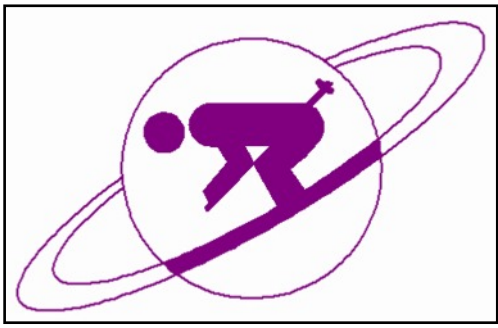


**April 2016**

# **NASA Lewis Ski Club**

**Dance to the musik**



With the snow melted, club members kept busy with a trip to Musikfest at Donauschwaben, where we hold our club meetings. For more information on upcoming activities, go to page 7.

**Next meeting**

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 5.

This month, we will be approving changes to the club's constitution and electing new officers. Go to <https://lewisskiclub.org/> for more info.

We meet downstairs at 6 p.m. at Donauschwaben Club, 7370 Columbia Road, Olmsted Twp. Come early starting at 5 p.m. for a drink at the bar or some conversation upstairs if you like.

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## President's message

It's been a frustrating year for us skiers. The weather would alternate from lack of snow, cold weather with some snow, and warm weather, and possible rain...

Despite all that, we made the best of it and had a bunch of one-day trips to western NY and PA. We also went on weeklong trips to Mt. Snow, VT, Whistler, BC and Heavenly, CA. All involved had a great time. Thanks to all the trip leaders that made the trips fun for everyone.

We will vote for officers at the April club meeting. Club government positions elected by the club include: President, Alpine VP, Nordic VP, Recorder, Publicity Director, Treasurer and Trustees.

Please step up and make this the best Ski Club in town.

**Tom Vannuyen, Club President**



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## Looking ahead to 2017

With all of us home from our weeklong trips this year, we can now look ahead to next year. It's been announced we will be going in 2017 to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon and Sun Valley, Idaho. Exact dates are yet to be determined.

Here are a couple fun facts about Sun Valley:

- Sun Valley just hosted the U.S. Alpine Championships, hosting some of the nation's best ski racers.
- Sun Valley was the first ski resort to build a chairlift, which was adapted from a system used to haul bananas onto ships in Panama.
- The first lift ticket price at Sun Valley in 1936 on Proctor and Dollar Mountains was 25 cents.
- The name "Sun Valley" was thought up by a New York PR agent, Steve Hannigan, who thought the name appropriate for a place that receives 250 days of sunshine a year.

# NASA Lewis Ski Club

## Club officers

Position	Name	Email @lewisskiclub.org
<b>President</b>	<b>Tom Vannuyen</b>	<b>president</b>
<b>Alpine V.P.</b>	<b>Aaron J. Swank</b>	<b>alpinevp</b>
<b>Nordic V.P.</b>	<b>Margaret Proctor</b>	<b>nordicvp</b>
<b>Activity V.P.</b>	<b>Jan Neumann</b>	<b>activity</b>
<b>Recorder</b>	<b>Barb Knipple</b>	<b>recorder</b>
<b>Publicity Director</b>	<b>Allison Wood</b>	<b>publicity</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bernice Poduch</b>	<b>treasurer</b>
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Cindy Dreibelbis</b>	<b>goodeats</b>

## Committee Chairs & Trustees

<b>CMSC Representative</b>	<b>Jan Jurgensen</b>	<b>cmsc</b>
<b>Racing</b>	<b>Lisa Lambert</b>	<b>race</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>vacant</b>	<b>membership</b>
<b>Web curator</b>	<b>Dan Zeleznikar</b>	<b>webcurator</b>
<b>Alternate web curator</b>	<b>Aaron J. Swank</b>	<b>webcurator</b>
<b>Trip</b>	<b>Tom Vannuyen</b>	<b>tripchair</b>
<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Janet Dubas</b>	<b>trustees</b>
<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Victoria Wise</b>	<b>trustees</b>
<b>Trustee</b>	<b>Cheryl Bowman</b>	<b>trustees</b>

