

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

December 2023

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear SSC Members,

Today, I am recovering from a traditional, delightful and very filling Thanksgiving Day that included family, friends and too much good food. I hope all SSC members also had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and are now getting ready for the Holiday Season and the 2024 ski season. I am sure the recent snow has got us all excited and thinking about getting out on the slopes.

We're also coming off a very enjoyable and successful General Meeting that was held at the North Coast Wine Club in Solon on Tuesday, November 14th. The meeting was very well-attended, and the socialization was outstanding. The wine was award-

winning and the presentation on "Making a Good Wine" was very informative. If you missed this meeting, don't fret. Based on the feedback from members, we are likely to revisit there again next year. You can see some **photos from the meeting in the latter pages of this newsletter.**

Also, in November more than two dozen SSC members traveled down to Akron on Sunday, Nov. 12 for the screening of a Warren Miller film. It was titled "All Time" and was a retrospective on several of the great Miller films from the past. We are most grateful to **Ann McBrian** who did a great job in setting up the event for us. After the film, we walked a short distance to The Blarney House for some food and drink. See **photos of this afternoon and evening in Akron in the final pages of this newsletter.**

We are happy to announce that through the efforts of **Patty Costigan**, we have been able to arrange a **Holiday Party** at an attractive location and at a cost that is very

reasonable. We will be going to Mavis Winkle's Irish Pub in Twinsburg on **Saturday, December 16th**. See the details later in this newsletter in the "Coming Events" section on page 4 and in the flyer which follows.

Although we don't hold a General Meeting in December, Suburban has a full schedule of trips and events as we move into the New Year. Our major trips to Big Sky and Whitefish are currently full but stand-by lists are available. The Sunday River trip continues to add participants with a few slots still available....but don't delay signing-up and miss out on this great trip. There are reports in this newsletter from the Trip Leaders of our three major trips.

In addition to our major trips, we have a full slate of traditional, modified and novel day trips. These include:

- two Friday trips on a shared bus with Lewi Ski Club to Holiday Valley,
- two mid-week exclusive SSC trips to Holiday Valley or Peek 'n Peak on a 27 seat Platinum bus; you may recall this year we are assessing the use of a smaller bus to help the Club achieve the critical participant volume to ensure these Club trips are a "GO."
- a President's Day Monday trip to Holiday Valley exclusively for women....with a few novel twists of its own (see the flyer outlining the trip in the body of this newsletter). **See the trip flyer on page 7.**

You can find our **full 2024 Ski Schedule on page 6.**

All SSC trips are posted on the Suburban website and registration for day trips can be made on-line through the website. To go to the Club website, click on the link below or paste it into your search bar:

<https://www.suburbanskiclub.org>

You can also scan the QR code:



What else is new??? **Suburban Ski Club now has its own Instagram site.** You can see the posting by clicking on the link below....and if you already have an Instagram account, please consider 'liking' our post or re-posting some of the content to expand our exposure:

https://instagram.com/suburbanskiclub?igshid=YTQwZjQ0NmI0OA%3D%3D&utm_source=qr

We have another **unique meeting site for our first Membership Meeting in 2024 - Thursday, January 11th**. Please put it on your calendar. It will be in the Community Room of REI in the Pinecrest Mall and will feature a special presentation on cross-country skiing. You can find the details in the “Calendar of Events” in this newsletter, and we will remind you again in the January issue of Ski Trails.

I want to wish you all a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. I hope to see all of you at the December 16th Holiday Party and next year in January at our very special General Membership Meeting.

Gordon Blackburn
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following members born in December. 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.

Holly Kaskey (12/13), Lilly Kron (12/20), Kristi Miller (12/6), Matthew Moriarty (12/24), Pete Ronis (12/2), Carol Vandenberg (12/25) and Jeff Weiler (12/31)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- **EVENT:** Saturday, December 16, 5:00 PM: Holiday Party at Mavis Winkle's Irish Pub; 8870 Darrow Road; Twinsburg, OH 44087
- **MEETING:** Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7:00 PM: Special Membership Meeting in the Community Room at the REI store in Pinecrest Mall; 411 Park Ave, Suite 143; Beachwood, OH 44122.

