



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

March 2026

Next up...

St. Patrick's Day warm-up party and nominations

Tuesday, March 3rd. Happy hour in the bar at 5pm – meeting begins at 6pm

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

Bring cash if you wish to participate in the 50/50 raffle + donations to our refreshment fund are always appreciated!

Coming up...

April 7th meeting – International food fest

May – no meeting

June 2nd meeting – Ice Cream Social

July – no meeting

August 4th – club picnic

What is the name of that Irish girl who likes to stay outside all winter? Patio Furniture. 

Word Scramble

WLLNPGOAE

Message from our President



Dear Lewis Ski Club Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and excited for another month of skiing adventures. As we moved through February, the slopes were at their best, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of the outstanding conditions and camaraderie our club offers.

Last month, we enjoyed several memorable outings, including a new mid-week overnight to Holiday Valley. It was wonderful to see so many faces—both familiar and new—enjoying the snow together. A great week was spent at Purgatory by twenty-four members. We joined Suburban for a “Chili in the Chalet” day trip to HoliMont. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make these events a success. Your enthusiasm and spirit are what make our club special.

This month, we have even more to look forward to with our first-time in a long-time trip to BIG SKY.

Please mark your calendars for our March 3rd meeting with Irish themed refreshments. **Be sure to read this newsletter as a little newsletter trivia just might win you something.**

If you haven't renewed your membership, please consider doing it now. Dues help cover some of our operating expenses but it's not enough. We are currently sitting at 99 members, an all-time low. It would be great to break one hundred.

In addition, I want to remind everyone about our volunteer opportunities. Whether you're interested in helping organize events, leading a group, or contributing ideas for future activities, your involvement is always welcome. The club thrives because of our members' dedication and creativity.

Ski you soon!

Kim

Alpine VP Message



I hope you have enjoyed the first two months of this ski season. It has been cold, but, after several warmer winters, we've had plenty of snow around here to enjoy. I've had to use my snowblower five times already, and my wife Lori had to learn how to use it while I was skiing. In the meantime, I hope that you're out there enjoying all the snow that has been on the ground for weeks.

My snow luck, though, has not been so good when it comes to weeklong trips - I went to Whistler, where we had rain and then ice, and then, while we enjoyed warm weather and had beautiful sunshine all week at Purgatory, there was no new snow there either. We told others on the lift that we came to Colorado to get away from the cold. So, I may be a jinx when it comes to finding powder and snow, at least this year. Hopefully the group going to Big Sky at the end of March will find tons of snow in the northern Rockies.

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have completed all our bus trips to New York, including our first midweek overnight to Holiday Valley. As mentioned before, all the bus trips sold out very early this year, with wait list for each one. So, we'll get feedback on them, try to determine how many of our members were closed out from these trips, and decide whether we need to expand our offerings for next year.

As a reminder, we've implemented a new cancellation fee policy this year. Even when we can give full refunds, we still charge a fee of 7% of either the lift ticket or the deposit (which was \$4-\$5). This is to help cover costs that we incur for every registration based on fees charged by PayPal. Those fees are charged upon registration, and PayPal does not refund them when a registration is canceled.

Mark

In April, we will elect a new board and trustees to ensure the success of our club into the future. Craig Wright is heading up the nominating committee. Reach out to him or come to our March 3rd meeting to volunteer or nominate your friends for an office.



Our annual chili contest was a great



success with many different delicious chili recipes!

There was Cincinnati Chili, turkey

chili, and more.

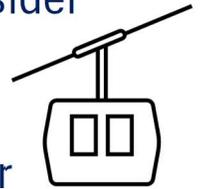


Cathe's "kinda spicy beef and bean chili" took the prize for best chili 2026!



Big Sky, Montana, March 21-28, 2026

The Group Tour Manager at Big Sky Resort is customizing a mountain orientation tour for our group on Sunday morning, March 22nd at 10am. This complimentary tour will include both the south side (Swift Current 6, Ramcharger 8, and Southern Comfort) and north side (Swift Current 6, Iron Horse, Madison 8, and Lone Tree). It will be infused with insider knowledge, dining recommendations, plus hidden gems such as the 42 gondola cars hidden throughout the resort. It will last about 4 hours with a break at Headwaters Grill. The tour is for intermediate and above skiers/riders only and will include a mix of groomed green and blue runs.



We are just 3 weeks away for our trip! Keep an eye on your inbox as I will be sending more details in the coming weeks.

