

Killington 2 Day Trip

January 3, 2020-January 5, 2020

With the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season now behind us, 42 members of the South Jersey Ski Club embarked on the opening trip of the 2020 ski season to the Beast of the East, Killington Mountain. What a pleasure after a busy workweek to sit back on a large motor coach and be transported to snow country. The ride had its usual challenges like "It's too hot, lower the heat" and "It's too cold turn the heat up" as well as "Could you turn the volume on the movie down, it's too loud" to "could you turn the volume on the movie up we can't hear it. You know the kinds of things you hear when you have a bunch of excited kids in the car, and kids we are when it comes to looking forward to playing in the snow for a couple days. Not having to worry about the driving there were all kinds of libation and snacks as we made our way to Vermont (with all the free ice you could use!!).

Arriving at the Killington Mountain Lodge around 11:30 pm we unloaded in a hurry and had our first casualty as Jack, our leader, slipped and fell on the frozen parking lot as he helped the bus driver out when she got our large motor coach stuck in a very precarious position against a row of parked cars. It was definitely wintertime in Vermont!!

Bright and early the next morning the group headed in waves to the dining room for our complimentary full breakfast. What a pleasure not to have to worry about starting the day off with enough calories to burn all day as we tore up the slopes! Of course that phrase "tore up" has a broad meaning considering we have all levels of skiers from beginners to Hot Dogs and you know who you are. Whatever our abilities the excitement and enjoyment was a common denominator.

The weather on Saturday was cold and wet, it wasn't a rain but a wintery mix that was white but soaked your clothes till they weighed about 50 lbs. The surface was granular and the slopes had very good coverage. The grooming at the mountain was excellent so the skiing was very enjoyable. At the end of the day all were invited to gather at the bar in the Snowshed Base Lodge to share the good times and camaraderie that our club is known for. Jack M got some good photos of Tony C, John P, Janet M, Mike M, Brandon F, John T, Tammy M, Chip S, Gary S, Marian B, George S, Violet C, Rishi G, Dawn M, and Steve W.

The evening was capped off by some relaxing time spent in the famous Killington Lodge hot tub which comfortably holds 20 people, with its roaring fire right up against the tub. Then most enjoyed good food and great company at many of the various eateries that Killington is famous for. Of course, there was a group of the party animals who hit the Wobbly Bar till the wee hours to hear the local music etc. I'm not going to name names to protect the innocent!!

Sunday was a beautiful snowy day at Killington that ended way too soon for us die hards but it was off to pack up the bus, get our lunch bags and be off to the ride back to reality and New Jersey.

A big shout out to thank all those responsible for the planning of this trip!! They put a lot of time and effort into allowing us to indulge in our passion.