Peek'n Peak is your hometown Four-Seasons Resort! Located in Clymer, Peek'n Peak has 27 slopes and trails, progressive terrain parks, cross country skiing, snow tubing, a luxury day spa and many on-resort dining establishments. Plan a trip and discover for yourself why Peek'n Peak has been a favorite destination for over fifty years!

Learning to ski and snowboard has never been easier! New this ski season, Peek'n Peak has introduced Terrain Based Learning. By utilizing uniquely sculpted terrain elements, Terrain Based Learning gently guides first-timers skiers and snowboarders through the basics while building their confidence. Upon completing the five-tier program, new skiers and snowboarders will be well prepared to tackle the mountain.

The Snow Sports School at Peek'n Peak is respected throughout the region as a top-notch instruction school. With over 150 well-trained and personable instructors, you’ll feel comfortable and confident throughout the learning process. Several lesson structures and difficulty levels are available, including group or private lessons. Combined with the new Terrain Based Learning program, you’ll become a life-long enthusiast.

For younger learners, Peek'n Kids offer lessons specifically designed for those aged 12 and younger. The lessons are altered based on age, ability and maturity level to offer a more focused lesson. The friendly staff strives to pave the way for your child to have a terrific time sliding on the snow with both experienced instructors and skiing and riding friends.

Peek'n Peak definitely sets itself apart from other ski areas. Being the only New York state resort that offers Terrain Based Learning, The Slopes at Peek'n Peak are ideal for those who are new to the sport. Not only that, but great Terrain Parks (180, 360, 540, 720 and Boardercross) cater to the advanced skier and rider. A dedicated team of snowmakers work tirelessly to present the most ideal slope conditions for guests. Many team members have worked at Peek'n Peak for over twenty years! Peek'n Peak is consistently one of the first east coast ski areas to open for the season. A talented snow sports school which has well-trained and certified instructors greets thousands of guests annually.

Many packages are available for skiers and riders; for overnight or day trips. Overnight packages include: Stay'n Skiride, Stay'n Tube, Weekend Lodger Passes, Serenity Spa Getaway and Romantic Spa Getaway. For day trips, be sure to check out Throwback Thursday (found on our social media sites), Midweek Madness (Tuesday thru Thursday), Learn a Snowsport Special, and Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month!

Peek'n Peak has a variety of dining options during the winter season. Enjoy a meal at the Courtyard Café and newly-renovated Bistro 210, both located at the Inn. Other dining options include the Main Ski Lodge, Sugar Shack & Sports Bar, Retreat, and Woods'n Wedges! All offer full menus. The Retreat, Sports Bar, Woods'n Wedges and Bistro 210 all have bar service as well.

Peek'n Peak Resort is conveniently located within easy driving distance of Erie, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Canada. Group rates are available. For more information or to book a stay, call (716) 355-4141 or visit www.pknpk.com.

There is no better way to wrap up an awesome ski season like Spring Fest! It’s a day filled with our famed Pondskimming event (right), Cardboard Box Derby & Beerkski Run! Plus, Kettle Corn, Beer Tastings, Chili & Hot Chocolate Bar all held at our Retreat Building! Not a skier or rider? Who cares! Spectators are encouraged for all of the events!
2017 CMSC Committees

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Winter is here!

If you pay attention to the Farmer’s Almanac, winter predictions are often made, but it seems that Old Man Winter has gotten his act together and will be back for 2017. So, in the immortal words of Lord Eddard Stark from Game of Thrones, winter is coming.

The last time you heard from me, the committee voted to change the schedule and to do a few other tasks with your fine people in this Sitzmak issue. So let’s get to it!

First announcement. And it’s first because, well, I’m a snowboarder and it’s about snowboarding! For the 2017 season, the snowboarders will be divided into four (that’s right) classes. A, B, Bc, and CC. We took the best from the last few years to do this. The snowboard committee has been growing and in order to keep the classes competitive, as well as to welcome new snowboarders, a fourth class was added: I will have a full class breakdown for the race chairs at the CB.

Second announcement. For a MAJORITY (remember those words) of the races this year, we will be running two groups of skiers. Group 1 will consist of all of the AA and A racers and the BB Men and Women. Group 2 will consist of the BB Men, Bs and CCs. We decided to do this for a few reasons:

1. We’re cutting a 45 minute break and a course reset from the day that means more time to free ski or more time to spend at Mahogany Ridge, your call.

