

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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Website: <http://www.suburbanskiclub.org>

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

Our ski plans for the upcoming season have been finalized! Please take a moment to review the **attached “Ski Schedule 2016,”** which includes dates and pricing for all of our one-day, two-day and weeklong trips. In total, we are skiing a whopping 26 days in 2016 ... our most aggressive ski schedule yet. For details, be sure to read **Jack Ganz’s Trips & Tours Report**.

If you plan to go on any of our one-week trips, I urge you to send in your reservation without delay. Within just a couple of days of releasing our schedule in mid-July, these trips are almost half sold out. While we have provided our membership advance notice of our trips, please be aware that we will be publishing our calendar on Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council’s (CMSC) web site and The Sitzmark very soon. When that happens, SSC members will be in competition with all other skiers and we will be taking reservations on a first-come, first-served basis.

You’ll want to also pay special attention to our social calendar for August. **Jack Ganz** has organized a canoe trip for us at Camp Hi in Hiram on **Sunday, August 23** and **Ann McBrian** has again put together an evening for us at Blossom to hear Jazz music under the stars on **Saturday, August 29**. There will be picnic before the concert. Find all the details later in this newsletter.

We have a couple of new SSC volunteers I would like to especially thank. **Phil Meyer** has generously agreed to manage our membership applications and database. **Cliff Lewis**, who has handled this chore for many years, will tell you it is a big job. **Ed Noss** has agreed to handle the sign-in desk and be the official greeter at our membership meetings. If you know Ed, he is perfect for the job - friendly, outgoing and, not to mention, a very good skier.

Special thanks to our Vice President, **Judy Stowe**, for hosting our EAT at Bubba’s Q Restaurant in Avon on July 14th. The night was very well attended with many eastsiders making the journey to the far west. Later in this newsletter, you will find a couple of photos of two SSC members preparing to attack full slabs of Bubba’s rib’s which appear to be large enough to feed a family of four. The photographer may wish to remain anonymous.

We have also been working on adding online trip reservations and payments to our website. When I say “we,” I really mean **Cliff Lewis**. Cliff has been doing an enormous amount of work on this project and we are very grateful to him for all the hours he has put into it. The process is more complicated than we initially thought and we won’t be rolling it out until we are certain the new technology is working properly. We will keep you posted.

Can you believe that next month, September, we will be having our first Membership Meeting of the season? Also next month is our **Annual Clambake hosted by Ed and Mary Ellen Noss**. See the details in this newsletter and sign on for this great event.

I hope you are enjoying your summer.

*Beth Silverman, President of SSC*  
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**WANT AD:**

Our club is in need of a volunteer to help us manage our website content. The perfect candidate should be comfortable with computers, be willing to learn and be able to be relied on to keep our website calendar, trip offerings and other content up-to-date. If you are interested, please contact President Beth Silverman at [president@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:president@suburbanskiclub.org).

[**A Note from the Editor:** Please be aware that the Email bringing you this newsletter has **several important attachments**. You will find flyers/agreement forms for all three major trips; a more complete 2016 Ski Schedule; a flyer for the Annual Clambake; and an order form for tickets and food for the August 29<sup>th</sup> Blossom concert. Attempting to deal with these documents simply on a smart phone is not advisable. We strongly recommend viewing them on a full screen and printing out copies for your use.]

## ***AUGUST BIRTHDAYS***

This is another edition of our series for recognizing the birthdays of our members. Don't worry, we will not publish the year of your birth, just the month and day. Here are the August birthdays:

**Eric Bobek** (8/21), **Marian Brainerd** (8/12), **Doug Charnley** (8/6), **John (Tim) Daley** (8/12), **John Danis** (8/31), **Sandy Ganz** (8/19), **Nancy Gschwind** (8/16), **Jane Leschnik** (8/3), **Wayne Miller** (8/20), **Arturo "Keith" Mills** (8/11), **Jeanette Nemcek** (8/30), **Sylvia Sanderson** (8/23), **Mike Wagner** (8/20), **Jarrold Zickefoose** (8/16)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all.

