



# LEWIS SKI CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

November 2025

## Next up...

**Club Meeting Tuesday, November 4<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 a potato bar and remember to bring cash if you wish to participate in the 50/50 raffle + donations to our refreshment fund are always appreciated!**

## Coming up...

**November meeting** – Club recruitment event, potato bar with all the fixings + Dan from Village Ski & Snowboard with the latest technology.

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

## Message from our President



We're falling out of Daylight Savings on November 2nd. The early darkness declares that cold weather will soon be here. The LSC board has been working hard to meet the requests of our members, such as themed meetings, improved refreshments, providing more information such as equipment tuning, news about the latest equipment technology, and we're planning trips much earlier to adapt to changes in the group travel environment. We are also working with other clubs to ensure budgeted participants sign on for trips. We've met with representatives

from various organizations to discuss trip insurance and others in search of a good deal to provide you with the right information and opportunities.

If you're reading this incredible newsletter, my "ask" is simple. Renew your membership today. If you're adding more names than just your own, that's family membership. Even if you never attend a meeting or go on a trip this season, we need your support and paying dues is small but consequential to our success. This village costs money to run!

Kim

## Alpine VP Message



I encourage you to sign up soon for our 2-day trip to Holiday Valley in late February, as early sign-ups indicate a high level of interest in our first overnight trip to Holiday Valley. We already have 13 firm commitments, with several more who have indicated they will register, a good indication that the trip will fill up. As a shared trip with Suburban Ski Club, we are only allocated 22 seats. Our one-day trips to Holimont and Holiday Valley are also now open for registration.

For our longer outings, our two weeklong trips are filled with excited skiers heading to Purgatory in February and Big Sky in March. We are already looking ahead toward 2027, and proposals have been received for several trip options. Those options include Mount Bachelor in Oregon, Steamboat Springs in Colorado, Palisades (formerly known as Squaw Valley & Alpine Meadows) in California near Lake Tahoe and Mammoth Mountain in California. Prices (without airfare) for these trips range from about \$1,500 to \$2,400. The executive board will discuss these options at its next meeting, and we may make decisions well before the end of the current ski season, because we have heard that planning for week-long trips now needs to begin about two years in advance to secure lodging.



Those who attended the October Ski Club meeting hopefully learned that tuning your own skis does not require a lot of skill and could save you time and money by doing it in the comfort of your own home at your leisure. If you were there, you hopefully also learned that you don't need to drip as much wax on your skis as I did, since you must clean up a bigger mess if you do (although I still thought the demo was pretty *slick*).

Mark

# CMSC/Racing report

Your CMSC board has continued to meet over the summer to plan for the upcoming season. We did take time in September to catch a Lake County Captains game – they won!

CMSC has a trip to Japan this year. If interested, contact Curtis Bell for availability. See [www.skicleveland.com](http://www.skicleveland.com) to check out all the trips scheduled for this year. CMSC is planning for 2027 just as we are.

Are you interested in skiing better, finding more ski friends or just need another winter outlet? Consider racing! You do not have to be a Lindsey Vonn clone; all ski abilities are welcomed. Your first race can be free – be a member of our ski club and you can race free to try it! See Elise for more details!

## 2026 CMSC Adult Race Schedule

January 10 – 11, 2026: Holiday Valley 1

January 24 – 25, 2026: Swain 1

February 1, 2026: Peek'n Peak

February 8, 2026: Snow Trails

February 21-22, 2026: Holiday Valley 2

February 28 – March 1, 2026: Swain 2



Are you a **WARREN MILLER** movie fan?

Save November 16, at 3:00 pm as the date

to be at the AKRON CIVIC theater to see the next amazing installment. Tickets are not yet on sale.

*Elise*

## Purgatory, Colorado, Feb. 1 – 7, 2026

**Trip is full.** Contact Tom to be added to the waitlist: [Purgatory2026@LewisSkiClub.org](mailto:Purgatory2026@LewisSkiClub.org).

## Big Sky, Montana, March 21-28, 2026

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

**What's the difference between a pizza and a ski instructor?**

A pizza can feed a family of 4.

# THE EXPLORER GONDOLA — A NEW ERA OF ACCESS AT BIG SKY

This season Big Sky will unveil the **Explorer Gondola**, a groundbreaking addition that redefines mountain access, comfort, and connectivity. Replacing the original 1973 Explorer chairlift, this state-of-the-art, two-stage gondola will move 3,200 guests per hour and provide seamless access from the main base area to **The Bowl**. By creating a vital link to the **Lone Peak Tram**, **Explorer Gondola** will unlock a true **base-to-peak** journey for skiers and riders of all levels.



## Key Features of the Explorer Gondola:

- **Two-stage lift system** with mid-station access to beginner terrain, upper station access to northern Swift Current terrain, and direct access to the Lone Peak Tram.
- **83 custom cabins**, each seating up to 10 guests with heated ergonomic seats, floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows, interior ski and gear holders, and exterior ski/snowboard racks.
- **Mid-station understructure:** A 21,000 sq. ft. below-grade cabin parking and maintenance facility ensures each gondola is stored safely each evening.
- **Upper terminal** at the Tram base, streamlining the journey to Lone Mountain's 11,166' summit.
- **Located in front of Huntley Lodge!**

Whether you're a first-time skier or chasing expert terrain, the Explorer Gondola will **revolutionize your day on the mountain**. Enjoy faster access, better terrain connectivity, and a level of comfort unmatched in North American ski resorts.

This isn't just a lift — it's a bold step into Big Sky's future, **two years in the making**, and just in time for an unforgettable 2025–26 season.

To **watch construction** of this transformational project, follow this [link](#).

Shari

# 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](http://www.sportsamerica.com/epic-lewis)

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

### Hike at the West Creek Reservation



We couldn't have asked for more perfect weather for our hike at West Creek Watershed in Parma. The cooler morning temperatures along with steady breezes showcased the changing Autumn leaves. A graceful climb to help us get into ski shape gave way to a beautiful view of the city along with a photo "op"! The rolling trail was a great backdrop to

meeting 2 new ski club members (Jennifer and Brent). It was an opportunity to take in the sunshine and shade of the season. Of course, some of us went on to grab a bite at BonChon to refuel before tackling some weekend projects.

*Bernadette*

# Explore Rocky River Ride



It was the best way to spend a late summer afternoon! While we did get some exercise, that wasn't the best part of this outing. The views were extremely gorgeous with blue skies and a perfect temperature as we meandered through the scenic Rocky River neighborhoods. The route we took really makes you realize how much of the city overlooks the lake.



Exploring by bicycle allowed us to enjoy all the charming and beautiful homes with lush landscapes to inspire our own home and garden dreams and ideas. We visited several little cul-de-sacs, some with unique entrances to private parks overlooking the lake. We just couldn't help being like kids pretending to be locked in jail at one. We saw sailboats chasing

each other in the distance and met people from out of town scoping out Cleveland for a potential job move, willing to take our pictures and to learn some of the best places in town to visit.



We stopped for lunch at Tommy's, which was so relaxing sitting in the dappled sunlight, sharing some really great food and conversation. It was nice to spend time with each other, catching up, discussing future skiing and travel plans, and to just enjoy a perfect day!



Therese

## 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