2. It makes work assignments easier and will even out the number of laps being run by the skiers.

The course set that is appropriately challenging for all racers. And if this is a total bust, we’ll evaluate for 2018. And again, thank you to Bob, Anne, Doug, Heidi and Beth for running that data on this task as well.

OK, so I said to remember the words A MAJORITY of the races. The group 2 racing up won’t hold true for Bristol. We are still working on the group structure for Bristol combined, but I can share this with everyone. The Super G will run as in past years.

Group 1 (AA’s and As) and Group 2Bb’s and Bs) will run from the top. Group 3 (CC’s) will run from the start of the Group 3 Gs. All group formats will be called out on the dailies that are sent to race chair and following an extenuating circumstance, will be adhered to on run day.

Switching gears away from the race course, I’m sure that all of you are aware of the terrible accident our fellow skier Shelly Snyder was in. If you aren’t, Shelly was struck by a pickup truck traveling at highway speed in Montana. She was riding her bike from Cleveland to Seattle to move in with her boyfriend Max. Shelly has sustained some very serious injuries and is currently at Metro Health doing her best to recover. But it gets a little better. A GoFundMe account has been established to help cover her medical costs (www.gofundme.com/2q7gehe). You can also donate to a trust fund that has been set up for Shelly as well. Payable to Shelly Snyder Medical and Recovery Trust.

Mail to: Monica Snyder. PO Box 745, Canfield, OH 44406

There is also a Facebook page set up called CLE for Shelly. The entire race committee is praying for Shelly to make a full recovery. If anyone can do this, it’s Shelly. Seeing the support for Shelly and her family from the biking community and her family from CMSC has been fantastic. Remember, this is a marathon and not a sprint for our girl. She’s going to need the prayers, support and good wishes.

So before the snow flies, take a page out of Shelly’s book. Go for a bike ride. Make sure your tires are pumped and your bike is ready.

Happy New Year!!

By Greg Schmid, CMSC President

As I am writing this President’s Message for the Mid-Winter edition of the Sitzmak, it is almost 60 degrees and it is raining. Alpine Valley is closed for the second day in a row this winter due to weather. And our President-elect is telling the world that climate change is not real.

Am I living in an alternative universe? I might be, but I plan on being in this world for many years more, and I want to ski during the winter, golf during the summer, and travel all year round.

However, I have seen the smog hanging over the area in Salt Lake City. I have seen winter in the Lake Tahoe region without snow. I have golfed in Northeast Ohio the week before Christmas. I have heard the destruction of hurricanes, torna- does, and wildfires. I have heard the stories of those displaced by flood- ing in West Virginia.

The skiing industry has been adapting by adopting more efficient energy con- sumption measures. It is also becoming more aggressive in sup- plementing nature’s meager supplies of snow with man-made snow. Resorts are becoming year-round resorts by putting in ropes courses, mountain coasters, water parks, and golf courses.

We can do our part as well. Patronize your local ski hills, take a bus trip instead of driving to Holiday Valley, Swain, and Bristol (which also has the secondary effect of supporting trips offered by CMSC’s ski clubs), and reduce your carbon footprint.

You may be noticing that this is the second year I have preached to you about climate change. However, I believe we can make a difference.

I want to thank everyone who came to the CMSC holiday party at Quaker Steak & Lube in December. I would like to thank our sponsors who provided gift certificates and prizes for our raffle (Holiday Valley, Buckeye Sports, The Village, Boston Mills/Brandywine/Mount Snow, Kissing Bridge, Snow Trails, Red White and Brew Trips and Chris Castro at Dolley Systems) Tim Mitchell, a new member of Fagowees, won a snowboard! I would also like to thank CMSC Vice President Krista Petrolla for putting the event together. Please continue to support those who support us.

We are still looking for content for our new website, so please do live shorty. Please send pictures and information to director@cmsc.com.

