

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

April 2018

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



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members:

As Yogi might say, “It is deju vu all over again.” Yes, I am back. A year ago I had planned to serve another term as president but circumstances intervened to prevent that. I am very grateful to **Becky Marx** for stepping in and serving as your president for the past year. We all express our gratitude to Becky for her year of service.

In addition to my election, our club selected a new slate of offices for 2018-2019. Please see the text box following this message for their names. I am grateful to them for volunteering their time to keep our 60-year old club healthy and vibrant. I look forward to working with all of them as well as our committee members to put together a fantastic ski season and social program for the upcoming year.

Spring is here and our 2017-18 ski season officially ended on March 18<sup>th</sup> when twenty seven SSC members returned from a week-long trip to Panorama Mountain Resort in British Columbia. **Mark and Cindy Bacon** did an outstanding job organizing and leading the trip and reports are that everyone had a wonderful time.

We can look back on this past season as a very successful one. We had three major trips (Snowmass, Killington and Panorama) and six bus trips. A mid-season weather inversion forced the cancellation of two bus trips. Unfortunately, one of those was the very popular two-day trip to Holiday Valley and Bristol. But despite those two setbacks, we can point to an excellent ski season.

Please join me in thanking those who worked so hard to make the past year such a successful one. We are grateful to:

**Melinda Kellerstrass**, Co-Chair of the Trips and Tours Committee, for the great job she did on the bus trip program. In addition, when I couldn't go on the Snowmass trip, Melinda stepped in and ran the show on her own.

**Cindy Bacon**, First Vice President, for the interesting and informative presentations she arranged for our membership meetings and for organizing the Holiday Party.

**Cliff Lewis**, VP for Data Mgmt, for his work on the website, maintaining the membership data base, producing the annual Membership Directory, photographing the Holiday Party and the Fashion Show and for many other of his contributions too numerous to mention.

**Pat Lewis**, Secretary, for keeping an excellent record of our membership and Executive Board meetings.

**Ann McBrian**, Treasurer, for doing the very tough job of keeping our financial books, processing checks and registrations for all bus trips as well as the three major trips and for her excellent reports to the Executive Board.

**Mary Ellen Noss**, Eat Around Town Coordinator, for arranging our monthly EATs and making such excellent choices for our dining enjoyment.

**Ed Noss**, “Sergeant at Arms,” for all he does to make our membership meetings run so smoothly and for always being there to volunteer for any job that needs doing.

**Frank Bolon**, our Representative to the Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council, for being our liaison with CMSC and keeping us updated on what is happening in the council. Frank also again provided some excellent recommendations and guidance for the Eastern Trip and was an invaluable asset on the trip itself.

**Joe Sullivan**, Newsletter Editor, for all his has done to produce the monthly issue of Ski Trails. We are also grateful to Joe for leading the Eastern Trip to Killington.

**Lilly Kron**, Producer Extraordinaire, for her great work with the annual November Fashion Show of ski clothing and accessories.

**Melinda Kellerstrass, Ed Noss, John Hersch, June Kelley, Cliff Lewis, Jack Ganz, Larry Grewe and Joe Sullivan** for being Trips Leaders on our bus trips this past season.

Thanks go to **Mary Ellen Noss** for organizing the EAT at Pastina last month. Be sure to check later in this newsletter’s calendar for details about the April and May EATs.

Go to page five for a **photo of the Panorama group**. More photos from that trip will be found in the May issue of Ski Trails.

Melinda Kellerstrass has created a survey to get your feedback and what you would like to see on our ski calendar for next year. One idea being considered is to add more bus trips with apres ski dinners. Be on the lookout for Melinda’s survey.

Sadly, we must report to you the death of SSC Member, **Doug Charnley**. Doug passed away on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Go to page four for Doug’s obituary.

The Trips and Tours Committee will be meeting soon to discuss both bus trips and major trips. You will have an opportunity to submit your ideas but we can tell you now that members have been asking to go to Park City again and one tour operator has told us that 2019 looks like it is the year to do it. We have found out that Delta now offers a direct flight to Salt Lake City and we have also learned that the Zermatt Resort, centrally located near Park City, Deer Valley, and Sundance, has outstanding amenities. More details on this and other possibilities at a later date.

In the meantime, welcome to spring. Although we won’t be skiing together for a while, I hope you will join me in our summer fall activities.

