

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

March-April 2010

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Website: <http://suburbanskiclub.org>

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

This is my last month as President. New officers were elected at last week's meeting and members approved revisions of the by-laws.

There were many people who put a great deal of work and effort into the club the past few years. I would like to thank all of you who contributed — officers, trip leaders, committee members, and chairs. I would especially like to thank Laurie Kalan for doing great work on the newsletter and club directory; Jack Ganz for a super job with Trips and Tours; and Cliff Lewis for his dedication to the website while assisting with the newsletter and serving as treasurer.

I enjoyed my time at the helm and certainly plan to remain active and ready to assist the new officers when I can.

—Chris Wolf

## ***INTRODUCING OUR NEW OFFICERS 2010-2011***

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| President      | Joe Sullivan  |
| Vice President | Robin Spooner |
| Secretary      | Judy Stowe    |
| Treasurer      | Cliff Lewis   |

## ***MEMBERSHIP***

117 members. Membership forms are at the web site <http://suburbanskiclub.org> or can be sent to you by Sandy Stauffer or Laurie by e-mail to [Membership@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:Membership@suburbanskiclub.org)

## ***SSC COMMITTEES AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS (You Didn't Know About)***

The following names were stolen from the popular National Public Radio "Car Talk". While the car information the Magliozzi brothers present is serious, the presentation is quite humorous.

The names of these fictitious members of the Car Talk staff (right column below) are heard at various times at the conclusion of the program. I modified their titles (left column) with those more appropriate to ski and summer activities. The brothers use

an old Groucho Marx gag as the name of their fictitious legal counsel, “Dewey, Cheatem and Howe”.

| <u>SSC Staff Titles</u>          | <u>Name (borrowed from “Car Talk”)</u>                     |
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| Trip Feedback & Complaints Group | Ophelia Paine, Dot Stubadd and Xavier Breath               |
| Director, Ski Trip Planning      | George Stayontopthis                                       |
| Ski Fashion Consultant           | Natalie Attired  |
| Joke Contributor                 | Nadia Geddit   |
| Ski Jumping Instructor           | Hugo First   |
| Golf Director                    | Putnam Daily   |
| Eat Around Town Arranger         | Barbara Ganush   |
| Club Mediators                   | I.M. Shirley Wright, Colette O’Day,<br>and Gladys Overwith |

Further recommendations from the general membership are welcome so that we have the appropriate committees and persons to serve in them.

—Laurie Kalan

### **CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**

Early March: You either had a great time (or sorry you missed these events)

- Fri Mar 5: Holimont & Harpersfield Winery
  - **Cheers to Bill & Christe McGraw!**
- Thu Mar 11: Last SSC Meeting of Season—Hilton Beachwood
- Thu Mar 18 - Corky & Lenny’s at Village Square on Chagrin just east of 271

April-May: You’ve got a chance to catch these.

- Thu Apr 15 – City Music (performed at St. Noel Church, Willoughby Hills)
- Tue Apr 20 – SSC Trips & Tours Meeting
- Thu Apr 22 – Shinano Japanese Restaurant—Solon (Miles east of Brainard)
- Sun Apr 25 – Keyboard Conversations
- Sat May 8 – Cleveland Ski Travel Show *contact Jack Ganz to be registered*
- May – EAT Alfredo’s Italian Restaurant – Mayfield Village
- May – Bike-Hike-Dine on the Terrace at Rocky River Metropark and Sweetwater Café.
- Jun-July-Aug: Golf
- June-July-August: Biking
- June-July-August: EAT Around Town (July Bass Lake Tavern, Chardon)
- Mid-Summer picnic and picture party
- October Clambake – Clifton Beach

## ***TRIPS & TOURS***

### **Tuesday, April 20, 6pm: Trips & Tours Meeting for 2010-2011**

The meeting will be held at my house (address below). Pizza, drinks and salad will be provided. A tentative agenda is listed below. Any SSC member is invited. This will be the only mass meeting we will have.

