

Ski Trails

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 Member

As I sit down to write this message, we have just returned from our club's one week trip to Steamboat Springs. We had great skiing conditions. Airplane connections on all four segments were a challenge, including luggage on the Denver to Cleveland segment, but United airlines and SCC figured it out. Many thanks to **Melinda Kellerstrass** for leading the trip and dealing with many curve balls.

There are **three remaining one day trips**. We are grateful to **June Kelley** for all her work in putting our bus trip schedule for this season. Please read her article on [page 7](#) for the details and availability on all three remaining bus trips. All trips have very interesting plans for apres ski dining that will surely add to your day of skiing.

Please read the brief **reports on our three major trips by the trip leaders** later in this newsletter, including a note on the just concluded Steamboat trip by Trip Leader **Melinda Kellerstrass** along with a photo of the group. **Joe Sullivan** is the Trip Leader for Killington and **Judi Fordyce** leads the trip to Sun Valley.

At the January Membership Meeting, approximately thirty-five members gathered for friendship and fellowship and to hear a speaker from the Western Reserve Historical Society talk about a Cleveland icon, the Hough Bakery. The presentation and photos awakened many memories and stories among those present.

Club Eat Around Town (EAT) events: **Patty Costigan** is our Social Director, and we need to thank her again for the wonderful Holiday Party she put together. Patty also coordinates our EAT program and she welcomes your suggestions. We initially thought we would take a three-month hiatus (Jan – March) from EATs during the

busy ski season. However, **Mary Ellen Noss** pointed out that there was a core group who would still welcome winter EATs. So, Mary Ellen organized a very successful one at the Bonefish Grill last month and she recruited **Cindy Bacon** to host one this month. So, we will end the month of February by gathering at **Georgetown in Lakewood on Tuesday, February 28th**. You will find the details on [page 3](#) in this newsletter.

Our next regular membership meeting is Thursday, Feb 9 at the Holiday Inn in Mayfield Heights. Nominations for 2023/2024 club officers will take place at that meeting. We are working on a speaker. Hope to see you there and please join us for dinner at Alfredo's before the meeting. at this meeting

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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), Mary Ellen Carras (2/15), Judy Ernest (2/14), Susan Evan (2/8), Jennie Haldi (2/16), Bill House (2/21), Melinda Kellerstrass (2/7), Bob Klass (2/13), Cliff Lewis (2/15), Joseph Mersnik (2/16), John Roberts (2/28), Beth Silverman (2/16), Mandy Stark (2/8), Ken Stark (2/15), Charlie Tardivo (2/16) and Andy Volchko (2/24)

[Editor's Note: Our President, Tracy Blake, and his wife, Vice President Beth Silverman share the same birthday – February 16th]

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- **SKIING:** Friday, February 3: Bus Trip to Holiday Valley
- **SKIING:** Tuesday, February 7: Bus Trip to Holimont

- **MEETING:** Thursday, February 9, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn
- **SKIING:** Sunday, February 12 – Saturday, February 18: Killington, Vermont
- **SKIING:** Friday, February 24: Bus Trip to Holiday Valley
- **EAT:** Tuesday, February 28, 5:15 PM: Georgetown in Lakewood
- **MEETING:** Thursday, March 9, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at the Holiday Inn
- **SKIING:** Sunday, March 11 – Sunday, March 18: Sun Valley, Idaho

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Thursday, February 9, 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. This is the annual Nominating Meeting for Club Officers and Board Members.

Tuesday, February 28, 5:15 PM: EAT at Georgetown in Lakewood

Cindy Bacon is our host for an EAT this month. She is inviting us to join her and Mark at **Georgetown in Lakewood on Tuesday, February 28th**. The address is 18515 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107. Phone: (216) 221-3500. Website for menu and other details: www.georgetownvosh.com

We will assemble at the bar at 5:15 PM for socializing and attitude adjustment. Dinner will be about 6:30 PM. A few years back we had an EAT at Georgetown and dined at tables on the patio. We will be inside this time.

Here is a description from their website:

Georgetown is an upscale American restaurant known for an elegant atmosphere, creative plates, and expertly crafted specialty cocktails. The award-winning patio is a Cleveland favorite in all seasons as it transitions from a lush greenscape in summer to a winter wonderland as heated dining igloos take over the patio as the temperatures fall.

