



# LEWIS SKI CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

January 2021

### Prez Sez:

The current temperature outside as I write this message is 31 degrees and we had a dusting of snow a couple of nights ago. I hope the resorts are cranking out snow for us to ski on. I am excited for the upcoming snow season.

Unfortunately, we had no white elephant gift exchange this year. That was always so much fun. I miss seeing everyone face to face, laughing, and all the comraderies.

We are hoping for some downhill skiing, but there's a whole other side of fun with Nordic activities. If you never tried Nordic, give it a whirl this year. Our Nordic VP is planning a trip to Chapin Forest when opportunities of snow coming up. Be on the lookout for an impromptu Nordic trip. Check your email regularly!

Here is to a better year in 2021...

T. Vannuyen,  
Club President

### Free 2021 Membership Renewals *(reprinted from last month)*

The Lewis Ski Club's Executive Board decided at its meeting this month to renew all 2020 memberships for the coming 2021 ski season at NO COST. For those who have already paid for their membership renewal, either a refund will be given, or a free renewal will be provided for the 2022 season (next year). The Board made this decision after realizing that, with so many COVID-19-related travel restrictions still in place, there will likely be few skiing/boarding opportunities that the club can offer this season, and that our operating costs (e.g.,

meeting room rental & food, annual picnic) will be lower than planned.

### Next Club Meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>

We will continue holding our club meetings via virtual ZOOM for now. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. ZOOM details and login info will be sent out a few days in advance. Come join us!

### Social Event Reports

**Zoom Christmas Ale Tasting** – On Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, fun was had by all, especially once we stopped talking about the beer! We laughed and talked a lot, which caused us to go over the time allotted with most of us signing off at 10 pm. Great ideas were hatched for future events (Valerie sure knows how to throw a party!). Now to try to get those party plans to comply with COVID-19 rules. We even took a tour of Allison's place looking for her new dog which we were all curious to meet.



We tasted and compared various styles of Christmas Ales including Thirsty Dog Brewing's 12 Dogs of Christmas, Columbus Brewing's CitraNoel, Fat Head's Holly Jolly, Saucy Brew Works Three Ho's, N'ice Chouffe, and our own personal choice. It wasn't mandatory to have all of the selections and

we only tested a bit of each beer. Although I made the mistake of finishing most of them by the end of the evening, so I kinda felt it the next day!

We concluded that the winner is ...Thirsty Dog Brewing's *12 Dogs of Christmas*, which is a traditional Christmas ale with honey, ginger, cinnamon, and nutmeg flavors. Remember how good Great Lake's *Christmas Ale* was when it first came out? Well, the master brewer who made that original recipe took it with him when he went to Thirsty Dog Brewing and that recipe is pretty darn good! Ever since then, Great Lake's has been tweaking their recipe to mirror the one they lost. Although, this year the Great Lakes is pretty good! I tested it against the list and the Great Lakes *Christmas Ale* is my first-place winner, *12 Dogs* is my second and then my third favorite is the *Citra-Noel*.

For those that like an IPA, the *Citra-Noel* is a good choice for a holiday brew, as it isn't overly-spiced but still has a malt character with the tropical taste and aroma of the Citra hops. Fat Head's Holly Jolly was a runner up (a winner for Jeanine) and is a traditional Christmas Ale. Saucy's *Three Hos* is an Amber ale and isn't overly flavored as some traditional Christmas ales. This beer has a clove flavor and is one of Jan's top picks although most of us thought it a bit sweet.

All but one of the beers we tasted are from Ohio breweries with Fat Head's and Saucy Brew Works from Cleveland, Thirsty Dog Brewing from Akron and *Citra-Noel* from Columbus Brewing. The *N'ice Chouffe* is from Belgium and a recommendation from my neighbor who is a local beer distributor. Unfortunately, the *Chouffe* is not easy to find so only Jan, Ray, Linda and I sampled it. This dark winter beer packs a punch at 10% ABV. It is pretty tasty, but one beer is enough! It has thyme, curaçao and orange-peel flavors, which increase the longer it sits.

Ray's top pick is his own home brew, Brou Ho Ho (from his Brou Ha Ha Brewery) with 8% ABV. There was also mention of some pretty good beers from Jan J's Bullwheel brewery. Will we ever be able to try it? Too bad we didn't have our Christmas exchange because it might have shown up then.

Maybe next year they both can brew up even better versions and include them in the gift exchange! If you want to do your own holiday brew tasting, most of these beers can be found at your local stores but Rozi's Wine House definitely carries the *N'ice Chouffe*, *3 Ho's*, *12 Dogs of Christmas* and *Citra Noel* (one of their employee favorite picks). Mack's Beverage on Ridge Road near BrookPark also carries the *N'ice Chouffe*. Some beverage stores have single beer selections so check out that out if you don't want to buy a whole 6 pack. I hope you'll have as much fun as we did! Oh yeah - I forgot about the cinnamon sugar rim to add even more holiday flavor. The secret is to put a band of honey around the rim then press it into a mixture of cinnamon, sugar and any other spices you want to experiment with (nutmeg, orange peel, clove). I also found this article on Cleveland.com which lists local breweries and their Holiday Brews so check that out too.

