

Ski Trails

The monthly newsletter for Suburban Ski Club

September, 2016

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Suburban Ski Club Members,

I am very happy to tell you that we are kicking off the year with an exciting kind of first membership meeting. It will be in a different location and will have a very unique format. As you recall from my announcement last month, we are calling the meeting a Ski Fair and it will be held on **Tuesday, September 13th** at **Pub 91 in Willoughby Hills**. Please check out the [flyer on page three](#) of this newsletter for details.

At the Ski Fair you will be able to peruse tables set up to advertise our three major trips and our ten bus trips. You can learn all about our 2017 ski season, speak with the trip leaders and collect flyers, schedules and other information. In addition, there will be a website help desk and you will be able to renew your membership and

actually sign up for trips. And it will be fun - you can enjoy live music from SSC's talented musician, **Colette Gschwind**, and there will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres along with a cash bar. But wait (as those commercials say), there's more. Everyone attending will be entered into a drawing and have a chance to win some valuable prizes.

Another thing I am excited to share with you in this newsletter issue is our completed **2017 Ski Schedule**. Earlier, we told you about destinations, dates and prices for the three major trips but now you can see it all. The final version of the schedule has prices for all trips and contact information for the trip leaders. Please see this 2017 Ski Schedule as an attachment to the Email that brought you this newsletter. Print out a copy and begin to make your plans. You can also find it online at www.suburbanskiclub.org.

And I need to remind you that it is not too early to sign up for the trips you prefer. The Cleveland Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) will soon be publishing all our trips on their website and [The Sitzmark](#) will be received by CMSC members in a few days. It will also contain our ski schedule and your window of opportunity, as a club member with advance notice of trips, will be expiring. So, if you haven't done so already, register for your trips and don't get shut out by delaying.

Not only are we offering fantastic pricing on our three major trips but, **Melinda Kellerstrass**, with help from **Jack Ganz**, was able to hold most of our bus trips at 2016 prices. Thanks Melinda and Jack and also to our entire Executive Board and the Trips & Tours Committee for all their hard work putting together what I think is our most ambitious and interesting ski

schedule to date. We also need to thank **Ann McBrian** for again organizing the Blossom Picnic and Concert on August 7th. As usual, it was well attended and it was a grand evening.

With September comes the time to **renew your membership**. Save yourself a stamp and renew online at www.suburbanskiclub.org. It is fast and simple and you can use a credit card. If you would prefer to pay by check, a **Membership Renewal Form is attached.**

Be sure to sign up for our **Annual Clambake** at the home of Mary Ellen and Ed Noss in Hiram on **Saturday, September 17**. This event is always a great time. See the attached flyer for details.

The Boston Mills Open House will be held from **Friday, October 14th to Sunday, October 16th**. As usual, our club we have a table promoting our club and our trips. We need volunteers to sign up. Please see details later in this newsletter and an attached sign up sheet.

Beth Silverman, President of SSC
president@suburbanskiclub.org

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

What follows is another edition of our series recognizing the birthdays of SSC members. 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 if you do not wish to, but we need your day and month so we can publish your birthday. Here are the September birthdays we have on file:

Eric Bernkopf (9/11), Jessica Evan (9/22), Jack Ganz (9/16), Zahra Karimloo (9/23), Mary Ellen Noss (9/17), Christine Orłowski (9/23), Arash Rashidi (9/14), Richard Stroom (9/25), and Fran Wesley (9/12)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE ***September - December, 2016***

- **MEETING:** Tuesday, September 13: **First Membership Meeting** of the New Year
- **SOCIAL:** Saturday, September 17: **Annual Clambake**; the Noss Estate, Hiram
- **BIKE RIDE:** Saturday, October 1, 10:00 AM: **Ride the Towpath** with the Orłowskis
- **MEETING:** Thursday, October 13, 7:00 PM: **Membership Meeting**
- **OPEN HOUSE:** Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16: **Boston Mills**
- **SOCIAL:** Tuesday, October 25, 6:00 PM: **EAT at Edwin's**
- **MEETING:** Wednesday, November 16, 7:00 PM: **Membership Meeting**
- **SOCIAL:** Sunday, November 13, 3:30 PM: **EAT at Stonewater** with SSC Alumni
- **SOCIAL:** Saturday, December 10: **Annual Holiday Party** at the Lakeside Yacht Club

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MORE DETAIL

Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 PM: First Membership Meeting of the New Year

Here are details from the flyer for this event:

Suburban Ski Club

2017 Ski Fair

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016
7:00 to 9:00 PM**

Where: **Pub 91**, 2749 SOM Center Rd., Willoughby Hills 44094
(Just south of Chardon Rd/Route 6 on the east side of the road)

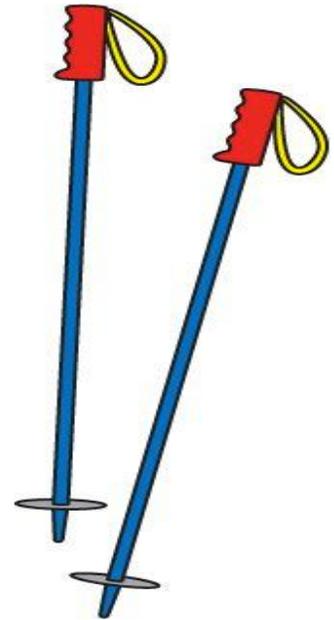
Don't miss out on a fun-filled evening featuring:

- Live music from our talented Colette Gschwind
- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres
- Prizes
- A cash bar
- Booths promoting our exciting 2017 ski season
- Suburban Ski Club website help desk
- Membership sign-ups and renewals
- And much more!

