

JANUARY 2019

Prez Sez: New Year's Resolution – Plan to SAVE

For the 2020 ski season, the Club Executive Board has discussed whether to attempt to visit two destinations which share the same "IKON" or "Epic" season pass, and to consider using the same tour operator for each trip, which we think will get the best prices for the club. With that in mind, we are looking to stand up the Trip Planning Committee very soon. Anyone who is interested in running, planning, or suggesting destinations for weeklong trips for 2020 should respond to me in the next few weeks! (Tom Palisin)

NEXT MEETING: January 8th

Our popular annual "White Elephant" gift exchange will be conducted at the next Lewis Ski Club Meeting on Tuesday, January 8th (Social Hour at 5pm, meeting at 6pm) at the Donauschwaben Club (7370 Columbia Road) in Olmsted Township).



This "re-gifting" activity is the best way to ensure that the item that you received is truly appreciated (by someone else!). Bring your wrapped gift (it doesn't have to be an animal) and join in the fun.

Get Into Racing!

At our last Club Meeting, our Race Chair, Mark Hyatt talked about the CMSC racing series and encouraged anyone with a little competitiveness in them to join the Club's racing team. Racing is a lot of fun, and you DO learn to ski better while you're at it! If interested, follow this link - <u>http://skicleveland.com/racing/</u> - to the Racing

section of the CMSC website to learn about the separate Weekend Race Series, which takes place at 6 different ski areas, and the Wednesday Night Race Series, which takes place at Boston Mills. Schedules for each of them are posted on that webpage Contact Mark Hyatt (see our contacts page: <u>https://lewisskiclub.org/contact</u>) directly if you have any questions!

Visit to Michael Angelo's Winery



Come and enjoy a brand new winery on Friday, January 18th from 5:00-9:00 pm. Free tasting if you buy a bottle, multiple tastings for a price. Appetizers, and small plates available in a beautiful setting. There is small store and bakery on site. Michael Angelo's is in Richfield, at 5515 Broadview Rd. (the corner of Boston and Broadview Rds.) Contact our Activities Chair, Warren Knipple (https://lewisskiclub.org/contact) with any questions or to let him know your planning to attend.

Award-Winning Writer!

Our own Allison Wood, a staff writer for the Sun News, was recently honored with a selection to the Ohio School Board Association's 2018 Media Honor Roll, which is a recognition for excellence in reporting on local school news, and working with school officials to assure accurate, balanced, and fair reporting. Congratulations Allison!

Alpine Update

The first trip of the season this past Friday, January 4th met us with warm temperatures and some sunshine. We had a pretty large group heading to the slopes, including

a few first-timers. A good majority of the slopes were open and the conditions were favorable, other than a few icy patches. After all - it is eastern skiing! Morning snacks turned were most excellent. Thanks to John Berger for warming up those frittatas - they sure were good! We had a few mishaps but other than that it was a very nice trip way to start the season. See the pictures following the articles to review a great day, or to see what you missed!

Also, remember that you can sign up <u>now</u> for any of the one-day trips (we no longer have to wait until 30 days before the trip). We have 4 trips remaining, including two more to Holiday Valley (Feb 1st and 15th) and two to Holimont (Jan 11th and Feb 8th), so get on the website and register to get out there!

https://lewisskiclub.org/trips

Nordic Skiing Update

There is still room and time to sign up for our overnight trip – please join us:

<u>THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019</u> – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

OVERNIGHT AT WILDERNESS LODGE – see Lewis Ski Club Website (<u>https://lewisskiclub.org/trip/2019-01-</u> <u>31/wilderness-lodge-overnight-trip</u>) for details

There are also several, non-official club trips (i.e., they are not on the advertised trips schedule on our website) that we will be taking advantage of (assuming it does snow sometime this winter!) to get out on those skinny skis. Here they are:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019 CHAPIN FOREST RESERVATION, KIRTLAND, OH (WEATHER PERMITTING) (Alternate Date – Sunday, January 20th) We will meet at Pine Lodge Cross Country Ski Center, 10381 Hobart Road, Kirtland, OH 44094 at 11:00 a.m. Driver's license required to rent skis. Ski rentals are available for \$15/day or for \$5/hr. For those under age 13 rentals are available for \$9/day or for \$3/hr. For trail map, go to

http://www.lakemetroparks.com/parks-trails/chapinforest-reservation and click on the links there.

Call Winter Sports Hotline for conditions 440-256-2118 X4178

Please contact Kathy McGinnis, Nordic VP (<u>https://lewisskiclub.org/contact</u>) to let her know if you plan to attend)

<u>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019</u> - ROCKY RIVER BIG MET (WEATHER PERMITTING) (Alternate date – Sunday, February 24th)

We will meet at the main building 11:00 a.m.

Ski Rentals are available for \$12/first hr. and \$5 extra hr. Rates are \$8/ first hr. and \$3 extra hr. for those 12 or under.

Skiers are asked to use groomed and marked courses. A 4-inch snow base is needed. Can reach Big Met at 440/331-1070. For cross country ski conditions, call 216/635-3270.

Please contact Kathy McGinnis, Nordic VP (<u>https://lewisskiclub.org/contact</u>) to let her know if you plan to attend)

<u>CLEVELAND METROPARKS ACTIVITIES</u> - Many other Cross-Country skiing opportunities are (including instructional activities) available through Cleveland Metroparks, with advance registration required. Visit see their website for details on scheduling and registration:

https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/recreation

Metroparks activities include a weekend trip to Allegany State Park on March 8-10, with a mandatory pre-trip meeting on Tuesday, March 5th. Again, visit the above website for details.

Holiday Valley, Jan 4th 2019



Happy Apres Ski Group!

Tom Vannuyen, with "Stupid"



Some Youth (the 3 on the left)!

Top of Cindy's Run, looking toward town



Fashion Show