

LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

March, 2024

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The ski season is starting out slow for this year. We started out with our first Friday trip to Holiday Valley with our friends at Suburban Ski Club, and it was completely sold out. We hit Beaver Creek in late

January and had a lot of fun (see the full trip summary later in this issue). Unfortunately, we then had to cancel the 2nd Holiday Valley trip in February due to bus mechanical issues. And as you read this newsletter, many of our members are on our club's second weeklong trip in Heavenly in California. We hope that will go over well. 😊

It is also time for the club elections. Please consider taking an active role in the club as a club officer or committee chair. The Club government positions that are elected by the members include President, Alpine Vice President (VP), Nordic VP, Recorder, Publicity Director, Treasurer, and Trustees. Nominations will take place in March and the elections are held in April. We also need volunteers to support the club in the following 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 to see many of you at the March club meeting.

T. Vannuyen, President

Membership Meetings

February Chili Cook-off

At our February meeting we had our annual chili cookoff, with seven entrees! However, six of them still failed to match the popularity of V. Lyons' entry, which won for the second straight year. No wonder she worked so hard to make sure



this meeting took place, as she arranged a last-minute site change (thank you!) due to building issues at our usual meeting site.

March Meeting

We will have our next general membership meeting on Tuesday, March 5th at the Donauschwaben's German-American Cultural Center. Social Hour upstairs beginning at 5pm, followed by our meeting downstairs at 6pm. Come join your friends as we discuss topics like where we want to go in 2024, upcoming summer activities, the proposed changes to our Club Constitution, and the upcoming elections of our club officers.

Proposed Constitution Changes

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 March 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



Already Looking to 2025 - It certainly has been an interesting winter season. We delayed our first day trip to the second Friday in January with

good results. Unfortunately, our second day trip on February 9th was canceled at the last minute due to our bus failing its pre-trip inspection. The amount of time that it would take to get another bus would have put the group at least two and a half hours behind their arrival at Holiday Valley. When you're only planning to ski for 6 hours that was a significant loss.

We did have four club members drive up on their own, however, and they found mostly sunny skies and pretty nice conditions...



Earlier, our week-long adventure to Beaver Creek Colorado was a smashing success even if the snow waited until the day we were leaving to arrive! Our last adventure to Heavenly, California leaves on Saturday March 2nd in the midst of a blizzard. We wish them safe travels and awesome conditions.

I spent many Sunday mornings this season at Boston Mills while my grandsons participated in the Snow Squad. I can't say enough about the success of this ski school at our little hill. It's important to share a love of winter sports! I will tell you about the joy in seeing my youngest grandson conquer Buttermilk for the first time. He was very proud...



I am frequently talking to people about our family ski club. Lewis is different from many of the other clubs in that we are a family-oriented group. But like many of the ski clubs in our area, we struggle to maintain our membership. Often when I'm talking to parents of my grandson's friends they don't even realize that there are Adult and Family ski clubs in the Cleveland area. We need to let them know the benefits of joining Lewis Ski Club. We have many great events all year round and welcome all people on our trips.

Upcoming Activities

We are in the planning stages for plenty of activities to keep us busy after the ski season. Mark your calendars for the following, and look for additional details as the dates approach:

Saturday, April 6th - Pickleball Social

See the flyer attached for more details. Be sure to register as the last time it sold out. Register at <http://tinyurl.com//BereaPBSOCIALAPRIL>.

Saturday, July 13th - Middle Bass Island Music Festival

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



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

Repeating a fun event from last year, we will have upper deck seating behind home plate. Hosted by S. Maurer.

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

We have reserved a very limited # of spots on Thursday and the following Monday.

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

BEAVER CREEK

Trip Summary



On Saturday, January 27th, we flew to Denver for a week at Beaver Creek.

Our follies began at City Market when Cindy and Judy's full grocery cart went MIA. After a code red on the store's public address system the cart was returned, unharmed.



Beaver Creek is a gated resort community. Once our bus was cleared by security we were escorted to Borders Lodge in Beaver Creek Village.



