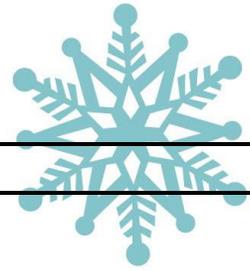


Venture



January, 2017



Holimont - One Day Dash
Friday, February 17th, 2017
\$82 per person

HOLIMONT
#2

(Special price of \$50 for members who renewed membership prior to November 30th)

Depart Kirtlander at 6:15 am.
9270 S.R. 306, Kirtland
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)
(email) ktroy@sbcglobal.net

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 Hi Rise trip agreement form.

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March 3-4 2017

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\$313 pp based on double occupancy

\$274 pp triple - \$264 pp quad.

Add \$10 if not a member of Hi Rise or Continental Ski Clubs

To Reserve your spot, please fill out the form below (1 per person) and our **Trip Agreement** (on reverse or available on our website) and mail the **Check** made out to "Hi Rise Ski Club" along with this form to:

Rick Gzesh, 161 E. 220th St., Euclid, OH 44123.
HM 216- 261-4459 or Cell 412-491-4511 rickgz@aol.com

**Bus Boards at Kirtlander Party Center, 9270 Chillicothe Rd, Kirtland OH 44094
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Visit our website: hiriseskiclub.com Visit Bristol's website: bristolmountain.com

All Hi Rise trips are subject to the terms and conditions of our trip agreement

Name: _____ Phone _____

Please Check: Double PP \$313 _____ Triple PP \$274 _____ Quad PP \$264 _____

Note: Triple and Quad requests must find their own roommates to secure their room request. For Doubles, we will try our best to accommodate all roommate requests but no guarantee.

Total \$ Amount Enclosed _____ Check # _____

Room Mate Preference: _____

**Niagara Escarpment and NOTL Winery
Tour (Nov. 5th & 6th, 2016)**
By Dennis Rosa, Wine Connoisseur



This was our pre-dawn breakfast before starting our second venture to the NOTL Canadian Wine Region with 44 anxious wine tasters. This year we tested the Niagara Escarpment that is west of the NOTL region. We finished our breakfast and coffee on the bus and began the largest ever “wine tour bus raffle”. With over four cases of purchased and home-made wine to raffle off, along with many great donated raffle items from the attendees. Some were large and decorative works of art, a violin case with a portable bar including a bottle of wine. (Pegge Drysdale did some mean shopping, along with many of the other gift donors. It took over an hour to raffle off all the prizes. Thank you all for the donations to the make the raffle a success.



We headed to west of the Welland Canal on the Niagara Peninsula to Hidden Bench Vineyards and Winery near Beamsville, Ontario. We ate our What-About-Bob’s lunch the bus and then unloaded for the first



wine tasting and tour. The proprietor, Harald Theil met us and instructed us to break into two groups for the special sit down Wine tasting with artisanal cheeses. One group toured while the other group had the tasting. Harald informed all of us on the tour of the vineyards and wine making facility that groups as large



as ours are not normally permitted but somehow I was able to convince their Retail Manager Meg McGrath to let us in. This is one of Carol’s and

my favorite wineries in the area. Harald also informed us that Hidden Bench is rated as one of the top three wineries in all of Ontario/Canada. The winery sits on the prime land in the area and land sells for \$75,000/acre vs. \$20,000/acre in the NOTL area to the east.

As you can see below their wine making facility had some of highest quality equipment (from France) and the building itself was made of beautiful wood construction. The oak casks below were just reconditioned from a craftsman from France this



summer. We did tour the vineyards first and were informed that Hidden Bench an organic/sustainable winery. They even used Asian radishes which grow very long like large carrots or parsnips to aerate the soil between the vines. They have three vineyards in which they grow Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Cab Franc, Merlot, Cab. Sav. and some Malbec.

We made purchases then proceeded to Fielding Estate Winery down the road. This facility has a more modern architecture. Fielding broke us in to groups and started the tour and tastings. Fielding has an open building design with lots of windows that face toward the vineyards and



We ventured to our last Saturday stop – Calamus Estate Winery. This was a smaller winery that was developed from an old farm and barn that was renovated to keep the antique beam/structure and modernize the second floor for sit down events and tastings. The owner reviewed the history and introduced the tastings. More good wine!



We headed for the Days Inn Near the Falls Hotel to check in. There was no check in needed and the hotel had all our room keys by name ready again. Some attendees visited Niagara Falls. We checked in and prepped for dinner. We all found different restaurants within walking or cab distance. There are a lot of excellent restaurants in the Fall's area. We went to Napoli's Italian restaurant and the food was great.

Lake Ontario. The weather was just beautiful as we toured the vineyard and the wine making areas. The group wine tasting area was upstairs and had a view of the tank room and a glass wall to the outside.

The sunny clear weather helped us with the clear view of Lake Ontario and the vineyards from the Fielding Estate viewing decks.

We departed for Flat Rock Cellars which had a tasting table ready for us in the vineyard.



From the vineyard tasting we moved into the winemaking facility and into the retail / observation deck with the highest view of the vineyards and Lake Ontario, as Marilyn and others can attest.



The great weather continued on Sunday as we had a continental breakfast at the hotel and departed for our



first stop – Jackson-Triggs Winery. Very modern and large with lots of glass to let the light in. We started with a sparkling white Brut wine which cleansed our palates.

We were pleasantly surprised by the quality of the wines at Jackson-Triggs along with the pricing. Of course we had a fantastic exchange rate that helped during our trip.



We toured the large commercial wine making area and were amazed at the number and size of the storage tanks. They informed us that the tanks were loaded by cranes through the open roof during construction.



We moved down into the barrel room for our final



tastes.

