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## Holiday Valley: It's just fun all year 'round

It is sad to say good bye to another great ski season, but at Holiday Valley you'll find fun all year long. Outdoor adventures continue with tons of activities and events and the friendly vibe of Ellicottville is even friendlier in the slower paced months of spring, summer and fall.

Sky High Adventure Park includes the Aerial Park, the Climbing Forest, the Sky Flyer Mountain Coaster and Mr. Happy Gem Mining. The Aerial Adventure Park is the largest in New York State and third largest in the US with 13 courses of varying difficulty, 173 obstacles, and 43 zip lines. The resort recently installed several True Blue auto belay systems where instead of zip lining to exit a

course a climber JUMPS off the final platform. The True Blues lower the climber at 6 feet per second. It's a thrill, for sure! Located next to the Aerial Park, the Climbing Forest offers a 3-D climbing wall with the climbing holds strapped to tree trunks. There are 9 trees to climb of varying difficulty to challenge kids (age 5 and up) and adults alike. Mr. Happy Gem Mining Company was added to Sky High last summer for children as young as 2. The experience mimics old fashioned panning for gold where you start with a bag of sand that contains either gems or fossils. Miners wash the sand away in a sluice and the treasures are left in the pan. An identification card is



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included for children to learn more about their gems or fossils.

The Sky Flyer Mountain Coaster is 4800 feet in length with a downhill track of 2940 feet and a drop of 283 feet. The track consists of 15 curves, 12 waves, a jump plus a huge spiral, and carves a beautiful path through the woods of the resort that everyone in the family will love. And since the rider has control of the speed of their car, one can choose to race down the exciting track or sit back and enjoy the scenery!

Holiday Valley's Double Black Diamond course is 6500 yards of scenic and challenging golf. The course, which hibernates under the lower ski slopes, winds across the rolling terrain to create 18 holes to remember! Each hole has 4 sets of tees that will challenge the low handicapper, yet allow less experienced players to enjoy the course as well and keep the pace of play moving. Golf outings starting as low as \$67 per person (including cart, dinner and tournament assistance) are a great way to get your ski club, customers or friends together during the summer months. Our Master PGA Professional, Steve Carney and his assistants are available for golf lessons for golfers of all skill levels.

The Holiday Valley pool complex is open from Memorial Weekend

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# Winding down on another great CMSC winter sports season

It's hard to believe another winter has come and is almost gone. The Snow Gods have really blessed the west this year with enough snow that you could plan a summer ski vacation but here at home we are coming to the end.

There are still plenty of CMSC and Clubs events lined up for all, even after you put away your skis and snowboard for this season. The annual racer's Banquet is Saturday April 13, 2019 at Reinecker's banquet hall. That is always a great way to end the season with a big party to review the great season with friends and ski family! Saturday, July 20th is the date of the CMSC Metro Cup golf outing at Punderson Park. It will be a shotgun start and a lot of fun for golfers of all abilities. The CMSC picnic will be in August at the Metro Parks and lots of other clubs events. You can check the CMSC web site, SkiCleveland.com, the CMSC face book page, the CMSC Meet up page and the member club's web sites. Check your schedules and mark your calendars for these fun events.

It is almost time for officer elections for the CMSC board and as always we are looking for a few great volunteers to run for office. Our organizations can't run without the help of our members. Please consider running for an office or becoming part of a committee. We can always use new people with new ideas! It's what makes us better, more in tune with our member clubs and best able to serve.

**One last thing; to better communicate I have a new email address. If you have a comment, questions or just need information please email me at [President.skicleveland@gmail.com](mailto:President.skicleveland@gmail.com).**

Looking forward to seeing everyone over the summer!

Jerri 'Bootsie' Ricketts  
CMSC President




## 18th Annual CMSC Metro Cup golf outing is set for July 20

Attention all ski club golfers! Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 20, 2019, for the 2019 CMSC Metro Cup Golf Outing at Punderson State Park. Details and registration information will be on the CMSC website "skicleveland.com" and the CMSC Meetup. The Metro Cup Committee welcomes anyone who would like to help coordinate this event or donate prizes for the raffle. To join the Committee, call Metro Cup Chairperson Dr Bob Akamine at 440-773-2900.



[ STORY CONCLUSION ]

## CMSC's January 2019 trip to St. Anton, Austria

ST ANTON

By Curtis Bell, CMSC Trip Chair

*CMSC was in the middle of the St Anton trip during the deadline for submitting the article for that issue so the story of the trip was still in the making and only half of the trip was written about.*

You were left off with our group of 22 skiers skiing in the Austrian Alps just after a large snow storm had left us with plenty of fresh snow. Those two remaining days left us with great snow and super conditions and to top it off the days were mostly sunny. We truly ended a great week of skiing with great snow and perfect weather.

After the great week of skiing about half of the group had to head

to home while the rest of us went on to Paris for 4 days of sight seeing and enjoying the magic the city has to offer. We were happy to find out that the riots Paris had before we got there didn't affect us at all nor did it affect the charm of the city and its people. During our stay we had a sunny day followed by a little rain and the city received a few inches of snow letting us see the city in white. We really saw snow in Versailles which painted the landscape in white when it had received 4 or 5 inches of snow. We enjoyed great meals and wine while in Paris making this a very enjoyable ad on in Paris.

In conclusion this trip to St Anton followed by 4 days in Paris was a great experience and once again reminded me and a few others how magical Europe truly is.

