

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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

## ***FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK***

Hello SSC Members,

There are lots of things to tell you about in this month's newsletter.

**Ron Friedberg** has found it necessary to resign from the presidency of SSC for personal reasons. In accepting his resignation, the Executive Board thanked Ron for his contributions to the club and decided that we can function without a president until nominations for club officers in February of 2022.

You will find lots of information in this newsletter. The usual Calendar of Events is unusually thin because the Executive Board decided to suspend most things while it was working out the new Covid policy. There will be no membership meeting in November but a committee of the EB is trying to work out something in December. More information will be forthcoming on that but, for now, please hold the dates Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

You were made aware of the SSC's new Covid Policy in an Email to the membership back on October 12<sup>th</sup>. We thought it would be a good idea to repeat some of that in this newsletter. That is followed by an article from **Cliff Lewis** reflecting on what has happened as our club has sought to deal with keeping members safe during these difficult times.

On the more cheerful side, we can tell you that you will find lots to read about in our plans for skiing in 2022. **June Kelley** is our new Co-Chair to the Trips and Tours Committee, and she has been working on the schedule for bus trips. She is now ready to announce those trips and you will find the details in the following pages. You will also find reports on our three major trips (Breckenridge, Killington and Telluride) from the leaders of those trips.

Finally, we want to remind you to **renew your membership** if you have not done so already. Last year, because of the pandemic, the EB decided to renew everyone's membership without collecting dues. But this year we need you to renew before

November 15<sup>th</sup> or face an increase from \$20 to \$25. If our records show you have not renewed, you should have found an article on how to renew when you first opened this newsletter. If you have renewed, thank you.

There is some good news for veteran SSC members who no longer ski. The EB has approved a **new category of social membership** and has reduced the dues to \$10. This action by the EB happened well after the membership form was produced and those who want to renew as “social members” will not find that category on the form. But, if you want to renew that way, please go ahead and pay only \$10. And if you have already renewed at the old \$20 price, you can ask Cliff Lewis to make you a social member and request a \$10 refund: [cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org)

Exciting times lie ahead and we are getting closer and closer to ski season. Please make sure you are ready to take on the slopes. Get in shape and, also, get your skis in shape by having your bindings checked along with some waxing and tuning.

Stay safe, healthy and think positively.

*Joe Sullivan*

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## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



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

**Bill Anstine (11/17), Bob Anthony (11/2), Anna Ayoub (11/15), Frank Bolon (11/25), Lainie Breiner (11/16), Renae Delvitto (11/6), Janet Duden (11/24), Connie Gleason (11/27), Bob Kelly (11/14), Dona Kless (11/2), David Matousek (11/19), Malia McAndrew (11/3), Patrick McPhillips, Jr. (11/8), Patrick McPhillips (11/10), Bill Oatey (11/19), Jackie Otte (11/20), Russ Sebbio (11/29) and Eric Zelman (11/3)**

## ***SSC'S NEW COVID POLICY***

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, an Email went out to the membership re. SSC's new COVID POLICY. It explained that the Executive Board members had exchanged Emails and met remotely several times to consider how to hold ski club events safely in the face of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In order to make sure SSC members are fully informed, we are again publishing in this newsletter an explanation of what went into that decision followed by the actual policy statement. That is followed by an article by Cliff Lewis reflecting on the new policy.

After reviewing health and safety guidelines, as well as policies adopted by other organizations, we have arrived at a policy that we believe best protects our members from the risk of infection. We believe that vaccination provides the best protection from developing severe illnesses, and we strongly urge all members to get vaccinated if you are not already.

Going forward, proof of vaccination will be required for all Suburban Ski Club events including trips, meetings, and any social activities. If you choose not to get vaccinated, you can instead present proof of a negative COVID-19 test acquired less than 72 hours prior to the event. In addition, face masks and social distancing will be required at any events.

**Important: If you have already signed up for a major trip and you cannot comply with these requirements, please contact your trip leader at once so that we can get you the maximum possible refund on your cancellation.**

You only need to provide proof of vaccination once. To do that, send a copy of your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card to Cliff Lewis, by email to [cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org), or by snail mail to 3269 Altamont Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. Alternatively, you can present your card at the entrance to an event or before boarding a bus or plane for a trip. We have put in place safeguards to preserve members privacy. Details about that can be found in the policy statement.

