

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

If you are interested in doing a lot of skiing in 2018, you are in for a treat! Our Executive Board and Trips & Tours Committee have put together what I believe to be the best ski program we have ever had. Please read on in this newsletter and you will find the latest edition of our 2018 Ski Schedule along with reports on the three major trips and our bus trip program.

I want to thank **Beth Silverman** and **Melinda Kellerstrass**, the Co-chairs of the Trips and Tours Committee. Beth worked diligently on the two western trips and Melinda has concentrated on the program of bus trips. **Frank Bolon** and **Joe Sullivan** also need to be thanked for orchestrating the Eastern Trip again this year. Please read their reports on the following pages and if you have not done so already, make your plans to join a major trip before they are sold out.

We should also thank **Cindy Bacon**, our First Vice President, for organizing the bike ride on July 16th. Finally, I especially want to express my personal gratitude to the Executive Board of our club for their hard work at several meetings and in particular for their willingness and generosity in helping me as I begin my presidency in SSC.

Later in these pages you will read about some upcoming events. On **August 26**, **Ann McBrian** is again hosting a picnic and concert at Blossom Music Center. This is always a fun and very popular evening. I hope to see you there. And be sure to put **Saturday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**, on your calendar for our **annual clambake**.

Finally, I want to call your attention to a very special evening in September. We will begin our membership meeting season by repeating the very successful Ski Fair that we conducted last year. The date will be **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Details are forthcoming in the September [Ski Trails](#).

The next month of September will also bring the time for membership renewal. You will see details about that in the next newsletter as well. In the meantime, I have the pleasure of welcoming some new members to SSC: **Janis Breckel, Roger Carmany, Thurl Carmany, Matthew Klass, Bob Klass, Georgia Lloyd, Jerry Solnick** and **Linda Solnick**. We are happy you have joined us and look forward to seeing you at our social events and on the slopes.

*Becky Marx, President of SSC*  
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## ***AUGUST BIRTHDAYS***

This 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, but we need your day and month so we can publish your birthday. Here are the August birthdays we have on file:

**Doug Charnley (8/6), John Danis (8/31), Ned Finzer (8/23), Percy Finzer (8/7), Sandy Ganz (8/19), Gail Hayden (8/6), Jane Leschnik (8/3), Jeanette Nemcek (8/30), Sylvia Sanderson (8/23), Mike Wagner (8/20), Betsy Wolf (8/11) and Chris Wolf (8/25)**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all.

## ***CALENDAR AT A GLANCE***

***August – September, 2017***

- ***MEETING:*** Tuesday, August 15: Executive Board Meeting
- ***SOCIAL:*** Saturday, August 26, 8:00 PM: Picnic and Concert at Blossom
- ***SOCIAL:*** Saturday, September 16, 2:30 PM: Annual Clambake in Hiram
- ***MEETING:*** Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 PM: Ski Fair - First Membership Meeting of the season

## *UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL*

*Saturday, August 26: Picnic & Concert at Blossom Music Center*

Suburban Ski Club  
at  
**BLOSSOM**  
**MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Summer Home of  
The Cleveland Orchestra

*Saturday, August 26, 2017*



Again, this year, **Ann McBrian** is our host for a performance by the Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom with a pre-concert picnic. For this special evening, the Cleveland Orchestra is conducted by Cristian Macelaru with Augustin Hadelich on violin and the Women of the Blossom Festival Chorus. The program features DVORAK's Violin Concerto and HOLST's The Planets.

The performance begins at 8:00 PM but we will be gathering any time after 5:30 PM in the area called the Lawn Terrace (located above the lawn area and centered on the pavilion) for our pre-concert picnic. **Please see the BLOSSOM MAP** attached to the Email that brought this newsletter. Also attached is a **Page of GENERAL INFORMATION** that should be helpful.