## CMSC is considering going to Kitzbuhel, Austria, February 1-8, 2020 with an add-on to Vienna

This trip is not finalized completely but the final details are being worked out. Kitzbuhel offers a wide variety of skiing from expert to novice. It is also a great place for non-skiers so if you or your spouse does not ski but you still want to go together on a European ski trip this is the destination. The trains station in town makes it easy to visit a variety of places. The town of Kitzbuhel itself has many shops to visit during the day.

Skiing is traditional in Kitzbühel. As it has been for over 125 years. The Kitzbühel ski area is extensive, stretching across the states of Tirol and Salzburg as well as seven municipalities. Skiers can choose between 57 cable cars or chairlifts to take them up to the snow-covered mountains 2,000 meters (over 6000 feet) above sea level. There is a total of 230 kilometers, about 150 miles of slopes covering all levels of difficulty – from easy and moderate slopes right through to difficult, more challenging pistes. In Kitzbühel, it is possible to ski for a whole day without having to use the same lift twice.

Kitzbühel has a great night life. The Londoner which was established in 1976 is rated one of the best if not the best ski bar in the world. Having been to Kitzbuhel a couple times I can tell you this town has the best night life. The town of Kitzbuhel has plenty of shops to visit during the day or right after skiing.

Kitzbuhel also has a train station in town making it easy to go to places like Innsbruck on a day trip. It also makes it easy to travel to a glacier to ski for the day giving you a great experience. The glacier accommodates all abilities, so you do not have to be an expert skier to ski there.

Please email me at [curtiscmsc60@gmail.com](mailto:curtiscmsc60@gmail.com) for more details and to be kept informed on the status of this proposed trips.



KITZBUHEL

**Holiday Valley**  
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through September 2nd. Guests can relax at a lap pool, toddler pool, and an activity pool complete with a diving board and slide. The complex is the social hub of the Ellicottville scene with poolside food and beverage service from the Cabana Bar and John Harvard's Brew House.

E-bikes will be added to Holiday Valley's mountain bike rental fleet. E-bikes will make the trip to Spruce Lake achievable by most intermediate bikers, and then they'll follow the mellow flow trail that crisscrosses the slopes and winds its way back down to the base. Holiday Valley has been a mecca for mountain biking ever since Western New York Mountain Biking Association built 35 miles of singletrack in the state forest land adjoining Holiday Valley property for more advanced riders. The trails at Holiday Valley are free to ride; we just ask that you stay out of Sky High and the golf course.

Adventurers can enjoy stand up paddleboarding and kayaking on Spruce Lake on weekends starting June 23rd at the top of the mountain. Rentals and lessons are available by appointment through Adventure Bound in Ellicottville, 716. 217.4047. Chairlift rides on the Spruce Lake chair will be available on weekends starting August 3rd. Riders can then choose to take the lift back to the base or hike down one of the many scenic trails at Holiday Valley.

EXTREMELY FUN events happen throughout the green season at Holiday Valley, starting with the Happy Half Marathon on May 11th. The annual Mudslide Obstacle Trail Run on June 15th is an obstacle race that's really, really FUN. Yes, you'll get muddy, yes there is running, yes there are up to 14 obsta-



at Holiday Valley. Leading up to the ski season, the Beer and Wine Festival weekend is November 8th and 9th with Friday night's Trucks 'n Brews party and Saturday's beer tasting event.



cles but NO fire, NO barbed wire and NO electric shocks! Runners can choose the mostly downhill 3.5 mile course or the more challenging 5.4 mile course. July 5th through 7th is the wonderful Summer Music Festival with performances on the slopes by Don Felder, formerly of the Eagles on Saturday night and the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra followed by a spectacular fireworks show on Sunday night. August 10th and 11th brings the annual Taste of Ellicottville, where the many fine restaurants of town bring their specialties to the streets. Everyone's favorite, Fall Festival is October 12th and 13th with a street fair in the Village and chairlift rides



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## Chagrin Valley Ski Club

**Chagrin Valley Ski Club Trip Report: Les Trois Vallees, France**  
by Lisa Brand, CVSC VP

### Bon voyage!

Chagrin Valley Ski Club travelers gathered at Hopkins airport in the early morning of Friday January 18th. As we came through security, many of us thanked the TSA workers, who were working without pay due to the government shutdown. Judi welcomed our group then turned over proceedings to Madame Vice President (aka Lisa: that's me!) for an important announcement. I announced that it was Eric's birthday and that he had been hauling around his own chocolate birthday cake all morning, unbeknownst to him. I snuck it into the food bag we packed for the trip. We sang "Happy Birthday," then we all pigged out on birthday cake.

### Bienvenue!

Despite some delays due to much air traffic at the Newark Airport, coupled with icy weather conditions, our trip was otherwise uneventful. When we arrived in France we were transported by chartered bus from the Geneva Airport to Hotel Amelie, in the small picturesque village of Brides-les-Bains, nestled at the foot of *les Alpes Françaises* (the French Alps). That leg of the trip took a couple of hours so most of us tried to catch up on some sleep.

Upon our arrival at Hotel Amelie, we were treated to many bottles of wine, a variety of delicious cheeses and charcuterie, bread, bruschetta, a vegetables plate, fruit salad, and chocolate mousse. When Judi, who did a great job organizing the trip, arranged for this lunch, she was told that the chef isn't in midday, so lunch would have to be a very simple offering. It was a feast. *Bon appetit!*

### Brides-les-Bains

There are only about 500 permanent residents in Brides-les-Bains. The village is perched over a narrow river that winds its way through the center of town and is crossed by multiple foot bridges. The source of water comes from high up in the mountains. "Brides" comes from the Gallic word "Briva" which means bridge; "Bains" means baths in French. The area gained notoriety centuries ago for its thermal waters. Apparently, it was considered a real health boon, and a curative. Doctors treating patients with all sorts of ailments prescribed 50-60 glasses of thermal water to drink daily!