**SKI EQUIPMENT FOR SALE:**

SSC member Vicky Berger needs to sell her ski equipment and wants to offer it to SSC members. The items were all purchased at Geiger's in 2013 and only used twice. The package consists of Atomic Affinity Pure Women's Skis, 154 CM, with bindings; Scott Ski Poles; a Dakine Carrying Case; Nordica Cruise NFS Ski Boots, Women's size 8½ (26.0); Giro Ski Helmet, Size M and Head Impulse Goggles. The price is \$600 for the full package.

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### *August – December, 2015*

- **MEETING:** Saturday, August 15, 9:00 AM: Executive Board Meeting
- **SOCIAL ACTIVITY:** Sunday, August 23, 9:00 AM: Canoe Trip and Lunch
- **CONCERT:** Saturday, August 29, 8:00 PM: Wynton Marsalis and the Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom; Check details below for pre-concert picnic time and meeting place
- **MEETING:** Thursday, September 10, 7:00 PM: First Membership Meeting of the Year
- **SOCIAL:** Saturday, September 19, 1:30 PM: Annual Clambake
- **MEETING:** Thursday, October 8, 7:00 PM: SSC Membership Meeting
- **EAT:** Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 PM: Banana Blossom
- **MEETING:** Thursday, November 12, 7:00 PM: SSC Membership Meeting
- **EAT:** either Sunday, November 8 or 15: Grovewood Tavern with SSC Alumni
- **SOCIAL:** Saturday, December 12: Annual Holiday Party at Lakeside Yacht Club

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

#### Sunday, August 23: Canoe Trip and Lunch

## CANOEING ON THE UPPER CUYAHOGA SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015



My wife and I love canoeing. We used to do a lot of it and we are thinking it's time to get back on the water. So, Sandy and I invite you to join us. Mark your calendar for **Sunday, August, 23**. We will meet at **9:00 am** at Camp Hi in Hiram.

Camp Hi offers a variety of River Trips along 25 miles of the Upper Cuyahoga River designated as both an American Heritage and State Scenic River. The water is excellent quality for swimming or fishing. We will do a short canoe trip of 7 miles which will take 2 to 4 hours. It is all pure fun. Consider making this a family affair - bring some kids (any age) and let them join us. Camp Hi will supply canoe, paddles, PFD's (Personal Flotation Device) and you supply the rest.

After "cruising down the river," we can enjoy a hearty lunch at Blazin' Bills in Burton on Rte. 422 at about noon - 1:00 pm or whenever you get there. Blazin' Bills is 10 minutes from Camp Hi.

**Camp Hi Canoe Livery** is located at:  
12274 Abbott Road; Hiram, Ohio 44234  
[www.camphicanoe.com](http://www.camphicanoe.com)



**Blazin' Bills** is located at:  
12891 Main Market Road (Rte 422); Burton  
Ohio 44021  
[www.blazinbills.com](http://www.blazinbills.com)



### **TO MAKE A RESERVATION:**

I need to make reservations for our group at both Camp Hi and Blazin' Bills. The cost is \$20 per person for the canoeing. Lunch is on your own. Just leave me a message at (216) 536-7299 or [jackjbg@gmail.com](mailto:jackjbg@gmail.com). Be sure to let me know the names of everyone in your party and, if necessary, identify any children along with your phone number. I WILL CALL YOU BACK TO CONFIRM YOUR PLACE.

*Jack Ganz*

### **Saturday, August 29: 8:00 PM Concert at Blossom with Picnic at 5:30 PM**

Again this year, **Ann McBrian** is our host for a concert at Blossom with a pre-concert picnic. Ann has provided the following details:

The ads for this evening characterize it as the “virtuosos of jazz meeting the virtuosos of the Cleveland Orchestra.” For the first time, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with **Wynton Marsalis** joins the Cleveland Orchestra. A Pulitzer Prize and nine-time Grammy Award-winner, trumpeter Wynton Marsalis has been lauded for his work in both Jazz and classical music. It promises to be a great evening.