We headed next door to Stratus Vineyards which is a modern, ergonomic and organic winery with French burgundy style wines. Higher prices and higher quality. We tasted our wines and visited the retail area and headed to the Little Red Rooster restaurant for lunch and gained strength for our final visits. Reif Estate



Winery is a German Style winery that had a wine making history in Germany. The original

immigrants decided they were going to build a winery in the NOTL region after tasting the wines being made with the concord and other local grapes (not good). We had an enjoyable host who entertained us throughout the tour and tastings, finishing off with a nice Vidal Ice Wine.





Coyote Run Estate Winery was the last tour/tasting stop before heading to Buffalo. While the tasting/retail building is small, the wine making facilities had quite a bit of capacity. We tasted in the different facilities and outside, along with some fruit flies to cap off a second great day of tastings.



We headed to Buffalo for dinner and beer tastings at the Big Ditch Brewing Company. They provided our own room to eat and finish off the day.



We headed back to the Kirtlander Party Center parking lot a little late. Hopefully everyone learned more and gained additional knowledge on region/winery history, viticulture, winemaking, grapes, types of wine and of course tasting wines. Special thanks to all that donated to the bus/wine raffle which was our largest to date and thank you all for attending and making the trip a **great success**. This was one of the most fun, educational and organized trips to date. See <http://winecountryontario.ca/> for NOTL information. Stay tuned for our next venture! Keep tasting my friend.



Special Chinese New Year Dinner - February 1st, 2017 DOM Year of The Rooster



Hi Rise Dinner of the
Month -
Wednesday, February 1st,
2017

Siam Café - see menu
on back

3951 St. Clair Ave. NE,
Cleveland, Oh 44114
(216) 361-2323 (at East 40th and
St.Clair Ave.)

Cost- TBA/per person includes sales
tax & 18% gratuity

Menu: This is a special multi-dish
Chinese Dinner - (includes tea/water and
dessert)

Hard or other soft drinks are extra on your
tab -- 6:30 PM arrive for drinks and sit
down at 7:15 PM for dinner to begin to
serve/eat, please be prompt.

Call Dennis Rosa at 216-990-1411 (cell) or
email dennisrosa@aol.com and/or sign up on
the sign-up sheet, so the restaurant can
plan for the quantity/group to cook for,
since this is a special dinner to be prepared
for Hi Rise.

Sign up for this special treat! Also you
can order from their menu if you prefer.

Enjoy! Denny

Menu:

- Soup- Seafood, vegetable and tofu
soup
- Peking Duck
- Appetizers - Spring Rolls, Dumplings
- Entrees: six dishes
 - o Shrimp with Black Bean Sauce
 - o Sautéed Filet of Flounder
 - o Beef Tenderloin with Special
Sauce
 - o Chicken and Basil
 - o Eggplant and black pepper
sauce with Bok Choy
 - o Green beans and garlic sauce
- Rice: Brown or steamed white rice
- Dessert- ice cream
- Beverage- Water or Hot Tea

Soft or hard drinks extra

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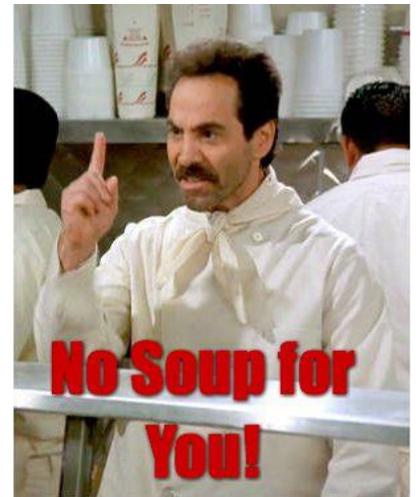
Superbowl Squares game is
underway! Please see Cindy
Rasanow to learn more and buy a
square or two!

Calling all Cooks! Souper-bowl Contest! February 8, 2017 SouperBowl Contest!!

Soup making
contest at
meeting on
February 8th

Enter your
favorite pot of
soup for this
always fun
contest of
culinary skills!

Please contact RoseAnn DiVincenzo at 216-
659-3991 to let her know you will be
making soup! PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!



Hi Rise has a DropBox account!!

Do you have skiing or club event photos you
would like to share with the club?

Please use our drop box account via this
website

www.dropbox.com

...log into the account in the upper right corner
of your screen.

Our account name is:

RoseAnn_DiVincenzo@yahoo.com The

password to access the account is:

FluffySnow2017 (the F and S are capitalized)

As an alternative method to share your photos,
you can upload them to the Hi Rise Ski Club
Facebook page!



Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club
The “What’s Happening”
Calendar
Social Chair:
Mary Hanrahan 440-488-
6881

Fall Meeting Location:

VFW Hall, located behind the Save-A-Lot Grocery store on Vine Street: Address is below. Map is enclosed w/Newsletter. Visit our website at www.HiRiseSkiClub.com for more info!

NEW LOCATION for indoor meetings

New VFW Hall:

33641 Vine Street, Willowick, OH 44095

(behind the Save-a-Lot) grocery store



Happy New Year and welcome 2017!

January 21st to 28th:

Weeklong Western Trip to Telluride, Colorado
Bob Maclauchlan is our fearless leader to our 100% sold out trip!

February Dinner of the Month: Chinese New Year with Dennis Rosa! Please refer to flyer in this newsletter—price will be announced soon!

February 17th: One Day Dash #2 to HOLIMONT
Please refer to Kerry’s flyer in this newsletter

March 1st: March Dinner of the Month at Willoughby Brewing Company: Trish Carleton is the hostess for this DOM.

March 3rd and 4th: BRISTOL MOUNTAIN COMBINED RACES!! Rick Gzesh is your leader. Please refer to trip flyer in this newsletter