

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

We continue to make great progress since we opened our enrollment for our two Western trips last month. Both Steamboat Springs (January) and Sun Valley (March) are almost sold out with only a few spaces available. Please see the reports later in this newsletter on Steamboat by Trip Leader, **Melinda Kellerstrass** and Sun Valley Trip Leader, **Judi Fordyce**. They both have the latest information and details on the limited spots available for each trip.

Joe Sullivan announced the details of February's **Eastern trip to Killington** just in the last week. Sign up has been vigorous. As usual, we have been able to offer this trip as an all-inclusive affordable trip despite the precipitous rise in prices this season. See Joe's report later in the newsletter. He advises us not to delay in making our reservations or we could be shut out.

June Kelley and other Executive Board (EB) members have been working on the Day Trip schedule. With the cost of bus transportation going up, we have been working with Lewis Ski Club (NASA) to develop a shared ski calendar. If we get 40 skiers per trip, we can continue to keep these trips affordable. In this newsletter there is an update on our plans for bus trips by past SSC President, **Beth Silverman**, who is standing in for June in this issue.

As mentioned last month, the EB has reviewed our **COVID Policy Statement** to keep up with CDC recommendations. The EB concluded it was time to update the policy and formulated a new one. We published this revised policy last month but if you missed it, please take a moment to read it. You will find it after my message.

Special thanks to **Donna Stefano** and **Linda Nash** who hosted the July **Eat-Around-Town (EAT)** at Oak and Embers in Hudson on July 19th. Over 20 members enjoyed an evening of barbeque and conversation.

Patty Costigan has scheduled the next **EAT** for Whitey's in Richfield on **Monday, August 29th**. Check out the particulars later in this newsletter

SSC renewed a tradition of attending a Cleveland Orchestra concert at Blossom this past weekend. Much thanks to **Ann McBrian** for handling the details. A good time was had by all.

Our **first membership meeting** in the 2022/2023 season will be **Thursday, Sept 15** at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Village. Programming details are being worked out and more information will be forthcoming later this month.

We want to welcome to our club new members **Matt Kacik** and **Bryan Knerr**. We hope to see you at some of our social events and on the slopes in 2023.

Speaking of membership, you should be aware that the membership year is from September 1 to August 31. Next month you will be asked to renew your membership. The new members who joined during these last few months will be enrolled as members for the upcoming year without having to pay additional dues.

Sincerely,

Tracy Blake
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SSC's REVISED COVID POLICY STATEMENT

In November 2021 the Executive Board of Suburban Ski Club approved a Covid Policy Statement and circulated it to the membership. Among other things, that statement said that the EB would review the policy as the situation warranted. Accordingly, the EB has discussed and approved a revision to the 2021 statement.

Here is the new policy statement:

SSC's Revised Covid Policy

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be with us, and its future is uncertain. The Executive Board of Suburban Ski Club believes that vaccination and masking are still the most effective ways to minimize spread of the virus, and we highly

recommend both. However, we are not requiring masking or proof of vaccination for participation in club activities or trips. The airlines and bus companies that we use follow rigorous practices for disinfection, and they have installed advanced ventilation and filtration systems that help prevent the spread of infections. Still, participation in club activities continues to carry a risk of infection, and there is no way to eliminate that risk short of staying home. Going forward, our recommendations will be based on CDC guidelines and those of the airlines and bus companies. Members should also check with resorts, restaurants, and other venues for any restrictions or vaccination requirements they may have.

*Revised by the Executive Board
June, 2022*

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to the following members born in a August. 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.