### [Local Breweries](#)

Who knew we had so many breweries and so many delicious brews?

T. Telzrow

## Upcoming Social Events

*(No new social activities scheduled at this time)*

## Alpine Update

It looks like 2021 may be the year of snow we have been waiting for only to find ourselves still side lined with coronavirus restrictions. New York, home of our favorite day trip destinations, Holiday Valley and HoliMont in Ellicottville has been diligent in their adherence to data-driven evidence-based protocols which has helped the state reach one of the lowest rates of virus in the nation. Contiguous states, those that border New York are not subject to the guidance. Ohioans, however, are subject to the restrictions of traveling into New York. They have made some recent changes to the length of required quarantine and testing if you are planning a longer

stay. Please go to NY State's official travel advisory to read the official policy:

### [NY Travel Advisory](#)

I did call the hotline (888) 364-3065 and asked about day-trips to New York. I was told that traveling to New York for less than 24 hours is permissible as long as you must complete the [NY Travel Health Form](#) one day prior to your trip. Per the Hotline information given, completing this form is your documentation of travel which could be needed in the event you are questioned by local authorities. There is a \$2,000 fine for the first offense of breaking travel restrictions. Please be aware that I could not find any official policy guidance documents to cite that would confirm that 24-hour exemption. Also, the policy can change in the near future, so individuals may have to accept some risk when assuming that exemption is in effect.

I also spoke with our representative at HV who said they are not governing travel restrictions but that it will be governed by local police. I am sure our OHIO license plates will be easy to spot so if you are going for the day, complete the form. Don't forget we have Snow Trails in Mansfield where weekday lift tickets are \$41 and weekend rates of \$52 (non-peak days) and Seven Springs in Pa where Ohioans can travel freely, have all-day lift tickets Monday through Thursday \$71 with Friday to Sunday \$91 and Holiday Rates apply. It may not be the resorts we want but they are the resorts we have. Check each resorts' websites for online ticket sales before heading out but please do head out!

K. Hulick

## Nordic Update

We continue dealing with the uncertainty of the pandemic and weather, but we should be able to meet up locally to get in some Cross-country Skiing if we can be flexible. You will see below the first scheduled outing. If there is not enough snow I can reschedule for the following week. Also, many times a snowstorm can hit and allow me to schedule a last-minute meet-up for those interested. Please, if you would like me to contact you for last-minute trips,

please email at my Nordic V.P. email address found on our [contacts page](#).

***Saturday, January 9 - Chapin Forest - (Reschedule date would be January 16)*** Meet at the ski center by 9:30, ready to ski. Call ahead if you need to rent equipment – at this time, no rentals are planned on-site at Chapin, but Geigers in Lakewood may have limited rentals. This is a great area with groomed trails. To check conditions, call 440-256-2118 x4178. Chapin Forest Reservation Pine Lodge Cross-country Ski Center 10381 Hobart Rd., Kirtland, OH 44094.

J. Neumann

## Racing Team Update

Well, I thought this might be coming, and here it is. Because of the restrictions in place due to the pandemic, the CMSC Race Committee has decided to cancel all scheduled NY races for the season. CMSC is still planning on having our Ohio races this year. These will just be fun races (see below). So mark your calendars for:

January 30/31 -	Snow Trails
February 7 -	Boston Mills

I will have more details on the protocols as we get closer to the date. While it is disappointing, I do think this is the wisest course of action for us to take. Hopefully, we will be able to resume a "normal" race schedule next season. Here is a reprint of the message from CMSC Racing Commissioner Becky Bertuzzi...

M. Hyatt

*The committee has made the decision to cancel all of the New York races for the 2021 season. Both Holiday Valley and Kissing Bridge have informed me that they will be unable to host races this year, and I imagine that I'm going to hear the same thing from Bristol and Swain. Plus, we still have the travel ban in place at the moment and I don't foresee that changing any time soon. There are just too many unknowns at this time to make any attempt at planning.*

*I'd like to gauge interest for the Ohio races. Right now, Snow Trails has confirmed January 30 - 31 and I'm still waiting to hear back from Boston Mills (shocking, I know). These races would purely be for the fun of it - there will be no points or awards. Beer bets are encouraged. Below is the link to a survey - please fill it out and let me know if you are still interested in racing at Boston Mills, Snow Trails or both locations. This will help the committee to make a decision to keep these two locations on the race schedule this year.*

<https://forms.gle/aZQSBHct7TKjk8bV7>

*Race Chairs - I am cancelling the meeting for this Sunday until I have the results of the survey back. If these races end up happening, I will email you all a new meeting invite to go over the dailies.*

*This decision is not one that the committee took lightly. But given the ever-changing protocols, travel bans and restrictions, we felt that it was in the best interest of everyone to make the decision. I know that these race weekends are what some of us look forward to the most. The good news is that we can still go skiing and snowboarding. Keep checking your emails and the CMSC Facebook page throughout the season; there's a chance you'll get a message in your inbox of where a group of us will be heading. I plan to have a decision on the Ohio races no later than Christmas.*

*I'm sorry to have to deliver such crappy news.*

*The Commish*

**Lewis Ski Club presents**  
**Breckenridge and Keystone**  
**Sat., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> – Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.