Please make your reservations with Cindy by Tuesday, February 21st. Cindy's Email: cindykirmm@gmail.com

THE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2023

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

These SSC Members have just returned from a grand week in Steamboat:
Cindy Bacon, Mark Bacon, Carole Bailey, Gordon Blackburn, Tracy Blake, Sherry Clifton, Patty Costigan, Ron Friedberg, Greg Glova, Gregory Glova, Joyce Goldsmith, Bill Hersch, John Hersch, Ron Howard, Jan Jones, Melinda Kellerstrass, Bob Klass, Matt Klass, Bryan Knerr, Jane Leschnik, Patrick McPhillips, Lynn Miller, Wayne Miller, Stanley Sell, Beth Silverman, Robin Spooner, Bernie Stark, Ken Stark, Paul Stark and Carol Vandenberg



[Thanks to member Stanley Sell for our group photo.]

It may have taken us 18 hours and many flight changes, but we finally made it to Steamboat Springs. With record snowfall, we were greeted with lots of fresh powder. Look for a photo essay in next month's issue of [Ski Trails](#).

Melinda Kellerstrass, Trip Leader
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Killington, VT
February 12 – 18, 2023

The Killington trip will depart a week from Sunday with 34 SSC skiers looking forward to a great week of skiing in the northeast. In addition to the slopes at the “Beast of the East,” we will travel for a day of skiing at nearby Okemo.

Joe Sullivan, Trip Leader
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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.

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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
Jan 21-28	Saturday– Saturday	Steamboat Springs, Colorado	\$2,019	melinda@suburbanskiclub.org
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
Feb 12-18	Sunday- Saturday	Killington and Okemo, Vermont	\$1,550	joe@suburbanskiclub.org
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
Mar 11-18	Saturday– Saturday	Sun Valley, Idaho	\$2,640	judi@suburbanskiclub.org

Register online 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.



Hi Fellow Skiers,

We are right in the middle of our bus trip schedule and, as you can see, I am ready. We have three remaining trips and I want to invite you to join us.

The first is this **Friday, Feb 3rd** and it is nearly a sellout, but you may still be able to go online and make your reservation.

Go to www.suburbanskiclub.org

We will be stopping in Ellicottville on our way home for dinner at a restaurant of your choice.

Our second trip will be our only chance to ski **Holimont on Tuesday, Feb 7th**.

This is one of my favorite places to ski and enjoy the company of SSC members. The club is providing an apres-ski chili meal homemade by members of SSC.

Our third bus trip this month will be back to **Holiday Valley on Friday, Feb 24th**. For this trip we will be stopping at Grand River Cellars for dinner on the way home. This has always been a very popular ski day followed by a dinner at the winery.

Again, the easiest way to sign up for these trips is to go to the SSC website and make your reservation there. You will find all the details you will need about pickup locations, times etc. You can also find a trip flyer you can use to mail in your reservation if you prefer to do it that way. However, that process is via snail mail and has its limitations.

Please join us. I am looking forward to skiing with you.

June Kelley

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[EDITOR'S NOTE: Last month we ran the article below. We think it is very important and lets us know what to expect in 2024. So, we decided to print it again in this issue.]

SNEAK PREVIEW FOR 2024 SKI TRIPS



Hello SSC Skiers and Boarders.

As we begin another ski season, I thought I might share some exciting news with you regarding the 2024 season. You have all made it very apparent that you wanted to go to Big Sky. And when I spoke to the club a few months ago, I was very pessimistic about the prospect of putting together a trip there due to the high cost of lodging. But I did some more research and then discussed it with the Executive Board.

I am very happy to let you know that the club just signed up for a week, **Jan 20-27, 2024, at the Huntley Lodge in BIG SKY!** We will still need to wait a couple of months to get airfare and pricing on lift tickets, but the lodging is set. It will NOT be an economy trip, but it is far better than what I was being quoted last year. We will open registration once we have all the cost parameters in hand, and we are able to set a price for the trip.

News on two other possible major trips for 2024 will need to wait a few months. It is only the larger, more popular resorts (like Big Sky and Snowmass) that start booking more than a year in advance, so we will need to wait some time before lodging at most of those resorts is released for 2024. But as soon as we have something to announce, we will. I don't think you will be disappointed.

We moved the planning cycle considerably earlier for 2024 but I can tell you that it has definitely paid off for SSC and I am delighted we can satisfy the wishes of many of our members who wanted to go to Big Sky.

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