

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

April 2023

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

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



Dear SSC Members,

Another ski season has been completed in the northern hemisphere and my skis have been carefully stored after applying an off-season waxing. As we transition out of the 2023 ski season, we also introduce a new Executive Board for Suburban Ski Club with our March elections. I believe you have installed a very capable and enthusiastic Board for the 2023-24 season - and (after a hard-fought campaign!) I am excited to assume the role of your President.

For those who may not know me, I have been a skier since 11 years of age, starting on wooden skis with bear trap/non-release bindings and double lace leather boots – but I am happy to report that I have kept up with a few generations of equipment advancement over the decades.

I also have a long-standing history of participation in year-round outdoor activities including Nordic skiing, ice-hockey, wilderness camping/canoe tripping and tennis. Football (soccer for the American crowd) is also a love of mine, and although no longer playing or coaching, I continue to referee both High School and USSF games. Professionally my career included 35 years on Staff in Cardiology at the Cleveland Clinic, a position I retired from 5 years ago to free up more time to enjoy my avocational interests (see above).

But in addition to my biographical information, what is most important for this message is how I see the status and future of Suburban Ski Club. I believe the Club is in excellent condition thanks to the efforts of out-going President, **Tracy Blake** and the other Executive Board members. We are strong both membership-wise and in our fiscal position.

As we continue to emerge from the COVID epidemic and all the associated personal/social trials and adjustments, we look forward to an ongoing and enthusiastic return to SSC activities, on and off the snow. (Be sure to read the monthly Newsletters and check out the Club's web page for upcoming events.)

Looking to the 2024 ski season, we will once again be offering two western trips and an eastern trip. We will be going to **Big Sky, MT, January 20 - 27, Whitefish, MT, March 9 - 16, and Sunday River, ME, February 11 - 17.** The Executive Board is meeting this month to finalize details. We expect to announce pricing and all the other specifics in the June 1<sup>st</sup> newsletter. For now, you can anticipate that Big Sky's price will be the highest, Whitefish will fall in the middle range and Sunday River will offer its usual all-inclusive trip at the lowest price.

The Club will also be offering local day bus trips. Since the start of COVID participation in the day bus trips has been down but we were able to continue these outings via co-sponsorship with the Lewis Ski Club. A strategy we are likely to continue in 2024. We are also investigating alternate day bus trip options and we would like to be able to return to independently sponsored SSC trips based on the participation of our members. So, get involved and sign-up this season to demonstrate we can support our own bus.

As noted earlier our membership is solid at approximately 200 but our ongoing success depends on active members. The Executive Board is studying strategies to augment membership volume but, as always, the Club depends on current members to invite/promote membership. If you have a work colleague or social friend interested in skiing, invite them to participate in a club function and leave the planning/driving/flying to us – and be sure to point out to them the reduced cost for lift tickets and other expenses that come with our group rates.

Speaking of new members, we enthusiastically welcome: **Carl Femc** and **K.C. Flynn.**

As you read the following pages, be sure to check out the details of an EAT (Eat Around Town) on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, a report on the Tamburitzans show last month and an article and photo essay on our ski trip to Sun Valley in March.

Thanks for your time to read this message. I look forward to your support, input and involvement, but for now get outside and enjoy the Spring weather, until the snow flies again!

*Gordon Blackburn*  
[president@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:president@suburbanskiclub.org)



## ***MAY BIRTHDAYS***

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

**Mary Anthony (5/11), Larry Bach (5/7), Marilyn Daley (5/27), Madelynn DiCillo (5/26), Janell Ford-Coe (5/2), Joyce Goldsmith (5/31), Maggie Layman (5/13), Hal Leitch (5/4), Nancy Lukens (5/6), Pat Mineur (5/4), Kim Palombo (5/18), Kyra Perry Rothenberg (5/24), Randall Shorr (5/3), Sue Siefert (5/21), Steve Szilagyi (5/18), Therese Telzrow (5/3), Joe Toner (5/22), Kody Urig (5/18) and Sally Young (5/16)**

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

- **EAT:** Monday, May 22, 5:15 PM: Wild Mango in Legacy Village, Lyndhurst

## ***UPCOMING EVENT IN MORE DETAIL***

**Monday, May 22, 5:15 PM: EAT at Wild Mango in Legacy Village, Lyndhurst**

Wild Mango is at 25385 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst, OH 44124. Phone: (216) 716-8001  
Website for menu and other details: [www.wildmangorestaurant.com](http://www.wildmangorestaurant.com)

We will assemble at the bar at 5:15 PM for socializing and attitude adjustment. Dinner will be about 6:30 PM.

