

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

March, 2016

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

It seems like our ski season just got started and here we are with only our Skier Appreciation Day at Holimont this Friday, March 4th, and our one-week trip to Whistler, BC remaining. You also may want to take advantage of Geiger's "Customer Appreciation Day" at Peek n Peak on Sunday, March 6th. You will find the details on page 5.

This certainly has been an interesting year with almost half of our season canceled due to unseasonably warm and rainy weather. But we managed to squeeze in three successful one-week trips and half a dozen or so one and two-

day bus trips. So considering what Mother Nature handed us this year, we did pretty well.

While I'm sad to see our ski days coming to an end, I'm looking forward to a number of summer activities our social committee has planned for us. Stay tuned for our calendar of summer events that will include a trip to the Holden Arboretum, bike riding, canoeing, monthly dinners and more. Thanks to **Judy Stowe** for organizing our social calendar.

Even before this season is over, we are beginning to plan our 2017 ski season. Later this month, we will be sending you a survey to solicit your ideas on where we should ski next year. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. We value your feedback.

Our **final membership meeting** before the summer break is on **Thursday, March 24**. I hope you can come. We will be holding elections for next year's officers and Jack Ganz has arranged for a local expert to talk to us about wines. That will be followed by a wine tasting at his shop in Shaker Heights. Please see the details below.

Our slate of nominated candidates is published below. Later this month you will be sent an Email with an **absentee ballot**. We hope you will return that if you can't attend the meeting. Since our membership has greatly expanded, we will need your absentee ballot to insure a quorum at the meeting.

Ski Trails Editor, **Joe Sullivan**, is just back from leading the one-week Eastern Trip to Sunday River and Sugarloaf, Maine. Joe came home with a bad cold and we owe him an even bigger debt

of gratitude than usual, knowing that he is putting together this issue of the newsletter with a red nose and a box of Kleenex at the ready. Joe puts a great deal of time and love into his trips and the result is an outstanding experience.

Joe asked me to be sure to acknowledge to contributions of **Frank Bolon** to the Eastern Trip. Frank has an avid interest in New England skiing and has been a valuable asset in determining destinations for the Eastern Trip and making contacts with the resorts. This year, when the group faced a rainy day at Sunday River, Frank lead a group of about twenty on an excursion to Freeport, Maine and the LL Bean store.

Thanks also go to our **Jack Ganz** for an excellent job in again organizing our annual two day trip to Holiday Valley and Bristol Mountain on February 11th and 12th. The skiing was very good and the lodging along with breakfast and dinner at the Inn at Lake Canandaigua were well-received.

Tracy Blake should also be thanked for leading our bus trip to Holimont on President's Day. This trip had an extra special wrinkle in that at the wine and cheese party, we celebrated the 60th birthday of our trip leader. Chocolate birthday cake was a nice finish to the wine and cheese. [**Editor's Note:** Beth and her husband, Tracy, have birthdays on the same day. However, Beth insisted on taking a back seat since Tracy's birthday welcomed him into his 7th decade while Beth still has a way to go]

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our trip to Seven Springs on Feb. 3rd due to a rainy forecast. We also needed to cancel our Feb 25th bus trip to Holiday Valley. But I would be remiss in not thanking **Cliff Lewis** and **Jack Ganz** for all the work they did in planning what would have been two outstanding trips.

Finally, our club continues to grow and I am delighted to welcome the following **new members** to Suburban Ski Club: **Aj Aman, Kelly Dilorenzo, Debora Duerk, Darius Kaunas, Julie Polaniec, Jennifer Polaniec, Dennis Troyan and John C. Westropp**

Beth Silverman, President of SSC
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The Slate of Nominees **March 24, 2016 Election Meeting**

President:	Beth Silverman
First Vice President:	Donna Schulteiss
Vice President for Data Management:	Cliff Lewis
Treasurer:	Ann McBrian
Secretary:	Pat Lewis
Member At Large:	Jack Ganz
Member At Large:	Melinda Kellerstrass

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

What follows is another edition of our series recognizing the birthdays of SSC members. Don't worry, we do not publish the year of your birth, just the month and day! Our data base of birthdays is far from complete. Please remember to include your birthday on your membership form. It is not necessary to give 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 March birthdays we have on file:

Kevin Duden (3/2), Mark Felber (3/25), Pamela Fenn (3/7), Ronald Frederick (3/17), Larry Grewe (3/3), Richard Kluchar (3/25), Phil Meyer (3/4), Blanche O'Hara (3/15), Eugene Pallat (3/28), Joan Rieke (3/17), Kimberly Sandler (3/6), Donna Schultheiss (3/30), Mary Ellen Strong (3/19), Mike Summers (3/14) and Wendy Willis (3/22)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

March – April, 2016

- **SKI TRIP:** Friday, March 4, 2016: **Holimont - Skier Appreciation Day**
- **SKI TRIP:** Sunday, March 6 – Sunday, March 13, 2016: **Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada**
- **SKI TRIP:** Sunday, March 6: Peek n Peak, **Geiger's Customer Appreciation Day**
- **EAT:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 6:00 PM: **Bodega**, 1854 Coventry Rd.; Clev. Hts.
- **MEETING:** Thursday, March 24, 2016, 7:00 PM: **SSC Membership Meeting**. This is the **Election Meeting** for Club Officers. (Please note the change from the usual second Thursday of the month)
- **EAT:** Tuesday, April 12th, 6:00 PM: Shaker Wines & Spirits: **wine tasting with food**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 6:00 PM: EAT at Bodega, Cleveland Heights

Frank and Sue Evan are inviting you to join them for dinner at one of their favorite restaurants, **Bodega Restaurant and Lounge**, on Wednesday, March 23, 2016. It's a great location since it is somewhat central to east and west side members. Bodega is located on the lower level at 1846 Coventry Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44106. The phone number is [216-932-1000](tel:216-932-1000). You can also check out their website: www.bodegacoventry.com. Clicking on "contact" on the website home page will bring up a very helpful map of the Coventry location. If on street parking is difficult, there is a municipal parking lot north on Coventry on the east side just beyond Jimmy Johns and Paninis.

