

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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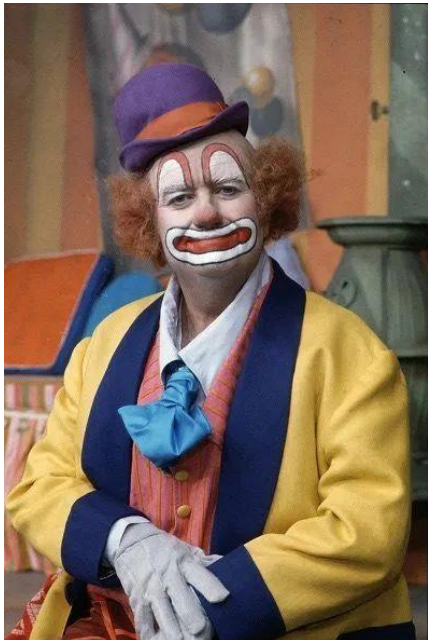
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## ***FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK***

Hello SSC Member,

A most HAPPY NEW YEAR to you. It is so exciting that as we enter this new year, we can finally look forward to being together on the slopes.

In this issue of Ski Trails, you will find reports on the three major trips to Breckenridge, Killington and Telluride. There is also an article by **June Kelley** on the 2022 bus trips. June points out that our first trip is on **Sunday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup> to Peek n Peak** and she invites you to make your reservation right away. She tells us that despite the lack of snow in our backyards, Peek n Peak should be fine come next Sunday. Your editor can concur with June's assessment. On my way back from visiting family in the Boston area last Thursday night, I stopped at PnP. It was evening and I saw that they were indeed skiing under the lights. It appeared they could use a little more coverage, but the forecast is for that to happen this week. So, accept June's invitation to make your reservation and join us on Sunday as we kick off SSC's skiing program for 2022.



BTW, you probably have noticed that we like to publish photos of those who write articles for Ski Trails. But some have asked why there has never been a picture of your editor. The answer is that I am a shy and retiring guy who is uncomfortable in the limelight. However, due to persistent high demand for a photo, I reluctantly share with you the best picture I could find of myself.

We are happy to be able to bring back the "Calendar of Events" for this issue of the newsletter. And we are even happier to tell you that in the calendar you will see that we have scheduled a **membership meeting** for this month of January. That meeting is on **Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please do come and renew your friendships with all your SSC skiing buddies.

In this issue you will also find a long piece on **restructuring the Executive Board** of our club. Please read it carefully and ask yourself how you may fit in to what is being proposed. At the conclusion of the article is a list of contact information for current EB members. You are invited to share your comments, ask questions and perhaps volunteer to be a member of the new EB.

Finally, at the risk of setting a record for the size of this newsletter, we are again publishing information on our club's Covid policy. You will find that on the final pages of this issue.

*Joe Sullivan*

*Editor of the Newsletter*

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## **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**



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

**Cindy Bacon (1/25), Jim Baker (1/15), Martha Brennan (1/16), Jane Carson (1/3), Dan Castele (1/11), Joe Edmiston (1/11), Ron Friedberg (1/20), Sandy Golinski (1/29), Jan Jones (1/8), Jim Kless (1/4), Terrie Leske (1/21), Ann McBrian (1/4) and Deb Volchko (1/15)**

### ***EMILY BLAKE, RIP***

The mother of SSC member, **Tracy Blake**, passed away on Dec. 30, 2021. **Emily Blake**, 92, died peacefully at home with her four children at her side. There will be a private graveside service and, at a date to be determined, there will be a celebration of her life.

Tracy's wife is **Beth Silverman**, past president of SSC. All of Tracy's friends in Suburban Ski Club extend their condolences.

