

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

March 2019

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

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



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

Before you know it, our ski season will be over with just two more trips on our schedule until we close out the 2019 skiing program. Be sure to read **Melinda Kellerstrass's** report on page five for details on our Skier Appreciation bus trip to **Holiday Valley on Friday, March 8** and a spring fling meet-up to **Peek'n Peak on Wednesday, March 13**.

Our last **Membership Meeting** of the year will be held on **Thursday, March 14** at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Village. **Cindy Bacon** has arranged for Pulitzer Prize winner and AP photographer, **Amy Sancetta**, to tell us about her

30-year career covering major sporting and other events around the world. She will also give us some tips on how to take great pictures with our smartphones.

At the meeting, we will hold **elections for our 2019/2020 Executive Board**. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can cast an absentee ballot by email. Details on our nominees and election procedures follow on page two of this newsletter and will also be Emailed to you in a few days.

Our very popular Two Day Ski Trip was scheduled for Feb 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. However, because of the forecast, the trip was reduced to a one day trip to Holiday Valley. **Jack Ganz** was the trip leader and he reported that it was one of the best days ever at HV. The wonderful ski day was followed by an on-the-bus wine, beer and cheese apres ski that was heartily received by some very happy skiers.

We returned back to Holiday Valley the following week on Wednesday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. Conditions were not as spectacular as they were on the previous week but, nevertheless, our group had a great day led by **Melinda Kellerstrass**. Our thanks go to Jack and Melinda for all they did to make both trips such a success.

We also want to thank **Kathy Porcen Robinson** for organizing and hosting the February EAT at the Oak and Embers Tavern in Chesterland. Because Kathy still maintains extensive contacts with SSC alumni, it was good to see so many SSC veterans at this event.

Welcome home to our 39 members who returned from Maine this morning after a wonderful week of skiing at Sunday River and Sugarloaf. Snow conditions were about as good as it gets and everyone had a wonderful time, due in no small part to very careful planning and hard work by Trip Leader, **Joe Sullivan**. Joe also serves as editor of [Ski Trails](#) and I'm sure he will have some great stories and photographs to share with us in the April issue of the newsletter. You will also be seeing photographs published on our website by our Webmaster, **Cliff Lewis**. Go to [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org). In the coming weeks, there will also be photographs and a report on our other major trip to Park City.

Our March EAT, hosted by **Mary Ellen Noss**, will be on **March 26<sup>th</sup>** at the **Berea Depot Bar and Restaurant**. For details, see our calendar of events later in the newsletter on page four.

I am happy to welcome the following new members to the club: **Tatiana Carneeva, Jerry Coleman, Mike Guggenheim, Mike Maliszewski, Pete Ronis** and **Rebecca Schroeder**. I look forward to seeing you on the slopes and at our various social activities.

*Beth Silverman, President of SSC*  
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### ***INFORMATION ON ELECTIONS FOR MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING***

We will be holding elections for club officers at our Membership Meeting on **Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. This will be our last membership meeting before the summer break. Please see below the slate of candidates nominated at our meeting on February 21st. The slate is running unopposed but this does not mean we don't need your vote.

In a day or two, we will be sending an Email with an **absentee ballot**. We hope you will return that if you can't attend the meeting. Since our membership has greatly expanded, we will need your absentee ballot to insure a quorum at the meeting and we hope we can depend on you to help with this. On your absentee ballot, you can choose to vote for the whole slate or only some candidates. And even if you want to abstain from voting for any of the nominees, we trust you will at least return your ballot with a vote for "quorum only" so we can conduct a valid election.

#### **Suburban Ski Club's Nominated Officers**

President:	<b>Beth Silverman</b>
First Vice President:	<b>Colette Gschwind</b>
Vice Pres. for Data Mgmt.	<b>Cliff Lewis</b>
Secretary:	<b>Pat Lewis</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Ann McBrian</b>
Member At Large:	<b>John Hersch</b>
Member At Large:	<b>OPEN</b>
Member At Large:	<b>Joe Sullivan</b>

## ***MARCH BIRTHDAYS***



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

**Elisa Budoff (3/9), Monica Castele (3/3), Natalie DiNunzio (3/5), Kevin Duden (3/2), Pamela Fenn (3/7), Ronald Frederick (3/17), Phil Meyer (3/4), Ray Neumann (3/16), Eugene Pallat (3/28), Kimberly Sandler (3/6) and Mary Ellen Strong (3/19)**

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

***March, 2019***

- ***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***

### **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 meeting will be the **Election Meeting for club officers**. You will shortly receive some instructions about casting your absentee ballot should you not be able to attend the meeting.

