

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

December 2018

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

It's beginning to look a lot like ski weather. With our recent snow dump, Peek'n Peak hopes to open December 7 and Holiday Valley is now open on limited days with a lot of fresh snow. And the news from our western and eastern trip destinations is very good as well. In a phone call to Sunday River in Maine, we were excited to hear from a guy who has been there his whole life that he has never seen so much snow in November. They are approaching a four-foot base. So, if you dropped off your skis to get tuned and checked, it is time to pick them up! We may get a chance locally to start the season early and it appears the snow gods are going to be very kind to us in 2019.

On Friday, December 7, we get together for our annual **Holiday Party**. This year we are celebrating the season at Shooters in the Flats. **Cindy Bacon** and **Mary Ellen Noss** have planned a special evening for us and we are grateful for all of their hard work. We have around 60 members signed up and we will have the place all to ourselves. If you want to join us, the deadline for making a reservation has been extended to December 4th. It is not too late to reserve a spot on our website at www.suburbanskiclub.org. See the details later in the newsletter on page 4 for more information on how you can still make your reservation.

Scott Tremmel was the guest speaker at our November membership meeting. Scott is a physical therapist at the Cleveland Clinic and a Level III ski instructor at Boston Mills/Brandywine. He shared with us research that Cleveland Clinic has done that shows that skiers are less likely to fall down as we age because of the coordination it takes to stay balanced on the slopes. It was an interesting topic and we appreciate that Scott took the time to join us.

Thanks need to go to **Mary Ellen Noss** and **Kathy Porcen Robinson** for organizing our annual SSC Alumni Dinner at the iconic Nighttown in Cleveland Heights on Sunday, Nov. 11th. The response from the alumni is growing every year and this was no exception.

Please be sure to read **Joe Sullivan's** report on our **two major trips** later in this newsletter. He tells us that due to recent cancellations two spots just opened on our Park City trip and a few spots still remain for our trip to Sunday River & Sugarloaf in Maine.

Following Joe, **Melinda Kellerstrass**, updates us on the **bus trip schedule** for 2019 and encourages us to make our plans early and reserve our spots. You should also notice that there is a complete package of bus trip flyers contained in a separate attachment to the Email that brought you this edition of Ski Trails.

You will also want to check out the full **2019 Ski Schedule** on page 6. And, for your convenience, that schedule is repeated in an attachment.

I am pleased to welcome two new members to our club: **Jeremy Nielsen** and **Allison Uher**. 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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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following members born in December. 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:

**Beverly Burgess (12/3), Ralph Dixon (12/30),
David Fisher (12/4), Matthew Klass (12/19),
Lilly Kron (12/20), Matthew Moriarty (12/24),
James Smekal (12/14), Carol Vandenberg (12/25), Jeff
Weiler (12/31) and Nancy Wolf (12/17)**

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE ***December, 2018 – March, 2019***

- **SKI TRIP:** Friday, December 1: Payment due for Sunday River & Sugarloaf, Eastern Trip
- **SOCIAL:** Friday, December 7, 6:00 PM: Holiday Party at Shooters in the Flats
- **SKI TRIP:** Sunday, Jan 6, 2019: Peek N Peak
- **MEETING:** Thursday, Jan 10: Membership Meeting
- **SKI TRIP:** Friday, Jan 11: Holiday Valley with dinner stop at winery
- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, Jan 15, 6:00 PM: EAT at Mabel's BBQ, E 4th St., Cleveland
- **SKI TRIP:** Wednesday, Jan 16: Peek N Peak (car pool Meet-Up)
- **SKI TRIP:** Monday, Jan 21 (MLK Day): Holimont
- **SKI TRIP:** Saturday, Jan 26 – Feb 2: Park City

- **SKI TRIP:** Friday, Feb 8: Seven Springs with apres ski dinner at the resort
- **SKI TRIP:** Thursday, Feb 14 – Friday, Feb 15: Two Day Trip to Holiday Valley & Holimont
- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, Feb 19, 6:00 PM: EAT at Oak & Embers, Chesterland, OH
- **SKI TRIP:** Wednesday, Feb 20: Holiday Valley
- **MEETING:** Thursday, Feb 21: Membership Meeting (Nominating Meeting for Club Officers)
- **SKI TRIP:** Sunday, Feb 24 – Saturday, Mar 2: Eastern Trip to Maine (Sunday River & Sugarloaf)
- **SKI TRIP:** Friday, Mar 8: Holiday Valley (Skier Appreciation Trip with apres ski dinner in Ellicotville)
- **SKI TRIP:** Tuesday, Mar 12: Peek N Peak (car pool Meet-Up)
- **MEETING:** Thursday, Mar 14: Membership Meeting (Election Meeting for Club Officers)
- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, March 26: EAT at Berea Depot Bar & Restaurant hosted by Ed and Mary Ellen Noss

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Friday, December 7, 6:00 PM: Annual Holiday Party



This year 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 deadline for making a reservation has passed but it has now been extended to Dec. 4th. You can still make your reservation on line with your credit card by going to: <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/holiday-party-fri-dec-7>

If you prefer to pay by check, you will need to **contact Cindy Bacon** since your snail-mailed check will not get to our Treasurer in time. See the Holiday Party Flyer attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter for Cindy's contact information. Cindy can tell you if there is a spot for you and also tell you what to do with your reservation form and payment.

Parking is included in the price and arrivals should inform the attendant that they are with the ski party. We will have our usual great food, dancing, valuable prizes and lots of fun. We have again been able to 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.

Please note the **starting time is 6:00 PM**. A typo in the previous newsletter had a later time. We will begin with cocktails at the cash bar and the buffet dinner will be served at 7:15 PM.

Thursday, January 10, 2019 @ 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.

