

Killington 2018

Everyone arrived at Ramblewood in their Eagles gear on Friday, February 2nd. Well, almost everyone. Brave fan Don M. stood out among the sea of green in his Patriot's hat. After loading some final luggage into the cabin of the bus, we departed just after 5:00, excited for the weekend and big game ahead.

Before long, Carolyn S passed out moonshine cherries, Ginny N passed out Eagles' bandanas, and shots of Fireball were flowing on the back of the bus. After the usual stop at New Baltimore, and a continued party on the back of the bus, we arrived at the Killington Mountain Lodge around 11:30. But the night was still young! Several people made their way to Moguls across the street to shoot pool and listen to the DJ, including Bob F, Frank C, Amanda M, Donna K, Michelle D, Kim S, Liam H, Jason T, Dawn M, Tony M, Tony L, Mike K, Brian S, Chip S, Jeff P, and Mike R.

Saturday morning was rough for some of us, but the lodge breakfast hit the spot. Members decided which shuttle or bus they planned to take to the mountain. Most went to Snowshed Lodge, but Rose G and Suzanne D started off their day at Pico. Many followed the plan for our club to meet at the top of the K1 gondola at 1:00 to travel down the Great Northern together. Unfortunately, some of us couldn't make it there on time. After a wonderful day on the slopes, several people ended up enjoying the live music at the Snowshed bar, including Irena F, Anthony F, Dawn M, and Don M.

The real party got started in the lodge's HUGE outdoor hot tub. With Killington's trails in the distance and a light snow falling, we shared the tub with the friendly members of the Worcester Ski Club, despite their poor taste in football teams (yes, all Patriots fans). Tony L, Donna G, Ginny N, Rishi G, Chip S, Liam H, Brian S, and Steve R shared stories about their day, including the highly recommended Killington Mountain Tour offered daily at 10:00.

Later in the lodge bar, several members competed in a friendly game of bar trivia, while others passed through on their way out to dinner and nightlife, including Beth E, Bob F, Tony C, Donna K and Lisa P. Tony M stopped by with the unfortunate news of a knee injury that was later diagnosed as a sprain requiring crutches.

On Sunday most members enjoyed another fabulous, snowy day on the slopes. Several of our members took shelter from the snow and wind at the lodge at the top of the K1 gondola, including Kristan B, Chip S, Jason T, Kim S, Michelle D, Irena F, Amanda M, Frank C, Steve W, Bobby A, Laura P, Steve R, Don M, and Frank S. Unfortunately, injury number two was reported by Jeff P who broke his arm on the Snowshed Slope. Injury number three was later reported by Nancy P who hurt her leg getting on the chair lift, despite Ralph P's best efforts to hold onto her. Undeterred by their injuries, all retained positive attitudes and looked forward to the big game ahead.

Several members hit the snowy hot tub again before heading to the Super Bowl party at the lodge. Spirits were high as some looked forward to the game, others to the commercials and halftime show. All club members came out to the event, including Sandy T, Joe T, Lauren T, John T, Tony C, George S, George S III, Ricky N, Nick S, Jeff S, George S, Ed F, Kara M, Bill M, and Chuck V. We were also joined by some friends of members who helped us cheer on our Birds. Although the website we relied on to track our pool winners kept crashing, we awarded \$100 prizes to Chuck V for Q1, Carolyn S for Q2, Ginny N for Q3. Jim Y won the \$200 grand prize for the final score: Eagles 41 - Patriots 33. But really we all felt like winners watching our underdogs take down Tom Brady. Following the game, and several renditions of the Eagles' fight song, many trekked back over to Moguls to continue their celebrations, including Mike R, Carolyn S, Steve W, and Dawn M.

Monday morning we were all a bit groggy from the prior night's celebrations, but some early birds were able to make first tracks on the overnight snowfall. Beth E spend the day snowshoeing in the trails behind the lodge, while most of the remaining group enjoyed the fresh powder on the slopes for their final day. Some stopped for lunch at the Snowshed Lodge while others hit Moguls one last time for pizza or ribs.

We met in the lodge for our group photo before picking up our sandwiches and boarding the bus for the ride home just after 5:00. After members helped squeeze some more luggage onto the back of the bus, Suzanne D distributed our chips, apples, and cookies to hungry travelers. Super Troopers, The Big Lebowski, and Why Him entertained some members while other slept and prepared for a long work day on Tuesday.

Thanks to everyone for making this such an amazing trip! New members were welcomed, existing members reconnected, and everyone was a pleasure to have with us. We hope to see you (and the Eagles) on the 2019 Super Bowl weekend trip!