



Hi Rise Venture



March 2025

Hi Rise Ski & Sports Club

Indoor meetings

Meetings are held at the American Legion Hall

570 East 328th Street,
Willowick, OH 44095



Calendar of Upcoming Events.

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| ➤ Meeting | Wednesday, March 12 | 7:30 p.m. |
| ➤ Steamboat Ski Trip | Sat., March 15 – Sat., March 22 | |
| ➤ Meeting | Wednesday, March 26 | 7:30 p.m. |
| ➤ Dinner of the Month | Wednesday, April 2 | 6:30 p.m. |
| ➤ One Club Golf Outing | Saturday, April | |
| ➤ Meeting | Wednesday, April 9 | 7:30 p.m. |
| ➤ Meeting | Wednesday, April 23 | 7:30 p.m. |
| ➤ Wine Trip- Niagara on the Lake | Thur. Apr 24 & Fri. Apr 25 | |
| ➤ Annual Banquet | Friday, May 2 | 6:30 p.m. |
| ➤ Dinner of the Month | Wed., May 7 at Johnny Gringo, Painesville | 6:30 p.m. |
- See page 4 for meeting themes.

More to Come

As a cold and snowy winter draws to a close Hi Rise looks forward to some great springtime events. Mid-March 20+ Hi risers head to Colorado's Steamboat for some spring skiing. I checked the Steamboat forecast to find that Steamboat is expecting nearly one foot of snow this week. O.K., It's not the one foot per day you saw in Wyoming, but there should be plenty of snow for some great spring skiing. Check out the full SnowBrains article [here](#).

This April the club travels to Niagara on the Lake for two days of wine tasting. If you've not been to Niagara on the Lake wineries, this is a must. See page 13 for details. The race committee hosts the One Club Golf Outing to benefit the race team on April 5th or 12th. See page 3 for more information. And, board elections are held on April 23rd.

May brings the annual banquet. It will be at St. Noel's banquet hall with great food, music, dancing, and great conversations. If you've not been around lately, plan to attend the banquet. It is the perfect time to catch up with old... I mean long time, friends. Plan to join us on Friday, May 2nd. Reserve your spot, signups begin at the March 12th meeting. The final cost is not set yet. Remember. this event is subsidized by the club. We'll let you know soon.

Upcoming Events



Onto Niagara-on-the-Lake Thursday, April 24th & Friday, 25th

There is
still room!

At the end of April we'll take a trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake for a wine extravaganza. A weekday wine trip offers us a better value and smaller crowds at the wineries. The winery staff will be better able to work with our group.

We'll visit seven wineries. On Thursday we'll explore the Niagara Escarpment / Peninsula including Vineland Estate Winery, Ridge Point Winery, Kacaba Winery and AMO Estate Winery. Thursday night we'll stay at the Days Inn at Niagara Falls. The evening is on your own to visit the falls and dine at any of the fine restaurants in the area or visit the casino.

On Friday we'll visit the Niagara-on-the-Lake Region: Pillitteri Winery, Big Head Winery, and ICellars Estate. Lunch is provided for us at Silk's Country Kitchen. At the end of the day we'll travel home without a dinner stop.



All of these wineries do an excellent job on the tastings, have large selections of wines that are a good value to purchase/taste and have great gift shops.

Join us for this mid-week experience avoiding the weekend crowds. Your wine host is Dennis Rosa. For more information, please see the flyer on page 13.

April Dinner of the Month Collision Bend Brewing Company, Euclid

On April 2nd we'll visit Collision Bend Brewery at their Euclid production site. Collision Bend first opened in the Flats several years ago on Old River Road in the Hausheer Building. The Hausheer building was a chancellery that provided nautical good for ships during the Civil War. Several years ago, the building was transformed into a brewer later the brewing company expanded to Euclid. We'll visit the Euclid production brewery. The Master Brewer, Luke is no stranger to the industry. He was instrumental in the expansion of Cleveland's Great Lakes Brewery. So, we look forward to some great beer and good food. Bob Mac is your host. See the page 14 for details. Click [here](#) to learn more about Collision Bend Brewing Company. Bob Mac is your host for this event.



Upcoming Events

One Club Golf Tournament Saturday, April 5th or 12th

Save the dates! Guy is negotiating with Green Ridge for the best date. We'll let you know as soon as we can. In the meantime, set aside Saturday, April 5th and 12th for this time-honored event to benefit our race team.

