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The official newsletter of the Cleveland Metro Ski Council

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## **Cleveland Metro Ski Council**

### **Snowmass Trip March 13-20, 2021 by Curtis Bell, CMSC Trip Chair**

Cleveland Metro Ski Council (CMSC) like most of its member clubs had a smaller number of skiers on their trip due to COVID 19 and the uncertainty it caused. CMSC had 17 adventurous people take a trip to Snowmass, Colorado for a week of skiing. We started out the week in a race against time with a large snow storm approaching Denver, Colorado on March 13 threatening to keep us from getting to Snowmass. Luckily as the storm started dumping snow the we were able to land get on the bus and head west for the Snowmass/Aspen area. I then arrived an hour later by car and picked up two more of our people with later flights in Denver. The people on the bus and the 3 of us, Curt Goetz, Jan Chen and myself, in my car skipped the usual stop at Apple Jacks for alcohol in order to get over Vail pass before it got closed due to snow. We all later stopped in Glenwood Springs for supplies. We all made out of Denver and over Vail pass thankfully since Denver got over 2 feet of snow and the roads ended up tied up and the airport had many canceled flights. We did have 3 people, Robert, Mirko, and Andrew who got tickets to fly into Aspen and they had the hardest time getting in since their flight was canceled due to winds in Aspen. This caused them to spend a night in Phoenix, Arizona for one night. On Sunday they were told that there would not be a flight into Aspen till Wednesday so they got resourceful and had them fly them into Montrose, CO where they rented a car for a 4 hour drive to get to Aspen before dark on Sunday.

We had some weather scares getting into Snowmass but mother nature rewarded us well with great ski conditions on all 4 mountains, Snowmass, Aspen Mt, Aspen Highland, and yes even little Buttermilk. We got snow during the first half of the week and fortunately it picked good times to fall because visibility on the mountains was very good most of the time.

Joyce Goldsmith was nice enough to set up a small birthday party for Norman Diederich and we enjoyed homemade chili, snacks, beer and wine for a nice evening. We fortunately had most of the people being vaccinated before the trip making it a little safer.

The pandemic did make holding social events for the entire group impractical due to safety and county regulations limiting gathers to 10 people so the birthday party was the only event that most people got together. We did have people gather for lunch on the slopes or some meat up for dinner in small groups. I know Donn, Curtis Goetz and myself had dinner together each night since we were with the group of 7 that were staying at the Pokolodi Hotel.

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The Pokolodi Lodge was a mere 100 yards to the slopes and right by a slew of restaurants to eat at each evening. The remaining ten people were at the Crestwood Condos which were slope side. That Crestwood was the original place the whole group was to be at but due to the county's rule of only allowing 2 addresses to stay in one condo made it impossible for seven of us to stay in the condos without the risk of paying a large fine. It all worked out since the Pokolodi was a very nice place that treated us very well and was in a great location.

Some people spent most of if not all of their days skiing at Snowmass since the conditions were so great and conveniently located right by the condos and the hotel we were at. Others went to one or two other places like Aspen and Aspen Highlands to ski finding the skiing there was excellent also. One day 3 of us, Curt Goetz, Donn McConnell and myself Curtis Bell went to Buttermilk since none of us had ever skied there before. The day appeared to be cloudy and on the top of Snowmass and Aspen Highland that day so when we skied Buttermilk, which is located at a lower altitude found the day to be clear there with great conditions. Buttermilk did have a few black diamonds we could ski on but most of the mountain is filled with long cruisers. We found it to be a nice mountain for one day of skiing but were ready for more challenging runs the rest of the week. I strongly recommend spending a day at Buttermilk if you are wanting a day of taking long cruiser runs or if you are a person who loves nice intermediate runs. I personally found it great place to ski in the middle of the week since I was skiing 6 straight days.



On Tuesday several of us, Bob Griffin, Larry Steele, Curtis Goetz and me all entered a GS race, not a NASTAR race, that was organized and run by a local ski club / organization in Aspen. It was a good time and chance to enjoy racing in some really nice conditions. Bob Griffin had some really good times and the best runs out of the 4 of us. I am happy to say all 4 of us did pretty good and had a lot of fun. We had several people in our group sit at a outside on mountain bar / restaurant to watch us make our two runs.