Although the concert begins at 8:00 PM, we will be meeting on the Blossom grounds for a pre-concert picnic. We will assemble inside the gates any time after **5:30 PM** at an area called the **Lawn Terrace**. The Lawn Terrace is centered directly above the pavilion at the top of the hill. This is the same place we met last year and it worked out very well. We will be looking down on the lawn and the pavilion. Last year, some stayed there for the concert, others camped out below on the lawn, and still others headed for seats in the pavilion.

This year the food will be catered by Moe's Southwest Grill featuring a Fajita Bar @ \$10.50 per person. The fajita bar will have the following choices for your personal creation: soft flour tortillas; chicken; rice; black beans; mixed onions & peppers; shredded cheese; shredded lettuce; sour

cream; guacamole; pico de gallo; and chips & salsa. Please feel free to bring your own picnic if you wish. Beverages are not provided and you should bring your drink of choice.

A single lawn ticket price for the evening is \$29.00 but we are getting them at the discounted price of \$21. Lawn tickets are also valid for general admission seating in the pavilion.

Parking is free and there is tram service provided to the main gate from all parking lots. You should be aware that the paved lots could be restricted to those holding paid pavilion seats and those of us with lawn tickets may be directed to park in the grass lots. But the tram service will still get you to the main gate.

Attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter is an order form for tickets and for the Fajita Bar. The **deadline for orders is August 15<sup>th</sup>**. If you are mailing your order close to that deadline, please contact me to let me know your check is in the mail. You may also contact me with any questions.

*Ann McBrian*

[mcbriana@gmail.com](mailto:mcbriana@gmail.com) or (330) 618-8450.

### **Saturday, September 19, 1:30 PM, Hiram, OH: Annual Clambake**

If this is August, we have to remind you that September is coming fast and you need to make your reservations for our Annual Clambake. The date is **Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of September**, and again, this year **Ed and Mary Ellen Noss** have offered to host the event at their rural home in Hiram. Those who have been to the two previous clambakes know that the Nosses go all out and are most gracious hosts. They set up a tent and there will be music to add to the atmosphere. This event has been growing every year and we expect it to be even bigger this time.

We are assembling at 1:30 PM for some socializing, drinks, appetizers and perhaps a surprise or two. The clambake will be served about mid-afternoon. We have a new caterer this year who comes highly recommended. Also new this year is the way we are going to handle the steak option. Past caterers have brought the steaks pre-cooked and although they were not bad, we thought we can do better. So our hosts, Ed & Mary Ellen, have consulted a local butcher who will supply rib-eye steaks that we will cook ourselves on our own "barbie."

Those who attended the last two clambakes, discovered that Hiram is a pleasant half hour drive from the Rt. 422 East exit on I 271. So, please come and join us for a great event out in the country.

**See the flyer attached to this newsletter** for all the details, including a form to be mailed in with your reservation.

## *AN EAT AT BUBBA'S*



On Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, **Vice President Judy Stowe**, played hostess and brought together about twenty hearty souls to Bubba Q's for a barbecue feast. There were a substantial number of club members who ventured across the Cuyahoga and travelled all the way to Avon Lake to sample the fare. It was worth the trip.

One of those present was our own resident "paparazzo," **Phil Meyer**, who caught some of the action with his ever-present cell phone camera. Paparazzi, as you know, take photos of celebrities and then sell them for huge profit. Because of a confidentiality agreement, this newsletter cannot divulge how much of club resources were expended on these celebrity photos but we hope you agree they were worth it.

Our hostess, Judy Stowe, appears in the first photo on the left, contemplating her full slab of ribs. Many wondered where this petite woman would put it all. But some of us, who have dined with Judy on other occasions, were not surprised at all. What would be a surprise is if her dog, Cooper, got even a small morsel.



**Melinda Kellerstrass** who not so long ago was our EAT hostess as the very elegant French restaurant, Le Bistro du Beaujolais, showed us another side of herself and she dove into her enormous slab of ribs.

The word is that when Bubba himself was shown these photos, he was very pleased with our SSC ladies.

