

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

November 2023

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear SSC Members,

November is a month of “THANKFULNESS” and although we still have 3 weeks until Thanksgiving, I am already thankful that the Suburban Ski Club skiing agenda for 2023-24 season is finalized and looking great! You can see the **full 2024 Ski Schedule on page 7.**

All major trips are doing well. Both western trips, **Big Sky (Jan 20-27)** and **Whitefish (March 9-16)**, are at capacity with one exception with a spot for a woman that just opened on the Big Sky trip. There is a waiting list for both trips. The Eastern Trip to **Sunday River (Feb 11-17)** still has a few spots open, but

don't delay signing up and missing out on a great, all inclusive, ski-in/ski-out experience. See details for all three major trips in the **reports from the Trip Leaders on pages 8-10.**

As you will see in the schedule, our day trips are also finalized. This year we will offer two Holiday Valley Day trips on a bus that will be shared with Lewis Ski Club (Jan 12 and Feb 9). These trips will be on Fridays and there will be an apres ski dinner stop in Ellicottville.

We will also be offering three bus trips on a smaller bus that will be exclusively for SSC members. One of these trips on the smaller bus will be a novel **LADIES ONLY** ski outing to Holiday Valley on **President's Day, Monday, Feb 19, 2024**. See the **details on page 5** and watch for a flyer that is forthcoming. The other two trips on

the smaller bus will be on Wednesdays. **The Jan 31 trip goes to Peek ‘n Peak** and the **Feb 28 trip goes to Holiday Valley**.

There is an **article on pages 10-11 from our Bus Trip Coordinator, Holly Kaskey**. Please check it out for some additional information on our day trip program.

I want to thank all those who worked so hard putting together our 2024 Ski schedule: **Judi Fordyce**, Coordinator of Major Trips, **Ann McBrian**, **Joe Sullivan** and **June Kelley**, Trip Leaders for the major trips and **Holly Kaskey**, Coordinator of our day bus trips. Holly was assisted by **Beth Silverman** and former Bus Trip Coordinator, June Kelley.

Thanks also go to **Patty Costigan** for organizing an October 25th EAT at Houlihan’s in Westlake. You can see a photo of some of the happy diners later in this newsletter.

We are also grateful to **Beth Silverman** and her daughter, **Kate Johnson**, for once again producing a business card for our Club. The card is designed with a tent-like fold and the 2024 ski schedule is printed on the inside. They will be available at club meetings and on our ski trips.

Please remember that all SSC trips require current Club membership. If you have not renewed your membership for 2023-24 you have until Nov 15 to renew without incurring a late fee. Don’t procrastinate, go online today, and **renew your membership!** Memberships can also be renewed in person at the November SSC General Meeting. And you can do it the old-fashioned way by mailing a membership application and a check to Cliff Lewis. (An application is attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter.)

We have a fun kick-off to the season with an event on **Sunday Nov 12 @ 3:30 pm at the Akron Civic Theatre (182 S Main St, Akron, OH 44308)**. We are attending the Warren Miller ski film “All Time” and then, after the film, heading over to the Barley House for food and socialization. Tickets to the film are \$20 and can be coordinated through Ann McBrian (treasurer@suburbanskiclub.org) before Sunday, Nov 5 or you can purchase tickets at the door. I already have my ticket! There is more information later in this newsletter and an event flyer is attached.

Please note there is a **change to our November General Meeting**. We are not meeting on our usual 2nd Thursday of the month but on will meet on **Tuesday, November 14**. Not only is the date and time different but the location and the meeting format will be unique. Our meeting will be at the **North Coast Wine Club in Solon**. We will have some business to conduct but we will also have the opportunity to enjoy and learn about wine. There will be a presentation by an enologist and wine will be available for purchase and consumption. The Club will

provide a limited snack of pizza. Please **see the details on page 5** and plan to join us for this very special November Membership Meeting.

Secondary to cost constraints we are re-evaluating and looking to restructure the **Holiday Party for 2023**. The Executive Board is looking into alternatives that will keep participant costs affordable but still offer the opportunity for members to get together and share some Holiday Cheer. Proposals will be discussed at the next EB meeting, and we hope to have an announcement later this month.

We want to welcome some **new members** to Suburban Ski Club: **Kay Griffin, Jim Gross, Jeffery Gross, Michelle Gross** and **George Nosek**. We look forward to seeing you on the slopes and at our social events.

It's time to prepare for the upcoming ski season. Get the skis out of storage, tune them up (along with yourself), renew your membership and reacquaint yourself with fellow ski buddies. Hope to see you soon.

Gordon Blackburn

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following members born in November. 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.

