

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

It was great seeing so many of you at our September membership meeting, especially after our long COVID hiatus. **Judi Fordyce**, who is in charge of our major trips, talked to us about changes in the ski industry and we thank her for sharing her considerable knowledge on the subject. She also spoke about the need to plan for 2024 even though that seems far down the line. Judi followed that up with an article you can read later in this newsletter. Please read it and share your ideas about future destinations with Judi.

It was wonderful having **Mary Ellen Noss** greet us at the door carrying on the tradition of her late husband, our beloved **Ed Noss**.

Speaking of Mary Ellen, she arranged an especially interesting October EAT at the Brown Barn Tavern overlooking Alpine Valley in Chardon for Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. You'll find the details later in the newsletter. Thanks go to Mary Ellen and our social director, **Patty Costigan** for their hard work planning these socials for us.

Please read the **report on our major trips** in this newsletter by the leaders of those trips. Spoiler alert: all three major trips are sold out. However, it is not unusual to have cancellations. If you are interested in going, ask the trip leader to put you on their waiting list. **Judi Fordyce** is the trip leader for Sun Valley, **Melinda Kellerstrass** for Steamboat Springs, and **Joe Sullivan** for Killington. You will find their contact information in the reports.

We are grateful to **June Kelley** for her work on the bus trips. Please read June's article later in this newsletter – but be careful, you could be bewitched! June has

finalized our bus trip schedule for 2023. We will be running five bus trips: four to Holiday Valley sharing a bus with Lewis Ski Club and one to Holimont. We are running the Holimont trip on our own. For Holimont to be a go we need our members to band together and sign up early. After skiing, you'll be treated to an apres ski chili party complements of the club.

You can find a **copy of the full 2023 ski schedule** on page 9. For your convenience, you will also find this one-page schedule in a document attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter. We recommend you upload it to your favorite device and also print out a hard copy to keep under your pillow and dream about skiing in 2023.

If you haven't done so already, it is time to **renew your club membership**. A **Membership Renewal Form is attached**. You can complete the form and mail in your renewal to **Cliff Lewis** or, even easier, save a stamp and renew online at [www.ssuburbanskiclub.org](http://www.ssuburbanskiclub.org). Your membership is a bargain at \$20 and is required for you to participate in our ski trips. For those members who no longer ski, we remind you that last year we initiated a special "Social Membership" that costs only \$10.

Our **next membership meeting is on October 20th** at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Heights. In addition to our regular business, I am pleased to announce that we have booked a special presentation through the Western Reserve Historical Society and the subject will be Elliot Ness and the Cleveland Torso Murders. Put the date on your calendar. It should be a fun night.

Hope to see you at the meeting and later at the Brown Barn.

*Tracy Blake*  
[president@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:president@suburbanskiclub.org)



### ***OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS***

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

**Mark Bacon (10/16), Mary Kay Binder (10/3),  
Gordon Blackburn (10/21), Mike Burley (10/6),**

**Barb Cool (10/24), Patty Costigan (10/30), Judy Edinger (10/7), Barb Gibson (10/8), Bill Hon (10/1), Lloyd Hughes (10/11), Lori Katona (10/22), Mark Keller (10/20), Richard Koletsky (10/30), Pat Lewis (10/22), Tom Lukens (10/9), Lynn Miller (10/22), Greg Orłowski (10/9), Steve Richards (10/8), Robin Spooner (10/23), Donna Stefano (10/16), Friedrich Wolff (10/10), Melissa Zahoransky (10/9) and Joseph Ziska (10/2)**

**[Editor's Note: Pat Lewis, Lynn Miller and Lori Katona have the same birthday on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Fritz Wolff will be ninety-one!]**

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

- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, October 20, 7:00 PM: Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village
- ***EAT:*** Tuesday, October 25, 5:30 PM: Brown Barn Tavern in Chardon

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

### ***Thursday, October 20, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn***

We are back in the swing of things with our usual schedule of monthly meetings from September through March. In addition to our regular business this meeting will feature a special presentation, as you read in our President's Message, which we have booked through the Western Reserve Historical Society. The subject will be Elliot Ness and the Cleveland Torso Murders.

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. You will find us at the back of Alfredo's.

Please note that Alfredo's has requested that, because of staffing shortages, we order from a limited menu. We have been assured that you should be able to find something satisfactory.

Later this month we will be Emailing a reminder about this meeting, and we will provide more details on the featured presentation. Be sure to put this date on your calendar.

**Tuesday, October 25, 5:30 PM: EAT at the Brown Barn in Chardon**

Mary Ellen Noss is our host for this unique EAT. She has arranged for us to meet at the Brown Barn Tavern, 10700 Mayfield Road, Chardon, OH 44024. The location is of special interest to us because it overlooks the Alpine Valley Ski area. Telephone: (440) 279-4747.

