



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

December, 2022

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The weather is cold, and we got snow last week. Get ready for another ski season!! For the December 6th Club Meeting we are meeting IN PERSON at the Donauschwaben's German American Cultural Center. People start to arrive around

5pm for a Happy Hour during the 5-6pm time frame. Business to commence at 6pm. We are also doing our annual white elephant gift exchange. All you need to do is bring in a gently used or new wrapped gift and join in on the fun. Our Friday Holiday Valley trips will be online soon. Sign up quickly as spots are limited. Hope to see you on a trip.

T. Vannuyen, President

December Membership Meeting



Our next meeting will be in on Tuesday, December 6th and features our annual and very popular White Elephant gift exchange! To participate, just bring a wrapped, new or slightly-used item you have around the house that is still useful.

As usual, we will socialize in the bar beginning at 5:00 and move downstairs at 6:00 for our meeting, where we also will have some food (we have increased our budget, so there should be plenty), so plan on making this meeting at the Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center in Olmsted Falls.

Alpine Update



We are so happy with the flurry of new members joining us for our upcoming adventures! Now a few snow flurries in our neck of the

woods would help our local ski industries and get everyone excited about getting back on the slopes! Shops are busy so don't wait to have your equipment checked out. Thanks again to Dan from Village Ski and Snowboard for coming to last month's meeting and sharing the latest in ski technology.

As we've talked about in earlier articles and at our monthly meetings, our day trips were failing to thrive. In an attempt to avoid the financial burden of running trips under budget or disappointing members by canceling, we've merged with Suburban Ski Club for these day trips. This reduces our financial responsibility, but also reduces the number of seats available to each club on the bus. We will be going to Holiday Valley four times on various Fridays that don't interfere with our extended trips. **ALL DAY TRIPS will be available to sign up on Wednesday December 7th at noon.** Space is limited to 25. People are excited to get on the slopes! We want to help you get there. Sign up as soon as possible. Space is limited.

K. Hulick, Alpine VP



With ski season just around the corner, Shari

and I have been dreaming about Whitefish and all of the fun to be had in February. There is plenty of skiing to be done, but are you also interested in a sixth day adventure? Tours and experiences have been curated by [Whitefish Outfitters](#), just for us! Be sure to check them out and see if any of them peak your interest.

[Big Mountain](#) kicks off its 75th winter on December 8th. With the installation of the new [Snow Ghost](#) high speed lift, those traveling to Whitefish with us in February have much to look forward to!

Despite some supply chain challenges, the Snow Ghost Express project remains on track.

A quieter, more efficient DirectDrive motor is the next big thing in chairlift technology.



Pretty soon they'll be splicing the cable, attaching the chairs and sending the first group of six skiers and riders up this incredible addition to Whitefish Mountain Resort!

When finished, the Snow Ghost Express will shuttle up to 2,200 guests per hour from the Base Lodge area to the top of Inspiration Ridge, providing a much-needed alternative route to the upper elevations of Big Mountain.

February 11th will be here in no time. See you at The Lake!

Sarah and Shari, Trip Leaders

Nordic Update



Big Met Golf Course - I will kick off our 2023 season with a nordic outing at Big Met golf course on **Monday, January 16th**, which is

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will meet at the clubhouse between 9:30 - 9:45am to stretch and warm-up, and then start out by 10am. Afterwards, we will decide on a local restaurant to re-fuel our spent calories!

(Bad weather reschedule date: Saturday, Jan. 21st, same location and meeting/departing times.)

Looking forward to great snow conditions and my Nordic buddies to share our first official Nordic outing for 2023! Thank you,

D. Marcinko, Nordic VP

Racing Team Update



Any racers - if you are changing clubs (to or from the NASA team), please contact Race Chair, E. Allen, before December 15th. We need to know teams you

are going to/from. All new racers, as soon as have snow we will let you know about any qualifier races. The first race is on Saturday January 7th, 2023 at Holiday Valley - your first race can always be a qualifier! Again, please contact me.

E. Allen, Race Chair

Activity Summaries

We had a great spring, summer and fall with plenty of activities to keep us busy. If you didn't take advantage of these, please join us next spring when we'll resume our non-ski events. For now, with ski season fast approaching we have pretty much wrapped up our activities with the Ledge hike as our last event for 2022.

Sunday, Nov 5th "Hike the Ledges" - On Saturday November 5 we met, we hiked, and we dined in the



Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). The Ledges trail can be difficult in wet and rainy conditions, but we lucked out.



Bernadette, our leader, took us through some tight spaces among the rock formations, some with really cool and old carvings.

After navigating through the rocks, the trail becomes wooded and much easier and then to a plateau with cliffs overlooking the valley.



The hike was approximately 3 miles which was just right! And just in time for lunch.

We met at Peninsula debating whether to go to Winking Lizard or Fishers, but Fishers won out for the fastest seating and on their outside patio. Although the wind was a bit gusty, it was nice to enjoy the outdoors and the last of the beautiful fall weather.



If you have any ideas for future events, please feel free to reach out to me via the activity VP email address on our website.

T. Telzrow, Activities VP