Frank and Sue say the menu is HUGE and they love the food. You can enjoy an extensive selection of appetizers and dinners with sea food (sushi and cooked), plus many meats from lamb to pan seared duck, braised ribs, grilled Amish chicken, chicken fettuccini alfredo, salmon, lobster tails, 16 oz rib eye, filet au poivre, lamb couscous, Moroccan slow cooked vegetables, berber stew with

prawns, mussels, scallops, clams and lobster tails in saffron, fennel and tomatoand then some amazing sweet endings such as tiramisu, cheese cake, baklava and on and on!!

We will meet in the bar for cocktails at 6:00 PM with dinner to follow at 7:00 PM

Please call Frank & Sue at [440-503-7089](tel:440-503-7089) to make your reservation or to ask any questions. They would like to have your reservation by **Monday March 14th** so that the manager can be prepared for our group. You can also Email: frank.evan@yahoo.com

Thursday, March 24, 2016, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting

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.

This is the **Election Meeting for Club Officers**. If you cannot be at the meeting, you will have the opportunity to cast your absentee ballot before the meeting.

There will also be a **special presentation** at this meeting. If you have ever wanted to know how to taste a wine, how to purchase one or just increase your knowledge about wines, we are fortunate to have as our guest speaker, Gene Veronesi, owner of Shaker Wines and Spirits, Cleveland's Premier Wine merchants since 1937. Gene will give us the answers to these and other questions you may have.

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 6:00 PM: EAT at Shaker Wines & Spitts

Jack and Sandy Ganz are our hosts at this very interesting EAT. Gene Veronesi, who is making a presentation on wine at our March 24th Membership Meeting, has invited us to his store to sample at least six wines. Along with tasting a variety of wines, some light entrees will be served. The store is located at 20100 Van Aken Blvd, Shaker Heights, OH 44122. Phone number is (216) 283-6300. More details, including directions to the store and information on how to make your reservation will follow in the April newsletter. For now, please put this event on your calendar.

A WORD FROM OUR EAT COORDINATOR

As you have read, on March 23rd, **Frank and Sue Evan** are leading us to the Coventry area of Cleveland Heights to sample the fare at Bodega and on April 12th, **Jack and Sandy Ganz** are inviting us to Shaker Wines and Spirits for an evening of wine tasting accompanied by food.

There are other things in the pipeline but we are always on the lookout for new ideas and new places. Please share them with me.

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Geiger's Customer Appreciation Day

When: Sunday, March 6, 2016

Where: Peek 'n Peak

\$25 All Day lift Tickets (with Geiger's Store Coupon)

Snacks and Beverages at the Retreat Lodge from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Stay at the Inn at Peak 'n Peak for \$89/room on Sunday night (Book on line and use Code GSA16 for this special price)

NOTE: you must pick up you lift ticket voucher at any Geiger's location (All locations will be closed on the day of this special event)

Geiger's Locations:

LAKWOOD; 14710 DETROIT AVE; LAKWOOD, OH 44107 - (216) 521-1771

DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND; 1020 EUCLID AVE; CLEVELAND, OH 44115

CHAGRIN; 50 SHOPPING PLAZA DR; CHAGRIN FALLS, OH 44022 - (440) 247-4900

SOME PHOTOS:

Although the frustrating weather conditions prevented us from doing all the skiing we had scheduled, SSC did manage to get in some fine days on the slopes. What follows are a few random and selected photos that came to the editor's desk. In future issues of [Ski Trails](#) we hope to publish more pictures of our 2016 ski season and we invite you to send in any you may have. Please Email them to me at joe@suburbanskiclub.org

In the meantime, enjoy the following photos:

Last month we published Trip Leader, June Kelley's, article on our January 18, Presidents Day trip. You will recall that the trip was scheduled for Holimont. However, the road conditions were atrocious and we wisely decided to stop at Peek 'n Peak instead of attempting the longer and treacherous drive to Ellicotville. The snow was relentless but we managed to have a great day at PnP.



Because of the conditions, we didn't think there were any photos taken on that day. However, **Steve Richards** recently submitted this photo of **June Deidrich** which kind of captures the conditions we all experienced. Congratulations to June, Steve and all the other 48 SSC skiers who proved what a hearty bunch they were.

Keystone, January 24 – 30, 2016:



Photo courtesy of Kathy Westlake



A quartet of snow bunnies taking a break: from left to right, **Cindy Bacon, Michele Boim, Annette Yamada** and **Lynn Miller**.



Fran Wesley and **Elliott Drysdale** looking for their companions. (Photo via Kathy Westlake)



It was not all skiing. Enjoying an apres ski dinner are (from the left) **Tracy Blake**, SSC President, **Beth Silverman** and **Kathy Westlake**. In the background you may be able to see **Joan Reike**, **Frank Bolon** and **Mark & Cindy Bacon**. (Photo courtesy of Lynn Miller)

Presidents Day at Holimont, February 15, 2016:



On the top of Bristol Mountain, (from left to right) that's **Dave Rock, Renata Jenkins, Julie Ferencak, Art Koch** (looking like he just won the downhill race), **Donna Schulteiss and Anna Nowak**. (Photo courtesy of Dale Unroe)