One Club will be at the **Green Ridge Golf Course, Wickliffe.**

Prizes for DFL, low scores, pin shots, long drives, and a beer cart, too!

See Questions? Ask Guy Nerren. Please support this event as it is an important fundraiser for the race team. Thanks, Guy!



Ski News from Around the World

Get Ready for the e-Ski!

First there were snowmobiles, then we saw e-bikes, now we'll see self-propelled skis on the mountain! They look like regular skis but have small snowmobile - like tracks on the back of each ski. This battery powered ski is called Vipera. Gurnoor Sooch from Vermont came up with the idea as a way to get around long lift lines. He patterned the tracks after the snowmobile only much smaller. You can zip up the hill controlling your speed with a remote control in your poles. Very clever idea! Click [here](#) to see a video of a pair in action



The Vipera is ready for production. Sales begin September 2025. You can get a pair from Fringed Dynamics for a cool \$2,900, bindings are extra. You can reserve your pair for \$199. To read the full article click [here](#).

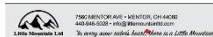
Updates from Your Board

- **BEWARE** Hi Rise logo merchandise had been promoted online. Do not purchase anything through these sites. They are a scam, and you will lose your money.
- Nate is distributing paper copies of the Hi Rise Membership. Be sure to get yours.
- The newsletter is usually emailed on the first Wednesday of the month. If you do not get your copy in your regular email, please check your spam folder.
- Cabin Fever Day at Holiday Valley on Thursday, March 13th. Vouchers redeemable at Holiday Valley are available at Little Mountain Ski shop for \$25.
- We are always 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! Better yet, volunteer to be our social chairman!
- Interested in skiing some lesser-known ski areas around the world? The Indy Pass offers two day passes to 250 different ski areas around the world starting at \$369. Click [here](#) to check it out.

Holiday Valley
Cabin Fever Day
March 13



Purchase a voucher for \$25.99 at
Little Mountain Ltd in Mentor Ohio
Tickets are on sale two weeks in advance of the ski days.



Upcoming Meeting Themes

- 3/12/25 – Pre-Steamboat trip meeting & St Pat's Meeting
corned beef & cabbage...And an Irish duet!
- 3/26/25 – Cleveland Baseball Night – Hot Dogs
Board nominations
- 4/9/25 – Italian Dinner Night (Extra charge)
Board nominations
- 4/23/25 – Indoor Picnic Please bring a desert
Board Elections Night
- 5/11/25 – Mexican Night -last indoor meeting for winter 2025
- 5/28/25 – Outdoor Summer meetings begin

Your 2024-2025 Hi Rise Ski & Sports Club Board

Bob Akamine - Board Chairman
Bob Maclauchlan – President
Trish Carleton - Vice -president
Jessie Anderson – Treasurer
Guy Nerren – Secretary
Arnie Rodriguez Dennis Rosa
Ray Patacca Nate Diederich



Be There or Be Square

If you'd like to ski Holiday Valley but not drive yourself, here is your chance!



Chagrin Valley Ski Club Bus Trips 2025

SIGN UP is NOW OPEN for ALL 4 Trips

**Bus Trip Dates: January 19, February 2 & 23, March 9
(Tentative - Weather Permitting)**

The bus LEAVES the Solon Marcs parking lot (SR 91 North of SR 43 and South of Solon Road) at 6:00 AM sharp. A second stop is made at the Willoughby Hills BP Gas Station (SR 91 north of I-90) at 6:20-6:30 AM.

Park in front of the Texas Roadhouse.

- The bus leaves Holiday Valley at 4:00 PM.
- Bring your own dinner/beverage.
- Adult member **\$115*** Adult Guest **\$120***
(Same price as 2024)*
- Junior member **\$101** Junior Guest **\$106**
- CVSC member pay \$47 (Bus only)
- Guests pay \$52 (Bus only)
- Adult lift ticket price \$68 Rentals - \$40
- Junior lift ticket price \$54
- Guests get same discount on lift tickets
- The Club will provide the Bus Driver Tip
 - Accepting payment forms;
 - Cash, (Bring exact amount),
 - PayPal (daverock46@yahoo.com),
 - Check (made out to CVSC)
 - Venmo or Zelle

Pick Up Point GPS Address:

Marcs (Solon) 6231 S.O.M. Center Road, Solon, OH

BP Gas Station (Willoughby): 2481 S.O.M. Center Road, Willoughby, OH

CVSC - Drive Up Discount Deal

Drive yourself to HV and get the same discount on lift tickets – This Deal goes all season long
Weekends/Holidays \$70/\$54 adult/Jr. Weekday: \$52/\$42 adult/Jr 2 day: \$124 weekend, \$88 weekday
Join the [CVSC Facebook group](#), to learn more, and to find other members to ski with and to car pool with.