Throughout the ages, the town has been visited by European royalty from all across the continent, seeking the latest health fix. During the week, some club members took advantage of the thermal waters and went to Le Grand Spa Thermal, a brand new facility that just opened, to swim, get massages, soak in the jacuzzis, steam up in the aromatic steam baths, and wilt in the saunas. To my knowledge, no



A typical Le Trois Vallees vista in "les Alpes Françaises."



Pattie, Sylvia, and Sue: "Les baguettes au chocolat sont ooh-la-la!"



La Folie Douce (Sweet Madness) Cafe: dancing on the tabletops. That's something Dave Carlson would do.

one drank the thermal waters straight up. But, to celebrate our last night of the trip, Judi offered up beer made with Brides-les-Bains thermal waters. *Sante!*

### Les Trois Vallees

The name, "Les Trois Vallees", is pretty descriptive. The ski area is spread out across three valleys: Courchevel, Maribel and Val Thorens, with multiple soaring mountain peaks dwarfing the villages scattered here and there. The Val Thorens summit elevation is the highest, with an altitude of 10,594 feet. While skiing, at times, we were above the cloud cover and could see mountain peaks emerging from what seemed like a mysterious foggy underworld. The villages of the valleys are crisscrossed with chair lifts and gondolas.



Le Bubble chairlift

### Le Bubble

We learned that the chair lift with clear plastic retractable windshields is called *le bubble* (pronounced "le boo bell" with a lyrical French accent). When the bubble top is down the seats automatically heat up, turning frigid flesh into toasty tushies!

### Go with the Flo

A handful of us chose to cough up some Euros to get a group together for a guided mountain tour the first day. Our fearless leader, Florence ("Flo"), was delightful. Our motto of the day was: "Go with the flow with

Flo." She grew up in central France and used to be a ski mountain guide there, but in the mid 80s she went searching for bigger and better. She found it at Les Trois Vallees, the largest ski resort in Europe, and the largest in *tout le monde* (all the world). Every ski season she returns to Les Trois Vallees with her children in tow.

### Piste off

During the week some skiers headed out "to the dark side" looking for challenging black runs and off-piste fun. Happily, each day they all returned, though sometimes the

worse for the wear. Some skiers commented that they found their challenge *après ski*, getting "piste" at the bar. (Awww, all big talkers; everyone stayed sober and if they did imbibe maybe just a wee twitch too much, the worst that happened was that they snored in public.) Some lucky club members found a magic pavilion on the mountain where baguettes were handed out, with a big chocolate bar inside each hunk of bread!

At La Folie Douce (Sweet Madness) Cafe in the Maribel Valley, there was a different show every afternoon: entertainers did acrobatics and danced on the tabletops during lunch; dancing girls in skimpy tulle kicked up their heels; a soulful jazz musician played the saxophone; a singer sang the blues; and a revue of handsome young men performed some fast footwork around the lunch tables to country blues and hip hop tunes.

### Citation du la Semaine

Upon surveying some club members about their favorite part of the trip, there were a variety of interesting answers:

#### Gastronomics:

Elliott: "Food"; JP: "Food" Debra R: "Food" (is there a theme going on here?); Jeanne: "Skiing Courchevel (Valley) with the mountain guide...and I'd better mention the chocolate mousse and champagne."

#### Les Alpes Françaises:

Eileen: "The guided mountain trip"; Ann "Skiing"; Sylvia: "Skiing in the Alps, it's been on my bucket list"; Sue: "OMG I'm skiing in the Alps!"; Nancy: "My instructor taking me places I never thought I'd go; I was on the top of the mountain ... and I got back down!" Martha: "Beautiful vistas"; Debbie G: "Blue skies"; Pattie: "The views"; Jim: "Memorable scenery". (Father and son team Bob and Matt) Bob: "Crisp mountain views of Mont Blanc; Matt: "That's what I was going to say...and the toilet that I found high up in the mountain."

#### Comaraderie:

Bill: "Skiing with new friends"; Gary: "Social interactions" (club members pointed out that no one paid him to say that); June: "Having meals together"; Larry: "Skiing...skiing with Eric; Nima: (sitting and chatting with Eric at dinner); "Eric"; Lisa (Eric's wife): "Uh-oh, Eric is going to be hard to live with"; Eric: (remained judiciously silent); Jane: (concerning the gondola that transports skiers off the mountain and stops running at 5 p.m.) "Making it to the gondola at 4:55 p.m! Some club members' comments have been deleted due to the sensitive nature of the readership.

### Divertissement

On Wednesday early evening some of us bundled up and gathered across the street from the hotel, at a small outdoor plaza, to hear some free live music by Chris Quinn, gypsy jazz and folk guitarist. He is an Englishman with Irish roots but his musical repertoire is international. At the center of the plaza there was a tall modern metal sculpture of a tree formed with concentric spheres and sparkling with silver lights. We admired the glitzy tree and sipped complimentary coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Some folks walked up the block to purchase hot mulled wine. We all enjoyed the tunes, an eclectic array of folk songs, swing, jazz, and country blues. It was a perfect prelude to a delicious dinner.

### Tartiflette

Back at Hotel Amelie, after the concert, we were served *tartiflette*, a traditional dish from the French Alps de Savoie (the Savoy Alps, the region that encompasses Brides-les-Bains). Ingredients: Charlotte (local



Up above the clouds: Alpine mountain peaks rising up from a foggy underworld.



potatoes, bacon *lardons* (strips of fatty bacon), shallots, garlic, white wine, double cream (heavy whipping cream), Reblochon (regional) cheese, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper. The dish was cooked in various ways first then baked in individual casserole dishes and served bubbling hot with a crunchy brown crust. *Delicieux!*

**La Neige**

And then it snowed...making all the skiers very happy.