Please send me your thoughts at president@skicleveland.com. Happy New Year.
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| 3/11-12 Mt Bachelor | SSC | Justin & Cara Long | 517-285-7800 | longjus1@gmail.com |
| 3/11-18 Telluride, CO | CMSC | Pam Kurosewchik | 404-382-2169 | pkurosewchik@gmail.com |
| 3/11-18 Telluride, CO | WSC | Mary Kirila | 330-502-9360 | tripdirector@warrenskiclub.org |
| 3/16-20 Banff, Canada | FSC | Matt Klingshirn | 440-396-7671 | matts@msn.com |
| 3/12-14 Timberski/ | Canaan, NY | SCSC | Gary & Jen Johnson | 330-380-3365 | pastor@suburbanaskiclub.org |
| 2/12-17 Mount Snow, VT | SUB | June Kelley | 330-956-9293 | june@suburbanaskiclub.org |
| 2/26-27 Bristol/Swain | SCSC | David Hershey | 330-466-5918 | prodrumstudio33@gmail.com |
| 3/1-2 Yankee Valley | HSC | Ed Noss | 330-569-3170 | ednoss@suburbanaskiclub.org |
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**OVERNIGHT TRIPS**

| 2/15 Blue Knob | GTSC | Mary Kane | 330-619-0190 | skil stocked@comcast.net |
| 2/18 Kissing Bridge | YSC | Lynne Rossiter | 330-569-2584 | lynnerossiter@comcast.net |
| 2/20 Holimont, NY | SR | Hank Kelley | 330-456-8392 | hkelley@suburbanaskiclub.org |
| 2/22 Kissing Bridge | GTSC | Mary Kane | 330-619-0190 | skil stocked@comcast.net |
| 2/25 Peak n' Peak | SSC | Tony Fields | 419-706-0679 | mhkiwi@gmail.com |
| 3/3 Holiday Valley, NY | SUB | Ed Noss | 330-569-3705 | ednoss@suburbanaskiclub.org |
| 3/8 Kissing Bridge | GTSC | Mary Kane | 330-619-0190 | skil stocked@comcast.net |
| 3/15 Hot Conditions | GTSC | Mary Kane | 330-619-0190 | skil stocked@comcast.net |
| 3/22 Boot Conditions | GTSC | Mary Kane | 330-619-0190 | skil stocked@comcast.net |

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ASC = Akron Ski Club; BVSC= Beaver Valley Ski Club; CV = Cuyahoga Valley Ski Club; CMSC-Cleveland Metro Ski Council; CNT = Continental Ski Club; EW = Edelweiss Ski Club; ESC = Erie Ski Club; ESSC = Erie Shores Ski Club; ESP = “Esprit” The Ultimate Ski Club; ESU = Edelweiss Ski Club; FSC = Faginwex Ski Club; GCSC = Good Times Ski Club; GF = Great Falls Ski Club; HSC = Highlands Ski Club; HR = Hi Rise Ski Club; ICSC = Inner City Ski Club; LSC = Lewis Ski Club; SSCC=Sandsky’s Ski Club; STSC-Star Valley Ski Club; SQC=Suburban Ski Club; TTB=Three Trackers of Ohio; WSC = Warren Ski Club; YSC = Youngstown Ski Club

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Continental Ski Club

Continental Ski Club is again looking forward to another great winter season of skiing! We continue to be involved in the CMSC Racing Programs—adult & kids, and remember our slogan ‘Continental may not win the race, but we definitely win the PARTY!’. So, look for CSC on the slopes.

Our other winter trip will be to Bristol Mountain Combined on March 3rd-5th, which coincides with the CMSC Racing Program. Non-racers enjoy a weekend of recreational skiing, as well. For more information regarding our trips, please contact Michael Niebeker at (440) 537-1127.

The induction of one of our members into the CSC Hall of Fame occurred at our Annual Christmas Party. This year recognizes members for their outstanding service to CSC. Ingrid Andrusis received it this year for Initiative. She will be honored at our Annual Hall of Fame Celebration to be held on Saturday, February 18th at Lino’s in Wickliffe. Congratulations, Ingrid!

In addition to being a ski club, we are also a social club and enjoy having fun whatever we do! If you like to have fun and would like to meet some new people please check us out. Our membership includes singles, couples and families. We meet on the eastside but have members from all around town and also out-of-state. Try to attend one of our meetings to find out more about us.

Our meetings are held at The Captain’s Club Restaurant & Bar (1438 Vine Street, Eastlake). We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning around 7:00 PM. For more information about CONTINENTAL SKI CLUB, please contact our President, Jerry Modica at (440) 974-8599.

Erie Shore’s Mighty Little Race Team: (l-r) Bob Griffin, Big Phil Huseman, John Griffin, Becky Bryan; Larry Steele; (not pictured) Debbie Weaver.

