

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

December 2022

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

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



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

Happy Holidays to all of you.

There are two items of particular importance this holiday month:

### **1. Suburban Ski Club's Holiday Party:**

After a two-year hiatus, we have been able to schedule the party at the **Pine Ridge Country Club in Wickliffe on Saturday, December 17, 2022.**

**Details are on page 4 and in the flyer that is attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter.** You can also find the flyer on our website. The flyer has a reservation form included and you can use that to mail in your

reservation. Or even easier, you can make your reservation and pay online at our website: [www.suburbanskiclub.org/holiday-party](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org/holiday-party)

**Reservations must be received by December 3.**

### **2. One Day Ski Trips:**

Beginning on Friday, Jan 6, 2023, the Club, in conjunction with the Lewis Ski Club, will offer four one day trips to Holiday Valley on Fridays. In addition to skiing, the bus will stop in Ellicottville for dinner (your cost) on three of those trips. On Feb 24 we will be stopping for dinner (your cost) on our way home at the Grand River Cellars winery.

We are pairing up with Lewis to keep the costs down and fill the bus. There are approximately twenty SSC seats on the bus per trip for each club. Please sign up early so you don't miss out on getting a seat.

On **Tues, Feb 7 SSC is offering a trip to Holimont** without the Lewis club. We need you to sign up early so we can be assured of a minimum number and be able to run the trip. The club will be providing an apres ski chili dinner on this trip.

You will find more details on these five bus trips in the full **2023 Ski Schedule** on [page 7](#) Also be sure to read **June Kelley's article** in this newsletter. We are grateful to June for all she has done and is doing as the organizer of the bus trip program.

Please read the **reports on our three major trips** in this newsletter by the leaders of those trips. All the trips are full but there is waiting list for all three of them and you may want to get on a list since it is not unusual to have cancellations. **Judi Fordyce** is the trip leader for Sun Valley, **Melinda Kellerstrass** for Steamboat Springs and **Joe Sullivan** for Killington. You will find information on how to join the waiting list in their reports.

### **Other Club Activities**

On Thurs, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at our regular meeting our guest speaker was **Kurt Hyde** from Geiger's Ski Shop in Chagrin Falls. He gave an interesting presentation on some new trends in skiing this year and had plenty of show and tell examples of the latest in ski equipment.

On Thursday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, there was an EAT at Olesia's in the old Richfield Tavern. Many thanks to **Patty Costigan** for organizing this very successful evening.

**Club Membership** is past due as of Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Membership is required for your participation in our ski trips. A late renewal of your membership will cost you \$25. For those members who no longer ski, we have a special "Social Membership" that costs only \$10.

Our **next regular membership meeting is Thursday, January 12th** at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Heights.

We want to welcome some **new members** to our club: **Mike Armento, Susan Armento, Jim Browning, Cindy Ederer, Alex Ferenc, Richard Soltesz and Kody Urig**. We look forward to skiing with you and seeing you at our social events.

Hope to see you at the Holiday Party on December 17<sup>th</sup> and at the January meeting.

*Tracy Blake*  
*president@suburbanskiclub.org*



## ***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.

**Jim Browning (12/13), Alex Ferenc (12/10), Evan Fleisher (12/29), Holly Kaskey (12/13), Matthew T. Klass (12/19), Lilly Kron (12/20), Matthew Moriarty (12/24), Pete Ronis (12/2), Carol Vandenberg (12/25) and Jeff Weiler (12/31)**

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

- ***SOCIAL:*** Saturday, December 17, 6:00 PM: Holiday Party at the Pine Ridge Country Club
- ***SKIING:*** Friday, January 6, 2023: Bus Trip to Holiday Valley
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, January 12, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn
- ***SKIING:*** Friday, January 13, 2023: Bus Trip to Holiday Valley
- ***SKIING:*** Saturday, January 21 – 28, 2023: Steamboat Springs, Colorado

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



These skiing Santas are going to a party and want you to join them. Read on.....

