



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

April, 2024

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Despite having very little snow here in the northeast, we made the best of it. We had two great weeklong trips, to Beaver Creek, CO and Heavenly, CA, and one Friday bus trip to Holiday Valley, NY.

We have started checking out 2025 western ski destinations. For spring and summer, we have hikes, bike rides, camping trips, and many more. Be sure to check the calendar on our website and the upcoming monthly newsletters for more details.

Also, join us for our second International Food Festival along with our April general meeting. If you want to bring your favorite international dish or dessert to share, we would welcome that.

We have proposed rule changes and officers to vote for so please plan on attending.

See you at the April 2024 LSC meeting.

T. Vannuyen, President

Membership Meetings

April Meeting – Elections and International Food Festival!

Join us for our second International Food Festival at our April general meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at the Donauschwaben German-American Cultural Center. Social Hour upstairs beginning at 5pm, followed by our meeting downstairs at 6pm. We will be voting on proposed rule changes (see below) and club officers so please plan on attending. We encourage you to bring your favorite international

dish or dessert to share. If not, just bring your appetite! This is our only spring meeting.

June Meeting - Ice Cream Social

(Reminder – there are no Membership Meetings in May or July)

Proposed Constitution Changes *(repeat from March newsletter)*

The Constitution Review Committee has suggested, after discussions with the Executive Board, several changes to our Club Constitution. These changes are as follows, which will be discussed and voted on at the April Club Membership Meeting:

1. To allow Activity Coordinators to continue to be compensated for their efforts, change By-Law 5 as follows:

Fees charged to activity participants may ~~not~~ be increased beyond the estimated per-person costs charged by purveyors of goods and services for an activity in order to reduce the fee charged to the Activity Coordinator for the activity. However, in no event may the fee be reduced by more than the actual cost of travel, lodging, or lift tickets (for up to 5 days).

2. To allow willing Club officers to continue serving, change Article IV, Section 8 as follows:

No president ~~or treasurer~~ shall hold the ~~same~~ that office for a period of more than five consecutive terms.

Alpine Update



April is upon us and so many new things to explore. We will have a new president starting soon. Tom has been a great leader and I have enjoyed working with him. He's taking a less demanding position on the board, providing our members vote us back in! I'm looking forward to promoting our club and increasing our membership with fun and exciting events. Please let me know if you are interested in organizing a day trip to a ski resort or a long weekend. Let us know if you are interested in learning to run a weeklong trip. We have experience trip leaders who will gladly mentor you. We're already working on donations for the Club Picnic in August. Be sure to put that meeting on your calendar. It's always a fun event.

- K. Hulick

Upcoming Activities

Mark your calendars for the following, and look for additional details as the dates approach:

Sunday April 14th - Bacon Woods Hike in the Northwest Section of the Vermilion River Reservation (51211 North Ridge Road, Vermilion Oh 44089). Meet at the walking center at 1 pm for this easy 3.5-mile hike which will take approximately 2 hours. The hike follows 3 connected trails all relatively flat in the floodplains of the Vermilion River. Parking and Restrooms are located at the end of the Bacon Wood Entrance Drive. Don't want to hike? Then check out the Benjamin Bacon Museum and we can join you after the hike at a local restaurant for refreshments. Trail maps and directions can be found at [Vermilion River Reservation](#)

Saturday April 20th - Monthly Wine Tasting at La Famiglia Winery @7:30 pm located at 26095 Nichols Rd, Columbia Station 44028 Hosted by Denice M. Join us as we taste a variety of wines. Feel free to bring any snacks to complement the wine.

Saturday May 4th – Indoor Bicycle Track Riding 101 at the Cleveland Velodrome from 10am to 12:30pm, 5033 Broadway Ave Cleveland OH 44127 in the Slavic Village neighborhood. It's close to the highway and very easy to find (across the street from Sokol Hall). If you can ride a bicycle, you can ride the track! Don't miss this opportunity - there are only 26 velodrome tracks in the US! The class and bicycle rental are free (you cannot bring your own bicycle because only fixed gear "track" bicycles are allowed). If you can't make it on May 4th, they also offer classes on Sunday May 19th from 10-12:30, and Saturday June 8th from 10-12:30. Women-only classes every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30. Check it out and register at [Cleveland Veledrome](#).

