

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,

Welcome to Autumn. We are now one month closer to getting on the ski slopes and I hope you are as excited as I am as we look ahead to 2019.

I want to remind those of you who have not renewed your membership to do so immediately. If our records show your membership is expiring, you should have already received a scary Halloween Email from **Cliff Lewis**. Please read the following pages for details on renewing and how to check to see if you are a current member in good standing. The deadline for renewing without incurring a late fee is November 15th. There is a

[Membership Application attached](#) to the Email that brought you this newsletter.

Need some tips on what you can do now to get ready for our 2019 ski season? If so, don't miss our next **Membership Meeting** on **Thursday, November 8th**. **Scott Tremmel** will be featured at our meeting. Scott is a Physical Therapist at the Cleveland Clinic as well as a Level-III Ski Instructor. He will be giving us some valuable tips on fine-tuning our bodies to help us perform at our very best whether skiing or performing every day activities.

Mary Ellen Noss and **Kathy Porcen Robinson** are hosting our **Annual Alumni Dinner** at **Nighttown** in Cleveland Heights on **Sunday, November 11th**. If you have never gone to one of these EAT dinners, you really should take the time. Our club is going on its 60th season and our veterans have some great stories about the good old days and everyone enjoys this annual event. See the details later in this newsletter.

Our annual **Holiday Party** will be held at [Shooters in the Flats](#) is on **Friday, December 7th**. Great food, a live band, dancing, valuable prizes and lots of fun are all on the menu for the evening. You will receive a special Email next week with a flyer and reservation form. Special thanks to **Cindy Bacon** and **Mary Ellen Noss** for organizing this party for us.

Trips and Tours Co-Chair **Melinda Kellerstrass** is responsible for all our bus trips and we are very grateful to her for putting together a great schedule for 2019. But Melinda has found that our planned trip to the reopened Cockaigne will not work out and has had to adjust the schedule. Please see the details in the latter pages of this newsletter.

I want to express our gratitude to several people. First, to **Greg Maguire** of Little Mountain Ski Shop who made a presentation at our September Ski Fair and contributed two \$60 gift certificates

to commemorate our 60th anniversary. The lucky SSC members who won them were **Lynn Miller** and **Colette Gschwind**.

Gordon Geiger came to our October Membership Meeting and gave us a preview of the latest in skis and ski equipment. Gordon offered a 20% discount to SSC members for having our skis serviced at his store. He also donated gift certificates which were won by **Cliff Lewis** (\$25), **Ron Frederick** (\$25) and **Michele Boim** (\$50), Thank you, Gordon.

We also want to thank **Jack Ganz** and **Cliff Lewis** who made an appearance at our October meeting as the famous duo of “Quick and Quack.” They gave us some useful tips on how to take care of our skis. Finally, we need to thank **Chris Ujcich** for hosting on October EAT at Luxe Kitchen & Lounge in the Gordon Square district. Our members enjoyed a delicious Italian-Mediterranean brunch as well as some quality time together. At the end of this newsletter you will find a few photos of the Luxe brunch and “Quick and Quack” at our October meeting.

On a sad note, I want to tell you that the father of SSC member, **Kathy Westlake**, passed away. This was not a good year for Kathy since she also lost her mother only a few months earlier. All of Kathy’s friends in SSC join me in expressing our condolences.

I am pleased to welcome the following new members to our club: **Elisa Budoff, Yuri Deglin, Natalie DiNunzio** and **Gordon Blackburn**. We look forward to skiing with you and hope to see you at some of our social events.

Beth Silverman, President of SSC
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following members born in November. 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:

William (Bill) Anstine (11/17), Robert Anthony (11/1), Frank Bolon (11/25), Elaine Breiner (11/16), Janet Duden (11/24), Dona Kless (11/2), Patrick McPhillips (11/10), William Oatey (11/19), Jackie Otte (11/20), Judy Stowe (11/23) and Eric Zelman (11/3)

USING THE SSC WEBSITE

Some of you may not know that our brilliant and talented Webmaster, **Cliff Lewis**, has a ghoulish side. One of the many things Cliff does is to process membership applications. In that capacity the ghoulish Cliff decided to send a scary Halloween Email to those who had not yet renewed their memberships. As we go to press, Cliff reports that he had scared at least five delinquents to renew.

Cliff's Halloween Email detailed how to go about renewing either online or by snail mail. We need not repeat that here, but we did think it useful if we passed along a few other hints about using the website. If you read below, you will find two articles by Cliff. One is about how to get discounts and the second is about using Pay Pal. This latter information should be useful to you when using our club's website to pay for bus trips and even the Holiday Party.

