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The official newsletter of the Cleveland Metro Ski Council

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## CMSC President's Message, Spring, 2023

This has been an interesting winter indeed! For those of you who were able to get out for the handful of good fresh and comparatively deep snow days in NY and the extended East, you picked very well and I'm glad you got to enjoy the "good stuff." For the snow and weather being generally very poor for skiing/snowboarding east of the Mississippi, I want to commend all the resorts that at least the racing group visited as they did a very good job of having snow for us, mostly in the right places, that was in relatively good shape. Thanks always to Becky Bertuzzi and the CMSC race committee for 'making it work' and providing us participants, families and guests some very enjoyable weekends.



For those who were able to get out west, December sure started promisingly, especially compared to the past few years, and the snow just kept getting better. For some areas like Lake Tahoe and Utah, there were periods of literally too much snow, where the resorts had to "dig out" the chairlifts because they were legitimately buried. I was fortunate enough to get in 4 amazing ski days in Lake Tahoe in and between several big storms, with truly the best and deepest powder I've ever skied in- by a very large margin. Several feet of fresh powder every day requires some different skiing styles- but we were definitely up for the challenge. There is still time to enjoy some really good skiing; quite a few Colorado resorts have pushed their closing dates out pretty far, and Palisades in Lake Tahoe will be open until July 4<sup>th</sup>! Our trip leaders did a great job this year, so please remember to thank those that you traveled with again for their dedication and hard work.

For those who have put their skis away with a good summer coat of wax, please continue to check out the CMSC website (<https://skicleveland.com/>) 'events' page for club meetings and gatherings, and lots of great non-skiing activities to partake in before the snow falls (at least here) again. CMSC also has elections coming up for officer and delegate positions, so if you have interest, please see your club officers, Metro representative, or feel free to reach out to any of us CMSC officers if you need any additional information. There are always committees that can use more volunteers/volunteering, so please don't hesitate to jump in if you have interest and a little time to share. Thanks everyone for making this another fun winter season and I'll see you doing some club activities soon! John Griffin, CMSC President (4/7/2023)

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Photos: Lake Tahoe, early March, 2023. Clubs represented: Erie Shores, Fagowees, Snowballers, Warren, and Chagrin Valley





CLEVELAND METRO SKI COUNCIL  
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# Cleveland Metro Ski Council

with optional add on to Malta Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 2023

by Curtis Bell, CMSC Trip Chair

## **Cleveland Metro Ski Council will be heading to the largest ski area in the WORLD!**

**We will be staying in Meribel and a ski in ski out hotel in the heart of Les 3 Vallées (The 3 Valleys) offers the highest number of interconnected runs open in Europe.**

I skied the 3 valleys many several years ago and the area was fantastic and you ski from town to town. An uncontested and unparalleled international reputation! Both vertically and horizontally, the expanse of ski area is a dream come true for even the most insatiable skiers. The stats alone give you the measure of this incredible playground: 12.5 miles as the crow flies between Courchevel and Orelle, and 373 miles over a network of more than 3,707 acres of ski runs make up the ski area. That means you could fit the five largest ski areas in the United States into Les 3 Vallées ski area alone!

**The largest connected ski area in the world which is linked solely by ski lifts and slopes:**

### **Ski Area all interconnected**

- Courchevel
- Méribel
- Brides-Les-Bains
- Les Menuires
- Saint-Martin-de-Belleville
- Val Thorens
- Orelle

### **Les 3 Vallées ski area key facts:**

- 200 ski lifts
- 600 km of ski slopes
- 25 connected mountains, 328 ski runs from 1300 to 3230 m

### **600-kilometre (373 miles) network of ski runs for skiers of all abilities**

- 17% green runs
- 39% blue runs
- 33% red runs
- 11% black runs

### **Optional Add-on to Nice , France**

Nice is one of the most beautiful cities to visit in France, and we are sure you will love it. It is located in the French Riviera, in Southern France, bathed by the Mediterranean sea. There's no bad time to visit Nice, France. Because of its mild winter temperatures and famous carnival, Nice is listed as one of the best places to visit in France in winter. There are many things to do in Nice to keep you busy for a while. Nice is also a great base for exploring more of the French Riviera on day trips

Medieval Èze, Monaco, and Monte Carlo are widely considered the jewels in the French Riviera's crown are just a few of the sights we are able to visit while staying in Nice after a week of skiing in the French Alps.

Other things to see in Nice during our stay will be enjoying the Views from La Colline du Château (Old Castle) is a rocky hill located on the Eastern side of Promenade des Anglais, overlooking Old Nice and its port. This hill is one of the best places to visit in Nice, and it offers incredible views of Nice, the Baie des Anges, and the Alps in the distance. Visit the Old Port located in Old Nice, is another of the best things to see in Nice and a wonderful place for a stroll. Nice's Old Port is a colorful and busy place, with about ten quays and various markets selling local products. Exploring the Old Town is one of the top things to do in Nice, France. Vieux Nice is the city's historic district, an ensemble of narrow streets, colorful architecture, and picturesque piazzas. In Vieux Nice, you will also find cultural venues, beautiful Baroque churches, and many shopping opportunities and restaurants. There are also wineries and other nearby sights to visit meaning that we will have more than enough sights to see and places to visit while staying in Nice.

## **Breckenridge, Colorado March 23-30, 2023**

The final details are being arranged at the time of this newsletter but here are the details of this great ski area and wonderful hotel we will be staying at.

We will be staying at the Residence Inn by Marriott which has wonderful rooms with a full size refrigerator a stove top and microwave. They also have laundry machines on each floor if you need to wash any cloths while staying there. The Residence Inn is located right by the Breckenridge Brewery making it a great location for walking the main street to the towns many shops and restaurants. The hotel has a shuttle that will take you to the mountain to ski and pick you up even though the ski area is only a couple minute walk. They will pick you up and all you have to do is call and they will pick you up within 3-5 minutes.





