

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

June 2019

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

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



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

Our Trips and Tours Committee has been busy planning another spectacular ski season for you. We are still finalizing a couple of details, but I can tell you that a trip to Mammoth Mountain in California in late January will almost certainly be on our schedule as well as a return trip to Sunday River, Maine the last week of February. As you will read below, we are still reviewing options for a third major trip in late March.

In early May, about twenty of our major-trip skiers and members of our Executive Board met at my house to talk about skiing in 2020. I want to thank all of them for attending and offering their ideas. We took a close look at Telluride, Big Sky, Jackson Hole, Mammoth and Breckenridge. We all agreed that, while we have members who can handle Jackson Hole, it would be preferable to opt for a resort that offers a wider selection for all ski levels. With that in mind, we decided to focus on Telluride, Big Sky and Mammoth. Of the three, Mammoth provided us with the best value, including slope-side lodging for a reasonable price. Telluride and Big Sky would also have been great, but we found that the cost of airfare drove pricing to well over \$2,000. For that reason, we decided to go back to the drawing board to look at March options.

We are open to suggestions for this third major trip. Two tour operators are looking at Snowbird/Alta in Utah and Whitefish in Montana for starters. Feel free to email me if there is another area you think we should consider.

For the two settled major trips (Mammoth and Sunday River), we should have flyers and registration forms ready later this month and, as a club member, you will have first dibs on signing up before we post our trips on the Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council website. I suggest you sign up early to ensure yourself a place.

Thanks go to **Mary Ellen** and **Ed Noss** for organizing our EAT at the Rocky River Wine Bar on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Although we were disappointed the patio was not open due to the weather, the more than twenty diners who attended had a wonderful evening.

Be sure to look up at the Calendar of Events later in this newsletter (and the attachments) for details on **Ann McBrian's** annual picnic and concert at **Blossom on Sunday, July 7**. Peter and Paul from Peter, Paul & Mary will join the Cleveland Orchestra for what should be a memorable and nostalgic concert.

Also in the Calendar of Events (see pages 3 – 5) are several outdoor activities for this month of June. We are indebted to **Melinda Kellerstrass** for putting them all together. There are opportunities for hiking and biking – and you can even join Melinda for a paddle on the LaDue Reservoir.

In addition, there is one more June event. **John and Susan Hersch** are hosting an EAT on June 25th in the Gordon Square area at the very unique Astoria Cafe and Market. Please see the details on page 5.

I hope to see you at some of the foregoing events and be sure to stay tuned for more details as we finalize our 2020 ski calendar.

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



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

**Wendy Summers (6/28), Joe Sullivan (6/21), Kathryn Porcen-Robinson (6/5), Mike Ohara (6/15), Sandra Maurer (6/23), June Kelley (6/29), Emma Hanlon (6/4), Colette Gschwind (6/17), Sherry Clifton (6/3), Michele Boim (6/22), Susan Billow (6/19) and Tom Bartlo (6/16)**

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

***June - July, 2019***

- **ACTIVITY:** Tuesday, June 4, 9:00 AM: Hike The West Woods
- **ACTIVITY:** Saturday, June 8, 10:00 AM: Paddle on the LaDue Reservoir
- **ACTIVITY:** Monday, June 17, 10:00 AM: Biking the Maple Highlands Trail
- **ACTIVITY:** Tuesday, June 18, 9:00 AM: Hike The South Chagrin Reservation
- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, June 25, 6:00 PM: EAT at Astoria Café & Market
- **SOCIAL:** Sunday, July 7: Annual Blossom Picnic and Concert

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL***

### **Membership Meetings Resume in September**

Meetings are at 7:00 PM in the party room at the Holiday Inn; 780 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village 44143. Beta Drive is only one intersection east of the exit for Wilson Mills Road on I-271.



