

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

Forty-four SSC skiers and myself are just back from a glorious one-week trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Boy, what a great resort! Just about everyone in our group said this is definitely a do-again trip. We enjoyed fresh powder skiing, a great variety of terrain for our diverse group of skiers, top-notch accommodations at Canyon Creek and all kinds of fun, social activities, including a cowboy BBQ on the mountain at the top of the gondola. That Friday was our last night in "The 'Boat" and it was a wonderful way too cap off the week. I can't thank **Joe Sullivan** enough

for all the work and time he invested in putting together this wonderful and exciting trip for us.

Our **one-week trip to Banff/Lake Louise** has officially sold out. Twenty-eight members will travel to the Canadian Rockies on March 5 for a week of skiing at three ski areas near Banff. I found out last week that our lodging in Banff was upgraded to a brand-new four-star hotel - so we'll be living it up in style. It's possible we can add a few more spots for members able to secure their own air fare. If this might be of interest, please contact either me or co-trip leader **Melinda Kellerstrass**. We have also established a waiting list and you could be added to that.

I'd like to call your attention to a two upcoming ski trips that you will need to act on quickly if you would like to participate: This **Friday, February 3**, we have planned a special trip to **Holimont** that includes a stop on the way home at Grand River Cellars for dinner and drinks. According to trip leader Melinda Kellerstrass, we have room for a few more members. Snow conditions should be excellent. The second trip that you will need to act on quickly is our **two-day trip to Holiday Valley and Bristol Mountain on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 23 & 24**. Trip leader Jack Ganz must turn in final lodging reservations this week. So, if you plan to sign-up, you need to do so right away. For the low price of \$259, you get bus transportation, overnight lodging at the Inn on the Lake, two days of skiing at two exceptional resorts along with a hot breakfast and dinner.

Please join us on **Thursday, February 16**, for our **Membership Meeting**. This meeting will include nominations for 2017/18 club officers. I have appointed a Nominating Committee to

facilitate nominations. **Mary Ellen Noss** will serve as Chair of the committee and will be assisted by **June Kelly** and **Tracy Blake**. On the final page of this newsletter you will find a list of our current officers along with contact information for the Nominating Committee. You are invited to nominate any SSC members by submitting their names to anyone on the committee – and it is not inappropriate to submit your own name. We are always looking for good people and if you would like to learn more about becoming an officer of Suburban Ski Club, please feel free to contact me.

Special thanks to **John and Susan Hersch** for hosting our **January EAT at Felice Urban Café** near Shaker Square. Over twenty were in attendance and enjoyed an hour of socializing at the cozy upstairs bar in this converted home before being seated for dinner. At Steamboat we had the pleasure of getting to know John's brother, **Bill Hersch**, and his sister and brother-in-law, **Jane** and **Lloyd Hughes**.

I am happy to report that our membership continues to grow and I want to welcome our newest members to SSC: **Brooke Bernstein, Curt Bernstein, Patricia Costigan, Joe Edwards, Jane Hughes, Sandy Maurer, Janette Neumann, Ray Neumann, Jason Stroom, Kenneth Vergara** and **Ben Wentz**. We are very happy you have joined us and look forward to seeing you at our social events and on our ski trips.

Beth Silverman, President of SSC
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Another edition of our series recognizing the birthdays of SSC members follows. Don't worry, we do not publish the year of your birth, just the month and day! Our data base of birthdays is far from complete. Please remember to include your birthday on your membership form. It is not necessary to give the year of your birth, but we need your day and month so we can publish your birthday. Here are the February birthdays we have on file:

David Bennhoff (2/12), Kurt Bernkopf (2/21), Tracy Blake (2/16), Brad Carleton (2/21), Jan Cech (2/23), Susan Evan (2/8), Jennie Haldi (2/16), James Hamilton (2/27), Eulalia (Dolly) Henning (2/28), Robert Henning (2/15), Bill House (2/21), Melinda Kellerstrass (2/7), Cliff Lewis (2/15), Joe Mersnik (2/16), Susan Nesbit (2/23), Beth Silverman (2/16), Judd Stroud (2/10), and Andrew Volchko (2/24)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE ***February - March, 2017***

- **SKI TRIP:** Friday, February 3: **Holimont**
- **SKI TRIP:** Thursday, February 9: **Holiday Valley**
- **SKI TRIP:** Sunday, February 12: **Holiday Valley**
- **SKI TRIP:** Wednesday, February 15: **Seven Springs**

- **MEETING:** Thursday, February 16, 7:00 PM: **Membership Meeting – Nomination of Club Officers**
- **SKI TRIP:** February 20 (Presidents Day): **Holimont**
- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 PM: **EAT at Hoopples**
- **SKI TRIP:** Thursday, February 23 – Friday, February 24: **Two Day Trip to Holiday Valley & Bristol**
- **SKI TRIP:** Friday, March 3: **Holiday Valley - Skier Appreciation Day**
- **SKI TRIP:** Sunday, March 5 – Sunday, March 12: **Banff/Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada**
- **MEETING:** Thursday, March 16, 7:00 PM: **Membership Meeting – Election of Club Officers**

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting

The meeting begins at 7:00 PM in the party room of Alfredo's at the Holiday Inn; 780 Beta Drive; Mayfield Village 44143; (440) 461-9200. Beta Drive is only one intersection east of the exit for Wilson Mills Road on I-271. Turn NORTH off Wilson Mills Road at the traffic light on to Beta Drive. You will see a sign for the Holiday Inn as you make the turn.