Here are a couple of useful things to know when using www.suburbanskiclub.org

1. If you don't remember your username or password (or if you never created one) you can click "Request new password." Enter your e-mail address on the page that comes up and click the button marked "E-mail new password." Make sure you use the e-mail address on record with us (hint: it's the one where you receive this newsletter). You will receive an e-mail that tells your username and contains a link to a page on our site where you can create a new password. (Check your spam folder if you haven't received it within a few minutes.)
2. After you are logged in to the website, you should look around to see all the things you can find about SSC. You may, for example, want to click on "my account" to see what is there. You can check your membership status under "expiring roles." If you have renewed, it will tell you that your "role" expires in 2019. If not renewed, the expiration will be 2018. There's lots more to see on your account page. You can upload a profile photo and info about yourself, change your username or your password, update your address and contact info, and see a history of your orders.

The bottom line here is that we want to encourage you to use our website. Take it for a spin and we are sure you will enjoy the ride. Then be sure to bookmark it as one of your favorites.

What follows is more from Cliff:

Member Deals

You may not be aware that your membership in Suburban Ski Club entitles you to discounts on merchandise and services. Geiger's stores offer our members a 10% discount when you tell them you are a member. Ferdl Aster's Ski Shop in Chesterland also offers a 10% discount to members. (These discounts cannot be combined with other discounts or applied to gift cards.)

Suburban Ski Club members are also part of the Cleveland Metro Ski Council, which in turn is part of the National Ski Council Federation. Discounts on products and services (ski and snowboard equipment, apparel, car rentals, equipment rentals, vacation rentals, trip insurance, and more) are available to members on the site.

Visit skifederation.org and click on the "Club Members Login/Register" link at the upper right of the page. Complete the registration form, answering "Yes" to "Are You a Ski Club or Council

Member?" and "Cleveland Metro Ski Council" to "Ski Council Name." Discounts are listed on the Benefits page.

Making Online Reservations with a PayPal Account

Many members like the convenience (and the reward points) of using their credit card to make reservations on our web site. Others have told us, though, that they would prefer to pay up front instead of putting the payment on a credit card that has to be paid later. If you are one of those, you can still reserve online if you use a PayPal account linked to your checking account. This method allows you to make a payment right out of your checking account without mailing in a check.

The first step is to set up a PayPal account. Go to paypal.com and click "Sign Up." Provide the requested information. You will need to confirm your email address by letting PayPal send you an email. Click on the link in the email and enter your password to show that you are the owner of the email account.

Once you have created the PayPal account, you can link it to your bank account. Log in to PayPal and click on Wallet. Click "Link a card or bank." Choose a bank from the list or select "I have another bank." If your bank is not on the list, you will need to provide the routing number and account number. Next you will be directed to log in to the bank with the user name and password you use for online banking. This will confirm your bank account and set up a link. It is also a good idea to link a credit card. Without a credit card, PayPal delays the bank payment until available funds can be verified. If you have a credit card on file also, PayPal sends the funds right away. Your credit card is not charged, but it provides insurance to PayPal against insufficient funds in your bank account.

PayPal is as secure as any online payment method. In some ways it is more secure, because the payment recipient does not see any of your account information. We only get your name and address, amount paid, and a transaction ID. They do not even disclose to us whether you used your PayPal account or a credit card to pay. As with any financial account, make sure you use a strong password that is different from passwords you use anywhere else. Do not click on links or call any phone number in any email claiming to be from PayPal. It is a good idea to set up two-factor authentication on the site for extra protection.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

November - December, 2018

- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, November 8, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn
- ***SOCIAL:*** Sunday, Nov 11, 4:00 PM: EAT with SSC Alumni at Nighttown
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Thursday, November 15: Payment due for Park City
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Friday, December 1: Payment due for Sunday River & Sugarloaf, Eastern Trip
- ***SOCIAL:*** Friday, December 7, 6:30 PM: Holiday Party at Shooters in the Flats

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Thursday, November 8, 7:00 PM : Membership Meeting

The meeting begins at 7:00 PM in the party room at the Holiday Inn; 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 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.

Scott Tremmel will be the featured speaker at this meeting. Scott is a Physical Therapist at the Cleveland Clinic as well as a Level-III Ski Instructor.

Sunday, November 11, 4:00 PM: EAT with SSC Alumni at Nighttown



Nighttown is located at 12383 Cedar Road in Cleveland Heights. We meet at the bar for cocktails at 4:00 PM and sit down for dinner at about 5:00 PM. Nighttown's menu and other information can be found at www.nighttowncleveland.com. (216) 795-0550

Valet parking may be available at the front entrance on Cedar Road but meter parking (\$.25 per hour) is in the lot behind Nighttown. Parking there is only a few steps from the rear entrance to Stephen's Green, Nighttown's patio, where we will be dining. We will first assemble at 4:00 PM in the bar in Stephen's Green (not the main bar) for cocktails.

This EAT is a special one because SSC alumni will be participating. We have been doing this annually for quite a few years now and it is always a wonderful time. The hosts are our EAT Coordinator, **Mary Ellen Noss**, and Alumni organizer, **Kathy Porcen Robinson**.

