

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

We have a lot of exciting things coming up. I hope you will take the time to carefully read through this month's action-packed edition of Ski Trails and make plans to join us in our social and skiing activities.

On **Thursday, September 13th**, we kick off our 60th year and, once again, we are putting together a **Ski Fair** as our first membership meeting of the 2018-19 season. We will have display tables for the major ski trips as well as our bus trips. Bring a ski buddy, pick up some flyers and literature and learn all about our exciting plans for 2019. But there is even more. To help celebrate, we will have a big cake and some special appetizers. In addition, we will be drawing for some very nice prizes. Be sure to join us. You will not be disappointed!

Two days later, on **Saturday, September 15th**, we get together at our **Annual Clam Bake** hosted by long-time and beloved members, **Mary Ellen and Ed Noss**, at their lovely home in Hiram. Steamed clams, roasted chicken, corn of the cob, sweet potatoes and all kinds of adult beverages, coupled with some very good friends, make this a must-do event. Please be sure to send in your reservations soon so Mary Ellen and Ed have a good count on how many to expect. As in past years, our Executive Board has agreed to help pay for the evening by covering the cost of the beverages, desserts and the tent so you can join us at only the actual cost of your dinner. Attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter is the flyer and order form. Please mail this along with your check by Sept 8th.

Cindy Bacon and **Mary Ellen Noss** have been researching possible venues for our **Annual Holiday Party** and we are very grateful for their efforts. We hope to have more details very soon.

So what about skiing? First, please be sure to check out the impressive master schedule of all our ski trips on page 5 of this newsletter. Make a copy and put the dates in your personal calendars.

I am pleased to report that co-chair of trips and tours, **Melinda Kellerstrass**, with the help of **Jack Ganz**, has put together what can only be considered a masterful bus trip schedule for 2019. Our bus trips feature more Friday trips for those of you who, like me, have to deal with a day job. It will be great to begin a long weekend with a Friday on the slopes followed by an apres ski dinner. As in past years, we are also offering a two-day bus trip but this year we will stay in Ellicottville and make a night of it in town. Make sure you read Melinda's report on the final pages of this newsletter for more details on our bus trip schedule.

What about our major trips for 2019? Please read **Joe Sullivan's reports** in the later pages for details but the bottom line is that both trips are doing extremely well. **Park City** is mostly sold out although we may be able to add another condo. So, if you have been thinking about going, give Joe a call and he will work his magic to try to work it out. Our **Eastern Trip to Sunday River and Sugar Loaf** is also doing well but has limited capacity to add a few more members. So if you want to take advantage of this all-inclusive, deal-of-the-century trip, get your reservations in before you lose out to someone else.

We need to thank **Ann McBrian** for again hosting a wonderful picnic and concert at Blossom on the evening of Sunday, August 19th. Over thirty SSC members attended on a beautiful summer night.

Finally, it is that time again to **renew your club membership**. For the bargain price of \$20.00 you get a full-year membership with access to the best ski program in town and lots of fun socials. There is a [Membership Form](#) attached to [this newsletter](#) which you can fill out and mail in with your check. But a far easier way to do it is to go online to our website and renew right there. Here's a link to renew: <https://suburbanskiclub.org/suburban-ski-club-membership-application-2018-2019>

Speaking of membership, please welcome new members **Amy and William Ryan**. Amy is the sister of SSC member, **Ron Friedberg**. She and her husband will be joining us on our Park City trip. They live in Kentucky and it is not likely we will see them at this month's Ski Fair – but we hope all of you will there on **Thursday, September 13th**.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following members born in September. 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:

Eric Bernkopf (9/11), Jessica Craig (9/22), Jean-Patrick Ducroux (9/28), Janice Friswold (9/20), Jack Ganz (9/16), Stacy Meaney (9/17), Mary Ellen Noss (9/17), Richard Stroom (9/25), Mathew Uher (9/11) and Fran Wesley (9/12)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE ***September – November, 2018***

- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, September 13: SKI FAIR and First Membership Meeting of the year at the Holiday Inn
- ***SOCIAL:*** Saturday, September 15, 2:00 PM: Annual Clambake at the Estate of Ed and Mary Ellen Noss in Hiram
- ***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

Thursday, September 13: Annual Ski Fair & First Membership Meeting of the Season

This will be a very special gathering with a different format than our usual meetings. We are repeating the very successful **Ski Fair** we ran the last couple of years.

The Fair gets underway at 7:00 PM in the larger party room at the Holiday Inn. The address is 780 Beta Drive; Mayfield Village 44143; (440) 461-9200. Beta Drive is only one intersection east of the exit for Wilson Mills Road on I-271. Turn NORTH off Wilson Mills Road at the traffic light on to Beta Drive. You will see a sign for the Holiday Inn as you make the turn.

