

Suburban Ski Club

Membership Application/Renewal for 2015-2016

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City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

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I first joined SSC on or about _____ Your birth month & day (year is optional) ___/___/ ___

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

New Members only: Name you wish printed on your name badge _____

Our membership year is from Sept 1 to Aug 31. Monthly newsletters and all special announcements will be sent by Email. Membership renewal dues sent after November 15 will be considered late.

Indicate appropriate membership category below.

New	_____	\$10 (Not previously an SSC member)
Member Renewal	_____	\$20 (Postmarked before November 15)
Late Member Renewal	_____	\$25 (Postmarked November 15 or later)

*Please sign below, and make check payable to **SUBURBAN SKI CLUB**.
 Return application and check to:*

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The undersigned hereby fully and completely releases Suburban Ski Club, Inc. and its officers and members from any and all claims or causes of action which the undersigned may have, or which may accrue to the heirs or legal representatives of the undersigned, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in any of the activities of Suburban Ski Club, Inc., and the undersigned agrees that this release of any and all claims for personal injury, property damage, or any other claims whatsoever, is a condition of membership in and participation in the activities of Suburban Ski Club, Inc. The undersigned also acknowledges that membership may be canceled at any time by the Executive Board of Suburban Ski Club, Inc.

Signature: _____	Date: _____
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Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

SEPTEMBER, 2015

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

I am sure you have noticed that this newsletter is a little different. The first page you saw is a **Membership Renewal Form** and this is our way of calling your attention to the fact that our membership year begins on September 1st. So, we are inviting you to renew your membership for another year. Please note that the Executive Board, after examining our budget and expenses, decided it was necessary to increase the annual dues \$5. But it is still a very reasonable cost at \$20. Please take a few moments to make a copy of the renewal form on the previous page and send it in along with your check to **Phil Meyer** at the address on the form. You can also find the form as a PDF attachment to the Email that brought you this issue of *Ski Trails*.

It is a pleasure for me to welcome new members **Jerry Golinski, Sandra Golinski, Robert McBrayer** and **Colleen Sheridan**. We are delighted you have joined SSC and are looking forward to skiing with you and getting to know you at our social events.

Please plan to join us for our first club **membership meeting** of the season on **Thursday, September 10** at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Village. See the details about location and directions later in this newsletter. If you would like to join us for dinner, we have tables reserved at Alfredo's Restaurant at 5:15 PM. The meeting follows at 7:00 PM. In addition to seeing old friends and meeting new ones, you'll have a chance to hear more details on our exciting ski plans for 2016. We have the large meeting room reserved where we will celebrate the Club's 57th anniversary and the September birthdays of members with some chocolate cake. You will also have a chance to pick up a set of flyers for this season's ski season – our most aggressive yet.

Suburban Ski Club offers many opportunities for members to participate in our social, marketing and membership committees. If you are interested in hosting a social event, leading a ski trip or getting involved with one our marketing initiatives, give me a call. I would love to hear from you!

In this edition of *Ski Trails*, you can learn more about our ski plans for 2016 and find information about upcoming social events. You will also find our reservation flyer for our **Annual Clambake** coming up soon on **September 19**. Don't miss one of our best-attended events of the year.

A special thanks to **Jack & Sandy Ganz** for organizing the canoe expedition on Sunday, August 23rd. Twenty SSC members launched their boats on the upper Cuyahoga River and paddled some seven miles. See a photo essay in a separate attachment. Also a thank you is due to **Ann McBrien** who put together another wonderful Blossom concert and picnic on Saturday night, August 29th.

Beth Silverman, President of SSC
president@suburbanskiclub.org (216) 799-2001

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 complete 2016 Ski Schedule; a flyer for the Annual Clambake; a Membership Renewal Form; and a seven page photo essay on the recent canoe trip. The latter is a must-read.

Attempting to deal with these attachments simply on a smart phone is not advisable. We strongly recommend viewing them on a full screen and printing out copies, if necessary, for your own use.