# Cleveland Metro Ski Council

**Meribel, France Friday, Jan 26 to Feb 3, 2024**

*Optional add-on to Nice, France 4-nights, Feb 3-7, 2024*

**Meribel, France (Les 3 Vallées)**

**Meribel, France (SKI IN SKI OUT PROPERTY)**

- **PACKAGE INCLUDES: Jan 26 to Feb 3, 2024**  
\$2580 per person
- Round Trip Air on United Cleveland to Geneva
- 7 nights lodging at the 3 star Hotel Le MOTTARET, 2 per hotel room LODGING and AIRLINE TAXES and Fuel surcharges
- Breakfast and dinner daily (lift tickets not included)
- Round trip bus transfers from Geneva to Meribel

**OPTIONAL 4 nights Nice, France (Feb. 3 - 7 2024)**

**Add \$460 for the add on to Nice, France (includes)**

- Bus Transfer from Meribel to Nice
- 4 nights lodging 4 star hotel Beau Rivage , 2 per hotel room
- Breakfast daily
- Round Trip bus transfers from hotel to airport

**LARGEST  
SKI AREA  
IN THE  
WORLD**

*You can use your EPIC PASS*

**Please mail a copy of  
passport with deposit**

<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Option 2</u>	<u>Option 3</u>	<u>Option 4</u>
<b>Full Package w/Air Meribel + Nice (Jan. 26 - Feb. 7, 2024) \$3049</b>	<b>Meribel only (Jan. 26– Feb 3, 2024) with air \$2589</b>	<b>Meribel + Nice (Jan. 26 - Feb. 7, 2024) (Land only no Air) \$2078</b>	<b>Meribel only (Jan. 26—Feb 3, 2024) (Land only no air) \$1618</b>
<u>Payment schedule</u> 1) \$500 Deposit 2) \$500 August 7th 3) \$700 Sept.4th 4) \$700 October 9th 5) \$649 November 20th <b>Total: \$3049</b> <b>ADD \$25 NON MEMBERSHIP</b>	<u>Payment schedule</u> 1) \$500 Deposit 2) \$500 August 7th 3) \$500 Sept.4th 4) \$500 October 9th 5) \$589 November 20th <b>Total: \$2589</b> <b>ADD \$25 NON MEMBERSHIP</b>	<u>Payment schedule</u> 1) \$500 Deposit 2) \$500 August 7th 3) \$500 Sept.4th 4) \$578 October 9th <b>Total: \$2078</b> <b>ADD \$25 NON MEMBERSHIP</b>	<u>Payment schedule</u> 1) \$500 Deposit 2) \$500 August 7th 3) \$500 Sept.4th 4) \$168 October 9th <b>Total: \$1618</b> <b>ADD \$25 NON MEMBERSHIP</b>

***If not a member of a CMSC member club add \$25 or join a club that is a CMSC member***

**THERE WILL BE A LATE FEE OF \$25 IF TRIP IS NOT PAID OFF BY NOVEMBER 25TH**

**Cancellation Policy:**

- Cancel off Trip before Sept.15th you pay a \$25 service fee.
- Cancel between Sept 15th and October 14 loss \$500
- Cancel between October 15th till November 21st \$1000 loss
- **Cancel after November 21st 100% loss**

**Cancellation Policy - Read sections (E)**

Refunds on the trip agreement form. If any questions please contact trip leader listed below (please note there is a \$25 service fee for any cancellation made after deposit)

**TRAVEL INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE:** Travel is a perishable product. We highly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance to cover your investment. You may use the insurance agent below or anyone of your choice.

- ♦ Myra Altschuler - Travel Protectors, [www.travelprotectors.com](http://www.travelprotectors.com)
- ♦ [myra@travelprotectors.com](mailto:myra@travelprotectors.com) 1-703-443-9055/1-877-515-9055.

**For information contact;**  
Curtis Bell, CMSC trip leader  
[curtiscmsc60@gmail.com](mailto:curtiscmsc60@gmail.com)  
Home: cell: 330.240.8005  
Also visit [www.skicleveland.com](http://www.skicleveland.com)

**Mail payment to:**  
Curtis Bell, CMSC Trip Chair  
105 N. Colonial Drive  
Cortland, OH 44410-1105  
**Make check out  
to Cleveland Metro Ski Council**

## Madonna di Campiglio, Italy January 21-29, 2023

Cleveland Metro Ski Council traveled to a nice small skiing town of Madonna di Campiglio in the Italian Dolomite region of the Alps for a great week of skiing. Even though many parts of Europe didn't get much snow we were lucky and the Madonna region was not one of those parts since they had plenty of snow on the mountain and in the town itself.



We stayed at the Hotel Raphael that was only about 100 yards from the slopes. The hotel had great food for us each night with are dinners that were included in the price of the trip.

Breakfast was also included and offered a large variety each morning.

Madonna di Campiglio has a large variety of skiing that surrounds the town and is easy to travel from one place to another. It is truly a great week of skiing with a great group of people from the Cleveland, Western PA, Maryland and Alaska.

## Malta Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 2023

Nineteen of people went on to Matla, a small Island nation between Sicily and North Africa for 5 nights. Here we experience a minor earthquake that didn't cause any damage but several of us did feel

the room the shake when it happened. We also all got to handle a falcon while touring the coastline of Malta when we happened across a falconer who let us put out had and have the falcon perch on our hand. See pictures below

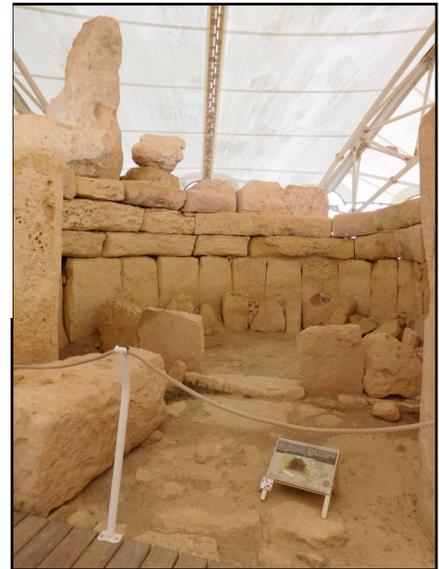
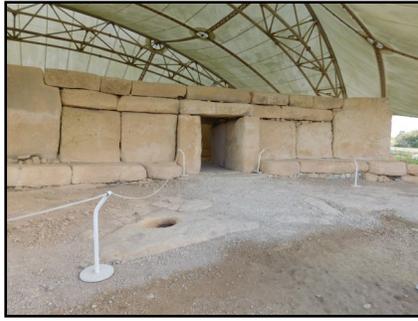


We also took a small boat along the cost to check out small caves and the rocky shore line of the island.



