

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

June 2018

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



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members:

I have some great news. Contracts are signed, sealed and delivered for our two major ski trips in 2018. On Saturday, January 26, we head to **Park City, Utah** and on Sunday, February 24 to **Sunday River/Sugarloaf, Maine**. Later in the pages of this newsletter there is a special report on our plans for these two wonderful trips. Be sure to read more about them and be sure to put the dates on your calendar. See pages 4 – 7.

As a Suburban Ski Club member, you will get first dibs on available spots. In the coming weeks we will have flyers available and we will be able to start accepting reservations. We always tell you to sign up early but this is especially important for this season. We expect our two major trips to sell out very quickly.

Last month, the Executive Board and committee members met at my house to start planning the 2019 ski season as well as to discuss other club matters and events for the upcoming year. I want to thank, **Cindy Bacon, Cliff Lewis, Ann McBrian, John Hersch, Joe Sullivan, Melinda Kellerstrass, Jack Ganz, Frank Bolon, Ron Frederick** and **Mary Ellen Noss** for attending and bringing their insights and suggestions to the table. [*Editor's Note: Those in attendance at the meeting want to thank Beth for providing a wonderful brunch as well as the ambiance of her beautiful home*]

Special thanks also to **John Hersch** and his wife, **Susan**, for hosting our May Eat-Around-Town at Lopez in Cleveland Heights. They had a great turn out and everyone enjoyed their margaritas and plates of delicious Mexican fare. Be sure to check out our "Calendar of Events" in the following pages for upcoming events.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members to SSC: **Dan and Monica Castele**. We hope to see you on our ski trips and our social events.

Finally, let me wish you all a happy and safe summer season.

*Beth Silverman, President of SSC*

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## ***JUNE BIRTHDAYS***



**Happy Birthday** to the following members born in June. 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:

**Tom Bartlo (6/16), Susan Billow (6/19), Frances Bluhm (6/11), Michele Boim (6/22), Sherry Clifton (6/3), Elliott Drysdale (6/6), Colette Gschwind (6/17), June Kelley (6/29), Angela Matousek (6/8), Sandra Maurer (6/23), Kathryn Porcen-Robinson (6/5), Robert Stern (6/28) and Joe Sullivan (6/21)**

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

***June – September, 2018***

- **MEETING:** Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>: Executive Board
- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, June 19, 6:00 PM: EAT at Merchant in Tremont
- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, July 22, 6:00 PM: EAT at Mama Catena Ristorante
- **SOCIAL:** Sunday, August 19: Blossom Picnic (4:30 PM) and Concert (7:00 PM)
- **SOCIAL:** Saturday, September 15, 2:30 PM: Annual Clambake in Hiram at the Estate of Ed and Mary Ellen Noss

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL***

### ***Tuesday, June 19, 6:00 PM: EAT at Merchant Street***

The full name of this restaurant is **Merchant Street Provisions and Eatery**. It has been open since December and has been described as a “quaint little place on the edge of Tremont.” It is known for its happy hour, reasonably priced appetizers and New American cuisine. Marc Bona of the PD gave it three stars. Yelp rated 4 1/2 out of 5.

The address is 2399 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, OH 44113. It is located near the intersection of Kenilworth and across from Lincoln Park. Their phone number is (216) 465-1000. See the website: [www.merchantstreetcle.com](http://www.merchantstreetcle.com)

We will gather in the bar around 6:00 PM (Happy Hour is 4:30 – 7:00 PM) for socializing and attitude adjustment. Seating for dinner will be 7:00 PM.

Please contact **Mary Ellen Noss** for reservations at [maryellen@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:maryellen@suburbanskiclub.org) or (330) 569-3170 by Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday, August 26: Picnic & Concert at Blossom Music Center

Suburban Ski Club  
at  
**BLOSSOM**  
**MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Summer Home of  
The Cleveland Orchestra  
*Sunday, August 19, 2018*



Pre-Concert Picnic: 4:30 PM

**Ann McBrian** will again be our host for this annual visit to Blossom and we will be gathering at an area called the **LAWN TERRACE**—located at the top of the hill, centered above the pavilion. You can bring your own food or order some through Ann.

Concert: 7:00 PM

The evening features the Cleveland Orchestra conducted by **Randall Craig Fleischer** in a presentation called **Frank & Ella**. Vocalists **Capathia Jenkins** and **Tony DeSare** will perform Sinatra and Fitzgerald classic hits.

For Questions & Information: Please contact Ann at: [mcbriana@gmail.com](mailto:mcbriana@gmail.com) or (330)618-8450

***Editor's Note:*** *More details about parking, the picnic, tickets, lawn & Pavilion seating and ordering food via Ann will be provided in the July issue of Ski Trails. For now, be sure to save the date.*

**Tuesday, July 17, 6:00 PM: EAT at Mama Catena Ristorante**

**Ron Frederick** will be our host for an evening at Mama Catena Ristorante. This iconic restaurant burned down a while ago and, like the mythical Phoenix, has risen from its ashes. It is a family owned Italian restaurant and, according to Ron, features large portions of very high quality.

The restaurant is located at 711 Babbitt Road; Euclid, OH 44123. Their website is [www.mamacatenas.com](http://www.mamacatenas.com)

More details will be provided in next month's issue of Ski Trails. In the meantime, put the date on your calendar.

**Saturday, September 15, 2:30PM: Annual Clambake in Hiram at the Noss Estate**

Please put this date on your personal calendars. 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 offer this great deal at a very modest price.

***THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2018***

***The Western Trip:***

We are going to **Park City, Utah** from **Saturday, January 26** to **Saturday, February 2, 2019** and we are excited about this extra special adventure.

Park City has been on our wish-list as a major trip for several years and many of our members have told us they wanted to go back there. In 2015, we ran a limited, second western trip to Park City (the other larger trip was to Telluride) but we wanted to do something bigger and more special. Now everything has fallen in place perfectly for 2019 and we can offer a truly fabulous experience. In doing our research, two very nice things happened:

First, Delta added a direct flight from Cleveland to Salt Lake City at a great rate making this trip more affordable and convenient than ever. And, more good news - the bus transfer from the airport to our resort is only 45 minutes. No more 3- 4 hour bus rides!

Second, we discovered the **Zermatt Resort and Spa**. This elegant, 4- star resort features Swiss-style architecture and décor. It caters to ski groups and here are some of the amenities offered:

- \* A dedicated group liaison, Max. She will be around for our week taking us on mountain tours and making sure our stay at Zermatt is a wonderful one for all of us.
- \* A complimentary shuttle for our group to take us to the three nearby ski areas with two

runs in the morning and two runs in the afternoon.

- \* An onsite bar, bakery and many affordable restaurants
- \* Indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, steam room, fitness center and more
- \* Lots of meeting spaces for us to gather as a group
- \* Both condo and hotel-style lodging available to us

What about the **skiing**? From the Zermatt we can get to the gondola for Deer Valley in only 11 minutes and it is just 20 minutes to Park City/The Canyons and 20 minutes to the Sundance Ski Resort. And, depending on interest, there is a possibility of adding other ski areas to the lift package. And there is something new for this trip. Our trip package will allow you to customize your lift tickets into a bundle you prefer and will offer very nice discounts for our seniors.

We chose the week of January 26th because this is the week of the Sundance Film Festival and the nearby ski areas have a record low number of skiers at that time. So, our skiing experience should be phenomenal with no lift lines. Locals tell us that this is a fantastic time for skiers to visit. And, if any of our members want to experience Sundance, Zermatt offers a complimentary shuttle to Park City.

If you haven't been to the Park City area, here is a brief summary of some ski areas provided to us by our tour operator:

**Deer Valley Ski Resort:** The ski resort is situated along the Wasatch Range and is home to great powder, groomers, steeps and moguls. With a 3,000-foot vertical drop and more than 2,000 acres of skiable terrain, skiers of all ages and abilities are sure to find the perfect slope. 27% beginner, 41% intermediate, 27% advanced, 5% expert.

**Park City Resort:** Park City Mountain Resort is home to an impressive 7,300 skiable acres. The ski resort earned the title of most lift-served terrain in the U.S. after the largest resort improvement project in the history of American skiing, totaling more than \$50 million, linked it with The Canyons Resort during the summer of 2015. This massive mountain boasts 347 trails, close to half of which are suited for intermediate skiers and riders. Park City also offers up plenty of advanced and expert terrain, along with 14 bowls, eight terrain parks, six natural half pipes, one super pipe and one mini pipe. 8% beginner, 42% intermediate, 32% advanced, 18% expert.

**Sundance Ski Resort:** Sundance Resort is set in a unique, small town atmosphere. The resort is set against the majestic 12,000 foot Mount Timpanogos. The resort offers 42 runs spread out over 450 acres of skiable terrain. Experts will enjoy the steep, wide-open bowls while beginners and intermediates can stick to the groomed slopes. 35% beginner, 45% intermediate, 19% advanced, 1% expert. This resort is owned by Robert Redford.

If all of this intrigues you, be sure to put the dates on your calendar. Then watch for more details forthcoming shortly. We are in the process of preparing a flyer for this trip and that should be available soon. We will be publishing it first to SSC members so you will have the first chance to reserve a space before we advertise it to the rest of the skiing community in northern Ohio.

Please join us.

*The Eastern Trip:*



This is the Eastern Trip group in 2016. Put yourself in the picture for 2019 as we head back to Maine for a week of skiing at **Sunday River** and **Sugarloaf**. The dates are **February 24 – March 2, 2019** and the price is **\$1049**.

As usual, it will be **an all-inclusive trip at a bargain price**. The package includes 6 nights lodging; lift tickets for 5 days; a free group ski lesson; 6 dinners and 5 hot breakfast buffets; a welcoming wine & cheese reception; luxury motor coach transportation and more.

The modest cost of this trip offers an opportunity for those who might find the price of a western trip prohibitive, especially for some couples who would be facing two large payments. But it also is attractive to some who would like to add a second major trip without paying the cost of another, more expensive, western trip.

Our lodging is again at the **Jordan Hotel at Sunday River** where we will have ski-in & ski-out access to the slopes. Those who have been there can attest that Sunday River is a very special place offering some great skiing at the second largest ski area in the East. Who is bigger than Sunday River? That would be **Sugarloaf** and we will ski two days at this fabulous resort as well. Those

who went in 2016 can attest that even the hardest of us could not ski all the trails offered by these two expansive resorts. The options at both areas range from Green and Blue groomed cruisers to some challenging Double Black Diamonds. There is something for everyone.

When we were there in 2016, the weather made for some disappointments but in subsequent seasons the snow and skiing were fabulous. We are looking forward to giving Sunday River and Sugarloaf another chance to strut their stuff. We are confident it will be a great trip. Come join us.

The trip flyer and other details will be published shortly. In the meantime, lock in the dates on your calendar.