Bob Anthony (11/2), Frank Bolon (11/25), Lainie Breiner (11/16), Janet Duden (11/24), Bob Kelly (11/14), Dona Kless (11/2), David Matousek (11/19), Patrick McPhillips (11/10), Patrick McPhillips Jr. (11/8), Jackie Otte (11/20), Russ Sebbio (11/29) and Eric Zelman (11/3)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- ***MEETING:*** Monday, November 6: Executive Board Meeting
- ***EVENT:*** Sunday, November 12, 3:30 PM: Warren Miller Movie. “All Time,” Akron Civic Theater
- ***MEETING:*** Tuesday, November 14, 5:30 PM: Special Membership Meeting, North Coast Wine Club, Solon
- ***SKIING:*** Monday, February 19, 2024 (Presidents’ Day) – a special “ladies only” trip to Holiday Valley

COMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Sunday, November 12, 3:30 PM: Warren Miller film, “All Time,” Akron Civic Theater

Suburban Ski Club is kicking off the 2024 ski season by attending this film. The film starts at 3:30 PM. Tickets are general admission at \$20 each. Parking is FREE. We will gather in the lobby at 2:45 PM so that we can try to sit together. Following the showing we will walk to the Barley House for some après film food and drink.

Attached to the Email that bought you this newsletter you will find a flyer for the event. Please see that doc for all the details including ways to purchase tickets. You will also find a link to the film trailer.

Please note that you only have a few days to order your tickets with me. I need to hear from you by **November 5**. If you are snail-mailing your check and reservation to me, please also contact me by phone or Email to let me know your order is in the mail.

Come and reminisce as you watch the film and follow that by sharing your memories at the Barley House with SSC friends. Hope to see you there.

Any questions, please contact me at treasurer@suburbanskiclub.org or (330) 618-8450

Ann McBrian

Tuesday, November 14, 5:30 PM: Special Membership Meeting at North Coast Wine Club, Solon



Date: November 14 (note this is not our usual second Thursday but the second Tuesday.)

Location: North Coast Wine Club; 30700 Bainbridge Rd, Unit C (parking and entrance at back of building); Solon, OH

Agenda:

5:30-6:15 pm: sample international award-winning wines from North Coast Winery with pizza provided by SSC.

6:15-6:45 pm: Presentation by Dave Sabo (Enologist/Owner of NCWC) on "Making of a Quality Wine"

6:45-8:30 pm: General Meeting

NOTE: Wine will be available for purchase by the bottle, to drink or take home, throughout the evening

Monday, February 19, 2024 (Presidents Day): a "LADIES ONLY" ski trip to Holiday Valley

This unique event is designed to introduce women to Suburban Ski Club. We call this day "Sips and Slopes" since it will feature champagne on the bus and an apres ski wine and cheese party. Although the idea is to attract non-member women to the trip, current women members can attend if they bring a non-member female friend or friends.

A trip flyer is in the works and will be available on our website and published in the next issue of Ski Trails. The flyer will have additional details about the trip and information on how to register.

For now, please give some thought on what you can do to promote this special event among your friends, relatives and co-workers.

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

[**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Last month **Cliff Lewis** wrote an article for this newsletter to assist you in renewing your club membership. You can renew the old-fashioned way by mailing your check and membership application to Cliff (a Membership Application is attached to the Email that brought this newsletter) - but you can also renew online. Here again is some of Cliff's advice to assist you with online renewal:

For most members, unless you joined or renewed in the last few months, it is time to renew your membership. You have until November 15 to renew at the \$20 rate. After that, the late-renewal rate is \$25. Note: If you have signed up for a major trip, it is a good idea to renew soon to give your trip leaders some peace of mind. You must be a member for the 2023-2024 season to go on trips.

Renewing on the Suburban Ski Club web site is easy. Just log in at <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/user>, then click on the Membership link in the menu (or go to <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/membership>). Near the top of the page, you will see an option to "Apply on-line here." Click on that to go to the renewal page. Scroll down on the next page to choose "Membership Renewal, \$20." Select that and click "Add to cart." On the next page, click on the Checkout button. Please contact me if you need assistance.

Cliff Lewis cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org



SOME OF THE GROUP ATTENDING THE OCTOBER 25TH EAT AT HOLIHAN'S IN WESTLAKE:

**Clockwise: Fran Wesley, Linda Nash,
Bill & Linda Hon, Alberta Payton,
Patty Costigan, Terrie Leske, Sue
Kohout, Sue Siefert and Joe Sullivan**



SUBURBAN SKI CLUB

2024 SKI SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	SKI AREA	COST	TRIP LEADER
Jan 12	Friday	Holiday Valley – Dinner in Ellicottville	\$115	TBD
Jan 20-27	Saturday–Saturday	Big Sky, Montana	\$1,191 + lift tickets	ann@suburbanskiclub.org
Jan 31	Wednesday	Peek ‘n Peak	\$125	TBD
Feb 9	Friday	Holiday Valley – Dinner in Ellicottville	\$115	TBD
Feb 11-17	Sunday-Saturday	Sunday River, Maine	\$1,650	joe@suburbanskiclub.org
Feb 19	Monday	Ladies-only Sips & Slopes, Holiday Valley (New members or current members who bring a friend)	\$150 + \$10 membership	TBD
Feb 28	Wednesday	Holiday Valley	\$125	TBD
Mar 9-16	Saturday–Saturday	Whitefish, Montana	\$2,100	june@suburbanskiclub.org

Register online www.suburbanskiclub.org

- Trips are for Suburban Ski Club members only. Dues for first-time members are \$10.00.
- Westside and eastside bus pickup locations. Please see the registration form for details.
- 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.

