

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,

In just two weeks we kick off our 61st season! I hope you will help us celebrate by coming to our membership meeting on **Thursday, September 12**. As we have done for the past several years, we are calling this meeting our **Ski Fair**. You will get a chance to preview our exciting plans for skiing in 2020, pick up literature on our 2020 skiing destinations and reconnect with your SSC friends. Coffee, iced tea and cake will be served. Plus, we will be drawing for some very nice prizes. Hope to see you there!

Trips and Tours Co-chair, **Melinda Kellerstrass**, has outdone herself yet again and put together a wonderful bus trip schedule for us in 2020. At our Executive Board meeting last week, the Board applauded and approved Melinda's plan. We will unveil our complete and exciting ski schedule for 2020 at our September Ski Fair. What I can say now is that this will be one of our most ambitious ski schedules yet and we will, once again, "ski every week."

Ron Friedberg is the newest member of our Executive Board and he has accomplished what we on the board have been talking about for years - he launched a **Facebook group** for us. Search for "Suburban Ski Club Group" on Facebook to find us and then ask to join. After only one week, our group is already 33 members strong and growing. This will be a great tool for us to share photos with one another and promote upcoming activities. Special thanks to **Colette Gschwind** for posting some newsletters from the 70s to take us down memory lane and a huge round of thanks to Ron for taking the time to get this going for us.

Also coming up soon is our **Annual Clam Bake** at **Ed & Mary Ellen Noss's** lovely home in Hiram, Ohio on **Saturday, September 21**. You will not want to miss this yearly event. Attached is a flyer with all of the details and a form to make your reservation.

I am also very pleased to report that we were able to negotiate a contract with Lakeside Yacht Club to hold our **2019 Holiday Party** at the club. For those who have been there in earlier years, you already know what a great location it is. We will be sending you more information soon but for now, please save the date, **Saturday, December 21**. It will be a wonderful night to remember.

I also want to mention that our Executive Board has once again approved subsidizing some of the expenses for both the Clam Bake and the Holiday Party. The board did this so that what you pay will be a bargain for what you will get in return.

We are grateful to our beloved **Lilly Kron** for hosting an EAT last month at Das Schnitzel Haus. More than two dozen SSC members enjoyed socializing and great German food on the patio.

I also want to again thank **Melinda Kellerstrass** for the work she has done in organizing some wonderful summer outdoor activities for our members. She has done it again for September and you will find those events listed on page 7 of this newsletter. Also check out the photo on page 8 for a picture on one August group kayaking the La Due Reservoir.

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, the monthly newsletter and lots of fun socials. Membership runs from September 1st to August 31st. 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-2019-2020>

Speaking of membership, please welcome new SSC members **Larry Fordyce, Judi Fordyce, Harry Leitch, Andrea Peters** and **Ron Turk**. We look forward to skiing with you and hope to see you at some of our social events.

Enjoy this holiday weekend and what's left of the summer days. I hope you can join us on **Thursday, Sept 12th** at our **Ski Fair**.

Beth Silverman, President of SSC
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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following members born in August. 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.

**Catherine Brannick (9/18), Janice Friswold (9/20),
Jack Ganz (9/16), Shannon McPhillips (9/18),
Mary Ellen Noss (9/17), Richard Stroom (9/25),
Mathew Uher 9/11) and Frances Wesley (9/12)**

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

September - December, 2019

- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, September 12, 7:00 PM: SKI FAIR and First Membership Meeting of the year at the Holiday Inn
- ***SOCIAL:*** Saturday, September 21, 2:30 PM: Annual Clambake in Hiram at the Estate of Ed and Mary Ellen Noss
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, October 10, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn
- ***SOCIAL:*** Sunday, October 20: EAT brunch at SOL in Willoughby hosted by Chris Ujcich
- ***SOCIAL:*** Sunday, Nov 3, 4:00 PM: EAT with SSC Alumni at Nighttown hosted by Mary Ellen Noss and Kathy Porcen Robinson
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, November 14, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn
- ***SOCIAL:*** Saturday, December 21, 2019, 6:00 PM: Annual Holiday Party at the Lakeside Yacht Club

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Thursday, Sept 12, 7:00 PM: First Membership Meeting of the Season and SKI FAIR

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 three major trips and our bus trip program. Come and learn first-hand about all of the skiing we have to offer in 2020. 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 2020 ski schedule, meet our wonderful trip leaders and win some valuable prizes. And dare we say there will be food – i.e., appetizers and cake to go along with a cash bar. Y'all come!!!