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Having my car with me came in handy when I did have to take one of our members to the hospital in Aspen for a check up due to chest pains. He was then taken to the hospital in Glenwood Springs where he spent one night in the hospital. I picked him up along with his girlfriend the following night. I am leaving out his name for privacy reasons but I am glad to say he is doing well and ready to ski next season.



Having used the same all mountain skis for over a decade I demoed a pair of Nordica Enforcer 88 (2020) and found them to be a perfect match for me. I enjoyed them so much and found them to make skiing bumps, powder, and even crud much easier than I purchased a pair. I know one other person spent the week demoing skis and I am not sure if they found the pair they wanted to not.

The weather got warm by the last day but the snow remained good till the end. The next day I drove two other people, Don French and Patricia Betz to the Denver Airport since they had earlier flights than the main group. Joyce Goldsmith was kind enough to make sure the rest of the group got on the bus and to the airport in one piece. The weather being nice allowed three "Aspen People" to come to call them since they flew into Aspen, or should I say tried to, got out with no problem.

After leaving Don and Patricia off at the airport I continued my 1579 mile drive home from Aspen. In order to keep the trip from getting too boring I managed to have a flat tire at a rest stop in Iowa. I still made it home on Sunday night, or should I say early Monday morning.





## President's Message

### **ANOTHER SKI SEASON IN THE BOOKS!**

Another ski season has come and gone and we're still dealing with the craziness that is the pandemic. Hoping all of you still found a way to hit the slopes and enjoy the great winter we experienced. Because of the extra precautions, I found that each experience whether you ski, snowboard or just walk outside was food for the soul! Hoping that next year we'll be back to some sort of normal.

As your CMSC president the past three years it was rewarding just getting to meet and spend time with so many CMSC members from all the various clubs and I thank you all for the opportunity. The job of CMSC is to promote our sport with the help and support of all the clubs and their members. We are always looking for more volunteers from the clubs for help to keep this great organization running. By participating as a Club Delegate, committee chair and/or volunteer or as someone who brings an idea for the Council to sponsor it makes the organization stronger and that makes our ski clubs stronger. It is my wish that CMSC is still going strong for generations of skiers and boarders to come!

With summer approaching don't forget to keep sending and checking for Club events posted to the web site, Facebook and Meet-up pages and mark your calendar to attend. Also don't forget to send a little recap of your club activities to Curtis ([curtiscmsc60@gmail.com](mailto:curtiscmsc60@gmail.com)) to include in the next Sitzmark and to Krista ([webmaster@skicleveland.com](mailto:webmaster@skicleveland.com)) to include on the website.

Have a great summer and don't forget, let's put an end to the Pandemic, get the Vaccine and hope for the return to normal! Hope to see you all at an event in person soon!

Thanks CMSC and its members for a memorable Presidency!

Bootsie Ricketts



Hello Racers! Well the 2021 race season wasn't what we wanted, but I'm thinking we got the race season that we needed. I think it gave us the opportunity to hit the reset button and really remember why we all get up at the crack of dawn and brave the frigid temperatures: for the love of the sport. I want to thank each and every one of you who came to race with us this year. I had several of you approach me and other members of the committee thanking us for fighting to get at least a few races on the schedule.

I'm going to be honest, there was a lot of coordination and communication between the committee and the resorts, but it was worth it. I'm currently working with the ski areas to plan our 2022 schedule. No word on it yet, but as soon as we have something nailed down, I'll be sharing it with all of you. It's my hope that we'll have our normal race schedule back next year. I want to thank the members of the committee for their hard work and dedication to this race program. You guys make my job a lot easier and I appreciate each and every one of you. To the racers, I thank you for continuing to show up and run those gates. And let's not forget next year why we do this: the love of the sport. I wish you all continued good health. Keep washing those hands and not coughing on people. Cheers! The Commish



***Boston Mills 2021***



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***Snow Trails 2021***



We wish we could report great things about the past ski season, but all our activities have been on hold. The pandemic made it all but impossible to plan group trips that could comply with rules and ensure the safety of our members.

