



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

November 2020

Prez Sez:

Fall is here and soon the white flakes will be on many mountains. While we do not know what skiing will be like this year, we do know there will be ski resorts opening. Our club trip to Breckenridge still has open spots if you like to join us.

Remember to log onto the web site to renew your membership with Lewis Ski Club before November 15th! Renew soon at...

<https://lewisskiclub.org/join>

This year, the first Tuesday of the month is Election Day. Since we want everyone to have the opportunity to do their civic duties, the Executive Board has **decided to move our ski club meeting to the second Tuesday**, so it will be held on Nov 10, 2020 at 6pm.

In addition, at the Nov. 10 ski club meeting, Bob Laws from NASA Glenn Research Center fitness center will be our guest speaker on our ZOOM meeting. He will help us with some pre-ski season exercises. Come on and make sure we can see everyone do some stretches to prepare us for the ski season.

See you all then.

T. Vannuyen,
Club President

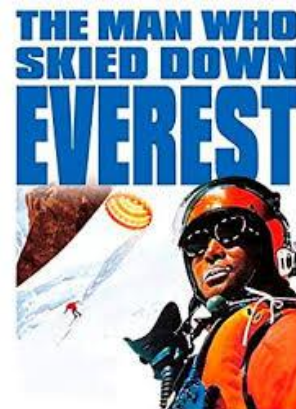
Next Club Meeting November 10th

We will continue holding our club meetings via virtual ZOOM for now. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00pm. ZOOM details and login info will be sent out a few days in advance.

We will have the guest speaker from the fitness center and continue to discuss our weeklong trip and upcoming other social activities. Come join us!

Social Event Reports

Ski Movie Night – On Oct. 7, thirteen members and friends watched two movies about skiing at a private screening at Hickory Ridge Cinemas in Brunswick. The first, the documentary, “*The Man Who Skied Down Everest*,” was less about skiing but



was a fascinating look at what is involved in (and the dangers of) an Everest trek. The second, “*Numinous*,” was a short, 45-minute film where pro skiers and snowboarders manage to get down cliffs and other gnarly terrain and look good doing it.

If there is enough interest, I would be happy to help arrange another screening sometime this fall or winter. If anyone is interested and/or has movie suggestions, please message me on Facebook. The theater is able to show anything on a streaming platform, play a DVD, or show one of the movies in their catalog.

Allison W.

Oak Hill Trail Hike – We had a nice turnout yet again for another ski club adventure. It was a beautiful hike through the woods! I'm sure that all 21 members who attended this hike would agree. Why? The trail has varied landscape from heavily forested, arching tree canopies, open spaces, meadows and 3 ponds! The terrain was mostly flat with surfaces that varied from gravel, packed earth, leaf strewn, with a few wooden bridges and a bit of picking your way through the tree roots. But what made this hike so great was the simple joy of being together! All the while taking precautions, feeling safe with all wearing masks and in the outdoors in a natural and beautiful setting.



There were a good number of our group gathered by the time I arrived, including some long-time members who haven't been active in a while. It was good to catch up with them and all the others while we waited for a few latecomers. Of course, we had to get a photo shot before starting out.



We began our hike along the Plateau Trail to the first pond on our journey, the Chestnut Pond. We stopped briefly for a photo opportunity and to talk.



Soon after, we walked through an aisles-way guarded by tall stately pine trees which is often depicted in Cuyahoga Valley National Park's website and brochures.

The trail then led us along a ledge overlooking a stream bed and several wooden bridges.

It was interesting to hear the buzz of the conversations as we made our way through the woods. It seemed to carry us along at a fairly decent pace. At 1.6 miles, at the junction of the Oak Hill Trail, we had several choices - take the short way back (less than half a mile), stay on the much longer and difficult Plateau trail or continue on our planned hike to the Oak Hill Trail. Electing to take the shady wooded Oak Hill Trail we came upon Sylvan Pond, aptly named as it evokes a peaceful pleasant feeling. The trees ringing the pond were an array of colors from various greens, muted yellows, bright orange and deep magenta reds. Definitely a sight to behold and of course we had to stop for more photo opportunities.