Sunday, June 9th – "Sunday in June" Bicycle Ride at Century Village 14653 East Park Street, Burton Ohio 44021. Are any of you interested in joining me for an organized bike ride on Sunday June 9th? It can be somewhat of a difficult ride in that there will be some hills, but the course last year was pretty tame so if they use the same route, it won't be too bad. The good thing is that the scenery, the people, the food and the camaraderie is great! It's also another reason to get in shape and get on your bike before the ride. Let me know if you are interested or better yet - sign up for it on the ride's [Sunday in June](#) website. Early Bird discounts apply.

Saturday, July 13th - Middle Bass Island Music Festival

Join us for the day to enjoy the multiple bands, food trucks etc. I have a campsite reserved on Middle Bass from Friday, July 12th and check out on Sunday, July 14th. Reach out to me if you are interested in camping or if you just want to come for the day to enjoy the festival.

Tuesday, August 6th - Club Picnic (Save the date!)



Friday, August 23rd - Guardian Baseball Game (Rock-N-Blast)

Repeating a fun event from last year, we will have great upper deck seating behind home plate. We have reserved 36 seats (with 9 committed so far) at \$34 each. This event is being coordinated by S. Maurer.

Friday, August 16th – Sunday, August 18th - Water Sports Camping Weekend

We have reserved a very limited number of spots on Thursday and the following Monday. A flyer with more details is at the end of this newsletter...

Other events are in the works, with dates, times and specific information to follow. Feel free to let me know if are interested in any of these events and what dates work for you. Also, if you are already planning an outing, feel free to expand it to the ski club. It's really easy to accommodate the extra people and I can help get it on our website and newsletter.

Monthly Hikes - Lorain County area (we talked about this previously but I don't know which trail and what date so whoever would like to do that let me know), the Rocky River reservation (the steps at Fort Hill, etc), and of course the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, for which Bernadette has agreed to host at least one hike on a date that works for her. Also, the Blue Heron Brewery in Medina for a hike on their property and then visit the brewery afterwards.

Monthly Happy Hour or Restaurant Reached out to Barb K to add the ski club to future Happy Hour/dinners.

Monthly wine tasting at our favorite new winery (and can explore other wineries as well).

Monthly bike rides - West Side Park-to-Park (I can do this one based on some really cool areas /parks I've found on my rides), the Night Ride with Century Cycles (I can host that one). There are a bunch of new trails to explore this year. And don't forget the annual Bike-N-Brew.

Kayak in the Rocky Reservation - people can rent from *41 Degrees North* and I have access to several kayaks to borrow.

T. Telzrow

Heavenly 2024



I can safely say the hardest part of our trip to Heavenly was just getting there. Those who came on the Lewis Ski Club's trip to Heavenly endured delays, an unexpected night in Reno, Nevada, and a slow but nerve-wracking trip over a mountain to get to South Lake Tahoe. The rest of the week was easier in comparison.

The days before we left on our trip, weather reports warned the biggest storm of the season was coming with 5-plus feet of snow in some places. This is usually a good thing for us skiers, but sometimes you can have too much of a good thing if it all falls down at once.

I was warned by our travel agent Sandy that we might have to hunker down in Reno because our bus company wouldn't take us to Tahoe Saturday night. She was right.



We woke up to less nasty weather.

Unfortunately, she called to tell me this after sitting down on our second flight from Dallas to Reno. After landing, we had to frantically get everyone to

book rooms for

themselves at Circus Circus, which is part of a huge complex in downtown Reno with three hotels and a giant mall/casino complex running through it. At least there was a shuttle from the airport.

After arriving and settling in, we got to check out the many restaurants and bars in the complex. Even in Reno, you could see it looked awful outside and I felt happy we were somewhere nice with plenty of things to do. Nearby, Interstate 80 had closed down after a giant vehicle pileup. The next morning, you could tell a good deal of snow had fallen and it was still cold and windy.

Despite this, we had a bus to catch and after a grocery stop to Walmart, we started our journey to South Lake Tahoe. A trip that normally takes a little over an hour took four. Even before we went into the mountains on US 50, we could tell a big storm had passed, with numerous vehicles abandoned on the side of the road buried in snow. (this included semis and a Nevada DOT truck).

Near the highest point of the road, our bus driver had trouble after we somehow maneuvered past a semi that couldn't move up and was slipping down the road. It was starting to get into our lane, but somehow both drivers managed to let our bus pass with inches to spare. (Thanks, Emil, for this scary-looking photo). Then our driver had to pull off to wait for another driver to help her replace a tire chain that had snapped in the conditions.



Once we got to our hotel, you could see how much snow had fallen and that staff was just trying to dig out driveways and sidewalks.



