

Ski Trails

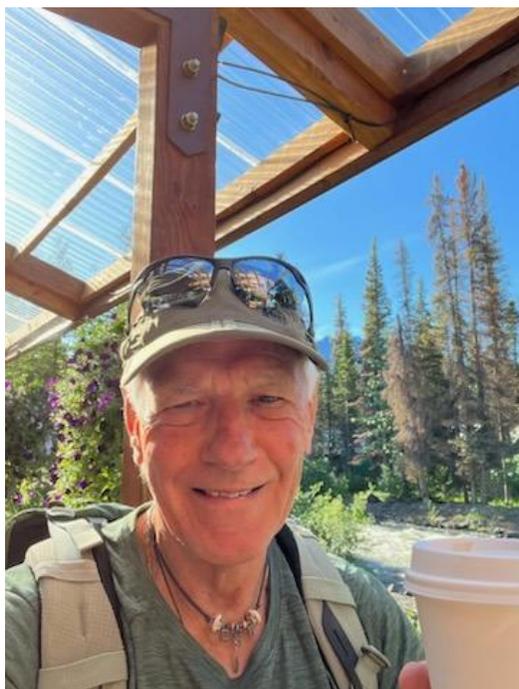
The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

July 2023

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

[**Editor's Note:** Our President is currently trekking in Alaska and writes to us from there.]



Dear SSC Members,

Small changes can make a big difference! Today I am four time zones ahead of CLE and a few degrees latitude north, in Anchorage, Alaska. The temperature here this morning is 49 degrees F with heavy rain. (My weather app says CLE will have a high in the mid 70's and a day of sun). Another huge difference is the amount of daylight here. I was in the Denali region for Summer Solstice: sunset was at 11:59 pm and sunrise was 3:48 - with a twilight period between each. That really messes with bedtime rituals and sleep patterns!

Despite the location and the season, I still have skiing on my mind. One of our guides is on Ski Patrol at Alyeska (the major ski resort in Alaska) and she took us out there for a tour and hike. It looks like a very challenging ski area with a fantastic but isolated lodge.

And I am also thinking about the 2024 skiing program for our club. Based on the last update I received, Suburban's major ski trips have been filling well. The January trip to Big Sky is sold out, but we are starting a waiting list. We still have openings for the eastern trip to Sunday River in February and to Whitefish in March. Please be sure you do not procrastinate if you want to go on these trips. Why do I mention this in July when the trips aren't until early 2024? Well, these trips have just been advertised outside of SSC and now non-members can join the club and make a reservation. We want to include as many of you current Suburban members on these trips as possible. So, to be sure you get the trip you want, don't delay your registration.

In this newsletter you will find articles on each of the three major trips by the Trip Leaders and you can also see the [trip flyers for each of the trips attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter.](#)

We all need to thank **Judi Fordyce** for her incredible work on setting up the two western trips. Judi has recruited **Ann McBrian** to be the Trip Leader for Big Sky and **June Kelley** for Whitefish. **Joe Sullivan** again leads the eastern trip.

A reminder too that although we're not currently skiing, Suburban has an active social calendar year-round with EATs and other get togethers. **Patty Costigan** organized an EAT last month and has one scheduled for July. Check the later pages of this newsletter for details. If you would like to host an EAT event at a favorite spot or have an idea for a summer social outing, contact Patty.

The Executive Board continues to meet and discuss club business. Of course, a major topic is the bus trip schedule and final details for our skiing program in 2024. Monthly membership meetings resume in September.

We have two new members to welcome to the club: **Jim and Margie Bashaw**. We hope to see you on the slopes in 2024 and perhaps earlier at our social events and fall membership meetings.

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy 4th along with a bang-up summer.

Gordon Blackburn
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following members born in July. 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.