This is the Nominating Meeting for club officers. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees from those submitted but you are free to make nominations from the floor.

As usual, we will be assembling early at 5:15pm for cocktails, food and socializing. If dinner is more than you want, order an appetizer, a salad or even pizza. You will find us at the back of Alfredo's.

Tuesday, February 21, 2017, 6:00 PM: EAT at Hoopples

Hoopples has become an iconic place in Cleveland. It was established in 1981 as the Major Hoopples Riverbed Café and is still owned and operated by the Plonski family. It is a true Cleveland bar on a bluff overlooking the Cuyahoga River with a great view of downtown and the bridges. The Plonski family consider their establishment to be a friendly place with good food, good people and lots of ambience.

Hoopples is located at 1930 Columbus Road, Cleveland, OH 441113. Phone: (216) 575-0483. See their website for the menu more information: www.hoopples.com

Ed and Mary Ellen Noss are hosting us. As usual, we will meet in the bar at 6:00 PM and be seated for dinner at about 7:00 PM. Make your reservation with Mary Ellen by Friday Feb.17th at lpdptra@gmail.com or [330-569-3170](tel:330-569-3170).

UPDATE ON OUR BUS TRIPS



Wow – what roller coaster winter weather we have been having. It is either winter or spring! Despite the weather, SSC members have been having some great times on the slopes. The season began with a fantastic trip to **Peek ‘N Peak on Sunday, Jan 8**. It was cold but everyone agreed that it was as close to western powder that you can get this side of the Missouri!

Our next trip was a two-day to **Holiday Valley on MLK Day, Jan 16 and Jan 17**. The calendar may have said January but it sure felt like March. Our first day offered up some wonderful skiing. Our skiers seemed to think that the blue and black slopes were much easier to ski than the green, as they had some skiable snow while the greens were pretty icy. Many of us took advantage of the night skiing offered by HV. All the slopes were lit and it was so peaceful

and beautiful- the slopes were empty so you were in your own winter wonderland. Tuesday it did rain, but we had some brave souls who went out to ski, the rest of us took some time to enjoy the Inn whether socializing over a long breakfast or enjoying the hot tub. We all met up for some lunch and shopping in town before heading home.

February is here and it appears that winter weather has returned. Since we had to cancel our Jan. 24 trip to Holimont, we decided to change the Feb 3 trip. On **Friday, February 3**, we will now be going to **Holimont** (not Kissing Bridge). Since this is a Friday many members wanted to include some social time. On the way home we will be stopping at Grand River Cellars for dinner, drinks and socializing. They have offered us the party room and we will have our own server. They will do separate billing and you can order off the menu. You can check it out at <http://www.grandrivercellars.com>. This promises to be a fun trip - weather forecast is for Holimont to get some fresh lake effect snow every day this week. Should be some great skiing – sign up now, we would not want you to miss out on the fun.

On **Thursday, Feb. 9** we will be heading back to **Holiday Valley**. This resort offers a wide variety of terrain and since we are going midweek the slopes will be all yours. **Sunday, Feb. 12** brings us back to **Holiday Valley** and on **Wednesday, Feb 15**, the club will be traveling to **Seven Springs, Pa**. This trip will allow enough time for you to eat at the resort or, for you die hard skiers, you can continue to ski. Check out the flyer online to see more details.

Monday, Feb 20 (Presidents Day) takes us back to **Holimont** for some more winter fun. On **Thursday and Friday, Feb 23 and 24**, Jack Ganz will be leading our second two-day trip, the annual **Holiday Valley / Bristol** combo. If you have not tried this trip in the past – now is your chance. The trip includes bus transportation, two days of skiing at two different resorts, lodging at The Inn on the Lake, dinner & breakfast at the hotel – all for only \$259. You will love it - just ask anyone who has gone on the trip in the past. It must be fun because they keep coming back! Don't delay on this one. Go online and book now as this trip is almost full and Jack needs to finalize room reservations.

Our bus season will end with our annual **Skier Appreciation Day** on **Friday, Mar 3**. Anyone who has taken a bus trip with us this year receives a discount on the trip price. We will be skiing **Holiday Valley** with a dinner stop in Ellicottville.

We have put together a very busy “Ski February”. I am sure there is a trip for you. Check your calendar and then go online and register or download the form and mail it to Ann. <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org/> *“We Ski Every Week...and then some”*

Don't let the  leave without you!!

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