We have also decided to postpone holding meetings and social events for now. We are working to organize a meeting in December that will include hors d'oeuvres, many door prizes and gift certificates along with trip information. We do still plan to go ahead with all ski trips at this time.

## Suburban Ski Club's Covid Policy

Participation in group activities carries a risk of exposure to the SARS CoV-2 virus, which is the cause of COVID-19 illness. The chances of infection are greatly reduced among vaccinated people, however, and serious illness is rare among those vaccinated. Other measures, including masking, social distancing, and screening tests, also help to reduce the risk of transmission. To minimize the possibility of exposure and transmission at club activities, Suburban Ski Club, Inc. has implemented the following COVID-19 policy.

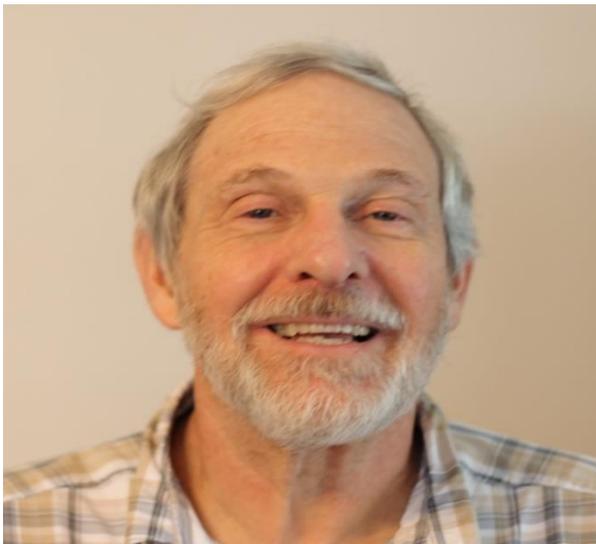
1. In order to participate in any SSC event, a member will need to provide proof of being fully vaccinated. Those who are not vaccinated may instead provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test result obtained within 72 hours prior to the event.
2. For events or portions of events that are indoors, masks will be required for any member who is not fully vaccinated but has provided a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to the event. Masks are optional but recommended for any member who is fully vaccinated.
3. During bus rides for either day trips or week-long trips, masks will be required for all members.
4. Mask wearing will not be required during indoor dining or other indoor activities during which mask wearing is not possible.
5. Any member, vaccinated or not, who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or similar illness should avoid attending any SSC function.
6. Proof of vaccination need only be provided once. Vaccination status will be recorded in the member's online profile, which can be viewed only by the member, the president and the vice president for data management. In order to respect members' privacy, vaccination and negative test results will only be supplied to the trip or event leader, who will keep this information confidential.
7. Proof of vaccination can be provided by presenting a vaccination certificate before entering a club event, or by sending a copy of the certificate by mail or email to Cliff Lewis, 3269 Altamont Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118, [cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org). Submissions will be used to record vaccination status, and will not be retained afterward.
8. Those members who choose to take a COVID-19 test instead of being vaccinated risk being excluded from an activity or trip if the test result is positive or if the result is not reported in a timely manner. Because the result must be obtained only a few days before an event, Suburban Ski Club may not be able to cancel reservations on such short notice or return the full

amount of the member's investment in an activity. Funds will be returned to members to the extent that Suburban Ski Club is able to recover them, in keeping with our cancellation policy.

9. Even with these policies in place, we cannot rule out the possibility of exposure to an infected or unvaccinated person at a club event. Members assume the risk of exposure while participating in club activities.
10. The SSC's COVID-19 policy, as adopted and approved by the SSC Executive Board, will be integrated into SSC contracts for bus and extended ski trips, and other SSC events, for the 2021-22 membership year. Anyone who has already signed up for a ski trip or event who does not agree to abide by this policy must notify the trip or event leader at once so that we can cancel any pending reservations. A refund of amounts paid to SSC for the event or trip will be provided to the extent that we can recover those expenses, in keeping with SSC's cancellation policy.
11. As COVID-19 conditions change, for better or worse, this policy is subject to modification.