Come early for dinner (5:15 pm or so) to catch up with your friends.

Questions?

Contact Donna Schultheiss @ (216) 577-7888



Saturday, September 17, 1:30 PM: Annual Clambake at the Noss Estate in Hiram

A couple of weeks ago we Emailed a special notice about our annual Clambake. This is a reminder you need to send in your reservation. Attached to the Email that brought this newsletter is a flyer containing all the details along with a form to be mailed in with your check. The flyer also has directions to the Noss home in Hiram. This is the fourth year we have held this event under tents pitched on the spacious Noss estate. It is always a grand time. Come join us.

Saturday, October 1, 9:00 AM: Bike Ride on the Towpath

SSC *Bike Ride*



Saturday, October 1, 2016

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Route: Towpath Trail

Meeting Place: Metroparks south parking lot
7201 Canal Rd. Cuyahoga Hts. (between Warner & 71st)

Lunch (after the ride): Oak Barrel, 5975 Canal Rd.

To sign up & get specific info--contact: Greg Orłowski
216/749-4887 orlogc@sbcglobal.net

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 PM: Membership Meeting

The meeting begins at 7pm 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.

As usual we will be meeting 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.

This meeting will feature a very special speaker, **Brandon Chrostowski**. Here is what has been written about him:

“Brandon Chrostowski is on a mission to change the face of re-entry in the United States. In 2007, he founded EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute. The idea for EDWINS was born from a break that Chrostowski received early in life. It has grown from a six-month program conducted in prison that provides training in culinary arts and hospitality to a full-service restaurant dedicated to teaching those recently released all facets of restaurant operations.

After release, individuals are not only equipped with basic culinary skills, they also are assisted with finding employment, have the opportunity to utilize free housing, basic medical care, clothing, job coaching and literacy programs.”

Brandon's talk to our club anticipates the October 25th EAT at Edwins, his restaurant. See the details below.

Friday, October 14 through Sunday, October 16: Boston Mills Open House & Ski Swap

As we go to press, the usual flyer produced by Boston Mills is not yet available. We hope to publish that in the October 1st issue of this newsletter.

In the meantime, we want to remind you that we will again be having **a table at the Open House and we need volunteers to staff it in two hour shifts**. We like to have two people for each time slot. So, why not sign up with a partner or a friend and help us promote SSC? We will have a display all set up and there will be lots of material for you to hand out to visitors including flyers for all our trips.

There is an attachment to the Email that brought you this newsletter. It is a **signup sheet** for the times our table will be open. Please take a look at it and then decide what time or times would fit your schedule. It would be good to have a few possibilities since others may also want the same time. Then, contact me by phone or Email to sign up for a time either for yourself or with a companion: telephone (216) 932-3636 or Email to joe@suburbanskiclub.org . I will enter your name(s) and confirm your time slot.

Tuesday, October 25, 6:00 PM: EAT at Edwin's Restaurant

Annette Yamada is our host for this EAT at EDWINS. We will be meeting in the bar for cocktails at 6:00 PM and sitting down for dinner at 7:00 PM. The restaurant is located at 13101 Shaker Square in Shaker Heights. Phone: (216) 921-3333. Website: www.edwinsrestaurant.org

Owner Brandon Chrostowski provides formerly incarcerated adults an education in the culinary arts through his classic French restaurant. Please see the previous write up on his talk at our club meeting on October 13th. The ambitious and interesting menu changes daily. Go to the website to see a sample of a current menu.

Reservation deadline is Tues., Oct. 18. Contact Annette by Email: ajones43@netscape.com or by phone: (440) 708-0314

The happy hour is from 4-6:30 pm and you may want to arrive early enough to take advantage of some selective drinks and wine at the bar.

EDITOR'S NOTE: As were about to publish this newsletter, late word came from our Webmaster, **Cliff Lewis**. Cliff said he was able to post the just completed bus trip flyers on our website. So, now you will be able to go online and not only see the major trips but also the flyers for our ten bus trips. Go to www.suburbanskiclub.org

We should also take this opportunity to thank Cliff for all he does for our club. His official title is Vice President for Data Management and he does an incredible and critical job of managing all of our data including the Email list that we use to send you this newsletter. Cliff also wears many other hats and one of those is Webmaster. Speaking of Cliff's hats, see the photo below of Cliff wearing one of his hats and read his article on what he has done to make our Directory available on line.

