

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hello SSC Members,

This is an exciting time. We are seeing snowflakes and we are one month closer to getting back on the slopes. I hope this issue of Ski Trails finds you well and that, like me, you are looking forward to a great skiing season in 2022. You will find lots of information in this newsletter about our skiing plans along with other news about Suburban Ski Club.

Last month we told you to hold a December date for a potential membership gathering. The Executive Board decided to see if we could plan a safe and exciting meeting complete with food, prizes and information about our upcoming ski season. However, these plans were stymied when we learned that the Holiday Inn was closing their meeting rooms for renovations. We were very disappointed because we were all looking forward to finally being able to get together with our SSC friends.

We have created a special edition of this newsletter for those who have not renewed their membership. If you are reading this one, we want to thank you for renewing. For those who failed to renew, this will be the last newsletter they will receive, and they will no longer be getting Emailed announcements and updates. They also will not be allowed to make a reservation for any of our bus trips. And for those who have already signed up for a major trip, they will not be permitted on that trip unless they become a current member of SSC.

If you happen to know someone who has not renewed or if you have a friend or family member would like to become a member, there are two attachments to the Email that brought you this newsletter that will be helpful. One is a Membership Form that can be mailed in and the other is a reprint of the instructions from Cliff Lewis on how to become a member online. We believe that this latter way is the best and quickest way to renew or take out a new membership.

As we reported last month, 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 be “social members” will not find that

category on the membership form. But, if someone wants to do that, they can go ahead and pay only \$10. And if they have already renewed at the old \$20 price, they can ask Cliff Lewis to make them a social member and request a \$10 refund: cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org

You were made aware of the SSC's new **Covid Policy** in an Email to the membership back on October 12th. Then, in the November issue of this newsletter, we published that policy again and followed it with 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. Because this subject is so important, we are repeating all of that on the final pages of this issue.

On the more cheerful side, we can tell you that you will find lots to read about in this newsletter about 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. Please read her article in the following pages and take particular note of the one-page summary of all SSC's ski trips for 2022. This should be helpful as you make your plans.

In this issue, you will also find reports on our three major trips (Breckenridge, Killington and Telluride) from the leaders of those trips. Although Breckenridge and Telluride are full, there is a waiting list for both trips. Contact the respective Trip Leaders if you are interested.

You should also know that there are still places on our third major trip to Killington on February 6th to 12th. Read the details in my report in the following pages.

And there is more news on the cheerful side. We want to call your attention to our list of those celebrating December birthdays and, in particular, to ask you to join us in wishing our beloved SSC Member, **Lilly Kron**, a very happy 90th birthday.

Finally, we want to welcome some new SSC members: **David Cornachione, Greg Glova, Pamela Kreigh, Kate OHara, Tina Stark, Joseph Ziska and Sara Ziska**. We look forward to meeting you in person and skiing with you in 2022.

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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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following members born in December. 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.

Julie Friedberg (12/9), Matthew T. Klass (12/19), Lilly Kron (12/20), Julia Rutkowski (12/23), Carol Vandenberg (12/25) and Jeff Weiler (12/31)

A MOST HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO A VERY SPECIAL SSC MEMBER



In the July issue of [Ski Trails](#) we reported that veteran and beloved SSC Member, **Lilly Kron**, retired from her retailing job at Geiger's. Lilly had 54 years in the ski shop business, first with Ski Haus and then with Geiger's. In June, there was a retirement reception for her at the Chagrin Falls Geiger's store. Here we see Lilly with one of her colleagues at that reception.

It is now several months after that party and we want to celebrate Lilly one more time. This time it is to wish her a very happy 90th birthday which will occur on December 20th.

Lilly does not want us to make a fuss, but we are sure she would not object if you cared to send a birthday message. Here is her contact information:

1167 Nancy Anna Ave NW; Massilon, OH 44646
Cell: (440) 248-8270 Email: lilly.kron@gmail.com

Congratulations and a most HAPPY BIRTHDAY, dear Lilly. You are an inspiration to us all.

THE 2022 SKI SEASON

Here, below, is 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

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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
Jan 22-29	Saturday-Saturday	Breckenridge, Colorado	\$1125	melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
Feb 4	Friday	Holiday Valley, NY - Dinner at Grand River Cellars	\$95.	june@suburbanskiclub.org
Feb 6-12	Sunday-Saturday	Killington, Vermont	\$1199.	joe@suburbanskiclub.org
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
Mar 19-26	Saturday-Saturday	Telluride, Colorado	\$1532.	joe@suburbanskiclub.org

Go to 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 Fellow Skiers,
I am looking forward to a great ski season. We have been planning the day bus trips over the last few months. I want to thank **Melinda Kellerstrass, Cliff Lewis and Joe Sullivan** for their help with trip planning.

There will be six, day trips - one to Peek n Peak, two to Holimont and three to Holiday Valley. In this issue of Ski Trails, you will find a page that summarizes the club's three major trips and all our bus trips. This one page should be helpful to you in planning for the 2022 season.

We have **attached the day trip flyers for the first three bus trips** to the Email that brought you this newsletter.

You can print out and use them to mail in your registration. However, an easier way to reserve your place is to go to the SSC website and sign up there: www.suburbanskiclub.org. Cliff has made sure that the payment with your credit card is secure.

In a few days we will be sending an Email to all members with the complete package of six bus trip flyers plus more details and important information. Please look for that special Email and be sure to make your reservations early to help me with the organizing of these day trips.

I am looking for one or two more trip leaders to help to welcome skiers on the bus. I will be on the trips to assist you and you will get a stipend for your efforts. Please email me if you are interested.

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

June Kelley
Co-chair, Trips and Tours Committee
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THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2022

What follows are reports from the Trip Leaders on the status of each major trip. Please contact them with any questions or for more information. More details can be found 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 \$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
- Make sure you have updated 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 airlines have Covid policies. These have been published in our newsletters and are posted on the website <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/Home> make sure you know and understand these policies.
- If you have not done so already, register your covid vaccination with either SSC or the trip leader
- This trip is now sold out. Please contact me (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, snow is beginning to fall and we will be on the slopes soon!

Melinda Kellerstrass
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KILLINGTON



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

There are still places available for this trip. We will stay 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.

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. We limit the number of seats we use on the bus so everyone will be comfortable. Please contact me for a trip flyer and more information. You can also go to our website: www.suburbanskiclub.org

Joe Sullivan joe@suburbanskiclub.org

TELLURIDE



Telluride, Colorado

Saturday, March 19 – Saturday, March 26, 2022

This trip is full but we are looking for skiers to put on the waiting list. With a group as large as ours (46 skiers), there is a good chance some cancellations will occur. Please contact me if you are interested.

Joe Sullivan

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SSC'S NEW COVID POLICY

On October 12th, 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, 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. 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, 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.

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