



**All Meetings are held at
the American Legion Hall**

570 East 328th Street, Willowick, OH 44095



Calendar of Upcoming Events

➤ Meeting	Wednesday, December 13	7:30 p.m.
➤ Meeting	Wednesday, December 27	7:30 p.m.
➤ Dinner of the Month	Wednesday, January 3	TBA
➤ Meeting	Wednesday, January 10	7:00 p.m.
➤ Meeting	Wednesday, January 24	7:00 p.m.
➤ Crested Butte Trip	Sat, January 27 to Sat. February 3	
➤ Dinner of the Month	Wednesday, February 7	7:00 p.m.

Skiing and Racing to Begin Soon!

We'll be skiing soon...I hope. I checked the opening dates for three Western New York areas. Peek n Peak plans to open on December 9th Holimont plans for December 16th, and Holiday Valley was open this weekend! The first weather forecast for this week was to be colder, but I noticed that it may warm up. Time will tell. Will we be skiing by Christmas? Take a look at these ski cam images and decide for yourself. To see video of skiing at HV last Sunday click [here](#). If you get the Sunday Plain Dealer, look for the annual listing of local ski areas including opening dates time, lift prices, and more.

In the meantime, CMSC has been busy with planning the race program. The regulations for this year's race program are published in this newsletter.

A couple of points to be noted are: First, if you pre-register and are a member of Hi Rise your race registration fee is covered by the club. If you do not pre-register, you must pay the \$25 fee yourself and you will not be reimbursed by Hi Rise. Second, work assignments for race days will be made. If a racer fails to complete his/her assigned task, your race for that day will be considered a DQ. BTW, only one third of all racers are assigned tasks at the day's race. To learn more, see the Hi Rise Racer News on page 8.



Webcam view from Holiday Valley Lodge Tues. Dec 5



Holimont webcam Tues., Dec. 5

Time to Renew Your Membership!

Please print the membership **renewal form on page 12**.

You may mail it to Nate or bring it to a meeting.



Updates from Your Board

- We are selling the **All-Around Town** books this year! The books are \$28 each. See meetings chair, Arnie Rodriguez, to purchase yours.
- The annual banquet will be held at the St. Noel's Party Center.
- Both western trips are full. However, we have a waiting list. Please see Bob Mac to be added to the wait list.
- **We are looking for social ideas.** What would you like to do? If you have an idea, please share it with one of the board members – even if you don't want to run the event. We will find a way to make it happen. This is your club!



Your 2023-2024 Hi Rise Ski & Sports Club Board

Bob Akamine - Board Chairman

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Jessie Anderson – Treasurer

Guy Nerren – Secretary

Arnie Rodriguez

Dennis Rosa

Ray Patacca

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Upcoming Meetings & Themes

Dec 13 The club's annual Christmas party. See the article on page 3.

Dec 27 New Years Eve dry run. Also, ugly sweater night and fruitcake night

Jan 10 Chili cookoff. Calling all chili makers to participate.

Jan 24 Soup night. Calling all soup makers to participate. This is also the pre-trip meeting for Crested Butte.

Feb. 14 Baker's Night Bring in you special baked goods to share.

Feb. 28 Breakfast for Dinner and how to make maple syrup by Ray Patacca

March 13 Irish night with corn beef! And Telluride pre trip meeting

March 27 Guardians Night - get ready for baseball! We'll even serve hot dogs to get you in the mood.

If you have a cool idea for a meeting theme, please see Arnie R.

The Super Bowl is Coming and So is Super Bowl Squares

The Super Bowl this year is Sunday, February 11th. Join the fun in the Hi Rise Super Bowl Squares. You can begin to pick your squares at the next meeting on December 13th. The rules are the same as in the past -you pick a square and the coordinate numbers will be assigned in a random drawing after the board is sold out. Cost per square is \$2. Prizes are awarded for numbers that match game scores at the end of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters and the final score. Good luck!

Upcoming Events



Ah, yes, it is Christmastime again this year! And, Hi Rise is preparing to celebrate with you! Our annual Christmas party is set for Wednesday, December 13th. So, get gussied up and be ready to feast. This year Roger, Adrian, Russ, and Bob Mac will host a delectable feast for your taste buds. We'll start with appetizers Turkey, smoked turkey, and ham will be the main course. Side dishes will include green bean casserole, stuffing, mac 'n cheese, and a garden salad. So, what about desserts, you ask? We are asking our members to share their favorite Christmas treats like cookies, pies, and cakes. Any good dessert as long as it's your favorite. Want to join us, and we hope you do, please **RSVP to Bob Mac at bobmaclauchlan@yahoo.com** (just click on the email link to respond) by **Monday, December 10th**. See you at the meeting on December 13th. Merry Christmas!



