



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

May 2020

Prez Sez:

Greetings, members. Wow, the COVID 19 situation is still keeping us home. However, our club trip leaders are actively checking out ski destinations for 2021. This year we are looking at Breckenridge, Co, and Bannf, Alberta Canada. More detailed Information will be coming.

Since we could are not able to meet and do summer activities yet, we will do some Zoom activities. Two events we got is Zoom wine tasting and Zoom game night. Let us connect and have some fun. Info coming shorty, check your email for invites.

Unfortunately, Metropark will be closed for rental so we are not able to hold our August 4th Lewis Ski Club picnic at Albion Woods, Strongsville. Maybe we call grill our own brats and burgers, and then join via a Zoom picnic meeting instead.

I am looking forward to working with our new officers and trustees. I thank all the past officers for their time and effort in making this a great club. Please feel free to suggest new ideas and activities we all can enjoy.

- T. Vannuyen, President

Easy to Join and Use “Zoom” Meetings

If you haven't experienced “Zoom” virtual meetings, don't be intimidated by the technology – it's easier than you might think. Zoom is a video conferencing software that the Club has purchased a license for which allows participants to see and talk to each other in real time, right from their internet device. If your PC, Mac, i-Pad, or smart phone has a built-in camera and speakers (and almost all of them do) and you receive e-mail on it, you have everything

you need to participate. Each Zoom meeting has a host, who sends an e-mail, including a hyperlink, directly to the people invited to the meeting.



ZOOM Video SMART Meetings

To join the meeting, you click on the hyperlink in the e-mail and follow its simple instructions. First-time users may be instructed to download the software (which takes just a minute or two), so should start the process several minutes before the scheduled meeting.

No Meeting This Month - “Virtual” Ice Cream Social Planned for Tuesday, June 2nd

With May being a no-meeting month, and the State of Ohio extending its “Stay at Home” order through at least May 29th, we will next plan to socialize via Zoom on Tuesday, June 2nd at our usual time of 6:00pm. As we did for the March meeting, details on how to participate and an invitation will be sent directly to current members in an e-mail from our Club President a few days in advance. We will be suggesting that each attendee create their own ice cream sundae, as that has been our usual activity for this pre-summer meeting.

Election Results for Club Offices



There were no additional nominations at the March meeting, and a quorum of members was represented, so an official vote was conducted. The vote actually consisted of approving the entire slate of non-contested nominations, resulting in the following selections for our Club positions:

President –	T. Vannueyen
VP Alpine –	K. Hulick
VP Nordic –	J. Neumann
Recorder -	C. Busch
Treasurer –	J. Dubas
Publicity Director –	M. Manthey
Trustee -	J. Breckel
Activities –	T. Telzrow

These results will be finalized after receipt of any additional votes in response the related e-mail sent last week by our club President.

Upcoming Social Events

Please join us for the first-ever Lewis Ski Club Zoom Wine Tasting on Saturday evening, May 16th. We'll



be sampling some affordable wines - most likely 19 Crimes and several other varieties - but we will

confirm that via the e-mail invitation. At this point just mark your calendars.

While we don't have anything else concrete yet, there are plenty of ways to keep us busy this summer whether we have to practice social distancing or not.

Some ideas for activities which can also earn points for the [The Cleveland Metroparks Trail Challenge](#) include:

Kayak - From the Emerald Necklace Marina we can kayak along the Rocky River and, if the lake is calm, include a short jaunt on Lake Erie then enjoy refreshments and food at the marina restaurant afterwards.



We could also go to Kayak at Hinckley or Wallace Lakes. All of the above have kayak and stand up paddle board rentals available - once things go back to normal. But if you own your own boat or can borrow one, we can still plan on this. Should be easy to maintain the 6-foot social distance.

If the Metroparks rentals are not available, we can still...

Hike- Millstream Hemlock loop 2.5 miles



Bike- Explore the Cleveland Lakefront Bikeway. Start at Edgewater Parking lot then bike along the path towards downtown. We can visit Gordon Square, Edgewater Beach House or the Wendy Park on Whiskey Island.



And, of course, the Towpath Trail. All of the above qualify for the Metroparks Trail Challenge.

I am still waiting to hear back about the annual Bike-N-Brew, a very fun outing.

We have plans in the works for a camping trip again this summer: Cathe and Marianne have indicated interest to do their camping trip at Findley State Park Aug. 7th-9th. They 'll have details worked out soon so more news on this later.

Other ideas - Put in Bay, the Beer Boat, or Cleveland Cycle tours Tremont Bar Cycle (6-8 people bicycle through Tremont).

Let me know if you'd like to lead any of these or if you would like to volunteer for any other activities.

With your help we can be active, have fun and have a great summer!

T. Telzrow

Thank You from 2019/20 Activities Chair

Thanks to everyone who brought activities suggestions to meetings, anyone who helped lead an activity, and all who attended activities. Please support our new Activities chair, Therese Telzrow this coming year.

Barbara K.

Alpine Update

While much of the details need to be finalized over the next few months, the major trips being considered for 2021 are a late-January/early-February trip to Breckenridge, Colorado and a March outing to the Banff/Lake Louise area in Canada. Leaders have been selected for those trips, who are in the process of working up details and proposals for the approval of the Club Executive Board.

Trip Leadership

With each trip I lead, I learn something. I learn from past trip leaders who offer wisdom. I learn from our members what their expectations are. I listen. I appreciate their feedback, those members who join me as we adventure west. They understand what it takes to organize and run a successful trip. It takes planning and research. It involves budgeting, including all the additional expenses beyond the contract with the winter sports travel agency. Gratuities, parties, group dinners, and PayPal fees all must be considered before the final price for a trip is determined. The Executive Board reviews the proposed trip price with amenities and perks and decides whether it will be a club sponsored trip. The price is the split into various payments allowing for certain payments to be omitted if participant has a pass, another lesson learned. Expect the unexpected, plan for a cushion. Sometimes the final trip report comes in at a breakeven but more often than not, there is a surplus. This surplus is deposited into the general fund and assists the club with deposits for future trips or other expenditures that the membership would approve. In the event that a particular portion of the planned events did not occur, it is possible that a refund could be made to the participants. They chose the group travel because we handle the logistics, the costs are all-inclusive, and we have a really good time skiing and riding together.

K. Hulick

Member COVID-19 Pandemic and Shutdown Experiences

(As we go through this unprecedented time, we encourage any member to share their experiences in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting restrictions. We hope these stories will help keep us optimistic and connected at least in spirit.)



My company (manufacturing) has stayed open. We have most office staff working from home and added a dedicated weekend shift to move machinists safely apart. I do daily disinfection of the common areas of the plant. We had a team of 3 who

made 300 masks for the company and have distributed them, 1 each for now. Visitors and delivery people were temperature-checked at first, and now we all are as we come in as well as any visitors. We did send a driver back to his tractor once because he was not well (not COVID-19 in the end). So far so good, as no cases have impacted us. We do have people who have been "sent home/told to stay home" because of illness or possible exposure to someone who was ill. We also did a facility-wide disinfection over Easter weekend straight up as preventative. Keeping morale up is pretty hard, but our Human Resources organization is doing little things - like sandwiches today - and we get treats at least once a week, like cake-pops this Monday.

E. Allen- Frankenfield