## Malta add-on (continued)

In Malta they have some of the oldest man made structures in the world and the sight we visited dated back to before the time of the Great Pyramids. This sight dated back to around 3400 BC.



We stayed in a beautiful harbor and beautiful churches.





# HULA, HULA

## CMSC Race Banquet 2023



ALLOOOOOHAAAA! The CMSC Race Banquet, held April 29, 2023, at

Reinecker's Party Center, was CMSC Racing's traditional, non-traditional banquet. In keeping with the luau theme, guests wore everything from coconut bras and grass skirts, to Hawaiian shirts, flipflops, leis and beach dresses. The

DJ Demet Peralta of happy basset entertainment kept everyone on their feet with our favorites. And Reinecker's did not disappoint with the delicious luau menu, open bar and festive décor. Race Chair Becky Bertuzzi announced awards.

"Trophies" (actually, a more practical flask) were distributed by Bootsie Ricketts and Bob Reiland to the top three overall finishers in each race class. To qualify for overall, racers must have competed in over half of the season's races. Snowballers Ski Club took top overall honors in Division 1, beating the Fagowees Ski Club. In Division 2, Continental Ski Club came in first; Erie Shore, second; Hi-Rise third and Warren fourth.



## SNOWBALLERS SKI CLUB WINS COMBINED RACE TEAM TROPHY

February 18-19, 2023. Bristol Mountain, NY. Combined Race Weekend is the showcase weekend in the CMSC Adult Race Schedule, featuring three race disciplines. The Extra Long Giant Slalom and Giant Slalom races took place on Saturday, and the Slalom race was held Sunday. Clubs competed for the overall team trophy and individuals competed for individual class honors. It's a big deal.

Snowballers Ski Club dominated the weekend by winning the Team Combined Trophy for Division 1 over Fagowees Ski Club, 718 points to 632. Out of eleven race classes, Snowballers won seven individual combined trophies. Erie Shore Ski Club won the Division 2 title with 186 points, Continental Ski Club placed second with 142 points and Hi Rise Ski Club placed third with 30 points. Points are given to each racer based on his or her finish for each race. First place gets 15 points, second 12 points, third 10 points, etc. Those points are added together to get the team point totals.

**2023 Individual Combined Winners:** Winning the individual combined trophy is an achievement. There are twelve race classes, and eleven of those twelve had combined winners. The winner must complete all five race runs beating the competitors in their class in the least amount of time. The times for all five runs are "combined" together, and the racer with the least amount of time wins the Individual Combined Trophy. This is not an easy thing to do. It takes focus, discipline and not celebrating too much on Saturday night.



**INDIVIDUAL COMBINED RACE WINNERS:** Back Row, L to R: Gordon Stein, B Men Fagowees; Carl Fritz, BBB Men, Erie Shore; Jeff Clairidge, CC Men Snowballers; Dawn Wagner, A Women, Snowballers; Matt Votral, A Men, Snowballers; Frank Houdek, Super Senior Vet, Snowballers; Dave Jensik, AA Men, Fagowees; Front Row, L to R: Maria Reiland, BB Women, Snowballers; Amy Webb, A Women, Snowballers, Jason Popik, BB Men, Fagowees, with his two sons, Jackson and Dillon. Missing: Joe Rimedio, Snowballers, C Men. Also Pictured is Heidi Reinecker, Race Chair, Snowballers, holding the Team Combined Trophy.



At Chagrin Valley Ski Club we had another season of fun, joy, friendship and of course great skiing. The members were skiing in Europe – Val D'Isere, France, Lake Tahoe, CA and Holiday Valley / Holimont, NY.

## Val D'Isere, France January 20-28, 2023

By Annemarie Cvijanovic

Chagrin Valley Ski Club ventured to Val D'Isere in France, January 20-28. The journey there was rather long. We departed CLE airport and headed to Atlanta, GA. From there we boarded an Air France plane to head to Paris, then another connection to Geneve airport in Switzerland. A comfortable bus transported us to our final destination, the Hotel Kandahar. A few travelers arrived to Val D'Isere via their own routes and I am certain we can all agree that the journey was well worth it.



Our hotel was in the heart of town and we were able to walk to many different stores and restaurants. The daily trek to the mountain was a mere 1/4 mile walk. Yes, it was a bit of a pain in ski boots and we all managed to do it.

The mountain itself is vast and has many faces and bowls. The area is so spread out, it links into the next town, Tignes. There was a bus that could be utilized to begin the day at several different starting points and it looped into a circle. One morning we went to venture out at the far end of the mountain and were turned back due to avalanche threat.



We were able to ride up on gondolas, trams, funiculars, T-bars, Pomas, traditional chairlifts and magic carpets covered with a dome to protect from the elements. The weather was chilly and it did not feel as cold as one might think. The climate is different in the Alps, similar to our Western states but not as dry. Those who purchased a six-day pass were also given two passes to the pool at the recreational facility built at the base of the mountain underneath the Olympique lift. It was a good alternative to have available because one day the visibility was so poor that the lighting made everything appear flat. It was a strange phenomenon to behold. Some

brave hearts skied "blind" and others of us turned back. A few complained of getting vertigo due to this strange light/fog

effect the mountain had on us.



The daring trio of Eric, Bruce and Larry rented avalanche gear and went off piste with a guide.

