

## National Ski Council Federation Newsbeat January 2021

**'Stay Alive and Survive': Ski Resorts Brace for a Pandemic Season.** Many have put capacity restrictions in place, even as new lockdowns may spook visitors. [More.](#) *New York Times*

**Is Skiing Safe Right Now?** Here are the risk factors to weigh and precautions to take, according to an infectious disease doctor and ski resort representative. [More.](#) Business Insider via Google Alerts

**Ski Season Is Back, And So Are Coronavirus Lockdowns.** Americans with cabin fever pine for the slopes as Covid casts shadow on industry. [More.](#) Bloomberg News

**Heated Seats to Become a Hot Commodity at Ski Areas this Season.** For ski resort operators, this winter season will present a new array of challenges that require forward-thinking and unique solutions. With indoor capacity limited at mountains across the country, ski areas have been forced to come up with a better way to expand outdoor accommodations. [More.](#) FREESKIER

**An Oral History of the National Brotherhood of Skiers.** Since 1973, a groundbreaking organization has gathered thousands of Black snow-sports enthusiasts for a week of on-mountain revelry. But the event has always had a more serious mission, too: changing perceptions about who belongs on the slopes. [More.](#) *Outside Online* Ed. *The Brotherhood is a member council of NSCF. Congratulations to them for this great work and the exposure it has received in a number of venues.*

**An Uphill Battle: Lauren Samuels Profile.** Lauren Samuels is one of only a handful of Black ski racers to make it to the U.S. Ski Team. Now she's helping the team address issues of diversity. [More.](#) SIA

**Challenging Christmas Provides Litmus Test for Season.** This holiday period didn't break any visitation records, but demand across the country was solid, even as conditions varied wildly from region to region. For many North American resorts, this was also the first major test of their Covid-related policies, with mask compliance overall pretty good, though some areas have had to crackdown. [More.](#) SAM

**Cross-country Skiing is Booming.** The Cross-Country Ski Areas Association (CCSAA) has been conducting online sessions with members since last spring, focused on sharing information about how X-C operations should respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. [More.](#) SAM

**Saddleback (ME) Opens Slopes after 5-year Closure.** New owners of embattled mountain in Sandy River Plantation, near Rangeley, envision profitable future. [More.](#) *Portland Press-Herald*

**European Ski Season in Doubt as Resorts Stay Closed.** With the Covid-19 situation in various countries in Europe failing to improve, and the popular skiing period of Christmas and the New Year already lost to the pandemic, there is a real chance that this year's ski season may pass without millions able to take to the slopes. [More.](#) Travel Off Path via Inntopia | Destimetrics

**This Guy Has Skied Every Month for 32-Years.** VIDEO: Turns All Year. Carl is not your average skier. Unlike the typical powder-chaser, his ski turns are not limited by the seasons. In fact, they're not limited by much at all. He skis every month of the year and he's been doing that for 32 years, straight. [More.](#) SnowBrains