This meeting also features a very special speaker. Cindy Bacon has arranged for AP photographer and Pulitzer Prize winner, **Amy Sancetta**, to talk to us and to share an audio-video presentation about her 30-year career covering major sporting and other events around the world. She will also give us some tips on how to take great photos with our own cameras.

Amy Sancetta enjoyed 30 years as a staff photographer with the Associated Press, with stints in the Philadelphia bureau and as the U.S. national photographer, before settling back home and into the Cleveland bureau. She graduated from Ohio State with a degree in History in 1981, and then worked as a staff photographer with the Columbus Dispatch for two years before beginning her career at the AP in 1983.

Amy has traveled the world covering 11 Olympic Games, numerous Super Bowls, World Series, Masters, Kentucky Derbys, U.S Open Tennis tournaments and soccer's World Cup. She has covered many national political conventions and inaugurations as well as the 9/11 attacks in NYC.

Amy won the Pulitzer Prize in feature photography in 1992, and was named the Associated Press top sports photographer world-wide in 1993. She has enjoyed teaching stints at Penn State, West Virginia University and the Rich Clarkson Workshops.

**Tuesday, March 26 @ 6:00 PM : EAT at Berea Depot Bar and Restaurant**

**Ed and Mary Ellen Noss** will be our hosts for this EAT at the Berea Depot Bar & Restaurant. It is located at 30 Depot Street, Berea, OH 44017. Phone: (440) 243-6169. Review their menu at [www.bereadepot.com](http://www.bereadepot.com)

The depot was built in 1876 with massive stone blocks from local Berea stone quarries. It is a casual spot serving creative pub grub (such as calamari fries) in a 19th-century train station. Separate checks will be available.

As usual, we will gather at the bar at 6:00 PM and move to tables for dinner at about 7:00 PM. Reserve with Ed & Mary Ellen by Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Email: [lpdptra@gmail.com](mailto:lpdptra@gmail.com)

## ***THE REMAINING SKI TRIPS***

***Ski season is not over! Join us for our final ski/ board adventures of 2019!***



If you attended one of our last two bus trips you know we had some great skiing on the snow filled slopes of Holiday Valley. Don't miss this last chance for an SSC bus trip. Our skier appreciation trip is scheduled for **Friday, March 8** at **Holiday Valley** with dinner in town following a day of skiing. Word has it that this is their "Winter Carnival" weekend, so don't forget your beads. If you have skied any trip with the Suburban Ski Club during the 2019 season you will receive a discounted rate - our way of saying THANKS! Make sure you go on line now and reserve your spot. Winter weather is returning this week and the forecast is calling for you to join us! Register on line at <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/> or download the form and mail it to **Ann McBrian**.

We are also looking to extend our ski season with a **meet-up car pool to Peek N Peak on Wednesday, March 13**. We meet at 7:30 AM in the Holiday Inn parking lot (780 Beta Dr., Mayfield Village 44143) and carpool out to the resort. You could also meet us there. As long as there is snow, this trip will go! Check the forum section of our website for updates on this trip or you can email me [Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org) with questions. If you plan on attending, it is a good idea to drop me an email so I know to look for you. Don't be shy. This is a fun outing and all are welcome (even non-members!). At this time it looks like the weather will hold and it should be some good spring skiing/boarding.

Later this spring the Trips and Tours Committee will be meeting to discuss and plan next year's skiing escapades. This is your club and we are always looking for your input. If you would like to serve on this committee, be a trip leader for one of our trips (bus or week long) or have trip ideas please feel free to contact Beth ([president@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:president@suburbanskiclub.org)) or myself.

The trips we were able to make this year were great – thanks to all of you! Register for March 8- and celebrate the end of ski season with SSC!

Melinda Kellerstrass  
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*A FEW PHOGRAPHS FROM LAST MONTH*



**Kathy Porcen Robinson** and **Phil** were our hosts for the February EAT at the Oak & Embers in Chesterland.



Veteran SSC Members, **Inge Koepper** and **Bruce Eckstein**, are in the foreground of this photo of some happy diners at the Oak & Embers



Tannenbaum on a great day at Holiday Valley



**Margie Bakale** and **Kim Sandler** on the bus after a wonderful day skiing at Holiday Valley



Trips and Tours Co-Chair, **Melinda Kellerstrass**, took a selfie at Holiday Valley. That's **Pat Lewis** in the background. Are they having a wonderful time on the slopes or what?