Thank you, Cliff. You are an invaluable member of our team.

OUR NEW MEMBER DIRECTORY IS NOW ONLINE



There are new reasons to log in to the Suburban Ski Club web site, www.suburbanskiclub.org. Our new online member directory is now available to all members. When you are logged in with a current membership account, you will see a link on the upper right side, under the banner, titled "Member directory." It is between "My account" and Log out."

The directory currently has 26 pages. To help you narrow your search, we have a filter at the top of the page, labeled "Last name." You can select a range for last names you want to see. After you click "Apply," only people with names in that range will appear. You will still typically have three or four pages, but that is easier to work with than 26.

You will notice that nearly every listing has the word "Contact" at the end. This is a privacy feature that allows people to send you email without seeing your actual address. Messages sent from the contact form will arrive in your ordinary email. Should you choose to reply, the original sender will see your address in the reply.

If you haven't done so already, take a look at your listing to make sure it is correct. Pay particular attention to the phone numbers. In the past, we listed home phone and cell phone numbers in the directory, but nowadays a lot of people use their cell phones as their primary phones. Because of that, we are now labeling phone numbers "Preferred" and "Alternate." When we made the switch, we assigned preferred number status to your home phone, if you had provided that number, and alternate phone status to the cell phone. Please let us know if you want that changed.

While you are logged in, click on "My account." On that page, you will see tabs for View, Address book, Edit, and Orders. If you want to update your information yourself, you can change your address or phone number on the Address book tab. There should only be one address, labeled the "Default billing address". You can edit it by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking "Edit address." Feel free also to change your name and address from upper case to mixed case. (They were upper case when I imported the information to the web site. In hindsight, I should have converted them to mixed case before importing. I would have to do it manually now, which is too much work.) Be sure to save the changes before you leave the Address book page.

On the Edit tab, you can change your user name and/or password. (People can see your user name on the contact form or on any messages you post on the forum. User names are not case sensitive, and they may contain spaces.) You can also load a picture to appear next to your directory listing and on forum postings. In addition, you will see checkboxes on that page that allow you to disable the personal contact form, as well as omit your listing in the directory or the Who's Going Where page if you wish. Again, be sure to save any changes before leaving the page.

Let me know if you need any help logging in or using the site.

Cliff Lewis (webmaster@suburbanskiclub.org)

AN EDITORIAL COMMENT "IN NUCE"

Many years ago this editor was pursuing a course of study in the esoteric disciplines of philosophy and theology. In the course of my studies, several professors used the Latin term, "in nuce," to call attention to the most important points. The translation from the Latin is "in a nutshell." So, I want to pass along some "in nuce" information about our 2017 skiing program with the hope it will convey to you the essential things you need to know if you plan to ski with SSC in 2017.

First, **the major trips**: There are three of them. We go west to **Steamboat Springs** from Jan. 21 – 28, 2017. Steamboat is called "Ski Town USA" and is very deserving of that title. Next, we go east to **Sunday River** and **Sugarloaf, Maine**, from Feb. 5 - 11. These are the two largest ski areas east of the Mississippi and our package is all-inclusive. The third major trip is to **Banff/Lake Louise, Canada**, on March 5 – 12. The scenery and the skiing are not to be missed.

The cost for all three trips are rock bottom deals but because they are priced so well and because the destinations are so attractive, we expect to fill the remaining places very quickly as the details are published on the CMSC website and in the [Sitzmark](#). So, "in nuce," if you have not yet made your reservations, use the flyers attached to this newsletter or go on line to www.suburbanskiclub.org and sign up before your place is sold to someone else.

Secondly, the two, **Two Day Trips:** Jack Ganz is again leading us for a day at Holiday Valley, a night at the Inn on the Lake with dinner and breakfast included and a second day of skiing at Bristol Mountain. The dates are Thursday, Feb 23 – Friday, Feb 24.

Melinda Kellerstrass will take us for an overnight at Holiday Valley on MLK Day, Mon Jan 16 – Tues, Jan 16. For the incredible price of \$199 we get transportation, two days of skiing, lodging and breakfast.

Like the week-long trips, we expect these two-day deals to be scooped up as others outside our club learn about them. So, again, be sure to send in your deposit to guarantee a space.

Finally, the eight, **One Day Trips:** There is probably a little less urgency in signing on for these trips but don't become too complacent. As in the previously mention multi-day trips, these one-day bus trips will be publicized by CMSC and you need to be aware that they could begin to fill as we move into the fall.

As you know, SSC has the largest and most ambitious ski program of any club in the region. We do “Ski Every Week” and because our program is so extensive, it is difficult to summarize “in nuce.” But if there is anything you must know is that you need to plan your personal skiing calendar very early and not run the risk of missing out. We want you with us as we ski these marvelous resorts.

Joe Sullivan
Editor of Ski Trails