

National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat April 2024

Epic Pass Raises Prices, Adds Crans-Montana for 2024-25. Vail Resorts' Epic Pass suite for 2024-25 has the unrestricted Epic Pass launching at \$982 and the Epic Local pass retailing for \$731, new highs for the products and about an 8 percent increase from last year, when they were \$909 and \$676, respectively. [More.](#) SAM

Ikon Pass Increases Prices, Adds Benefits for 2024-25. The 2024-25 Ikon Pass suite goes on sale March 14, with 58 destinations and a handful of new benefits. The company has bumped up prices, with the unrestricted Ikon Pass retailing for \$1,249 (compared to \$1,159 last year) and the Ikon Base Pass on sale for \$869 (up from \$829 last year). [More.](#) SAM

Switzerland's St. Moritz Ski Resort added to Ikon Pass. The Engadin Valley community—a two-time Olympic host, five-time home of the FIS Ski World Championships, and the birthplace of winter tourism in the Swiss Alps—is the sixth European destination on the Ikon Pass. [More.](#) SAM

Indy Pass Adds Seven Alpine Partners, Discounts on Cat Skiing. Seven new alpine resorts have been added to the Indy Pass for the 2024-25 season, including four owned by Pacific Group Resorts Inc. Also new, pass holders can get 10 percent off when they book day seats or packaged visits at five cat skiing operations. [More.](#) SAM

Antelope Butte (WY) To Offer Free Season Passes to Anyone Under 18. The nonprofit Antelope Butte Ski Area is making 2024-25 season passes free for anyone younger than 18 years old on the date of purchase. Pass sales open on Friday, April 5, for all age groups. The ski area is located roughly an hour outside of Sheridan, Wyo. [More.](#) SAM

Warning: Credit Card Fraud Continues to Target Ski Areas. There appears to be an extensive effort to sell fraudulently purchased lift tickets on Craigslist at a discounted price, with dozens of ski areas across North America being targeted. [More.](#) SAM

Wave of Western Ski Patrols Move to Unionize. Ski patrollers at Keystone Resort are the latest in a string of western resort patrol departments moving to unionize this winter. At least four other resorts have pending votes to form a patrol union as well. [More.](#) SAM

Inconsistencies in Classification of Ski Slope Difficulty Ratings. Individual ski resorts can classify their slopes and runs without permission or oversight by a governing body. This is frustrating and potentially dangerous, especially for beginner skiers relying on those trail markings to be accurate. [More.](#) Snowbrains

This 50-Year Study Reveals Surprising Insights on Ski Helmets and Injury Prevention. Jasper Shealy's groundbreaking research in ski safety has reshaped our understanding of head injuries on the slopes. [More.](#) Ski Magazine

11 Things About Skiing in Europe That Shock Americans. Hint: It's not the endless vertical or the incredible views they can't stop talking about. [More.](#) Ski Magazine

Abandoned Stagecoach Ski Resort, CO, to be Revived as Private Ski & Golf Club by Company Behind Exclusive Yellowstone Club. A ski area that ceased operations 50 years ago is seemingly being resurrected as a private ski and golf resort by a consortium including the brains behind Yellowstone Club. [More.](#) SnowBrains

Retro Ski Suits Are Making a Comeback on the Slopes. Here's Why. Whether its tight one-piece ski suits or block-print neon numbers, fashion has boosted the cachet of winter sports. [More.](#) *Salt Lake Tribune* via Google Alerts *Ed. Note: Barbara Alley Simon who is quoted extensively in the article was honored with a Snowsports Builder Award by the Far West Ski Association in 2019.*