

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

August 2018

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Website: <http://www.suburbanskiclub.org>

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



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

In just one month and 13 days, Suburban Ski Club kicks off its 60th ski season. To celebrate this major anniversary, we plan to make our **Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Membership Meeting** an extra special one. In addition to learning all about our 2019 ski trips, you will enjoy delicious, hot hors d'oeuvres, a big anniversary cake and the chance to win some valuable prizes. I hope I see you there!

When we unveiled our **2019 ski trip to Park City, Utah**, we expected a positive response since so many of you have been asking to go there. With that in mind, we decided to reserve more spots than usual and we opted for 60 places to make sure we would have more than enough capacity to accommodate all of our members and perhaps entice a few new ones. Never did we expect that we would sell out completely in under a month - but that is exactly what happened. Trip Leader **Joe Sullivan** is currently working with our tour operator to see if we can add some more condos. So, if you have been meaning to sign up, please contact Joe as soon as possible and he will let you know if some additional spaces have become available.

I am happy to report that our other major trip, our one-week **Eastern Trip to Maine (Sunday River and Sugarloaf: February 26 – March 2, 2019)** is also filling up nicely and is offered at an incredible price of \$1,049. Not only do you get five great days of skiing and first-rate hotel accommodations, your price includes all breakfasts and dinners. Read more about this trip later in this newsletter and send in your reservation soon.

Later in this newsletter, on pages 8-9, you will find an article by **Melinda Kellerstrass** on our plans for **bus trips in 2019**. The schedule is still a work in progress but you can get a good idea of what is in store for you. We need to thank Melinda for all the work she had done on this and for all she will do in the upcoming months.

Special thanks to **Ron Frederick** for hosting our July EAT at Mama Catena Ristorante in Euclid. Food was plentiful and delicious and we all had a great time hanging out together.

I also want to call your attention to two upcoming events on our calendar: **Ann McBrian** is again hosting our annual picnic and concert at **Blossom on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**. Details follow on pages 3-4 of this newsletter. And be sure to put our **annual clambake** on your personal calendar. The date is **Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** and we will again be going back to the Hiram estate of **Ed & Mary Ellen Noss**.

Finally, I want to welcome two new members to SSC: **Jack Binder** and **Gary Orosz**. They will both be joining us on our trip to Park City and we hope to see them at some club events before then and extend a warm and friendly personal welcome to SSC.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

*Beth Silverman, President of SSC*  
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## ***AUGUST BIRTHDAYS***



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

**Jack Binder (8/17), John Danis (8/31), Ned Finzer (8/23), Percy Finzer (8/7), Wayne Miller (8/20), Barney Olson (8/27), Chris Ujcich (8/12), Mike Wagner (8/20), Paul Wojnar, Betsy Wolf (8/11) and Chris Wolf (8/25)**

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

***August – November, 2018***

- ***SOCIAL:*** Sunday, August 19: Blossom Picnic (4:30 PM) and Concert (7:00 PM)
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, September 13: SKI FAIR and First Membership Meeting of the year at the Holiday Inn
- ***SOCIAL:*** Saturday, September 15, 2:30 PM: Annual Clambake in Hiram at the Estate of Ed and Mary Ellen Noss
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, October 11: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn
- ***SOCIAL:*** Sunday, October 14, 11:00 AM: Brunch EAT at Luxe Kitchen & Lounge, Gordon Square District
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, November 8: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn
- ***SOCIAL:*** Sunday, Nov 11: EAT with SSC Alumni at Nighttown

## *UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL*

### *Sunday, August 19: 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

Concert: 7:00 PM

Again, this year, **Ann McBrian** is our host for a performance by the Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom with a pre-concert picnic. 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.

The performance begins at 7:00 PM but we will be gathering after the gates open at 4:30 PM in the area called the **Lawn Terrace** (located at the top of the lawn area and centered above the pavilion) for our pre-concert picnic. **Please see the BLOSSOM MAP** attached to the Email that brought this newsletter.

Ann will be taking orders for pitas and/or salads from Pita Pit but you should feel free to cater your own picnic. Beverages are not provided and you should bring your own beverage of choice. Adult beverages are allowed at Blossom.

Please see the **additional attachments**. There is a **MENU** from Pita Pit. Note this menu is in landscape mode and (to avoid neck strain!) you may want to print it out for easier reading.

Also attached is an **ORDER FORM** so you can order your Pita Pit **meal** and specify the number of **tickets** you want to purchase using this form.

A single lawn ticket price for the evening is \$25. But Ann is hoping to buy books of lawn tickets at a savings of \$7.50 per ticket. Provided we are able to purchase the books, refunds on the tickets will be given 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

Parking is free with tram service provided to get you to the main gate. The tram also continues on down the hill to make another stop at the pavilion. You don't want to do that unless you need some extra exercise by walking all the way back up the hill to the picnic area at the Lawn Terrace. But if you choose to sit in the pavilion for the concert, you can use that stop when you exit. Check out the map and you will see how you should get off the tram at the main gate and enter there to make your way to the Lawn Terrace.

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 44133. In addition to taking your reservations, Ann is available to answer any questions you might have.

Please make your reservations asap but no later than **Wednesday, August 15th.**

### **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 about ordering your bake and mailing your check. For now, you need to be sure to save that Saturday for this very popular event.

One more thing - 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 the clam bake at a very modest price.

## **THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2019**

Earlier in Beth's President's Message, you read about how well registrations are going for our two major trips.