January Dinner of the Month

January 3, 2024



Holiday Inn Cleveland-Mayfield
780 Beta Dr, Mayfield, OH 44143

Join us on the first Wednesday of the new year. We'll celebrate the new year with Italian food and wine. Alfredo's is famous for its made from scratch great Italian food, click [here](#) to see the dinner menu. The restaurant is in the Holiday Inn on Beta Drive in Mayfield. Bob Mac is hosting the first DOM of the year. To reserve your spot call or text Bob Mac at 440 6225-1263 or sign up at the December meetings.



Looks like they have some tasty Italian Christmas cookies for you Holiday feast.



More Upcoming Events

February Dinner of the Month Wednesday, February 7th 2024



Celebrate the Chinese New Year with us at the Siam Café on Wednesday, February 7th. Chinese New Year this year begins on February 10th and is celebrated for sixteen days. We, however, are jumping the gun, so to speak and are celebrating early. Practice makes perfect, I guess!



This is the year, 2024, of the Dragon. If you were born in the year of the dragon, you may be ambitious, energetic, and charismatic. They can be natural leaders, confident and unafraid to take risks, and have magnetic personalities in social and professional circles. According to Chinese tradition says that the year of the dragon will bring authority, prosperity, and good fortune.

If you've attended last year in the year of the rabbit or another year, you know that the Chinese food at Siam's is always good. Join us for the fun!

To see the menu, please click [here](#). Please see page 11 for more details

In Case You Missed it!

Open House at Little Mountain

The week before Thanksgiving, Little Mountain Ski Shop offered an open house to HI Rise Ski Club. And it was, indeed, very well attended, the wine flowed, and the appetizers were plentiful, as promised. But the discounted ski items were the big hit. I hear that Joe Rizner bought a pair of boots - and kept Rick busy, Nate bought a new coat, and Doc Bob managed to find a pair of rear entry boots... yes, I said rear entry. They were modified from the ones you may

remember from many years ago. I look forward to hear how Doc Bob likes them. Ray only bought a new pair of gloves, but he was intrigued by the new BOA "cable" boots. The evening was filled with stories and good conversation. Thank you to Greg and the entire Little Mountain staff for an enjoyable evening. Think snow!



More Stuff You May Have Missed!

Hi Rise to Celebrate Beaujolais Nouveau Day

Hi Risers partook in a delicious Beaujolais wine tasting at the November 29th meeting lead by Dennis Rosa and Jim Sperk, President of the Northern Ohio Wine Guild. Thanks, guys!

We learned that Beaujolais wine comes from pinot grapes and can be sweet or dry. How did



We were intensely listening to Dennis and Jim as we learned the nuances of Beaujolais wine.

we determine the best Beaujolais? To start, Dennis gave us a score sheet with five categories including appearance, aroma, taste, after taste, and price. Each one was rated, and the score totaled. Surprisingly, I chose a semi sweet Beaujolais - I usually like dry wines. One thing I learned is that only your taste determines your best wine no matter the cost!

Play Hockey!

Play Hockey? Well, no, unless you are Bob Mac, as for the rest of us we'll just cheer on the Monsters. And that's what happened on Saturday December 3rd at the Rocket Mortgage Field House. The Monsters won with



The fourth goal for the Monsters at the unattended Comets goal.

a score of 4 to 2 against the Utica Comets from New York state. The Monsters scored the first and last goal. The winning point was made from across the ice into the Comets goal late in the third period while the goalie was in the penalty box.

Jodi, Are you rooting for the CLE team or your hometown team the Utica Comets?



Hi Risers enjoying a night out at the

It was a good game and there were no fights! Thanks to Meg for organizing the event!

The I've Been There Contest – Skiing at the Movies?

This month's I've Been There Contest take us into the warm movie house. We've all seen the Warren Miller movies or the Sun Valley Serenade with Sonia Henie and the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

So, here is a month's ski movie challenge. How many of these top ski movies have you seen? There is a Warren Miller movie on the list, and I threw in the Sun Valley Serenade just for fun. The rules are the same. You must attend the meeting to win Hi Rise Bucks.