We were all fortunate to experience the powder day and ski in some beautiful conditions this day. Skiers and snowboarders made happy!



Some were daring enough to ski off the mountain tethered to the guide and attached to a parachute.

## Chagrin Valley Ski Club's Tahoe Trip, March 4-11 2023

By Doug Waltman

### *Major storms bring blue bird powder days*

The Chagrin Valley Ski Club went to Lake Tahoe in early March 2023. This was an adventure, we knew the Sierras had a lot of snow, but did not think much of it. The weather and other delays kept us from arriving at our hotel until midnight following a 21-hour journey. On top of it United Airlines did not load all of our luggage and some of us were missing at least one bag. Those bags arrived in the evening of the next day. Once arriving one of our group felt a bit tipsy and accidentally slipped into the hot tub.

Did they have a lot of snow? You bet. You've seen the pictures of Lake Tahoe this winter and they are not an exaggeration. The heavy snow the day we arrived closed the resort the next day. They had to dig out the lifts. So we spent our time sightseeing the quaint village, shopped at the grocery store, had fun in casinos, or took in the movie *Cocaine Bear*. It was the perfect film to see when the lifts close. It was right up there with *Snow Shark*. It has an excellent chomp factor.



Our gear arrived Sunday evening and we heard the slopes would open the next day. The wait was worth it because we experienced a perfect blue-bird powder day. We had calf-deep powder on the groomed runs and waist-deep pow off-piste in the trees.

Once on the slopes the skiing was among the best we have ever done. We took a lunch break at the Sky Deck but if you wanted to sit at an outside table you needed to dig it out of the snow with a tray. I'm not kidding.

The next day we hoped to do a day at Kirkwood. However, the road there was closed so we skied another day at Heavenly. Did I say this trip was an adventure? It was, but it also demanded us to be resilient and adaptable. The gondola was not working and there was no shuttle to the Nevada lifts. We caught a shuttle to the California Lodge from which we could access the entire mountain.



Next day some folks took a break, some went skiing again at Heavenly, some went snowmobiling, and a group of us had cars so we headed up to Northstar. The drive there was very snowy but beautifully clear on the way back. The sky cleared up upon our arrival. The slopes again treated us with another blue-bird powder day. This day, the pow was knee deep on the "groomed" runs and waist-deep again off-piste. Northstar is the Deer Valley of Lake Tahoe. It is definitely upscale. Vail has spared no expense in developing this resort. It is on the small side though. It would be good for two days' worth of skiing and I would not want to spend a whole week there. It is also isolated from a town and casinos. Losing skis in the powder was a problem that day. We assisted one guy find his ski. However, if you could not find your ski some enterprising individual had a metal detector who could find your ski for you – probably for a fee.



The next day the atmospheric river approached and we had maybe a half-day's worth of skiing available to us. Once again, the gondola was closed. This time the resort was hunkering down for the coming storm, even going as far as taking chairs off one of the lifts. The storm predicted an additional 2 to 5 feet of snow in the upper elevations. The morning though, was absolutely stunning. One memorable run was Powderbowl Woods. It was a great tree run with class I and II moguls. Catch a video of it on our website. Off in the distance the run gave us beautiful views of the deep blue Lake Tahoe, necklaced by tall white pines with mountains beyond that.

At around noon the clouds started rolling in and that was our cue to get off the mountain. We learned shortly afterwards the resort told folks to get off and they formally closed the next day.

Meanwhile, about 25 people took a bus to go to Palisades that day. The storm began when they arrived and skiing there became a survival experience for everyone who went. One member got lost and had to be rescued by Ski Patrol. Another had to be rescued from deep snow (along with many others that day). Still another suffered a hairline leg fracture. By about 1 PM folks had had enough and wanted to go home. There were still some hardy folks on the slopes and others called and texted them to get off the slopes. The Palisade folks successfully made it home and immediately headed for happy hour.

The ski area closed our last day. Overall, we had four out of six possible days of skiing. We spent our last day hanging out, deepening our friendships, playing cards, drinking wine, and eating cheese. Contrary to our journey to Lake Tahoe I'm pleased to report the trip home was uneventful. We were only 13 minutes late arriving and all our bags showed up.

Heavenly, Palisades, and Northstar are wonderful resorts when the weather is good. The thing I love most about Heavenly are the trees. I'm glad I had some opportunity to enjoy them. The other big highlight was the bluebird powder days. They were days we dream about in October as the ski season approaches or eye longingly in the ski films. My biggest complaint is Heavenly's infrastructure. The gondola is notoriously unreliable and the transit system woefully inadequate. We had lackluster accommodations that showed their age. Two blocks away in Nevada the hotel accommodations (*i.e.*, the casinos) were luxurious. The only luxury accommodation at Heavenly-California is the Marriot, right next to the gondola. I imagine folks paying a premium to stay there felt disappointed they could not walk outside their door and hop on the gondola in the morning. Heavenly has a neglected feel about it. Maybe it is oppressive California building regulations that interfere with keeping the resort up to a world class standard. I would go back to Heavenly just for the skiing but not for the accommodations. Even then, keep your skiing expectations modest for the lifts might not be entirely working.

## HoliMont & Holiday Valley January 29-31, 2023

by Esther DeTray, Trip Leader

It was a rainy Sunday as we loaded the bus, 22 people bound for Ellicottville, NY. It continued to rain all the way there and into the evening. No one's spirit seemed dampened as everyone left to find an eatery or shop or both. As people were returning, we gathered in the hotel meeting room to find fresh-baked cupcakes to celebrate Heather Avery's birthday.

Overnight some winter magic happened as the temperature dropped and the rain changed to snow. Woohoo!



The next morning, we woke to some beautiful flakes. Off we went to Holimont resort. For some folks, it was their first visit here. Several members who drove themselves joined the bus riders. Glad we could include them for group lift tickets. Holimont did a great job grooming the slopes, although there was some ice underneath and the glades were not open. But it was a great day to get your ski legs moving again. NO lift lines and no injuries.