SEPTEMBER 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. When you fill out your membership renewal, please include the month and date of your birthday so we can recognize your special day. Our data base of birthdays is far from complete. Please remember it is not necessary to include the year of your birth if you do not wish to do so but we need your day and month in order to recognize your birthday. Here are the September birthdays we have on file:

Fran Wesley (9/12), Richard Stroom (9/25), Michael Portschy (9/20), Meg Nemeth (9/7), Christe McGraw (9/3), Jack Ganz (9/16), Joe Eisenbart (9/18), Kelly Charnley (9/7) and Eric Bernkopf (9/11)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

September – December, 2015

- **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
- **OPEN HOUSE:** Friday, October 16 through Sunday, October 18: Boston Mills
- **EAT:** Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 PM: Banana Blossom
- **EAT:** Sunday, November 8, 4:00 PM with SSC Alumni: Zappitelli's at Stonewater Golf Club in Highland Hts.
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- **SOCIAL:** Saturday, December 12: Annual Holiday Party at Lakeside Yacht Club

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Thursday, September 10, 7:00 PM: First Membership Meeting of the Year

The meeting begins at 7pm in the party room of Alfredo's at the Holiday Inn; 780 Beta Drive; Mayfield Village 44143; (440) 461-9200. Beta Drive is only one intersection east of the exit for Wilson Mills Road on I-271. Turn NORTH off Wilson Mills Road at the traffic light on to Beta Drive. You will see a sign for the Holiday Inn as you make the turn.

As usual we will be meeting at 5:15pm for cocktails, food and socializing. If dinner is more than you want, order an appetizer, a salad or even pizza. You will find us at the back of Alfredo's.

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

The Annual Clambake is just a little more than two weeks away. The date is **Saturday, September 19th** 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.

If you have not yet made your reservation, you need to take care of that immediately. The deadline for reservations is September 9th, but Mary Ellen and Ed have extended that deadline until the night of our Membership Meeting on **Thursday, September 10th**. You can save a stamp by bringing your check and reservation form to the meeting. If you are mailing in your reservation and if there is a chance it won't arrive by the 10th, you need to call or Email Ed and Mary Ellen to confirm your reservation with them. **Please see the flyer separately attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter** for all the details including the form to be used to make your reservation and the contact information for the Nosses.

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.

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 PM: EAT at The Banana Blossom Thai Cuisine

Nancy Lukens will be our host for an evening of Thai cuisine at **The Banana Blossom** located at 2800 Clinton Ave; Cleveland, OH 44113. The location is just a few blocks south and east of The Harp, where we had an EAT last January – i.e., east of Detroit and north of W. 25th Street. Nancy says the trendy people call this area Hingetown.

The restaurant has a full bar and will take all credit cards except American Express. You can check out their menu at www.bananablossomthaicuisine.com.

As usual, we will assemble in the bar at 6:00 PM for cocktails. Tables will be ready for seating at 6:45 – 7:00 PM.

Please make your reservation with Nancy by phone at (216) 228-7689 or via email at nblukens@gmail.com

Sunday, November 8, 4:00 PM: EAT at Zappitelli's, Highland Hts

This EAT is the one that has become an annual event where we get a chance to mingle with some of SSC's alumni. For the past several years we have assembled at The Grovewood Tavern but, as you may have heard, Grovewood has closed. In its place we have found a very exciting location in Highland Heights at the Stonewater Golf Club. It is called **Zappitelli's** and the exact address is 1 Club Drive; Highland Heights 44043. Zappitelli's menu can be found on the website: www.stonewatergolf.com

We will be gathering for cocktails and socializing at the bar at 3:30 PM and plan to make our way to dinner tables between 4:30 and 5:00 PM. We will be dining at smaller tables to facilitate more socializing and the seating time for dinner will be staggered to allow for the kitchen and wait-staff to accommodate our group in a more relaxed fashion.