## Oregon preview



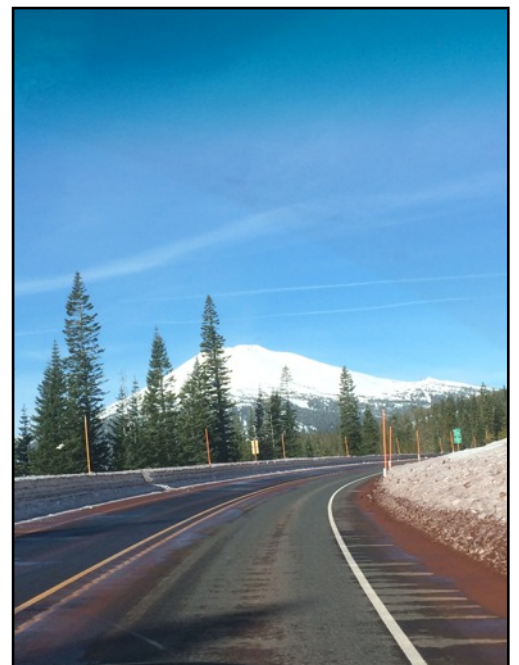
In March, Kim Hulick and Karen Downing went to Mt. Bachelor to learn more about the trip they are leading for the club next year. Here's an account of their recent travels:

Being part of the Lewis Ski Club has enabled us to volunteer to run trips. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and run a trip the way you'd like it to be. There's a number of resources available as well as past trip leaders to help you along the way. We started out with day trips to New York that included something new, Chili in the Chalet, bringing snow enthusiasts together for lunch and giving everyone an opportunity to meet new people.

In February this year we tried an East Coast trip to Vermont's Mt. Snow annual Ski Club Event. Taking the train was a nice change from flying, and a great time was had by the Dynamic Dozen at half the cost of a trip west. In keeping with our seeking new adventures attitude and volunteering to run a weeklong trip, we flew to Portland, Oregon to check out Mt Bachelor and the town of Bend, recently named one of the top 25 ski towns in

the world.

We quickly found out why, it has a small town feeling with big time fun! People are so friendly, sharing ideas on places to go and things to see! While the town had temps in the 50s, just 20 miles away the mountain was getting fresh powder, wind and temps in the 20s. Mt. Bachelor itself is probably unlike anything you've seen before! The 360-degree skiing around the summit, the ease of finding your way around, the ski ambassadors readily available to show you the way are just a few of the things that impressed us. The group sales staff work with you all week, making sure you're having fun. They said it's like having good friends come to visit, they want to make sure everyone has a great time! So consider volunteering to run a day trip, there are financial perks too. Help out on a committee, suggest an activity for the group, join in the fun! Our club can only remain strong if you step up and help out! Volunteer!



## 2016 March NASA ski team report

February/March racing began on February 27 and 28 at Bristol for the Skiers Combined event. We had eight skiers and no boarders – this is a skier-only weekend. Saturday began early with the first race going off at 9:30 with all of the A and B racers doing the same course for a Super G - fast is all you need for this race. 45 minutes after that race, the C and A racers used a new course to do the C's Super G and A's GS. Forty-five minutes later the B's raced their GS. Sunday we had another early day for the slalom. There are two events in this weekend, the usual races and then the "combined" trophy – fastest combined time on all 5 runs. The trick is to complete all five runs! As a team we did well on Saturday but Sunday was more of a challenge. But ... we were a solid 3<sup>rd</sup> all weekend. Tom Keller came out of the pack and sped to a Combined victory!

Snowboard Combined was the following weekend. Ski conditions were sketchy at best with too much warm weather and glazed conditions. The team went for broke and continued the solid third place weekend. Mark was unable to "threepeat" the CCSB class and was happy to finish all his races.

Ski conditions were not optimal this year but the team strived for the best each weekend. We were a solid third at the end of the year and had to appreciate the efforts of the winning team for Division II, Continental. We can hope to get them next year! See next page for some race statistics.

Race reporter - Elise

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## Finnegan's Wake

Faith an' begorrah! A whole lot of laughin' went on at the play, "Finnegan's Wake" at Kennedy's at Playhouse Square, Saturday, March 26. Sixteen of our members attended the Irish wake for poor John Finnegan led by Father Dennis. He converted any non-Catholics to the faith with three easy questions: "Who walked on water?, Who changed water into wine?, and Who died on the cross?" And the answer in his words was, "Jaysus"!

So everyone passed. As we entered the theater, we were all given Irish nametags: Mary Barbara, Mary Janette, Warren Patrick, Ray Patrick, etc. Our own Jann Jurgensen was brought on stage to sing "Danny Boy" and did a great job. Stories, jokes, and audience participation added to the silliness and of course, the bar was open before the play and during intermission. Afterwards we all walked across the hall to Bin 216 to continue the camaraderie.