These are some of the happy hikers who trekked the trails of Brandywine Falls in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park back on April 13th. Pictured here (from the left) are CVNP hike assistants, **Larry Grewe** and **Melinda Kellerstrass** along with **Sue & Frank Evan** and **Yuri Deglin**. Not in the photo is **Ron Howard**.

We have a few activities scheduled for this month of June. Please join us for one or more of these SSC excursions and have some summer fun. If you have an idea or would like to sponsor an event, please contact **Melinda Kellerstrass** at [Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org) or **Joe Sullivan** at [Joe@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:Joe@suburbanskiclub.org). We are looking for additional activities for July and August. We will list them in future newsletters.

**Tuesday, June 4 @ 9:00 AM: Hike at The West Woods**

This hike and a second one are being billed as “Hiking with Larry and Almuth.” That would be SSC members, **Larry Grewe** and **Almuth Riggs**. For this first one, we will meet Larry and Almuth at the **West Woods Nature Center** at **9:00 AM**. The address is 9465 Kinsman Rd; Russel Twp. 44072

This 902-acre park protects the historic sandstone ledges of Ansel’s Cave, Silver Creek and its watershed and has extensive wetlands and mature forests. The West Woods Nature Center is a popular attraction with its large wildlife feeding area and hands-on interpretive displays. There are nine trails which total 6.95 miles. On this morning we plan to hike the Ansel's Cave and Pioneer Bridle Trails. The total hike will be about 4 1/2 miles. Anyone can shorten (or add to) their hike based on their time, interest or fitness.

**Saturday, June 8 @ 10:00 AM: Do the LaDue**

**Melinda Kellerstrass** says “It’s time to paddle!” Canoe, Kayak or go with Melinda’s favorite Stand Up Paddleboard on this Saturday at the LaDue South Reservoir.. We will meet at **10:00 AM** in the parking lot on Rt 44 about 1 mile south of Rt 422, just before you cross the bridge. (We will be paddling under that bridge!).

You can bring your own equipment or rent. If you need to rent, there is a company that services LaDue. Find them at in at: <https://www.breakawayexcursions.com> Be aware, that you do need to go online and reserve in advance. Make sure to follow the prompts and book for **Sat, June 8 at 10:00 AM at LaDue South** . You also need to fill out the release forms etc. They do not handle cash sales so everything needs to be done on line, in advance. I recommend booking early. They do sell out on weekends.

LaDue is one of my favorite places to paddle. If you have not been there, you are in for a treat. They only allow electric motors, so it is a peaceful lake. Contact me if you have questions: [Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org). I will be there unless it is raining or the wind is above 10 mph.

The following link link should take you directly to the LaDue South booking site: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/breakawayexcursions/items/22659/calendar/2019/06/?full-items=yes&flow=14046>. Remember June 8 at 10:00 AM.

Melinda Kellerstrass

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**Monday, June 17 @ 10.00 AM: Biking the Maple Highlands Trail**

**Melinda Kellerstrass** will lead us on this ride. We will meet at the Mountain Run Station trailhead: 12601 Chardon Windsor Road; Chardon, OH 44024. Melinda says this is a beautiful rail trail and you can bike as much or as little as you prefer. It is an out and back trail and after the ride we will meet at the Red Hawk Grille (7481 Auburn Road; Concord 44077) for refreshments on the patio. Contact Melinda at [melinda@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:melinda@suburbanskiclub.org) . You should also check the SSC website since this will be a weather dependent activity

**Tuesday, June 18 @ 9:00 AM: Hike at The South Chagrin Reservation**

For this second hike, meet Larry and Almuth at the Henry Church Rock Picnic area located on Hawthorn Parkway east of Rt. 91. This large picnic area is a great meeting spot for a hike and there are several trails to choose from at this location. We can decide which trails we will hike based on the group's interests and available time. Doing both sides of the river would involve about 5 – 6 miles on some demanding trails.