The meal will be buffet style provided by Old Carolina BBQ. It will consist of pulled pork, pulled chicken, green beans, baked beans, wings and cookies. If you wish to order a dinner salad and/or a side salad from Panera you may do that as well. Attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter is an **ORDER FORM for lawn tickets and your meal**. The form is in two formats. If you can open the spreadsheet version, you may fill that out and Email it to Ann. If you are unable to open a spreadsheet, you can print out the PDF version and snail mail it to Ann. Payment should be in the form of a check payable to Suburban Ski Club and mailed to Ann.

Please feel free to bring your own picnic, if you wish. Beverages are not provided and you should bring your beverage of choice. Adult beverages are allowed at Blossom.

Parking is free in the grass lots with tram service provided to get you to the main gate. You may purchase a Parking Lot A pass for \$20 in advance by contacting the Severance Hall Ticket Office

at 216-231-1111. There are a limited number available, so do not wait to contact them if you want this close in, reserved parking.

A single lawn ticket price for the evening is \$24. But Ann is hoping to buy books of lawn tickets at a savings of \$8 per ticket. Provided we are able to purchase the books, refunds on the tickets will be given to you on the night of the concert. Should you not want to sit on the lawn, these lawn tickets are also valid for general admission seating in the pavilion.

You may contact Ann at: [mcbriana@gmail.com](mailto:mcbriana@gmail.com) or 330-618-8450. Ann's mailing address is Ann McBrian; 2059 Maple Road; Stow, OH 44224. In addition to making your reservations, Ann is available to answer any questions you might have. Please make your reservations asap but no later than **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Saturday, September 16, 2:30PM: Annual Clambake in Hiram at the Noss Estate**

Please put this date on your personal calendars. In a couple of weeks, about mid-August, we will be sending out an Email with all the details. For now, you need to be sure to save that Saturday for our very popular clam bake.

For now, we can share one thing about the clambake. We are happy to tell you that, once again, the Executive Board has agreed to subsidize this event and we have been able to preserve last year's price of \$35.

**Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 PM: First Membership Meeting of the New Year**

Please put this date on your calendar. This will be a very special gathering with a different meeting time (other than our usual second Thursday) and also with a different format. We are repeating the very successful **Ski Fair** we had last year. We will be meeting in the large room at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Heights. Details will follow in our September newsletter but for now we can tell you we will have our usual pre-meeting dinner at about 5:15 PM. That will be followed by our very own SSC Ski Fair. There will be information tables set up for our three major trips: our bus trip program and membership. There will be snacks and drinks as well as an opportunity to win some valuable prizes. You won't want to miss this night.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The annual **EAT with SSC alumni** has been scheduled for **Sunday, November 12, 2017**. The place is the very interesting Alley Cat, a Zack Bruell restaurant on the East Bank of the Flats. They have a Happy Hour from 3 – 6 PM and we will be meeting at 4:00 PM for cocktails with dinner to follow. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to join us for dinner on the Lake.

## **THE 2018 SKI SEASON**

What follows is an update on SSC's plans for the 2018 ski season. You will find reports on our three major trips and our bus trip program. There are a few places where some details are incomplete but, for the most part, our ski calendar is in place. Enjoy reading about what is to come in 2018 and be sure to get on board early for the major trips and lock in your spot.

The reports are preceded by a summary of our ski schedule. Immediately below you can get a bird's eye view of what is in store for 2018. As you read this schedule you will note that prices of bus trips and the names of some trip leaders have yet to be determined.

