

# Venture

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February, 2019

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## Snowmass 2019

By Trip Leader, Bob Maclauchlan



Forty-one is the magic number for us this year, it sounds like a strange number, but it worked very well for our weeklong ski trip this year. Our group of 41 skiers had a direct flight on Saturday morning to Denver and everyone was on the same Southwest flight that went smoothly. Those of us that wanted to sit in an aisle or window seat got to do so. After landing we gathered our fee free luggage (all present and accounted for!) We loaded the Arrow bus for the long trip to Applejack's in Denver to stock up on groceries and beverages. We were met there by Gloria Sayia our Ski.com, sales representative that was kind enough to buy us beverages for the bus trip to Snowmass and lots of water.

We headed up the face of the Rockies to Aspen and the wonderful scenery. The drive was 90 minutes longer than planned due to high traffic volume heading into the mountains for weekend fun at The X Games which were taking place at Buttermilk ski area in Aspen this weekend. Our lodging was The Villas at Snowmass where a highly organized group of staff members met our bus and portered all our bags to nicely appointed condos we would stay in all week. Each unit was different, but they were all very nice with plenty of room for everyone. After making sure our luggage arrived at our respective condos, they had a small welcome party with wine, beer and I believe some snacks, but they were gone before myself and others arrived. We quickly found out that RoseAnn and her crutches wouldn't be able to get around

the property, but the staff were more than willing to transport her around from door to door in their available vehicles making it very easy for us.

I warned everyone that skiing on Sunday would be busy at Snowmass, but thankfully I was wrong. My conversation with a ski patroller he said there were under 10,000 skiers that day, so we pretty much had the mountain to ourselves. Getting to the Snowmass Ski Area was easy from the condos; we waited outside at one of the two bus stops and within 2 minutes arrived at Two Creeks lift about 70 yards from where the bus dropped us off. If you were renting skis or going to Snowmass Village, just stay on the bus for another few minutes. The buses ran every 15 minutes so wait times were very short and the drivers were friendly. The mountain was great and thanks to Joe Riznar giving us each yellow caution tape we could easily identify the group as we played in the snow. A number of us met for lunch and as I was putting my skis on there was a couple with blue pole flags the same color as Hi Rise's flag. When I asked them their club name, they said Kiwi Ski Club, I replied, "from Detroit?!" — "I know your leader from MTS!" MTS= Mountain Travel Symposium. When I told them we were Hi Rise they both let out a scream, they were former members, Larry and Lee Garstick, they asked about Cindy and Cesare (Lee introduced Cindy to the club) and of course they were about 10 yards away, it's a small world, especially skiing!

Sunday night, everyone was on their own and most went into Snowmass Village for dinner and fun. Monday, we challenged Snowmass again and at night went into Aspen where we all met for dinner at The Hickory House to enjoy a barbeque dinner served compliments of Hi Rise. The menu included, ribs, chicken, brisket, pork, mashed potatoes, baked beans, salad and beverages. No one had dessert, the food was great and replaced as soon as we ran out. I had a lot of compliments about that meal.

After skiing all day most of us enjoy going to the outdoor hot for a soak, enjoy a beverage and discuss each other's day on the slopes. That was a little more difficult to do here, the Snowmass Club across the street from our condos had 3 outdoor hot tubs, an outdoor lap pool, a large gym with very modern equipment, rooms for yoga and other classes that our people took part in and received drink tickets for doing so. Both the women's and men's locker rooms had a hot tub, sauna, steam room, a cold tub (40 degrees or so) a great shower and all the accessories you need as well as a bathing



suit dryer. Yes, this was an exclusive private club (part of the golf club) for which we had full access. They had a very nice restaurant upstairs that was well priced for Aspen and Dr. Bob Akamine claimed to have had "the best Prime Rib dinners I've had in my life". We spent longer than normal in the luxurious hot tub complex so we adjusted the schedule accordingly so we could enjoy the tubs.

Tuesday a lot of people went to Aspen Ajax and Wednesday to Aspen Highlands. Both mountains are right in town and offer primarily expert terrain and

hiking options. As is our normal, we enjoy having a vista beer at the end of the day on the slopes with a great view. This week, our Vista Beer group managed to get kicked off the hill during the ski patrol sweeps four times, including Thursday



at Arnie's deck that 17 of us sang the patroller happy birthday. The song was still in our head as we had just made a video for Cindy Frabotta's father who turned 90 that day.

Aspen has a tradition of offering free pancakes for any powder day that has over 8" of new powder, I call these pancake days. The one bad thing about this trip is that we had no pancake days and to make it worse they had two the week before we arrived and three the week after! It's all about timing but we did have 4 beautiful Colorado blue bird days from Tuesday to Friday.

Thanks to everyone that joined us on the trip and especially that everyone was early or on time for events and activities, even the 2 AM bus pick up on Saturday morning. Without you we couldn't make this a go and I enjoy working with all of you. In two months, I'll be coming home from MTS where the decision process for next year's trip begins and will be announced in only 3-4 months. Let me know if there is someplace you would like to go or have any ideas.

Thanks to my wife, RoseAnn who helped a lot this year due to her injury and kept me on an even keel. Look for our next trip announcement in May or June and contact Ray Patacca about going to Holimont with us February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thanks to everyone for a great trip and we hope you had a great time!







**Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club**  
**Friday Ski Trips 2019**



**Friday, February 22, 2019**

Price: \$89 Includes:

- Lift ticket, round trip motor coach transportation
- Beverages and snacks (morning and evening)
- Coffee and Doughnuts on the bus in the morning
- Stop in Ellicottville for dinner (on your own)
- Questions? Contact trip leader, Ray Patacca at 440-227-9734

Join us on these Fridays at Holimont. There are short lines, great trails, and good snow. Holimont has upgraded their lifts in the past few years and their uphill capacity is great! You can bring a lunch for a relaxing day on the slopes. Rentals are available.

The bus will leave at 6:15 a.m. from Kirtlander Party Center.

To register please complete this form: Feb. 22

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of \$89 is enclosed YES NO (Circle one)

Please email this information to Ray Patacca at [raypatacca@yahoo.com](mailto:raypatacca@yahoo.com), to reserve your spot.

Questions: Call or text Ray at (440) 227-9734

Please bring this form and payment to a meeting or mail it to Ray or at  
5554 Ericson Lane, Willoughby OH, 44094

Please complete the trip agreement before you board the bus.

**If you haven't signed up for this trip, please do so ASAP!**  
**Contact trip leader, Ray Patacca to reserve and pay for your space!**





## Hi Rise Evening Out

Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

Monsters vs. Rocket

Quicken Loan Arena

Tickets are \$15.00/person --- Deadline of Feb. 22nd

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RSVP to Meg Goetz (phone: 440-725-8116) with a check payable to Hi Rise Club using this tab:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Email to receive your Flash Seats tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you haven't signed up and paid for your tickets, please do so NOW! We are about to call in the ticket order and need an accurate count!**

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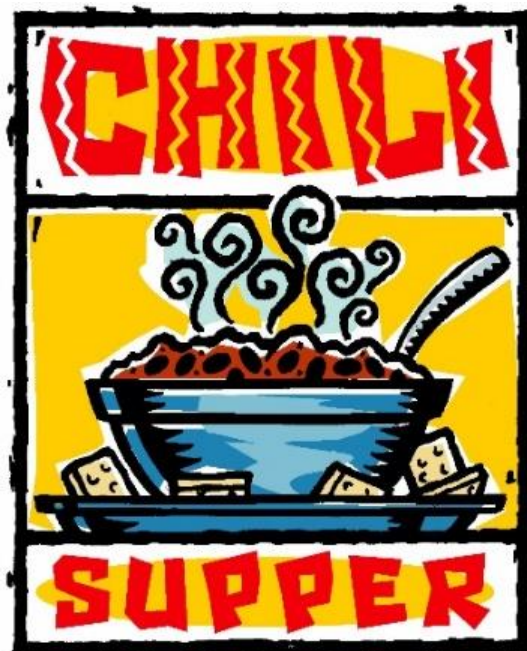
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## Upcoming Meeting Themes

Date	Theme
2/13/19	Pasta night! Cupcakes for dessert! Happy Valentine's Day
2/27/19	Chili Cookoff! Our annual cookoff brings fierce competition! PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!
3/13/19	St Patrick's day party (Corned Beef and Cabbage)
3/27/19	Indians pre-season meeting, serving hot dogs!
4/10/19	Breakfast for Dinner!!!
4/24/19	Hi Rise Goods and Service Auction (always fun—get some bargains too)
5/8/19	Ocho de Mayo!! Taco Night!

## Wednesday, February 27th Chili Cook-off!!



Prizes for the top 4 finishers!

Your recipe will be taste-tested by  
a number of chili experts who will  
vote for the best Chili! If you would  
like to participate, please notify  
RoseAnn DiVincenzo!

# HiRise Ski & Social Club March Dinner of the Month

Start Celebrating  
St. Patrick's Day  
early this year!



Wednesday, March 6, 2019

The Harp

4408 Detroit Avenue

Cleveland, OH

6:30 p.m. COCKTAILS 7:00 p.m. dinner

This iconic Ohio City landmark boasts  
a variety of features sure to please everyone.  
Mix of traditional Irish & contemporary cuisine.

A wide selection of local  
& imported beers, wines and liquors.  
Beautiful patio with great city views.

Live entertainment weekly  
(including Wednesday's at 8 p.m.)

[www.the-harp.com](http://www.the-harp.com)

RSVP by Friday, March 1, 2019 to Marilyn Daley

Text or Call – 216.256.7123

Email – [mcdaley@gmail.com](mailto:mcdaley@gmail.com)



## February Chinese New Year Dinner of the Month!!

Special Thanks to Dennis and Carol Rosa who hosted the  
February DOM—about 26 people attended and enjoyed  
the Chinese food feast!! Hope to see you all at the  
March Dinner of the Month!



Do you have photos to share from  
recent Hi Rise Events? Please  
consider sharing them via:

[www.Dropbox.com](http://www.Dropbox.com)

User Name: [RoseAnnD@AOL.com](mailto:RoseAnnD@AOL.com)

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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.

Address for The American Legion Hall:  
570 E 328th St, Willowick, OH 44095

Doors open for meeting at 7:30pm

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

March 6<sup>th</sup>: Dinner of the Month at The Harp!  
Your Hostess is Marilyn Daley. Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter!



February 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Pasta  
Night with cupcakes for  
dessert! Happy Valentine's  
Day!



February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Holimont One Day Dash with your trip leader, Ray Patacca!! Please see the flyer in this newsletter!!



February 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Chili Cook-off! Make your best chili recipe to compete for fabulous prizes!!

February 28<sup>th</sup>: Hi Rise Travels to a Monster's Hockey game! Please refer to flyer in this newsletter! You need to pay for your tickets at this Wednesday's meeting!!

