

Ski Trails

The quarterly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello SSC Members,



Summer is officially behind us, and we are in full swing into our autumn gigs with football, baseball playoffs (Go Guards!), hockey (Go Habs), and of course SKI SEASON! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer full of activities that kept you busy. Our Club certainly contributed to the joys of summer with several bike trips, a baseball game, a golf outing, our famed Eat Around Town (EAT) events, a night at the theatre, our annual summer picnic, and even a return to the beloved clam bake. There truly was something for just about everyone to

keep in touch throughout the summer months. Look for some brief summaries and photos of some of your favorite SSC members caught by the camera later in this newsletter.

We have a tremendous ski program planned for the 2027 and 2028 ski seasons. Our week-long major trips are selling very well with limited space available. If you have not been able to grab a spot on one of our trips ... do not fret ... join the waitlist! There is a very good chance that we will be able to place you onto our trips either due to an unexpected cancellation or the acquisition of additional lodging. Wait listers are placed on a first come first served basis and there is no financial obligation until your spot is available. We are also planning our typical day trips to Holiday Valley and Holimont, and our eyes are set on an additional day trip to Seven Springs. Updates on the status of all our trips are provided later in this newsletter.

There are two pre-season events you can attend to get your alpine juices flowing in prep for the eventual snowfall. Brandywine is once again hosting their Ski Swap/Fall Festival in October and don't miss the annual Warren Miller film coming to the Akron Civic Center in November. Look for more details on these events later in this newsletter (see how we lure you into reading the full letter!).

As you see, we have and will continue to work hard to make the SSC Club a “club for all seasons”. Thank you all for your participation, camaraderie, and general fun creation. Without you none of us would have any fun at all. And special kudos to all who work behind the scenes to organize our trips and events that make SSC the place to be. Hope to see you all at some point this coming ski season.

Humbly yours,

Dan

El Presidente

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- **GENERAL CLUB MEETINGS**

Thursday, October 15, 7:00 PM
Geiger's in Chagrin Falls

Thursday November 19, 7:00 PM
Forest City Yacht Club

- **GOLF OUTING**

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course
Thursday, October 1, 10:00 AM

- **SKI/SWAP**

Brandywine Ski Resort
Friday-Sunday October 9-11

- **COLETTE SINGS**

Reithoffer's at Auburn Corners
Friday, October 9, 8:00-11:00 PM

- **WARREN MILLER FILM**

Akron Civic Center
Friday, November 20, 7:00 PM

- **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

In the Weeds, North Royalton
Saturday, December 5, 5:30 PM

Membership Renewal Period is Open Don't forget to renew your membership for the 2027 season before November 15th. Membership renewal is only \$20 and can be renewed on the SSC website. Don't forget to log into your account with your username and password first (upper left corner of the home page), then simply navigate to the "Membership" page from the directory ribbon at the top of the home page.

Late renewals after November 15th are \$25. Very stiff penalty ... so please renew on time. And social memberships (for those no longer shooshing the slopes) are only \$10. What a bargain!

But wait There's more! New members who signed up after April 1, 2026, do not have to renew. Their membership is good through March 30, 2027. It just keeps getting better and better!

Membership Directory Access

Many have asked how do they access the on-line Membership Directory? You must first log into your account on the SSC website, then enter the super-secret password "ski2026". Please check to be sure your data is current. Let Barb Quinn (316bquinn@gmail.com) know of any updates needed. New members since January 1, 2026, may not yet be in the directory.

Welcome

Below is a list of new members and a few former members who have rejoined the Club. We look forward to getting to know the new members and getting reacquainted with those who are back.

George Privon
Lewis Privon
Cheryl Privon
Amy Ryan
William Ryan
Rachel Ryan
Arne Saupe
Welf Saupe
Randy Bierman
Diane Steinhilber
Jeff Steinhilber
Shawn Gatton

Beth Furlong
Kristi Johnson
Martha Brennan
Bill Burnard
Tatiana Carneeva
Jim Penning
Barry Fredrickson
Lisa Fredrickson
Karen Grelson
Eric Grelson
Joyce Goldsmith
Ricki Lynn Howey

2027 Major Ski Trip Destinations

Breckenridge, CO: Due to a cancellation, there is one spot open for a woman willing to share a room for this trip from **January 30-February 6**. There is a chance additional lodging accommodations may become available, so please join our waitlist. The base package is priced at **\$1,900** and includes 7-nights lodging at the Beaver Run Lodge, airfare, and ground transportation. Accommodations are on-mountain with ski-in/ski-out 2-bedroom/2-bath condos with four guests per condo.

Registration is through Sports America. See the flier attached to the email that brought you this newsletter for more details and a link to the Sports America registration portal.