As usual, **Kathy Porcen-Robinson** will be contacting the alumni and taking their reservations. Our EAT Coordinator, **Mary Ellen Noss**, will handle that chore for SSC members. Mary Ellen can be contacted via Email at lpdptr@gmail.com or by phone at (330) 569-3170. Alumni should contact Kathy via Email at perobinsonllc@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (440) 729-0939.

REPORT FROM TRIPS AND TOURS



Our three major trips for 2016 are in place and we have lots of skiers who have already signed up. As you know, we have been promoting early registration and we are delighted that so many of you have gotten the message. We don't think it has ever happened that we have almost filled all our major trips before September 1st. There are a few more spaces on all three trips but they are very limited and you must act quickly if you want to be included. There are limits on the number of airline tickets, condo units and seats on the bus. Very soon we will run out of places and we anticipate a waiting list for all three trips. So, if you have been procrastinating, please don't delay any longer and be shut out.

As a reminder, our three major trips are:

January 23 – 30: Keystone, Breckenridge & Arapahoe Basin; Colorado; February 21 – 27: Sunday River & Sugarloaf; Maine; and March 6 – 13: Whistler Blackcomb; British Columbia, Canada

You will find **flyers and registration forms for all three major trips attached** to the Email that brought you this newsletter. You can also find them on our website: www.suburbanskiclub.org

The registration for all three major trips has gone so well that it appears our skiers like the idea of two western destinations and one eastern trip. It is likely we will do this again next year in 2017.

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about and planning for those 2017 major trips. I will get a group of our skiers together next month and we will start by making a list of where we want to go. We will also discuss what to do on our trips. Would we like to add things like dog sledding, stone massage spas, cross country skiing, ice skating, a wine tasting, a club ski lesson or some other après ski activities? We may also want to discuss the merits of a condo vs a hotel. In addition, we will get someone to work with Curtis Bell, CMSC's impresario for international trips. If you would like to join the group and have some ideas about western, eastern and international ski areas, give me a call or send me an Email.

I do have some concern about our one day bus trips. Our club runs more bus trips than any other club in the area and this year we have added even more. There are ten bus trips on our schedule and this year the Executive Board has approved running bus trips on the same weeks as our major trips. This means that a number of our skiers, who usually sign up for our bus trips, will be out of town. That will reduce the number of skiers available for the ski trips on those dates. However, the membership of Suburban Ski Club currently stands at 232 and we believe that with only about 35 or so tied up on a major trip, the remaining skiers should be able to fill up the bus.

There are still a few details to be finalized for the bus trips (costs of lift tickets and bus transportation, for example) but we are well on our way and flyers for all those trips should be

available in the coming weeks. In the meantime, be sure to enter the ski schedule dates on your personal calendars and begin to make up your own personal ski schedule.

Don't forget, "we ski every week" and do so more than any other ski club in the area. Please tell your friends and colleagues about our ambitious ski program, give them a copy of our schedule and invite them to join a Suburban Ski Club trip.

Jack Ganz, Trips and Tours Committee
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RACING ANYONE?

You have heard from me before on this subject and I want to invite you again to consider doing some racing for fun. Let me tell you why I think you should try to do some ski racing.

Ski racing is no different than joining a bowling league – it is very social and lots of fun. Your first race is on an easy (blue) course to determine your class. There are 3 to 6 classes. After you are assigned a class, you end up racing with skiers who ski and race just like you do. Men race against men and women race against women. It makes no difference if you ski black, blue or green runs. You will be with other skiers in your class. As you get better, you are moved up to a higher class.

I am suggesting we try two races this year: **January 9 at Holiday Valley** and **February 6 at Peek'n Peak**. The Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council's 2016 race schedule is below. Let me know if you are interested and we will make appropriate arrangements. If you want to get serious and do all the races, let me know and I can set you up for this as well.

