

# Ski Trails

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The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

July 2024

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

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***



Dear SSC Members,

It's hot, Hot, HOT right now and most of you are probably thinking BBQ, picnic and baseball versus snow skiing. Well, your Executive Board has the dexterity to address all these thoughts.

- **Patty Costigan**, your Social Director, is continuing to coordinate **EAT (Eat Around Town)** events all summer. (if you have a favorite dining spot you'd like to introduce to your Club members, please notify Patty at: [pcostig@gmail.com](mailto:pcostig@gmail.com) ). See Patty's plans for an August EAT on [page 3](#). Also see photos of the June EAT on [page 10](#).

- **Fran Wesley** has once again graciously offered her property on Lake Erie for an SSC **picnic on August 17** (Participation is limited and sign-up on the Club website is required to attend). Read all about it on [pages 5-6](#)

- **Dan Castele** (your newly elected VP) is finalizing plans for a **fulfilling sports and culinary event at a Guardian's baseball game in August**. This will include your ticket to the game, Club seating and all you can eat dining. (Alcohol is on you). Pre-registration for this event will be required and seating will be limited. Sign-up and payment will be on the Club website. Read Dan's article on [page 4](#).

All this is going on as registration for our major winter ski trips continues. Both the **Schweitzer trip (Jan 25-Feb 1, 2025)** and **Mt. Tremblant trip (Mar 8-15, 2025)** are at about **50% capacity within the first month of availability**. If you are considering either or both trips, don't delay and run the risk of being blocked out. To date, registration for these trips has been restricted to current SSC members BUT

as of today, July 1, 2024, both trips will become available to non SSC skiers and we are likely to reach full capacity well before any snow lands on the ski slopes.

**NOTE: a reminder to anyone who has signed-up for or is considering the Mt Tremblant trip:** a valid passport with at least 6 months until expiration is required to visit Canada. Check your passport now and take any necessary action to meet this requirement and avoid last-minute panic and disappointment. SSC can do a lot for its members, but fast-tracking passport renewal is not one of them.

The Executive Board is also gathering final information regarding a **multi-day bus trip in mid-Feb 2025, to Holiday Valley and a ski resort in the NY Finger Lakes region.** We plan to include a wine tasting tour.... if we can identify a winery with a big enough tasting area and an adequate amount of wine to accommodate Suburban skiers. Watch for more information on that trip.

The **Day Bus Trip schedule** to Ellicottville and Peak 'n Peek is also being finalized. This will include shared 'big' bus trips with the Lewis Ski Club along with SSC member only Platinum Executive Bus trips. Be sure to read the article on page 9 by **Holly Kaskey**, our Bus Trip Coordinator.

I also want to call your attention to a request from our hard-working webmaster, **Cliff Lewis**, on page 9. Cliff is wondering if there is anyone in the club with skills to assist him in reworking our website.

We have two new members to welcome to the club: **Dave Krause** and **Maria Krause**. We hope to see you on the slopes in 2025 and perhaps earlier at our social events and membership meetings.

This will be a busy summer and we will also look for to our exciting plans for the 2025 ski season. I hope to see you, and a friend, at one or more of the summer events, at our first Membership Meeting in September and, once the snow flies, back on the slopes again.

*Gordon Blackburn*  
[president@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:president@suburbanskiclub.org)



## ***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), Eric Kless (7/8), Sue Kohout (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), Jim Strain (7/7), Diane Szilagyi (7/10), Mike Varley (7/2), Tracy Williams (7/29)**

## ***CALENDAR AT A GLANCE***

- ***EAT:*** Monday, July 22, 5:15 PM: Olesia's Restaurant, Richfield
- ***MEETING:*** Tuesday, July 23: Executive Board Meeting
- ***EVENT:*** Tuesday, August 13: Guardians Baseball Game
- ***EVENT:*** Saturday, August 17, 3:00 PM: Summer Picnic
- ***MEETING:*** Thursday, September 12: First Membership Meeting of the Season

## ***COMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL***

### **Monday, July 22, 5:15 PM: EAT at Olesia's Taverne of Richfield**

Olesia's is located at 3960 Broadview Rd. Richfield, OH 44286. Phone: (234) 400-0288. Website: [www.olesiastaverne.com](http://www.olesiastaverne.com)

Olesia is Ukrainian and her restaurant has been described as a place "where fine dining meets Ukrainian flair with everything made from scratch in a restored historic 1886 tavern with an adjoining covered patio."

We have been there before and dined in the unique Speakeasy but this time we hope to have dinner on their patio if the weather permits. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM. As usual, we are meeting in the bar at 5:15 PM. Be aware that Happy Hour in the bar is only until 6:00 PM.