We wanted to make our trip to Telluride, postponed from last year, in March of this year. It looked promising until we learned that condos were restricted to family members from the same households. Even if we could have made that work, après-ski group dining and parties were not feasible. Likewise, with our planned trip to Mount Snow in Vermont, we faced rooming restrictions, and the buffet

group meals we look forward to on Eastern trips were going to be substituted by boxed meals to take back to our rooms.

The Executive Board decided that it was not safe for trips to local resorts, with the need for social distancing. Instead, we thought about organizing group driving trips to Peek'n Peak and Holiday Valley. We knew that New York State had strict rules about out-of-state residents quarantining for 14 days after arrival before venturing out into public (or only 3 days if you had received a negative COVID test result before entering the state, followed by another negative test on the fourth day).

We were encouraged by reports of an exception for people staying less than 24 hours in New York, but we were unable to find that exception in the New York Department of Health's travel advisory. Granted, the wording was confusing, and several members, including a few lawyers, told us they did see a 24-hour exception. On careful reading, though, the only interpretation that made sense was that the exception applied to New York residents who traveled to other states and returned within 24 hours. In fact, the exceptions appeared to be intended mainly to allow commuters to cross state lines going to and from work. The final word came in response to a member's inquiry from the Department of Health, which advised us to stay home if we couldn't comply with the 3- or 14-day quarantine rules.

Of course, some members did go to New York on their own, without consequences, and they reported that many of the cars in the lots also had Ohio plates. Still, our official position as a club was that people should not go to New York at all this year. We learned near the end of the season that fully vaccinated people from Ohio were allowed into New York, but that word came too late for most of us.

Some members did travel to major resorts, either on their own or with other groups. They reported feeling safe and having great skiing on slopes that were less crowded than usual.

We are optimistic about next year. We are going to try once more to go to Telluride and to Mount Snow, and we are considering a second trip to Big Sky. With more and more people receiving vaccines, we hope also to resume bus trips, hold social events, and have in-person meetings.



Suburban Ski Club 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. The Executive Board decided that, because of this unusual year, active members from the 2019-2020 season did not have to pay dues to remain members in 2020-2021.

When meetings resume, they will be held on the second Thursday of the month in our usual location, Alfredo's at the Holiday Inn just off Wilson Mills Road at I-271. Many of us arrive early for dinner at Alfredo's restaurant.

For more information about Suburban Ski Club, and listings of planned trips and events, visit our website, <https://www.suburbanskiclub.org>.



## **Stark County Ski Club**

As most clubs, we scaled back our ski trip schedule to one 2-night self-drive trip to Canaan Valley/Timberline and a trip West. Our lodging at Canaan Valley lodge was centrally located for skiing both resorts. The Canaan shuttle ran frequently between ski area and lodge during the day, which was a plus for those who didn't care to catch first tracts. The snow gods started out with several inches dropping, but early afternoon switched to the dreaded sleet/snow mix. We made do, since all the runs were open and plenty to explore. Timberline was ski day #2, and we got to experience the new high-speed lifts and all trails open.

Our trip West to Breckenridge, CO, supported members family spring break schedule, which added 10 people to the trip roster. The group had 3 bluebird sky days and one day of skiing in 8 inches of fresh powder. The trip took 21 members, 6 chose to drive, and 15 by air.

We are in the process of elections, all of our current officers are currently running unopposed. Our trip committee has several members on the ballot for 4 positions. The elections are all be6held electronically.

We a moving toward electronic pay for membership dues. If members choose to use this option, fees are added, but they are still able to use the option payment by check and mail.

Our club continues to support the Hall of Fame Marathon, May 2, by manning water stops, helping pack runner packets, and finisher boxes.

One of our members is going through a serious health issue, so several of our members have stepped up to do the outside spring cleanup at his home.

We have a camping trip planned for July 16-18, a Friday night kayaking schedule, biking on Tuesdays, and some potential golf outings.

Just looking forward to the new normal.

