place to enjoy a beverage, soothe your sore muscles and tell our tales from the day.



When Hi Rise was here in 2003 the mountain had 2 T-bars you had to ride if you wanted to get to the summit of the mountain. In 2004, it was replaced by a chair lift that is still there today and made the journey to the top much easier. The favorite run up top was View of 1,000 Peaks, a black diamond that was not too steep and groomed most days but the view of the various peaks was amazing. The summit also gave you access to Taynton Bowl, all double black runs and hiking was also involved. We hiked for 15-20 minutes (The most I have ever done) which got us a little more than halfway through the bowl but gave us fresh knee deep powder. On our last day my son and Justin did this four times including going all the way to the end.



Wednesday, we got on a bus for an hour and a half ride north that turned into 2 hours due to snow, that's a good thing. We got off the bus, into our gear and onto the Gondola for our day in the fresh snow at Kicking Horse. 4,200 vertical feet later we arrived at the summit and in the middle of a cloud above the tree line where visibility was practically zero, but there was a lot of

snow. We carefully headed down the slope to one of my favorite chairlifts of all time “Stairway to Heaven” also a good song. The snow was nice but it was very hard to see at the top. Unfortunately, it was too tough for a number of people but the lodge up top is very nice and the food fine, great views as well but... We had a fun bus ride back to Panorama and the hot tubs.

Thursday we had our pizza party that was attended by all and had no fire alarms.



The village at the bottom is relatively small with only a few restaurants but from my experience and what I heard the food was quite good with great selections. The T-Bar Grill right at Mile Run Lift was a popular spot to both eat and meet for a beverage either right after skiing or late into the evening. Cabin Restaurant and Smokehouse was closest to our condos (Couple hundred yards) and frequented by many of us with good food including shareable plate of both meats and seafood. Other options included s'mores and food on the Mountain some with snow cats.

Thursday was also the day that Justin and Mark were picked up in the morning and within 5 minutes were at the village where their helicopter was waiting. They headed West through the valley for 10-15 minutes where they enjoyed 6 powder filled runs making first tracks on each of them. Due to visibility they didn't get to the top of the Mountain but still got runs of 2,500 to 3,000 vertical feet.



(We only have 260' at Boston Mills). In the Panorama Mountain village there is a good distance down to the river where “downtown—lower village” is and serviced by a small gondola, this takes us to the grocery and liquor store while it is used by the employees to get to and from work on the slopes.

We continued to enjoy the slopes, hot tubs and company Friday and Saturday where the base was still good but they could have used a few more inches of snow to freshen conditions just a little. We capped the week off with the “clean out your fridge” party Saturday night. We had the bus pick us up around 5 AM to make our flights. In the dark we went down the steep dark switchback road into Invermere and then through Kootney National Park. When we crossed from British Columbia into Alberta we entered into Banff National Park just south of Lake Louise and by Sunshine. As we were driving by the town of Banff the sun was starting to come over the Rockies allowing us to finally view the wonderful scenery on our way to Calgary for the final 100 miles.



Interesting to note: the majority of condo owners in Panorama are from Calgary and they have to drive directly through Banff, an extra 2 hours through Mountain Highways. Why you ask? In Panorama most of the accommodations are ski in, ski out or a short walk to the slopes that are almost empty. Lift lines are nonexistent and the skiing is all that you want it to be with wonderful vistas whichever way you look. Our last day was Saturday, the busiest of our trip and was part of an Alberta long weekend (Family Day was Monday) and surprisingly it was still not busy. This is a great

destination, just a little hard to get to from here but well worth it.

Thank you to everyone that came on the trip and signed up early enough to make it a huge success. Thanks to my wife, RoseAnn, who helps me with all of the details and parties that we run. Let me know if you have any ideas for next year, in April I'll be attending MTS in Lake Tahoe where the search for next year's destination will begin.

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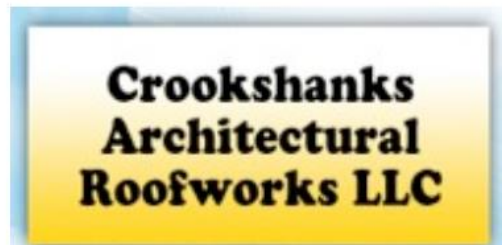
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**Please save the date:
Friday, May 11th 2018
Hi Rise Ski Club Annual
Banquet!!**

**More info will be provided
soon! Live band, open bar,
great food and guest!
Invitations are about to be
mailed to you!**

It's going to be a good time!!



Hi Rise Ski Club News you can use!
By Bob Maclauchlan

Isn't it nice to have daylight savings time arrive 3 or 4 weeks earlier than it used to and the days are getting longer? Of course on the downside, the days are also getting warmer (At least suppose to!) and that means the end of ski season as spring approaches, but don't fret. Local skiing in New York is still available, Peek N Peak is expecting to stay open until the end of the month and Holiday Valley is hoping to have snow into the first week of April. Remember they have their own micro climate and shade on the hills to preserve the base. If you have time and money the season out West is extended into May or longer. I'll be in Tahoe the second week of April looking for bargains on trips for next year. Unlike last year, they've had a sparse snowfall this season but 24" in early March has brought new life to the slopes. Hopefully we can all get on the boards at least once more this year.