- **SKIING:** Friday, January 12, 2024: Shared Bus to Holiday Valley with Lewis Ski Club and dinner in Ellicottville
- **SKIING:** Saturday, January 20 - Saturday, January 27, 2024: Big Sky, Montana
- **SKIING:** Wednesday, January 31, 2024: Small Bus to Peek ‘n Peak
- **MEETING:** Thursday, February 8, 2024, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at Holiday Inn, Mayfield Heights – Nominations for Club Officers
- **SKIING:** Friday, February 9, 2024: Shared Bus to Holiday Valley with Lewis Ski Club and dinner in Ellicottville
- **SKIING:** Sunday, February 11 - Saturday, February 17, 2024: Sunday River, Maine
- **SKIING:** Monday, February 19, 2024 (Presidents’ Day) – a Special “Ladies Only” trip to Holiday Valley for New Members
- **SKIING:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024: Small Bus to Holiday Valley
- **SKIING:** Saturday, March 9 - Saturday, March 16, 2024: Whitefish, Montana
- **MEETING:** Thursday, March 21, 2024, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting at Holiday Inn, Mayfield Heights – Election of Club Officers

COMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Saturday, December 16, 5:00 PM: Holiday Party at Mavis Winkle’s Irish Pub; 8870 Darrow Road; Twinsburg, OH 44087

The restaurant is close to the intersection of Rt. 91 (SOM Center Road) and I 480 in Twinsburg.

We will have a private party room and be able to select a dinner from an attractive list of five entrees that range in price from \$22 - \$28. You can see those selections in the flyer which follows on the next page.

Santa, or one of his elves, will make an appearance and help to distribute prizes won in a drawing. Of course, only good boys and girls will be eligible to receive a prize.

Suburban Ski Club's Holiday Party
Saturday, December 16, 2023, 5:00 PM



Please join us for our annual Holiday Party at

Mavis Winkle's Irish Pub; 8870 Darrow Road; Twinsburg, OH 44087

We will gather for cocktails and socializing from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. There will be a CASH BAR where each guest opens and pays for their own tab. At the end of the cocktail period, we will move to our tables to order dinners. Everyone should be able to find something to please their palate among the **five entre choices**:

Wine Braised Short Ribs with mashed potatoes and vegetable, \$29

Grilled Salmon, with rice pilaf & vegetable of the day, \$25

Lemon Chicken in a lemon butter sauce, mashed potatoes and vegetable, \$23

Penne Pasta Primavera, \$22

Pork Schnitzel with caramelized onion, spaetzle and brown gravy \$22

All entrées include salad and beverage choice of Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Soda [25% added to each check for gratuity, tax and service fee]

PRIZES: As has been the custom at our annual Holiday Party, there will be a drawing for many valuable prizes.

Please make your reservations by December 11th with **Patty Costigan**: (330) 836-0381 or pcostig@gmail.com . Patty will also answer your questions.

Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7:00 PM: Special Membership Meeting in the CommunityRoom at the REI Store; Pinecrest Mall; 411 Park Ave, Suite 143; Beachwood, OH 44122. Take the Harvard Road Exit off I 277.

You may want to visit the Pinecrest Mall for dinner or to do a little scouting and shopping in the REI store before the 7:00 PM meeting. We have the room until 9:00 PM when the store closes.

The featured speaker at the meeting will be our own President, **Gordon Blackburn**. His subject will be **Cross Country Skiing: Techniques and Equipment**.



SUBURBAN SKI CLUB 2024 SKI SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	SKI AREA	COST
Jan 12	Friday	Holiday Valley – Dinner in Ellicottville	\$115
Jan 20-27	Saturday–Saturday	Big Sky, Montana	\$1,919 + lift tickets
Jan 31	Wednesday	Peek’n Peak	\$125
Feb 9	Friday	Holiday Valley – Dinner in Ellicottville	\$115
Feb 11-17	Sunday-Saturday	Sunday River, Maine	\$1,650
Feb 19	Monday – Presidents Day	Ladies-only Sips & Slopes, Holiday Valley (New members or current members who bring a friend)	\$150 + \$10 membership
Feb 28	Wednesday	Holiday Valley	\$125
Mar 9-16	Saturday–Saturday	Whitefish, Montana	\$2,100

Sips and Slopes

MONDAY, FEB 19, 2024 (PRESIDENT'S DAY) TO HOLIDAY VALLEY

Unforgettable Journey

Embark on a stress-free women-only, private Platinum party bus ride from Cleveland to Holiday Valley Resort in NY. Connect with 25 amazing women, each bringing their ski/boarding gear for an unforgettable day on the slopes.

The Ultimate Experience

Kick off the day with an on-boarding flute of champagne, breaking the ice for a day filled with fun and laughter. Relax on the bus, make new friends, revive old connections, or catch up on some well-deserved rest with your noise-canceling headphones.

Slopes, Wine, and Cheese

Arrive at Holiday Valley Resort and receive an all-day lift ticket to conquer the best runs in the area. For those without equipment, convenient ski and board rentals are available on-site (rental cost not included). After an exhilarating day on the slopes, gather for a slope-side wine and cheese party to share stories and deepen friendships.