Eastern Bus Trip – Stowe, VT: Our Eastern Bus Trip will be **February 21 – 26** to Stowe, Vermont. Base package pricing is set at \$1,285 and includes four nights lodging at the Cady Hill Lodge in Stowe and three days skiing at Stowe Mountain with an added ski day at Okemo Mountain at the end of the week. A mid-week dinner will be held at the von Trapp Family Lodge. Our trip home will include one night lodging in Albany, NY.

This trip will be shared with the Chagrin Valley Ski Club (CVSC). This trip is currently **SOLD OUT**. But ... as we mentioned earlier, please join the waitlist. There is always a chance of a cancellation. Plus, any unsold seats initially held for the CVSC will be opened to the SSC after November 15th.

Registration will be through the SSC website. See the flier attached to the email that brought you this newsletter for more information and a link to the SSC website.

South Lake Tahoe, CA – Heavenly: Due to a cancellation, there is one spot open for a male willing to share a room for this trip from **March 6-13**. The base package is priced at \$2,150 and includes 7-nights lodging, airfare, and ground transportation. There is a daily breakfast option available for an additional cost. Accommodations are hotel style QQ rooms with two guests per room at the ski-in/ski-out Margaritaville Lake Tahoe resort on the California side. Registration is through Sports America. See the flier attached to the email that brought you this newsletter for more details and a link to the Sports America registration portal.

2028 Major Ski Trip Destinations

For the winter of 2028 we plan to return to IKON Pass resorts. We have a “first right of refusal” on lodging at the Snakedance Condominiums at the **Taos** ski resort in New Mexico for the week of **March 4-11, 2028**. No other details are available at this time, but we will be sure to pass information along as it develops.

We also are working with Sports America to visit Italy in 2028 on the IKON Pass to ski the renown **Dolomites**! No additional information is available for this trip, but timing will likely be late January or early February.

EPIC Pass Recommended

All three of these major trip destinations for the 2027 ski season are at Vail Resorts on the EPIC Pass. One pass will allow you to ski at all of these locations and more (including Boston Mills/Brandywine locally). Daily/weekly lift ticket rates are NOT YET available from these resorts (by their design) and historically end up MORE EXPENSIVE than buying an EPIC Pass ahead of time. EPIC Passes are on sale now and are cheaper the earlier that you purchase them. If you are interested in any or all of these trips, it is highly advised to purchase your EPIC Pass sooner than later. There are many pass options available depending on where and how often you plan to ski (ie just a few days at one EPIC resort only or multiple days at multiple EPIC resorts). You will receive a credit of 6.5% of the cost of the pass applied to ONE of our two trips with Sports America IF you purchase your EPIC Pass through Sports America. So the best value is to buy your pass early through Sports America to reap the greatest savings.

Pass options can be viewed and purchased through SA at the following link:
www.sportsamerica.com/epic-suburban.

2027 Day Trip Destinations

Thank you to our Day Trip coordinator **Holly Kaskey** for working so hard to put our schedule together! Pricing for all our day trips is not finalized, but we do have the dates etched in stone so you can go ahead and mark your calendars accordingly. The cost of ground transportation has risen sharply in the past few years and as such, to make the trips affordable, we have decided to share our day trips with other clubs. This helps to reduce costs by filling the bus and passing that savings on to you. We hope to have pricing finalized and registration open for all these day trips in the next few weeks.

Friday January 8th – Holiday Valley, NY. This will be a joint venture with the Lewis Ski Club (LSC), and LSC will be taking the lead on this trip. We expect pricing to be out shortly, most likely in the \$140-\$150 range, which will include transportation and lift tickets. There will be at least 25 seats available for us. Registration will be through the SSC website. More information will be provided once details are finalized and registration is open.

Thursday January 14th – Seven Springs, PA. This trip is just in the early stages of planning. We hope to share this trip with another local ski club, but SSC will be taking the lead. Seven Springs is an EPIC Pass resort which will make the trip really affordable for those already utilizing the EPIC Pass for other trips. Pricing is not yet finalized for this trip. There will be at least 25 seats available for SSC. Registration will be through the SSC website. More information will be provided once details are finalized and registration is open.

Friday January 22nd – Holiday Valley, NY. This is the second of two joint daytrips to Holiday Valley with LSC. However, SSC will be taking the lead on this trip. We expect pricing to be like the first HV trip just a few weeks earlier. Registration will be through the SSC website. More information will be provided once details are finalized and registration is open.

Thursday February 18th – Holimont. This is our annual pilgrimage to Holimont and home of the Chili Challenge. This will be a SSC trip, but as we have in the past, we have offered a dozen or so seats to the LSC to help defray the cost of the bus. If you have a mean chili recipe and are bold enough to show it off, consider joining us for this event. Registration will be through the SSC website. More information will be provided once details are finalized and registration is open.