Talking about skiing I just wanted to update you on the current state of skiing and what is happening with two major companies offering unlimited season passes at more than 30 resorts each for a reasonable price of \$899. Most of you are aware that Vail Resorts has been offering its Epic Pass for the last 5 or 6 years which includes all of the resorts they own and many others including both Telluride and Resorts of the Canadian Rockies. This is a great package and at over \$140 for a single day lift tickets at their premier resort you can see the savings if you go on two trips. We always receive good lift pricing when we buy group tickets so if you only plan one trip it's the next best option.

Last year another skiing group made major strides and is now offering a competitive package called Ikon Pass. This is put together by Alterra Mountain Company that owns well known resorts such as Deer Valley, Squaw Valley, Steamboat, Mammoth and have partnered with other major players Aspen, Banff, Jackson Hole, Big Sky and Killington. A list of what resorts each company offers is attached and both have a lower cost option in the \$600+ range that fits us Midwesterners just fine. If you are interested I suggest you do your homework to find the pass that fits you best for your travel next year. Both passes went on sale in early March and could influence where you want to ski. Please refer to this website for more info:

<http://www.snocountry.com/news/entry/season-pass-face-off-begins-epic-vs-ikon>

The warm weather also means that Hi Rise's calendar is soon coming to an end which means we'll have nominations for our Queen beginning

this week and The Board, at March's last meetings and April's first get together. We would like to see you get more involved with your club whether it's running for the board, offering to run an event or even suggesting an activity that we have not done lately or ever. The club is very sound financially and being well run by only a few members, we would like to have some help us for next year. The board has done an excellent job running Social events without a chair this year.

We still have 5 meetings left at The Legion Hall and would like to see you come out and meet friends; you may find someone to go to the slopes with. The elections are April 25th which is also the night of our annual slave and services auction which goes a long way to supporting us financially. Consider donating a product or a service, it could be a hotel night using your points or to entertain in your home for an evening.

Thanks and hope to see you at an event soon.
Skol!

Epic Pass		Ikon Pass	
	Cost \$899		Cost \$899
Vail	X	Aspen	
Beaver Creek	X	Snowmass	
Breckenridge	X	Steamboat	X
Keystone	X	Winter Park	X
A-Basin		Copper Mountain	
Telluride		Eldora	
Park City	X	Squaw Valley	X
Whistler	X	Alpine Meadows	X
Heavenly	X	Mammoth	X
Northstar	X	June Mountain	
Kirkwood	X	Big Bear	
Stowe	X	Jackson Hole	
Afton Alps	X	Big Sky	
Wilmot	X	Stratton	X
Mt. Brighton	X	Killington	
Perisher	X	Sugarbush	
Hakuba Valley		Snowshoe	X
Kicking Horse		Tremblant	X
Fernie		Blue Mountain	X
Kimberly		Sunshine	
Nakiska		Lake Louise	
Mont Sainte Anne		Norquay	
Stoneham		Revelstoke	
Les 3 vallees		Sunday River	
4 Vallees		Sugarloaf	
Paradiski		Loon	
Tignes-Val D'Isere		Deer Valley	X
Arlberg		Alta	
Skirama Dolomiti		Snowbird	
		CMH Heli Skiing	X
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Upcoming Dinners of the Month:
April: The Cabin, Willowick your host: Bob Maclauchlan

May: Moorehouse, Downtown Willoughby, your host: Dennis Rosa

June: La Dolca Vita, Murray Hill, your hostess, RoseAnn DiVincenzo

Hi Rise Dinner of the Month

Wednesday April 4th



28810 Lakeshore Blvd. Willowick, OH.

Cocktails at 6:30, Happy Hour 5-7
Dinner 7:00 in private room
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**Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club
The "What's Happening"
Calendar**

**We meet from September
to May at the American
Legion Hall in Willowick.**

**Summer Meetings are held at an outdoor
venue to be announced in the Spring**

April DOM at "The Cabin" in Willowick. Bob Maclauchlan is your host. More info in this newsletter

April 7th: One Club Golf Outing. Pick your weapon wisely. See the flyer in this newsletter

Queen and Hi Rise Board Nominations 3/14 through 4/11/18

April 25th meeting: Annual Hi Rise Auction. There is always a lot of friendly bidding for the various items being offered. If you have an item or service you would like to contribute, please contact Arnie Rodriguez.

May DOM: Moorehouse, Downtown Willoughby. Dennis Rosa is your host

May 11th, Annual Hi Rise Membership Banquet! Celebrate the winter and get ready to enjoy the summer!

May 30th: Be there or be Square: "The Spirits of Willoughby" for Happy Hour

June DOM: LaDolce Vita, Murray Hill. Your hostess, RoseAnn DiVincenzo

July DOM: Trader Jacks on the Chagrin River/Eastlake

July 21, 2018 CMSC MetroCup Golf Tournament. Course location to be announced.