Erie Shore Ski Club

We’re a fun ski club which meets on the west side of Cleveland at the German-American club (Lenau Park) in Olmsted Township, on Columbia Rd., just south of Great Northern Shopping Center. Our meetings, which consist of good conversation, food and drink, are on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Sept. is our picnic meeting and then we meet from Dec. to Mar., at 7:00 pm. We also have guest speakers at our meetings and at the February meeting we have a ‘best dessert’ contest. In July, we have our annual ‘Summerfest’ which is a fund raiser for our race team.

Our summertime activities include meeting at various locations for happy hour and we are planning an evening in downtown Cleveland around the 4th district.

Our ‘Mighty Little Race Team’ is having a great start this year and we welcome new racers. We have a lot of fun, too.

We have week long western trips and one-day trips to NY and PA with Village Ski and Board Join us.

For more info, call our President, Bob Griffin at (440)-376-3518 or email at griffin_b@juno.com.

Goodyear Ski Club

Goodyear Ski Club closed out 2016 with an outstanding Holiday Party – the attendance this year was excellent. Members and guests enjoyed socializing and feasting on all the delicious dishes they had brought to share. After dinner, we were entertained as many terrific raffle prizes were awarded.

Our first ski trip of 2017 will be to Seven Springs on Friday, January 27th. That weekend we will head to Sun Peaks in British Columbia. In February, we have overnight trips to Holiday Valley, and then in March, we head to Colorado for a week at Crested Butte.

GSC has great social events all year long. Our two biggest events are the summer picnic at Wingfoot Lake State Park and the holiday dinner party and raffle at Houston Hall in Norton. Some of our other activities include a golf tournament at Aroostook Golf Club; a baseball game and fireworks at Canal Park, a chili cook-off, an Euchre tournament, bike rides, and other outings.

Goodyear Ski Club welcomes guests at our club meetings as well as at our social events and ski trips. We meet at 7:30 pm on the second Tuesday of each month (September through May) at the New Era Restaurant, 18 Massillon Road, Akron OH 44312.

For more information, please contact Warren Ripple at PresidentGSCW@ Gmail.com. The website is www.GoodyearSkiClub.org.

Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club

Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club is a year round social club based on the east side of Cleveland in Lake County. We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the VFW Hall on Vine Street in Eastlake. This meeting begins at 7:00 PM and we have various events including, Italian Night, pot luck dinner, breakfast for diner, trivia, chili cook off, souper-bowl night, slave auction and many more. It’s a great way to socialize that usually includes food and always has $1 draft beer.

Ski season is well under way. we visited Holimont January 13th and will be doing it again on February 17th. (Contact Kerry Troy for details) We are travelling for weekend trips to Cleveland (Mach 22nd) and Bristol Mountain (March 3rd – 5th) or you can run into somebody at our meetings that might just be going skiing or boating for the day and looking for company. Forty of us will be jetting off to Telluride in Colorado for a week of skiing at the end of January.

Socially we have our Dinner of the Month on the first Wednesday of every month, February is Chinese New Year led by Dennis Stooke and Mary Hannah is taking us to Willsoughby Brewing Company in March. As ski season winds down and the weather gets a little warmer our plan is to have our first one club golf outing and a wine trip to follow up on our November weekend trip to the Niagara Falls, Ontario region that was organized and run by professionally by Dennis and Carol Ross. For more information on Hi Rise go to: www.hiriseskiclub.com

Sandsky Ski Club

As of this publication of the winter edition of SITZMARK the Sandsky Ski Club will have held its first meeting of the 2017 New Year and forty-one (41) Sandsky Ski Club members will have kicked off their New Year’s first trip to BOYNE MOUNTAIN.

Prior to the eager anticipation of the first trip club members continued to have fun mugging for and actively participating in many activities in the final months of 2016 at both local and for the holidays.

A festive spirit filled the air as 67 members set the mood for the annual President’s Christmas Party which was held at the clubheld at the Vineyards on Catawba. Before eating, members socialized while enjoying a variety of appetizers and beverages. It was nice to see several members who traveled 100+ miles to attend. Members enjoyed a scrumptious holiday feast of turkey and ham as well as a variety of other delicious side dishes and dessert that usually includes food and always has $1 draft beer.

Next year Winter break will be Tuesday, December 17th and we are looking forward to our New Year’s first trip to BOYNE MOUNTAIN.

