



# LEWIS SKI CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

December 2025

## Next up...

**Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange: Tuesday, December 2nd**  
**Happy hour in bar at 5pm – meeting begins at 6pm**

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

**Bring a side dish 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...

**January meeting** – Come celebrate 2026 and enjoy a game of ski trivia!

**February meeting** – chili cook off

## Message from our President



It seems like 2025 flew by but logically I know time passes at the same rate day by day but sometimes it just seems faster than others. We accomplished a lot this year securing trips, changing up our refreshments at meetings, having more themed meetings with programs we learned you would like to see. We completed on the spot surveys with our phones using Mentimeter. We welcomed the return of the 50/50 raffle to help with operational expenses and funds for refreshments. These changes have helped the cover foods costs for our Farewell to Summer Cookout,

Italian menu, the Potato Bar plus fried chicken and family friendly punch for the upcoming holiday potluck dinner.

We had a great turnout at our November Open House with Chris from Village sharing his knowledge of what's new in skiing and boarding equipment.

We are kicking off the holidays with our annual gift exchange. Bring a wrapped new or gently used gift (\$10-\$15) to join in the fun. We are increasing our steals to three so let's see what's popular this year! Please bring a hot or cold dish to share. We'll have power strips for your crock pot. Don't miss this fun event.

Please remember to renew your membership. Dues help keep the club going and every little bit helps. Thank you for being part of the club.

*Kim*

## Alpine VP Message



Wow - do we want to ski! Early registrations for our local ski trips have been strong, with the first Holiday Valley trip now sold out! The Holimont trip on Thursday, February 19th has 11 seats remaining. We've also sold out our seat allotment for our first-ever midweek overnight trip to Holiday Valley. Depending on how our partner (Suburban Ski Club) does with its registrations, we may be able to increase our allotment and offer a couple more seats. Additionally, but only in desperation (and at a reduced price), we'll investigate obtaining some space heaters and cots to fit a few people into the storage space with the ski equipment.

*Mark*

## Word Scramble

**htilclarf**

(Hint: you will find this at a ski resort)

**At Thanksgiving, I was asked if I wanted to carve.**

**I said yes, so I spent the day skiing.**

# *Skiing is better with friends!*



Please join us and welcome our newest members – Jennifer, Brent, Trent, Brandon, Rob and Andy - to the Lewis Ski Club! We're excited to have you on board and look forward to hitting the slopes and sharing great adventures together!

# An Insightful Presentation on New Equipment and Technology



We recently had the pleasure of meeting Chris from Village Ski and Snowboard who visited to showcase the latest equipment and cutting-edge technology in the ski and snowboard industry. From the moment his presentation began, it was clear that he was genuinely passionate about our sport.

Chris took the time to explain the features and benefits of each new piece of equipment, making it understandable for everyone, from beginners to seasoned enthusiasts. His ability to break down complex technological advancements—like the latest in lightweight ski materials and advanced snowboard bindings — really stood out. It was an educational experience that left everyone in the room more informed and excited about the upcoming season.



Chris's combination of expertise, enthusiasm, and customer-focused attitude made the presentation both engaging and valuable. Also impressive was Chris' willingness to answer questions, adding that a personalized fit assessment of your current boots can be scheduled with their experts. They will listen carefully and provide suggestions tailored to your skill level and preferences. This level of personal attention demonstrates that Village Ski and Snowboard is committed to customer satisfaction. Please visit them if you're interested in staying up to date with the best gear and innovations. Tell them Lewis Ski Club sent you!

# Join Us for an Exciting Night of Hockey on January 30, 2026

We are thrilled to announce that LSC is planning a group outing to the Monster's Hockey game on **Friday, January 30, 2026!** This is a fantastic opportunity for members to come together, enjoy the excitement of live arena hockey, and support our local team.

## Event Details

- **Date:** Friday, January 30, 2026
- **Location:** Rocket Arena, Cleveland, Ohio
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Who:** All club members and guests are welcome

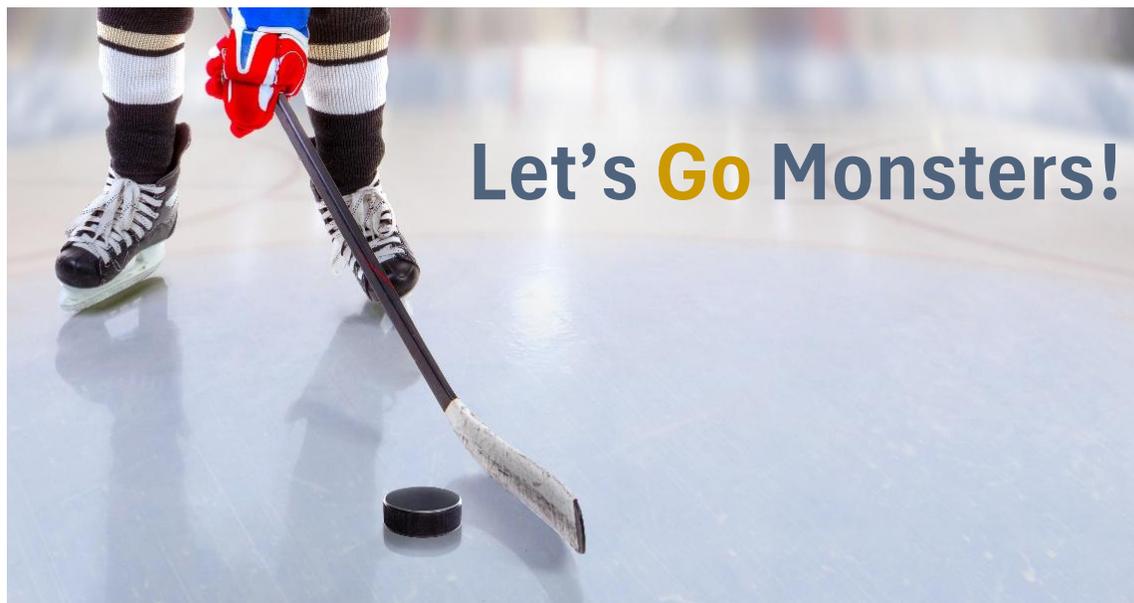
## Why You Should Join

Whether you're a lifelong hockey fan or new to the game, attending the Monster's Hockey match promises to be an unforgettable experience. Cheer on the team, socialize with fellow club members, and enjoy the lively arena atmosphere. Don't miss out on the fun!

## How to Sign Up

Online registration is now available! Please use our convenient online system to register by January 2, 2026, and reserve your spot for this exciting outing.

Mark your calendars and get ready for a night of action-packed hockey. We look forward to seeing everyone at the game!





## Ikon & Epic Passes

Your last chance to buy an Epic Pass is **December 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Ikon passes will also go off sale in early December. To purchase either 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)

## 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).

## CMSC/Racing report

### 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



The races at Peek'n Peak and Snow Trails are both great places to try racing. Contact me if you want to get started: [race@lewisskiclub.org](mailto:race@lewisskiclub.org).

CMSC 2027 race planning is in the works. Watch upcoming newsletters for details!

*Elise*

# Save the dates



## MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, CALIFORNIA

January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2027.

We have condos reserved at Juniper Springs with walk-out / lift-off access at the Eagle Express chair.

## MT. BACHELOR, OREGON

March 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2027.

Ski a stratovolcano!

We have rooms reserved at the newly remodeled Riverhouse Lodge in Bend.



## Word Scramble Answer

Chairlift

## 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