Join your fellow CVSC members for laughs, bus movies, shared meals, some libation and of course fun on the slopes!

Signup here → <https://chagrinskiclub.org/ski-snow-trips/day-trips-to-holiday-valley/>

Race Results for 2025

HOLIDAY VALLEY GS & SL

SUPER SR VETS—	LARRY CROOKSHANKS	1 st in GS, 1 st in SL
	RICK GZESH	3 rd in GS
B WOMEN	CAROL BRASSELL	1 st in GS
CC MEN	JAMES BRASSELL	2 nd in GS

SWAIN I GS & SL

SUPER SR VETS-	LARRY CROOKSHANKS	DQ in SL
	RICK GZESH	1 st in GS
	PETER SNITZER	3 rd in GS, 3 rd in SL
B WOMEN	CAROL BRASSELL	1 st in GS, 1 st in SL

PEEK n PEAK SL

SUPER SR VETS	LARRY CROOKSHANKS	2 nd in SL
	PETER SNITZER	4 th in SL
B WOMEN	CAROL BRASSELL	2 nd in SL

BRISTOL COMBINED

SUPER SR VETS	LARRY CROOKSHANKS-	2 nd in Super G
		2 nd in GS
		2 nd in SL
B WOMEN-	CAROL BRASSELL	1 st in Super G
		1 st in GS
		DQ in SL

SWAIN II GS & SL

SUPER SR VETS	LARRY CROOKSHANKS-	2 nd in GS, 1 st in SL
	PETER SNITZER	1 st in GS, 2 nd in SL

YEAR END RANK IN CMSC CLASS

LARRY CROOKSHANKS	1 st SUPER SR VETS
PETER SNITZER	4 th
RICK GZESH	5 th
CAROL BRASSELL	1 st in B Women
JAMES BRASSELL	6 th in CC MEN

Racer News

Congratulations to all of our racers for their accomplishments and impressive standings. Special accolades to Carol and Larry for their first-place standings. Way to go!

Snowmass January 2026



Planning for 2026? Bob is looking into Aspen Snowmass for late January 2026. Planning is earlier than in the past since many accommodations are already booked. Contact Bob Mac if you are interested. The final price and details are not set. Plan ahead.



Board Election are set for April 23

As 2025 moves along Hi Rise Board Elections are fast approaching. Election night is the April 26, meeting. The board consists of nine members including the chairman. Every year they are up for elections. From the board member ranks, the board members elect the officers. Nominations for the board will be at the March 26th and April 9th meetings. This year we will be voting electronically, but you may vote in person at the April 26th meeting. Thank you, Nate for managing the electronic voting system up. Only members in good standing may vote.



Please consider running for the Board. You may nominate yourself or ask a friend to nominate you. The board meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month. Generally, board members become committee chairpersons, however it not a requirement for committee chairs be on the board. Any member can be a chairperson and will be an invited guest at board meeting as necessary. If you do not want to commit to be a board member, please consider becoming a committee chairperson. We have two committees without an official chairperson. The social, and summer activities committees are in need of chairpersons. Of course, every committee needs members who can help as needed. Please step up!

In Case You Missed It!

Superbowl Squares

The 2025 Superbowl saw Kansas City Chiefs fall to Philadelphia Eagles 40 to 22. But, Hi Rise Superbowl Squares produced four Hi Rise winners on that cold day in February.

- Congratulations to
- Greg Schmid - 1st quarter
- Meg Goetz - 2nd quarter
- Ceasare Frabotta - 3rd quarter
- Chris Vanik - final score



In Case You Missed It!