# Stark County Ski Club Kayaking Friday Night Floats

May 7 Wingfoot State Park

May 14 PLX East Reservoir

May 21 Nimisila Reservoir

May 28 Memorial day TBD

June 4 Atwood Lake

June 11 Mogadore Reservoir

June 18 West Branch Reservoir

June 25 Cuyahoga River Glow Paddle

July 2 Deer Creek Reservoir

July 9 Wingfoot State Park

July 16 Mohican Camping Weekend

July 23 Open to suggestions

August 6 Deer Creek Reservoir

August 13 Mogadore Reservoir

August 20 East Reservoir

August 27 Nimisila Reservoir





# Goodyear Ski Club



Goodyear Ski club is staying as active as possible with COVID restrictions. We had two successful ski trips this season. The first was to the fabulous Telluride Ski Resort, in February, where we could “See Forever” on one of the popular trails. Think of a famous Colorado beer when you view Wilson Peak. Lunches were mostly outdoors and socially distanced as seen in the photos.



Telluride is an old mining town with an interesting history. The Telluride free gondola connects with its companion town, Mountain Village, making it easy to get to restaurants and shops. Our second trip was to the ever popular Breckenridge. CoVid restrictions made sharing condos limited to two households. Still the resort was very accommodating and we managed to have great skiing and fun.





The club has several activities planned for the spring starting with a hike at Sand Run Metro Park on Saturday, April 24 at 9 A.M. In May, we've planned a Wildflower Walk at Hubbard Valley Park in Seville, Ohio. June will be all about biking on the Towpath Trail. Who knows how many miles we will cover? A club picnic and golfing are also in the works. Plans are being made for ski trips next winter. We are getting quotes from Zermatt, UT (Park City, Deer Valley, and Sundance); Mammoth, CA; and Jackson Hole, WY. We are excited and hopeful for a great ski season. The club meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month in the Akron/ Cuyahoga Falls area. You do not have to be employed by Goodyear to be a member of the club. You just have to enjoy skiing with wonderful people. For more information on Goodyear Ski Club, go to [www.GoodyearSkiClub.org](http://www.GoodyearSkiClub.org) or check us out on our Facebook page.





# HI RISE SKI & SPORTS CLUB



Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club is a year-round ski and social club based on the east side of Cleveland in Lake County.

We meet the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Legion Hall on Vine Street in Willowick at Willowick Ave. The meetings start around 7:30PM and we have various events including, Italian Night, pot luck dinner, beer tasting, wine tasting, breakfast for dinner, trivia, chili cook off, beer wine tasting, souper bowl night, slave auction and many more. It's a great evening to socialize that usually includes food as well as beer, wine and water. We are happy to be back at our old location.

Summer meetings are held outdoors at place still to be determined starting May 26th, last summer we were at Spirits in Downtown Willoughby and are still working to secure a location. Meetings are also on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month until late September.

Socially we have our Dinner of the Month on the first Wednesday of every month;

This past Monday the board to restart our normal meeting functions and decided that we are going to hold the final 3 indoor meetings at The American Legion Hall in Willowick, the schedule is as follows and we will continue to strictly follow Covid protocols as set by the Governor:

April 14, welcome back Indians, wear your gear, we'll serve Brats and Hot Dogs.

April 28, Tacos and Margarita's night, celebrate Cinco de Mayo a week early, Ci!

May 12, Breakfast for dinner and Wine tasting presented by Dennis Rosa (\$5 up charge for optional wine) We thought this would be a great combination.

Summer meetings at an outdoor location will begin on May 26th at a local establishment, if you have any ideas please email with suggestions, we have Spirits, The porch, Local Tavern and Lobster Pot as possibilities at this time

We started up Dinner of the Month again in March at Brennan's on the River and are going to Christies in Euclid this week. We'll be announcing the schedule for May, June and July very soon to be held outdoors on a nice patio. On August 6th we are looking at downtown to watch the Indians (This is scheduled to be Rock and Blast night), the Captains are returning but are very short on releasing details but we'll keep you posted on any developments.

Golfing is always on our agenda, the one club outing is Saturday April 10th, (Contact Guy) and the Metro Cup hopes to go back to a full slate on July 17th (Contact Bob Mac) to let me know if you're interested and ready to help defend "The Metro Cup"

Also, on the agenda that still needs finalizing is a breakfast hike in June and an outdoor picnic catered similar to our 50th anniversary party, sometime in the summer.