For **Park City (January 26 – February 2, 2019)**, we have used up our block of beds and are currently seeking more lodging from our tour operator. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Trip Leader, **Joe Sullivan**, to see if he can still find a place for you. You will locate the flyer for Park City attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter, In that flyer and in the article below, you should find all the details you will need.

For the **2019 Eastern Trip (February 26 – March 2, 2019) to Sunday River and Sugarloaf in Maine**, only about half the spots have been claimed but we expect to fill this trip as well. A flyer for the trip is attached and there is more information in the article below.

Another place to find information and details about these two major trips is on our club's website: [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org) .

Everyone should be aware, that the exclusive opportunity to current members of SSC to have the first chance to reserve places on both major trips has ended and both trips are now listed on the CMSC website and are available to non-SSC members. That should provide you with further incentive if you would like to join us on our major trips in 2019.

What follows is a summary of what these two trips offer. There are many details that could not be included in the flyers and registration forms. So, please read the following for additional information and do not hesitate to contact the Trip Leader with any questions:

### *The Western Trip:*



As you know, we are going to **Park City, Utah** from **Saturday, January 26** to **Saturday, February 2, 2019**. We are very excited about this extra special place and are pleased that so many have signed on. 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 nearby ski areas.
- 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

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. Alta/Snowbird, Solitude et. al. are not in our base package but if there are some who want to venture out to these area, we will look into how to make that happen.

In addition, there is something new for this trip. Our trip package will allow you to customize your lift tickets into a bundle you prefer. In addition it will offer very nice discounts for our seniors.

We chose the week of January 26<sup>th</sup> because this is the week of the Sundance Film Festival and we have been told that 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 tells us that this is a fantastic time for skiers to visit. And, if any of our members want to experience Sundance, the Zermatt offers a complimentary shuttle to Park City.

If you haven't been to Park City, here is a brief summary of the ski areas in our base package:

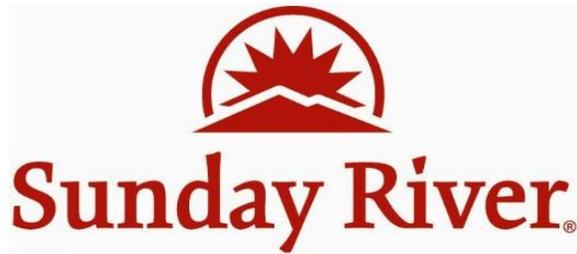
**Deer Valley Ski Resort:** The ski resort is situated along the Wasatch Range and is home to great powder, groomers, steeps and moguls. With a 3,000-foot vertical drop and more than 2,000 acres of skiable terrain, skiers of all ages and abilities are sure to find the perfect slope - 27% beginner, 41% intermediate, 27% advanced and 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 fourteen bowls, eight terrain parks, six natural half pipes, one super pipe and one mini pipe - 8% beginner, 42% intermediate, 32% advanced and 18% expert.

**Sundance Ski Resort:** Sundance Resort is located 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.

We are very excited to offer this exceptional skiing opportunity and we invite you to contact the Trip Leader to see if he has been able to secure additional places.

*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 the western trip prohibitive, especially for some couples who would be facing two large payments. But Maine will also be 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.

So, don't hesitate. Space is limited and if this trip interests you, act quickly to reserve your spot. **The trip Flyer along with an Agreement Form is attached to the Email that brought you this edition of Ski Trails.** Check them out.

As we go to press, this trip is half full but we anticipate the remaining spaces to be claimed over the next few weeks. Act now and don't be disappointed.

When we New Englanders tell our friends we plan to visit Maine , we say we are going "down Maine" even though the state is the northernmost part of New England. But whatever direction it is, please join us in going "down Maine" to the two best ski areas in the East.

### ***THE 2019 SKI SEASON: A Preview of our 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.

The tentative bus trip schedule was submitted to the SSC Executive Board early in July. As soon as they give it the go ahead, I will proceed with contacting the ski resorts and booking the bus company. Here is a sneak peek at what was submitted to the board.

We will begin the 2019 season with our traditional Sunday warm-up ski trip to Peek n Peak on January 6. Never fear, our annual SKI & WINE excursion is still on the schedule! That is set for Friday, January 18. In the past we have had some problems filling the Seven Springs trip but decided to give it one more shot - this year it will be on a Friday (Feb 8). A day of skiing will be followed by dinner at one of the fine restaurants the resort has to offer prior to returning home.

SSC will be celebrating Valentine's Day this year with a two-day trip to Holiday Valley and Holimont. Organized by our wonderful Jack Ganz, we will stay in Ellicotville and ski Holiday Valley on Thursday, Feb 14 and Holimont on Friday, Feb 15. What better way to spend Valentine's, than by doing what we love (skiing) with the people we love (SSC). For those who may have been counting on Bristol being part of the two-day trip, we had to skip Bristol this year due to the Inn at Canandaigua undergoing some renovations.

In addition, there will be additional single day trips to Holimont and Holiday Valley. We are also considering a nostalgic trip to the past, spending a day at the reopened Cockaigne Ski Resort.

Our season will close with our usual Skier Appreciation trip to Holiday Valley with dinner in Ellicottville on Friday, March 8. Since our Meet-Up last year was so successful, we decided to extend our season with a Meet-Up to Peek N Peak on Tuesday, March 12.

With one two-day trip, six single day bus trips combined with two major week-long trips, we have a very busy schedule in 2019 and will definitely live up to our motto ... "We ski every week!" As soon as the board gives the OK, we will be able to work on trip pricing and a final schedule. I am hoping to have that ready for our annual Ski Fair held at our first meeting of the season, **Thursday, Sept 13th**. 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.

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