Debbie Axelrod (7/12), Margie Bakale (7/27), Barbara Brennan (7/21), Jason Chao (7/18), Jerry Golinski (7/9), John Hersch (7/29), Bruce Hofius (7/28), Ron Howard (7/31), Matt Kacik (7/1), Billie Kennedy(7/9), Eric Kless (7/8),

Sue Kohout (7/14), Denise Lincoln (7/16), Becky Marx (7/17), Russ Marx (7/14), Barb Nagle (7/1), Linda Nash (7/27), Michael Rabe (7/22), Neal Rains (7/26), Elaine Roth (7/20), Cori Seifert(7/1), Richard Soltesz (7/26), Jim Strain (7/7), Diane Szilagyi (7/10) and Tracy Williams (7/29)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- ***EAT:*** Monday, July 24, 5:15 PM Blue Canyon Kitchen and Tavern, Twinsburg
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, September 12, 7:00 PM: First Membership Meeting of the Season: Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village (subsequent meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month throughout the season)
- ***SKIING:*** Saturday, January 20 - Saturday, January 27, 2024: Big Sky, Montana
- ***SKIING:*** Sunday, February 11 - Saturday, February 17, 2024: Sunday River, Maine
- ***SKIING:*** Saturday, March 9 - Saturday, March 16, 2024: Whitefish, Montana

COMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Monday, July 24, 5:15 PM: EAT at Blue Canyon Kitchen and Tavern, Twinsburg
Blue Canyon is located at 8960 Wilcox Dr, Twinsburg, OH 44087. Phone: (330) 486-2583. Check out the menu at: www.bluecanyonrestaurant.com

We will assemble at the bar at 5:15 PM for socializing and attitude adjustment. Dinner will be about 6:30 PM. Happy Hour is from 4:00 – 5:30 PM. Weather permitting, we will dine on their patio.

Here is how Blue Canyon describes their unique restaurant on their website:
Sitting across a sandstone bluff that overlooks gorgeous views of wooded rolling landscapes of Northeast Ohio, Blue Canyon Restaurant offers an unparalleled rustic, cozy atmosphere. The restaurants design was inspired by the grand lodges located throughout the national parks of the United States.

Please contact **Patty Costigan** by Friday, July 21st to make your reservation:
pcostig@gmail.com or (330) 836-0381

Happy Diners from our June 19 EAT on the patio at Square 22 in Strongsville:



Seated clockwise are **Holly Kaskey, Mike Rabe, Susan & John Hersch, Patty Costigan, Terrie Leske and Sue Kohout.** The empty seat belongs to the photographer, **Casey Kaskey.**

Please Note: Our Social Director, **Patty Costigan**, is always looking for ideas for EATs and other social activities. You will find her contact information above.

THE THREE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2024

Brief reports from the Trip Leaders of our three major trips follow. As we move closer to the trip dates, there will be more reports from the leaders with the status of each trip and additional details.



Big Sky, Montana

Saturday, Jan 20 – Saturday Jan 27, 2024

This trip to Big Sky is SOLD OUT. As you know, Big Sky was very stringent about how long they would allow us to keep our block of reserved rooms and we needed to act by the end of June. I want to thank everyone for "thinking snow" in early summer and getting our block filled so quickly.

If you hesitated in signing up for this trip and missed your opportunity, you should know that you can be put on a waiting list. There is always a chance (especially with making reservations so far in advance) that a vacancy will pop up. So please do not hesitate to let me know if you are interested in being put on the waitlist.

Ann McBrian, Trip Leader
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Sunday River and Sugarloaf, Maine

Sunday, February 11 – Saturday, February 17, 2024

Last month we announced that the Eastern Trip (ET) for 2024 will be going back to what many consider their favorite New England resort -Sunday River. Added to that will be a day of skiing at Sugarloaf, which has been a big hit on our previous trips.

The ET is known for a week of skiing that is all-inclusive. Five hot Breakfasts and six buffet dinners are part of the package. We have always described the ET as a bargain trip and despite the rise in cost this year, we can still say that when we compare the price to our two other major trips, one at \$2100 and the other at \$2800.

We still have plenty of places and there is one waiting for you. However, as you read earlier, our major trips have just been announced to the skiing public and we expect non-SSC members to join our club and sign up for Sunday River. So, please act soon and join us in discovering the wonderful experiences this ET has waiting for you.

For details, check out the [trip flyer attached to the Email](#) that brought you this newsletter. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Joe Sullivan
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Whitefish, Montana

Saturday, March 9 – Saturday, March 16, 2024

This trip is filling up nicely and I invite you to join us. We still have nine spots left.

One of the studio rooms is still available. It has a full kitchen along with only one queen bed plus a sofa bed. There is an upgrade cost of \$42 for this studio. See the following photos. The standard rooms have two queen beds plus a microwave, mini fridge and coffee maker but no cooking options.

Make your reservation online at:

<https://www.sportsamerica.com/onlinedev/suburbanwhitefish>

Please contact me with any questions.

June Kelley, Trip Leader

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