It has been a tough 14 months and we are attempting to offer events for you but also want to make sure everyone is comfortably, safe and healthy; I believe that all board members will be fully vaccinated by mid-month.

Please be safe and keep your distances.

For more information on these and other Hi Rise events go to: [www.hiriseskiclub.com](http://www.hiriseskiclub.com)

# WARREN SKI CLUB



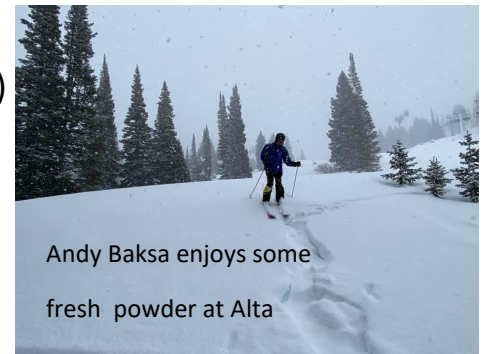
The officers and members of the Warren Ski Club began the 2021 season with the same trepidation as other skiers would we ski at all this year, and how would it differ from what we have known in the past? Yes, the actual sport of skiing provided participants with the safety protocol we had been told to utilize since March, donning masks and gloves, and remaining outdoors when interacting with others. But how would our favorite resorts manage the requirements set by their governors, and how would that impede our fun and comfort? Those members who chose to ski found that each resort set their own rules, which fortunately had limited negative effect on their enjoyment of the sport while alleviating some of the participants' concern of catching Covid-19.

Due to our location in northeast Ohio, skiing for Warren Ski Club members can take place in New York, Pennsylvania and/or West Virginia. Travel to any of these states and resorts required advanced research on rules and requirements but little other change in trip preparation. New York was the only state to require a negative Covid test for overnight travel, and with the availability of free testing, even that requirement was relatively easy to fulfill. So skiing we went.

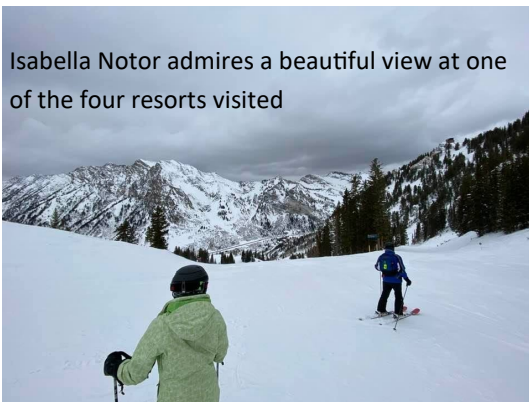




The Warren Ski Club began its season like they have for years, with an overnight trip to Holiday Valley for the (canceled) race early in January. To its credit, Holiday Valley instituted a generous refund policy, fortunately for our club, as only one of the four condos reserved managed to fill. The season was still young and many members questioned the safety of interstate travel. However, with the great conditions presented that weekend several club members joined up with the overnighers for a single day of skiing and meals in the condo, thus avoiding possible crowds in the lodge. A second joint trip with the Youngstown Ski Club mid-February also resulted in one condo being rented and several day-trippers joining in for fun on the slopes.



Andy Baksa enjoys some fresh powder at Alta

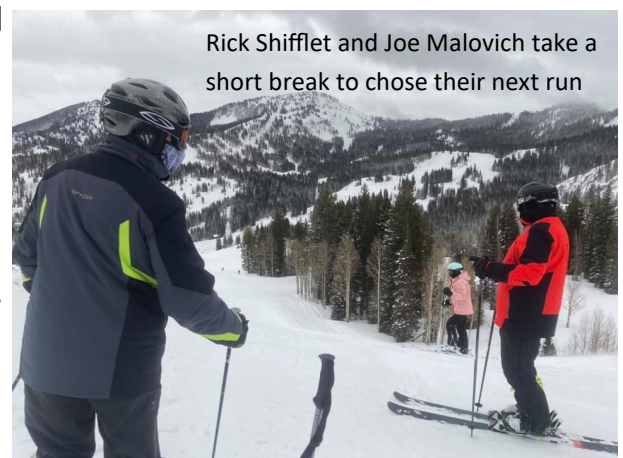


Isabella Notor admires a beautiful view at one of the four resorts visited

The Warren Ski Club offered only one trip out West this past season. We flew to Salt Lake City, where attendees stayed in town and traveled to the four resorts along the Cottonwood Canyons. We skied Brighton, Solitude, Alta and Snowbird, arriving one day after the first heavy snowfall of the season, and enjoying additional snow accumulation throughout the week. This did have a negative effect on travel in and out of the canyons but greatly enhanced