Wed-Thurs February 24-25 – Holiday Valley Overnight. Back by popular demand we are returning to Holiday Valley with the LSC for an overnight adventure at the Inn at Holiday Valley. This trip will again be led by the LSC. It is expected at least 25 seats will be available to SSC members. Note that this trip overlaps the dates of the eastern bus trip.

UP-AND-COMING EVENTS

Golf Outing

Thursday, October 1 at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 9445 Brecksville Road, Brecksville at 10:00 AM. Four tee-times are reserved. We will of course convene at the 19th hole for lunch, beverages, and lies about our toughest shots. Thank you to **Barb Quinn** for organizing.

Ski Swap/Fall Festival

Thank you to **June Kelley** for forwarding information on the Ski Swap/Fall Festival being held at Brandywine Ski Resort in Northfield, Ohio. Want to upgrade your equipment? Find some replacement ski poles? Sell your previously enjoyed equipment? Just want to hang out with ski bums? Don't miss the weekend's festivities at Brandywine from October 9-11. See the link below for more details.

[Ski Swap | BMBWAV Ski Patrol](#)

Warren Miller Film

Thank you to **Ann McBrian** for once again spearheading this event on behalf of the Club. If you have not seen a Warren Miller ski extravaganza film, you don't know what you are missing! Each year, this is a new film showcasing amazing ski tricks, trials and extreme skiing footage that will make you ready to strap on the boards! Rumor is this is how Eddy the Eagle got his inspiration!

This year's film, titled "Days Off", will be shown at the Akron Civic Center on November 20 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are only \$20 and must be obtained ahead of time through either Ticketmaster or the Civic Center box office.

For those interested in meeting beforehand for some fine dining and pre-movie lubrications, we will be meeting at Crave at 5:00 PM just a few steps away from the Civic Center main entrance. If you are interested in the pre-movie festivities, please contact Ann McBrian so she can coordinate with the restaurant accordingly (mcbriana@gmail.com or 330-618-8450).

Please see the attached flier for more information about the movie, ticket purchasing and pre-movie dinner details.

Annual Holiday Party

Save the date! On Saturday, December 5, join us for dinner and some holiday cheer at "In The Weeds" restaurant in North Royalton -- "A unique, easygoing American restaurant and bar that operates right inside a boutique flower shop."

The party will include appetizers, dinner, desserts and **live music** in a private room. Pricing is set at \$75 per person and is open to all Suburban Ski Club members and guests. Look for more information and registration instructions in the coming weeks.

Sing With Colette



Colette Gschwind is again performing at Reithoffer's at Auburn Corners on October 9 from 8:00-11:00 PM. She is inviting all those interested to come see her rock the house. Remember how much fun was had the last time we saw her strum the chords? I'm feeling that was just a warm-up!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

While the skis have been gathering dust the past few months, club members have enjoyed plenty of warm weather activities.

Summer Bike Rides



Club cyclists enjoyed sites and scenery throughout northeast Ohio from Mantua to Chardon to Edgewater to the Flats to the lakefront to the Rocky River reservation. Thanks to all the bike trip leaders who kept us rolling along during the summer months.

EAT – Olesia's Taverne of Richfield

Thank you to Social Chair **Jackie Caputo** for organizing all the fantastic EATs events this summer – all wonderful venues and each very well attended. Unfortunately, the scheduled EATs are finished for the season. Kudos to Jackie and all who attended! See below for a photo from the final evening at Olesia's Tavern in Richfield in July. What a fine dining experience!



Another beautiful summer evening and another great turnout for a summer EATs on the patio at Olesia's Taverne of Richfield.

(All Left to Right)

Front Row: **Mary Kay Binder, Jackie Caputo, Jan Jones, Jack Binder, Casey Kaskey, Carol Vandenberg, Pam Fenn, Fran Wesley, Mary Ellen Noss**

Back Row: **Martin Krist, Dan Castele, Frank Caputo, Bill Littell, Cindy Ederer, Holly Kaskey, Wayne Miller, Lynn Miller, Ron Friedburg, Beth Silverman, and Michele Boim**

Cleveland Guardians Game

It was a beautiful night for baseball at “The Corner of Carnegie and Ontario” on August 19. Thirty die-hard club members and Guardians fans enjoyed a pitching dual against the San Francisco Giants. The Guardians 1-0 loss was a bit of a bummer but didn’t totally dampen the spirits of the many smiling faces in the crowd, as seen in the photos below.

What we didn’t know at the time was this game was **the** turning point to the season, as the Guards have since rallied quite heroically to win the Central Division crown for the third straight year! Woo-hoo – Go Guardians!!!!