Sam Ayoub (8/3), Jack Binder (8/17), Ned Finzer (8/23), Percy Finzer(8/7), Lori Harrison (8/14), Jane Leschnik (8/3), Wayne Miller (8/20), Mike Tuason (8/3), Ron Turk (8/25), Chris Ujcich (8/12), Mike Wagner(8/20), Betsy Wolf (8/11), Chris Wolf (8/25) and Jacki Zevenbergen (8/8)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- ***SOCIAL:*** Thursday, August 25, 4:00 PM: SSC Alumni Gathering at the Edgewater Yacht Club
- ***EAT:*** Monday, August 29, 5:30 PM: Whitey's in Richfield
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, September 15, 7:00 PM: First Membership Meeting of the Season: Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Thursday, August 25, 4:00 PM: SSC Alumni Event at Edgewater Yacht Club

Bill Hon and his committee have organized this event and he wants you to know that current SSC members are most welcome to attend. These alumni gatherings have always been great opportunities for current members to meet those who established SSC and to hear from them the history of our great club and to enjoy stories and memorabilia from the old days. Who knows, maybe a current member will be inspired to bring back the green beanies!

The Edgewater Yacht Club is a great venue, and it promises to be a wonderful evening. You can find all the **details in the flyer attached to the Email** that brought you this newsletter

Monday, August 29, 5:30 PM: EAT at Whitey's Booze n' Burgers, Richfield

Whitey's is located at 3600 Brecksville Road, Richfield, OH 44286. Telephone: (330) 659-3600. Whitey's is an old-school place known for its hearty pub fare, burgers and their famous chili. Please be aware that it is a cash-only place and does not accept credit cards.

On their website, here's how they describe themselves:

Whitey's Booze N' Burgers has truly withstood the test of time, dishing up mouthwatering burgers, classic cocktails and good times since 1953. Whether you stop by to enjoy a cold beer and a juicy burger or a bowl of our famous chili, Whitey's never disappoints. Conveniently located between Cleveland and Akron, local patrons and visitors have been coming to Whitey's for decades to get their comfort food fix.

Check them out at www.whiteys.com

We will be meeting at the bar at 5:30 PM for cocktails and socialization and sitting down for dinner at approximately 6:30 PM.

Please contact **Patty Costigan** before Friday, August 26th to make your reservation: pcostig@gmail.com or (330) 836-0381

Thursday, September 15, 7:00 PM: First Membership Meeting of the Season

Last year the pandemic forced us to cancel most of our monthly membership meetings which typically are held in the months of September – March. This season we are looking forward to a full complement of meetings as we kick off the year with our first meeting on September 15th.

The program is still being formulated and you will hear about that later in this month of August. One thing we do know is that a focus of the meeting will be the 2023 ski season. You will hear from the leaders of our three major trips (Steamboat Springs, Killington and Sun Valley). The schedule of our bus trips should be settled by then and you will hear about that as well. Another feature of our initial meeting is that you will have the opportunity to win some valuable prizes.

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.

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 2020 ski schedule, meet our wonderful trip leaders and win some valuable prizes.

THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2023



SSC Trip to Steamboat Springs, Co January 21 -28, 2023

One Spot left! – Single Female

There is only 1 spot left for this trip: single female. Because we are doing sign ups through the Sports America website (see link below) you will be instructed that you are being put on a wait list. This is because we need to watch bedding assignments. We are looking for a single female to share a room (separate beds) Do complete the trip registration but do not send money until you are notified by the trip leader (Melinda Kellerstrass) that you have a spot for this trip. The reservation site is self -explanatory, simply follow the prompts. If you have questions, contact Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org. Looking forward to some fun slope time with SSC friends. **\$2,019 package includes:**

- Round-trip airfare and ground transportation (Cleveland-Hayden). Subtract \$360 if you are getting there on your own.
- A 5-day lift ticket. Subtract \$501 if you have an Ikon pass
- Lodging at the Ski Inn Condominiums located just off the slopes via an access trail or short shuttle ride. Pricing is based on two people per bedroom.
- Free shuttle service to the ski resort and surrounding areas

To reserve your place, visit

<https://www.sportsamerica.com/online/suburbansteamboat>

If you would like to be placed on the waitlist for this trip, complete the registration at the above website. Do not send money. The trip leader will contact you should a spot become available.

Warning – do not send money until you have been notified that you have a spot by the trip leader.



