

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

February 2022

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

FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Member,

Yes, it's me again. I am back in the saddle and here on this first page in my role at Interim President of SSC. I trust you are healthy and happy and that I will be seeing you this ski season.

If you haven't done so already, pull out your ski gear and sign up for our annual Wine-n-Ski trip to **Holiday Valley on Friday, February 4th**. Conditions in New York look to be very good! In addition to a day of skiing, we cap off the trip with a visit to Grand River Cellars in Madison, Ohio for dinner and drinks at your own expense. Visit www.suburbanskiclub.org for more information.

While you are on the website, take a look at the many other skiing opportunities we have planned for the year. But just don't look, you can conveniently make your reservation for any trip right there online. You should also read the article by **June Kelley** later in this newsletter. June coordinates our bus trip program, and she has details on all our upcoming day trips. Thank you June for all the work you have put in.

Ann McBrian and **June Kelley** are once again hosting a casual **membership meeting** at Simons Restaurant and Deli in Brecksville on **Thursday, February 17**. Members can start to gather at 5:15 PM for an early dinner and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. There is no formal agenda, but you will have an opportunity to hang out with your friends and find out more about the rest of our 2022 ski calendar.

Then in March, now that renovations are completed, we are very happy to announce we will be able to hold our final meeting of the season at our regular stomping grounds at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Heights just in time for our Annual Election Meeting. Remember that a top priority of ours is to keep you safe, so please follow our COVID safety protocols and come to our meetings with your vaccine card or proof of a recent COVID test.

I want to tell you some things about our **upcoming elections**. Changes are being planned to restructure our Executive Board. The EB has been discussing these changes and has come up with a proposal to revise our Bylaws to allow for four officers and eight members of the EB each with specific tasks. Please read the attachment that came in the Email that brought you this newsletter. In that document, you will see the job descriptions outlined by the EB. The EB has been recruiting SSC members to fill those positions and will be proposing a slate of candidates for 2022-23. That slate will come in an Email to you later this month. You will also be invited to submit your own nominations for any of those positions – and you will be allowed to nominate yourself if one of the jobs is of particular interest.

After the nomination process is complete, all SSC members will be asked to vote in person at the March Election Meeting or via an Emailed absentee ballot. Please contact me if you would like to serve on the EB or if you simply want more details about the available positions.

Our Breckenridge skiers have just returned, and you will find a brief article in this newsletter by Trip Leader, **Melinda Kellerstrass**. We plan on doing something more extensive for the March issue of Ski Trails complete with photos. Welcome home!

Our **second western trip to Telluride (March 19 – 26)** has 46 skiers rarin' to go. Trip Leader, **Joe Sullivan**, has created a waiting list. See his article later in this newsletter and contact him if you want to get on his list.

Our **third major trip was scheduled to go to Killington** this month. Regretfully, despite a herculean effort, The Executive Board had no choice but to cancel it. Typically, this trip is well attended, but with COVID concerns and a crazy outbreak in Vermont, we just couldn't get enough members to sign up to cover the costs. The EB was willing to operate this trip with a reasonable loss but the deficit being anticipated was not reasonable. Many thanks to **Joe Sullivan** for his hard working planning this trip. Our annual Eastern Trip is a labor of love for Joe, and it broke his heart that the board had to vote to cancel.

The new **Membership Directory** has now been published. We are grateful to **Cliff Lewis** for all the work he put into this annual project. Please see Cliff's article later in this newsletter for all you need to know about the directory.

Finally, on a sad note, there is an "In Memoriam" article in this newsletter on **Ed Noss**. You were notified earlier about the passing of beloved friend and member of SSC and in this issue, we remember him. Rest in Peace, dearest Ed.

Stay warm and safe!

Best wishes,

Beth Silverman

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following members born in February. 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.

Tracy Blake (2/16), Brad Carleton (2/21), Judy Ernest (2/14), Susan Evan (2/8), Andy Goetz (2/14), Bill House (2/21), Melinda Kellerstrass (2/7), Cliff Lewis (2/15), Joseph Mersnik (2/16), John Roberts (2/28), Beth Silverman (2/16) and Andy Volchko (2/24)

[**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Has anyone noticed that our Interim President, **Beth Silverman** and her husband, **Tracy Blake**, share the same birthday?]

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

February – March, 2022

- **SKI TRIP:** Friday, Feb 4: Holiday Valley with dinner at Grand River Cellars
- **MEETING:** Thursday, Feb 17: Membership Meeting
- **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 9: Meetup (Carpool to Peek n Peak)
- **MEETING:** Thursday, March 10: Membership Meeting
- **SKI TRIP:** March 19 – 26: Telluride Colorado

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Thursday, February 17, 2022 @ 7:00 PM : Membership Meeting

We will again 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 5:15 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.