**Note:** If you have questions about either of the two Tuesday hikes (June 4 and 18) , you can contact **Larry Grewe** at [lagrewe1952@gmail.com](mailto:lagrewe1952@gmail.com). Even if you don't have any questions, you may want to let Larry know you will attending.

**Tuesday, June 25 @ 6:00 PM : EAT at Astoria Café & Market**

**John and Susan Hersch** will be our hosts for the EAT at Astoria Café & Market located at 5417 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44102. Phone: (216) 266-0834. Astoria is a Greek and Mediterranean restaurant with a comprehensive selection of cheeses, meats, olives, and delicious entrees likely to satisfy all diners. As the name implies, this establishment is also a market. Astoria is located in the Gordon Square area and has been positively reviewed by critics from the Plain Dealer and Cleveland Scene. It also enjoys popular support on yelp and trip advisor. For further information check the restaurant's web site at <http://astoriacafemarket.com> .

As usual, we will meet for drinks at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00 PM. The Happy Hour is from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. You will need to be there a little earlier than 6:00 PM to take advantage of the reduced prices.

Please RSVP to John and Susan by **Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>** at [johnhersch@yahoo.com](mailto:johnhersch@yahoo.com) so that we can provide the restaurant with a head count for our group. You may also call (216) 577-5370. We look forward to a summer celebration.

Sunday, July 7: Picnic and Concert at Blossom

# BLOSSOM MUSIC FESTIVAL

Summer Home of  
The Cleveland Orchestra

*Sunday, July 7, 2019*



Concert: 7:00 PM

Pre-Concert Picnic: 4:30 PM

Again this year, **Ann McBrian** is our host for an evening at Blossom with a pre-concert picnic. At this concert, Peter Yarrow and (Noel) Paul Stookey of the iconic folk trio of Peter, Paul and Mary will join the Cleveland Orchestra conducted by Lucas Richman. It will be a special evening of nostalgia as Peter and Paul remember the late Mary Travers and their enduring anthems of social change and the impact they had on the world of civil liberties.

Although the concert begins at 7:00 PM, we will be gathering any time after 4:30 PM for our pre-concert picnic in the area called the **Lawn Terrace** (located at the top of the hill and centered above the pavilion). Ann will be taking orders for a barbeque buffet provided by City Barbeque and/or salads prepared by Panera Bread. Please see the [Order Form](#) for details.

**Attached is an ORDER FORM to place your order for lawn tickets and your meal.** But you should feel free to bring your own picnic if you wish. Beverages are not provided and you may bring your beverage of choice.

Also please note that the Order Form is attached in two versions. Those of you who have access to Excel spreadsheet software, can use that version to fill out your order form. Others can print out the PDF version. Mail the form and payment to Ann McBrian at the address on the attached page of GENERAL INFORMATION. A third option is to go online to <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/cleveland-orchestra-concert-blossom-music-center> and place your order and use your credit card for payment. If you are ordering food for more than one person, be sure to follow the online directions.

Parking is free with tram service provided to get you to the main gate. Ann advises you come early to beat the traffic and parking rush.

A single lawn ticket price for the evening is \$22.60. But Ann is hoping to buy books of lawn tickets at a savings of \$5.10 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, lawn tickets are also valid for general admission seating in the pavilion. Your tickets will be held in your name at the “Will Call” window. See more details in the **attached pages of GENERAL INFORMATION and MAP of Blossom.**

Orders must be received by **Thursday, July 4th.**

If you have any questions, you may contact Ann at: [mcbriana@gmail.com](mailto:mcbriana@gmail.com) or (330) 618-8450.

### ***MELINDA’S UPDATE ON 2020 BUS TRIPS***



Yes, it is time to embrace summer- I may be out enjoying all summer has to offer, but never fear, we are still at work planning our winter ski adventures. At this time, we are waiting on the finalization of the schedule for the three week-long major trips. Once they are in place, we will begin to schedule the bus trips. If you would like to lead a bus trip or you have a destination/itinerary in mind, please contact me with your thoughts. [Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org)