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The President's Corner
By Deborah Evans

Upcoming
MOROCCO TRIP
September 2027

Travel agent Carol James is at it again! If you joined us on the Dubai trip and/or the most recent trip to Cuba last summer, then you know she has experience taking travelers to places across the world. Likewise, this trip too shall be extraordinary. You'll get to enjoy spectacular visits to unforgettable locations in Morocco.

Morocco is a popular North African country with coastlines on the Atlantic Ocean and the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. It is a diverse nation, known for its blend of Berber, Arabian, and European influences. You'll get to see the landscape of the Atlas Mountains, the coastal plains, and the Sahara Desert. Make plans to see these breathtaking sights.

Morocco & Ghana trip information, contact Carol James at caroljamestravel.com



Attention All Skiers & Casino Goers

Now that I have your attention, the Club is changing gears and doing something a little different this ski season for the MLK weekend trip. It comes in response to increased ski travel and lodging prices, especially the high gasoline prices.

For over 30 yrs, we drove 5 to 6 hours to Killington, VT, to stay at a B&B that served us breakfast and dinner. Plus, we obtained lift tickets through the NJSSC (New Jersey Ski & Snowboard Council) for a discounted price.

But then, when the lodging prices drove us away, we settled for a 4 to 5-hour drive to Loon Mt., NH, to stay in a condo. We would eat out one night, as the Club was subsidizing 2 breakfasts and a dinner at the condo.

In the meantime, everyone has fond memories of "The Poconos", whether it's Mt. Creek. Elk, Blue, Shawnee, or Camelback. We had a high presence at Shawnee with those of you who remember the legendary Bernard King. Today, we still have a presence there with our ski patrol member, Kenneth Solomon. Also, Camelback remains a favorite, due to longer flowing runs.

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Fall Trip - Africa Ghana 2026

Travel includes **Accra**, the lively capital city, **Elmina**, the transatlantic slave trade heritage site, **Kumasi**, the cultural home of the Ashanti Kingdom, as well as the colorful craft villages of **Ahwiaa** and **Bonvire**. This trip is a perfect blend of history and natural beauty, a powerful unforgettable introduction to Ghana,

WELCOME

Jose Orengo – New Club Member

Have joyful JSSI experiences

Andre Murray - Returning Club Member

Glad to have you back

New Yoga Six Studio

Delroy Morgan, snowboarder, retired from his business career. Now a proud franchise owner of Yoga Six, Somerville. Happy 1 yr. anniversary 11.7.



Dog Ski Goggles

"Joey" (the dog) wears goggles on his walk downtown Cape May, NJ.



UNIQUE IDEAS



Slope "Chew Crew"

In Vermont, Jay Peak Ski Resort deploys about 150 goats to graze on vegetation to groom ski trails before the winter season.

Havana&VaraderoBeach,Cuba

June '25, JSSI enjoyed the best of Cuba for 10 days. In Havana they visited major sites, tasted Cuban rum, learned about Cuban Cigars, and took a half day ride in an authentic 1950's car (top right pic). The driver, an English-speaking guide, took them to see Revolution Square, the posh Vedado District, the artwork of Fusterlandia, and the art of Jose Rodriguez, who is the "Picasso of Cuba." Other tours included walks around Old Havana to visit UNESCO heritage sites, such as Plaza Vieja, Plaza de La Catedral, and Plaza de Armas, as well as a small hidden Afro-Cuban museum displaying artifacts related to slavery.

The last 3 ½ days were spent in Varadero, a famous

shore area recognized by "Travelers' Choice on TripAdvisor" as having one of the most magnificent beaches. We enjoyed long, white-sandy Blau Varadero, known worldwide for its crystal-clear turquoise water. Shopping at the Almacenes de Deposito San Jose, a giant 2-floor market that has 500 shops. On the 2nd floor, there was artwork and paintings by local Cuban artists. Lunch was held one day in at Xanadu Mansion

(Dupont Hotel), a historic, 1930s building with restored architecture and panoramic views (middle right pic).



Carol James & Pat Faison

Vintage car ride in Havana



Hamlet, Deborah, Regina & Omar JSSI Members: Regina & Omar Bey



JSSI members and travel group members in Varadero



Cuban Vendors: JSSI current Pres. Deborah (R) & past Pres. Pat (L)

~ Trip Photo Gallery ~

Learn-to-Ski Day Trip Blue Mountain, PA

Sunday, February 22nd, JSSI trip goers were able to beat the forthcoming snowstorm, which psyched a lot of folks out. We had the mountain basically to ourselves as light flurries continued to fall throughout the day. On occasion, the snow would turn heavy.

We were able to stay until 3:45 p.m. before “calling it a day” and making a decision to leave. For lunch attendees, were treated to pizza & on the ride home, other various refreshments, and snacks.



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This arrangement will hopefully bring together those who want to ski, those who want to go to the casino, along with those who want to do both; as well as those who long to enjoy the beautiful winter scenery of the Poconos while reading a favorite book, watching a movie, or simply taking advantage of hotel amenities; such as the free breakfast, the indoor pool, the hot tub, or the fitness room and equipment. Not to mention having fun conversations with old ski buddies who like to reminisce.