Thursday, March 10, 2022 @ 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting

The renovations of the party rooms at the Holiday Inn is now complete and we will be back at our usual spot for this final meeting of the season.

The meeting begins at 7:00 PM in the party room at the Holiday Inn; 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 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.

This meeting will be the **Election Meeting for club officers and members of the Executive Board**. You will receive some instructions about casting your absentee ballot should you not be able to attend the meeting.

CLIFF TELLS US ALL WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



Our new membership directory for 2021-2022 is now available to download online as a PDF file. Members should have received an email a few days ago with instructions on how to get it. (Be sure to check your spam or bulk mail folder if you did not get the email.) A limited number of directories were printed and mailed to people who have requested printed copies in the past. We have a few printed copies left. If you would like one, please email me: cliff@suburbanskiclub.org.

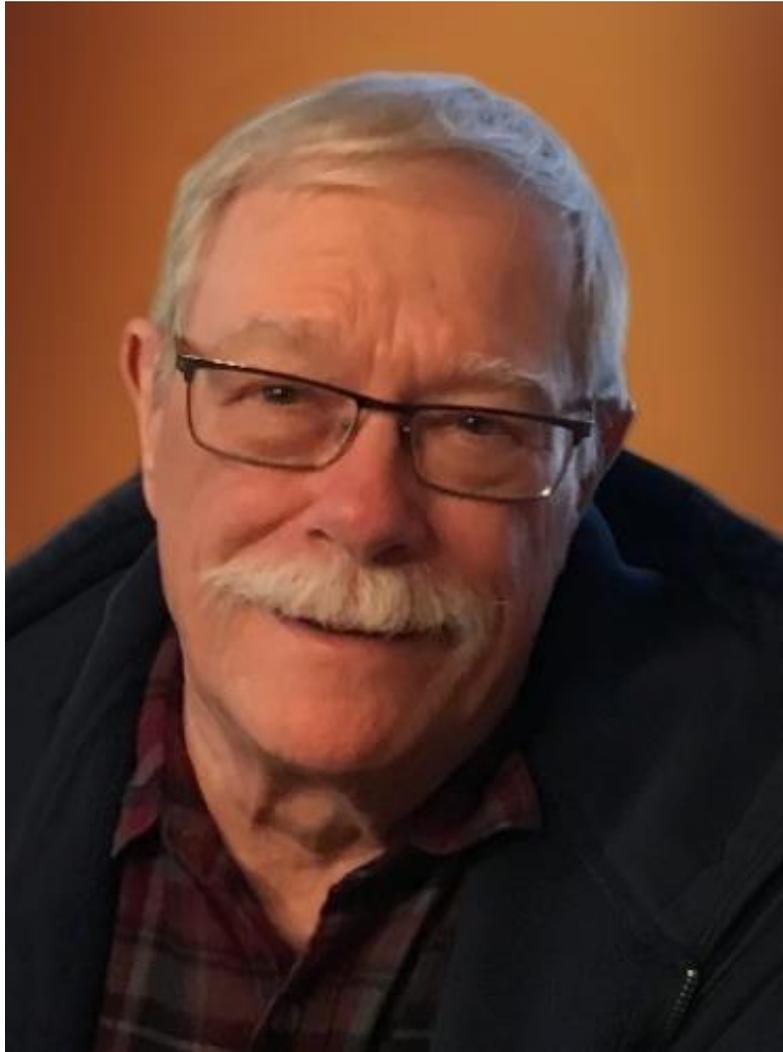
The web site also has an online membership directory, available for viewing only by current members who are signed in. You can find it under "Member directory" on the upper right corner of the page, between "My account" and "Log out." This directory is created automatically from our membership records and always has the most up-to-date information.

One important thing about the online directory is that the listings are all-or-nothing. With the printed directories, members can opt out of having certain information included in the listings (such as an alternate phone or an email address). We have to delete that information manually when preparing the printed directories, but we don't have a way to pick and choose what is displayed online. If it is important to you not to give access to specific information, the only option is to exclude your entire listing. If you want to do that, there is a check box on your membership profile page marked "Exclude me from online directory." Click on My account, then the Edit tab, and scroll down to find the checkbox. Click to select the box, then scroll to the bottom and click Save. I can do that for you if you ask me to.

I have already checked that option for a few people who wrote "DNP" next to almost everything on their membership forms. As far as I know, though, we have had no complaints about people misusing the information listed online.

Cliff Lewis
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In Memoriam: Ed Noss



In the past we have used “beloved” to describe a few members of Suburban Ski Club. In the case of Ed Noss, this term cannot be more appropriate. Everyone in our club loved Ed and his presence at any of our events made those occasions all that more enjoyable.