**Le Soleil**

Happier still!

**Trip summary**

*Ooh la la! C'était merveilleux!*

**Continental Ski Club**

As usual, Continental Ski Club (CSC) is very proud of our racers, as some of us advanced to a new class and others took 1st place in races! We are looking forward to the CMSC Racers' Banquet to be held on Saturday, April 20th at Reinecker's Party Center. At this event, you will probably hear the same cheer heard at the CMSC racing events this past season, Continental may not win the race, but we definitely win the PARTY!"

As Spring has arrived, CSC is organizing its spring/summer calendar. On Saturday, June 1st we will host our annual Spring Picnic at Oak Shelter (Cleveland Metro Parks—North Chagrin Reservation). Once a month we get together for a Birthday Nite Out to celebrate those members who had birthdays during that particular month. Also, we have now formed an Activities Committee, which is creating more events for us to participate in throughout the spring and summer, i.e. a day at Geneva-on-the-Lake, overnight at Put-n-Bay, and much more!

Of course, CSC will again participate in the 18th Annual CMSC Metro Cup Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 20th at Punderson State Park Golf Course. CSC hopes to regain the trophy!

Information regarding these events and others is available at our meetings. Currently, CSC meets at the Smoke BBQ Grill (34820 Vine Street, Eastlake.) We meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning at approximately 7:30 pm. For more information about CONTINENTAL SKI CLUB, please contact our President Terry Francis at (440) 487-0269.

**Edelweiss Ski Club**

Edelweiss members enjoyed three weekends skiing in western NY at Holiday Valley and Peek'n Peak. We are grateful that mother nature cooperated with our plans. Some of our members were lucky to ski out west. We think back on the our members that passed away this sea-



Above left, middle and right: Edelweiss member moments from the recent season.

son Hans Kopp and Tibor Baumgartner and hope they enjoying skiing in the clouds. Our energy is now focused on preparing for our biggest fundraising event: Sommer Oktoberfest at Lenau Park. See you all next year on the slopes.

**Erie Shore Ski Club**

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, good 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 Soup and Dessert Cook-Offs and sometimes games. In July, we have our annual 'Summerfest' which is a fund raiser for our race team.

Our race team is a premier team with the Cleveland Metro Ski Council. We welcome all racers, experienced and novice, young and older. Come race with us and you will become a better skier and have a lot of fun.

Our summertime activities include meeting at various locations for 'happy hour'.

We have week long western trips and meet on Weds. at Snow Trails Ski Area in Mansfield, Ohio. Join us. This year we went with the Stark County Ski Club to Panorama, BC, Canada and had a lot of fun. Come with us and enjoy the great spring skiing. For more info: griffin\_b@juno.com.

**Fagowees**

As the snow slowly melts into the grass, the Fagowees look back at a very good year of skiing. We raced on 7 weekends, in Ohio & NewYork, non-racers often accompanied them just to ski the slopes. We had our massive busload annual "sick day" skiing at Holimount midweek, (great job again Tony!).

At the time of this being written, over 110 skiers are prepping for our annual Go West Ski Trip, this year, Jackson Hole Wyoming. It's mostly Cleveland Fagowees, a few DC



Fagowees, & a whole assortment from various CMSC member clubs. Can you say "yippee-ki-yay"? And on their own, I had Instagram & FB updates from Fagowees skiing everywhere continuously throughout the season (still am).

It's also sort of our first anniver-

sary in our new home, the VFW 1974 Hall at 4305 Woodrow Avenue in Parma. We're settled in, enjoying our new "house," tweaking things to get that homey feeling more fully, but all in all, it's Home. Meetings October-May 1st & 3rd Tuesday, June-September 3rd Tuesday always

@ 8 PM, doors @ 7 PM. We supplement meetings with our "informal" 1st Tuesday summer meetings and also our monthly Happy Hour the last Thursday every month at various watering holes. New Membership is available for \$25, renewal is \$20 AND it gets you member rates for our trips & events, PLUS, you get introduced to the sacred ShotSki Ceremony.

Our updated website is up and running at [www.Fagowees.org](http://www.Fagowees.org) - ok, maybe we're hitting some moguls, but we're getting there.

In the works for those non-skiing upcoming months; Open To All, 3 Person random-golf scrambled, 9 holes, food; Another White Water weekend; A river/tree adventure; Golfing; Island hopping (or biking); some culture, theater outing; and maybe, hopefully, Our Second Annual BrewBoat Race?!-blinding speed on the Cuyahoga, pedaling.

We bike weekly, supplemented with our members doing fund raisers with pledges for their pedaling efforts. Our Houseboat crew called it quits, but we're looking for new Captains (thanx Mark & Lee). Instead of a rocky start, we're talking about rock climbing/bouldering, hopefully not the same day after doing a winery/distillery/brewery tour!

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We'll have monthly Euchre/Social nights, some Indians games – one at the Washington Nationals Stadium! And there's always JIFFIs, spur of the moment, "lets do ????? this weekend", ya never know when the light bulb over somebody's head lites up! Just because the snow melts – Fagowees don't hibernate!