## REPORT FROM TRIPS AND TOURS



[EDITOR'S NOTE: Although the report below is from our Co-Chairs of Trips and Tours, **Jack Ganz & Frank Evan**, we decided to run the solo photo of Jack at the left. Even though this is August, we believe Jack's picture gets us thinking about snow and skiing. In future issues we hope to give Frank equal billing and include him in the photo.]

Last month in the July issue of this newsletter we were able to give you our complete ski schedule for 2016 with dates and destinations. And earlier in the month of July, we Emailed you pricing, flyers and reservation forms for our three major trips. But we did not have pricing and other details for our bus trips and we had not yet identified Trip Leaders for all those bus trips. Now we are able to provide that information. Please look at the attachments to the Email that brought you this newsletter. Locate the one titled "**Ski Schedule 2016.**" That document is an expansion of the schedule we showed you

last month and in it, you will find the costs for all the bus trips plus contact information for the Trip Leaders. We recommend that you make a copy of that one page schedule and use it to plan your ski trips for next season. In September, we hope to have individual flyers for all bus trips.

We believe we have the best ski schedule of any club in the area. This coming ski season we have three week-long trips – two out west (Canada and Colorado) and one eastern trip to Maine. We have priced those major trips so that most will be able to feel comfortable paying for a week of skiing. The **Whistler /Banff trip** is **\$1549**, the **Keystone week** is **\$1299** and the **eastern trip** is our all-inclusive bargain at **\$999**.

In addition to the major trips, we also have diversification in our bus trips. There are ten bus trips with one of them being a two-day overnighiter. There are trips on weekdays, Sunday and Holidays (MLK Day and President's Day). These latter allow you to save vacation days if you are still working. This variety in our schedule maximizes the opportunities for all our members to ski. There is no doubt that we offer more opportunities to ski than any other club and we do that while providing a range of choices that will suit the preferences and personal schedules of every skier. We believe we have an outstanding program and we encourage you to share the good news and tell all your skiing friends what Suburban Ski Club has to offer. (While you are printing out a copy of the 2016 schedule for yourself, why not make a few extras to share with friends and family?)

One **final important point about the major trips**: It has only been a few weeks since the week-long trips were announced and it is clear they are going to fill up quickly. So, we want to urge you not to procrastinate and send in your deposits without delay to insure you don't get shut out of a trip you want to go on. As you are reading this, we are beginning to publish our major trip schedule on our own website, the Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council website, [The Sitzmark](#) and in other places. As a member of SSC, you have been given advance notice of our major trips and the opportunity to sign up before non-members. That period is now ending and reservations for all

major trips will be taken on a first-come, first served basis. So, **locate the attachments to this newsletter**, check out the three major trips and send in your deposit. Don't be shut out!

We hope you will be joining us on many of our 2016 trips. Remember our motto, "We Ski Every Week," – and we want you to be with us.

***Jack Ganz and Frank Evan,***

*Co-Chairs of the Trips and Tours Committee*

## ***MAKING SURE YOU ARE INCLUDED***

If the previous advice from **Jack Ganz** and **Frank Evan** in their Trips and Tours Report about reserving your spot on the major trips without delay did not motivate you and if you did not take seriously similar advice from **Beth Silverman** in her President's message, we offer the following as further encouragement:



**Phil Meyer** wanted to be sure he reserved a place on the week-long trips. He scanned his agreement form for the eastern trip and Emailed it to Joe Sullivan the very day the trip was officially announced. At the same time, he used his smart phone to instruct his bank to send in payment.

In addition, Phil hand-delivered his check and trip agreement form to **Tracy Blake**, the Trip Leader for the western trip to Whistler. In the photo, Phil is shown on the left handing his check to Tracy.

By the way, Tracy recently confirmed that two-thirds of the spots for Whistler are already taken. We expect this newsletter will spark more deposits being sent to Tracy and to the Trip Leaders for the other two major trips.

So, follow the good example of Phil Meyer and make your reservations now. **DON'T DELAY!!!**