Barbara Knipple



		Bristol Super G	Bristol GW	Bristol Slalom	Swain Super G	Swain GS	Swain Slalom
		February 27	February 27	February 28	March 5	March 5	March 6
	Points	86	84	65	25	74	59
	Place	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Class	Skier						
AW	Renee Schwartz	5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	--	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
AM	Tom Keller	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	--	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
AVW	Marilyn Lesinski	--	--	--	--	--	--
AVW	Edie Benner	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	--	--	--
AVM	Don Lesinski	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	DQ	--	5 <sup>th</sup>	DQ
BBM	Mark Hyatt	5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	--	6 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
BBVM	Bruce Frankenfield	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	--	4 <sup>th</sup>	DQ
BBW	Lisa Lambert	1 <sup>st</sup> -	2 <sup>nd</sup>	DQ	--	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
BVW	Elise Allen	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	--	--	--
CCSB	Mark Hyatt	--	--	--	4 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
CCSB	Bruce Frankenfield	--	--	--	5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
CSB	Tom Keller	--	--	--	5 <sup>th</sup>	3 rd	8 <sup>th</sup>
CSB	Joe Frankenfield	--	--	--	--	--	--

# **ACTIVITY REPORT**

## **MARCH ACTIVITIES**

On Friday, March 11, 16 members met for the Fish Fry at newly named Kamm's Café on Kamm's Corner. It was great catching up with everyone and telling one another about our ski adventures. Our three members with ACL injuries this season, Jan, Lisa and Ray, were all in attendance showing off their battle scars. Good food, good beer and good company, it doesn't get any better.

On Saturday, March 12, we meet for the Musikfest at Donauschwaben. Twelve members enjoyed the festivities, German music, dancing and delicious food. One of our youngest members attended with his parents Cheryl and Paul. We may have a new race member in the future.

## **APRIL ACTIVITIES**

### **Sunday, April 10 at 2 p.m. Spring Hike with Bernice**

Meet Bernice Poduch at the Brecksville Nature Center parking lot for a spring hike. We will start at the Nature Center parking lot and hike along the river on a dirt path and return walking on the all-purpose trail back to the Nature Center. The hike is suitable for beginners and will be approximately 3 miles in length. Contact Bernice at treasurer for more information.

### **Thursday, April 14 at 6pm Summer Activities Planning Meeting**

**Location : Berea Union Depot, 30 Depot St, Berea. This is off Front Street, north of Bagley Rd.**

Now that the ski season has come to an end for most of us, it is time to start thinking about off-season activities. I've already heard some good suggestions. I'm urging you to step forward with your ideas. Activities that have "on your own" expenses are very easy to run. You just have to be the point of contact and write a description of your activity. It's a great way for new members to get involved without feeling overwhelmed. Activities that involve collecting fees and reimbursement of expenses require a board-approved budget. These activities involve more planning but can also be the most fun. Examples are camping trips and rafting weekends. Please join us.  
Contact Jan at activity.

## **COMING IN MAY**

FRIDAY, MAY 6 – SUNDAY, MAY 8 Weekend at Huffman Lodge in Laurelhill State Park in Pa. Don't miss out only 3 spots left. We can take 2 additional people if they are willing to sleep on pull out sofa. \$77/person. See flyer for details.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Tenth Annual Bike Brew Tour on Saturday, June 18 @ 3:30 p.m. Look for details in the next newsletter.

**SPEND A MAY WEEKEND AT  
HUFFMANN LODGE IN LAUREL HILL STATE PARK  
LOCATED IN SOMERSET COUNTY, PA  
May 6 – 8, 2016**



**This modern lodge gives you the feel of camping with all the conveniences of home, including heat and air conditioning. See the lodge website for details: <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/laurelhill/laurehillodge/index.htm>**

**Of course, there are many outdoor activities within the park such as hiking and wild life watching. In addition, the Laurel Highlands area boasts a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities too numerous to list. See website at: <http://www.laurelhighlands.org/>**

**Some of the most famous attractions are Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water and Kentucky Knob. Advance reservations are strongly suggested for both of these. Websites: <http://www.fallingwater.org/> and <http://www.kentuckknob.com/>**

**The lodge is a short ride to Ohio Pyle where you'll find white water rafting and milder Class I-II waters for floating . There is a trail that rides along river for easy bike riding.**

**The lodge holds a maximum of 14. Bedding preferences will be honored on a first come/first serve basis. Cost is only \$77 per person. This includes full breakfast both mornings and incidentals such as firewood and charcoal. Contact Jan Neumann at activity for more information.**