

# LEWIS SKI CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

October 2025

## Next up...

**Club Meeting Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Happy hour at 5pm – meeting begins at 6pm**

**Donauschwaben German-American Culture Center at Lenau Park**  
**7370 Columbia Rd, Olmsted Township**

**Join us for an Italian menu. Remember to bring cash if you wish to participate in the 50/50 raffle + donations to our refreshment fund are appreciated!**

**October ski and snowboard tuning demo** – If you've ever wanted to learn how to do basic base repair, hot waxing, and edge sharpening before or during the ski season, you will be interested in attending the October Ski Club meeting. Mark Manthey and Joe Roche will be demonstrating these maintenance techniques. If time permits, and you bring your ski or snowboard with you, they will be able to assist you with your own.



## Coming up...

**November meeting** – Club recruitment event + Dan from Village Ski & Snowboard with the latest technology.

**December meeting** – Potluck and gift exchange.



## September survey results

Using your feedback from the survey conducted at the August picnic we conducted another survey at our September meeting. Click [here](#) to view the results.

# Message from our President



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Farewell to Summer meeting in September out in the pavilion. We enjoyed hot dogs on the grill and a few other perfect picnic foods, baked beans, pasta salad, and watermelon along with some huge marshmallows as the fire waned. We completed another fun survey as we determined our destinations and goals for the club. We are planning an Open House for our November meeting to increase membership and community awareness of the club. Please email me if you are interested in helping with the planning. We are listening to you, our members, to present programs and activities that you would like to see. We have themes for our meetings and are stepping up our refreshments! We very much appreciate everyone for contributing to our Food Fund, which helps offset expenses and allows us to expand what we are able to serve. We're planning an Italian Menu for October as Mark and Joe demonstrate tuning. We're also going to continue the 50/50 raffle and Joan's giveaway of a bottle of wine if you wear a name tag. So, bring some cash if you'd like to play! Check out our incredible newsletter for all the news! Our day trips and an overnight trip are now available on the website. Space is limited so don't hesitate or you may miss the bus! Renew your 2026 membership today as a late fee will be applied after November 15th. As I said before, it takes a village! Every little bit helps!

Ski ya soon!

*Kim*

**If you have a talent, funny story, ideas or suggestions that you'd like to contribute, we want to hear from you! Contact Kim at [President@LewisSkiClub.org](mailto:President@LewisSkiClub.org).**

**How do snowboarders introduce themselves?**

“Sorry dude.”

# Word Scramble

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# Alpine VP Message

Registrations are now open on our club website for our 2 one-day trips and the 2-day/overnight trip. The dates are now firm, of course, as are the prices on the website. We will lead the two trips to Holiday Valley, while the Suburban Ski Club is running the Thursday Holimont trip, which includes chili before heading home. Since the overnight trip will be a first for the club, we encourage early registrations for the overnight trip to Holiday Valley on February 25 and 26th. Your place can be confirmed with a \$75 deposit, and we need to make sure we have a total of 34 people between us and Suburban to make this trip a go. This midweek trip is offered at a very attractive price, considering it includes ski-out/ski-in accommodations, jump-in/jump-out outdoor heated pool and hot tub, and a dine in/carry out continental breakfast.



Mark

## Close to Heaven, but fun as Hell!!

We have only **3 spots** remaining for our first ever trip to Purgatory! We are holding these spots for individuals that are willing to share a king or queen bed. [Use this link to preview or register.](#)

## Big Sky Update

**Trip is full.** Contact Shari to be added to the waitlist: [BigSky2026@LewisSkiClub.org](mailto:BigSky2026@LewisSkiClub.org).

## Ikon & Epic Passes

To purchase an Ikon or Epic Pass, please use these links. Your purchase helps support our club!

<https://www.sportsamerica.com/ikon-lewis>

[www.sportsamerica.com/epic-lewis](https://www.sportsamerica.com/epic-lewis)

# BIG NEWS AT BIG SKY

## **Kircliff - THE EDGE OF POSSIBILITY**



Starting this winter season, take the new Explorer Gondola to the Lone Peak Tram and then step inside Kircliff, a stunning two-story glass observation deck perched at 11,166 feet. The glass floor enhances the view of terrain shaped over millions of years.

For the first time ever, any guest, any age—on foot or on skis—can gaze down the fall line of Lone Mountain with views of three states (Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming), two National Parks (Yellowstone and Grand Teton), and millions of acres of wilderness.