Here is a description from their website:

*Wild Mango offers multi-culturally influenced cuisine with an eclectic twist. The extensive dinner menu offers many variations on Asian and Continental dishes, taking the fresh ingredients to new heights. Entrees are designed to stimulate all of a diner's senses, not just the appetite, and are "built" with detailed attention to simple yet elegant presentation.*

Please contact **Patty Costigan** before Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to make your reservation:  
[pcostig@gmail.com](mailto:pcostig@gmail.com) or (330) 836-0381

## ***A WONDERFUL SHOW***

On Sunday Afternoon, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, a group of SSC members saw the famous Taburtizans perform at the Breen Center. Former SSC President, **Chris Wolf**, organized the event. An additional treat was to see SSC member **Greg Glova's daughter, Lexi**, perform with the group.



**Nancy Wolf, Lexi Glova and Chris Wolf**



**Lexi and her Dad, Greg Glova**





Some of the SSC members went out for dinner at the Hofbrauhaus after the show. Clockwise around the table: **Ann McBrian, Bill Littell, Michele Boin, June Kelley, Patty Costigan, Betsy Wolf, Jason Chao, George Bakale, Margie Bakale and Barbara Brennan.**

## ***SUN VALLEY: MARCH 11 – 18, 2023***



**Front Row: Debbie Axelrod, Jan Jones, Nancy Lukens, John Hersch, ???, Mary Kay and Jack Binder, Jason Chao, Maggie Layman**

**Back Row: Ron Freidberg, Gordon Blackburn, Tom Lukens, Yuri Deglin, Joe Toner, ???, Miklos Gratzl, Patty Costigan, ???, Monica Castele, Cindy Ederer, Barb Quinn, Elaine Breiner, Ann McBrian, Larry Fordyce, Mike Tuason, Julia Rutkowski, Andy Volchko, Susan Armento, Mike Armento, Judi Fordyce, ???**

**Editor's Note:** Despite a lot of research and consultation with those on the trip, your editor could not identify everyone in the foregoing group photo and in the other photos in the following pages. And some may be misidentified. I apologize and beg forgiveness from those who were a mystery to me.



## Report from Trip Leader, Judi Fordyce



I can tell you Sun Valley is beautiful! Especially when the sun is shining. Especially when standing anywhere on a ridge line and looking all around. And the town of Ketchum is delightful. Full of wonderful restaurants and water holes. We visited many of both.

Our first day was mostly sunny and many of us had our initial experience with the ski runs at Sun Valley. They certainly are challenging! Hard to find a green run, that wasn't really a dark blue. Think long, and vertical. Some in the group were in heaven! Then we had snow, and foggy conditions for three days making for heavy wet snow that proved to be very challenging and tiring. Most (except the die-hards) took off at least one of those days, to see the town, snowshoe, cross country ski - or have a massage.

Many in the group joined the mountain tour on Monday morning and all enjoyed it. One day, the wind gusted up so high, that four sets of skis flew right off the ski racks on the outside of the gondola while it was making its way up the mountain. Unfortunately, one of those sets of skis belonged to **Andy Volchko**. Can you imagine getting out of the gondola and your skis are not there? Ski Patrol and others searched under the gondola but couldn't find them. However, at the base, a snowboarder had one of Andy's skis, which he had found on his way down. Can you picture skiing/boarding and seeing a ski come falling out of the sky? Patrollers said Andy would have to wait until spring for the other ski to reappear. [Editor's Note: Read the update following this report]

After an exhilarating day on the slopes, many in the group took to the outside hot tub, to soothe any achy muscles.

Each morning our group had a hot breakfast buffet in the lobby of the hotel. It was a great opportunity to make ski plans for the day.

Monday night was *Après* and Appetizers at the historic Pioneer Saloon. Lots of memorabilia decorated the walls. A good time was had by all, especially those who went on to visit other establishments, such as Grumpy's.

Thursday night was the group dinner at Gretchen's that had yummy food. A big thanks goes to **Patty Costigan** for arranging things.

Some people took time out to explore Ketchum, visiting stores, bookstores etc. While others took the bus or walked to the Sun Valley Village and looked around

there. And one night there was a concert in town. And then on Friday, most went out in celebration of St Patrick's day!

I need to give a big thank you to **Ann McBrian** for being the leader on the plane and shuttle bus portion of the trip since I traveled separately.

Sun Valley was a wonderful trip and I hope you will see evidence of that in the photos which follow.