**Approved by the Executive Board October 9, 2021**

## ***RELECTIONS FROM CLIFF***



Well, you can't please everyone. Apparently, some of our members were shocked to learn that they might be mingling with some unvaccinated members at the clambake. That led to a decision by the Executive Board to cancel the clambake and several other planned events, as well as adoption of our new Covid policy. Not unexpectedly, though, a few members have dropped out of the club out of resentment and because they think the policy is too restrictive.

A lot of discussion went into the policy. We believe what we came up with is reasonable and consistent with what a lot of ski resorts and other organizations are requiring.

I think all of us have felt some angst over the current situation. Early in the summer we thought the worst was behind us, thanks to vaccines and the lifting of a lot of mandates. Then the Delta Variant moved in and changed everything. Case numbers and deaths surged again, and we learned that even vaccinated people could get breakthrough cases. "But you have a lot lower risk of dying or requiring hospitalization if you are vaccinated," we were assured by medical experts. That was small comfort as we learned that many people still felt lousy when they caught it.

At present, the executive board members still believe that the best way to protect our members is to require vaccination or a negative test result for those going on trips or attending events, and to require people to keep their faces covered as much as possible. You can provide proof of vaccination by scanning or taking a picture of your vaccination card and emailing it to me at [cliff@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:cliff@suburbanskiclub.org), or sending it by snail mail to Cliff Lewis, 3269 Altamont Ave., Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. Or you can just show the vaccination card before you enter an event or board the bus.

We hope the day will come soon when we can put all of this behind us. The virus, and our understanding of it, are still evolving. New information is still making the news almost every day. Right now, the number of cases and deaths are declining, but that has happened before, only to have the virus return with a vengeance when people let their guard down or a new variant arrives. On the other hand, case numbers have risen recently in northern states, apparently as cold weather is arriving and people spend more time indoors. But maybe it will be different this time. We are continuing to watch the news, and we will make changes to our policy as situations change. Who knows, we might not need to take these precautions by the time ski season starts.

In the meantime, we hope everyone will stay safe and healthy.

*Cliff Lewis* [cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org)

# THE 2019 SKI SEASON

Here, below, is your first look at the complete schedule for our 2022 season. We recommend you make a hard copy or save it to your device. For your convenience in making a copy, see the attached file “2022 Ski Schedule” in the Email that brought this newsletter.



## SUBURBAN SKI CLUB 2022 SKI SCHEDULE

"WE SKI EVERY WEEK"

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DATE	DAY	SKI AREA	COST	TRIP LEADER
Jan 9	Sunday	Peek'n Peak, NY	\$95.	june@suburbanskiclub.org
Jan 17	Monday (MLK Day)	Holimont, NY	\$95.	fran@suburbanskiclub.org
<b>Jan 22-29</b>	<b>Saturday-Saturday</b>	<b>Breckenridge, Colorado</b>	<b>\$1125</b>	<b>melinda@suburbanskiclub.org</b>
Feb 4	Friday	Holiday Valley, NY - Dinner at Grand River Cellars	\$95.	june@suburbanskiclub.org
<b>Feb 6-12</b>	<b>Sunday-Saturday</b>	<b>Killington, Vermont</b>	<b>\$1199.</b>	<b>joe@suburbanskiclub.org</b>
Feb 15	Tuesday	Holimont, NY	\$95.	june@suburbanskiclub.org
Feb 25	Friday	Holiday Valley, NY (Dinner in town)	\$95.	june@suburbanskiclub.org
Mar 4	Friday	Holiday Valley, NY (dinner in town)	\$95.	cliff@suburbanskiclub.org
Mar 11	Wednesday	Meetup (Carpool to Peek'n Peak)	N/A	See Details in March Newsletter
<b>Mar 19-26</b>	<b>Saturday-Saturday</b>	<b>Telluride, Colorado</b>	<b>\$1532.</b>	<b>joe@suburbanskiclub.org</b>

Go to [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org) for more information and to register online. Please contact the Trip Leader by email with any questions or call June Kelley (330) 310-7802 and leave a message.

