



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

February 2020

Prez Sez:

We need your supports in filling up the bus for our 1-day trips. The weather is great. We've got Holimont 2 and Holiday Valley 3 coming up in February. Get out there and ski/ride!

For the February ski club meeting, come and enjoy our annual Chili/Souper Bowl Cookoff. This year, our Lewis Ski Club Race Team is sponsoring the event and will be making the Chili/Soup. You are welcome to bring anything you like to shares like: Chili, cornbread, crackers...etc. This event is a FREE WILL donation to support our racers. Come help the Lewis Race team.

We are always looking for volunteers to help the club. If you could spare some time to help make this the best club in town, we would really appreciate it. Also next month in March, we will have nominations for officers and finally election in April. Consider stepping up to help make NASA Lewis Ski Club the best club in town.

- T. Vannuyen, President

Final Reminder - Sitzmark is Online Only

One last reminder that if you're looking for the familiar Sitzmark publication, the printed version has been discontinued and replaced by an on-line version. It still contains information about all of the area clubs and ski trips offered. Use this link to the new [Sitzmark Online](#), a publication of the Cleveland Metro Ski Club.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 4th

The Chili Cookout is the featured event at our next general membership meeting! Come and judge the



most tasty entrees at 6:00pm Tuesday, February 4th at the Donauschwaben German Club (7370 Columbia Road) in Olmsted Township). As usual, join us before the meeting (after 5:00pm) for socializing and story sharing in the bar area.

Also at this meeting, a Nominating Committee of three or more members will be selected by the general membership. The committee will select a chairperson from among themselves, solicit nominations for the offices of the Executive Board, contact all nominees, and report its progress at the March meeting. Members of the Nominating Committee cannot be nominated for office.

Upcoming Social Events

Eagles Tribute Band at Wagner's Come join us on **Friday, February 7th** at Wagner's of Westlake for a concert by "East of Eden," a most authentic Eagles tribute band!



General admission is \$18, but we can get preferred VIP reserved table seating for \$28 if eight people are interested. The VIP tickets include assorted appetizers. Doors open at 7pm and the show begins at 8pm. There will be a cash bar. See the [Wagner's of Westlake](#) webpage for more details. Please contact me (see [contacts page](#)) if you are interested in attending so I can reserve a table!

Murder, Mystery, Mayhem! A fast-paced whodunit Hitchcock masterpiece is playing at [Cassidy Theater](#), 6200 Pearl Road in Parma. "The 39 Steps" is a spy



novel with a dash of Monty Python-esque humor. Let's get a group together for **Sunday, February 16th** at 3:00. Tickets are \$14 for students and Seniors and \$15 for everyone else.

Chocolate and Wine Fest. Save the Date-Mar. 14th from 5:00-8:00 at Lago East Bank, 1091 West 10th St. There will be many chocolate vendors, truffle-making classes, martini bar, craft beers from Sibling



Revelry, Great Lakes, and Platform breweries. Tickets for the first 100 "Early Birds" are \$35, then up to **Sunday, March 8th** tickets are \$40. Sign up through [Chocolate Fest Cleveland 2020](#).

B. Knipple

Trip Reports

Holimont 1 – Sign-ups for our first alpine trip of the year reached 30 just three days before the trip (but the club opted to go even at a loss) and we had 4 additional late sign-ups. But after a warm breakfast on the bus, 34 members had a great time on a cold (15 degrees) day at our favorite privately-owned resort. Although half of the runs were closed due to snowmaking, the 2-3" of new snow made conditions nice for skiing in between stops at the lodge or the warming hut. After skiing and before heading to the area restaurants, our bus driver took a photo of all 34 of the "precious cargo" on board...



Allegheny State Park - Eight members drove up on Monday morning, January 20th to the Art Roscoe trails at the Allegheny State Park to find awesome conditions and sunny skies and a 12-15 inch base. We could not have ordered a more perfect day!



Sunshine, Snow and Smiles

After first eating lunch we all skied for several hours before heading to the casino. All eight participants met at the Patria in the hotel and enjoyed Italian cuisine. We joked with Linda's husband, Jim that he had a date with seven women. The next day the skiing was once again fantastic with clouds but higher temperatures. That evening we had a room party to indulge in wine and snacks followed by a light dinner at the café. We all had breakfast in the café before taking off for home. Food was very good and portions were large. We all agreed we would stay at the casino hotel again. Jan, Nordic VP



Apres-ski Room Party

Steamboat Springs – Just in from trip leader Kim Hulick, who reports a nice powder day after 8” of the light stuff, are a few photos of night skiing (!) and the group dinner...