Tracy's mailing address is 1740 County Line Road; Gates Mills, OH 44040 and his Email is [tracyhblake@gmail.com](mailto:tracyhblake@gmail.com)

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

***January – March, 2022***

- ***SKI TRIP:*** Sunday, Jan 9, 2022: Peek N Peak
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, Jan 13: Membership Meeting
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Monday, Jan 17 (MLK Day): Holimont
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Jan 22 – 29: Breckenridge, Colorado
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Friday, Feb 4: Holiday Valley with dinner at Grand River Cellars
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Feb 6 – 12: Killington, Vermont
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Tuesday, Feb 15: Holimont
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Friday, Feb 25: Holiday Valley (Dinner in town)
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Friday, March 4: Holiday Valley (Dinner in town)
- ***SKI TRIP:*** Wednesday, March 11: Meetup (Carpool to Peek n Peak)
- ***SKI TRIP:*** March 19 – 26: Telluride Colorado

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

### ***Thursday, January 13, 2022 @ 7:00 PM : Membership Meeting***

The monthly membership meeting is resuming. We will be gathering at Simon's Restaurant & Deli located at 7770 Chippewa Rd, Brecksville, OH 44141 while the Holiday Inn is being remodeled. If you wish, come early to have cocktails and dinner around 5:00 PM. A brief program will include an opportunity to get more information about the bus trips and our Covid protocol. But we see the meeting mostly as time to get together again after such a long hiatus and an enjoyable evening catching up with fellow skiers. Appetizers will be provided at the meeting.

**The SSC Covid policy will be followed. A vax card, phone photo of your vax card or negative test will need to be presented when entering the meeting room.**

# 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
<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 Fellow Skiers,

My job has been planning the day bus trips for 2022 and I am looking forward to a great ski season with all of you.

As you probably know, 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 all our club's ski trips for 2022. This single page should be helpful to you in planning for the 2022 season.

A few weeks ago, we sent you a special Email dedicated to the six day trips. That Email had an attachment with the flyers for all those trips. **In the Email that brought you this issue of Ski Trails, we have attached that package of flyers.**

Our first trip is **Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to Peek n Peak**. So far, we are only missing one key ingredient: "SNOW!" However, the weatherman is predicting snow at the resort for at least three days this week and the temps will also be falling to allow for snowmaking. We are cautiously optimistic that conditions will be good by the time Sunday rolls around. This trip is currently a GO.

So, please make sure you sign up - and do it right now. We need a few more skiers to justify the cost of the bus. We will cancel this trip if conditions are not acceptable for a good day of skiing. If that were to happen, SSC will send you a full refund. We know that some of our members just look out a window to check out their backyards, do not consider what is happening in Clymer, NY and don't bother to sign up. It would be a shame if we had to cancel the bus for insufficient numbers while the conditions at Peek n Peak were good. If the PnP trip is canceled because we are not satisfied with the snow conditions, the club will send a full refund. So, please go ahead and make your no-risk reservation.

The easiest way to sign up is to go to the SSC website and make your reservation there. Cliff Lewis has made sure that the payment with your credit card is secure. It

would be very helpful to me in organizing all the day trips, if you would make your reservations early. Again, there is no risk if we happen to cancel a trip. You will receive a full refund.

I invite you to join me in doing the SNOW DANCE and keeping fingers crossed.

*June Kelley*  
*Co-chair, Trips and Tours Committee*  
[june@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:june@suburbanskiclub.org)

## **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](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org)

### ***BRECKENRIDGE***



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

January 22 of 22 is fast approaching, it won't be long now before we are on the slopes. For members joining us there will be a pre -trip meeting on Sunday, Jan. 9 at 7:00 PM. Since we all want to stay healthy and covid counts are high right now we will be meeting via zoom. I will be sending out more information concerning this later this week.

## Updates:

- Members traveling with the group check your emails this week for a zoom link to our pre-trip meeting, along with more information on our trip.
- 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 if you would like to be on our wait list. Sometimes we do have a last-minute opening.

*Melinda Kellerstrass*

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## KILLINGTON



### 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.

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

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## *TELLURIDE*



## **Telluride, Colorado**

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

This trip was full, but we have just learned there **may be an opening for a single female**. We are also 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 a single female or if you are interested in being put on the waiting list.

*Joe Sullivan*

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## ***RESTRUCTURING THE EXECUTIVE BOARD***

EDITOR'S NOTE: **Melinda Kellerstrass** and Interim President, **Beth Silverman** had been discussing ways to improve the structure of the Executive Board. Their ideas were presented in a draft proposal at a meeting of the EB on December 11, 2021. What follows are some of their thoughts along with a preview at what the proposed EB positions will look like.