After hiking another mile, we came upon our third and last pond, Meadowedge. We should have called this the photo snapping tour! By this point we had hiked almost 3 miles and some were in need of a slightly shorter way back. That's another nice thing about this trail - the ability to shorten or lengthen the distance. So we split up with some taking the

shorter route while others continued along the longer trail. This last section differed from the forest covered trail and was more open offering views of the surrounding meadows. We made it through pretty quickly and connected back to the parking lot where we met up with the rest of the group to end the hike.

We had hiked 3.7 miles but we weren't ready to leave yet. We took our time, hanging out, finishing conversations, exclaiming how good it was to see each other and thankful for the hike.

We wrapped it up just in time to beat the rain with the first raindrops falling on my windshield as I drove away. Being so close to Peninsula and hungry from the hike some of us went to Fishers for lunch. Being the hardy skiing souls that we are, we braved the raindrops and the slight chill as we sat outside on the patio trying to make the most out of our outdoor adventure.



Can't wait for our next hike! I want to thank my sister, Bernadette, for recommending this trail and if you've been looking for a good place to hike please give this one a try as you won't be disappointed!

Autumn Dog Hike - The Autumn Dog Hike was well attended, we had three canines, and two humans.

Jan B. and Baxter joined Buddy and I. Cindy B. brought Fancy down in case there was an extra human that needed a lovable dog to walk. Fancy came along with Buddy and me. It was a beautiful evening with the trees in almost full color and crisp fall temperatures.



The new bridge behind The Rocky River Nature Center



Jan B. and Baxter with Fancy Doodle, Buddy Boy, and Steve R.

We realize that we had short notice but that won't deter us from having the next dog hike. If we do it again this year it will probably be short notice again. Buddy says next year we will be more organized and get more of our two-foot and four-foot friends to join us.

If anyone is looking to get a new walking companion for next year, animal shelters seem to always have a nice selection of "four-foots" looking to find their "forever" home.

I highly recommend Theo 🐾

Steve R.

Upcoming Social Events

I hope you enjoyed the glorious fall weather and were able to join us on any of our past outings. I am looking for someone to host another hike on the date and place of your choosing. There was also talk of another bike ride so if you'd like to volunteer to lead that event or even if you'd be interested in braving a colder weather bike ride, let me know.

That goes for any ideas you may have for any other outing or events in which you'd want to participate or lead. We have the following upcoming activities scheduled so be sure to mark your calendar as you won't want to miss them! If you have questions or suggestions on any of these events, or to RSVP that you plan to participate, please send an e-mail to me. My e-mail (under "Activity V.P.") address is always available on our [contact page](#).

Zoom Game Night - On Friday November 13, 2020 7pm to 9 pm, please join us for our second virtual game night which is guaranteed to be a lot of fun! Especially for those of you who are the least bit competitive. Invitations to this zoom event will be sent via email closer to the event, but in the meantime please be sure to save the date, Friday November 13th at 7 pm.

Lewis Ski Club Hike – On Sunday, November 15th please join us for another hike with the Lewis Ski Club at 10:30 am. We will be hiking in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. As of this writing the exact trail has yet to be determined but save the date - details will be published soon.

Zoom Wine Tasting - 🍷 On Saturday November 21, 2020 from 7 to 9 pm, please join us for a wine tasting exploring "budget-friendly" wines to have on hand for the holidays. Hosted by our very own "Wine Lady," Karen D, we will focus on festive wines that would pair well with popular holiday fare. Invitation for this Zoom event and more information will be sent closer to the event. In the meantime, be sure to save the date as this will be a fun event!

Zoom Christmas Ale Tasting – On Saturday, December 5th, from 7 pm to 9 pm, please join us as we sample various "Christmas Ales" from several of our local breweries. Which one will be determined to be the best? If you have a favorite brew, please be sure to let me know so I can include it on the sampling list.