Savor a rare moment of stillness, perspective, and awe that will stay with you long after you've descended. Kircliff redefines what it means to experience Montana's high country.

Thirty-three of us will go BIG, March 21-28. Email me at [BigSky2026@LewisSkiClub.org](mailto:BigSky2026@LewisSkiClub.org) to be added to our waiting list.

Next month I'll bring you the latest on the new Explorer Gondola which will make its first turns later this year.

*Shari*

# Off-Piste Activities

## Middleburg Hts. Concert in the Park

**Date:** Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30pm



Middleburg Hts. is sponsoring their last 2025 [Concert in the Park](#) featuring [52<sup>nd</sup> Street Stranger](#). This band of local artists will be performing the storytelling lyrics and genre-spanning sound of multi-platinum artist, Billy Joel. Concerts are at 15700 Bagley Road behind the recreation center and fire station.

## Brandywine Fall Fest/Ski Swap

**Date:** Friday – Sunday, October 10 – 12, 2025



The event features complimentary fall-themed events, discounts on gear and accessories, and an expansive offering at the Ski Swap! Click [here](#) for details.

## Cleveland Metroparks West Creek Reservation hike

**Date:** Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 am

Bernadette will be our guide for another hike at [2277 West Ridgewood Drive](#) in Parma. We'll start from the West Creek Watershed Stewardship Center for this very nice hike. Click [here](#) for more information about West Creek.



# And here's what we've been up to...

# Volleyball Recap



I'd like to thank all of you for a great backyard volleyball summer this year. We had a great turnout, and, on many evenings, we had multiple teams! It's



hard for me to believe that we've been doing this since 2009. How time flies. I was happy to see so



many of you turn out Labor Day Sunday, which was our final volleyball for this season. Thanks to all who gave the extra effort to prepare homemade foods. They were delicious. Also, thanks to all who came early to help with setup, and those who helped tie the net up after and assisted in cleanup. Narrin and I couldn't do this weekly without your help. We hope to see all of you next summer when we start volleyball again around Memorial Day.



Eric



# Pickleball Recap

Several of us met at Morton Park for a quick picnic followed by a pickleball lesson by our very own, Cindy Dreibelbis! Our lesson included drills to practice serving and bouncing the ball in front of ourselves. We also tried to see how many times we could bounce the ball on top of our paddles.

A few rules to remember:

- 1) Serve and stay
- 2) Don't go into the kitchen
- 3) One bounce in each court before the serving side can move into the court
- 4) Never step backwards to hit the ball

After the lesson, there was managed play, and we got in 2 games before it got too dark. We had a great time!

Thank you, Cindy, for your patience with us newbies!



*Therese*

# Guardians Rock-N-Blast

This year's Cleveland Guardians Rock-N-Blast was held over the Labor Day weekend. Twenty-eight



club members and guests attended the Saturday night game, and the Guards eked out a 4-3 win against a highly touted and playoff-bound Seattle Mariners team. But that's not all. Besides the \$2 pregame beer



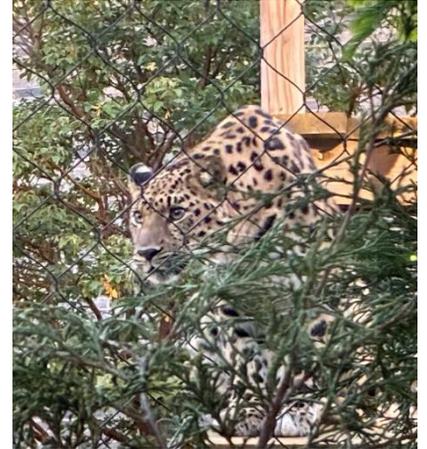
promotion, we enjoyed an awesome 24-minute extravagant fireworks show that blew our socks off and our eardrums. It was a unique and one-of-a-kind show that the Guards are known for. Oh, did I say it was FABULOUS?!! Everyone left the show with smiles and temporary hearing loss but nodded in agreement of what they witnessed. **GO GUARDIANS!!**

*Sandy*

# A WILD RIDE AT THE ASIAN LANTERN FESTIVAL



Perfect weather, easy exercise, incredible views, socializing and some danger too! I can see why they limit the number of participants at this event. It was treacherous at times trying to navigate through the bicyclists, especially the small children as they weaved back and forth trying to maintain their balance, a few unexpected uphill climbs, and the quick stops by others as they glimpsed a wild animal... the tigers, the bears, and the snow



leopard ready to hunt down its prey! We also saw elephants, buffaloes, there were wolves as well. But the Lanterns. As dusk descended, they We circled the course many times in and racked up over 5 miles. Our last lanterns fully illuminated against the cyclists. A nice end to our Wild Ride



rhinos, Andean bears and I heard our goal of seeing all the displays became so much more vibrant. the Asian main attraction was the Asian loop was the best with all the dark sky and with a lot less at the Zoo.