On Monday evening, many visited the hotel's hot tub, and then had dinner at one of the many restaurants in short walking distance from the Wingate hotel.

Tuesday morning brought colder temps, but lots of sunshine. Everyone packed up and checked out. Wow this trip is going way too fast. Upon reaching Holiday Valley, we settled into a cozy third-floor lounge where we were able to store ski and

boot bags. The conditions were even better than Monday AND no lift lines. Woohoo! We were really getting in some great skiing.



All the Eagle lift runs were open, as was Happy Glades, in the morning only. The Wall, Morningstar and Sunrise were closed.

Many folks stopped for some warm-up time and some food and drink. Then back out for more runs before we



had to board the bus back to Lakeland Community College, where we had parked and boarded the bus. Under a beautiful blue sky that produced a cloud rainbow/snow bow and a fantastic sunset, we had the usual party in the back and mellow folks in the front.

Another way to enjoy skiing was on our ever popular day trips to Holiday Valley

Jan. 8 .... Cancelled due to lack of snow and warm weather  
January 22, February 5 & 19 .... Very good participation on all bus trips

Now we are looking forward to off skip slopes activities and already planning trips for 2023 – 2024 season.

For more detail about the ski trips, biking, hiking, social gatherings, other activities and how to join our club, please, visit the club's website at [chagrinskiclub.org](http://chagrinskiclub.org)

# GOODYEAR SKI CLUB

GSC's ski trip to Jackson Hole started with travel snafus due to a storm, members bumped from flights and spending the night at the airport, and luggage delays due to overweight planes. Normal air travel nowadays! The 49er greeted us with a Welcome Party spread that included cheeses, sandwiches, chips, salsa, veggies, beer, wine, pop, etc. Sunday brought cold temps, Monday was colder, and Tuesday was a heat wave of -12 degrees. Jackson Hole has plenty of challenging runs, but they also have plenty of intermediate runs. Some would say challenging intermediates. Several skiers on our trip went down Corbet's Couloir and skied all the open blacks. Others took the tram up the mountain, got some photos, and took the tram back down. Besides all the awesome skiing, several in the group enjoyed snowmobiling in Yellowstone, one went dog-sledding and a number visited the Elk Reserve and Museum. A group Pizza Party was held at the 49er and as we stayed in town, evenings involved sampling of food and beer all over town. As you can see from the photos, once again Jackson Hole is a winner!



Goodyear Ski Club's first trip to Purgatory Ski Resort in Durango, CO was a paradise of light, fluffy snow. With trees along every run, you could still ski even when visibility was low due to falling snow – light, fluffy snow! Plenty of run choice - bumps, groomed runs or powder. Condos were ski in/ski out and spacious, well-furnished condos. Not a lot of evening food choices at the base, but we arranged a shuttle one night and had a few members with cars that supplemented transportation. Several members made dinners in their condos as a grocery/alcohol stop was made on our way from the airport. The last night, the Grethers and Wises made an awesome Mexican spread for a last-night party.





The Goodyear Ski Club has many activities planned for the spring and summer starting with a Wildflower Walk at the Hinckley Reservation on Saturday, April 29 at 1:00. A Fun at the Foundry Night, Scotch Doubles, Bike Ride, Golf Social, visits to Wineries and the Brew Tour. August will be our Annual Picnic. Join us for one or all! Details on the Goodyear Ski Club Facebook or Website Event Page or Newsletters on Webpage.

Plans are being made for ski trips next winter, probably ski resorts on the IKON Pass. We are excited and hopeful for a great ski season. The club meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at Ray's Place of Fairlawn. You do not have to be employed by Goodyear to be a member of the club. You just have to enjoy skiing and socializing 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.



Goodyear Ski Club has a gently used Skiers Edge for sale. Skiers, racers, or anyone rehabbing an injury and wants to be in shape for next season – this is for you! Until June 1, offers of \$500 and higher will be accepted at [presidentgsci@gmail.com](mailto:presidentgsci@gmail.com). Proceeds go towards developing a new website.

Check prices online for new and used Skiers Edge and make your offer. No shipping charges as the machine is located for pickup in Cuyahoga Falls.

# ***ERIE SHORE SKI CLUB***

A fun ski club which meets on the west side of Cleveland at the Aviator Pub and Event Center on Brookpark Rd. by the airport (the old 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Squad). Our meetings, which consist of good conversation, good food and drink, are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month; Sept. is our picnic meeting and then we meet from Dec. to Mar., at 4:00 pm at the Aviator Pub in the bar area, although we are looking at other venues, so call Bob first (see below).

Our Mighty Little Race Team won the team Bristol Combined Trophy in Division II this year. We have a great group of racers, so come join our fun team. The club also meets most Weds., during the winter, at Snow Trails Ski area near Mansfield, Ohio. During the week the ski area opens at 10:00 am.

During the spring and summer months we meet monthly for Happy Hour at different locations. Contact us and come to a meeting or a happy hour. For more info, call or text Bob Griffin 440-376-3518.

**We wish all our metro members good health and happiness.**

## **WARREN SKI CLUB**

### **New Trip Announced**

The Warren Ski club is excited to announce a great trip to Italy on September 15 to 26, when we will tour the Amalfi Coast, Sicily, and Malta with Perillo Tours. This exciting trip, including airfare, is priced at \$4895, or \$3200 for the land package only. It includes: round-trip air, all ground transportation, several meals, a winery visit, Limoncello tastes, two boat excursions, a jeep tour, and guided private tours to ancient cities and historic sites. A day-by-day itinerary is available on our website, [www.warrenskiclub.org](http://www.warrenskiclub.org), as well as our Facebook Page. Trip size is limited to the first 20 attendees who sign up and send in their deposit.

