



# LEWIS SKI CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

March 2020

Prez Sez:

As I write this message, the Lewis Ski Club are traveling to Holimont 2 for the Valentine day trip. The snowfall of yesterday and early morning are a beautiful sight. We hope for more chance for snow for our last trip to Holiday Valley Feb 28. Sign up please!

We thank our race team and all who supported the chili cook-off in Feb either by bringing in chili, or cornbread, or snacks etc. We could not have this fun event without your help.

The election season is coming up! Please consider taking an active role in the club as a club officer/chair. Club government positions elected by the club include: President, Alpine VP, Nordic VP, Recorder, Publicity Director, Treasurer, and Trustees. ***Nominations will take place in March and election are held in April.***

We also need volunteers to support the club in the following roles: CMSC rep, Membership, Recruitment, Social, Trips and Web Curator.

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

- T. Vannuyen, President

### Sitzmark Online

OK, this is the second "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. Bookmark that website now!

Next Meeting is Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Our next meeting is at 6:00pm Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. See below in the Race Team report about the Chili Cookoff at our last meeting!

### Upcoming Social Events

***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. ***Please note: 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

**Holiday Valley 2** - On Friday, January 31, 40-plus skiers embarked on a journey to Holiday Valley. Given that the weather this year has not been cooperative, the slope conditions were pretty favorable.



Highlights from the trip include: a first timer made it down The Wall (successfully I might add), we had two new club members skiing/boarding for the first time (they even said will come back), some of us tried out The Gin Mill at its new location (the place



was hopping). Also, be sure to ask Shari about her "Oh Chute" moment next time you see her. There were no injuries which is always a good thing. Everyone spent some time enjoying après skiing in Ellicottville and a good time was had by all.

**Holimont 2** - HoliMont did not disappoint on Valentine's Day as Lewis Ski Club enjoyed the

sunshine and awesome conditions. We always have a great time with the easy access to the chalet and great food as well as the convenience of having the bus at the front door. Every run open, every chair spinning, and the snowmaking, which had ended for the season, created a gorgeous day. Our regular trip into town had to include a stop at Watson's Chocolates since it was February 14th! Our driver, Oscar with Precious Cargo, followed our itinerary perfectly and had us on the east side before 10 pm. There were no injuries and, even though we lost a few dollars on the trip, we went with 30 members because after all, we are a ski club!

**Wilderness Lodge** - On Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> we drove up to Erie in a misty rain. Seven of us met at the Erie Brewing Company off of I-90 for lunch as Wilderness was not serving yet. No one was in a hurry because of the weather. We arrived around 1:30 pm at the lodge. The rain had stopped but no one had been on the trails. Ray and I went out to try it. It was a sheet of ice. I fell soon after starting and decided to call it quits. By that time Joe, Carl and Bill had come out. The four guys skied for about 2 hours in the challenging conditions. The rest of us stayed safe and warm in the lodge. That evening, the chef made us a spaghetti and meatball dinner, and everyone attended. After, we relaxed and socialized the rest of the evening.



***Group After Dinner***

Luckily for us it snowed quite a bit overnight and we woke to great conditions after the groomers came out. Everyone had quite a good ski day.



***Ron and Paula***



***Ray and Jan***



***Joe, Bob, and Carl***



***Roger and Debbie***

We all took off by 4 pm. Ray and I stayed overnight Friday in Northeast, Pa. We skied at Presque Isle and visited a few Erie breweries before heading home.

## Nordic Update



Where do we go from here? We had a very successful year for Nordic skiing on the overnight trips. Unfortunately, the only weekend we had good local skiing was the weekend of Wilderness Lodge. If we get some significant snowfall in late February or March, we could try to go to Chapin Forest. I'll send an email out if so.

- J. Neumann, VP Nordic

## Race Team Report

### **Chili Cook off at the February meeting –**

The Ski Team wants to thank all if the club members who were able to attend the February meeting and chili cook off. The extras that were brought in (such as cornbread) was a delicious add to the chilis. We had six (6) kinds to try including a chicken, a vegetarian and several “award winning” varieties. Mark Hyatt made a double batch of his special shredded beef version before he left for Germany. There was not much left of his chili once we were through tasting all of the options. Lisa Lambert made her brother Don’s beef chili and it, too, was well liked. And club members who went on the Steamboat trip were the big winners. The Ski Team appreciates the free will offering that was collected and will continue to ski to the best of our abilities for the NASA Lewis ski club.



**2nd Place – M. Hyatt’s shredded beef extravaganza**



**3rd Place – Don (Lambert)’s Secret Recipe**

Lisa (left) refused to tell Elise (Right) what was in the secret recipe. Elise will speak to one of the Lambert cats to see if they will “spill the beans” on the secret.



**1st Place – “Award Winning Taco Chili”  
(accepting the award were the two sons)**

### **February Race Results**

The little Lewis Ski Team continues to impress this season, posting some really excellent individual results, even if we don’t have the numbers to compete with the Big Teams! Races at Boston Mills, Holiday Valley II, Kissing Bridge and Holiday Valley III are all in the books. The Boardercross event at HV3 was especially entertaining! Next up is Swain 2 and Snowboard Combined, followed by the final race weekend of the year, Bristol and Ski Combined. Stay tuned for news on our potential season points champions! Results and photos are included below.

Class	Racer	Class Place	Total Points	HV3	KB	HV2	BM
				Place	Place	Place	Place
AVW	Benner, E.	4	48	4	5	2	
AW	Findley, M.	9	25	1	3		
BBM	Hyatt, M.	7	27	5	7		
BBVM	Frankenfield, B.	7	17			4	
BVW	Frankenfield, E.	5	37		3	5	3
CCM	Benner, B.	3	15				1
CCSB*	Benner, B.	1	70	3	1	1	1
CCSB*	Hyatt, M.	3	32	5	2		
CCSB*	Frankenfield, B.	8	23		DQ#	5	2
CCSB*	Bassett, M.	9	22	2		3	

\* snowboarding classes

# disqualified



**Benner Family Fun – Medals!**



**Holiday Valley – B.Frankenfield, E. Allen Frankenfield, B.Benner, E.Benner, M.Hyatt**



**Ready for Racing – 182 -B. Benner, 183 T.Keller, 184 B. Frankenfield, (in the green is M. Hyatt)**



**Holiday Valley – E. Benner, B. Benner, M.Bassett**