

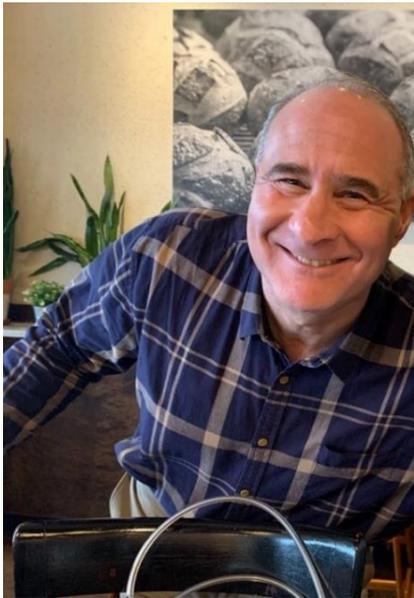
Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

Welcome to Fall, 2021. There's a chill in the air, and you all know what's not too far around the corner: Winter, 2022 and the upcoming ski season. Please review the pages below for updates from **Melinda Kellerstrass** and **Joe Sullivan** on our three major trips to Breckenridge in January, Killington in February, and Telluride in March.

June Kelley has been working with Melinda on the bus trip schedule and it is now ready to be presented to the Executive Board for discussion and approval. We hope to release the schedule later this month.

As I mentioned in last month's President's Message, our intention was to resume monthly membership meetings on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at the Mayfield Village Holiday Inn, with this meeting to include the annual Ski Fair. In light of ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the Executive Board, plans to meet again next week, to discuss whether and/or how this meeting should take place: in person, virtually, and/or not at all. We will be announcing that decision ASAP.

In addition, the Board has had several discussions at previous meetings and has been formulating a COVID-19 policy for ski trips and other SSC events for this membership year. We hope to be announcing and implementing that policy very shortly. No one enjoys dealing with this but, in order to ensure the health and safety of all SSC members, it is something that we, like all other organizations, need to do.

On that subject, please be sure to read the piece on the last pages of this newsletter for an example of what one organization (Vail Resorts) has announced at its Covid policy for the upcoming ski season.

Last, but not least, if you have not yet renewed your SSC membership, please do so. The pages below once again include the article from **Cliff Lewis** that appeared in last month's *Ski Trails* describing how to renew your membership either on-line or via snail mail.

Take care, stay safe, and hope to see you all soon.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following members born in October. 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.

Mark Bacon (10/16), Mary Kay Binder (10/3), Gordon Blackburn (10/21), Jerry Buck (10/13), Mike Burley (10/6), Patty Costigan (10/30), Jill Dixon (10/3), Judy Edinger (10/7), Jeanette Gabele (10/22), Barbara Gibson (10/8), Bill Hon (10/1), Lloyd Hughes (10/11), Sue James (10/10), Lori Katona (10/22), Richard Koletsky (10/30), Thomas Kraft (10/30), Pat Lewis (10/22), Tom Lukens (10/9), Lynn Miller (10/22), Greg Orłowski (10/9), Steve Richards (10/8), David Schuld (10/Please select), Linda Solnick (10/28), Robin Spooner (10/23), Donna Stefano (10/16), Friedrich Wolff (10/10), Betsy Yingling (10/29) and Melissa Zahoransky (10/9)

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.

Cliff Lewis
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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- ***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

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

BRECKENRIDGE



SKI Breckenridge with SSC- Jan 22-29, 2022

SSC heads to Breckenridge, Co. for a week of skiing, Jan 22-29, 2022. Trip price is \$1269 but keep in mind this does not include the lift ticket. You must purchase your own lift ticket. For those who do not already have an EPIC pass we will send you a link for a discounted ticket once you reserve your spot.

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 – we have booked direct flights with Southwest (no baggage fees).
- 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!

WANTED: Single Female, and Single Male.

We have 2 spots left on this trip for a single female and a single male. To make your reservation **download the trip flyer attached to this newsletter** and mail your deposit (50% of the trip cost).

Questions? Contact Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org. Looking forward to skiing with you all!