Seize the Slopes - Secure Your Spot!

The entire package, including the private Platinum party bus, on-boarding champagne, discounted all-day lift ticket, slope-side wine and cheese party, and the joy of this event, is yours for only \$150. Plus, for new members, there's a \$10 Suburban Ski Club first-year membership fee, unlocking access to other exciting day trips for the season.

Special Offer for Current Members:

Existing members can join the fun too! For just \$150, current members can participate, as long as accompanied by a new member. No additional fee for current members.

How to Sign Up:

Visit the SSC website or check future editions of Ski Trails for sign-up details. Flyers will also be distributed. If you'd like to share flyers with friends or at your workplace, contact us at suburbanskiclub.org

Don't miss this chance to create lasting memories on the slopes! Join the Suburban Ski Club for an adventure that combines thrills, friendship, and relaxation.



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

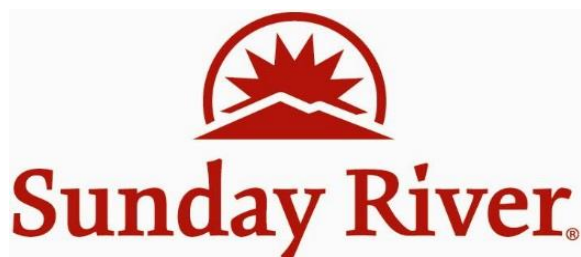
THE SNOW IS FALLING IN MONTANA! Big Sky officially opened on November 22nd. The lifts are spinning, and we will be taking it all in when we arrive in just 51 days!

The trip is full but there are still possibilities of cancelations. I currently have two people traveling together on the wait list. There are no costs involved to be put on the wait list, so please do not hesitate.

You may contact me with any questions at treasurer@suburbanskiclub.org

Keep thinking snow!

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 at 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 discover 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 if you would like me to Email you a flyer and reservation form or if you have any questions.

Joe Sullivan

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Whitefish, Montana

Saturday, March 9 – Saturday, March 16, 2024

Dear Fellow Skiers,

Our club's Whitefish trip, March 9-16, 2024, is completely filled.

I have started a waiting list in case of cancellations. There are usually unforeseen circumstances that cause people to cancel. There is no cost involved for you to put your name on the waiting list and I encourage you to get on the list if you are interested in Whitefish. If you have any questions or want to be added to the waiting list, please contact me.

I am now in the process of setting up a midweek excursion to Glacier National Park.

I'm looking forward to a great ski trip in Montana!!

June Kelley, Trip Leader
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SSC'S BUS TRIPS FOR 2024

Hello SSC Members,

We have five fun-filled day trips planned for 2024! Four are available to all SSC members while one is a special "ladies only" trip for new members. Please see the details found in the **Master Ski Schedule for 2024 printed on page 6.**

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. A morning snack will be provided on the bus.

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 will also be running **two additional day trips on a unique smaller bus** for SSC members only. These trips will be on Wednesdays. On January 31st we will go to Peek ‘n Peak and on February 28th we travel 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 for the smaller bus 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**.

Flyers for each of our bus trips are currently being prepared and will be available shortly. These flyers will contain all the details you will need. Those details can be found on our website as well. However, the flyers will contain a **reservation form with instructions on how to register for a trip via snail mail**. We encourage online reservations and hope most of our members will reserve that way but for those who prefer sending in a check, we provide a way to do that.

I'm looking forward to all these trips. This recent cold weather has allowed the resorts to make snow. Please put the dates on your personal calendars and sign up soon! You don't want to miss out on all the fun and excellent opportunities to "warm up" for any other trips you may have planned!!

Holly Kaskey, Bus Trip Coordinator

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FINE WINE & GOOD FRIENDS = A WONDERFUL MEETING



Oenologist **Dave Sabo** of the North Coast Wine Club, spoke to us about “Making a Good Wine.”



Our President and Member of the North Coast Wine Club, **Gordon Blackburn**, was in his element conducting the business part of the meeting surrounded by some of his favorite things.

ON SUNDAY, NOV 14 WE WERE AT THE ICONIC AND HISTORIC CIVIC THEATER IN AKRON FOR A WARREN MILLER FILM





After the film, most of the movie goers went to The Blarney House for dinner and drinks. Around the table clockwise are **Ned Finzer, Mark Bacon, Cindy Bacon, Joe Sullivan, June Kelley, Michele Boin, Bill Littell, Mike Tuason, Lori Katona (hidden), Sue & Jeff Weiler, Jan Jones, Gordon Blackburn, Ann McBrian, Linda Nash, Percy Finzer, Carol Vandenberg and John Hersch**