Please contact Patty Costigan at (330) 836-0381 or [pcostig@gmail.com](mailto:pcostig@gmail.com) by Friday, July 19 to make your reservation.

**Tuesday, August 13 : Cleveland Guardians Baseball Game**

**Come join us to cheer on our FIRST PLACE Cleveland Guardians!**

**WHAT:** Spend an evening with your SSC friends to cheer on our Guardians to victory over the Chicago Cubs

**WHEN:** Tuesday Evening August 13<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Progressive Field in the Discount Drug Mart Club – Club level seating along the first base line

**WHAT IS INCLUDED:**

1. Seating in the Club Level with a climate-controlled club lounge/dining area to retreat to in case of inclement weather
2. Buffet style all-you-can-eat food and non-alcoholic beverages. Great food variety – pastas, chicken, beef, salads, wraps, burgers/dogs/brats, pizza. Free peanuts/popcorn/ice cream all game long.
3. Beer/wine/mixed drinks available for extra cost

**PRICING:** \$77/ticket including all fees, taxes etc – NO HIDDEN COSTS

**TRANSPORTATION/PARKING:** Not included and would be up to your own resources. Prepaid parking passes in the adjacent garage are generally available from the Guardians for \$20 but would have to be purchased individually/separately and based on first come first served/availability.

Look for more information to come very shortly in a special Email. But for now, we want to gauge interest to determine the block of tickets we may need for our group. **Please send me an email if you are interested in this event.** This is not a commitment. We simply need to hear from you so that we can make our plans. So, I would appreciate it if you would do that right now.

After we know we have a working group, we will be providing more information and a link to the SSC website where you can make your reservation. Again, please let me hear from you NOW.

*Dan Castele*  
([djcastele@gmail.com](mailto:djcastele@gmail.com))

**Saturday, August 17, 3:00 PM: Summer Picnic on the Lake**

In the June newsletter we announced that Fran Wesley is again inviting us to a Summer Party at her home on Lake Erie. A few days later we followed that up with a special Email giving you all the details. If you have not already done so be sure to put the date on your calendar and go online to SSC's website to make your reservation.

The flyer for this event is attached to the Email that brought you this newsletter. We are also printing that flyer information below:

***Suburban Ski Club Picnic***



*Fran Wesley is inviting us to a summer picnic at her home.  
Come join fellow SSC members for a grand evening on Lake Erie.*

*Date and Time*

***Saturday, August 17 at 3PM to ?***  
*(Hope to see a great sunset)*

*Place Fran Wesley's Lakeside Home*  
***5029 E. Lake Road; Sheffield Lake, OH 44054***

*Casual Summer Attire Practice your corn hole skills*

*Club will supply hotdogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and bottled water.*

*Alcoholic beverages are BYOB.  
Please bring a potluck dish to share*

***Cost \$10 per person***



*Reserve and pay through Suburban Ski website using this link:  
<https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/summer-picnic-sat-aug-17>*

*Reservations due by August 12 and will cap at 36 people  
Please contact Patty Costigan with any questions:  
Phone 330-836-0381 Email [pcostig@gmail.com](mailto:pcostig@gmail.com)*

## **SSC'S 2025 SKIING PROGRAM**

Last month's newsletter provided the final details on our two major trips for 2025 along with a report on plans for bus trips and some information of trip insurance. What follows is an update.

The two major trips, Schweitzer in January and Mt Temblant in March, are all set and you can read the final details below. Those details are further expanded in the **flyers for both trips which you will find as attachments to the Email** that brought you this newsletter. Please download and print out a copy of each flyer. The good news is that **you can now go online to our tour operator, Sports America, and reserve your spot on each trip by using the provided link.**

In the following pages you will also find an article by **Holly Kaskey**, our Bus Trip Coordinator, with information on our plans for day trips in 2025.

### ***THE TWO MAJOR TRIPS***

While you should be sure to read the attached flyers for complete information on both major trips, here is a bird's eye view for each of them:



**SCHWEITZER, IDAHO  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025**

### **\$2,475 ski package includes:**

- Round-trip airfare on United Airlines, Cleveland-Spokane. Subtract \$497 if you book your own air
- Motor coach/shuttle from airport with a grocery/liquor store stop.
- 5-day lift ticket (80+ ski free) with an optional 6<sup>th</sup> day for \$130. Deduct \$650 for IKON pass holders.
- Ski in/ski out lodging at Selkirk Lodge (hotel room) for 7 nights. Price based on two per room. Single occupancy room available upon request for \$1,023.
- Pre-trip meeting and a mid-week dinner
- Access to an outdoor swimming pool and hot tubs
- The local town of Sandpoint, Idaho is only 11 miles away and offers quaint shops, great restaurants, local craft breweries, artist studios and more. Free rides on the SPOT shuttle are provided.