1. The rules **Downhill Racer (1969)**: This film, starring Robert Redford, offers a deep character study against the competitive backdrop of Olympic skiing.
2. **Aspen Extreme (1993)**: A drama about two friends who become ski instructors in Aspen, blending elements of action, romance, and the allure of the ski lifestyle.
3. **The Blizzard of Aahhh's (1988)**: A pioneering film in extreme skiing, it features legends of the sport tackling some of the world's most challenging terrains.
4. **Better Off Dead (1985)**: Starring John Cusack, this comedy is known for its unique humor and memorable ski scenes.
5. **Ski Patrol (1990)**: A comedic look at the life of a ski patrol team, offering a humorous perspective on ski resort dynamics.
6. **Claim (2008)**: Known for its high-energy sequences, this modern ski film showcases some of the top talents in skiing.
7. **Steep (2007)**: A breathtaking documentary that explores the history and excitement of extreme skiing.
8. **Valhalla (2013)**: This film is noted for its beautiful cinematography and philosophical exploration of skiing, freedom, and connection to nature.
9. **Journey (2003)**: Often considered one of Warren Miller's best, "Journey" takes viewers on a global adventure, exploring diverse skiing cultures and breathtaking landscapes, true to Miller's legacy of captivating ski cinematography and narrative.
10. **GNAR the Movie (2010)**: A tribute to Shane McConkey, mixing humor, skiing skill, and the "Game of GNAR." It's a fun and irreverent look at skiing culture, interspersed with impressive skiing footage.
11. **Sun Valley Serenade (1941)**: Starring Olympic ice skater Sonia Henie, John Payne, and the Glenn Miller band. If you were at Sun Valley a few years ago, this movie was playing every time you turned on the TV.

From: We Asked ChatGPT: "What Are The Greatest Ski Movies Of All-time?" Click [here](#) to read the article. To read the Sun Valley article click [here](#).

The winners of last month's I've Been There Contest are **Joe Risner, Arnie Rodriguez and Bob Mac**. Congratulations!



Snow Making 101



By Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Ray Patacca

Well, here I am at home on the first real snow day of the season wondering if the snow will last, will I be skiing on man-made snow or real snow? I found a cool video about snow making that inspired this article.

But... instead of researching snow making and writing an article, I thought it would be cool to try Artificial Intelligence (AI). I found it in my Microsoft Account. It's called CoPilot. So, here is the article authored by AI.

Snowmaking is the process of producing snow by forcing water and pressurized air through a "snow gun" or "snow cannon" ¹. A water and air mixture is sprayed into the atmosphere, where it freezes into small ice crystals that fall to the ground and accumulate as snow ¹ & ².

The snowmaking process requires low temperatures, and the threshold temperature for snowmaking increases as humidity decreases ¹. Wet-bulb temperature is used as a metric since it takes air temperature and relative humidity into account ¹. The damper the air, the less moisture it can absorb. The higher the atmospheric humidity, the colder it must be to turn the small water droplets into snow crystals ¹.

Snowmaking machines have addressed the shortage in the supply of snow; however, there are significant environmental costs associated with the artificial production of snow ¹. According to the European Environment Agency, the length of snow seasons in the northern hemisphere has decreased by five days each decade since the 1970s, thus increasing the demand for the production of artificial snow ¹.

It even went on to tell me the difference between synthetic and natural snow. Artificial snow is dense and natural snow is light and fluffy. Experienced skiers probably know that.

That's it, the first AI created article for the Hi Rise Venture newsletter. I was surprised to learn that we lost five days of skiing per decade since 1970, that's 30 days we lost per year! Hmm, that seems right since I recall skiing in early December and always on New Years. So, what do you think of my AI article?

If you'd like to see the video that inspired this article, click [here](#).

References

1. en.wikipedia.org 2. technoalpin.com 3. www.snow-state.com

Hi Rise Racer News

CO RACE CHAIRS- GUY NERREN & RICK GZEDH

MEMBERSHIP- You must be a member of Hi Rise to race on our team. Contact Guy, Rick, or Nate Diederich.

RACE SCHEDULES- Are available at meetings, on our Web Site. In our NEWSLETTER, on CMSC WEB SITE.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR RACES- Forms are available at meetings, on our WEB SITE, and in our NEWSLETTER. Hi Rise will pay race fees for those who advance register and attend 5 or more races. Some races will be advance register only. To register yourself late on race day will cost you at least \$25.00 per race.