### **2023 Ski Season Recap**

**Lake Tahoe:** We had 44 friends from the club attend an event filled week at Lake Tahoe on January 28 to February 4. Some skied, some gambled, some toured and some just enjoyed the beautiful scenery. Some returned with a few bumps and bruises, but no serious injuries were sustained

Warren Ski Club members share their enthusiasm as they enjoy the "Heavenly" view of Lake Tahoe



## 2023 Ski Season Recap (continued)

On Sunday we skied through an all-day snowstorm. Although the storm was occasionally blinding, it did cover the mountain with fresh powder for each run and a foot of fresh snow for the upcoming week's adventure. On Monday the snow storm ended, but the winds took over. Thankfully Heavenly is large enough that those who were not blown over could find trails that were shielded from the wind. Luckily we stayed at a hotel that provided free wine from 4:00-5:00 daily (which you know Warren Ski Club members took advantage of). That warmed you up if the hot tub didn't.

Tuesday we had a perfect day at Northstar. The weather was so beautiful that we were able to enjoy lunch on the deck and sunshine all day long. As part of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration Northstar served free champagne at 2:00 at a place they called "The Tost." As you would imagine, Warren Ski Club members were in attendance.

The remaining days were perfect for skiing at Heavenly -- sunny and bright. The evenings offered excitement as well. Wednesday, our non-skiing members planned a pub crawl, picking unique places in South Lake Tahoe to visit. It was well attended and greatly enjoyed, by both old and new members, offering another chance to get to know each other better.

Friday the winds kicked up again, and the gondola shut down. Those who ventured out took a shuttle to the California Lodge. As the day progressed, these avid skiers were rewarded, as the winds subsided and lifts finally opened to the top. Friday evening we held a liquidation party at the hotel bar, where we celebrated a great week of fun and adventure at Lake Tahoe.

**Davos, Switzerland:** The club's second week-long trip was to Davos, Switzerland. Seventeen Warren Ski Club members arrived in Zurich, Switzerland on March 4, then were bused 2 hours to Davos, where we stayed at the Hilton, across the street from where the World Economic Summit is held every January. We settled in, then were greeted with a glass of champagne and dinner. After a good night's sleep, we were off to ski the Alps starting in the Parsenn area. The sun was out and the snow was amazing. The weather was the same for Monday as we discovered all new areas in the Parsenn area. Tuesday, many of us traveled to the Jacobshorn area to ski. Afterwards, we had dinner on our own and enjoyed all the town had to offer.



*We were greeted with a heavy snowfall on our first day at Heavenly, as Joe and Denise Malovich can attest to*



Warren Ski Club members Shelby, Jane, Joanne and Jill stop for a break and to enjoy the fabulous view of the Swiss Alps during their trip to Davos

## WARREN SKI CLUB New Trip Announced (continued)

Wednesday was international Women's Day, and all the women received a red rose from the Hilton. We skied on run #21, which crossed the top of the mountain and down into the town of Klosters. Some stopped there, while others took the train to the Madrisa area to try out more new terrain.

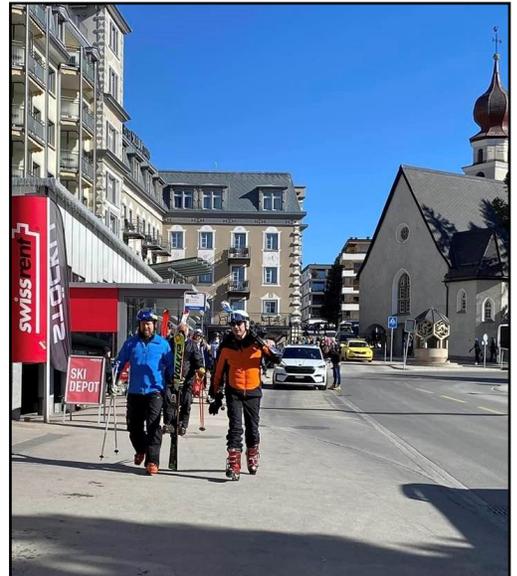
Eleven members of the group took the train on Thursday to the city of Chur, the oldest city in Switzerland. The train took us through tunnels and over magnificent bridges. Upon arrival, we walked through the quaint old town and celebrated one couple's wedding anniversary with drinks and dinner.

On Saturday, three members of the group went home while the rest of us went on to Zurich, where we stayed on for three days. We toured both in the city and the surrounding countryside. On our last day in Zurich we toured the Lindt chocolate factory. Besides learning the history and makings of chocolate, we sampled many of their products. Later we shared a final meal together at a traditional Swiss Restaurant to complete another great trip.

**Local Trips:** In addition to the two trips above, our club took weekend trips to Holiday Valley and Holimont, both alone and in conjunction with the Youngstown Ski Club (always a great time). We also made our fourth annual bus trip to Bristol Mountain, where we watched the Super Bowl together, celebrated Valentine's Day, and skied empty slopes on Monday and Tuesday.

**Upcoming Events** Our next trip is planned for May 13 to 15 to Hocking Hills. We will take a motor coach to the State Park to hike a few of the many trails before being dropped off at the new Hocking Hills State Park Lodge. Two more days of hiking and adventure have been planned, including a visit to the John Glenn Astronomy Park, before we head home on Sunday. But don't worry, we will be visiting the Hocking Hills Winery, Hocking Hills Moonshine and Brewery 33 Hocking Hills while in the area. We ARE a ski club, after all.

Now that spring has sprung, plans are in the works for activities to fill our time until next ski season. Scheduled are weekly "Pedal Party" bike rides on local trails and monthly rides to try out different trails; kayaking trips on lakes and rivers; a Scrappers baseball game, picnics, concerts, and any other activity club members and friends wish to enjoy together. Check out our Facebook Page or website, warren-skiclub.org, to learn what our "Year-Round Fun" club has planned next.