Melinda Kellerstrass



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OKEMO
MOUNTAIN RESORT



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

There are still places available for this trip. We will be staying at the Killington Mountain Lodge and we will have full access to all the fabulous skiing at Killington. We will also make a one-day side trip to the Okemo. 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 13th). 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.

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 to ski 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

Joe Sullivan

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TELLURIDE



Telluride, Colorado

Saturday, March 19 – Saturday, March 26, 2022

Earlier, 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. However, we are beginning a waiting list. Currently, there is one couple on that list and two single males. We are looking to add singles females 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.

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

Joe

AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE MIGHT SEE AT SKI RESORTS IN 2022

At the beginning of this newsletter our president, Ron Friedberg, wrote that the Executive Board has been discussing a Covid policy for SSC. The EB has another meeting scheduled for next week and we will soon be announcing that policy to the membership.

What follows is the Covid policy recently publicized by Vail resorts. We thought SSC members would find it interesting. Notable, are the requirements for face coverings in indoor settings and for proof of vaccination to dine in all restaurants including those on-mountain. Vail is also mandating that all employees be fully vaccinated. Here is the statement from the CEO of Vail Resorts:

With summer turning to fall in just a few days, the cooler temperatures and changing leaves have us dreaming of winter. We could not be more excited to welcome you back to our resorts for the 2021-22 ski and ride season.

Vail Resorts' commitment to safety continues to be at the center of everything we do, including our planning for the 2021-22 winter season. Our goal is to keep our guests, employees and communities safe and to keep our mountains open for a long, successful ski and ride season.

This season, we are focused on COVID-19 safety protocols in *indoor* spaces. We are fortunate that the core of our experience takes place outdoors in vast mountain settings. However, as we welcome guests from around the world to the indoor experience at our resorts, we feel it's important to do our part to combat the spread of COVID-19.

To this end, the key details of our [2021-22 Winter Operating Plan](#) this season will include the following (all are subject to changing local public health guidelines and changing dynamics surrounding COVID-19):

- Mountain Access: **We will not have a mountain reservation system** this season and will load lifts and gondolas at normal capacity, optimizing guest movement around our resorts.
- Face Coverings: **Face coverings will be required in indoor settings**, including in our restaurants, lodging properties, restrooms, retail and rental locations, and on buses. Face coverings will not be required outdoors, in lift lines, or on chairlifts or gondolas, unless required by local public health. (For

example, Whistler Blackcomb requires face coverings on gondolas due to orders from the Provincial Health Authority of British Columbia).

- Dining – Reservations: Like last season, **guests will be required to book a reservation to eat at many of our on-mountain restaurants.** However, based on current regulations, we are expecting significantly more seating and dining capacity than last season, and we intend to open reservations one day prior, versus the day-of last season.
- Dining – Vaccinations: **Guests will be required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccinations to dine at our indoor, on-mountain quick-service (cafeteria-style) restaurants.** Proof of vaccination will be required for guests ages 12 and over at those locations. This requirement includes those guests 12 and over in our ski and ride school programs that include lunch. More details on the verification process will be released ahead of the season on our resort websites. Consistent with many other large-scale indoor activities and venues, we believe the vaccine requirement is important for the protection of our guests and our employees, given the number of people using these facilities and the fact that guests will not be wearing face coverings while eating and drinking. This is currently the only part of our experience that will require proof of vaccination, unless required by local public health. (For example, Whistler Blackcomb requires proof of COVID-19 vaccinations in all indoor restaurants, restaurant patios and bars due to orders from the Provincial Health Authority of British Columbia).
- Employee Safety: **We will be requiring all of our employees to have COVID-19 vaccinations** for their safety and protection as well as the safety and protection of our guests and communities, and in compliance with the recent rules announced under the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Indoor face coverings, enhanced hygiene practices, daily employee health screenings, and other health and safety measures will also continue.

More information and Frequently Asked Questions about our safety protocols can be found on our [Commitment to Safety](#) page. Again, please know that all policies are subject to change based on the evolving nature of the pandemic as well as local public health guidelines. We encourage you to check resort websites prior to visiting this season for the latest information.

We are grateful for your understanding and cooperation once again this year as we work together to provide a safe and enjoyable mountain experience for all. We look forward to seeing you on the mountain soon.

Rob Katz, CEO Vail Resorts