



# LEWIS SKI CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

September 2020

## Prez Sez:

Friends,

Cooler weather is coming. This means SNOW will be here soon. I see that some resorts are opening in 100 days or less. Start checking your gear and get fit for the ski season.

We had several social activities in August. Thanks to Activities VP and all trip leaders for making it happen.

Weeklong trip to Breckenridge CO is activated. Check it out on the web for more info.

<https://lewisskiclub.org/trips>

Finally, it is time for membership renewal. Please login to the website and renew online. If you login and renew, it will save you time. Doing so will pre-populate your membership application form with previous entries and ensure your renewal is processed properly. If you have questions, go to the Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) page and see if it can help.

<https://lewisskiclub.org/faq>

T. Vannuyen,  
Club President

## Zoom Meeting September 1<sup>st</sup>

We will continue holding our club meetings via virtual ZOOM for now. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm. ZOOM details and login info will be sent out a few days in advance. We will discuss our weeklong trip and upcoming other social activities. Come join us!

## Social Event Reports

**Camping & Paddle Sports Weekend** – We had 13 people (and 2 dogs) registered for the camping and boating weekend on August 7 thru 9 at Findley State Park.



It's hard to say what the best part was. First prize is probably the way everyone helped each other with setup, then taking everything down on Sunday, and pitching the canopy tent, arranging the tables, and the happy-hour/ big-circle-of-chairs (not to be confused with the fire-ring/circle-of-chairs later on). And keeping the evening campfire going. And cleaning up after the meals.



We picnicked and took turns with the boats during the day Saturday. It's too bad the lake had so much algae. It tricked one passenger-puppy into stepping off the kayak too soon, into the 'grass'.



That discouraged much use of the paddle board; most of us preferred to sit in kayaks and not risk falling in.



We set out food to be shared on a couple tables, and dined in our chair-circles. Friday night was an “Easy on the Cook” setup, with a collection of individually-wrapped Subway sandwiches and an assortment of small bags of chips, plus hotdogs over the campfire. Donations for the weekend included the hot dogs and sloppy joes, scrambled eggs, pancakes and sausage and bacon and salmon and salads and snacks (not touched by human hands!). Home brews and Fireball were involved somehow.



I don't know who (or how many) may have prayed for the perfect weather, but it worked. Friday night's sky was so clear that Mary left the good times to shoot some of the most amazing night sky photos ever.



Here's to a repeat next year, with less green gunk in the lake, and more great sunshine and outdoor socializing. This event keeps getting better!

Cathe and Marianne

## Upcoming Social Events

I hope you all have had a great summer and have been active. We've had great turnout for all the outdoor activities that we've held so far, and I hope that continues. Of course, it's a lot easier to practice social distancing when you're outdoors.

Judging by the sign-ups as of this writing I think our rafting trip with “Float the River” on August 31st will also be well-attended (and fun!).

Let's keep it up with the following activities...!

***Put-in-Bay Bike Ride*** – On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> meet us at the Miller ferry, which is at the end of Route 53 N. (The GPS Address is 5174 E Water St, Port Clinton OH 43452. NOTE: Even though it's actually on Catawba Island, the GPS address says Port Clinton) Meet at 10:30 am to allow plenty of time to catch the 11 am ferry to the island (boats depart every half hour). Tickets are \$7.50 each way and can be bought on-line at [www.fareharbor.com](http://www.fareharbor.com) (account needed), or at [Miller Ferry](#) (click on the date), or in person at the ticket booth. We'll explore the island by bike, stopping for lunch (when and where will be determined by the group). If you don't have a bike, don't let that stop you from joining us! You can rent one on the island \$5 an hour or \$15 a day at Island Bike Rental right across from the Miller Ferry (on the island). You might want to bring some snacks to keep hunger at

bay, as well as some water, sunscreen, and of course, a mask, because it will be required on the ferry, and on the island when social distancing isn't possible. Expect to spend about 3½ to 4 hours before returning to the mainland.

**If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the "Activity V.P."** from our [contacts page](#).

Directions to Miller Ferry: From I 90/Rt 2 Heading West, Cross over the Sandusky Bay bridge, get in the right lane for Exit 124; then take Route 53 North/Catawba 7 miles to end of Rt 53 North.

***Towpath Bike Ride*** – On September 26<sup>th</sup> meet at the Brecksville Station parking lot (GPS: 13512 Station Road Brecksville 44141) at 9:30 am for this scenic bike ride on the Towpath Trail in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We'll ride to Peninsula and possibly a bit farther and then stop for lunch in Peninsula before returning to the start point.