Saturday, September 21, 2:30PM: Annual Clambake in Hiram at the Noss Estate

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 use to send 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 14th**. If you foresee that your check will not arrive in Hiram by September 14th, please be sure to contact Ed & Mary Ellen to let them know your reservation is on the way so they 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 20, 11:00 AM: Brunch at Sol

Chris Ujcich is again hosting a Sunday brunch. This time she is inviting us to Sol Restaurant in downtown Willoughby at 38257 Glenn Avenue 44094. Tel: 440.918.1596. Chris points out that the Browns have a bye that Sunday and we can go to brunch without missing anything.

We will assemble for drinks and socializing in the bar at 11:00 AM and then proceed to the dining room for brunch about noon. There are drink specials for brunch along with a full menu of craft cocktails, wine and beer.

Chris says "their offerings include classic brunch fare plus kicked-up Bennie's, salads and handhelds plus a few Latin/Spanish twist choices." Check out their menu at www.solwilloughby.com

In 2018 Sol was voted CLE Hot List's Best Brunch Winner. The building dates back to the 1920s when it was one of Lake Erie Shoreline Interurban Railroad's power substations. Sol has preserved much of the original architecture to create a modern, very cool and classic dining experience. Sol shares a parking lot with Willoughby Brewing Company.

To enjoy one of Willoughby's many unique dining/drinking favorites, please contact Chris at chrisucheck@aol.com before **Wednesday, October 16th**. Email if preferred but, if necessary, you may call 440.602.9943

STATUS OF THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2020

Mammoth

When: **Saturday, January 25 – Saturday, February 1, 2020**

Price : **\$1675** (\$1617 for Seniors)

Trip Leader: **Melinda Kellerstrass** [melinda@suburbanskiclub.org]

We had a great response to our trip to Mammoth. This trip is now sold out. Welcome to all who are joining in on the fun.

If you are interested in this trip and would like to be placed on the waiting list, contact trip leader **Melinda Kellerstrass** at Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org

Melinda

Sunday River & Sugarloaf

When: **Sunday, February 23 – Saturday, February 29, 2020**

Price: **\$1049** all inclusive

Trip Leader: **Joe Sullivan** [joe@suburbanskiclub.org]

We have had a very nice response to this trip. As we go to press, there are now only four spots remaining. There are still several members who told me they are interested but I have not heard from them. If you are one of those, you need to understand that we only hold places for members who have sent in a registration form and a payment. So, the clear message, to those of you who have indicated you want to join us, is that you need to get in your deposit before someone else claims your place.

If you have never been to Sunday River and Sugarloaf, you are in for a real treat. The skiing is the best the east has to offer and the accommodations and included meals can't be beat. The **Trip Flyer & Agreement Form** can be found on the SSC website: www.suburbanskiclub.org and also attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter. You will find my contact information and mailing address on those two pages.

Joe

Telluride

When: Saturday, March 21 – Saturday, March 28, 2020

Price: **\$1899**

Trip Leader: **Beth Silverman** [president@suburbanskiclub.org]

The response to our trip to Telluride has been robust. In fact, we are sold out. However, it is not unusual to have some cancellations and you are invited to let me know if you would like to be on a waiting list.

For those of you who have signed up, we will have trail maps and other information on Telluride at the Ski Fair on September 12th. So, please be sure to visit our Telluride booth.

Beth

UPDATE ON THE 2020 BUS TRIPS

THE BUS TRIPS FOR 2020



As you can see I am still enjoying summer fun, but I have also been busy creating some winter fun. I presented a proposed bus trip schedule to the Executive Board at our meeting last Tuesday evening. The board approved my schedule for bus trips and it is now being put in final form. We are still working on pricing and some other details. See the following **draft of the 2020 ski schedule** with the bus trips included as it now stands. The complete and final version with more details will be revealed at our Ski Fair meeting on Thursday, Sept. 12. We will also post it on the website after the ski show.