Steamboat Slopes After 8” of Powder!



Color and Lights – Steamboat After Dark



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



Night Skiing on Groomed Slopes



Alpine Update

It's winter and the weather has waxed and waned leaving us wondering if we need to adjust our schedule. Are we offering too many day trips, are two out west trips too many? Did we lose members when we increased membership fees? Have we committed enough effort in promoting Lewis Ski Club? Is there more we can do? If you feel you can



contribute to the success of Lewis, please reach out to me or any officer. We want to hear how we can continue to grow and any other suggestions for our future as the ski club that truly offers the best trips.

- K. Hulick, VP Alpine

Nordic Skiing Update



Thurs, Feb. 6 - Sat, Feb. 8 Wilderness Lodge Trip

Thursday night lodging at Wilderness Lodge, 13488 Weeks Valley Road, Wattsburg, PA 16442. Optional Friday night stay at the [Holiday Inn Express](#) at 6310 Old Station Rd, Northeast, Pa. They have great pool center and free breakfast. Book your own room.

Trail fee is \$20. Rentals are \$15, cash or check only.

The deadline to guarantee a room with the club was December 27, 2019; however, there is a chance

rooms may still be available directly through the lodge. As a club we booked rooms 2,3, and 5.

See our [Wilderness Lodge Trip](#) webpage for details.

- J. Neumann, VP Nordic

Racing Update

The Lewis Ski Club race team was an unfortunate no-show at Holiday Valley for first races of the season. Sometimes work does get in the way, and the weather forecast was extremely discouraging. Things were looking up, however, as we travelled to Swain the following weekend. A total of seven racers made the trip to compete on Saturday, and two on Sunday, with one new qualifier! See results below.



Congrats to Broc, for picking up where he left off last year in CCSB, and also qualifying on skis in the slalom on Sunday. Welcome to CCM, Broc! Your humble race chair made his return to the course as well, though the long layoff showed on skis. No loss in form on the snowboard however, as Mark looks to back up Broc on the podium this year! Elise and Bruce competed on Saturday and braved the tough racing conditions to turn in solid performances, even having the easier time of it on their drive home than those who stayed to race on Sunday! Edie was solid both days in AVW, helping the Lewis Race Team finish with a solid 5th place out of 8 teams in the GS. Results were not as strong in slalom, on Sunday, but the team looks to turn that around at Boston Mills on Super Bowl Sunday.

The race at Cockaigne on February 8th is being moved to Holiday Valley. A Giant Slalom course set is being requested. Stay tuned for more last minute details on "Plan C"!

Take a look at the schedule, pick a race, or two, to come join the fun! There are four Wednesday night opportunities to qualify for the weekend series, and you can always give the Wednesday Night Series at Boston Mills a try. Just ask Edie B. as she ran gates last Wednesday night! This year, our one-day trips line up pretty well so as not to conflict with the weekend race schedule, so get some extra runs in on the weekends with the race team!

The Race Team is helping organize the annual Souper Bowl Chili Cook-Off event at the February meeting. Members of the Race Team will be bringing chilis for all members to sample. Any and all members are encouraged to bring their own best

chili or soup, to compete for the popular vote. Free will donations to help support the Race Team will be accepted. You will get to sample a variety of delicious soups and chili's, vote for your favorite, and support the race team at the same time!

Get those skis and boards tuned. Let's go racing!

- M. Hyatt, Race Chair

	<i>Swain 1</i>	Class Place	Season Points	Slalom Place	Slalom Points	Giant Slalom Place	Giant Slalom Points
AVW	Benner, Edie	6	19	4	9	3	10
BBM	Hyatt, Mark	6	13	6	7	7	6
BBVM	Frankenfield, Bruce	8	8			5	8
BVW	Frankenfield, Elise	5	9			4	9
CCQ	Benner, Broc	0	0	0	0		
CCSB	Benner, Broc	2	15			1	15
CCSB	Hyatt, Mark	3	12			2	12
CCSB	Frankenfield, Bruce	10	3			10	3