Anyone fancy a swim? You better watch your step!

Monday, our first day of skiing, had some challenges because the gondola near our hotel was closed due to the high winds. Also, many lifts were closed due to employees having to shovel out the areas, especially in the higher elevations. Due to the resort's layout, if the gondola is closed, you are

usually stuck to one side of the resort, either the California or Nevada side.

Later that night, the resort had a wine and cheese

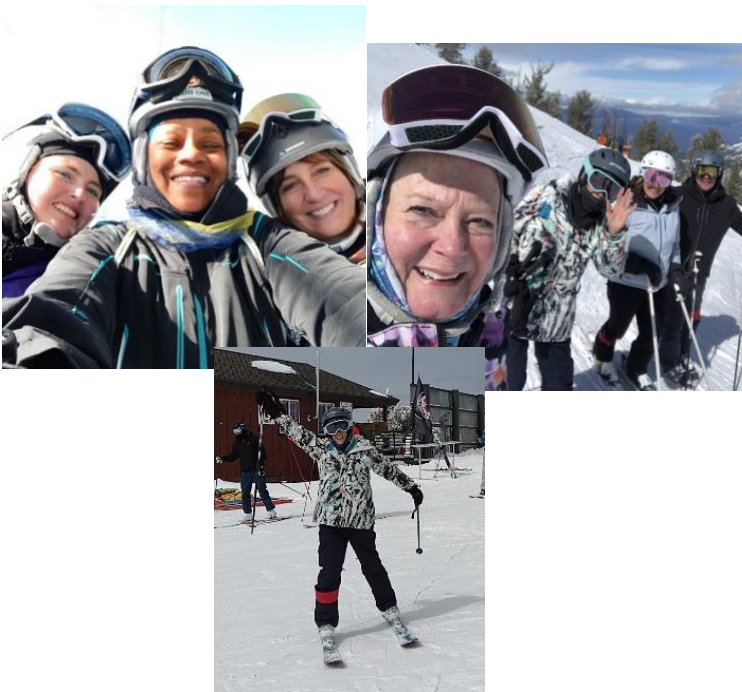


It was nice to see everyone after their first day on the slopes.

reception for us, and we got to recall our first day's stories. Our hotel had several themed nights, one night there was hot cocoa for everyone and Lucian, our youngest trip participant, got to

make some smores on the fire pit outside.

Thankfully, by Tuesday, the gondola had re-opened and lifts were starting to reopen so one could get around the resort easier. Due to our late arrival, many people skied straight from Monday-Friday, but it did get easier getting around the resort and South Lake Tahoe as the week went on.



On Wednesday, we had our midweek dinner at Stateline Brewery and had a whole room to ourselves. I had a really tasty burger and

everyone else's food looked great. We also took our group photo there, which you can see above.



One thing I am happy to report is that no one received any injuries, whether this was due to the ample, soft snow or not I don't know. A couple of folks (including myself) fought off cold symptoms, but we got better within a day or two. This was a relief, especially because two people had to drop out before we left due to injuries. I want to thank everybody for making this a great trip for me to lead despite the last-minute setbacks and delays.



- A. Wood



I didn't want Lori to feel left out of our group picture!!

Camping and Boating Weekend—2024

Come join us at West Branch State Park for a camping weekend. The campsites we reserved are in the shade; no tents baking in the sun! We hope to repeat the good food and great company from the last 6 years. We've reserved 5 campsites, and plan to make use of West Branch Reservoir and the hiking trails.

Our meals are almost like this (but not quite)!...



Date: Friday, Aug 16 thru Sunday, Aug 18 (check-in after 3 pm Friday, checkout by 1 pm Sunday)

Location: West Branch State Park (east of Ravenna at 5570 Esworthy Rd.)

Cost: \$33/person

It has camping, hiking trails, disk golf, fishing and a marina. One of the boat launches is close to the campground.

Bring your own camping gear and cooking gear, beverages and food. The fee will pay for the campsites for the weekend. If more than the break-even number of participants sign up, firewood and Friday night subs will be provided by the club—as funds allow.

There will be at least two single kayaks and a tandem kayak to share.

Campsites allow up to 3 tents, or 2 tents and a camper, and 2 cars per site. For more information contact the Activity VP. Reservations can be made at the lewisskiclub.org website.

Reservations by July 15 are strongly suggested, as we will release unclaimed sites the next day.

Lewis Ski Club Membership is required. Please see the Membership Page for more information.