Our Jackson Hole Adventure 2025

by Bob Maclauchlan



This trip was offered to our members last May with 40 spots available, after filling up quickly, we ended up with a total of 52, looking forward to a week of fun with friends old and new. Of course, the primary reasons were to ski arguably the toughest mountain in North America and to enjoy the beautiful vistas from the Tetons to Yellowstone Park with the world famous Old Faithful geyser continuing to erupt on a regular schedule.

We gathered at the airport and flights were on time, landing at 1:22 PM (MST) collected our bags (no lost luggage, unlike last year) and took the 15-minute drive into the town of Jackson. Population of 11,000 at an elevation of 6,237', where numerous western movies have been filmed over the years. The town is nestled in between scenic Teton mountains with a ski slope (Snow King) located on the edge town. We checked into our hotel, 49er Inn, located only a few blocks from the busy center of town. An older property that has gone through numerous remodels but they do cater to groups of all sizes.



We met at 5:30 in the lobby/breakfast area (A good breakfast with many options was included everyday) for our welcome party, we were served enough food and beverages that most of us didn't have to go for dinner that evening. The 49er has its own bus and driver (he recited a different Western themed poem everyday) who transported us to and from the mountain (20-30 minutes away) every day. Departures to the mountain at:

7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 AM with return runs 1:30, 3:00 and 4:30 PM. The city bus also ran regular from outside our door for only \$1.50 each way, in town the bus was free to get us around.





Jackson Hole Mountain is a legendary skiing destination, a tram, 2 gondolas and 10 other lifts servicing 131 runs with 4,139 feet of vertical drop. This is more difficult than other resorts boasting 50% of runs being expert but enough runs to offer something for everyone, although a blue in Jackson is more like a double blue or black at other resorts. There is also an iconic run, Corbet's Coulier, where they hold an annual event known as King's and Queen's of Corbet's, the world's best skiers and boarders (male & female) launch into the 40 plus feet drop with rock walls on either side doing flips and other tricks. The contestants are also the judges, this event occurred just before we arrived and the winners were crowned on the Saturday.

Sunday was our first day on the slopes and we were welcomed by over a foot of fresh powder, this pattern continued for the next 2 days. Over those 3 days the snow was over my boots, just below my knees and on Tuesday over my knees, great conditions! At least for us who enjoy fluffy snow, others do find it difficult, probably because we don't get the opportunity to play in it enough. On the slopes they continued to get new snow everyday but under 6 inches. Visibility improved every day, giving us a great vista on Friday viewing 40-50 miles over the town and mountains. We had great conditions and certainly enjoyed the hot tubs after arriving back to the hotel.

Not everyone spent all of the time going downhill, 15 -20 took an all-day snowmobile trip (Individual machines) through Yellowstone and ending up at Old Faithful in time to see it go off. Others cross country skied, walked through downtown enjoying museums and the history of Jackson. Between the airport and town, they have National Elk Refuge, created in 1912 to protect one of the largest elk herds. As winter begins in December they start heading down from the mountains to the refuge where they are fed and



protected from predators until spring when they head for the hills. You have to be careful driving at night during these times.

On Monday evening, we took over the lobby of the 49er again, and enjoyed a catered meal by Bubba's BBQ eating pork, chicken, brisket, sides and salads followed by many conversations and a few card games afterwards.



Thursday evening, we enjoyed pizza and salad again in lobby followed by more games and watching the USA, Canada championship hockey game.

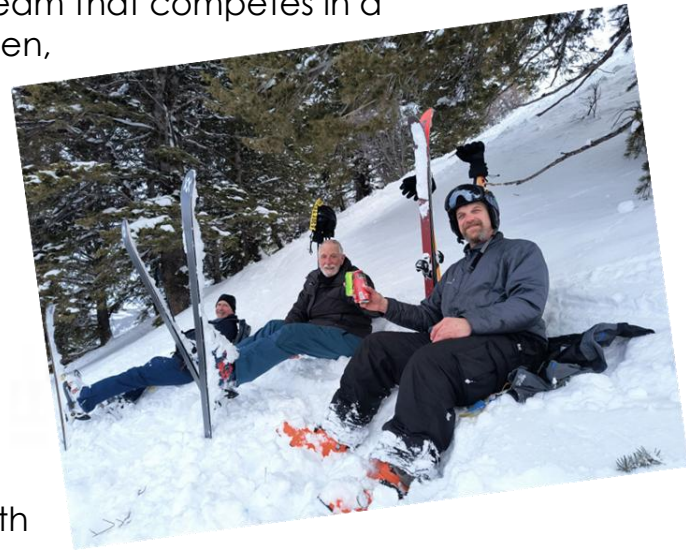
After a day on the slopes a group of us headed to Snow King hockey arena to watch a local group of hockey players (I skate

with some of them) play against the local semi pro team that competes in a regional league from other ski towns such a Vail, Aspen, Tahoe, Sun Valley and others. It was a good game but the home team (who are used to the altitude) prevailed.