Date	Venue	Course Type
Wed Jan 6, 13, & 20	Boston Mills	Qualifier
Sat Jan 9	Holiday Valley	Giant Slalom & Snowboard
Sun Jan 10	Holiday Valley	Slalom
Sat Jan 23	Swain I	Giant Slalom & Snowboard
Sun Jan 24	Swain I	Slalom
Sat Jan 30	Snow Trails	Slalom & Snowboard Slalom
Sun Jan 31	Snow Trails	Dual GS & Snowboard Duals
Sat Feb 6	Peek 'n' Peak	Slalom & Snowboard
Sun Feb 7	Boston Mills	Slalom & Snowboard
Sat Feb 20	Kissing Bridge	Slalom & Snowboard Slalom
Sun Feb 21	Holiday Valley	Dual GS & Snowboard Duals
Sat Feb 27	Bristol Combined	(ski) Super G & Giant Slalom
Sun Feb 28	Bristol Combined	(ski) Slalom
Sat Mar 5	Swain II	Giant Slalom & Snowboard Combined
Sun Mar 6	Swain II	Slalom & Snowboard Slalom
Sat Apr 30	Reinecker's Party Center	Racers' Banquet

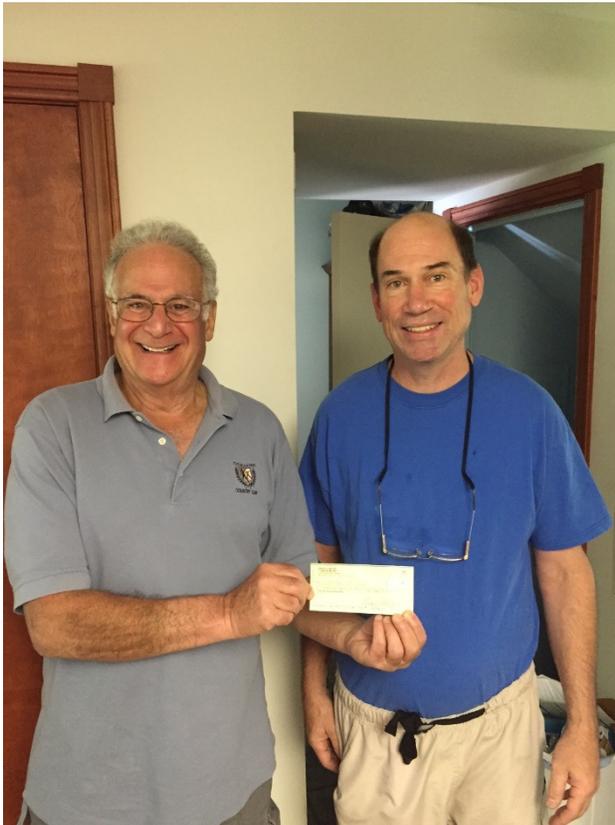
I also want to mention that, in addition to participating in the CMSC program, we will continue to invite those on our ski trips to join us for some fun skiing in the NASTAR program. Many of us have been doing this on past trips and it really does add a new dimension to a day of skiing. Medals are awarded on a handicap system that takes into account your age and your gender. We will have more information about this fun program later on.

Jack Ganz

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BACK AGAIN

Last month we published the photo below in order to encourage you not to delay in signing up for the major ski trips. It shows **Phil Meyer**, on the left, presenting his check for the Whistler Blackcomb trip to Trip Leader, **Tracy Blake**. Since the photo sparked so much interest, we decided to run it again. This time we need to credit the photographer who is none other than our club President, Beth Silverman.



Since this photo was taken, Tracy has reported that Phil has ratcheted up his enthusiasm for the trip even more. He has offered to give lessons on “Pretending To Be a Canadian.” Topics covered will include how to use “eh’ and “about” in conversation; the mysteries of Canadian currency (e.g, you may be familiar with a “loonie” but do you know what a “toonie” is?); and the meaning of a “two –four.” The latter is a critical phrase for beer drinkers. It is the Canadian term for a case of beer – e.g, “While you are out, could you pick me up a two-four of Molson?”

Anyway, the point, once again, is that there is great enthusiasm for this Canadian trip as well as the other two major trips to Keystone, Colorado and Sunday River/Sugarloaf in Maine. There are only a few place left on all these trips. So, please don’t delay in signing up.