enjoyment on the slopes. The hotel made several adjustments due to Covid, including reservation of the pool and hot tub to avoid overcrowding, and the serving of hot breakfast each day instead of the normal buffet set-up, all of which actually helped to make attendees feel safe in their travels. As with local ski areas, all four resort had their own protocols when it came to parking, gearing up, and eating inside. We just followed the rules set by the resort, and got out onto the slopes for a week of fun and exploration.

The activities committee of the Warren Ski Club plans to continue during the upcoming off-season with the same outdoor events that proved popular last year. These include biking, hiking, kayaking, and par three golf. In addition we have planned a June picnic along the shores of Mosquito Lake, possible attendance at a Scrappers game, and are discussing an overnight camping and boating trip. Anyone interested in learning more about our off-season activities should watch our Facebook page and website for details as they develop.



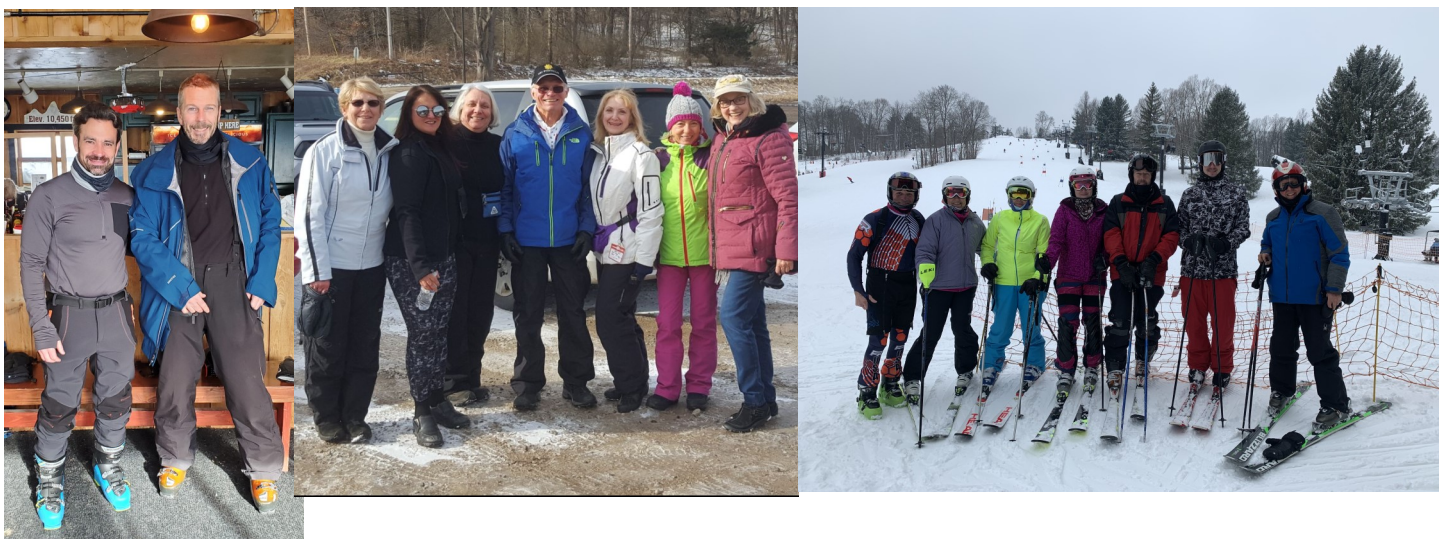
Rick Shifflet and Joe Malovich take a short break to chose their next run

# ***ERIE SHORE SKI CLUB***

A fun ski club which meets on the west side of Cleveland at the Georgetown Restaurant in Lakewood in the party room. 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. Due to the covid pandemic, our meetings from Dec. to Mar. have been cancelled this year, including our Summerfest. We did, however, have our Sept. meeting which is outdoors in the Metroparks. Hopefully the restrictions will open up soon and we will safely enjoyed Happy Hours again. Below are some random pictures from our ski trips and the little bit of racing that we did.