### Lewis Ski Club

This ski season the Lewis Ski Club ran two weeklong ski trips, three other one-day alpine trips, and an overnight nordic ski trip. The January trip to the Snowmass resorts had 28 people and about 20 inches of powder, making for a great trip to the central Rockies. We had ski-in/ski-out accommodations at Snowmass, with shuttles to three other area resorts, including Aspen Highlands. At the Highlands, a couple of our members participated in the iconic Cloud Nine Champagne Lunch, at which, after the lunch has been enjoyed, the goal is to soak everyone and everything with dozens of bottles of champagne, and then ski down in bubbly-soaked clothes – it's wild, and so Aspen! The February trip to Park City, Utah didn't have much new snow, but there was plen-

ty already there and the 26 members had a great week, despite a couple of ski injuries. A nice feature of the Park City trip was that lunch was included each day, so no worries about smashing that sandwich that you usually pack in your pocket. Two of our Friday day trips (which have west-side and east-side pickup locations), to Holimont and Holiday Valley, featured warm breakfast sandwiches, setting a high standard for our always-provided breakfast on the bus. The Nordic trip to the Wilderness Lodge in the Allegany Mountains saw 10 people braving the frigid temperatures during the "polar vortex," but great snow and a cozy cabin still made for a great outing. We also kept busy with social outings, including visiting the new Michael Angelo's Winery in Richfield, a Progressive Dinner/Brewery Hop outing which visited three east side microbreweries, and the Musikfest at Donauschwaben German Club in Olmsted Falls (our monthly meeting location). This summer, in addition to other social outings, we'll have our annual picnic meeting in August. The Lewis Ski Club welcomes anyone to come to our social events and our monthly meetings at

6:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month, preceded by a 5:00pm social hour in the German-themed Donauschwaben complex at 7370 Columbia Road. Annual dues for club membership, required for our ski trips, are only \$15/person or \$20/family. Check us out at lewisski-club.org - we'd be happy to have you join us!

### Sandusky Ski Club

Trip leaders Jim and Shirley Tabellion did not have to do a snow dance for Sandusky Ski Club's trip to Jackson Hole WY. It was snowing upon arrival February 23rd as 28 SSC members from Sandusky, Cleveland, and as far away as South Carolina checked in at The 49er Inn in Jackson WY. It continued to snow for 6 days on SSC's last trip of the season adding 75 inches of new fresh powder to the 390 inches already on the ground setting a record for Jackson Hole's snowiest month on record. A sleigh ride into the Elk Refuge for a close-up view of the wildlife replaced the pre-scheduled snowmobile excursion into Yellowstone and Old Faithful that was cancelled because the road to Yellowstone was impassable—yes, there was too much snow for snowmobiling. Although skiers and boarders visibility was limited by snow and



Sandusky Ski Club Mont-Tremblant Canada trip February, 2019.



Sandusky Ski Club Jackson Hole, 2019. Snake River Brewery, Jackson WY.

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clouds—hello vertigo—the soft and fluffy snow cushioned the many tumbles and it did not obstruct views of the Mama moose with her 2 calves on the slope. When the sun finally came out on the last day of the trip a ride on the Tram to the summit provided spectacular views as well as great skiing. Although Jackson Hole is noted for its difficult terrain, everyone found enough variety suitable to their skills. Jackson being an easy town to walk around in with a multitude of restaurants, shops, museums, bars, breweries and of course "The Million Dollar Cowboy Bar" gave everyone, particularly the non-skiers, something to do. Upon SSC's departure a moose in the hotel parking lot bid a farewell celebration to the bus adding a grand ending to an already memorable trip. Thank you Jim and Shirley for what will be one of SSC's most memorable trips.

Many of the same SSC members on the Jackson Hole trip one week later were among the 39 members that boarded the bus in the wee dark a.m. hours in Sandusky with trip leader Daria Deno serving breakfast on the bus. The long ride to Mont-Tremblant Quebec Canada was well worth it as the snow gods blessed the 49 miles of 102 ski trails situated on 4 main mountain slopes from beginner to expert with 2 feet of fresh powder during the week resulting in skiers and boarders "dream conditions" of fresh powder every day. Locals said that it was the best snow Mont-Tremblant has had in 10 years. The quaint European village with extraordinary French architecture offered many après activities such as ice skating, snow tubing, the Aqua Club swimming facility with slides etc., shops, Casino de Mont-Tremblant, spas, an activity center and of course a variety of awesome restaurants and bars. Dog sledding, a shuttle to the old town of Tremblant and Saint-Jovite, provided extra-curricular activities to skier and boarders days-off as well as to those non-skiers and boarders. Others opted for a spa day to rest and heal their weary bodies. Thank you Daria and co-leader Michelle Impagliozza for another fantastic

and unique trip.

Kim Mohr and Blythe Friedley prior to boarding decorated the bus for the President's Trip and the celebration of 3 members weekend birthdays; Nancy Welfle, Patrick Schmidt, and President Joe Dibling's 60th. They made sure the 31 SSC members who boarded the bus in Sandusky on Thursday January 31st for the 7 hour long bus ride to Snowshoe Mountain WV was lively and fun-filled with music, dancing, games, snacks, margaritas, peach fuzzys, and sips of Wild Turkey American Honey from the shot-ski. Mary Gochenour strutted her stuff to the music of "HOT HOT HOT" receiving the award for the best Snowshoe Bunny costume. Carefully winding his way through snowy conditions up, down, and around the inclining and declining roads of the WV Mountains, Dylan, our attentive and focused bus driver delivered all safely and without incident to the Mountain Lodge. Waking up to fresh snow Friday morning skiers and boarders eagerly hit the slopes with renewed enthusiasm and energy. Snow continued into the evening hours providing good conditions on Saturday morning before the weekend warm-up. After the mountain closed at 4:00 p.m. on Friday members attended the President's dinner at Cheat Mountain Pizza celebrating the February birthdays. Games, great food, conversation, and birthday cake were enjoyed by all. Many then continued onto Silver Creek for a couple hours of night skiing. Inviting mild temperatures made for long lift lines for the remaining 2 days of skiing. Saturday night many members laughed heartily as they were entertained by comedians at the resort's Comedy Club. Skiers and non-skiers enjoyed the hot tubs and pool at Split Rock Pools, as well as the various shops and restaurants offering delicious West Virginia cuisine and brews. Thank you to Trip Leaders Kim and Blythe for a fun trip and to Club President Joe for the President's dinner.