Debra and Andy Volchko



(Left to Right):
**Gerry and Sandy
Golinski and Sue
and Dennis Billow**



(All Left to Right)

Front Row: **John Hersch**

2nd Row: **Jason Chao, Betsy Wolf, Lorraine Pramic, and Fran Wesley**

Back Row: **Debra and Andy Volchko**



(All Left to Right)

Top Row **Karen Moriarty, Matt Moriarty, Barbara Brennan, and Joe Sullivan**

Bottom Row: **Steve Goldberg, Mary Kay Binder, Kelly Palmer, Brian Binder, and Jack Binder**

Front: **Monica Castele**



(All Left to Right)

Front Row: **Jan Jones, Susan Hersch, John Hersch, and Lori Katona**

Back Row: **Betsy Wolf, Lorraine Pramic, and Fran Wesley**

Thanks to those who ventured downtown to see the musical *Death Becomes Her* at Playhouse Square. The Tony award winning show is about two bitter rivals who become obsessed with staying young and beautiful!



“It was an amazing night,” said **Jackie Caputo**. “The show was very good, and we chuckled quite a lot. The costumes were in rich colors of black and purple -- right on point with the theme of the show: *‘Fighting to stay young looking -- You may do just about anything for this to happen!’* We could not have asked for a better evening.”

Pre-show group dinner at the Hofbrauhaus.
(Left to Right): **Mike Tuason, Jackie Caputo, Jacki Zevenbergen,**
Standing: **Lori Katona and Carol Vandenberg**

Jackie will be looking into *Phantom of the Opera* for a group outing next spring so stay tuned for information. Till the next show...



(All Left to Right)

Back Row: **Sara, Cathie, Lexie (friends of Jackie's), Jackie Caputo, Lori Katona, Mike Tuason, Fran Bayless and Tracy Blake**

Front Row: **Jacki Zevenbergen and Carol Vandenberg**

Not pictured: **Martin Krist**





All smiles for a selfie:
Jackie Caputo and Carol Vandenberg (Right): The “forever young” women of the Club.



Annual Summer Picnic



The gentle waves of Lake Erie provided a serene backdrop for the summer gathering at Fran Wesley's beautiful lakefront property in Sheffield Lake. As Fran said, "The picnic brings wonderful camaraderie among club members. The weather was wonderful and so too were all the friends."



(All Left to Right)

Front: Hostess **Fran Wesley**

First Row: **Cliff Lewis, Pat Lewis, Mike Gallagher, Sue Billow, Barb Nagle**

Second Row: **Susan Hersch, John Hersch, Joe Sullivan**

Top Row: **Patty Costigan, Carol Vandenberg, Annette Jones Yamada, Jason Chao, Betsy Wolf, and Carl Femc**

Fall Clambake

The weather gods were on our side September 26 for the revival of the Fall Clambake hosted by **Jack and Mary Kay Binder** in Novelty. Catered by Trifles, the chowder, clams, chicken, etc. were fantastic, only to be outdone by the weather. The event was a sellout and enjoyed by all. **Jan Jones** stunned the crowd with her Bocce Ball finesse. Sorry **Bill Coughlin** – you've met your match!



Thanks to **Annie Bill** for helping to create the harvest-themed centerpieces and taping down tablecloths during a breezy morning setup. Also, kudos to **Monica Castele** for designing the Welcome sign and to **El Presidente** for meticulously hanging the party lights in the tent! Thank you also to **Gordon Blackburn** – cleanup committee!!!!



A great representation of the Club. Thanks to all who came!!!!







Gordon Blackburn initiated the Fireball Challenge for those willing to take part. If you are unfamiliar with the Challenge, you will have to wait until the next ski trip to experience the full flavor of the event.

(From Left) **Maggie Layman, Jan Jones, Gordon Blackburn, and Dan Castele**



Lining up for the Fireball Challenge: **Gordon Blackburn, Dan Castele, Mike Tuason, Jan Jones, Barb Quinn, Maggie Layman, Bill Coughlin, John Hersch, Mike Rabe, Monica Castele, Jim Baker, Denise Bell, Ed Bell, Dick Castele, Annie Bill, Nancy Lukens, Tom Lukens, and Michele Boim**



The sun setting on our summer activities!!!! Going forward –

LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!

Club Merchandise Store

Don't forget to check out some awesome Club merchandise available through our website. Simply go to the website and navigate to the Merchandise Store link on the home page. We've got t-shirts, sweat shirts, hoodies, gators, mugs and more!

Have a product idea that would look great with the Suburban Ski Club logo on it? Let Julia Rutkowski (juliarutkowski@sbcglobal.net) know and she will help to get that bling to market!

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