Just think, the drive to Camelback is less than two hours, and the weekend stay will be at the economical Marriott Hotel. Dining arrangements are forthcoming.

Remember, you receive membership ski discounts for being a paid member of JSSI.

SAVE THE DATES

October (Sat) 17 / 18, 2026

Nordic Lodge RI All-U-Can Eat Seafood
Foxwoods Casino, CT

December (Sat) 5 / 12, 2026

NBS-ER (ESWU) Early Season Warm-up
Steamboat Springs, CO

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January (Fri) 15 / 18, 2027

JSSI Econo Trip, MLK Weekend
Camelback Mountains Resort
Poconos Mountains, PA

February (Sat) 27, 2027

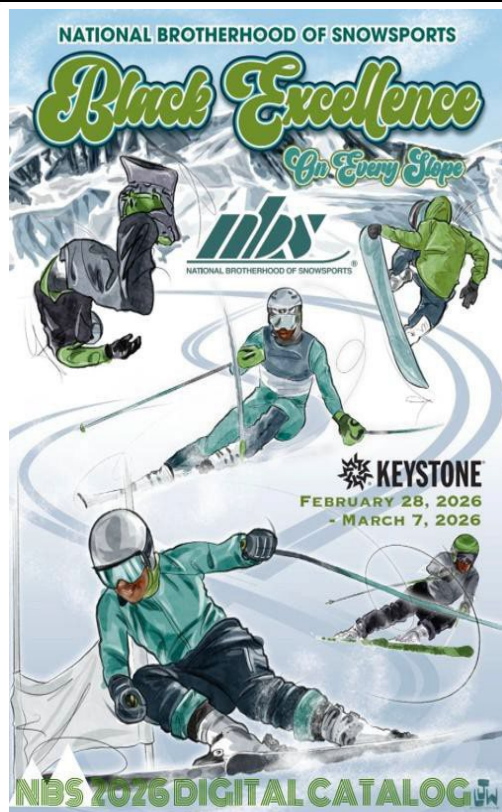
JSSI Learn to Ski and
Sponsor-A-Youth Day Trip
Blue Mountain
Palmerton, PA

March (Sat) 13 / 20, 2027

NBS Summit
Whistler, BC

March (Sun) 21 / 28, 2027

NBS-ER Spring Fling Club
Med Val d'Isère
Peissey-Vallandry France



NBS NEWS

The 2026 NBS Summit in Keystone, CO (Feb 28 / Mar 1) was a week of fun-fun-fun. There were lots of cheers at the NBS Olympics Athletes Celebration and club race competitions. Also, other signature activities: the BBQ bash, fashion show, tubing party, sneaker ball, torchlight ski parade, and the gospel fest were on the schedule.

SKICON (San Diego) honored NBS President, Henri Rivers at the Far West Ski Association Banquet in June 2026. A special recognition award was presented to him at the San Diego Marriott in Mission Valley, CA. In addition, SKICON was the event in which the film premiere for “Big Mountain Soul: Ski Africa” was announced.

Eastern Region Summerfest 2026 in Dominican Republic

In August, there was fun in the sun for everyone who stayed a week at the Casa de Campo Resort. It was an all-inclusive luxury getaway experience enjoying golfing, fishing, horseback riding, sightseeing, fine dining, and shopping.

GRADUATES ~ “CONGRATULATIONS” ~ CLASS OF 2026



Nairah Quddus

She received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from Montclair State University in May ‘26. She was among more than 7,000 students on the Dean’s List recognized for maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Her interest in skiing grew from participating in the JSSI Youth “Learn- to-Ski” Program. Throughout the stages of learning at a young age, she recalls what it was like trying to keep her hands and feet warm when staying out in the cold weather too long.



Taina Bey

Completing a doctoral program at the University of Pittsburgh in May, Taina is a Doctor of Occupational Therapy. Successful at passing the board exam in July, she is now employed as a certified OT at a health facility in Pittsburgh. A former participant in the JSSI Youth “Learn-to-Ski program, she recalls the challenges of going up to higher slopes after achieving certain skills. Among the many things she enjoys most about skiing are the beautiful scenic views skiers get to see when riding a mountain chairlift.

Important Announcement

Remember the good old days-the New Jersey Meadowlands Stadium Skiwear Sale: how can you forget the affordable prices, which made skiers feel good about the things they needed or wanted to buy?

Well, the skiwear sale is back, so get ready to purchase skis, snowboards, outerwear, or other accessories in January 2027.

WATCH FOR SALE DATE

African & Caribbean Skiers Unite at the Olympics



The article linked below conveys concerns about more inclusion, unity, and financial support. An interesting read; it quotes the NBS President, Henri Rivers, admitting to being an advocate for smaller nations, both from the International Olympic Committee and larger confederations uplifting each other. He also acknowledges that snow sport athletes have come a long way, especially the Black athletes who compete in winter sports.

<https://www.reuters.com/sports/alpine-skiing-african-caribbean-skiers-unite-call-more-inclusion-support-2026-02-15/>