Thirty-four (34) SSC members braved the drive through a snowstorm to Holiday Valley NY on Friday January 25th. Icy slope condi-

tions didn't dampen the happy hour party when Trip Leaders Beth Akins and Julie Rosiar served a buffet like dinner with delicious pork sliders and buffalo chicken dip being the hit features. The attention grabbing July 4th and Earth Day adorned helmets of Andrew and Amy Reese received prizes for the best decorated. Skiers and boarders were delighted on Sunday morning to wake up to a few inches of fresh snow. Some lucky members were winners at the Salamanca Casino in nearby Salamanca. Of course, all who chose to, enjoyed the many shops, bars, and restaurants in downtown Ellicottville. Fortunately, drivers who did not stay overnight on Sunday to ski Holimont on Monday returned safely home despite having to drive through another snowstorm.

Scott Strecker's first trip as trip leader was accompanied by 25 SSC members to Boyne Mountain MI. A bus potluck and a trivia game were enjoyed on the ride up. Members participated in Boyne's 70th Anniversary party with 70 hours of skiing, live music, and woodcarving.

Thanks Scott for tackling your first trip on your own.

Daria Deno announced at the March 4th meeting that the annual Bowl for Kids Mentoring will be Sunday April 14th 2 p.m. at Cedar Lanes in Sandusky. Community Youth Mentoring "All Kids Count" is a program dedicated to finding adult volunteers to mentor children between the ages of 6 - 18 in our communities. Club members are urged to solicit donations for their participation in the event. This is an annual event that provides an hour of bowling, food, raffles, prizes, and music all for a good cause. Bowling shoes and balls are provided. Bowlers that meet or exceed the minimum pledge of \$35 will receive a FREE T-shirt; those that raise over \$100 in donations will receive both a FREE t-shirt and sweatshirt. In the past SSC team losers buy drinks for the winning SSC team next door at the Thirsty Pony. So losers get ready to ante up.

The ever popular and fun-filled annual spring banquet will be held April 6th at the Colonial Flower Garden Shop in Sandusky. Vince Deno, master of ceremonies, has named the theme for this year's Banquet "Cinco De Mayo". Cocktails (BYOB) will start at 5:30 p.m. with a catered dinner consisting of Prime Rib, Chicken Piccata, Vegetable Lasagna, Garden Salad, Green Beans and a Potato Bar to be served at 6:30 p.m. Members are asked to sign-up to bring a dessert, preferably cupcakes or other finger food type dessert. Installation of the 2019-2020 officers will take place following the dinner. Throughout the evening Premier Beats DJ service will provide music for one's listening and dancing pleasure. Tickets may be purchased at the meetings--\$25 for members; \$31 for non-member guests. Or contact Vince Deno 419 202-6548.

Officer nominations for the forthcoming 2019-2020 year are as follows: President—Joe Dibling, JJ Reese; Vice-President—Mark Weiker; Secretary—Dan Schaeffer; Treasurer—Dave Benedict; 2 year director—Vince Deno, Daria Deno, JJ Reese; 1 year director—Chris O'Hara, Erin Nesbit, Karen Vagi. Ballots will be cast and counted at the club's meeting on March 18th.

The popular monthly Birthday dinners out continue to be well attended. The January, February, and March dinners were held in Sandusky at the Olive Garden, Longhorn Steakhouse, and Casa Real, respectively. Many look forward to this monthly evening out having the opportunity to socialize with fellow members while enjoy-

ing great food.

Laura Otrusina announced at the March 4th meeting that the summit for The Ohio Valley Ski Council (OVSC) will be June 7th - 9th, 2019 in Columbus OH. Conference registration includes Friday Reception, Saturday cocktail and dinner, Sunday breakfast, all meetings and trade show. Optional events are a 25 mile bike ride to the National Veterans Memorial and Museum (pay at door event); Elevator Brewing Brewery Tour, Tasting and Lunch. To register for the hotel and summit you may go to the following website: [www.ovsc.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=493197&item\\_id=965516](http://www.ovsc.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=493197&item_id=965516).

Elaine Brown is looking for information on all past presidents, hall of fame recipients, president appreciation award recipients, past kings and queens, and marriages that resulted meeting through the ski club. Please contact Elaine if you have or know who may have any information. [Esbrown4@gmail.com](mailto:Esbrown4@gmail.com) Landline 419 656-6117.

