

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

This is the first time I am writing to you as the new president of Suburban Ski Club. I am excited by the idea of working with all of you in this club which has meant so much to me for the last sixteen years. I joined SSC on October 11, 2001 when we were meeting at the Coast Guard Club in Cleveland. I met several people that night that I still treasure as friends. Also, that night, a very friendly man asked me to join his table for the meeting. Well, that was **Russ Marx**, and he did make a very good impression! We are now married and have thoroughly enjoyed the club and its members throughout the years. We have so many very good memories of all the fun ski trips, social events and other gatherings! Great friends, great times and great skiing!

I participated in my first Executive Board meeting this past Saturday and I need to thank the members of the board for welcoming me and making me feel so comfortable. At the meeting, we discussed the upcoming ski season as well as many other club activities. There are great things in the planning for the 2018 ski season. Final decisions on destinations and dates have not yet been made and I encourage you to watch for the next issue of Ski Trails and to be on the lookout for other announcements. In the meantime, please read the article on the final pages of this newsletter for a preview of things in the works.

Over the years, we have had many talented and dedicated people who have provided wonderful leadership for our club. With this past leadership, SSC has been fortunate to have enjoyed a steady rise in membership. Our current members of the Executive Board will strive to continue that tradition. I feel privileged and pleased to have this opportunity to now be working with them.

I hope to meet many of you in the coming months at our social events and I hope to learn from you what we can do to make SSC even better. Please know that I very much want to hear from you.

Speaking of social events, we need to thank **Bob Stern** for hosting an EAT at D'Agnese's on March 30th and **Ed & Mary Ellen Noss** for taking us to Bistro 185. Both evenings had about thirty SSC members in attendance.

Becky Marx, President of SSC
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Another edition of our series recognizing the birthdays of SSC members follows. 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, but we need your day and month so we can publish your birthday. Here are the May birthdays we have on file:

Erich Bernkopf (5/13), Steve Chmielewski (5/27), Stephanie Cole (5/27), Tommy Fisher (5/21), Colleen Gallagher (5/7), Joyce Goldsmith (5/31), Michelle Gugick (5/15), Maggie Layman (5/13), Nancy Lukens (5/6), Steve Mellinger (5/13), Janette Neumann (5/20), Ed Noss (5/9), Almuth Riggs (5/28), Sue Siefert (5/21), Steve Szilagyi (5/18) and Cathy Vento (5/9)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

May - June 2017

- ***SKI SHOW:*** Saturday, May 13: Cleveland Ski Travel Show
- ***MEETING:*** Saturday, May 20: Executive Board Meeting
- ***SOCIAL:*** Sunday, May 21, 5:00 PM: EAT at Das Schnitzel Haus
- ***SOCIAL:*** Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 PM: EAT at Spice Kitchen and Bar

Save the date: August 26th, Saturday at the Blossom Music Center

Again, this season, **Ann McBrian** will be organizing an evening of outdoor music with a pre-concert picnic. The evening features the Cleveland Orchestra conducted by Cristian Macelaru with Augustin Hadelich on violin and the Women of the Blossom Festival Chorus. The program includes Dvorak's Violin Concerto and Holst's The Planets. Details forthcoming

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Sunday, May 21, 5:00 PM: EAT at Das Schnitzel Haus

One of our favorite people is hosting this EAT. **Lilly Kron** will again be taking us back to **Das Schnitzel Haus** on **Sunday, May 21st**. The restaurant features German dishes in both pub and comfort styles. Here is an excerpt from how the restaurant describes itself:

"The restaurant and outdoor-heated biergarten (beer garden) offers reasonably priced German food and drinks combined with exceptional friendly service from our experienced staff in a cozy, warm atmosphere....Experience authentic German food featuring homemade schnitzels, goulash, potato pancakes, bratwurst, sauerbraten, spaetzel, ribs, duck and much more."