To reserve your spot, visit:

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

**QUESTIONS? Contact Trip Leader: Ann McBrian 330-618-8450 or [Mcbriana@gmail.com](mailto:Mcbriana@gmail.com)**



## **Mt Tremblant, Canada**

**Saturday, March 8 – Saturday, March 15, 2025**

### **\$2,375 Package Includes:**

- Round-trip airfare (Cleveland-Montreal). Subtract \$628 if you book your own air.
- Ground transportation between airport and lodging when you fly with the group.
- Suite at Sommet des Neiges, just 300 feet from the main gondola. Suites include two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a full kitchen. Package price is based on two people per bedroom. For a bedroom of your own, add \$1,190.

- Five-day lift ticket. If you have an Ikon pass, subtract \$318. (4-Day and 6-Day lift tickets also available when you register.)
- To reserve your spot, visit [Group Registration: Suburban Ski Club \(sportsamerica.com\)](http://sportsamerica.com)

Questions? Contact Trip Leader **Dan Castele**: [daniel.castele@arcadis.com](mailto:daniel.castele@arcadis.com)



Hello Fellow Ski Enthusiasts,

I know it is hard to think of skiing when it is sweltering hot outside, but I want to update you and let you know that both our two week-long ski trips are starting to fill up!

For Schweitzer, we have seven rooms left, and for Mt Tremblant there are six rooms remaining. As a reminder, we are staying in hotel rooms at Schweitzer, and two-bedroom condos at Mt Tremblant.

On July 1, both trips will be advertised to the general skiing public and posted on the Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council web page. That means they will be open for non-Suburban Ski Club Members to make reservations. So, make sure you don't get left out. Sign up now before it is too late!

The **flyers for both trips are attached** to the Email that brought you this newsletter. In them you should find all the details you will need. But if have any questions on either trip, contact me OR the trip leader for each trip: **Ann McBrian** for Schweitzer, and **Dan Castele** and **Gordon Blackburn** for Mont Tremblant.

*Judi Fordyce*  
[juditravels@icloud.com](mailto:juditravels@icloud.com)



## ***THE 2025 BUS TRIPS***



Dear SSC Members,

While we are far from finalizing plans for our day trips next season, we do have some very tentative dates in mind. As previously indicated, there will likely be two bus trips with Lewis Ski Club to Holiday Valley. Our tentative dates are Friday, January 17th, and Friday, February 14th or 21st. As in the past, we anticipate having apres ski dinners in town on these Friday trips, before heading home.

We also plan to offer a day trip on the smaller bus (Platinum Party Bus), for SSC members only, likely mid-week, maybe on a Wednesday or Thursday. The date for this trip will depend on our dates with Lewis and our two week-long trips. The Platinum bus accommodates a maximum of 28 people.

Additionally, a multi-day bus trip to New York is still under consideration. We are targeting mid to late February for this ski trip and may potentially include an optional wine tasting day/afternoon.

We will keep you updated in future newsletters with details as they become available. I'm excited about getting a great schedule together for next winter!

*Holly Kaskey, Bus Trip Coordinator*  
[holly@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:holly@suburbanskiclub.org)

## ***A REQUEST FROM OUR WEBMASTER, CLIFF LEWIS***

I am working on upgrading the Suburban Ski Club website to Drupal 10 from the soon-to-be-obsolete Drupal 7 software. It is a major upgrade that requires building a new site essentially from scratch and transferring data from the old site. Although much of the data conversion is supposed to be automated, it is proving to be difficult, time consuming, and incomplete. If any of our members are familiar with how this sort of thing is done, I would appreciate your help. Please contact me at [cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org](mailto:cliffskier@suburbanskiclub.org).

## ***THE EAT AT BLUE CANYON***

They braved the sweltering temps and astronomical humidity to enjoy a wonderful evening of dinner and socializing at the lovely rustic setting at Blue Canyon on June 17th. Plans for al fresco dining on the patio were thwarted by the heat but they made a smooth transition to indoor tables.



Here at Table 1 are (clockwise) **Cindy Ederer (Happy Birthday!), Judi Fordyce, Jason Chao, Betsy Wolf, Brad Carleton, Patty Costigan (EAT Coordinator)** and **Fran Wesley**.



At Table 2 (clockwise): **Sue Kohout, Mary Ellen Noss, Sue Evan, Donna Stefano and Terrie Leske.**