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Holiday Valley in Ellicottville has all the right ingredients for a great ski/snowboard vacation for your young family. It’s close to home so you can just hop in your car and avoid the challenges of air travel. If you have young children you know just what I mean! Sharing a few days on the slopes, away from the commitments and distractions of everyday life brings families together in a way nothing else can. At Holiday Valley, families can enjoy slopeside lodging, an interesting variety of terrain, legendary snow, and fun places to eat, shop and play.

The resort’s 58 slopes and 13 lifts are spread over four different mountain faces on 1,400 acres with pockets of interesting terrain hidden throughout. Happy Glade, one of four glades at Holiday Valley, is a kids’ delight with a gentle pitch and tightly packed evergreens that leads to a secret fort in the woods. Kid-size moguls, just perfect for learning to ski bumps, can be found on the moderately pitched Morning Star Slope. The Burton Riglet Park at the bottom of School Haus slope are down-sized learning area and terrain park that give kids (and parents) a place to learn how to ride and slide on non-intimidating terrain and features that are shorter and low to the ground. Holiday Valley’s efficient lift system includes 11 family-friendly quad chairs (three of which are high-speed), a handle tow and a magic carpet. The Sky High Mountain Coaster is a thrilling ride down the mountain through the trees.

Holiday Valley’s Mountain Adventures Children’s Snowsports School is the perfect place for kids as young as three to learn or improve skiing or snowboarding skills. Day Care, which can be combined with lessons, operates daily. And after a full day on the slopes, families love the Holiday Valley Tubing Park with 22 groomed lanes and 2 tow’s, a warming hut and a large bobsled pit. For the little ones under 7 years and 42 inches tall, there’s the Li’l Tubers area, weather permitting.

The Tamarrack Club and the Inn at Holiday Valley both offer ski-in, ski-out access, indoor/outdoor heated pools, outdoor hot tubs and saunas. The Tamarrack Club is just steps from the Day Care center and the Children’s Snowsports School. Slope side condominiums from Holiday Valley Property Management are a great choice for families who want extra living space, additional bedrooms and the convenience of a kitchen. Weekday lift and lodging packages include free lift tickets for up to two children, ages 17 and under.

Don’t forget, a family vacation is for moms and dads too. The full service Ellicottville Oasis Spa is located in the Tamarrack Club, as is the lively John Harvard’s Brew House where over 20 craft beers are on tap. Shopping is delightful in the welcoming Village of Ellicottville with several boutiques, antiques, galleries and restaurants.

Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville is on the web at www.holidayvalley.com.
Parents: Doug & Robin Seib (but I let them know they are not my real mom & dad) 
Breed: Chow Chow
Club affiliation: I hang with more than one pack. (Fagwees & Ecoul) and enjoy all people, especially those that feed me cheese
Experience with CMS: Been on the trail since 2001. Some say I hold the canine record for attending the most ski races. I sure do love snow and all the places I go. When CMS was a kids pro-gram, I eagerly watched many young ones become excellent adult racers. I can't kiss & tell but I've seen more of my share of Shenanigans in the years.
Favorite ski area: Holiday Valley because it was the first ski area I visited and now I have my own deck to nap on and watch the world go by. Favorite hotel: The Inn on the Lake near Bristol because they have the best dog food and I love the fancy-internet. Favorite road trip there, I tasted Bambi Balls made by the Halls and drank beer with Reno. But my favorite gig is keeping an eye on my Mom.
Your wishes: That every dog has a life as full & fantastic as mine. And, always be the person your dog thinks you are.
In memory of Chandler-Hang-Skib. Better known as: Skinner 9/11/01 -- 2015 This interview was conducted on January 2015 just four and a half hours passed away

Ski Club Profile:

Hi Rise

Annie Ski

Lindsey Crookshanks

Hi Rise Ski Club

Snowballers Ski Club

Snowballers is a club made up of Singles, Married and Families. We enjoy getting out on winter weekends to ski and snowboard. We participate in all of the CMS race weekends. Our Club meets the Second Tuesday of Every Month. We will meet at franchises like the Pizza Corner, Hi Rise, and M & M's. Without this group, SCSC would not be thriving as it is today. Our trip committee plans the weк-end of our 2017 ski season, which kicks off Oct 1st. With a total of 150 participants & getting ready to ski for a day trip. This trip is followed by a day trip to Holiday Valley with a draw to win a pair of skis. For more information on our club and snowboards, please visit our website at www.snowballerskiclub.com or by finding us on Facebook.