THE THREE MAJOR TRIPS FOR 2024

Reports from the Trip Leaders of our three major trips can be found on the following pages. Each month, 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. Flyers for each trip are available on SSC’s website: www.suburbanskiclub.org.



Big Sky, Montana

Saturday, Jan 20 – Saturday Jan 27, 2024

THE SNOW IS FALLING IN MONTANA! Eighty-one days until we arrive in Big Sky! Keep thinking snow!

We currently still have **a spot available for one female**. If you want that place, simply follow the link to the Sports America website listed below and make your reservation.

In addition, you can be put on the waiting list for any future spots that may open up by following that same link. You do not need to make a payment until you are notified that you have been assigned a spot on the trip. As I write this, there is one couple on the waiting list.

The trip price is \$1,919 but keep in mind this does not include the lift ticket. Lift tickets are purchased separately.

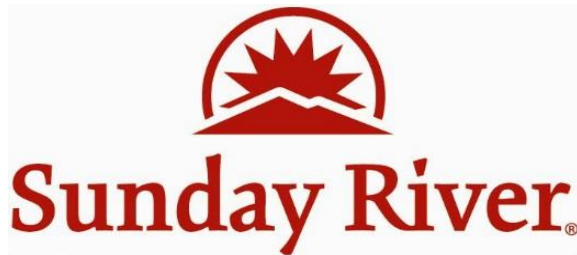
What does this trip include?

- Lodging at The Huntley Lodge – newly renovated double occupancy hotel room
- Check out the website for resort amenities: www.bigskyresort.com/huntley-lodge
- Round trip air fare CLE/BOZ – flights are with Southwest (no baggage fees).
- Ground transportation to and from the airport
- Baggage handling at the Huntley upon arrival and departure
- Delicious HOT breakfast each morning
- A fun filled week spent with SSC friends.

To make your reservation for the open spot or get on the waiting list, go to the Sports America's web site: www.sportsamerica.com/online/suburbanbigsky

You may also contact me: treasurer@suburbanskiclub.org

Ann McBrian, Trip Leader



Sunday River and Sugarloaf, Maine

Sunday, February 11 – Saturday, February 17, 2024

We are going back to what many consider their favorite Eastern Trip (ET) destination - 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 with an all-inclusive price. Five hot breakfasts and six dinners are part of the package. We have always described the ET as a bargain trip and despite the rise in cost over the years, we can still say that when we compare the price to our two other major trips and point out that meals are included.

We still have places available and there is one waiting for you. However, 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 Eastern Trip has waiting for you.

For details, see the trip flyer at the SSC Website: www.suburbanskiclub.org. Attached to that flyer is the reservation form for the trip. Please fill that out and snail mail it to me with your check. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Joe Sullivan

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Whitefish, Montana

Saturday, March 9 – Saturday, March 16, 2024

Our club's trip to Whitefish filled up quickly this summer. Thanks to all of you who responded so early in making your reservations.

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.

Any questions or to be added to the waiting list, please contact me:

june@suburbanskiclub.org

I'm looking forward to a great western ski trip!!

June Kelley, Trip Leader

SSC'S BUS TRIPS FOR 2024

Hello SSC Members,

I'm excited to announce that we've finalized the day bus trip schedule for the upcoming season. Please see the details found in the **schedule printed on page 7** and note that a few changes to the previously released tentative schedule have been made.

Two of our bus trips will be on a full-size bus to Holiday Valley with the Lewis Ski Club. They will be on Fridays (January 12 and February 9), and we will stop in Ellicottville for dinner before we head back home.

Pick up and drop off locations for these combined trips with Lewis will be:

Westside – Home Depot, Brook Park

Eastside – Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village

Far Eastside – Best Friends Restaurant, Geneva (Exit #18 on I90)

We are also happy to announce that we will be running two additional day trips on a smaller bus for SSC members only. These trips will be on Wednesdays. On January 31 we will go to Peek ‘n Peak (please note that a typo in an earlier schedule had this as a Holiday Valley trip) and on February 28 we go to Holiday Valley. This smaller bus accommodates a maximum of twenty-eight people, and it is our attempt to have a trip for SSC members without the risk of having to fill a large bus.

Pick up and drop off locations will be:

Westside – Lakewood Park, Lakewood

Eastside – Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village

Far Eastside – Best Friends Restaurant, Geneva (Exit #18 on I90)

The smaller bus will also be used for a “Ladies Only” trip on President’s Day, Monday, February 19. See the details earlier in this newsletter.

I am looking forward to all these trips. Please put them in your personal calendar and plan to join us. They are going to be a blast!

Holly Kaskey, Bus Trip Coordinator

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