<b>DATE 2018</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SKI AREA</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>TRIP LEADER</b>
JANUARY 3	Wednesday	PEEK 'N PEAK - Meet Up Carpool		Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
JANUARY 7	Sunday	PEEK 'N PEAK, NY		TBD
<b>JANUARY 13-20</b>	<b>Saturday - Saturday</b>	<b>SNOWMASS/ASPEN, CO</b>	<b>\$1499</b>	<b>Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org</b>
JANUARY 26	Friday	HOLIDAY VALLEY - Dinner at Grand River Cellars		Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
JANUARY 31	Wednesday	SEVEN SPRINGS, PA - Dinner at Resort		Cliff@suburbanskiclub.org
FEBRUARY 6	Tuesday	HOLIDAY VALLEY, NY		TBD
<b>FEBRUARY 11-17</b>	<b>Sunday - Saturday</b>	<b>KILLINGTON, VT (PICO &amp; OKEMO)</b>	<b>\$949</b>	<b>Joe@suburbanskiclub.org</b>
FEBRUARY 22-23	Thursday-Friday	HOLIDAY VALLEY/ BRISTOL, NY - Two Day Trip		Jack@suburbanskiclub.org
FEBRUARY 28	Wednesday	HOLIMONT		TBD
MARCH 9	Friday	HV SKIER APPRECIATION DAY - Dinner in Town		TBD
<b>MARCH 11-18</b>	<b>Sunday - Sunday</b>	<b>PANORAMA, CANADA</b>	<b>\$1300</b>	<b>Cindy@suburbanskiclub.org</b>

## ***THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR THE 2018 SKI SEASON***

### **Two Western Trips:**



Why am I wearing my ski clothes in August? I got all dressed up in this hot August weather to call your attention to what we have in store for you on our two western trips. I hope you will be as excited as I am.

Let me begin with the latest breaking news. We have finalized the deal for our trip to Canada in March. We are off to **Panorama Ski Resort on March 11 – 18** where will spend a week along Canada's famed "Powder Highway" in British Columbia. Panorama offers 120 trails over 2847 acres of skiable terrain and an average of 192 inches of light powder each year.

Our expert skiers can take on double-black diamond tree skiing while the rest of us can enjoy groomed, wide boulevards. For our newer skiers or intermediates who want break in slowly, Panorama opened a "Discovery Zone" last year that is serviced by a Quad chairlift. If our skiers are looking for even more challenging terrain, they can opt to take a short bus ride and spend a day at Kicking Horse Ski Resort known for its large alpine bowls, long steep chutes, short lift lines and breath-taking and wonderful panoramic views of the Canadian Rockies in all their splendor.

We are staying in condos at the Panorama Springs Lodge and will have ski-in/ski-out access to the Mile One quad. The lodge has an enormous year-round hot pool along with other amenities. We have space for 36 and, thanks to the favorable US to Canadian exchange rate, we expect that this trip will sell out quickly at our low price of **\$1,425**. So, if you are interested in going, please send in your reservation early. **The Trip Flyer and Agreement Form is attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter.** You may also find the form at : [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org)

We are very happy to tell you that **Cindy and Mark Bacon** have volunteered to lead this trip. Many of us have been on some previous trips with the Bacons and we know we will be in good hands.

What about our other trip, the January excursion to **Aspen/Snowmass, January 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**? Well, we warned you last month and are not surprised that the trip has sold out! It is going to be a great time and was offered at a great price of \$1499. Apparently, a lot of folks knew that and jumped on board right away. If you would like to be on our waiting list, please let me know. We might be able to obtain additional beds and airline tickets later on and it is not unusual to get some cancellations.

Finally, I want to call your attention to a very special club meeting. Actually, it is really not a meeting in the traditional sense. We are going to repeat last year's very successful **Ski Fair** on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. This is not the regular day of the month for our membership meeting but we wanted to secure the larger space at the Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village, as well as accommodate the schedules of our presenters. There will be tables and displays for each of our major trips and our bus trip program along with other surprises. You'll have a chance to grab an adult beverage at the bar, learn all about our 2018 ski plans and be eligible to win some very nice prizes. I may not be wearing my ski clothes again but I do hope to see you there.

*Beth Silverman, Co-Chair, Trips and Tours*  
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## **The Eastern Trip:**



We have had a very good response to last month's announcement about our 2018 Eastern Trip to **Killington, Vermont** on **February 11 – 17, 2018**. As you know, it will be an all-inclusive trip at the bargain price of **\$949** and the package includes 6 nights lodging; lift tickets for 5 days; 6 dinners and 5 hot breakfast buffets; luxury motor coach transportation and more. We also told you last month that this is the lowest price we have had in a couple of years and that the bus ride to our southern Vermont destination is going to be the shortest of any previous trips.