RSVP to Jack at ( jackjbg@gmail.com ) and **get this on your calendar.**

#### 1. The Western Trip for 2011

Write down 1-3 ski areas and bring them to the meeting.  
(Be able to discuss the attributes listed below.)

- a. Our top three destinations
- b. Altitude
- c. Ski in ski out? Shuttle? Town? Apres Ski
- d. Ease of getting there
- e. Preferred dates
- f. Price range
- g. Other

#### 2. Discussion of "last year's" ski season. The good, the bad and the ugly. What improvements for next year

#### 3. The "Eastern" trip for December 2010

- a. Where to go?
- b. Price range
- c. Other

#### 4. A New Year's trip? January 1 to 3, 2011?

#### 5. Two Two Day Trips or one Two Day Trip? Where?

#### 6. Joint Trips

- a. ESSC
- b. CVSC
- c. Good Times Ski and Snowboard Club
- d. Others

#### 7. Ski Calendar for 2010-2011. For discussion purposes.

**If you are going to attend, I'll send the tentative calendar to you in advance.**

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—Jack Ganz

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

### ***Thursday, Apr 15, 7:30 pm***

**CityMusic**, performed at St. Noel Church, 35200 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills  
“Isn't CityMusic Cleveland a marvel? The professional chamber orchestra that plays free concerts around the region has become one our most polished and pleasurable ensembles in a very short time.” *Donald Rosenberg, Music Critic, Plain Dealer*

I've been to several of their concerts at Fairmount Presbyterian in Cleveland Heights or St. Noel's. The level of talent of these musicians is amazing and the acoustics in St. Noel's are wonderful. Free but donation requested. Contact Laurie Kalan 440 256 9247

### ***Thursday, Apr 22, 6:00 pm cocktails, 6:30pm Dinner***

#### **EAT, Shinano Japanese Restaurant**

28500 Miles Road, Solon. Ohio 44139. Tel: 440.498.1614 To get reviews, in Google search: Shinano Solon

This is Hisao Yamada's favorite Japanese restaurant. It is located in the Shoppes of Solon, east of Brainard, west of Miles Farmers' Market on same side of the street. . Contact Annette & Hisao by Wednesday, April 21 at Tel: 440.708.1258  
ceroneinc@ieee.org; aajones43@netscape.com

### ***Sunday, Apr 25, 3:00 pm***

**Keyboard Conversations “Chopin”**, Jeffrey Siegel, pianist. Held at Cleveland State

[http://www.cleveland.com/musicdance/index.ssf/2009/09/pianists\\_tribute\\_to\\_chopin.html](http://www.cleveland.com/musicdance/index.ssf/2009/09/pianists_tribute_to_chopin.html)

<http://keyboardconversations.com/quotes.html>

Keyboard Conversations are concerts with lively commentary – a concert-plus. "In the best of all possible worlds, every concert would be like one of Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations." (from website The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel)

There are currently four of us attending. Tickets are \$20 (age 65: \$15) Contact Jack Ganz 216.751 4316 or Laurie Kalan 440 256 9247.

### ***Saturday May 8– Cleveland Ski Travel Show***

Cleveland Ski Travel Show, Marriott-Airport. The show coordinators have asked that we “Please send one registration form listing all attendees”. Therefore, contact Jack Ganz by Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at [jackjbg@gmail.com](mailto:jackjbg@gmail.com) or 216 536 7299

### ***May – Date TBD***

**EAT, Alfredo's Italian Restaurant** 780 Beta Drive, Mayfield 44143

*Note: Barbara Brennan is the EAT (Eat Around Town) Coordinator  
Questions: [bwb@case.edu](mailto:bwb@case.edu)*

## ***TRIPS & TOURS FOLLOW-UP***

This was a wonderful ski season for SCC and I am so sorry to see it come to such an abrupt ending. March 5 was my last ski day. All of our ski trips were very successful. **Jay Peak** is filled with good memories, ski days, lessons, the long bus ride, great food and more. Our **two-day trip** filled up between Erie Shore Ski Club and us. All the skiers seemed to be asking for more trips like this one.

