



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

February, 2023

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I hope everyone has been able to enjoy some snow-related activities. Despite warmer weather, Lewis Ski Club (LSC) opted to go to Holiday Valley (HV) trip on January 6, 2023. Conditions were better than expected and everyone had fun.

Suburban Ski Club (SSC) led the 2nd trip just a week later, on January 13th, and that went great as well. The club has two more HV trips in February, and another trip to Holimont led by SSC. Consider signing up.

For the Feb 7th, 2023 ski club meeting, come and enjoy our annual Chili/Souper Bowl Cookoff. You are welcome to bring your own chili or anything else you would like to share, like cornbread, crackers...etc.

We are always looking for volunteers to help the club. If you could spare some time to help make this club even better, we would really appreciate it. Also, at the meeting in March we will have nominations for officers, followed by an election at the April meeting. Consider stepping up to help make Lewis Ski Club the best club in town.

T. Vannuyen, President

February Membership Meeting

Our next club gathering will be in on Tuesday, February 7th and features our annual Chili Cookoff. 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



Holimont Trip - We're helping our good friends at Suburban Ski Club fill their bus to HoliMont on Tuesday, February 7th. They have

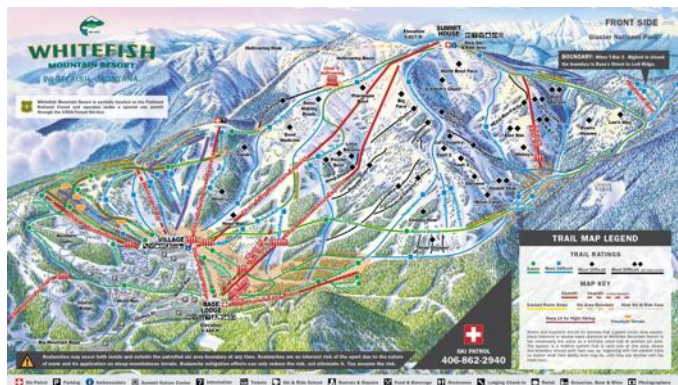
graciously waived SSC membership for us, meaning that your Lewis Ski Club membership gets you access to this day trip. SSC has promised hot chili at the end of day in the base lodge before heading home. This trip will use LSC's west- and east-side bus stops. At \$110, it's a great deal since HoliMont's group lift ticket is well over ten dollars more than Holiday Valley's. If you've never been to Holimont, this is a great time to check it out – there are virtually no lift lines, a great variety of runs, easy access from the base chalet to the lifts, and we get off the bus at right at the chalet. Please check it out and sign up today. For anyone heading out west, this is a great place to warm up and get the legs burning!

Holiday Valley 4 and Winery Trip - We also have room on our last day trip on Friday February 24th. This trip is also led by Suburban Ski Club, who, instead of a dinner stop in Ellicottville, will leave Holiday Valley and head directly to *Grand River Cellars* winery in Madison, Ohio, which is a little over two hours from Holiday Valley. This has been a favorite stop of SSC. Go to this website to find out more about [Grand River Cellars](#) winery and restaurant. After dinner (on your own) at the winery, it's less than an hour ride home.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know at Alpinevp@lewisskiclub.

K. Hulick, Alpine VP

Whitefish Update - When the mountains call, the Lewis Ski Club answers! On Feb. 11th, a group of thirty-four eager skiers and riders will be flying the friendly skies into Whitefish, Montana to celebrate the 75th winter on Big Mountain...



...with six full days of mountain adventures, exploration, and the ever-anticipated ride up to Inspiration Ridge on the new Snow Ghost Express...



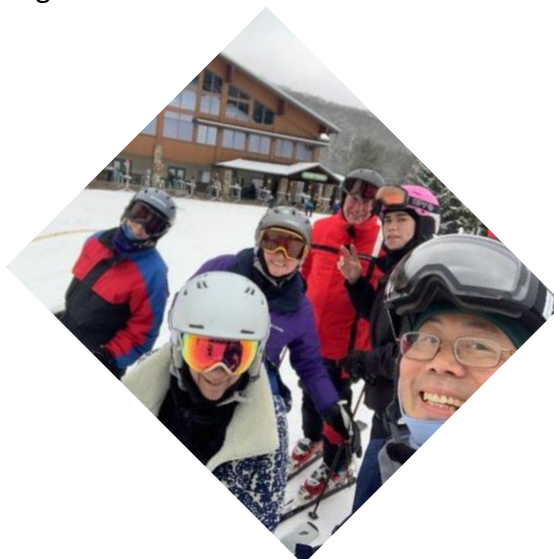
Nothing left to do but pack. Ski you at The Lake!

Sarah and Shari

Trip Reports

Holiday Valley 1 - We sure did have some pretty dismal weather prior to our first trip of the year, but there were a few die-hard skiers that took a chance by not canceling. Here's a few descriptors of our

day: gnarly, thigh-burning, good workout, and sketchy. All in all, the conditions were surprisingly better than we had expected and it ended up being a fun day. There were even a couple "snow snake" sightings!



The bus arrived early, so we loaded up and pulled out on time. About an hour and a half into the trip, a light breakfast was served consisting of mandarin oranges, hard boiled eggs, a French pastry and juice.



Pole fight on Mardis Gras!



Shari in front of "my" overlook

Partnering with Surburban is a great idea, and the two clubs had a nice time together. Many people commented that Lewis puts together a well-run trip.



Thirty- four skiers from both clubs

C. Dreibelbis, Trip Leader

Holiday Valley 2 - After a day of rain and several participant cancellations, our group of 19 LSC skiers joined 25 others from SSC (which led this trip), passing three cars in the ditch before the east side pickup, followed by a snowy, but thankfully uneventful, drive to Holiday Valley. After a bus breakfast of bagels or muffins and 100% not-just-orange juice, and with great anticipation, we arrived at 10:30. Although the “big storm” had added only about an inch of new snow to the slopes, the groomers had taken care of most of the expected icy conditions, so we had better than expected skiing.



Groomers took care of the ice

By about 2:30pm, my group achieved its goal of skiing every open run (HV was about 60% open), including the area’s only moguls on ungroomed *Shadows*, which featured **very solid** ice mounds.

Cindy’s Run was another adventure, since half-way down the run our goggles were covered with ice from the snow machines.



Snow-making was in full force!

After dinner in town and a quiet ride home, we arrived back at our cars where we made good use of our ice scrapers, as the car windows looked like they had made several trips down Cindy’s Run.



*(It wasn’t really **that** bad, but you get the picture)*

M. Manthey, LSC Trip Liaison

Nordic Update



TBD 😞 – Since we haven’t yet had enough snow to enjoy some Nordic skiing, when and if we do get some, I will send out

an email to the membership. I hope that there will be enough snow at Chapin Forest in February. I just cannot set up a day in advance with the weather the way it has been going so far this season! Too bad they don’t have snow-making machines on our favorite Nordic trails.

D. Marcinko, Nordic VP

Race Report – Yes, we have a Race Team, but the



few of us are on “Injured Reserve” so far this year. The Snow Trails race was this past weekend and Elise says the snow was in her eyes and so she did not make it!

Here are the upcoming races:

Sat/Sun Feb 4-5: Holiday Valley 2

Sat/Sun Feb 18-19: Bristol, skier
combined (3 races across the two days),
Snowboarders will also race

Sat/Sun Feb 25-26: Swain, snowboard
combined (but ski racing as well)

You can qualify to race at one of the upcoming races. You can also go and see what really happens at a race weekend. Racing weekends can be loads of fun! Contact me if want to get into it (contact means I will go over it with you).

E. Allen, Race Chair