*Beth Silverman, President of SSC*  
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## MEET THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF SSC FOR 2018-2019

### Suburban Ski Club's Officers

President:	<b>Beth Silverman</b>
First Vice President:	<b>Cindy Bacon</b>
Vice Pres. for Data Mgmt.	<b>Cliff Lewis</b>
Secretary:	<b>Pat Lewis</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Ann McBrian</b>
Member At Large:	<b>John Hersch</b>
Member At Large:	<b>Fran Wesley</b>
Member At Large:	<b>Joe Sullivan</b>

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS



**Happy Birthday** to the following members born in April. Our database of birthdays is far from complete. Please remember to enter your birthday when you renew your membership so we can include you in our birthday wishes. We only need the month and the day:

**Shirley Angelo (4/21), George Bakale (4/10), Mary Breiner (4/11), Cindy Busch (4/13), Roger Carmany (4/29), Dick Castele (4/24), Brian Craig (4/14), Bruce Eckstein (4/18), Frank Evan (4/7), Andrew Gross (4/24), Don Haldi (4/3), Mary Hohman, Linda Hon (4/17), Inge Koepper (4/11), Patricia Snyder (4/13), Kathryn Westlake (4/26) and Annette Yamada (4/28)**

### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

*April - May 2018*

- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 PM: EAT at Charm Thai
- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, May 22, 6:00 PM: EAT at Lopez

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

**Tuesday, April 17, 6:00 PM: EAT at Charm Thai**

**Charm Thai** features authentic, moderately priced, Thai cuisine. It is a local, family owned, restaurant with a full bar. It is located at 7426 Broadview Road, Parma, OH 44134. Phone: (216) 642-0301. Check the menu on their website: [www.charmthaiparma.com](http://www.charmthaiparma.com)

As usual, we will assemble in the bar at 6:00 PM for cocktails and socializing and then proceed to dinner at about 7:00 PM. Reservations should be made with **Mary Ellen Noss** before **April 10th**. Contact her by Phone: (330) 569-3170 or Email: [maryellen@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:maryellen@suburbanskiclub.org)

**Tuesday, May 22, 6:00 PM: EAT at Lopez**

**John Hersch** will be our host for this EAT. Lopez is located at 2196 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights. It is south of Cedar Road. If you have been to the Cedar Lee Movie Theater on the corner of Lee and Cedar, you may have seen Lopez. It is diagonally across the street. There is metered parking on Lee Road and in an adjacent lot. Lopez features southwestern fare and Mexican cuisine. They make their margaritas from scratch and squeeze their own juice. The full bar features a large selection of tequilas along with other fine liquors. The draft beer menu is headed by Dos Equis. Happy hour begins at 4:00 PM for those who want an early start. We will meet at the bar at 6:00 PM for cocktails and then sit down for dinner at 7:00 PM. The restaurant's web site is [www.lopezonlee.com](http://www.lopezonlee.com) which has links to the menu and photos of the inviting décor. Reservations should be made with John Hersch by **Friday May 18<sup>th</sup>**. Email [johnhersch@yahoo.com](mailto:johnhersch@yahoo.com) or call (216) 577-5370

## **Doug Charnley, RIP**



SSC member, **Doug Charnley**, passed away March 10, 2018 at HMC Hospice Medina County, after a lengthy battle with thyroid cancer. He was sixty years of age.

Doug is survived by his wife, Kelly; their four children, Don (Katy), Katie (Terry), Kent (Brittany) and Kassie (Natalie) and one granddaughter, Blake Charnley. Doug is also survived by his mother, Cindy, and sisters, Beth (Bob) Loughridge, Ellen (Rod) Lounds, and Sarah Pooler.

Doug was born and raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan and graduated from Western Michigan University in 1978. It was at college that he met his wife Kelly Flynn and they married on October 11, 1980.

Doug was active in the Boy Scouts of America, earning the highest Scouting rank of Eagle. He was also a man of great faith and deeply committed to his church.

Doug's sports of preference were golf and skiing. It was in the latter where most of us knew Doug. He had an engaging personality and always seemed to gather a group around him to ski.

Doug was very open and frank about his bout with cancer. We admired him for his courage and honesty as he continued his fight tenaciously for so many years. We missed Doug on our trips this past season but we are grateful we had the opportunity to share some wonderful days on the slopes with him in previous years.

All of us in Suburban Ski Club join together to say, "Rest in Peace, Doug."



## ***THE TRIP TO PANORAMA***

On March 11- 18<sup>th</sup>, a SSC group of 27 skiers enjoyed a week of skiing at Panorama in British Columbia. As we go to press, there is not enough time to gather photos and present our usual photo essay on a major trip. We hope to do that in the next issue of Ski Trails. In the meantime, here is a photo of the happy group:



We will identify the individuals in this photo next month. For now, see how many you can recognize as you ask yourself, “why didn’t I join this trip?”