**Vail** couldn't have been better. Weather was very good, the back bowls were fun, we even had a powder day and my wife liked my shopping for her. (When your spouse does not come, presents are in order!) We filled our one-day bus trips. We were financially successful – meaning we broke even, or lost just a little bit or made a small amount of surplus. For the season we came out ahead.

I want to thank our trip leaders for all their good work: **Cliff Lewis, Fred Elicker, Joe Sullivan, Joyce Goldsmith, John Danis, and Bill and Christy McGraw**. Clearly, we all enjoyed the March 5th wine trip to **Holimont and Harpersfield Winery**.

I am making all kinds of plans for next year. We will have more bus trips than this year. We will introduce a “family ski day” and perhaps we can fit two two-day trips into our schedule. To do this I am contacting other clubs to join with us on the bus trips. We need to fill the buses to keep our costs down and have more trips.

Here's wishing everyone a good few months until next ski season – only 270 days until we ski again, probably somewhere in Vermont.

—*Jack Ganz*

### **VAIL**

The Western trip was a huge success on all counts for the 30 individuals who went to Vail February 20 to 27. We enjoyed fresh powder, sunshine, comfortable and convenient accommodations, camaraderie, and best of all, no serious injuries and no unusual airport delays. All of this helped us understand how Vail has earned its reputation as a top ski destination.

For those who could not join us, particularly those who had to cancel their reservations, we hope you can that you can come along next year and experience as pleasant and enjoyable a vacation as we had this year.

—*John Danis*

## ***MEMBER NEWS***

She had a great time at Tahoe and Vail with SSC, and she has a great time performing as singer, songwriter and guitarist. SSC member **Colette Gswind** has opened for such acts as K.D. Lang, Lyle Lovett and Roger McGuinn. Several of us decided to hear for ourselves when we visited Mulligan's Tavern on Saturday night. It was fun and entertaining for all.

## **WHAT IS A SKI CLUB?**

March 6, 2010 (from Jackie Otte) To the uninitiated, a ski club is an organization that arranges ski trips and provides opportunities for social interaction. To the rest of us, we know that it is much more; it is a group of friends, some long-standing and some recent. We don't take enough time to remember this as we are scurrying off ski buses or trying to get out of the airport after a good trip.

Over the 30+ years that I have been a member of Suburban, I have had many wonderful experiences and memories. Those of us who attended the 50th anniversary party in the fall, spent the evening recalling many of these tales and adventures. However, most of our stories about past trips and fun times do not recount the many occasions that our Suburban friends have been there for us. About 9 years ago I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of help and well wishes when I was going through chemotherapy and later when I again had surgery. I had many calls and many cards, and some members like Sue Siefert and Laurie Kalan made sure I had groceries in my house and my trash taken out.

Last night and today, I was again reminded how special my Suburban friends have been. After a wonderful day of blue skies and great snow at Holimont, we arrived back at Kohl's in Mayfield to find that my boot bag was missing from under the bus. The bag had not just ski gear, but also my home and car keys! Despite the fact that she had an 8am appointment Saturday morning, Joyce Goldsmith drove me to my office in Fairlawn to get a set of keys, then back to Mayfield to get my car. Today, Christe McGraw, Chris Wolf and Laurie Kalan were calling people and places to help solve this mystery. By evening the bag was found.

I feel blessed to have such a wonderful Suburban family.

—Jackie Otte

## **A JOKE FROM THE PREZ**

*Editor's Note: Be Forewarned. This is a groaner.*

A Drunk Joke: A man and his wife are awakened at 3 o'clock in the morning by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. "Not a chance," says the husband, "It is three o'clock in the morning." He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just some drunk guy asking for a push," he answers.

"Did you help him?" she asks. "No, I did not. Its three o'clock in the morning and it is pouring rain outside!"

His wife said, "Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!"

The man does as he is told (of course), gets dressed and goes out into the pouring rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello! Are you still there?"

"Yes," comes back the answer. "Do you still need a push?" calls out the husband.

"Yes! Please!" comes the reply from the darkness. "Where are you?" asks the husband.

"Over here on the swing!!" replies the drunk.