***Movie Night*** - The club will be hosting a private movie screening at Hickory Ridge Cinema in Brunswick in early October. We can have up to 30 people in our own auditorium, which means we can choose what we want to see. We will be charging a ticket fee that will be paid through our website to offset the rental cost. We can watch anything that is currently on a streaming service like Disney+ or Netflix. (I may later ask for someone's password if I don't have it). They also have their own list of selections and can likely get permission to show other movies. They can also secure Blu-rays or we can bring our own. I'm looking for some movie ideas from people who are interested in coming - it must be under 3 hours long due to the booking period. Would you like a new release (they will start those soon), something classic like "Casablanca," or an old Western you've never seen on the big screen? Or would you prefer a lighter comedy or something from the comic book universe? You can email me at my address in the ["Float the River"](#) trip page. or let

me know during the Sept. 1 meeting. Please also let me know some preferred dates, weekdays will likely be easier for booking but my goal is to book a time the most people can come. I hope to book soon afterward so we start selling tickets.

Allison

## Alpine Update

We are very lucky to have Shari leading our only out west week-long trip. It will be in February 2021 to Breckenridge, Co. The ski industry is very interested in securing customers for the upcoming season, so she was able to get excellent ski-in and ski-out accommodations, and great flight times on Southwest Airlines, where you get two bags free. The Beaver Run Resort is a village type environment with multiple dining and shopping selections, staying in two-bedroom condos. This trip is limited to 28 members, so sign up right away! The travel industry is committed to maintaining the safety requirements related to COVID-19. Shari has planned a group lunch and dinner and welcome reception enabling you to share best moments and learn of great runs that fellow members have discovered. We are still wearing our red leg bands that enable us to know who is part of the group when layered in outdoor gear. The Lewis Ski Club is committed to planning and executing the best trip at the best value. We may not be the cheapest trip going out of the Cleveland area, but we are going to give you an opportunity to have a great skiing or boarding experience filled with memories and new friends.

We are still on hold with planning day trips, but envision them changed from what we have done in the past.

K. Hulick, Alpine VP

# **Breckenridge!**

**February 20-27, 2020**

**\$1,790 (with lift tickets)**



As a club we are looking optimistically ahead to the 2020/2021 ski season, and we have a great ski-in/ski-out trip planned for Breckenridge, CO, which also includes skiing at Keystone. We'll be staying at the Beaver Run Resort, which is packed with so many amenities it's like a mini town.

We understand that the pandemic is on everyone's mind and the travel industry has answered the call. They are bending over backwards to follow CDC guidelines to keep their facilities clean and safe and encourage those who wish to book travel. As a result, we have received favorable terms from our vendors. These terms will cover the club, should it be necessary for us to cancel the trip due to the pandemic.

For those who wish to travel with us, we encourage you to review the COVID-19 policies posted at Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, Keystone and Southwest.

If sharing a condo with 3 other individuals makes you uncomfortable there is an option to secure a hotel room at the resort for an additional \$20 per person, double occupancy, based on availability. Since the trip is being marketed as condos, it will be helpful if you already have a roommate in mind. If you prefer to have your own hotel room or your own bedroom in one of the condos, a single supplement is available for an additional cost. For pricing, contact me at the contact address on the trip page (linked below).

An Epic Pass is also a very good option to reduce the overall cost of your trip. Epic Pass products also come with Epic Coverage (a type of trip insurance) at NO ADDITIONAL COST, and the terms are very favorable. Check them out at [Epicpass.com](https://www.epicpass.com).

You are also highly encouraged to seek out a travel insurance policy that is right for you. We don't endorse any particular company. I've included some options and a few things to consider.

It is our hope that the COVID-19 pandemic will have minimal impact on our travel plans for the upcoming season.

We hope you will join us on another Lewis Epic adventure!

Here is a direct link to the sign-up page: [Breckenridge 2020](#)

S. Williams

# **Trip Insurance Information**

## Insurance Companies:

Ski Trip Preserver by Red Sky  
Travelguard  
Allianz  
Travelex Insurance

## Things to Consider:

1. Read the fine print and ask specific questions
2. Like any insurance company, if they can get out of coverage, they will
3. Make sure that skiing/snowboarding is a covered sport
4. Not all companies are the same
5. Cross your T's and dot your I's so that you are covered
6. Many don't cover pre-existing conditions for you or your family
7. Pre-existing conditions may be covered if insurance is purchased within a certain time frame and you are able to travel when it's purchased
8. Insurance won't cover a pandemic; quarantines etc.
9. It should cover you if you are sick. Be sure.
10. Some offer different levels of coverage
11. Coverage may include; cancellations (depending on the reason), lost/delayed luggage, injuries, medical, return airfare, hotel etc.
12. Ask about a Cancel for Any Reason policy
13. Check with your employer. Many group benefit plans provide ancillary coverages that include travel assistance.