

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

January 2024

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear SSC Members,

Happy New Year to all Suburban Ski Club members and welcome to a new and exciting season of skiing! 2024, being a Leap Year provides us all with the opportunity for one additional day of skiing.

I hope everyone found the time over the Holiday Season to pull your ski equipment out of storage and have had your skis tuned and ready to go. If you enjoyed the Holiday treats as much as I did, I also hope you have tried on all your ski apparel to ensure it hasn't "shrunk" over the year and is "fit" for another season.

Speaking of enjoying the Holidays I want to recognize and thank **Patty Costigan** who coordinated a fun-filled Holiday Party for the Club at Mavis Winkle's in Twinsburg on December 16th. I also want to thank **Ann McBrian** who did her usual great job of providing multiple gift certificates. Almost half the attendees went home with a prize. The party was well attended and in typical Suburban Ski Club fashion, members strengthened old friendships and created new ones throughout the evening.

Looking ahead into 2024, Suburban Ski Club is providing another packed season of skiing and social opportunities that includes our traditional major trips and day trips... with some new twists:

- Shared big bus day trips with LEWIS Ski Club to Holiday Valley
- Smaller Platinum day bus trips to Holiday Valley and Peek'n Peak
- Ladies Only Platinum bus day trip to Holiday Valley (see the report by Bus Trip Coordinator, **Holly Kaskey**, later in these pages)
- Major trips to Big Sky, Sunday River and Whitefish (see reports by the leaders of these major trips later in the newsletter)

All Suburban Ski Club trips (with available openings) can be registered for online at the Suburban Ski Club website: <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org>. BUT remember, seats are limited for every trip so sign-up early to avoid being locked out and missing the fun and activity on and off the snow.



Scan to go to Suburban Ski Club website

While we strongly recommend signing up for trips via our website, there are **flyers available** for you to use to mail in your reservation. They are **attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter**. However, you should know that while you can make an instant reservation online, your mailed-in reservation will take longer and runs the risk of seats no longer being available.

For your convenience there is another attachment to the email that brought this newsletter. This is a **one-page summary of our 2024 Ski Schedule**. You can find dates, ski areas, prices and Trip Leader contact information for bus trips and major trips all in one place. You may want to print out a copy for your reference.

Now that we are in January, the regular General Membership meetings will resume this month, but will NOT be at the usual location. Here are the details:

DATE: Thursday, January 11, 2024

TIME: 7-9 pm

LOCATION: Community Room at the REI store in Pinecrest Mall

(Take Harvard Rd exit off Hwy 27. REI is diagonally across from Whole Foods)

Free parking in behind the REI store

SPECIAL PRESENTATION by Gordon Blackburn: “Cross Country Skiing Techniques and Equipment”

If you're interested in meeting to eat before the SSC meeting, plan to join fellow members at **5:30 pm** at **Kitchen Social** at Pinecrest, 211 Park Ave, Beachwood, OH (a 45 sec walk north of REI on the main drag of Pinecrest).

We want to welcome some **new members** to Suburban Ski Club: **Jackie Caputo, Scott Emick, Cindy Frabotta, Steven Friedman, Carol Snyderwine, Anne Spadaro** and **Mike Varley**. We look forward to seeing you on the slopes and at our social events.

See you at the meeting and on the slopes in 2024!

Gordon Blackburn

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to the following members born in January. 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.

Cindy Bacon (1/25), Jim Baker (1/15), Jane Carson (1/3), Dan Castele (1/11), Esther Detray (1/20), Carl Femc (1/6), Ron Friedberg (1/20), Nancy Ginsburg (1/10), Sandy Golinski (1/29), Jan Jones (1/8), Casey Kaskey (1/1), Terrie Leske (1/21), Ann McBrian (1/4), Neringa Nyznyk(1/16), Deb Volchko (1/15), Ronald Zackowski (1/29) and Janet Zema (1/23)

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- **MEETING:** Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 PM: Executive Board Meeting
- **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

Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7:00 PM: Special Membership Meeting in the Community Room 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 (see the recommendation earlier in the President's Message) 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**.

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

Are you ready! Start packing! There are only twenty days until we will be at Big Sky. The new Lone Peak Tram has opened for the season. Bluebird sunny skies and a great week of skiing with friends are only a few weeks away.

Don't forget about the pre-trip meeting being held at Simon's Restaurant in Brecksville on Monday January 15th @ 6:00. Please RSVP to me by the 10th if you have not yet done so.

You may contact me with any questions at 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 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 but don't procrastinate because we will soon have to give back the extra rooms in our block. 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 should have more details about that available shortly.

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,

As you know, 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 **2024 Master Ski Schedule**. **You can find that as an attachment to the Email that brought this newsletter.**

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.

NOTE: The Friday January 12th Holiday Valley trip is SOLD OUT. Contact June Kelley to get on the waiting list: june@suburbanskiclub.org.

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 #218 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 financial risk of having to pay for and 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 #218 on I90)

The smaller bus will also be used for a “Ladies Only” trip on President’s Day, Monday, February 19.

Flyers for each of our bus trips containing all the details you will need have been prepared. They were sent to you a short while ago in a special Email. They can also be found attached to the Email that brought this newsletter as well as on our website. These flyers contain a **reservation form with instructions on how to**

register for a trip by mail. We encourage online reservations and hope most of our members will reserve that way but for those who prefer sending in a check, please use the form.

Both Holiday Valley and Peek 'N Peak are now open. Please put our day trip dates on your personal calendars and sign up soon!

As we go to press, here is the latest status on our bus trips: While the Friday, January 12 trip to Holiday Valley with the Lewis Club is sold out, there is still room on the Wednesday, Jan 31 small bus trip to Peek 'N Peak for SSC members only. There is also room on the Friday, Feb 9 trip to Holiday Valley with Lewis on the larger bus and on the Wednesday, Feb 28 trip to Holiday Valley, again on the small bus for SSC members only. The special Ladies Day Trip on Monday, February 9 to Holiday Valley also has availability.

Sign up now so that you don't 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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