Lilly will be meeting us for cocktails **at 5:00pm** with dinner to follow. Das Schnitzel Haus is located at 5728 Pearl Road; Cleveland, OH 44129. The restaurant is in Parma and close to Snow and Ridge Roads. (440) 886-5050. See their website: www.dshparma.com

Please **contact Lilly to reserve your spot**: lilly.kron@gmail.com or (440)248-8270.

Tuesday, June 13, 6:00 PM: EAT at Spice Kitchen and Bar

John and Susan Hersch will be our hosts for this EAT. Here are some details supplied by the Hersches:

Spice Kitchen & Bar is located at 5800 Detroit Avenue in the Gordon Square District. The restaurant takes pride in local sourcing, seasonal specialties and innovative cocktails. You are invited to check out the menu for dinner and happy hour at www.spicekitchenandbar.com. The menu changes frequently but our experience has always been positive. The décor and friendly service will enhance your dining experience.

The web site includes a video of the restaurant's farm in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, interviews with the farmers and chefs, and an explanation of how the farm's production is integrated with the food preparation. It features their fresh produce, contented hens and pigs.

We will meet for drinks at 6:00 PM with a sit-down dinner at 7:00. Happy hour runs from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Reservation deadline is Friday, June 9th. Contact John Hersch by phone at (216) 577-5370 or send an Email to johnhersch@yahoo.com

A NOTE FROM OUR EAT COORDINATOR

As always, we are on the lookout for new and interesting destinations for our EAT get togethers. Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions.

Mary Ellen Noss, EAT Coordinator
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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2017 SKI SEASON:

As you read earlier in **President Becky Marx's** Message, plans for our 2018 ski season are well underway with recent discussions by members of the Executive Board. There is still work to be done but the basic structure is in place. Our immediate concern is the three major, week-long trips. After they are in place, we can fill in the calendar with our bus trips. As you know, our motto is "We Ski Every Week" and that will certainly be true for our 2018 skiing program. On the other hand, the members of the EB seemed to reach a consensus that we over-stretched last year in scheduling a bus trip during a week when many of our skiers were away on a major trip.

Former President, **Beth Silverman**, and EB Member At Large, **Melinda Kellerstrass** are co-chairing the Trips and Tours Committee. Although they will work together, Beth will concentrate on the western trips and Melinda will give her attention to the bus program. **Frank Bolon** and **Joe Sullivan** will again be responsible for the Eastern Trip.

We can share with you several points that came out of our discussions and planning sessions:

- With the recent growth in membership, we think that Suburban Ski Club is now large enough to offer three major trips in 2018 (two to the West and one to the East) and we are going to see if we can make that happen this coming season.
- The first Western Trip will probably be in January
- The Eastern Trip will be in February and will most likely involve a much shorter bus ride to some Vermont ski areas.
- The second Western Trip will be in March
- The western ski areas we are considering include Aspen/Snowmass, Park City/Deer Valley/The Canyons, and possibly another Canadian destination. We think we may be adding to this short list because it is very possible one of the tour operators we are negotiating with will come up with a great price for a destination we did not anticipate. Last year's very successful trip to Steamboat Springs is a good example of this.
- We envision the Eastern trip as an all-inclusive package that is the most affordable of the three major trips and trips.
- We are also looking to see if we can create one of our western trips at a "bargain" price (e.g., Steamboat Springs last January).
- Although there will be fewer bus trips in 2018, we want to see if we can repeat the January two-day trip to Holiday Valley since it was such a good deal and also retain a second two-day trip, probably going to Holiday Valley and Bristol as we have done in the past.

The Executive Board meets again in mid-May and we are hopeful we can make some final decisions on our major trips. When the dates for all three major trips are in place, we can then move on to working the bus trip schedule into the 2018 ski calendar. We anticipate announcing the major trips in the June 1st newsletter and also giving some tentative dates and destinations for the bus trips. In addition, we will have prices for all three major trips. Prices for the bus trips will not be available until the ski areas release their lift ticket costs and until the bus companies respond to our requests for bids.

We hope you are excited about what is going to be a great ski season in 2018. Please stay tuned as we roll out the details and then make your plans to join us on the slopes.