



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

March, 2023

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The Lewis Ski Club had a lot of snow fun this season. We did 3 Friday trips to Holiday Valley, and a trip to Holimont, with our friends at Suburban Ski Club. I would consider this a very successful year for both clubs. We filled the bus and had a great time. In addition, we had a great weeklong trip to Whitefish, MT. Fun was had by all. 😊

We will have a IN-PERSON meeting at the Donauschwaben's German American Cultural Center on March 7th, 2023. Come join your friends as we discuss topics like where we want to go in 2023, how many trips, and upcoming summer activities.

It is also time for the club elections. Please consider taking an active role in the club as a club officer or committee chair. Club government positions elected by the club include President, Alpine VP, Nordic VP, Recorder, Publicity Director, Treasurer, and Trustees. Nominations will take place in March and election are held in April.

We also need volunteers to support the club in the following committee roles: 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

Lyons Wins 2023 Chili Cookoff

For the second consecutive year, V. Lyons took brought, and took home, the club's top-rated chili. There were a total of 6 entrees, making for a "full-filling" membership meeting!



Perhaps we'll get her to again share her recipe, but she'd have to give away her secret to success.

March Membership Meeting

Our next club gathering will be in on Tuesday, March 7th, at which nominations for all club officer positions will be taken. As usual, we will socialize in the bar beginning at 5:00 and move downstairs at 6:00 for our meeting and food, so plan on making this meeting at the Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center in Olmsted Falls.

Alpine Update



As our last ski trip quickly approaches, we can look back at a successful season. Thanks to our partnership with Suburban Ski Club,

four of our five planned day trips traveled to Ellicottville to enjoy a day of the slopes. The decision to cancel the last trip was twofold – below budget registrations and three days of rain with unfavorable conditions. Congratulations to Shari and Sarah for a successful trip to Whitefish, Montana last month. Very soon a large group of both skiers and non-skiers will board the train on their way to Mount Snow, Vermont. There's some snow in the forecast there! It's hard to believe the season will end soon. Thank you to everyone who supported LSC! --

K. Hulick, Alpine VP

Whitefish Trip Report



We flew to Whitefish Montana on Saturday Feb. 11th. It was a clear day and our westward flight pattern provided aerial views of the Lake Erie shoreline from Cleveland to Detroit and across to Canada, including the islands in between.



Todd, our pilot (and friend to Sarah) gave us some flight instruction prior to take off...



As we made our decent into Kalispell, we got our first glimpse of Whitefish Mountain...



Staff from The Lodge at Whitefish Lake met us at the airport to make sure our luggage was safely transported and delivered to our rooms.



At 4:00pm we came together for a welcome reception hosted in the lakefront Regatta Room...



which provided stunning views of the frozen lake, ice fishing huts and a sunset.

Each morning The Lodge valet team handled our skis and took us on the short 10-minute ride up to Big Mountain...



We hit the slopes on Sunday and took part in a complimentary mountain tour. Whitefish Mountain Resort is owned by Bill Foley and we learned that his goal is to keep skiing affordable for future generations.



Our ride on the new "Snow Ghost Express" clearly revealed how it got that name...



but the appearance of the WMMS Buzzard was completely unexpected...



After enjoying our first day of skiing and riding on The Big, Valerie invited us all to an impromptu Super Bowl party in the Viking Lounge.

The outdoor hot tub was the place to be on Monday afternoon as a Bald Eagle soared overhead.

Tuesday ushered in a couple hours of frigid wind on the ride up to the summit.

Back at The Lodge things heated up at the Valentine's Day photo spot...



Members took advantage of a day off and shopped and lunched downtown...



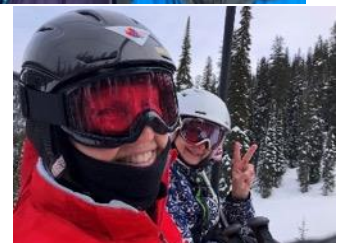
On Wednesday night we met up at Last Chair for our group dinner. We enjoyed drinks, stories and an interesting menu that included bison ragu, yak burritos, steelhead trout, ribeye, and chicken and waffles...



...or headed into Glacier National Park...



Each day brought a mix of sun, clouds, and great groomed conditions as we only received a few inches of new snow.



The Lodge is first-class and the dining, service, amenities and breakfast were amazing...



Thank you to everyone who came on the trip and shared their appreciation for our great sport!



Sarah and Shari