The Brown Barn describes itself this way:

*"Housed in a historic and lovingly restored former cattle barn overlooking the rolling hills of Alpine Valley in Munson Township, Brown Barn Tavern celebrates all things local and authentic. Punctuating the rustic, all-American gastropub ambiance are soaring 30-foot ceilings with rough-hewn beams, hand-made live edge tables and a loft space for parties that was once the barn's hay loft."*

The menu features appetizers, sandwiches, burgers and main courses. Check out their offerings at [www.brownbartavern.com](http://www.brownbartavern.com)

Our plan is to meet at the bar at 5:30 PM and then adjourn to high top tables seating 4 – 6 adjacent to the bar. Instead of individual checks, there will be one check per table. Therefore, cash is highly recommended.

Given the above restaurant protocol, reservations must be given to Mary Ellen at [lpdptr@gmail.com](mailto:lpdptr@gmail.com) no later than **October 17** so we can inform the restaurant of the number of people attending.

***A WORD FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR***

Last month I invited you to host one of our upcoming EAT dinners. I told you that your job would be to suggest a restaurant to me and see what dates we have open. Then you would contact the restaurant about possible dates. We usually schedule them on a Monday or Tuesday when the venues are less busy.

**Mary Ellen Noss** was the first to volunteer to be a host and you have read above the exciting plans she has for our October EAT.

Now I want to extend the invitation again and to assure you that I will be there to assist you with details and to explain the way we usually run these dinners. It is

really not complicated or very much work – and it is a lot of fun to introduce your SSC friends to a favorite restaurant.

Please contact me and we can discuss your suggestion. You can find me at [pcostig@gmail.com](mailto:pcostig@gmail.com) or (330) 836-0381.

*Patty Costigan*

## ***THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2023***



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

**SOLD OUT!**

**Great ready for a great trip!** Take advantage of all the fall specials. Get your gear tuned up or maybe add some cold weather gear to your arsenal. Most area ski shops are offering specials and the Boston Mills ski fair is scheduled for Oct 8 & 9. Registered members should have paid the balance on their trip. Now is the time to renew your SSC membership. You do need to be a current member to attend this trip. I will be putting the finishing touches on the trip this month. Look for an updated email late in October.

At this time the SSC trip to Steamboat is sold out. We have started a waitlist. Because we are doing all the registrations through Sports America, if you would like to be placed on the waitlist you would need to register but do not send any money. You will be notified if a position opens up. Last year we were able to make a substitution 2 days prior to the trip because we could pull from the wait list. 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](mailto:Melinda@suburbanskiclub.org) Looking forward to some fun slope time with SSC friends.

For more information about our Steamboat trip and to place your name on the wait-list go to: <https://www.sportsamerica.com/online/suburbansteamboat>

**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 basically full. There is one more room left in our block but there are no more air seats available. If anyone is interested in that remaining room, they would have to book their own air fare. If you have questions about that or about being put on a waiting list, please contact me.

Judi Fordyce  
[juditravels@icloud.com](mailto:juditravels@icloud.com)

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. Even though we were very late in announcing this trip, the response has been strong, and reservations poured in.

And we can now tell you that this trip is full – or probably is. As we go to press, we have just had word that a spot for a single female may open up. If you are interested, please contact me.

We are beginning a waiting list and we urge you to contact me if you are interested. February 2023 is many months in the future and cancellations because of illness, injury etc. would not be surprising.

*Joe Sullivan, Trip Leader  
Joe@suburbanskiclub.org*

## **BUS TRIPS FOR 2023**



Hi Fellow Skiers and  
Snowboarders,

I have been busy with my responsibilities for Halloween, but I also managed to get some work done on our bus trip program for 2023.

I'm very excited about our joining with the Lewis Ski Club for our bus trips. Both of our clubs had concerns about having enough skiers to pay expenses and keep the cost reasonable in these days of skyrocketing prices. We think our plan for combined bus trips will help both clubs to have a very successful day trip experience.

It has taken a while to iron out all the details, but we now have a schedule which you will see in this newsletter. I want to give a big thank you to **Beth Silverman** for all the assistance she gave me. She was invaluable in negotiating the details with the Lewis Club.

There will be four combined trips with the Lewis Club, all on Fridays. We will be stopping in Ellicottville for dinner at a restaurant of your choice following three of those days of skiing. On the Feb 14<sup>th</sup> trip there is a special winery dinner on the way home.

There is a fifth trip to Holimont which we will run on our own on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. This will include a fun apres ski chili party at the resort sponsored by Suburban Ski Club.

**WARNING!!!** We will need all who are interested in having the club continue one day bus trips to sign up as early as possible. There are only 20 seats available for SSC members on the combined bus trips with the Lewis Ski Club. After that, skiers will be put on a waiting list.

Next month we will have flyers for the trips, and you can use those to mail in your reservation and payment. But the much-preferred method and the one which gets you an instant reservation is to sign up on the SSC website.