COMBINED RACE WEEKENDS- SKIER COMBINED is at Bristol. **SNOWBOARDER COMBINED** is at Swain II. BOTH require advance registration. NO registration on race day. BOTH require that you have two races started prior to the combined event.

WORK ASSIGNMENTS- For each race, one-third of our racers may be assigned to work that race. Assignments are posted in the bib pick up area. It is your responsibility to check the list. If you are assigned to work, show up at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the race. If you prefer to work at or not work at a particular race, let Guy or Rick know at least a week in advance. **RACERS WHO FAIL TO SHOW FOR WORK ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE DQd.**

HELMETS- Are required for every race.

NO BYOB- Please do not bring your own booze onto the ski area premises.

LIFT TICKETS- Some areas may offer discounts for racers and may ask to see your bib. Others may only sell online.

DQ & RESULT SHEETS- Are usually posted in the bib pick up area about one hour after the last race of the day. It is your responsibility to check to verify your race times and/or any DQ. If you dispute either the times or the DQ, find Guy or Rick to discuss the issue and possibly file a protest. The time limit to do so is 30 minutes after posting.

START TIMES- For most races will be 10:00 AM for the first GROUP of the day. Some races may start earlier.

RACE ORDER- For most races will be: GROUP I SKIERS: Super Senior Vets, Open Elite, AAW, AAM, AW, AM, BBBM, A Qualifiers. Then, after about 45 minutes, GROUP II SKIERS: Senior Vets, BBW, BBM, BW, BM, CCW, CCM, CM C Qualifiers, Then ALL SNOW BOARDERS. A few races may have different start orders which are posted in the bib pick up area.

CLASS CHANGES- If you wish to ask to change your assigned race class, you must do so through Guy or Rick, at least seven days prior to the next race.

QUALIFICATION- For both skiers and boarders if you have never raced in CMSC before, or have not in some time, you can qualify at any race by registering as a QUALIFIER and completing two runs after which you will be assigned to a racer class that matches your ability.

GUY NERREN 1-216-577-3552, skilaw@sbcglobal.net

RICK GZESH 1-412-491-4511, rickgz@aol.com.

2024 CMSC Adult Race Schedule

January 6 – 7: Holiday Valley 1

January 13 – 14: Swain 1

January 28: Snow Trails

February 3 – 4: Holiday Valley 2

February 17 – 18: Bristol (Ski Combined)

February 24 – 25: Swain 2 (Snowboard Combined)



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2-people-per-room-with-kitchenette-and-multiple-great-amenities¶

Transfers,·lodging-and-transportation-provided¶

Welcome-reception,·mid-week-parties¶

Saturday-January-27,·2024-to-February-3,·2024¶



Round-trip-air-from-Cleveland-to-Gunnison·(Via·Dallas)·transfers,·all-taxes¶

- 3,062-vertical-feet,·1,547-skiable-acres,·15-lifts,·121-trails-Base-9,375'¶
- 27%·beginner,·57%·intermediate,·16%·advanced,·2-terrain-parks¶
- Over-250-inches-snowfall-per-year,·longest-run:·2.6-miles·(Peak-to-Treasury)¶
- Premier-accommodations!·-Plush-bedding,·coffee-maker,·work-desk,·flat-screen-with-DVD,·private-balcony,·great-vistas,·spa,·gym,·restaurants,·Billy·Barr,·outdoor-fire-pits,·equipment-rentals,·indoor-pool/hot-tub-and-2-outdoor-hot-tubs.¶
- **Lift-tickets-not-included**,·Epic·Pass-or-variation-suggested.¶
- \$50·discount-on-trip-if-purchased-from-our-vendor.·Epic·Day·Pass-also-available-1-6-days.·Example-4-days-\$288,·5-days-\$348-if-bought-by·April-20th¶
- Epic·Pass·prices-and-benefits-rise-April-16th,·5-day-lift-available-for-\$361¶



All-trips-subject-to-Hi-Rise-Trip-Agreement¶

Pricing-on-air-is-subject-to-possible-fuel-surcharges¶

Travel-insurance-is-available-and-recommended¶



\$500-due-at-sign-up,·\$500-due-September-1st,·\$679-November-1st¶

Contact:·Bob-Maclauchlan-440-622-1283·¶

bobmaclauchlan@yahoo.com¶

Visit-our-website:¶

Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club Presents Telluride, Co. March 16th – 23rd, 2024