Susan Shaw will be our guest speaker at this meeting. Susan is the wife of the former Plain Dealer sportswriter, Bud Shaw. She coordinates media for international sporting events and has been to fifteen Olympics. She is going to tell us some of her stories via a Power Point presentation. Watch for more details about this remarkable woman in the January issue of Ski Trails.

Tuesday, January 15 @ 6:00 PM: EAT at Mabel’s BBQ

Annette Yamada will be our host for this EAT at one of famed chef Michael Symon’s latest and most popular hot spots. Mabel’s BBQ is located at 2050 E. 4th Street, Cleveland 44115. Check out the menu and other details at their website: www.mabelsbbq.com Their phone number is (216) 417-8823.

By incorporating Bertram’s Ballpark Mustard into the barbecue sauce, using Eastern European spices and smoking meat over local fruitwood, Symon has created a barbecue style Clevelanders can call their own. The restaurant’s arched ceilings, industrial lighting and exposed brick are reminiscent of Cleveland’s landmark West Side Market, evoking the feeling of a rustic smokehouse with a laid back vibe. Friends can kick back at a communal picnic table and feast on brisket, kielbasa with Cleveland kraut and pickles, pork ribs and loads of pig parts with eastern European inspired sides.

As usual, we will meet at the bar at 6:00 PM and sit down for dinner about 7:00 PM. The bar is famous for its extensive stock of bourbons but those who prefer craft beers, wine and other liquors will not be disappointed.

Mabel’s usually does not take reservations and it is extremely important you contact Annette no later than **Monday, Jan 7th** to sign up. Email: aajones43@netscape.com or (440) 708-0314

Thursday, February 21 @ 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.

The special presentation for this meeting will be announced later but we should note that this is also the meeting where we nominate club officers.

Thursday, March 14 @ 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.

This is the meeting where we cast our votes for the new officers of SSC

Do you have a friend or relative who is new to skiing or someone you would like to introduce to our sport? Here's an idea:

January 11—the day of our Ski'n Wine Trip to Holiday Valley—is also **Learn-to-Ski Day at Holiday Valley**. They are offering a great deal on a beginner package that includes rental, lesson, and bunny hill lift ticket. The price for that package is so low that we can extend a special price of only \$68 to beginners for the bus trip and ski package. That's a discount of \$18 from the regular trip price. This is a great time to invite your friends or family members to give skiing or snowboarding a try, and wrap up the day with a glass of wine and dinner at Grand River Cellars.

Go to www.suburbanskiclub.org to sign up for this special offer.

THE 2019 SKI SEASON

Here is the **revised** 2019 Ski Schedule. It can also be found in an attachment to the Email that brought you 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 20	Wednesday	HOLIDAY VALLEY	\$86	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, at: 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.

What follows is an update on the **status of our two major trips**. After that, you can read a **report on our 2019 bus program** by **Melinda Kellerstrass**. You will see that the news for all our skiing plans is very positive 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

As we have reported, this trip is going to be the biggest in club history. We expect our entourage to number 64 when we head west in late January.

Have you missed out? Last month we told you we had some cancellations. We filled those spots and then there were some additional cancellations. As we go to press, we can tell you that there are two spots that just opened up. If you are interested, we urge you to act quickly. We must fill those spots immediately or else give them up so we are not charged for two empty beds and two airline tickets. 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 additional places opening up. If you are interested, contact Trip Leader, **Joe Sullivan**, immediately and ask him for the latest news on the two openings or to 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.

If you are interested in joining us, immediately contact **Joe Sullivan** at (216) 932-3636 or joe@suburbanskiclub.org to inquire about openings.

AN UPDATE ON THE BUS TRIPS



The snow is flying! The weather outside might be frightful but to a skier or snowboarder, it's delightful. Now is the time to sign up for the 2019 SSC bus trips. We have a full schedule and we have shown it to you earlier. However, please note there is one revision in the calendar. The February 19 trip has been changed to Wednesday, Feb 20 and is now going to Holiday Valley. You can find that full revised schedule attached to this newsletter.

Our two-day trip this year is a *Ski Lovers Special* to Holiday Valley and Holimont on Feb 14 -15. We will be staying at the Wingate in Ellicottville. There will be plenty of slope time along with shopping and dining with your ski buds. This is a popular trip, so book early before it sells out. **Jack Ganz** is our trip leader and he promises you will have a great time.

We encourage members to sign up early for bus trips because we have a contract with the bus company and it is critical we have an idea of numbers at least a week prior to the trip. As in the past, we are offering online registration. Go to: www.suburbanskiclub.org Consult last month's (November) newsletter for instructions on how to log in as a member..

In addition, you may also mail your reservation. In the Email that brought you this newsletter you will find **an attachment that contains all the individual flyers for our bus trips.** Consult them for trip details.

Here's a peek at how we are going to start the 2019 season:

For the **Sunday, January 6, Peek 'N Peak** bus trip, we have reserved a club room for our members. The **Friday, January 11, Holiday Valley** bus trip has a stop at Grand River Cellars for wine and dinner on the way home. We have reserved a party room there and members will be able to order off the menu and receive separate checks. This is another club fav so sign up early for this one!

Wednesday January 16 Peek 'N Peak is a meet-up carpool. We started doing this last year and it was met with success. So we are offering it up again. We meet at the Holiday Inn, the site of our membership meetings (780 Beta Dr., Mayfield Village 44143) and carpool out to the resort. You could also just meet us there. As long as there is snow, this trip will go! It is a great way to get warmed up and practice your skills before heading out for the week-long trip to Park City. Not going to Park City, come out and join us anyway - the more the merrier!

Get out your calendar and plan your January trips now, registration has already begun! "We ski every week!" Come join us on the slopes.

Melinda Kellerstrass
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