Ed passed away on December 24, 2021, and news of his death reached us too late to include anything in our January issue of Ski Trails. But now it is time to remember him.

Some of us consider ourselves long-time members of SSC but Ed was truly a veteran member. He went back to the early days of our club and if you ever got a chance to exam his heavily pinned, cowboy hat, you knew Ed’s experiences with Suburban went way back in history.

Ed would tell you that one of his most significant experiences in Suburban Ski Club was meeting his wife, Mary Ellen. Their relationship and marriage can truly be said to have begun in our club.

Ed was always there to help with loading the ski bus, checking in members at our meetings, setting up for those meetings and being there volunteering to do so many jobs. And, of course, his iconic hat was for always ready to be used for selecting winners of various prizes.

Ed and Mary Ellen are probably best known around SSC for all their work in organizing monthly EATs and for the wonderful clam bakes they so generously hosted at their home in Hiram. Those who attended our membership meetings knew Ed as the friendly face who welcomed them to the meeting and checked them in at the door.

To say we will miss Ed is an understatement. Ed represented all of the best qualities of the members of SSC. He was genuinely friendly and welcoming to everyone and made all of us feel better after having met him. Wherever Ed was, he made it a much better place to be.

So, Ed, you will be missed but we go forward with your example of what a warm and welcoming member of our club should be.

Rest in Peace, dear friend.

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 9	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,

Not enough snow! Too much snow! That was the problem with our first two bus trips of the season. I know you were as disappointed as I was that that had to cancel those trips, but I am now looking forward to skiing with you on the rest of our one-day bus trips.

The next trip is this **Friday, Feb. 4th**. It will be a fun day at **Holiday Valley** ending with a dinner stop at the Grand River Cellars Winery on the way home. The reports are that we now have the key ingredient at Holiday Valley - "Great Snow!" There are a few more seats on the bus so please make sure you sign up right away. We still need more intrepid skiers to make sure we can pay for the bus. Since conditions are going to be

great, you should not hesitate in making your reservation. If any bus trips are canceled, the club sends a full refund. But I am confident the weather gods will smile on us for the rest of this season and that will not happen again.

Future one-day bus trips are to **Holimont on Tuesday, Feb. 15th**, **Holiday Valley on Friday, Feb. 25th** and again to **Holiday Valley on Friday, March 4th**. On these latter two trips to Holiday Valley, we will make a stop in Ellicotville for you to have dinner at a restaurant of your choice. For our last hurrah of the day trip season, we have plans to do a Meet-Up and drive to **Peek n Peak on Wednesday, March 9, 2022**. (Please note there was a typo on the full schedule that we published earlier. The day was correct, but the date should not have been March 11th)

The easiest way to make your reservation is to go to the SSC website: www.suburbanskiclub.org . Cliff Lewis has made sure that the sign up with your credit card is secure. If you prefer to pay by check and mail in your reservation, please be aware that the trip on the 4th is only a few days away. In that case, you should contact me to let me know your check has been mailed to **Ann McBrian**, our Treasurer, or to tell me you will bring your check to the bus.

Flyers for the remaining bus trips are attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter.

Here is my contact information:

Cell: (330) 310-7802 Email: june@suburbanskiclub.org. If necessary, leave a message and I will get back to you asap.

If you are not familiar with it, please read the Covid 19 policy on the SSC website.

Hope to see you on the bus.

June Kelley

THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2022

What follows are reports from the Trip Leaders on the status of each major trip.

Cheers from Breckenridge, Colorado



36 SSC members spent last week in Breckenridge, Co. We had a super week of skiing and snowboarding with a nice mixture of fresh snow and bluebird days. The club stayed at Beaver Run Resort with ski in /ski out ability near Peak 9. We had easy accessibility to town via ½ mile walk or free shuttle and city bus service, allowing us to take in and enjoy the International Snow Sculpture Festival. Several members took advantage of the free city bus service for a short trip to ski Keystone. With 7 new members and several returning members on the trip, we made lots of new friends, enjoying new ski buddies every day. I will say what goes on in the hot tub stays in the hot tub! Look for a photo essay in next month's issue of *Ski Trails*. You can also check out some of the fun on Suburban Ski Club's Facebook page.

Melinda Kellerstrass, Trip Leader
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MOUNTAIN RESORT

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As you read earlier in Beth's message, this trip had to be cancelled with much regret. But we look for the Eastern Trip to come back bigger and stronger next year.

Joe Sullivan

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TELLURIDE



Telluride, Colorado

Saturday, March 19 – Saturday, March 26, 2022

This trip is full, but 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 interested in being put on the waiting list.

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