- Trips are for members of Suburban Ski Club (SSC). Dues for first-time members are \$10.00.
- **Week-long trips are in bold.** No online reservations - mail in only.
- Prices for Breckenridge and Telluride **do not include lift tickets.**
- One-day trip prices include charter bus transportation and lift tickets. Meals are not included in the price.
- Price for trip to Vermont includes bus, lodging, lift tickets and all breakfasts and dinners.
- Please read SSC's Covid-19 policy on the web site before registering.

## BUS TRIPS FOR 2022



Hi Skiing Friends,

I have taken over the job of day bus trips for our club from **Melinda Kellerstrass**. I want to thank Melinda for all her help in putting together this schedule of bus trips for the 2022 ski season and for supporting me in uncharted waters. I also want to thank **Cliff Lewis** and **Joe Sullivan** for their help with the enigma of the computer.

In this newsletter I hope you have seen a page that summarizes our three major trips and all our bus trips. This one page should be helpful to you in planning for the 2022 season.

Our plan is to have six, day trips during weeks when there are no week-long trips to continue our club motto of “We Ski Every Week.” Some day trips will have an apres ski wine and cheese party and some will feature dinners in town or at a winery.

We have scheduled one Sunday trip to Peek’n Peak, two trips to Holimont and three Friday trips to Holiday Valley. Please sign up early for as many as you like or even all six. A package of flyers for all six trips will soon be available. For now, we have attached the flyers for the first two trips to the Email that brought you this newsletter. Check them out and print out a copy. You can also go to our club’s website and find the details there at [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org).

Precious Cargo will again be our bus company and all the bus drivers will be vaccinated against Covid19. *Please be sure to read the SSC’s Covid19 policy on the web site or in this newsletter*

I look forward to skiing with you. **Let it snow! let it snow! let it snow!**

*June Kelley*

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## ***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 or for more information. Details can be found 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, Jan 22-29, 2022. Trip price is \$1125 but keep in mind this does not include the lift ticket. You must purchase your own lift ticket. For those that do not already have an EPIC pass we will send you a link for a discounted ticket once you reserve your spot. 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. Notice the cost of the trip went down
- 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!

## Updates:

- Due to cheaper air fare the trip is now \$1125
- Final payments are due by Nov 15. You should have received an email with your account balance.
- Make sure you have renewed your membership to SSC- you must be a member in good standing to participate.
- This trip does not include lift tickets. Many of you have already purchased Epic passes through EPIC or SWD. If you have not made arrangements for your lift ticket, you may want to do this prior to our trip.
- Be in the know! Breckenridge, SSC and the airlines have Covid policies. These have been published in our newsletters and are posted on the website <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/Home> . Please make sure you know and understand these policies.
- This trip is now sold out. Please contact me ([Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org)) if you would like to be on our wait list. Sometimes we do have a last-minute opening.

The weather is turning colder, the snow is coming and we will be on the slopes soon!

*Melinda Kellerstrass*  
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## *KILLINGTON*



*Killington*



**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, aptly called the “Beast of the East.” We will also make a one-day side trip to 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 for 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.

**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!

Please contact me for a trip flyer and more information. You can also go to our website: [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org)

*Joe Sullivan*

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## ***TELLURIDE***



## **Telluride, Colorado**

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

This trip has been full but we have now discovered we have one additional suite that has become available. It is a two-bedroom unit and we must fill the entire suite in order to add it to our block. There is a master bedroom with a king size bed and a second bedroom with two separate beds. The lodging people speak in terms of

“pillows” and not simply beds. This unit has four such pillows and as long as we cover all four of them, we can add this unit. This can happen in several ways. A couple could take the master bedroom or a single could pay a supplement and cover both pillows for that bedroom. Similarly, for the two pillows in the second bedroom, two singles could room together or a single could pay a supplement to have a bedroom by herself or himself.

Bottom line here is that we got the pillows if you have the desire to join us in Telluride. So, please contact me and I will see if I can orchestrate things to cover all four available pillows. (NOTE: choosing to sleep without a pillow does not mean you get free lodging!)

*Joe*

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