**To join the Erie Shore Ski Club or for more info, call, text or email to Bob Griffin, 440-376-3518 [griffin\\_b@juno.com](mailto:griffin_b@juno.com)**

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## **Fagowees**

**FAGOWEES** – The Fagowees will hold their summer planning meeting on Tuesday, April 20. It will be held at the Yard House in Westlake.

### **Skiing!**

The Fagowees had a fun skiing trip out to Telluride this year. Mike P. led the trip and we had over 20 skiers on the Bash! We look forward to start planning another out West Bash for next year.

### **Biking:**

**Skull and Goggles**, a social bike ride on Mondays, led by Bob M, will start on the first Monday in May, and go through October. The rides start at 6:30 PM. The first ride in May will start in Oberlin at the Train Depot on SR-57.

Bob keeps everyone updated on the Facebook site, “Skull and Goggles”, as to where they will be riding, the time to meet and where to meet afterwards for social time. Please join his site if you would like to join this group.

### **Golf:**

We will be starting the Wednesday evening group in May. We play nine holes starting at 5:30 PM, and usually play Metro Park courses.

### **Kayaking:**

The Fagowees will start up kayaking one night a week this year. This will start in May and we will keep you updated with more to come.



# Snowballers Ski Club

**Snowballers Ski Club** enjoyed the great outdoors this winter despite COVID! RACING: It was great to see all our CMSC race friends at the Snow Trails and Boston Mills races. WE LOVE SLEDDING: We celebrated a bright, sunny Valentine's Day at Punderson State Park's sledding hill. Old sleds and toboggans were brought out of mothballs, and Frank made a new "ski sled" with old skis. No one stood around long at the



top of the hill as different people paired or quadrupled up for a wild ride down! Although we admit, the walk up the hill made us appreciate chairlifts! Then we headed to Frank and



Anne's for a cozy barn party with made-from-scratch hot chocolate and yummy appetizers and desserts while a wood stove kept us warm. SUMMER: We look forward to the summer months with our return to monthly meetings at various restaurants around town. Second Tuesday of every month. SAVE THE

DATE: Our annual awards picnic is Saturday, June 12. Bike ride (with beer stop and shopping stops in Middlefield) starts 10 a.m. Picnic starts 4-ish. Free for members, \$10 for each guest.

Bring a side dish to share. Details to come.

Social distancing practiced (yeah, we might still have to do that). Location: Houdek's

Hubbard Hill Alpaca Farm, 14400 Hubbard Road Burton OH 44021. More info on monthly meetings and picnic, contact Frank Houdek 216-403-9191 [fh14400@gmail.com](mailto:fh14400@gmail.com)





# Youngstown Ski Club

The Youngstown Ski Club has been serving its members and guests since 1958, and we continue to promote and organize year-round social activities. Comprised of active volunteers who seek fun, camaraderie, value, and adventure, we are a small club doing big things. The Youngstown Ski Club is an inclusive group offering everything in-



cluding but not limited to Ski Trips, Bar Crawls, Canoe and Kayak Adventures, Zip-lining, Social Parties, Beer and Wine Tastings, Wine Tours, Fundraisers, Bicycling, Hiking, and Camping. Officers, Trip Managers and Event Organizers often go above and beyond in their roles to research, plan, advertise, and execute successful events, trips, and meet-ups. The Club is supported by membership dues, as well as participating members and guests, and organized fundraisers.