LET IT SNOW!! “Trick or Treat”

*June Kelley*

[june@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:june@suburbanskiclub.org)





# SUBURBAN SKI CLUB

## 2023 SKI SCHEDULE

*"WE SKI EVERY WEEK"*

DATE	DAY	SKI AREA	COST	TRIP LEADER
Jan 6	Friday	Holiday Valley – Dinner in Ellicottville	\$103	cliff@suburbanskiclub.org
Jan 13	Friday	Holiday Valley – Dinner in Ellicottville	\$103	Fran@suburbanskiclub.org
<b>Jan 21-28</b>	<b>Saturday–Saturday</b>	<b>Steamboat Springs, Colorado</b>	<b>\$2,019</b>	<b>melinda@suburbanskiclub.org</b>
Feb 3	Friday	Holiday Valley – Dinner in Ellicottville	\$103	june@suburbanskiclub.org
Feb 7	Tuesday	Holimont – Après ski chili party provided by SSC	\$110	june@suburbanskiclub.org
<b>Feb 12-18</b>	<b>Sunday-Saturday</b>	<b>Killington and Okemo, Vermont</b>	<b>\$1,550</b>	<b>joe@suburbanskiclub.org</b>
Feb 24	Friday	Holiday Valley – Dinner at Grand River Cellars	\$103	june@suburbanskiclub.org
Mar 5	Sunday	Peek’n Peak Meetup - Geiger Appreciation Day	N/A	See Details in March Newsletter
<b>Mar 11-18</b>	<b>Saturday–Saturday</b>	<b>Sun Valley, Idaho</b>	<b>\$2,640</b>	<b>judi@suburbanskiclub.org</b>

Register online [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org)  
**Questions? Email the trip leader or call June Kelley (330) 310-7802**

- Trips are for Suburban Ski Club members only. Dues for first-time members are \$10.00.
- **NEW** Bus trip pick up and drop off locations:
  - Westside: Home Depot parking lot, 10800 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44130 bus departs at 6A SHARP
  - Eastside: Home Depot parking lot, 6199 Wilson Mills Rd., Highland Hts., OH 44143 bus departs at 6:30 AM SHARP.
- Holiday Valley and Holimont prices include bus transportation and lift ticket. Holiday Valley meals are not included in the price.
- SSC follows CDC’s COVID guidelines and those of the ski areas. Vaccines and masks are optional. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

## ***PLANNING FOR FUTURE MAJOR SKI TRIPS***

[**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Executive Board Member, **Judi Fordyce**, is responsible for planning our major trips. She works with the board members in making decisions on where we will ski. The board members will have some ideas, but Judi wants to include club members and she is soliciting us for our input. She began doing that in her presentation at the September meeting and she is now following up with the article below.]



If you were unable to make the club meeting last month, it is not too late to let your opinion be known as to what ski resorts you would like to go to in future years. As you know, the 2023 ski season is all planned, and basically sold out. But you may not know that trip planning for future trips has evolved, and we now need to start our planning much earlier than in the past. So, we will be conducting planning for 2024 major trips in the upcoming Dec - Feb time frame.

**If you did not attend the membership meeting and fill out a trip survey form, I am asking that you please send me an email ([judi@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:judi@suburbanskiclub.org)) and let me know:**

1. The top three ski resorts you would like to see the club target for future trips. If you do not know exact resorts then describe the type of resorts you would like to ski (e.g., base/sleeping elevation less than say 7000', resort with lots of blue/green runs, or resorts with lots of double black or mogul runs, etc).
2. Indicate what kind of runs you like to ski (blue, black, moguls, off piste etc)
3. Any other information that you would like to add regarding ski resorts.

Because lodging at the larger resorts has become very pricey and because we need to book those resorts more than a year in advance (before airline pricing is available), the club is looking at other options of where to ski. I have reviewed the following

lesser-known ski resorts as options, but there are certainly others. If you have suggestions of places you would like to return to, or have heard are wonderful, please let me know as part of the survey.

Resort	St	Elev. base	Elev. peak	Vert drop	Skiable acres	Ave snow	Pass	Apres and At the hill	Town nearby?
Schweitzer	ID	4,000	6,400	2,400	2,900	300	IKON	Some, limited	Sandpoint
Taos/Angelfire	NM	9,200	12,481	3,281	1,294	300	IKON	Some, limited	Taos
Whitefish	MN	4,464	6,817	2,353	3,000	320		Some, limited	Whitefish
Mt Bachelor	OR	5,700	9,065	3,365	4,318	462	IKON	Very limited; stay in Bend	Bend
Sun Peaks	BC	3,930	6,824	2,894	4,270	237	Mount. Collectiv	Enough for a week	No
Winter Park	CO	9,000	12,060	3,060	3,081	344	IKON	Some?	No
Crystal	WA	3,912	7,012	3,100	2,600	350	IKON	Looks limited	No, near Mt Rainier
Alta/Snowbird	UT	8,530	10,550	2,538	2,200	560	IKON	Very limited	NO
Le Massif, (Stoneham, Mont-Sainte-Anne)	QB	118	2,871	2644	406	156	Mount. Collectiv	3 possible ski hills; stats given are for Le Massif	Stay in Quebec City?
Mont-Tremblant	QB	755	2,871	2,116	755	156	IKON		

I hope to hear from you.

Cheers,

*Judi*