Stark County Ski Club

Stark County Ski Club keeps growing with new members, thanks to our current members talking to their friends about the activities of the club. All of our officers and committee members have been busy with the daily needed tasks, that most don’t see happening, to keep our club and CMS thriving. Without this group, SCSC would not be thriving as it is today. Our trip committee plans the upcoming 2017 ski season, which kicks off Oct 1st with a full 55 passengers on the flight to Lake Louise. The flight is guaranteed for a day trip. For more information on our club and snowboards, please visit our website at www.scckidski.org. Our party theme is “Pirates of SC” in honor of the Columbus Blue Jackets. We are very happy to boast that most of our trips (2 weeks, 3 multi-day & 3 one-day), are sold out or closing close to sell outs. Thank you to the great planning by our trip committee. The second trip committee was elected in November, and they are already starting to look at trips for 2018.

Our social calendar has been booming with gatherings at local wineries, homes of members, local restaurants, and the monthly club meetings (average attendance has been 65 to 70). We held our annual “Winter Fest” at Osaker Steak and Lake in North Canton on Dec 1st. The turnout of members and a few new visitors was great for our club and OS&L. This year we added a toy drive for our local Toys for Tots. We gathered a great toy and get a ticket to the drawing. Thanks so much Sam of See the World Tours. He donated a pair of Kalas ski boots for the drawing. Congrats to Vicky Roe on winning the skis. We gathered about 30 great gifts for our local Toys for Tots. We added another big THANK YOU to the vendors that took part and helped make the event a success – Peak'n Peak, at the Lake Valley, BMR, Ski Shack, and the Ohio Park Snowboards, Paul Webber, and two of the local beer vendors.

For our future outings, the big plans are for the overnight raft trip on the Gull in Sept. Our trip last year took 43 members that traveled to West Virginia for a great weekend of rafting, camping, hiking, and more camp fire stories that we can share. We are elated to be gaining new members, but our club suffered two large losses in late 2016. Jim Shear was a forever member of our club. Jim was truly a “tack of all Trades”, and dam good at all of them. From old cars (Triumphs were his passion), golf, dancing, metal working, drawing – Jim was the best. If you never skied with this man, you missed out. He was truly amazing with his smooth moves down the slopes – no matter what terrain he was in. Jim was always in his signature hat and those wild patterned coats. Perry Stengos, another longtime member and all-round talent, from being a musician, lawyer, local city law director, legal advisor for our club, and awesome skier. If you skied with Perry, you were in the bumbs, trees, and the most challenging part of the moun- tain there was accessible. Jim and Perry both passed from cancer, but they lived till their last day with their hearts wide open.

Suburban Ski Club

Suburban Ski Club is a friendly group of skiers that enjoy lots of opportuni-ties to ski (12 trips totaling 24 days this year). We ski every week during the winter months. Our convenient meeting location, Alfred’s at the Holiday Inn just off Wilson Mills Road at I-771, draws members from all parts of the Cleveland area. Our numbers have grown in recent years to more than 250 members. We are planning two major trips this year. The first will be to Steamboat from January 21-28. The price includes five days of skiing at Steamboat plus a $70 lunch voucher valid at Steamboat-operated restaurants, wine & cheese reception, a Cowboy BBQ dinner on the mountain, and two free checked bags on the flights. An optional sixth ski day is available. We are staying at the Canyon Creek Con- doss, approximately 200 yards from the gondola.

The second western trip will be to Banff/Lake Louise, March 5-12. We will stay the first three nights at Lake Louise Inn in the town of Lake Louise. Then our luggage will be transferred during the day to the Ptarmigan Inn in the town of Banff. We will stay in the remaining four nights. The price includes five days of skiing at Lake Louise, Sunshine, and Mt. Norquay, and an optional sixth day is available.
In addition, we will have eight one-day trips to Holiday Valley, Seven Springs, Pebble Peak, Kissing Bridge, and Holimont. This year we are offering two overnight mid-week trips, allowing two days of skiing at Holiday Valley on the first trip in January, and skiing at both Holiday Valley and Bristol on the second trip in February. Our goal is to give people as many opportunities to ski as possible. Indeed, our motto is “We Ski Every Week.” Combined with group lift-ticket discounts, bus trips are by far the most economical way to ski. Several of our trips are on Sundays or holidays to accommodate those with less flexible work schedules. Members can make trip reservations online and pay with a credit card or print out a flyer to mail in. Day trips are the same price whether reserved online or by mail, but discounts are available for the major trips if reserved by mail and paid by check.