For the 2021 Ski Season, The Pandemic continued to be an unfortunate issue for transportation, resorts, lodging, and ski clubs. Despite a reduction in dues, memberships were down and understandable as safety and social distancing was important to so many. Moreover, multiple restrictions, mandates, and capacity limits made event planning and participation extremely difficult. Nonetheless, The Youngstown Ski Club and its members displayed resiliency and persevered! Both Day Trips and Weekend Trips went as planned. The Winter Carnival Trip at Holiday Valley, was particularly memorable as enthusiasts dressed up as the "bird runs" of the resort. Participants donning this gear were popular and well-received by other guests and staff! Despite cancelling busses, participation was good as guests opted to drive to resorts, and we successfully navigated this erratic, but wonderful ski season. The safety and health of our members and guests is always a concern and we have followed and will continue to follow all necessary protocols. As vaccinations continue, we are hopeful that restrictions become lessened and we can get back to event scheduling and socializing in groups...





Spring has arrived and The Youngstown Ski Club is back to organizing the Pedal Party, a group bicycling event in conjunction with The Warren Ski Club. These co-sponsored rides occur every Thursday evening on local trails and one weekend each month from April through



September. The rides are casual in nature and open to all participants. The scenery and fresh air of our local trail system is fantastic, and social distancing can still be observed on a bike trail. For additional information, the Pedal Party Schedule is posted on both social media and the website.

The Annual Spring Wine Tour is currently being finalized! The date of this event is set for Saturday, June 6th and will consist of wineries in the Geneva, Ohio area. Both transportation companies and wineries are open to the event. We are hopeful that we get interest and participation, as this is a great way to bring us back together. Check our website and social media pages soon for a flyer containing details and reservation information. Additional events being planned this year are a weekend in Hocking Hills, camping, hiking, a Fall Wine Tour, and the Annual Wine Taste & Dinner Dance will return in November. The Youngstown Ski Club is dedicated to offering fun to participants. Once restrictions are lifted, we want to bring members and guests together once again. Because, a social club needs to be social. Join Us!

The Youngstown Ski Club looks forward to serving our membership and guests, and/or encouraging the cooperation of other CMSC Clubs. We seek to build on past, current, and new relationships, while inviting all CMSC Clubs and Affiliates to discover our social network and share an adventure with us! Club meetings are held on the second Monday, each month at the Magic Tree Pub & Eatery in Boardman, Ohio. The time is at 7:30p.m. and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to share ideas and/

or experiences with others. Join us and meet our interesting group, and enhance your social experience. For more information, please visit us at [www.youngstownskiclub.org](http://www.youngstownskiclub.org). or [www.facebook.com/pages/youngstown.ski.ride.play/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/youngstown.ski.ride.play/) President: Brian Hinchcliffe 330-207-3775, [bhinch@comcast.net](mailto:bhinch@comcast.net). Trip Chair: Lynne Rosati: 330-501-2594, [lynnemarierosati@gmail.com](mailto:lynnemarierosati@gmail.com).





# • LEWIS SKI CLUB

**Skiing** - Despite all the challenges to running a group ski trip, a smaller-than-usual Lewis Ski Club group had a successful trip to Breckenridge and Keystone resorts this past February. No COVID-19 issues came up and we skied in beautiful blue skies all week - as good as it can get when there's no NEW snow.



And who doesn't enjoy a good meal with friends...?



As with most other clubs, we didn't chance any local one-day trips to adjacent states, but several members spent more ski days at Ohio's Snow Trails and Boston Mills/Brandywine resorts, and we also got in several local nordic ski outings.

**Other Outings** - To remain active and social, we will continue with our series of hike,



bicycle, and camping trips. This summer we will explore Edgewater and Wendy Park by foot and by bicycle,



will have a group camping and water sports weekend at Findley State Park,



float the Cuyahoga River, and spend a day bicycling one of the Lake Erie islands.



**Meetings** - While we can't wait to safely resume our in-person gatherings at the Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center in Olmsted Falls, we will continue to keep in touch with our members through monthly Zoom meetings in the meantime.

**Officers** - Our recent elections returned most of the incumbent officers to their positions, including our President, Tom Vannuyen, now serving his 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

**Membership** - We invite all snowsports enthusiasts, as well as others who would enjoy our other outdoor activities, to join our club. Our annual membership is only \$15 (\$20 for a family).

**Website** - Comprehensive information about our club, meetings, and activities can be found on our website: [Lewis Ski Club](http://LewisSkiClub.com).