It is not too late to be a bus trip leader. Contact me if you would be interested in leading one of our day trips.

Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org

You will see in the draft below that we have put together a very ambitious schedule with plenty of skiing opportunities. Get your calendars out and let the planning begin!

DATE	DAY	SKI AREA	COST
JANUARY 5	Sunday	PEEK'N PEAK	
JANUARY 13	Monday	HOLIDAY VALLEY	
JANUARY 20	Monday (MLK Day)	HOLIMONT	
JAN 25 -FEB 1	Saturday-Saturday	Mammoth Ca	
February 7	Friday	HOLIDAY VALLEY Dinner at Grand River Cellars	
FEBRUARY 13-14	Thursday -Friday	HOLIDAY VALLEY/BRISTOL – Two Day Trip	
FEBRUARY 19	Wednesday	SEVEN SPRINGS Dinner at resort	
FEB 23- Feb 29	Sunday - Saturday	Maine (Sunday River, Sugarloaf)	
MARCH 6	Friday	HV SKIER APPRECIATION DAY – Dinner in Town	
MARCH 11	Wednesday	PEEK'N PEAK. Meet up Carpool	
MAR 21- MAR 28	Saturday-Saturday	Telluride, Co	

Melinda Kellerstrass

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SEPTEMBER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

We are again grateful to **Melinda Kellerstrass** for being the impresario for some more outdoor adventures. She encourages us to join her and SSC members, **Larry Grewe** and **Almuth Riggs** for some summertime fun on one or more of these excursions

After this list of September activities, please enjoy a photo of a few SSC members who participated in some kayaking on the La Due reservoir in August.

Tuesday, Sept 3:

Hike the Buckeye Trail with Larry & Almuth – We will hike the Buckeye Trail around Mogadore. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Mogadore Boat Launch located at 2578 State Route 43. Larry hikes rain or shine but contact him if you have questions: lagrewe1952@gmail.com

Monday, Sept. 16:

Biking the CVNP towpath trail - We will meet at 10:00 AM at Station Bridge Rd trail head (by the train station), 13512 Station Rd, Brecksville OH. We will head south as a group, deciding how far we want to go. After the ride there are several places we can choose to go to for a libation. Depending on how far you want to bike, you can always opt to take the train back. Check the website for CVSR bike aboard information: <https://www.cvsr.org/bike-aboard/>. Contact Melinda@Suburbanskiclub.org if you plan on going, as this is a weather dependent ride.

Saturday Sept 21:

Paddle at Headwaters Park – We will meet at 10:30 AM at 13365 Old State Rd, Huntsburg OH. Come and work up an appetite for the SSC clam bake. We will paddle for a few hours and then go to the Noss estate in Hiram (about 30 min drive). Bring a change of clothes (or not). You will need your own equipment as there are no rentals. Contact Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org since this is a weather dependent activity.

Tuesday, Sept 24:

Hiking at Mohican State Park with Larry & Almuth. Meet at Covered Bridge in Mohican State Park at 9:15 AM or be at Happy Days lot prior to 7:45 AM to car pool. Plan to hike Mohican State Park and drive to Malabar Farm for Farm and House tours and if time permits some, some additional trails. We will try to start with the 3 PM Farm Tour and then do the 4 PM Big House Tour. Cost for tours is \$8. We should make a group reservation to avoid disappointment. Contact Larry Grewe if you plan on joining: lagrewe1952@gmail.com

SSC MEMBERS ENJOY SOME OUTDOOR SUMMER FUN



On August 11th, some SSC members enjoyed the water at LaDue Reservoir. In this photo we see (from the left) **Jim Srain, Jackie Otte, Robin Spooner** and **Sue Kohout**. The selfie was taken by the excursion organizer extraordinaire, **Melinda Kellerstrass**. Not pictured here are Donna Stefano and her friend, Sabrina.