However, this shorter bus ride is to an area that is not short on great skiing. Killington and sister resort, **Pico Mountain**, comprise one of the largest ski areas in the east, composed of 6 peaks, an elevation of 4241 feet and a 3000 foot, vertical drop. They offer skiing and snowboarding on 200 slopes and trails, great cruising terrain along with tree and mogul skiing and other challenging runs. Snowmaking covers 72% of the terrain and consistently provides great conditions. There are 28 lifts, including 2 gondolas and 9 high speed express quads accessing 1977 acres of skiable terrain.

But even though one could spend all their time at Killington and Pico and still leave trails not seen, we also will be traveling to nearby **Okemo** for a day. Okemo spans five distinct alpine areas with 121 trails and glades with 667 acres of skiable terrain. It features a remarkable 98% snowmaking coverage with 32% Novice, 36 % Intermediate and 31% Advanced/Expert trails. Included in the 20 lifts is a high-speed bubble chair with heated seats and four high-speed quads.

And did we tell you that Killington and Okemo are noted for their snowmaking and grooming? As we noted earlier, Killington is able to make snow on 72% of its skiable terrain and Okemo covers almost 100% - and it is all done with the most up-to-date snowmaking equipment in the world.

**Attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter is a Flyer and an Agreement Form.**

In them you will find more information about this trip along with details on how to make your reservation. You will also be able to find these documents on our website. Go to: [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org)

Please come join us on our eastern adventure.

*Joe Sullivan & Frank Bolon*

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***A Preview of the 2018 Bus Trips:***



Hello Everyone. This is **Melinda Kellerstrass** and, as you can see, I am out enjoying my summer sports. I hope everyone is having a great summer. Although it may be hot outside, it is time to start thinking snow. We are currently in the process of putting the final touches on our winter bus schedule and I want to give you a sneak peek at what you can look forward to.

With the first western trip early in January, we thought it would be fun to offer a few warm up outings. We are going to try something new this

year – A Meet Up! On Wednesday, January 3, we will assemble at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Village and then car pool out to Peak n Peek. If we have more than 15 people, they will give us the mid-week group rate of \$25. As long as there is snow on the slopes, this trip will go regardless of the number of participants. Sunday, January 7, will be our official bus trip kick off going back to PnP. After the club returns from Snowmass, our next trip will be our SKI & WINE excursion on Friday, January 26. We will ski Holiday Valley with a stop at Grand River Cellars for a late dinner and some apres ski libations. On Wednesday, January 31, **Cliff Lewis** will lead everyone to Seven Springs, PA for his annual ski trip with dinner at the resort.

February will bring more skiing fun with a Tuesday, February 6, trip to Holiday Valley, followed the next week by our eastern trip to Vermont. For February 22 -23 (Thursday & Friday), **Jack Ganz** was persuaded to lead his ever famous and popular two-day trip to Holiday Valley and Bristol. If you have never done this trip, 2018 is the year to sign up. On Wednesday, February 28, we will ski Holimont, followed on Friday, March 9, by the annual Skier Appreciation Trip to Holiday Valley with dinner in Ellicottville.

With one two-day trip, six single-day bus trips combined with three major week-long trips, we have a very busy schedule in 2018 and will definitely live up to our motto ... "We ski every week!" The schedule is fairly well set and we are now working on bus trip pricing. We should be able to have a published schedule with pricing and other details for you next month. This year we will again offer the very convenient online registration for bus trips.

I would love to hear from you. Feel free to share ideas and comments on our bus program. Please, let me know if you are interested in leading a bus trip. It really is very easy - especially now that registration is online. It is a great way to meet and get to know club members and there is a bonus - trip leaders receive a gratuity for their time and efforts.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the slopes and to another ski-filled winter with SSC. Start making your offerings to the snow gods for snow this winter!

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