All spaces are filled. -We have created a wait-list. ¶



Price: **\$1,675 for Members** **\$1699 for non-members**
Lift Tickets not included - Epic Pass recommended

Includes:

- Return flight from Cleveland to Montrose, Co,
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- 7 nights at Bear Creek Condos, on the mountain
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- Welcome party, Mid-week Pizza Party, Special event
- All taxes and airport fees. |
- Extra charges apply for Baggage fees and any additional fuel surcharges

Initial deposit of \$500 reserves your spot. Second \$600 deposit due September 7th

Balance due November 1st. Payable to: Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club

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Phone 440-622-1283

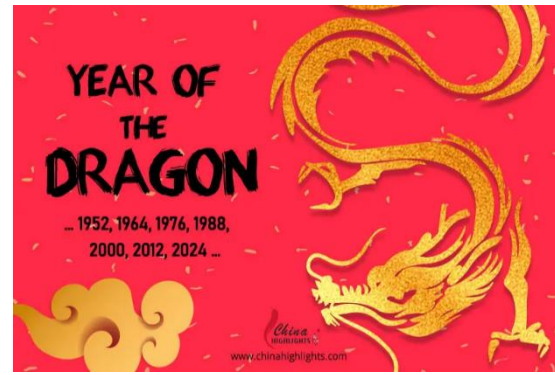
Email: bobmacisaughlan@yahoo.com

Trip insurance is available and recommended to be purchased.

All trips subject to Hi Rise trip agreement at: www.hiriseskiclub.com



**Celebrate
Chinese New Year
February 7, 2024
The Year of the Dragon**



**Hi Rise Ski Club - Dinner of the Month –
Wednesday, February 7th, 2024**

Siam Café

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

6:30 p.m. arrival cocktails

7:00 p.m. order your food from the menu

Menu: Order from regular and special New Year menu items,
separate checks/tabs for everyone.

No special combined dinner!

Text Dennis Rosa at 216-990-1411 cell or email

djrosa369@gmail.com

or sign up on the sign-up sheet, so the restaurant can plan for the
quantity/group to cook for. We have been celebrating this
annual event for over 30 years.

Enjoy! Denny

Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club Membership Application

Renewal

Name _____ Email Address _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____ Occupation _____
Birthday (MM/DD only) _____ Marital Status _____ Member of Hi-Rise since _____

Check here if any of the above information has changed since last year. _____

Membership (please circle type of membership)	Renewal	New
Single Member	\$25	\$30
Married Members	\$40	\$50
Lifetime Member	Free	N/A
Spouse of Lifetime Member	\$25	\$30

Mailing Member (Must be outside of the Cleveland and Akron areas, Lorain and Lake counties areas. Mailing member receives only the newsletter and must pay any racing fees and guest fees for all Club events and activities)	\$10	\$10
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Junior Member (Must be 18-20 years old and may not consume alcoholic beverages at Club events.)	\$15	\$20
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Summer Member (Accepted May through August only.)	N/A	\$10
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NOTICE: By signing and/or accepting any membership benefit, and/or by participating in any club activity, applicant/renewer releases Hi Rise Ski Club, Inc., its officers, board members, chairpersons, and members from any and all liability or claim including theft, property loss, accident, injury, death of or to themselves, family members or guests, arising from any participation in any club activity, whether resulting from negligence or otherwise

Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks payable to Hi Rise Ski Club. Please return this renewal form with the appropriate membership dues to the membership table at the general meetings or mail to: **Hi Rise Ski Club**

Hi Rise Ski Club Membership Drive
C/O Nate Diederich
8985 Edgehill Road
Mentor OH 44060

Hi Rise Standing Committees & Chairpersons

Trips – Bob Maclauchlan

Meetings - Arnie Rodriguez

Social – We need your name here!

Banquet – Meg Goetz

Social media – Greg Schmid

Webmaster – Nate Diederich

Database – Nate Diederich

Membership - Nate Diederich

CMSC – Larry Crookshanks

Racing – Guy Nerren

Newsletter – Ray Patacca

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A big shout out to Arnie for organizing our
meetings. Special thanks to Russ and Adriana
for manning and preparing the bar every
week!

Special thanks to Dennis for the wine tasting
and appetizers at last month's meeting and for
organizing this event.