Other spring and summer club activities include:  
 • Sunday May 19; Spring golf scramble at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 1:30 p.m. Contact Dan Schaeffer 419-603-6615 or [danjschaeffer@yahoo.com](mailto:danjschaeffer@yahoo.com)

- July 19-22; Rollie Reid's annual Mohican camping/canoe/kayak trip. Contact Rollie Reid 419-271-3666 or [pzcj30@icloud.com](mailto:pzcj30@icloud.com)
- Saturday August 10; Dave and Jean Benedict as hosts once again for SSC kick-off picnic-
- August 16-19; Pine River Canoe/Camping trip.
- Sunday September 15; Fall Golf Scramble, Sleep Hollow Golf Course 2:30 p.m. Contact Dan Schaeffer 419-603-6615 or [danjschaeffer@yahoo.com](mailto:danjschaeffer@yahoo.com)

Kim Mohr, trip coordinator announced that the IKON pass renewal for the 2020 season is \$619; \$649 new. If ordered before April 23rd, 2019 and ordered through Sandy from SKI GROUP there is a \$50 rebate off each application.. [sandymoguls@aol.com](mailto:sandymoguls@aol.com). Click on this hyperlink to apply for the pass <https://trips.skigroup.net/ikonsandusky1920>.

Tentative 2020 trips include January, Boyne Highlands; February 1st-7th Killington and Stratton VT; February 29th -March 7th, Steamboat Springs CO. All of these trips honor the IKON pass.

Members were treated to a free Spaghetti Dinner at the American Legion

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before the February 18th meeting. Members were encouraged to attend and learn the ropes to being a trip leader. Leaders will receive new incentives.

The bi-monthly men's breakfasts are held at 9:00 a.m. on the Thursday following the Monday of the ski club meetings. Contact Jim Tabellion [jimtabellion@aol.com](mailto:jimtabellion@aol.com) or 419-627-2018 for location information.

Daria Deno, Chair for the Marketing and Social Committee scheduled 2 meetings March 4th and March 18th at 6 p.m. inviting members to bring ideas to the Social, Party & Marketing Committee. Volunteers are needed to run events or activities. Ideas and possible time/dates may be emailed to Daria at [cakedD45@aol.com](mailto:cakedD45@aol.com) or text 419-239-8545. Any activity or function of interest such as a play, a concert, etc. please forward the information and details to Daria and it will sent out to the club as a social function.

Club meetings are held the first and third Monday's of each month September through April at the American Legion Hall, 3615 Hayes Ave., Sandusky OH, with membership and trip sign-up at 7:00 p.m.; meeting at 7:30 p.m. Both skiers/snowboarders as well as non-skiers/snowboarders of all ages are invited to attend.

For more information on joining the fun and making new friends go to [www.sanduskyskiclub.com](http://www.sanduskyskiclub.com).

### Snowballers Ski Club

Snowballers Ski Club is a year-round ski and social club participating in exciting ski trips and social activities for all ages. We welcome singles, couples and families with over 85 members. Our members skiing abilities range from non-skiers to expert skiers and snowboarders. The Snowballers Ski Club has an exhilarating race team participating in weekend CMSC race events. No need to be a racer to join in the fun activities! Our annual event is "Ski with a Heart On", usually around Valentine's Day weekend which includes overnight bus transportation and skiing at Kissing Bridge, in NY. Mark your calendar for May 3rd as we will host our Cinco de Mayo party at Reinecker's Party Center in Macedonia to help support our race team. More details to come on our website or visit [skicleveland.com](http://skicleveland.com). Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month October to March at Reinecker's Party Center, 8575 Freeway Dr., Macedonia, Ohio around 7:00 pm. During the summer months Snowballers meet at various locations around the Greater Cleveland area. Remember to Save the date May 3, 2019 for the Cinco de Mayo Party at Reinecker's Party Center, details: soon at [www.snowballersskiclub.com](http://www.snowballersskiclub.com)

Website: Find out more about Snowballers Ski Club on the web at [www.snowballersskiclub.com](http://www.snowballersskiclub.com), or [skicleveland.com](http://skicleveland.com) or by following us on Facebook.

### Stark County Ski Club

The weather played havoc on our one day trips this season, but our trip committee works in the best interest of the group to make those sad calls not to go. Our two one day trips were cancelled, and one the

last overnight trip was shortened to just skiing on Saturday at PnP. Our last scheduled trip to Panorama went in the company of Erie Shores Ski Club, and a big shout out to that group for the flexibility. Our trip was scheduled for early March, and theirs was for a few weeks later. Both trips undersold, but by combining the two groups. Erie moved their date to match ours, so 29 happy skiers spent a week together in Panorama, but I did hear it was pretty darn cold.

If you are taking part in the HOF Marathon on April 28th, Stark County Ski Club will be manning the first water stop on the course. We will be located in the area of the Palace Theater on Market Ave. Hoping that furry rodent is correct for an early spring, because last year we all had our base layers on with a morning temperature of 33 degrees.

Our club chooses a charity to support each year, so we look for events that involve children or sports. This year we are sponsoring and event that two of our members support and take part in. Sports for Sound on May 18th, Kris Schnel and Lisa Martin, who have been long time active members in our club, and active with this event since it started 6 years ago. The event raises money to buy hearing aides for children. Check out the Web site [www.sportsforsound.com](http://www.sportsforsound.com) to see the list of events happening.

Our trip committee has our week trips setup for 2020, Okemo and Lake Tahoe, we are also working on a warm weather trip to Cabo.

The club will continue to work with AVI at Tom Benson HOF Stadium for 2020, so with all the HOF activities, we will also be working the OHSAA Championships again. The committee voted 8-0 to have this event remain in Canton over Columbus.

Last for best, Mike Bishop, a long time member and man who has worn many hats for our group, received his new heart in late January. Mike had become very ill on our Winter Park trip in 2018, and through many Dr. visits and tests, it was determined a transplant was needed. Mike was fitted with a battery pack that had electrodes attached to his heart to keep him stable till that phone call came, which also took his 2019 ski season away. He is doing great, walking over a mile and a half daily, and pledges to be back on the slopes for 2020.