*Heading home from a day on the slopes at Davos*



Bristol Mountain greeted the Warren Ski Club with bright sunshine and wide open slopes for their annual



Bob and Carla shield their eyes from the sun as they prepare to load the

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7 nights at: Elevation Hotel & Spa, **Ski in/Ski out**  
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Transfers, lodging and transportation provided  
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- Over 250 inches snowfall per year, longest run: 2.6 miles (Peak to Treasury)
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- **Lift tickets not included**, Epic Pass or variation suggested.
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Visit our website: [www.hiriseskiclub.com](http://www.hiriseskiclub.com)

# Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club Presents

## Telluride, Co. March 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024



**Price: \$1,687, Lift Tickets not included; Non-Members \$1,712  
Epic Pass or Dailey Epic Pass recommended.**

### **Includes:**

- Return flight from Cleveland to Montrose, Co,
- Round trip airport transfers on motor coach
- 7 nights at Bear Creek Condos, on the mountain
- Take the Venicular from our Condos to the slopes, 2-minute ride to gondola
- Telluride, always one of the top ski towns in North America
- Gondola open from the mountain to town and back until midnight
- 2,000+ acres, 4,425' vertical drop, Galloping Goose 4.6-mile run
- 23% beginner, 36% intermediate, 41% black, skiing for all
- Welcome party, Mid-week Pizza Party, Special event
- All taxes and airport fees.
- Extra charges apply for Baggage fees and any additional fuel surcharges

Initial deposit of \$500 reserves your spot. Second \$600 deposit due September 7<sup>th</sup>

Balance due November 1<sup>st</sup>. Payable to: Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club

Send payments to: Bob Maclauchlan 29731 Fairway Blvd. Willowick, OH. 44095

Phone 440-622-1283

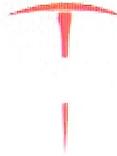
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# Lewis Ski Club

## Cleveland's Ski, Snowboard and Social Club

**Alpine Update Mount Snow Trip** - Our adventurous group of 42 members arrived before dawn at the Cleveland Amtrak station, a well hidden little secret in the heart of Cleveland. For many, it was their first time riding the train. They found it was spacious and comfortable, room for baggage overhead with electrical outlet and tray table at each reclining seat. The café car offered a variety of food options, along with beer and wine. Many of our members took advantage of sitting at the tables and playing cards and Yahtzee. The ease of traveling by train cannot be overstated. We arrived just before 3pm in Albany, NY where our motorcoach awaited.



The Amtrak baggage handlers transferred all of our luggage from the train to the bus. The drive was an enjoyable hour and a half up to Mount Snow Grand Summit Lodge. On arrival we checked in and then headed to the Deerfield room where a cheeseboard and bar was available and, at 6:30, our dinner buffet started with three delicious entrées. Many people raved about the New England pot roast for days. Monday morning began with the resort having received about 10 inches of fresh snow on Saturday and the hills were groomed and ready for the Lewis Ski Club! The snow was actually pretty incredible! The runs were great, nice and long with the perfect amount of pitch and character. Even the terrain park did not disappoint. The convenience of our ski-in, ski-out location of our lodging was really appreciated – walk out the back door, grab your skis from the ski check, go just across the driveway and uphill a few feet, and then ski to the lift! It really is a true ski in ski out destination. We were very fortunate that the next four days gave us a variety of blue bird and partly sunny days with a light dusting of snow. There were virtually no lift lines and we had many of the slopes to ourselves! We enjoyed the bluebird lift, with the bubble cover to protect from the wind on the seven minute lift ride.

Many people took advantage of the free transportation provided by the town called the Moover (yes, the bus is painted like a cow). The bus took people into town where they could shop and eat at the various restaurants. The restaurants at the resort all closed at 4 PM when the resort closed. The snow continued to be incredible all week. Mount Snow did not disappoint anyone. We were able to ski on Thursday before heading back to Albany to catch the overnight train back home. Since returning, I have shared this trip with many other trip leaders from other clubs, hoping that they too, will organize a train trip to Mount Snow. I won't be taking 42 people again. The luggage Jenga was a little challenging trying to load the bus. Perhaps 38 would be a good number. In any event, I hope that other clubs will be offering this exciting adventures to Mount Snow taking the train and avoiding a very long bus ride to ski in Vermont. Skiing the east is something everyone should try! K. Hulick, Alpine VP

# Stark County Ski Club

After an amazing winter ski season, the Stark County Ski Club is gearing up for our summer season. Members will be incredibly busy volunteering with AVI / Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. We will be working events like the USFL Semi Finals, multiple HOF Events, and High School football games. We have different events scheduled through Labor Day, which will give our members the opportunity to earn Trip Discount Vouchers to put toward our upcoming ski trips. For a list of events, go to <https://starkcountyskiclub.org/>.

Our trip committee has been working tirelessly to schedule our ski trips for the upcoming 2023/24 ski season. The trip committee, led by Matt Stear is looking into trips to Sunday River, Ogden/Snowbasin and Powder Mountain. All trips are in the early planning phase!

Get those boats cleaned up and ready! The SCSC Friday Night Floats 2023 season kicks off Friday June 2, 2023. All Friday Night Float splash in times are at 6:30 PM unless otherwise stated. If anyone is interested in joining us for some fun in the sun, contact our trip leader Jason (Email: [jdstephan5858@gmail.com](mailto:jdstephan5858@gmail.com)). Our schedule is:

Friday June 3 – Wingfoot Lake

Friday June 9 – Mogadore Reservoir

Friday June 16 – Sippo Lake

Friday June 23 – Dale Walborn Reservoir

Friday June 30 – La Due Reservoir

Friday July 7 – Atwood Lake

**Saturday July 8 – Charles Mill Lake – 10am**

Friday July 14 - 16 – Mohican Camping Weekend

Friday July 21 – Mogadore Reservoir

**Saturday July 22 – Blazing River 5 th Annual Riverfest – Registration and fees required**

Friday August 4 – Nimisila Reservoir

Friday August 11 – Wingfoot Lake

**Saturday August 12 – Full Moon Paddle Sippo Lake**

Friday August 18 – TBA

Friday August 25 – TBA

## (Continued)

Save the date Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> SCSC presents **Moonlight Glow paddle to Benefit Stark Parks**. This is a fundraiser to help purchase and install ADA accessible Kayak launches for Deer Creek Reservation. We are asking all participants to make a donation to Stark Parks. We will be selling raffle tickets for some great prizes. All participants must wear a life preserver with whistle or emergency signaling device. We will have a safety boat onsite. For additional information/registration forms email Jason at [jdstephan5858@gmail.com](mailto:jdstephan5858@gmail.com)