SSC is looking to restructure the Executive Board. We believe this will allow more people to become involved in the decision-making processes of the club and will expand the pool of ideas.

We are looking to add more positions which will enable us to share the workload and best utilize the time and talents of the members. Each member of the board will have voting privileges and a say in the direction of the club. In a section below, you will find a list of the positions being proposed along with a description of the duties of each member.

Our plan is two-fold:

1. To ask our membership to approve changes to the By Laws to facilitate this restructure and
2. To invite members to stand for nomination for positions on the EB at the Nomination Meeting in February 2022 and the Election Meeting in March.

As we move forward with this restructure of the board, we need you to consider your talents and where you might fit in with the newly restructured board. If there is a position that interests you or you feel you could contribute, please notify a current board member. We will be more than happy to discuss it with you. [You will find contact information for each current EB member at the conclusion of this article.]

**The following proposed restructure of the Executive Board calls for four officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) and Eight Members:**

- 1. President:**
  - a. Calls board meetings
  - b. Sets agenda

- c. Leads membership meetings
  - d. Communicates monthly with membership via newsletter and as needed
- 2. Vice President:**
- a. Leads meetings when President is not available
  - b. Takes over President's duties if President is unable to do so
  - c. Assists President as needed
- 3. Treasurer:**
- a. Executes all financial records of the club
  - b. Prepares financial reports for membership and executive board meetings
  - c. Analyzes profit and loss for individual events and the season in its entirety
  - d. Works with accountant to file annual tax return
  - e. Pays annual CMSC membership renewal
- 4. Secretary:**
- a. Prepares minutes for executive board and membership meetings
  - b. Keeps documents in a format appropriate for maintaining records
- 5. Member – Social Director:**
- a. Appoints and oversees coordinators to host non-skiing activities, including:
    - i. Monthly eat-around-town dinners
    - ii. Clambake
    - iii. Holiday party
    - iv. Bike rides, concerts, etc.
- 6. Member – Membership Meeting Coordinator:**
- a. Secures facility contract (currently Holiday Inn)
  - b. Arranges check-ins at meetings
  - c. Arranges speakers and meeting programs
- 7. Member – Webmaster / Membership Data Base:**
- a. Manages suburbanskiclub.org website
  - b. Manages membership database and sends out annual renewal applications
  - c. Evaluates membership list and makes reports to the Executive Board

**8. Member – Ski Trails Editor:**

- a. Publishes monthly newsletter
- b. Solicits interesting stories and photos from membership to publish
- c. Emails notices and information to the membership

**9. Member – Day Trips**

- a. Plans day-trip schedule to be approved by board
- b. Recruits, trains and manages trip leaders
- c. Secures bus contract
- d. Reserves ski days with ski resorts

**10. Member – Major Trips:**

- a. Arranges three major trips per year; two western trips and one eastern trip to be approved by board.
- b. Recruits, trains and manages major trip leaders
- c. Secures and manages contracts from tour operators, buses, airlines, ground transportation, lodging and lift tickets.

**11. Member – CMSC Liaison:**

- a. Attend CMSC meetings to maintain an active presence
- b. Report pertinent CMSC news to the board and, when applicable, to membership via SkiTrails
- c. Coordinate with SSC webmaster to publish ski schedule and other club info on skicleveland.com

**12. Member – Marketing Manager:**

- a. Promotes SSC through social media
- b. Provides promotional stories and photos to Ski Trails editor
- c. Maintains social media presence
- d. Produces annual SSC business cards
- e. Promotes SSC with area ski shops
- f. Seeks ways to grow membership

**Current Members of the Board:**

Interim President: Beth Silverman – [beth@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:beth@suburbanskiclub.org)

Vice President for Data Base Mgmt: Cliff Lewis – [cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org)

Treasurer: Ann McBrian – [treasurer@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:treasurer@suburbanskiclub.org)

Members At Large: Melinda Kellerstrass – [melinda@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:melinda@suburbanskiclub.org)

Member At Large: John Hersch – [john@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:john@suburbanskiclub.org)

Member At Large: Joe Sullivan – [joe@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:joe@suburbanskiclub.org)

## ***SSC'S 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.

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.

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 below.

## **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**