Beginning this year, only members of Suburban Ski Club may go on our trips. Dues are just $20 per person, and first-time members get a special price of only $10. Membership forms can be printed from our web site and mailed in, or the application can be completed online and paid with a credit card or PayPal account.

Meetings this winter will be on the third Thursday of the month in our usual location, Alfredo’s at the Holiday Inn just off Wilson Mills Road at 1-271. Upcoming meeting dates are January 19, February 16, and March 16. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Many of us arrive early for dinner at Alfredo’s restaurant. We also have one or more other social activities each month, including a monthly Eat-Around-Town where we explore the offerings of various local restaurants. Prospective members are always welcome at these events.

For more information about Suburban Ski Club, contact Beth Silverman at (440) 247-1825, or email info@suburbanskiiclub.org. A complete listing of upcoming events, trip flyers, membership applications, and more can be found on our website: http://www.suburbanskiiclub.org.
As the flames were extinguished at the end of South America’s first Winter Games, the focus shifted from Rio to an unprecedented series of spectacles in East Asia.

The next Winter Olympics will be held in the ski resort of PyeongChang in South Korea, followed by the Summer Olympics in Tokyo two years later and another Winter Games in Beijing in 2022.

The closing ceremony in Rio started the clock ticking for 547 days until PyeongChang 2018.

And South Koreans can’t wait. In the nearly finished skating arena, former Olympic skating gold medalist and organizer Kim So-Hye reported that “we are a little bit nervous, but we are so excited.”

The venue, one of six impressive new facilities, was ready in November 2016 to hold test events.

“We are ready,” Kim added. “We’ve watched Rio and the people of Korea are very excited to welcome all the world’s top skaters here.”

PyeongChang won the bid to host the Games at the third attempt, having narrowly lost the votes won by Vancouver and Sochi.

They are determined to make their Games memorable.

“We want to host the best Winter Games ever made,” says Lee Hee-beom, the president of PyeongChang’s Organizing Committee. “We will be ready to host a historic Games.”

All the venues were to be ready by the end of October 2016. And they will cost a lot less than the last Winter Olympics.

Korea will spend $13 billion, nearly four times less than Russia spent on the Sochi Olympics, the most expensive in history.

Ninety percent of that spending is on the infrastructure that will benefit a region that has long languished as one of the most backward in Korea.

A new high-speed train will whisk spectators from Seoul in under an hour. It now takes nearly three hours to make the journey from the capital.

The organizers hope new roads and venues will make the mountainous area in Korea’s East a magnet for tourists and skiers from across Asia.

The facilities rising from Korea’s red earth are all within 30 minutes of each other, as Korea aims to host the most compact and athlete-friendly Games to date.

They also hope there will be no repeat of their last Olympics — Seoul 1988 — when their neighbors from Communist North Korea boycotted the Games.

Those who love peace have the obligation to participate, so rebranding the city was seen as vital to getting its name on the global map.

PyeongChang added that capital letter “C” to the middle of its name to avoid confusion with the Pyongan, the capital of North Korea.

There was real concern that South Koreans celebrated after PyeongChang was announced as the host of the 2018 Winter Olympics in July 2011.

Meet the PyeongChang 2018 mascot

Meet “Soohorang,” the new mascot for PyeongChang 2018

In selecting a tiger as mascot, the PyeongChang 2018 Organising Committee chose an animal closely associated with Korean mythology and culture. The tiger has been a familiar figure in Korean folk tales as a symbol of trust, strength and protection.

In mythology, the white tiger was viewed as a guardian that helped protect the country and its people. The mascot’s colour also evokes its connection to the snow and ice of winter sports.

The name “Soohorang” has additional significance. “Sooho,” the Korean word for “protection,” alludes to the protection of athletes, spectators and other Games participants.

“Rang” derives from the Korean word “ho-rang-i,” which means “tiger.” “Rang” also appears in “Jeongseon Arirang,” the traditional folk music of Gangwon Province, where PyeongChang is located.

IOC Member Gunilla Lindberg, the Chair of the IOC Coordination Commission for the Olympic Winter Games PyeongChang 2018, praised the mascot choice. She said, “It’s a beautiful animal, strongly associated with Korean culture. It also symbolises the close link between the Olympic Winter Games and is the natural environment. I’m sure the new mascot will be very popular with Koreans and people around the world.”