Sunday evening Tom Palisin organized a gathering to enjoy snacks, pizza and the games that would decide the teams competing in Super Bowl LVIII.

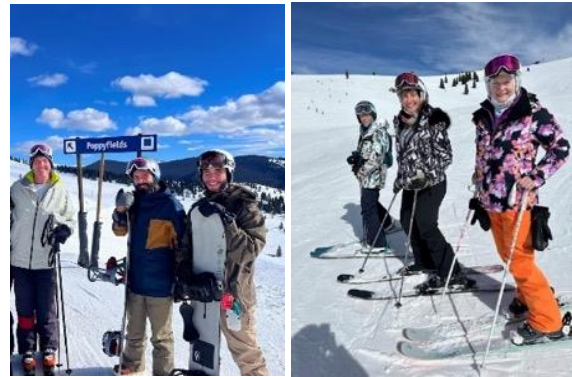
The Borders Lodge is a true ski-in/ski-out destination. Ski lockers are conveniently located near the rear entrance. Once booted up, we stepped outside, clicked in, glided about sixty feet, and hopped on the Elkhorn lift.



On Tuesday, Sandy and Lori headed off for an adventure at higher altitudes which involved their other passion, flying! Yes, they "got air!"



Mid-week, several members enjoyed a day or two at Vail and those Legendary Back Bowls.



The pair arrived fashionably late to our group dinner at the Golden Eagle Inn where they were met with applause for sporting t-shirts from America's highest airport and a Certificate of Navigation for learning to fly in the mountains...



Beaver Creek's on demand Village Connect was by far the best shuttle system we have experienced to date. The app provided an accurate ETA and GPS tracker, and most pick-ups were within just a few minutes. Upon arrival the driver addressed us by name and even called us if we were not at the stop when they arrived. Bravo Beaver Creek!

..Once the applause had died down, we settled in for a delicious dinner. Each member received a generous budget to spend as they wished.



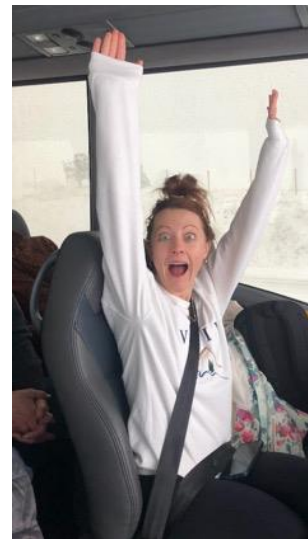
Though we did not receive any fresh snow throughout the week, we did enjoy 5 beautiful days of sunshine, mild temperatures, fresh cookies, and fireworks!



After the lifts closed on Friday, we gathered in the spacious lobby to enjoy leftovers and libations while an intense storm rolled in.

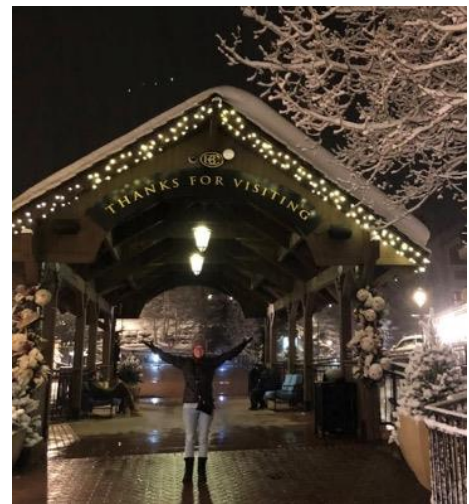


Though most of us were already packed and ready to return home, a few adventurous members went out Saturday morning to make some fresh tracks.



The club's first stay in Beaver Creek is in the books. Thank you to everyone who came on the trip and shared their appreciation for our great sport!

Arrow Bus company provided us with luxury transportation. Charles, our return driver earned a fat tip for getting us safely to Denver in the middle of the snowstorm, where even the plows were having trouble maneuvering in the snowy conditions. After almost four harrowing hours with seatbelts fastened, we arrived in plenty of time for our flight, which would be delayed. Womp womp.



- Sarah and Shari