On Saturday we headed to the airport and arrived home on time at 10:30 with all of our bags, unlike last year.

We had no injuries but we had an ACL from the week before and a case of Covid, both went home on Tuesday.

Thanks to everyone that participated and helped with the trip. We're off to Steamboat in 10 days.



Thanks to Cesare Frabotta, Brian Martinko, Bob Martinko, Marilyn Daley, and Chris Bremenour for these pictures.

In Case You Missed It!

Celebrating
Chinese New Year at Siam Café



Happy 4722!

In Case You Missed It!

Breakfast for Dinner



Roseanne, chief cook, for the “Breakfast for Dinner” meeting is working hard on the left. Then she can enjoy her “dinner” with her Hi Rise friends.

Thanks, Roseanne!



Hi Rise Ski Club/Vino Club - Bus Trip

Niagara Escarpment & Twenty Valley - Niagara-on-the Lake

Join Us-Thursday, April 24th & Friday April 25th, 2025

Prepare to taste and tour wineries in a wine-lover's favorite area!

Passports needed!

Hosted By: Dennis & Carol Rosa

Depart from: 11080 Concord Hamden Rd, Painesville, OH 44077- 6:45 AM sharp!

Bus Arrival 6:15am

Members per person rate: \$341 single, \$311 double, \$301 triple, \$296 quad
Nonmembers add \$10 per person

Includes continental breakfast on/at the bus, bus transportation, overnight accommodation at the Days Inn near the Falls, Niagara Falls, Ontario, cold continental breakfast Friday morning, (4) winery visits and tastings in the Niagara Escarpment/Peninsula & NOTL on Thursday and (3) winery visits and tastings in the Niagara-on-the-Lake wine region on Friday, Lunch at the at Silk's Country Kitchen Friday. Note: Dinner Thursday evening in Niagara Falls, Canada, is your own expense.



Members can secure your reservation by sending your **full payment** by **2/28/2025**. After that date the trip is open to all. Write checks payable to **Hi Rise Ski Club**: Mail checks to:
Dennis Rosa, 5881 Edgewood Ln. Willoughby, OH 44094.

For questions email: djrosa369@gmail.com, or call/text 216.990.1411 mobile

Please feel free to donate a gift to the famous "bus raffle". Many wine related prizes are raffled off including homemade and purchased wine. Also, you may bring a snack or small dish or small dessert to share at lunch. We will be eating lunch on the bus before we arrive at the first winery on Thursday.

Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club

Dinner of the Month

Wednesday April 2nd

Reservation at 6:30 PM

Hosted by: Bob Maclauchlan RSVP bobmaclauchlan@yahoo.com

440-622-1283

Collision Bend Brewing Company

1261 Babbitt Rd. Euclid

To view the menu:

www.collisionbendbrewery.com

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March 15 – 22, 2025

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Contact Trip Leader Bob Maclauchlan at 440-622-1283 or Bobmaclauchlan@yahoo.com.

\$500 due upon sign up

\$600 additional due by November 1

Balance due by January 15

All trips subject to Hi Rise trip agreement. Cost may rise due to surcharges. Travel insurance is available and recommended.

www.hiriseskiclub.com

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& Chairpersons**

Trips – Bob Maclauchlan
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Social – We need your name here!
Banquet – Dennis Rosa
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Database – Nate Diederich
Membership - Nate Diederich
CMSC – Larry Crookshanks
Racing – Guy Nerren
Newsletter – Ray Patacca
Summer Activities – open
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**If you have ideas for social activities, please
tell a board member.**



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Divincenzo for the
Breakfast for Dinner
night!



Sincere condolences to
families and friends of
Brian Humphery, Pat
Groves. and Ken Kontor
on their recent passing.

with deepest
Sympathy