SSC Trip to Sun Valley, ID March 11 -18, 2023

This trip is almost full. Reserve your spot now! See trip info below.

There are only 2 rooms left for this trip plus one spot for a single female. We are doing sign ups through the Sports America website (see link below) and, as space gets limited, you may be put on a wait list. If your reservation indicates a wait list status, complete the trip registration but do not send money until you are notified by the trip leader (JUDI FORDYCE) that you have a spot for this trip. The reservation site is self-explanatory, simply follow the prompts. If you have questions, contact Judi Fordyce: juditravels@icloud.com

\$2,450 package includes:

- Round-trip airfare (Cleveland-Boise). Subtract \$568 if you plan to get there on your own.
 - Private chartered bus to and from the resort
 - A 5-day lift ticket. Subtract \$509 if you have an Ikon pass
 - Lodging at Limelight Ketchum hotel. Price based on two skiers per hotel room. Add \$1,216 for a private room.
 - Daily breakfast
 - Free shuttle service to the ski resort
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- To reserve your place go to:
<https://www.sportsamerica.com/online/suburbansunvalley>



About then days ago we were able to announce the final details on our Eastern Trip to Killington, VT, scheduled for **Sunday, February 12 – Saturday, February 18**. It was a long and difficult process to put this major trip together, but we are very happy that we have been able to again offer an all-inclusive week of skiing at an affordable price.

As we have noted earlier, prices have gone through the roof for 2023. Transportation, fuel prices, lodging, lift tickets etc. have all seen substantial increases and that has made the cost of Steamboat top \$2000 and Sun Valley to come in just shy of \$2500. That held true for Eastern Trip (ET) pricing as well.

However, we went back to the negotiating table with the Killington Mountain Lodge (KML) and they recently gave us a substantial reduction in the lodging and lift ticket package. That has allowed us to set the cost for this trip lower than we first anticipated. We have always described the ET as an all-inclusive, affordable trip at a bargain price and we can now do that again. The price is **\$1550**.

That price compares favorably with our other two major trips and the fact that the ET includes meals makes it even more affordable. It will allow those with budget constraints to go on a major trip and may also attract those already signed up for a western trip to go on a second major trip at a reduced cost.

Killington is an Ikon resort but the pricing for our package includes group lift tickets. If you have an Ikon pass, you can deduct \$250. Our package includes transportation, lodging, a hot breakfast every morning and dinner every night. As you will read in the flyer, we also plan to spend a day at Okemo. We should also mention that Killington is located in Southern Vermont and our bus trip there will be the shortest of any previous ETs.

To make sure everyone is comfortable on the bus, we limit the number of seats we use and because the cost of this trip is so attractive, we expect to fill all the available spots. In fact, in the past ten days, reservations have been pouring in and we have no doubt this trip will sell out and procrastinators may find themselves on a waiting list.

So, my message is clear – if you want to go to Killington, don't delay another minute and take the chance of being shut out.

Attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter is a Trip Flyer and Agreement Form. You can read all the details in those pages. We urge you to use these documents to sign up without delay.

All the information you will need and the answers to your questions should be contained in the attached flyer and agreement form. But if you still have questions, please contact me.

Joe Sullivan, Trip Leader
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BUS TRIPS FOR 2023



Hello SSC Members,

June Kelley is camping with her grandkids and asked that I fill in for her today to share updates on our plans for day trips next ski season.

We are working out details and pricing. We plan to run four trips to Holiday Valley in 2023 with our friends at Lewis Ski Club and to run one trip on our own to Holimont. At least a couple of the trips will include an après ski dinner.

Lewis and Suburban Ski Club have struggled over the last couple of years to fill a bus and neither of us want to cancel trips because we do not have enough members enrolled to cover the bus cost. It makes good sense for us to combine forces. Like Suburban, Lewis is all about creating an amazing ski experience for its members at cost and we both pick-up members on the west and east sides of town.

June will share more of our plans after we nail down final details.

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