As usual we will be assembling at 5:15 PM for pre-meeting cocktails, food and socializing. If dinner is more than you want, order an appetizer, a salad or even pizza. You will find us at the back of Alfredo's restaurant.

At the Ski Fair, we will have information tables set up for our two major trips and our bus trip program. Come and learn first-hand about all of the skiing we have to offer in 2019. You will be able to talk with the trip leaders and pick up literature and information with details on all our trips. And there will more for you. We will be displaying our very popular SSC vests so you can order one if you have not done so already. In addition, we will be drawing for several very interesting prizes: a free club vest, a one day bus trip, some bottles of wine and several gift certificates.

We hope to see you there to kick off our season. You'll have a chance to catch up with your friends, learn about our 2018 ski schedule, meet our wonderful trip leaders and win some valuable prizes. And there will be food. Y'all come!!!

Saturday, September 15, 2:00PM: Annual Clambake at the Noss Estate in Hiram

In a special Email in mid-August, we announced this event and attached a flyer with all the details. The flyer included a form for you to mail in your reservation and payment. We have reproduced the flyer again for this newsletter. Please find it in the attachments to the Email that brought you this issue of Ski Trails.

If you have never attended a previous clambake at the Noss estate, you will be pleasantly surprised at how easy the drive is to Hiram. See the directions on the flyer. On the flyer you will also find contact information for Ed & Mary Ellen Noss in case you have any questions. In addition, we are very happy to tell you that, once again, the Executive Board has agreed to subsidize this event and we have been able to offer this clambake at the very reasonable price of \$35.

If you have not already done so, please don't delay in making your reservation. The **deadline is Saturday, September 8th**. If you foresee that your check will not arrive in Hiram by September 8th, please be sure to contact Mary Ellen to let her know your reservation is on the way so she can give the caterer an accurate count.

This is always a very popular event and we hope you will join us this year.

Sunday, October 14, 11:00 AM: Brunch at Luxe Kitchen & Lounge in Gordon Square

Chris Ujcich is our host and invites us to join her for brunch at the fun and funky Luxe – one of the original establishments in the trendy Gordon Square District at 6605 Detroit Ave. Luxe features Italian-Mediterranean bistro cuisine with appealing and appetizing selections. Brunch can be traditional or “I want to try that, it sounds wonderful!”

We will meet at 11:00 AM for Happy Hour in the bar and enjoy half-price Bellinis, Bloodies, Mimosas or select beers and wine. Special brunch cocktails are also available. We will move to the dining room at 11:30 AM for our brunch but we can return to the bar afterwards since the Sunday brunch Happy Hour doesn't end until 3:00 PM.

Chris reports that she has twice enjoyed brunch at Luxe. Their phone number is (216) 920-0600 and you can check the website at www.luxecleveland.com To reserve, please Email Chris: chrisucheck@aol.com . Deadline for reservations is Thursday, October 11th.

THE 2019 SKI SEASON

Here below is your first look at the complete schedule for our 2019 season. For your convenience in making a copy, see the attachment in the Email that brought this newsletter.



SUBURBAN SKI CLUB 2019 SKI SCHEDULE

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DATE	DAY	SKI AREA	COST	TRIP LEADER
JANUARY 6	Sunday	Peek'n Peak	\$76	Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
JANUARY 11	Friday	Holiday Valley—Dinner at Grand River Cellars	\$86	Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
JANUARY 16	Wednesday	Peek'n Peak—Meet Up Carpool	N/A	Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
JANUARY 21	Monday (MLK Day)	Holimont	\$86	Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
JAN 26-FEB 2	Saturday-Saturday	Park City Utah	\$1550	Joe@suburbanskiclub.org
FEBRUARY 8	Friday	Seven Springs (Dinner at the Resort)	\$86	Cliff@suburbanskiclub.org
FEBRUARY 14-15	Thursday-Friday	Holiday Valley/Holimont—Two Day Trip	\$219	Jack@suburbanskiclub.org
FEBRUARY 19	Tuesday	Cockaigne	\$79	Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
FEB 24-MAR 2	Sunday-Saturday	Maine (Sunday River, Sugarloaf)	\$1049	Joe@suburbanskiclub.org
MARCH 8	Friday	HV Skier Appreciation Day—Dinner in Town	\$76/\$86	Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
March 12	Tuesday	Peek'n Peak—Meet Up Carpool	N/A	Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org

To learn more about Suburban Ski Club please feel free to contact Beth Silverman, Beth@suburbanskiclub.org or (216) 799-2001

- Trips are for members of SSC. Dues for first-time members are \$10.
- Go to www.suburbanskiclub.org for more information and to register online. If you prefer to mail in your registration, you can download a flyer. If necessary, you may contact the Trip Leader with any questions.
- Week long trips—mail in reservation only
- Two-day trip to Holiday Valley and Holimont includes bus, lift tickets, hotel, and one breakfast.
- Price for trip to Maine, includes bus, lodging, lift tickets and all breakfasts and dinners.
- SSC Skier Appreciation Day: \$76 for SSC members who have been on a prior trip in 2019.