Kathy will be taking reservations for the alumni while Mary Ellen will be doing that for current SSC members. Emailed reservations should be sent to maryellen@suburbanskiclub.org If necessary, you may also phone Mary Ellen at (330) 569-3170. The deadline for reservations is **Saturday, November 4th**.

Friday, December 7, 6:30 PM: Annual Holiday Party



As we told you last month we are going to be at Shooters on the West Bank of the Flats and we are very excited about this new venue. We are grateful to **Cindy Bacon** and **Mary Ellen Noss** for doing all the legwork and landing this incredible place. As we go to press, the final details are still being worked out. It should only be a matter of days before you receive an Email with all the particulars including a flyer and a reservation form. In the meantime, we want you to be sure put this date on your calendar.

We can tell you that parking is included in the price and we will have our usual great food, dancing, valuable prizes and lots of fun. We have been able to again book our old friends “Turnaround” who will be there playing oldies as well as some of your contemporary favorites. The other good news is the Executive Board has once more approved subsidizing the festivities to keep your tickets at a very reasonable cost. Save the date and stay tuned for more very shortly.

THE 2019 SKI SEASON

What follows is an update on the **status of our two major trips** along with a **report on our bus trips** for 2019. You will see that the news for all our skiing plans is very good and we think 2019 is going to be our greatest ski season ever.

SSC’S MAJOR TRIPS IN 2019

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 and the response shows it.

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



Park City, Utah – Zermatt Resort

Saturday, Jan. 26 – Saturday, Feb. 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 to 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 number 64 when we head west in late January.

Have you missed out? As we go to press, we can report that there have been some cancellations and there may be a few spots opening up. In addition, we are starting a waiting list. With a group as large as ours, there is a good chance that illness, injury or other problems may result in some places opening up. If you are interested, contact Trip Leader, **Joe Sullivan**, immediately and ask him the latest news on possible openings or to have him put you on his waiting list. Contact Joe at (216) 932-3636 or joe@suburbanskiclub.org.



Sunday River & Sugarloaf, Maine (Sun., Feb 26 – Sat., March 2, 2019)

We have had an excellent response and there are only about five places left for this Eastern Trip. Skiers seem to have realized we are going to the two largest and best ski resorts east of the Mississippi. We expect to fill this trip and we encourage you to claim a spot before they all disappear.

Here are some details:

The price is only **\$1049** and, as usual, this is **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.

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.

A Summary of the status of the two major trips:

There could still be limited spaces available on both of them but don't hesitate. If you are interested in either one, act quickly to inquire if there is a place for you. **The trip Flyers are attached to the Email that brought you this edition of Ski Trails.**

THE 2019 SKI SEASON: A Bus Trip Update

Well, Ohio's "Grays of Winter" have arrived. Time to put away the summer toys and get the winter sports equipment ready. Yes, that means get the skis and boards sharpened, waxed and loaded to go. Get out your calendars and make your plans to ski with Suburban Ski Club!

Please note there is one revision in the 2019 calendar. As we mentioned at the last meeting, our plans to try out Cockaigne did not work. We have changed that trip to Wed, Feb. 20, skiing at Holiday Valley. We will work to make the Cockaigne trip happen next season. Please see the revised calendar attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter.

As in the past we are offering online registration for bus trips. In addition, you may also mail in the registration. Once again, with one two-day trip, six single day bus trips and two meet ups, combined with two major week-long trips, we are able to offer a nice variety of trips to keep everyone skiing all season long. It is never too early to sign up for bus trips. – you can go on line now! We live up to our motto ... "We ski every week!" Looking forward to seeing you on the slopes in the 2019 season.

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FROM THE PHOTO GALLERY

What follows are a few photos from our October Membership Meeting and our EAT brunch at Luxe in Gordon Square.

Two of our old favorites made another appearance at our **October 11th Membership Meeting**. You may recall the duo that calls themselves “Quick and Quack.” Quick is **Cliff Lewis** and **Jack Ganz** is the Quack. This time Cliff and Jack gave us some interesting tips on how to care for our skis.



Here we see Quick (Cliff) on the left with some skis as Quack (Jack) makes a point on what to do with our skis.

In the background are **Jerry and Sandy Golinski**. The Golinskis were not part of the program but they scored VIP seats because they are groupies who follow Quick and Quack around the country.



Cliff demonstrates how to tune our edges.

In this photo you can see the wings on his helmet but you can't see the wings on his ski boots. Those wings make Quick very fast on the hill.

On Sunday AM, October 14th, Sixteen SSC members enjoyed a brunch at **Luxe** in the Gordon Square district.



In this photo we see our host for the brunch, **Chris Ujcich**. In the foreground is Greg Orłowski.



On the left, partially visible, is Linda Nash. Next to Linda, **Sue Evan**, is checking out her brunch. From left to right, **Frank Evan**, **Mary Ellen Noss** and **John Hersch**