**Suburban Ski Club's Holiday Party**  
**Saturday, December 17, 2022 - 6:00 to 11:00pm**

You are cordially invited to attend SSC's Holiday Party at the **Pine Ridge Country Club, 30601 Ridge Rd., Wickliffe, Ohio.**

The price will be only **\$49.00**, which covers the buffet with three entrée selections along with potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee and tea. We will have a private cash bar. And the band will again be Turnaround, who will be playing oldies as well as some of your contemporary favorites. Come strut your stuff on the dance floor. The bargain price also includes what has become an SSC holiday tradition: lots of chances to win prizes and gift certificates. With the cost of dinner, prizes and the band and room subsidized by the SSC treasury, your payment represents a lot of bang for your buck. It will be a great evening! Non-member friends are welcome.

All reservations must be received no later than **December 3rd**. Space is limited so don't delay. Take the time, right now, to fill out the form below, and mail it with your check to assure your reservation. Or, better yet, reserve online at [www.suburbanskiclub.org/holiday-party](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org/holiday-party)

For more information and questions contact:  
**Patty Costigan; (330) 836-0381; [pcostig@gmail.com](mailto:pcostig@gmail.com)**

**Thursday, January 12, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn**

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.

***FROM THE SOCIAL DIRECTOR***

Ski Trips and Membership Meetings will take up much of our club's calendar in January, February and March and we will not be resuming EATs until April. That seems far down the line but April will be here before we know it and I again want to invite you to host one of our upcoming EATs when we resume in the spring. 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 times. We usually schedule them on a Monday or Tuesday when the venues are less busy.

I want 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 not really 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!**

While the trip may be sold out it is not too late to get on the wait list. You never know when a cancellation may occur. Last year we were able to make a substitution two days prior to the trip because we could pull from the wait list. All registration, including the wait list is done online through Sports America. 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.**



*Killington*

**Killington, VT  
February 12 – 18, 2023**

We are very happy that we have been able to again offer an all-inclusive week of skiing at an affordable price. Please see details and the trip flyer at [www.suburbanskiclub.org](http://www.suburbanskiclub.org)

The response has been strong, and reservations poured in. We have a waiting list with two couples and one single male but no single females. Please contact me if you want to be on the list. 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*



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

This trip is full! If you want to be added to the waiting list or have any questions, please contact me.

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



# 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.

## BUS TRIPS FOR 2023

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** For years, our own **June Kelley** was an elf for the Polar Express train to the "North Pole" (Peninsula). Those of you who rode the train with your children or grandchildren may have seen June. The photo below with June's article on bus trips shows June in her elf costume wishing you Happy Holidays.



Hi Fellow Skiers and Snowboarders,

Here it is December, and the Holidays are upon us. As a retired Elf from the Polar Express, I can tell you December goes by in the blink of an eye. Soon it will be the Holiday Party and suddenly it will be 2023. If you haven't already done so, it is time to sign up for our Bus Trips. And we need to remind those who are going on our major trips, that they should consider getting their ski legs in shape by joining us on these day trips.

There will be four Bus Trips that are combined with the Lewis Club. They are all on Fridays to

Holiday Valley with a stop for dinner following our day of skiing. Dinner will be on your own in Ellicottville for three of the Friday day trips and, as a special treat on February 24, 2023, we will load the bus for home and stop in Geneva for dinner at a winery (the Grand River Cellars) where we have reserved a room. More information on all the day trips can be found on the SSC website and at other places in this newsletter.

We will be running a **fifth SSC mid-week trip**, on our own. We will be going to **Holimont on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Our day of skiing will finish with a fun, chili, cheese and wine & beer après ski party at the resort, sponsored by Suburban Ski Club. We already have four members volunteering to make chili. (This could become a competition!!) The bus will load at 6PM and return well-fed skiers to their pickup spot by approximately 9PM.



**!!!WARNING!!!**

We will need all who are interested in having the club continue one-day bus trips to **sign up early**. There are only 25 seats available to SSC members on the combined bus trips with the Lewis Ski Club. After that, skiers will be put on a waiting list. And we are especially concerned about getting a sufficient number of reservations for the Holimont trip since we will be doing that without Lewis Club skiers to increase our numbers.

The preferred method for making your reservation is to go online to the SSC website but you can also use the flyers found on the website and mail your reservation to Treasurer, Ann McBrian, with your check

*June Kelley*  
*june@suburbanskiclub.org*