THE PORTFOLIO OF SSC'S SKI TRIPS IN 2019

In the following pages, read about our two major trips and our plans for bus trips in 2019. The news is very good on all fronts and we think 2019 is going to be our greatest ski season ever. Read on and be sure to make your plans early and arrange your personal schedules so you can take advantage of all our club is offering.

An excellent way to find information and details about all SSC's 2019 trips is to go to our club's website: www.suburbanskiclub.org.

THE MAJOR TRIPS

The news about our two major trips continues to be excellent. For the past few years we have been running two western trips and one eastern trip. For 2019 we decided to produce only one western trip but design it for a much larger group than we have ever done before. We also came up with a special destination for the eastern trip. Both of these places have proven to be very attractive to the skiers in Suburban Ski Club.

Here is a summary of where these two trips stand as this newsletter goes to press:

Park City (Saturday, January 26 – Saturday, February 2, 2019):

We decided on this very unique and historic place because our survey of the club's membership showed great enthusiasm for going back to Park City. We also decided to see if we could take a much larger contingent of skiers than we usually do. The enthusiasm of SSC members and the numbers who signed up exceeded our most optimistic expectations and we needed to go back to our tour operator and ask for more lodging. We were able to obtain additional beds and almost all of them have been gobbled them up. We now expect our entourage to exceed 60 skiers when we head west in late January.

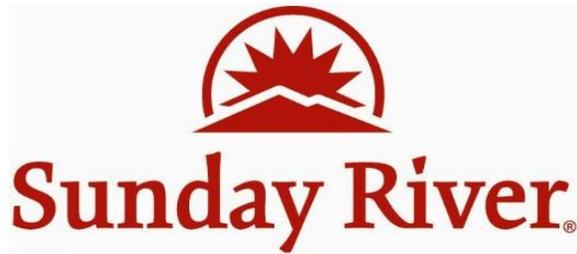
Have you missed out? We can't close the door completely since there are a few questions marks and there could be a chance we will have some openings. At this writing, there may be spots for a single male, a single woman or a couple. There is also the possibility of adding another two bedroom condo if our block of airline seats will accommodate four more skiers. So, if you are interested, contact Trip Leader, **Joe Sullivan**, immediately and ask him the latest news on possible openings. Contact Joe at (216) 932-3636 or joe@suburbanskiclub.org.

Sunday River & Sugarloaf, Maine (Sunday, Feb 26 – Saturday, March 2, 2019):

About two thirds of the spots for this Eastern Trip had been claimed before we left the month of August and that is an excellent response. Skiers realize we are going to the two largest and best ski resorts east of the Mississippi. We expect to fill this trip as well and we encourage you to claim a spot before they all disappear.

Read on for more details:

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 two-thirds 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.

AN UPDATE ON THE 2019 BUS TRIPS

As summer fades into fall, it is time to start thinking SSC bus trips. This past month we were able to finalize our plans and set pricing. You will be pleased to note that we worked hard to keep the pricing very close to last year, allowing us to continue to offer bus trips to our club members at one of the lowest costs in the area.



Make sure to attend the **Ski Fair** at our **Thursday, September 13th** meeting. We will have ski schedules and bus trip flyers available. Later in the month our webmaster, **Cliff Lewis**, will be adding these items to the website for your convenience. As in the past we are offering online registration using your credit card. In addition, you may also mail in the registration with your check. Once again, we have been able to put together a nice variety of trips to keep everyone happily skiing all season long.

You will notice that this year we have expanded our Meet n Drive program, added a new (and yet old) destination for a nostalgic look at the past and put a different spin on our two-day trip. No worries, we still have our Monday, MLK holiday tip to Holimont and our Ski n Wine venture.

Get out your calendar and begin planning your ski adventures with SSC. With one two-day trip, six single day bus trips and two meet ups, 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!" To learn more about these trips and have a great time with ski buddies, don't forget to join us on **Thursday, September 13** for our annual **Ski Fair**. We will have prizes!!

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