

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

August 2023

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear SSC Members,

While I sit here preparing this message for the August 2023 issue of Ski Trails, we are experiencing some violent thunderstorms and the hottest day of the year to date is forecast for tomorrow - not conditions one typically associates with snow skiing. Although the snow here is several months away, Suburban Ski Club is very active. Both western ski trips (Big Sky and Whitefish) are a go, all spaces are filled and waiting lists have been started for both. (If you are contemplating going on either trip the sooner you get your name on the waiting list the better your chances of getting to go).

The Eastern Trip to Sunday River and Sugarloaf is also filling nicely and is anticipated to reach full capacity, as it typically does. Don't delay making your reservation and miss out on this "all-inclusive," attractively priced trip!

Ann McBrian is the Trip Leader for Big Sky, **June Kelley** for Whitefish and **Joe Sullivan** for Sunday River. Please see the reports by each of these leaders later in this newsletter. You will find the latest news for their trips along with information about how to contact them, how to get on the waiting lists for Big Sky and Whitefish and how to make your reservation for the Eastern Trip to Sunday River

Even though trip dates and locations have been set, these volunteer major-trip leaders are continuing to work diligently to coordinate details for air and ground transportation, accommodations, lift tickets, covered meals and social events all to

make your experience the best it can be. This is reflected in the flight rescheduling from the original carrier (United) to Southwestern for the Big Sky trip. This one change reduced travel expense by approximately \$456/person!

Thank you to major trip organizer **Judi Fordyce** and the three major trip leaders for all their time and effort to design and coordinate these trips!

Our **day trip schedule** is also being finalized and will be released soon. We will continue to share a bus with Lewis Club for three day trips this season but are continually re-evaluating this arrangement with hopes that increased participation will allow us to return to Suburban-only bus trips. We will also be adding some SSC member only bus trips utilizing a smaller bus. Watch the Club website and this newsletter for details and schedules for these trips.

A big shout out and “Thank You” to Day Trip Coordinator, **Holly Kaskey**, for all her efforts in putting this package together. The Executive Board will be meeting next week, and the bus trip schedule will be an item on the agenda. We hope to have a report from Holly in the September issue of Ski Trails.

Non-ski events are ongoing too! We just had a delightful evening EAT at Blue Canyon in Twinsburg this past week, thanks to the efforts of **Patty Costigan**, our Social Director. See the photo of the group in this newsletter along with the announcement of the **next EAT on Monday, August 28th**.

Remember this is your Club. It thrives and survives on the active volunteer participation of the members (**YOU!**). If you have an event you would like to host/coordinate...or even just to suggest an event you think would be fun for members, please contact Patty at social@suburbanskiclub.org or forward your suggestion to me at president@suburbanskiclub.org

And speaking of participation, our regular Club meetings will be resuming **September 14, 2023** (the second Thursday of the month). The first meeting is to be held at our usual place, [Alfredo's at the Holiday Inn](#), 780 Beta Drive (just east of I-271 at the Wilson Mills Road exit), [Mayfield Village](#). Many members come for dinner starting around 5:15 p.m., and our meetings begin at 7. The agenda and meeting details will be published in the September issue of Ski Trails.

(**Teaser Alert:** there may be some novel arrangements regarding the November Club meeting related to location/date/time. In fact, if you can find a photo in this newsletter of Executive Board Members, **Pat and Cliff Lewis**, you may get a hint of what is being considered for our November meeting. Watch for an announcement of this special meeting venue in the next issue of this newsletter.

I would like to welcome the newest members to Suburban Ski Club: **Esther DeTray, Neringa Nyznyk and Bob Poulson**. New members to the Club are our lifeline for continued success and enjoyment of skiing. Welcome these new members when you first meet them.

Overall, our club is in a very good state at this time and the future looks bright. To sustain and improve this position SSC depends on your active participation and club member growth. With these two points in mind, I will leave you with this final thought: **“Be a member bring a member.”**

Gordon Blackburn

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following members born in August. 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.

Mike Armento (8/6), Carole Bailey (8/26), Jack Binder (8/17), Douglas Ellis (8/13), Ned Finzer (8/23), Percy Finzer (8/7), Gregory S. Glova (8/12), Lori Harrison (8/14), Jane Leschnik (8/3), Wayne Miller (8/20), Mike Tuason (8/3), Ron Turk (8/25), Chris Ujcich (8/12), Mike Wagner (8/20), Betsy Wolf (8/11), Chris Wolf (8/25) and Jacki Zevenbergen (8/8)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- ***EAT:*** Monday, August 28, 5:15 PM Aaron and Moses Restaurant, Twinsburg
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, September 14, 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, August 28, 5:15 PM: EAT at the Aaron and Moses Restaurant in Twinsburg



The restaurant is located in the clubhouse of the Gleneagles golf course at 2615 Glenwood Drive, Twinsburg, OH 44087. Phone: (234) 212-9533. Website: www.aaronandmoses.com

We will assemble at the bar at 5:15 PM for socializing and attitude adjustment. Dinner will be about 6:30 PM. Weather permitting, we will dine on their patio overlooking the golf course.

The restaurant is said to be “a welcoming spot in the heart of Twinsburg to enjoy a memorable cocktail, some great conversation and a modern American dining experience.”

Please contact **Patty Costigan** by Friday, August 25th to make your reservation: pcostig@gmail.com or (330) 836-0381

Happy Diners from our July 24th EAT at the Blue Canyon:



Standing clockwise: **Fran Wesley, Jason Chao, Bill Littell, Gordon Blackburn, Patty Costigan, Cindy Ederer, and Michele Boim.** Seated clockwise: **Betsy Wolf, Mary Ellen Noss, Sue Evan and Michael Rabe.** Attending but missing from the picture, **Bill and Linda Hon, Jackie Otte and Sue Siefert.**

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.



This recent photo shows **Pat Lewis** (in the middle) and **Cliff Lewis** (on the right) at a table with an unidentified person. Can you guess what they are up to?

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.

The flyers for each major trip are attached to the Email that brought this newsletter.



Big Sky, Montana

Saturday, Jan 20 – Saturday Jan 27, 2024

Hello SSC Members,

As I reported to you earlier, the Big Sky trip is a go with thirty-one people registered. A waitlist is currently being compiled. If you want to be on the waitlist, follow this link: <https://www.sportsamerica.com/online/dev/suburbanbigsky>

I am looking forward to a fantastic fun filled week.

You may contact me at: treasurer@suburbanskiclub.org

Ann McBrian, Trip Leader



Sunday River and Sugarloaf, Maine

Sunday, February 11 – Saturday, February 17, 2024

When we announced the Eastern Trip (ET) for 2024 we told you we would 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.

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

Dear Fellow Skiers,

The club's Whitefish trip, March 9-16, 2024, filled up quickly this summer. I am grateful to all of you who responded so quickly in registering for the trip. Cancellations almost always happen, and I have started a waiting list. Don't be shy about putting your name on the list. There is no cost involved until you make your online reservation with Sports America.

There is a way to get on the trip immediately without going to the waiting. There is one more studio room available (for an additional charge) which has cooking facilities. Note that there is only one queen bed in the studio rooms, plus a sofa bed. Check out the photos of the studio below. The standard rooms do have a microwave, mini fridge and coffee maker, but no other cooking options.

I'm looking forward to a great western ski trip!! ❄️ ❄️ If you have any questions or want to be added to the waiting list, please contact me.

June Kelley, Trip Leader

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