



# LEWIS SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

March, 2022 – *Elections Season*

Prez Sez:

Despite the rise of Covid in early January, the Lewis Ski Club still managed to have some snow fun this season. We've done two Friday trips to Holiday Valley, a couple of impromptu cross-country activities, and a weeklong trip to Winter Park, CO. Fun was had by all. 😊

With COVID trending down, we will hold a LIVE IN-PERSON meeting at the Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center. Come join your friends as we discuss topics like where we want to go in 2023, how many trips, and upcoming summer activities, etc.

It's hard to believe, but it is time for the club election. 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. Nomination will take place in March and election are held in April.

We also need volunteers to support the club in the following roles: Membership, Refreshment, Social, and Web Curator. Please let me or any of the officials know if you are interested and available to support us in any of these positions. Hope you see many of you at the March club meeting.

T. Vannuyen, President

## March Membership Meeting

Our March meeting will be a LIVE IN-PERSON meeting at the Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center. Social time starting at 5:00 p.m. preceding the 6:00 p.m. meeting. See you there!

## Alpine Update



### **Holiday Valley 3 was "Best Day Ever"**

...At least it was for many of the 27 skiers and boarders who rode the bus into the remnants of a winter

storm to find 8" of new snow on the slopes of Holiday Valley. The day started ominously, with the Precious Cargo bus getting stuck in a snowpile in the parking lot, but once underway, we arrived only 45 minutes later than planned. The ski resort was 100% open for the first time this season and, with many areas left ungroomed, gave the advanced skiers soft moguls and deep pockets of loose, soft snow to enjoy all day. The intermediates enjoyed large open slopes covered with new, tracked snow that made it a great day for everyone.

M. Manthey

## Nordic Update



### **Big Met Outing –**

We met on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at Big Met Golf Course in

Fairview Park. We had a small group on this beautiful sunny but cold morning.



Those that showed were rewarded with good conditions. We heated up quickly as we skied on the groomed trails. My ski season was cut short in Winter Park with a fractured fibula (!), but if we get another blast, I will try to get a leader to step up for one more outing.

J. Neumann

## Wonderful Winter Park



*Group picture just before leaving for home, another bluebird day!*

Thirty-two of us journeyed to the Colorado Rockies for a week at beautiful Winter Park Resort. Luckily, we had a direct flight from Cleveland to Denver, but we had to battle long check in and security lines at the airport. Fortunately, we all made it to Denver and got to make our regular grocery stop at King Sooper's off of I-70.

Instead of a regular welcome party, Therese and I decided to have a party on the bus on the way up to the mountains. While the sandwiches and chicken we purchased were delicious, we had so much left over we decided to have a Super Bowl Party in my condo the next evening. Despite the game result, it was a great way to end our first day on the slopes.

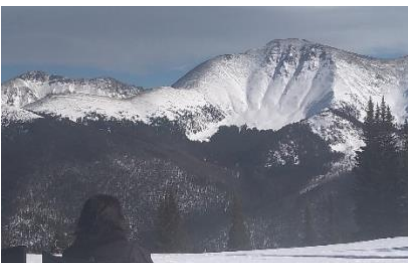
Weather wise, you couldn't have asked for better conditions. Sunday-Tuesday were sunny, warm bluebird days. After a snow refill Wednesday (when many took off), it was mostly sunny Thursday and Friday. Winter Park, like most of Colorado, hasn't had the best snow year and it showed in a few busy areas, making navigation a bit tricky. Favorite areas of the mountain included an open groomer called Cranmer and the Parsenn Bowl, which is accessed by a lift that dumps you off at 12,000 feet above the treeline and has about 100 different ways down. Winter Park is a place for bumps lovers, with runs of all degrees of difficulty. Tree skiing is also in abundance, whether through tight, steep passages or wider, more mellow areas.



*Keeping it bumpy.*

On Wednesday, we had our Midweek Party at Randi's Pub, where they gave us the entire room to eat and socialize. The place had plenty of offerings, from elk burgers to meatloaf, that everyone seemed to enjoy. Even better was that we were able to get the free town shuttle there and back, saving a long, snowy, walk for the group.

Other social events included a pajama party in a condo on Tuesday night and a happy hour gathering on Friday on top of the Winter Park gondola. A two-man band played while we closed out the evening and week with drinks and snacks.



*View from Lunch Rock Lodge, a favorite lunch stop for many.*

Although it was an ideal week in many ways, we had two unfortunate casualties. Sadly, Jan N. broke her fibula the first day and had to be taken down the mountain. She did decide to stay the rest of the week and was able to attend our midweek gathering and gondola party. (It wasn't too far from the gondola to the lodge). Ryan M. broke his wrist on Wednesday while hitting the only rock in a huge snowy bowl.

Unfortunately, we had to leave on Saturday morning. Due to having a later flight, we spent some quality time at Denver Airport. I was pleased to discover that there was an outdoor patio near our gate. It was very warm and sunny that afternoon, which helped pass the time before boarding. I want to thank everyone for being such great trip participants and am truly grateful to have been your trip leader.

A. Wood and T. Telzrow



*Someone was busy that morning under the lift.*



*Midweek party fun.*



*Ladies of Lewis (gentlemen not pictured, they were there too!)*



*Trip leaders A. Wood and T. Telzrow*



*Waiting for the ski bus!*



*Lift to Parsenn Bowl above the treeline, wind is always an issue up there at 12,000 feet.*



*Eva C. got to ski her signature run, Forever Eva, which had plenty of moguls.*



*The Olympics were ongoing during our trip, Winter Park had several attendees, with Paralympics athletes also training there.*



*Mary Jane is one of Winter Park's most famous areas, hope you like bumps (and weird clouds).*