*Judi Fordyce*

**From the Editor:** In the previous report from Judi Fordyce, you read about the problem with **Andy Volchko's** lost skis. Here is a note Andy wrote to [Ski Trails](#) with an update on what happened:

*I wanted to let you know that Sun Valley ski resort called me today and they have found my ski and are shipping it to me free of charge. They sent me a picture of the ski for me to see and claim. I thought you might add a footnote in the newsletter to let everyone know who showed concern about my lost ski. It is on its way home. Thanks to all. Andy Volchko*



The Mountain Tour Group





The Board of  
Directors,  
Clockwise:

**Ann McBrian,  
Judi Fordyce,  
Jan Jones, Julia  
Rutkowski,  
Cindy Ederer,  
Patty Costigan**



Front Row  
kneeling:  
**Debbie Axelrod  
and Jan Jones**

Back Row: **Judi  
Fordyce, Ron  
Friedberg,  
John Hersch,  
Dan & Monica  
Castele**





Clockwise:

**Andy  
Volchko,  
Mike Tuason,  
Gordon  
Blackburn,  
Julia  
Rutkowski,  
John Hersch,  
Ann McBrian**



From the left:

**Jan Jones,  
Elaine  
Breiner, Joe  
Toner, Barb  
Quinn**





Fuel for the  
Slopes –  
Clockwise:

**Andy Volchko,  
Debbie  
Axelrod, Jan  
Jones, Jason  
Chao, Mike  
Tuason,  
Gordon  
Blackburn**



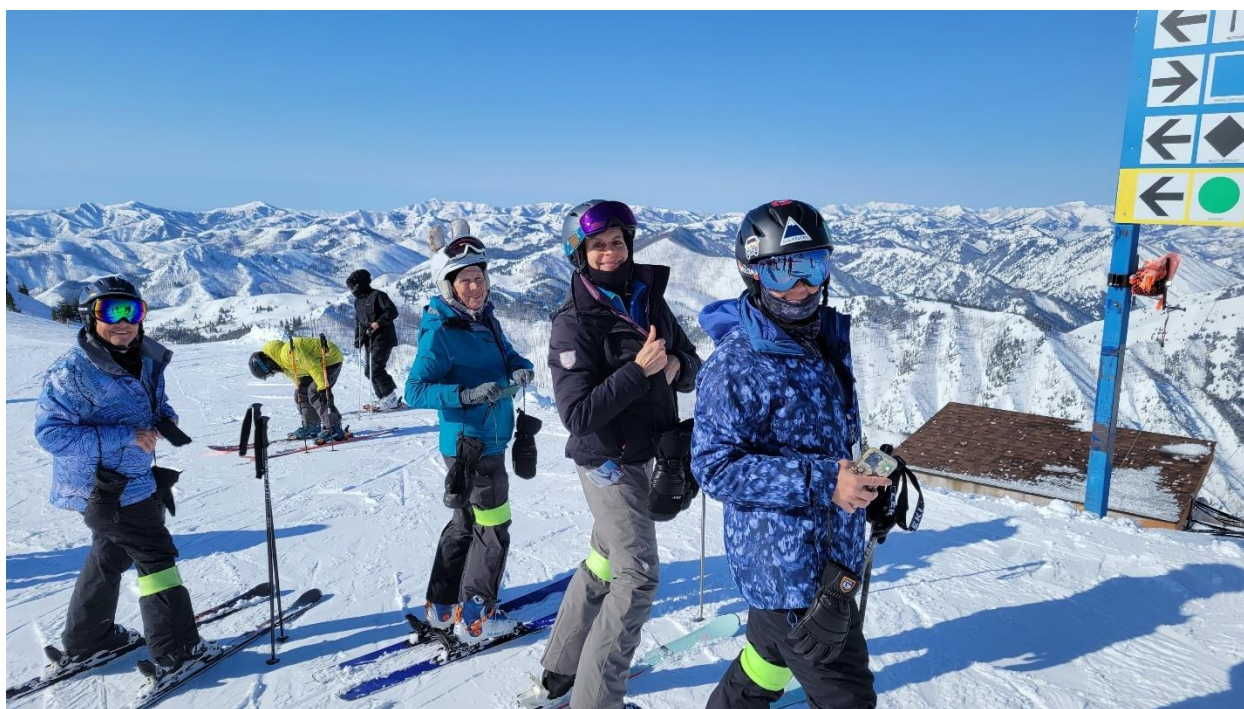
Clockwise:

**Elaine Breiner,  
Barb Quinn,  
Joe Toner, ???,  
???, Mike and  
Susan  
Armento, Tom  
Lukens, Nancy  
Lukens**





From the left: **Barb Cool, Janet Zeman, Joe Zeman, Therese Telzrow**



**Patty Costigan, Judi Fordyce, Cindy Ederer, Julia Rutkowski**





From the Left:

**Gordon  
Blackburn,  
John Hersch,  
Patrick  
McPhillips,  
Barb Quinn,  
Yuri Deglin**



Clockwise:

**Julia  
Rutkowski,  
Patty  
Costigan,  
Michael &  
Susan  
Armento,  
Ann  
McBrian,  
Cindy  
Ederer**





**Clockwise: Yuri Deglin, Patrick McPhillips, Miklos Gratzl, Andy Volchko, John Hersch, Julia Rutkowski, Ann McBrian, Cindy Ederer**



**Jan Jones and Julia Rutkowski toast a great trip**





And **Patty Costigan** volunteered to make sure everyone's luggage went home safely.