Therese



## Word Scramble Answer

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

## Lewis Ski Club: Purgatory, Colorado

Sun, Feb 1 – Sat Feb 7, 2026, Cost \$1725



### Package includes:

- Roundtrip flight from Cleveland, OH to Durango, CO
- Roundtrip ground transportation
- Welcome party/midweek party
- 6 nights' accommodation at the Purgatory Village Condo
- **Ski in/ Ski Out**
- 4 people per 2 bedroom / 2 bath condo
- Complimentary wi-fi with fully equipped kitchen, fireplace
- Hot tub, heated pools, fitness room
- 5 days riding/skiing at Purgatory.

Mountain Stats: <https://www.purgatory.ski/mountain/purgatory-mountain/trail-maps/>

- Skiable Area: 1,635 acres
- Vertical Drop: 2,072 feet
- Base Elevation: 8,793 feet
- Summit Elevation: 10,822 feet
- Annual Snowfall: 260 inches
- Lifts: 11 lifts (1 High Speed Six Person, 2 HS quad..)
- Trails: 107 trails
- Terrain: 20% Beginner, 45% Intermediate, 35% Advanced/Expert

Link to register online at SportsAmerica: <https://www.sportsamerica.com/online/lewis-purgatory>

Trip Leader: Tom Vannuyen 440-376-1503 Question? [Purgatory2026@lewisskiclub.org](mailto:Purgatory2026@lewisskiclub.org)

\* Membership in the Lewis Ski Club is required and is available at: <https://lewisskiclub.org>

\* Does not include baggage fees, any additional fuel surcharges, or airport fees, which may be imposed by the airline prior to departure. Lewis Ski Club reserves the option to change airlines, lodging and/or itineraries. Cancellation policy can be found on [trip page](#).

# COME SKI WITH US UNDER THE BIG SKY IN MONTANA!

March 21 – 28, 2026

## Your Package Includes



7-night stay at Huntley Lodge (2 Queen beds)

Slopeside access at the main base + complimentary ski valet.

Roundtrip flights from Cleveland, OH to Bozeman, MT.

Roundtrip transportation from BZN to Huntley Lodge + grocery stop and portage.

Welcome reception, daily breakfast and mid-week group dinner.



Located at 7,500' in the heart of Mountain Village! Every room features a wet bar, coffee maker, refrigerator, TV, seating area and daily house-keeping.

**Questions?** [bigsky2026@lewisskiclub.org](mailto:bigsky2026@lewisskiclub.org)

**To register:**  
[sportsamerica.com/online/lewisbigsky](https://sportsamerica.com/online/lewisbigsky)

(Cancellation policy can be found on [trip page](#))

\$2,370 + lift ticket



## Lift options

The lowest price for a traditional 5-day lift ticket is the **Freestyle pass**. Group lift tickets with tram access are also available.

Or **save big** with **wholesale** Ikon prices using our special password protected link: [sportsamerica.com/ikon-lewis](https://sportsamerica.com/ikon-lewis).

Send an email to [bigsky2026@lewisskiclub.org](mailto:bigsky2026@lewisskiclub.org) to request the password.

Guests who purchase an Ikon pass through Sports America will have **6.5% of the cost of your pass deducted** from the final balance due for your trip! Ikon Base Pass includes 5 days at Big Sky.



## Mountain Facts

Big Sky Resort is known for its expansive terrain, offering something for every level of skier and rider. With 40 lifts, 5,850 acres of skiable terrain and 4,350 vertical feet, this winter wonderland promises an adventure like no other.

50/50 beginner-advanced terrain split

400" of annual snowfall

58" average March snowfall

320 named trails

## Payment Schedule

\$550 Deposit

\$550 7/30/25

\$570 9/30/25

\$700 1/15/26