### Suburban Ski Club

We had a great season this year, with several memorable trips. More than 60 of us went to Park City in late January. We stayed at the Zermatt Resort in Midway Utah and skied at Park City/The Canyons and Deer Valley. We also spent a day at Sundance resort, which was a pleasant surprise with its majestic, unspoiled views of the mountains and its rustic atmosphere. All of us who went were glad we did. Hats off to Southwest Airlines and their Salt Lake City supervisor Missy, who put together a flight crew and arranged for our grounded plane to fly the 60 of us, plus a few other Cleveland-bound passengers, directly to Cleveland after our flight to Chicago Midway was canceled due to fog.

Our second week-long trip, to Sunday River and Sugarloaf, Maine,

was fraught with adventure. They had lots of snow, which unfortunately resulted in our charter bus getting stuck in the snow while approaching the resort. We needed a tow truck to free the bus. In the end, the hotel had to send shuttles for us and our luggage because the road was too slippery for our bus that evening.

For the first two days we looked wistfully at the snow-covered mountains, most of which were inaccessible because high winds forced the resort to close all but two lifts. In fact, nearby Mt. Washington reported the highest wind speed ever recorded in the month of February—171 mph! The same winds caused a tall communication tower atop Sugarloaf Mountain to buckle over. We were able to see the convoluted tower, which was in plain sight when we skied at Sugarloaf on Thursday. Despite the setbacks, we had a great week with comfortable lodging, an abundance of delicious food, beautiful ski slopes, and a terrific group of skiers and snowboarders.

Most of our day trips to Holiday Valley, Holimont, and Peek'n Peak were also successful. Thanks to all our trip leaders, to everyone else in the club who played a role, and to our skiers and snowboarders.

Suburban Ski Club is a friendly group of skiers with lots of opportunities to ski. We ski every week during the winter months. Our convenient meeting location, Alfredo's at the Holiday Inn just off Wilson Mills Road at I-271, draws members from all parts of the Cleveland area. Our bus trips also pick up at the same location, as well as Lakewood Park on the west side and Geneva for people who live far out east.

Our meetings are typically on the second or third Thursday of the month from September through March (except December), starting at 7:00 p.m. We are done with formal meetings until September, but guests are always welcome at other club events.

Dues are just \$20 per person, and first-time members get a special price of only \$10. Everyone going on our trips must be a member of Suburban Ski Club.

Even though winter is over, we still have plenty of activities coming up during the rest of the year. Watch our web site, <https://www.suburban-skiclub.org>, for more information.

### Warren Ski Club

This report is short but sweet, and what a sweet year it has been. Warren Ski Club went to 3 Vallees, France in January where the skiing was absolutely incredible after receiving 2 feet of snow on the first day. Photos could not convey the beauty of the walnut size snowflakes. Our 3 day add on trip was to the city of Lyon, France where on the way we stopped at a historic castle to enjoy the candlelit basement winery and hors d'ouvres.

A few weeks later 32 of us went to Whitefish, Montana and experienced 4 days of sunshine, great snow, cold temperatures, but the best weather they have had in many weeks, according to the locals. We stayed at the luxurious Lodge at Whitefish Lake where the hospitality and kindness was second to none.

Added to all this, we had the best group of skiers, old members and new.

What a fabulous year. Hope you join us next year.

## CMSC Adult Skier Profile: "Dr Bob" Akamine Hi Rise Ski Club



**CMSC Position:** Chairman of the CMSC golf committee.

**Race Class:** Senior Vet.

**Skis:** Volkl Code 159 cm.

**Boots & Bindings:** Dalbello II Moro boots and Marker Motion bindings.

**Occupation:** Dentist

**Hobbies:** Fishing up until 1984. Fishing was a major reason for staying in Ohio when I graduated to CWRU. Highlight was fishing Lake Erie for Coho and King Salmon with downriggers on my 29 foot Cruiser's Inc fishing boat. The other highlight was selling that boat in 1984 following a divorce.

**Volleyball:** Organized a USVBA team and competed at the regionals in Dayton. Played on numerous co-ed teams until 1990.

**Golfing:** Started when I turned 40 and continue to this day. My favorite sport.

**Skiing:** Started in high school and college clubs but gave it up for marriage for 20 years. Started again in 1988 and was coerced into racing. I have been racing ever since.

**Career Highlights:**

Served as president of the Northeast Ohio Dental Society 1992 to 1993. Served as president of Hi Rise Ski Club 2003 to 2005. Presented the current Metro Cup golf format to the CMSC board in 2000. The first Metro Cup outing was at Fowler's Mill and since then at Punderson.

**Favorite Ski Areas:** Snowmass and Kissing Bridge.

**Favorite Metro Memory:** It was either the second or third time racing. I had been finishing last in Cvet men. I was going to quit. I won virgin hardware at Bristol I and was hooked on racing.

I lived in Hawaii for my first eight years. I remember looking down from Manalani Heights to see the ocean liner, Lurline, delivering tourists from the mainland. It was before commercial flights were affordable. We moved to California where I grew up in Anaheim. I graduated from Savanna High school in 1966. Graduated from UCLA in 1971. Worked on a Masters in biochemistry before attending CWRU dental in 1974. I bought a dental practice in 1978 in Willoughby, Ohio where I still practice part time today. I met Jessie at Swain 1999. We live at her place in Mentor-on-the-Lake. Skiing may have saved my life! When I started skiing again I weighed 220 pounds. In the next two years I lost 50 pounds. I needed skiing to get me off the couch during the winter. Golfing three times a week and the driving range four days a week took care of the summer. I don't know how to end this, so...the end.

Have a great summer!  
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