

# Ski Trails

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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,

As summer winds down, kids return to school and the Browns are set to embark upon their trek to the Super Bowl (that is not a typo!), our ski club has lots going on, as you will see throughout this newsletter. We have also enjoyed a summer full of kayaking, biking, paddleboarding, Eat Around Towns, and other outdoor activities, thanks to the planning efforts of **Melinda Kellerstrass, Brad Carleton, Mary Ellen Noss**, and others. Photos from this past month's bike ride in the Flats and a camping trip to Pymatuning State Park are included in the pages that follow.

Please remember that this year's Clambake is scheduled for **Saturday, September 18, 2021** at the home of **Ed and Mary Ellen Noss** in Hiram. The deadline for reservations is right around the corner – September 4<sup>th</sup> – so, if you plan to attend, please make your reservations ASAP.

We are set to resume our membership meetings, with the first one planned for **Thursday, October 14, 2021** at the Mayfield Village Holiday Inn. This meeting will include our annual Ski Fair and there will be gift certificates and many valuable prizes to be won. For those who may be uncomfortable attending the meeting in-person, we hope to have an option to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom.

This newsletter also includes reports on our three major trips planned for the upcoming 2022 season – **Melinda Kellerstrass** on Breckenridge in January and **Joe Sullivan** on Killington in February, and Telluride in March. For those of you going or planning to go on the Killington trip, please note the change in dates referenced in Joe's report. Melinda and **June Kelley** are finalizing the bus trip schedule, which we hope to announce in next month's newsletter and to have flyers available. And, if you come to the October 14<sup>th</sup> Ski Fair, we will have hard copies of the schedule and the flyers for you to pick up.

I want to recognize and introduce to you the following new members of the SSC: **Anna Ayoub, Sam Ayoub, Renae Delvitto, Scott Emick, Bruce Hofius, Billie Kennedy, DebVolchko, Sally Young and Jacki Zevenbergen.** Welcome to you all, and we hope to see you at our club's upcoming activities and events.

Finally, for those current club members who have not yet renewed their memberships, please do not forget to do so. See the details on how to renew later in this newsletter. You may remember that last year we gave everyone a free renewal because of the pandemic.

Take care everyone, and I hope to see you all soon.

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## ***SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS***



**Happy Birthday** to the following members born in September. 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.

**Jessica Craig (9/22), Janice Friswold (9/20), Jack Ganz (9/16), Craig James (9/7), Matt Laurich (9/15), Alan Lehman (9/19), Mary Ellen Noss (9/17), Kevin Schadenfroh (9/16), Paul Stark (9/1), Dick Stroom (9/25), Mathew Uher (9/11) and Fran Wesley (9/12)**

## ***CLIFF TELLS YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT **RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP*****

Last year, because concerns over the pandemic curtailed Suburban Ski Club trips and activities, we decided to let every current member stay a member through the 2020-2021 season without paying dues. Well, it is now time to renew your membership for the 2021-2022 season.

Unless you joined or renewed your membership in the last three months, your membership will expire on November 15. If you do not renew before then, you will disappear from our email list for newsletters and other club mailings. In addition, you will not be able to sign up for trips. The web site will prevent you from reserving trips online, and our ever-watchful membership police will prevent you from reserving by mail.

You can still renew your membership after November 15, but the price will go up from \$20 to \$25. Don't take your chances—renew now! You have two choices to renew. You can sign up online at <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/membership>. Or you can print out a membership form from the same page and mail it with your check to Cliff Lewis at the address on the form. You will also see **a printable membership form attached to this newsletter's email.**

If you select the option to apply on-line, you will see a page summarizing how to join or renew. At the bottom of the page, select the appropriate choice for "Membership Renewal" or "First-time membership", then click "Add to cart". The next page shows the cart contents and you can click the "Checkout" button. You do not have to sign in to renew your membership, but we ask that you use the same email address that is already associated with your account. (Hint: It is the address where you received this newsletter.)