Location: Sippo Lake – 5300 Tyner St. Canton, OH

Time: Check In / Registration opens 5:30PM, Splash in 8:30PM

If you enjoy bike riding, the SCSC biking group alternates between Tuesday mornings(10 am) and evenings(6 pm) starting in May through August. Morning rides will be on trails besides the Towpath. Evening rides will be a section of the Ohio Towpath between Akron and Navarre, if the weather permits. You can ride at your own pace and go as far you like. We ride out for 45 minutes, take a short break and then return home. Our ride time is every Tuesday evening at 6:00PM. We welcome everyone, member or non-member. If you want more information, send an email to [scscbikers@outlook.com](mailto:scscbikers@outlook.com).

The Annual SCSC Summer Camp-Out at Mohican is Friday July 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be camping at Mohican Reservation. It will cost \$28 per adult, \$10 for teens (13 – 17) and kids under 12 are free. We will be bike riding, hiking and kayaking down the river. Canoe or kayak rentals are \$27 per person for an 8-mile trip. If Zip Lining is your thing, you can make a reservation with Tree Frog Canopy Tours. Make reservations at <https://www.mohicanreservation.com/index.php>.

If you are interested in joining the Stark County Ski Club you can go to our website at <https://starkcountyskiclub.org/> . You will be able to find our newsletters, ski trips, socials, and all club documents.

Come join us!



# LEWIS SKI CLUB

**A Great Ski Season!** – Despite very low local snowfall wiping out our Nordic skiing plans, we had a variety of successful alpine ski outings that brought us together with members of many other CMSC clubs...

**Combined-Club Day Trips** – Our joint effort with the Suburban Ski Club paid off by filling enough bus seats to make three (of four planned) 1-day alpine ski trips to Holiday Valley in 2023. The clubs alternated serving as the leader for the trips, with each club allotted half of the bus seats and registering its own members. Both clubs were pleased with the success, as it is likely that neither club would have been able to fill enough seats on its own.

**Whitefish** – We sold out our trip to Whitefish and enjoyed great accommodations at the Lodge at Whitefish Lake...



...and skied among Whitefish's famous snow ghosts.



**Amtrak to Mount Snow** – Reaching out to many other CMSC clubs through social media and direct connections, our trip to Mount Snow sold out **and then some**, with 42 total skiers and boarders from

multiple clubs taking an early-morning, but very comfortable, train ride to Albany, NY...



...followed by a short bus trip to the resort. Our timing was perfect, as we arrived just after a 12-inch snowstorm, which provided some of Mount Snow's best skiing of the season! That, combined with our slope-side accommodations, made for a great and relaxing trip.



**Our Membership** - We welcome 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). Club membership is required for all of our ski trips and major outings.

**Our Website** – Comprehensive information about our club, meetings, and activities can be found on our [website](#). Our website is also where club memberships can be obtained and where registration for all of our trips is done. A PayPal account is required for payment (which makes that process a breeze for our trip leaders!).



## 2023 CMSC "Metro Cup" Golf Outing



**On Sunday, July 30, 2023, The Cleveland Metro Ski Council will host the CMSC "Metro Cup" Golf Outing at Mayfair County Club in Uniontown, Ohio, featuring golf, lunch, BBQ dinner, prizes, and great fun!**

In this golf outing, the CMSC Ski Clubs will be competing in the "Metro Cup" Four Person Scramble composed of four people, two from one club and two from another club until we run out of people to match then just a foursome. This is just a scramble; the Metro cup is on hiatus with part of the 4-person scramble only from the cup.

First place winners receive a prize.

*Golfers on the following tees: Red Tees for the ladies, Black Tees over 70, and all others off the White*

To enter each club, need to enter as many twosomes or individuals as they want. Prizes are awarded for the event, skill shots and some not so skillful shots!

**Golf Package Includes:** \$75 per person includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, BBQ dinner, course refreshments (on your own at reduced rate) Prize for first place, prize for MFP and DFL and drawing for prizes. Dinner is only \$25. Golf is only \$50.

**Schedule at the course:** Check-in is between 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM near the Pro Shop; Team organization is 1:45 PM to 2:00 PM; and shot gun start is at 2:00 PM.

Lunch is being served from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM and Dinner plus awards and prizes after golf at the course in the banquet room.

**Entry Information and Details:** Information regarding entry forms will be sent to all Ski Club Presidents and CMSC reps in late April, early May. Look for additional information online at [www.skicleveland.com](http://www.skicleveland.com). Individuals interested in playing should contact their Ski Club Metro Cup organizer listed on the registration form or call Art Pokopac 330.697.7491 or Rich Ramsay 330-327-3720 or email at [pokieman@aol.com](mailto:pokieman@aol.com) (Art) or [ramsey-88@hotmail.com](mailto:ramsey-88@hotmail.com) (Rich) if your club is not listed.

**Event Donations:** If your club or one of your members would like to donate a prize, be a Hole Sponsor, or be an Event Sponsor, they should contact Metro Club Committee Members Art Pokopac 330.697.7491 or Rich Ramsay 330-327-3720 3720 or email at [pokieman@aol.com](mailto:pokieman@aol.com) (Art) or [ramsey-88@hotmail.com](mailto:ramsey-88@hotmail.com) (Rich)

***The deadline for paying and application on or before July 5, 2023.***

All club checks must be **made payable to CMSC** and mailed to:

Art Pokopac, 3956 Troon Dr, Uniontown, Ohio 44685

Art may also be contacted at 330-697-7491 or [pokieman@aol.com](mailto:pokieman@aol.com)

## **Come for the fun and be a part of "The Cup"!**