T. Telzrow

Alpine Update

As winter sports enthusiasts, we are looking to fulfill our desire to hit the slopes! COVID-19 had other

ideas as the 2020 season was coming to an end and it continues to impact the upcoming season as well. We have all been hearing about the restrictions, no walk-up tickets available, reservations required to access the mountain, limitations on chair lifts, and limited apres-ski activities. BUT people are going skiing and the Lewis Ski Club wants you to ski too. We have organized an excellent trip to Breckenridge, Co. February 20th to the 27th, 2021. We have secured ski-in and ski-out lodging at the Beaver Run Resort (so no transportation is needed once we arrive at Breckenridge). We understand that the continued concern for COVID-19 has many on the fence about whether to go. We believe that every precaution that can be in place, already is. At this time, we cannot predict the availability of COVID-19 testing. Of course, we would like to give unrelated people who are sharing a condo an opportunity to be screened and tested so the masks mandates could be eased within the condo, but we just don't know that it will be possible. Those of you who are still thinking, please know that **every precaution is being taken** to ensure your safety. The limitations of numbers of skiers on the mountain is a benefit, no long lift lines. There are not many trips going, with some limited to 5 days. Do your research - you'll see that we are prepared!

K. Hulick

Nordic Update

Planning is a little tricky right now with the current COVID-19 restrictions. I would like to run at least one if not two overnight trips again this year. One to Art Roscoe Cross Country Trails in the Allegheny State Park and possibly to Wilderness Lodge. Watch for tentative dates in the December issue for our first trip. Local outings will depend as always on the snow conditions. Stay Healthy.

J. Neumann

Racing Team Update

Although we do have a schedule, we're not sure how we can conduct it until the resorts figure out all their policies and procedures. Please continue to monitor the CMSC's [racing website](#) for updates.

M. Hyatt

Lewis Ski Club presents
Breckenridge and Keystone
Sat., Feb. 20th – Sat., Feb. 27th, 2021
\$1,700



We have a great trip planned, staying in Breckenridge, Colorado and you're invited! Our flight on Southwest has us wheels down in Denver late the morning of Saturday 2/20/21. With most of the day still ahead of us we'll grab our two FREE bags, hit the road, gather supplies and head to the old victorian mining town of Breckenridge.



For seven nights we'll be resting our heads in spacious condominiums at [Beaver Run Resort](#) where the ski in / ski out options are abundant. In the evening we'll store our gear near the front of the complex and in the morning just click in and hop on the Beaver Run SuperChair for some black and blue adventure on Peak 9. But don't limit yourself. Breck boasts 3,400 vertical feet, 1,400 acres of groomers and 187 trails.



If gentle green runs are more your jam, you'll just grab your gear, click and glide down to the Quicksilver SuperChair for a plethora of mellow rolling greens.

When ski in / ski out gets old it'll be time to catch the free shuttle to [Keystone](#) with 128 more trails to explore.



But wait, there's more. Five-day Epic Day passes are included in the package. These passes are valid at Breckenridge and Keystone, including up to two days at Beaver Creek or Vail.



Transportation to [Vail](#) and [Beaver Creek](#) is not included but may be arranged if there is enough interest. Once we've purchased your pass you'll be able to login at [EpicPass.com](#) and reserve your skiing or riding days using the new reservation system. Your pass also includes [Epic Coverage](#).

Already have an Epic pass? No problem! Just omit payment #3.

With great memories and big smiles we'll check two more FREE bags, board Southwest for a direct flight home and arrive back in The Land mid-afternoon on Saturday 2/27/21.

We hope that you'll join us on what is sure to be yet another *Lewis Ski Club adventure of Epic proportion.*

Are. you. stoked. yet?

For more information and to sign-up:

<http://lewisskiclub.org/trip/2021-02-20/breckenridge-2021>

(Contact information for Shari is on that webpage)

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.