The on-line checkout process has several steps that some people find confusing. The first page is where you enter your required membership information such as name, address, and phone number. If you have signed into your account, this information will already be filled in for you. Ignore the Payment method box. That step comes later. Just click on the "Review order" button at the bottom of the page. (If you forget to enter one of the required fields, the same page will reload with a prompt to fill in the missing information. Unfortunately, a glitch in the web site sometimes results in the State/Province field being empty when the page reloads. As you correct the missing information, make sure the correct state is also selected on the form.)

After you click the "Review order" button, a new page appears with a summary of the order. It contains a listing of the information you just entered on the previous page. After you meticulously review everything to make sure you didn't forget anything, click the "Submit order" button at the bottom of that page.

Now the site will transfer you to a PayPal page to enter your payment information. PayPal processes all our payments, including credit cards. Don't panic if you don't have a PayPal account. Just scroll down the page and you will see an option to pay with a credit card. Once you have submitted your payment, you will see an option to return to our site.

Now your membership renewal is complete. If this sounds too complicated, you can instead print out a membership form and mail it in along with your check.

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

- ***SOCIAL:*** Saturday, September 18: Annual Clambake at the Noss Estate in Hiram (see more below)
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, October 14, 7:00 PM: SKI FAIR and First Membership Meeting of the year at the Holiday Inn
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, November 11, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Saturday, January 22 – Saturday, January 29, 2022: Breckenridge
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Sunday, February 6 – Saturday, February 12, 2022: Killington  
*[please note the change in dates for this trip]*
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Saturday, March 19 – Saturday, March 26, 2022: Telluride

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

### ***Saturday, 18, 2:00 PM: Annual Clambake at the Noss Estate in Hiram***

After a one-year hiatus, our annual clambake is back on the schedule. As usual, we will be returning to the spacious grounds and home of **Ed and Mary Ellen Noss**. This has always been a very popular event and Ed and Mary Ellen are again inviting us to their place in Hiram.

If you haven't done so already, you need to make your reservation immediately. Although the event is on the 18<sup>th</sup>, your reservation needs to be in the hands of Ed and Mary Ellen by **September 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**The flyer and reservation form are attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter.**

**Thursday, October 14, 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 few years to kick off our season.

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 2022. You will be able to talk with the trip leaders and pick up literature and information with details on all our trips. The bus trip schedule is currently being worked on and we hope to have that ready for you as well.

And there will more for you. We will be drawing for several very interesting prizes: a free club vest, a one-day bus trip, some bottles of wine and many valuable 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 2022 ski schedule, meet our wonderful trip leaders and win some valuable prizes. Y'all come!!!



## ***THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2022***

SSC's three major trips are now all set. What follows are reports from the Trip Leaders on the status of each trip. Please contact them any questions and for more information. You can also find details on our club's website:

[www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org)

### ***BRECKENRIDGE***



### **SKI Breckenridge with SSC- Jan 22-29, 2022**

SSC heads to Breckenridge, Co. for a week of skiing. Trip price is **\$1269** but keep in mind this does not include the lift ticket. You must purchase your own EPIC pass. For those that do not already have an EPIC pass we will send you a link for a discounted EPIC pass once you reserve your spot. Prices on EPIC passes will be going up after Labor Day, so book now! What do you get for \$1269?

- Ski In /Ski out lodging at Beaver Run. 4 person condos 2 BR/2 BA Q/QQ
- Check out the website for resort amenities. <https://www.beaverrun.com>

- Air fare CLE/DEN - please note this may change when Southwest comes out with their schedule in late September. If so, we will adjust the cost of the trip
- Ground transportation to and from the airport with a grocery /liquor stop
- Porterage at the resort upon arrival and departure
- Single supplement is \$745
- A great time skiing with all your SSC friends!

To make your reservation, **download the trip flyer attached to this newsletter** and mail in your reservation form and deposit (50% of the trip cost). At this time, we only have a few spots left (single female, single male and either a couple or 2 singles. I also have access to one more condo if we can fill it). If you signed up for the trip you should have received an email from me with information on EPIC passes. If you did not receive this email, please contact me. Looking forward to skiing with you all.

Please contact me with any questions.

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**KILLINGTON**



**OKEMO**  
MOUNTAIN RESORT



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022**

Last month in this newsletter we told you about an exciting proposal for our eastern trip that had just come our way as we went to press. Since then, we have been able to send SSC members an Email announcing that we have booked a trip to **Killington, VT** that will also include a day at **Okemo**. But please note that we were forced to make a change in the dates and now we are going one week earlier than previously

announced and advertised. For you football fans, this change in dates will mean you will be home ifo a TV on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb 13<sup>th</sup>). Go Browns!!!

Although the pandemic forced us to skip an Eastern Trip in 2021, the great news is that in 2022 we can reprise the kind of Eastern Trip we have been used to – i.e., a bargain week of skiing with an all-inclusive price. Transportation, lodging, lift tickets, five breakfasts and six dinners are all part of the package. And the price is only **\$1199**.

For those unfamiliar with Killington, we can tell you it is in southern Vermont and that means a much shorter bus ride than the ones we have taken in recent years to Maine and other destinations. We will be staying at the Killington Mountain Lodge.

**Killington** and sister resort, **Pico Mountain**, claim to be the largest ski area in the east, composed of 6 peaks, and a 3000-foot vertical drop. They offer skiing and snowboarding on 200 slopes and trails, great cruising runs along with tree and mogul skiing and other challenging trails. Snowmaking covers 72% of the terrain and consistently provides great conditions. There are 28 lifts, including 2 gondolas and 9 high speed express quads accessing the almost 2000 acres of skiable terrain.

Even though we could spend all our time at Killington and Pico and still not ski every trail, we also will be traveling for a day at nearby **Okemo**. Okemo spans five distinct alpine areas with 121 trails and glades with 667 acres of skiable terrain. It features a remarkable 98% snowmaking coverage with 32% Novice, 36% Intermediate and 31% Advanced/Expert trails. Included in the 20 lifts is a high-speed bubble chair with heated seats and four high-speed quads.

Reservations are coming in and we must warn you not to delay. Because we limit the number of seats we use on the bus so everyone will be comfortable, we do not have the option of going above our quota – unless you want to drive yourself to Vermont!

The speed of reservations for both Telluride and Breckenridge indicate to us that our skiers are anxious to get back on the slopes in 2022. So, don't be left out. Check out the **Killington Flyer and Agreement Form attached to this newsletter**, print out a copy and send it in your payment asap. That flyer is also on the club website: [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org)

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## ***TELLURIDE***



## **Telluride, Colorado**

**Saturday, March 19 – Saturday, March 26, 2022**

In last month's newsletter, I reported that there was a deluge of reservations for this trip to Telluride and the trip is now closed with 47 skiers. I have been told by the tour operator that there is no more lodging available at our group price but we are beginning a waiting list. Currently, there is one couple on that list, and we are looking to add singles or perhaps another couple. With a group this size, there is a very good chance that there will be some cancellations. If you want to get on that list, please contact me at [joe@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:joe@suburbanskiclub.org). You can find details about Telluride in the **flyer attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter** and on our website: [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org)

*Joe*

## ***OUTDOORS WITH SSC***

Again, in the past month of August, some SSC members took to the outdoors. Here are a few photos and comments on what they were up to.

### ***BRAD'S BIKE N BEER RIDE***

Never let the weather discourage you from a Bike Ride. After a short rain delay, we had the best weather to enjoy our ride to Edgewater and The Flats. Veteran SSC member and form club president, **Jackie Otte**, was able to "peddle" her new E Bike through its paces - she chased me up the Edgewater hill when she put it in hill assist. We enjoyed exploring Wendy Park and the old coast guard station with great views of Lake Erie light. We rode across the Centennial Bridge and had lunch at the Thirsty Dog while we enjoyed views of the river and boat traffic. Thanks, Brad, for such a fun ride!

*Melinda Kellerstrass*

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From the left, **Jackie Otte**, **Melinda Kellerstrass** and **Brad Carleton**





You saw the bikes, now here's the beer.

## ***CAMPING AT PYMATUNING STATE PARK***



**Collete Gschwind** took this selfie with the camping group. Collete is front left, then **Brad Carleton**, **Kim Sanders** and **Robin Spooner**. Sorta like “Where’s Waldo,” instead of the red hat, you look for the beer to find Brad in these photos.