Shari



OFF-SEASON ACTIVITY PLANNING MEETING

April 10th at 5pm at Burntwood Tavern

5600 Great Northern Blvd., North Olmsted

Come enjoy some food and drink (pay on your own) as we discuss all the fun possibilities to make this the best off-snow season ever! Have your social calendar handy so we can get some fun events scheduled!

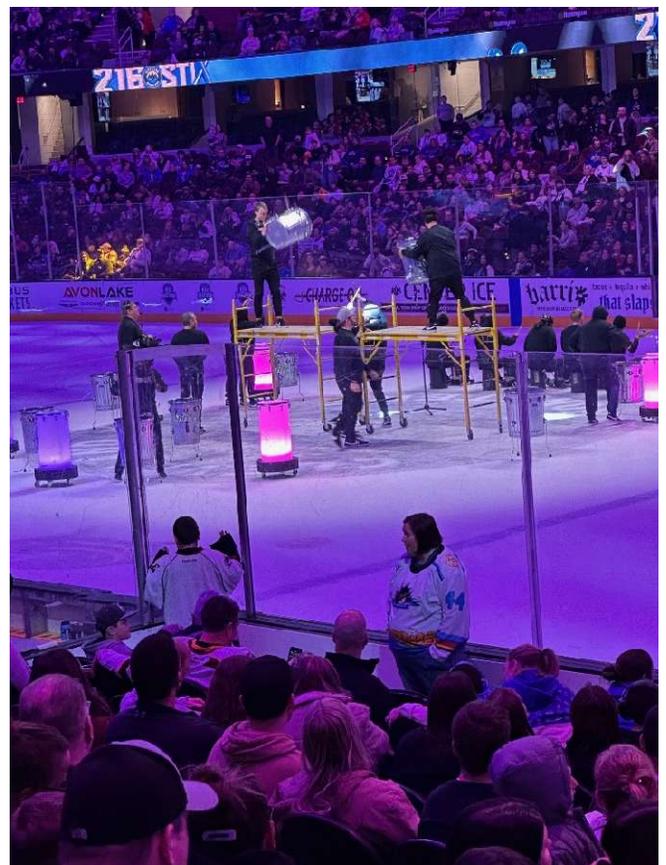
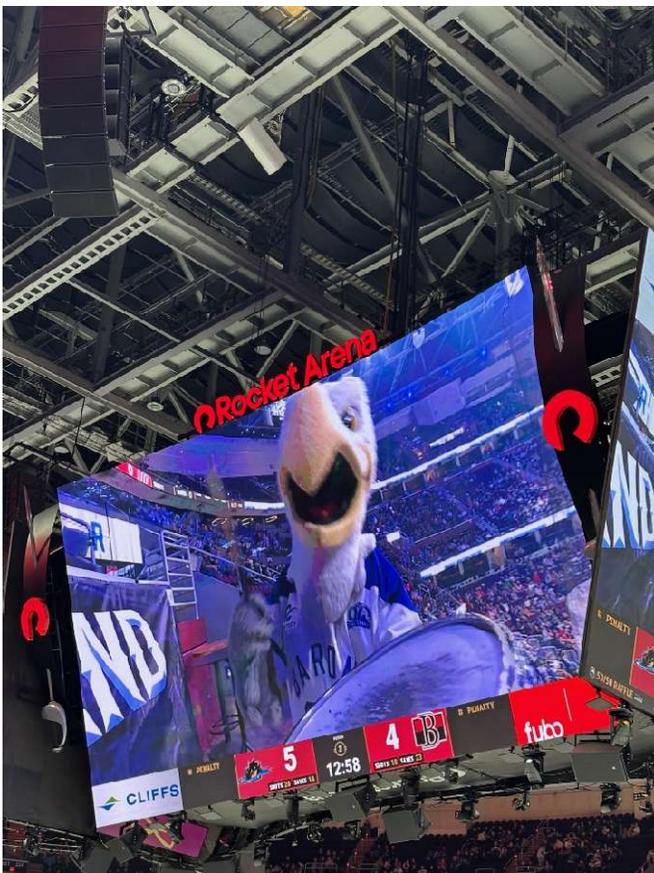
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Monsters Hockey Recap



We braved zero temperatures to support the Cleveland Monster's 6-5 victory over the Belleville Senators. The team and staff celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the 2016 Calder Cup Championship as fans enjoyed a 1-2-3 Friday offering \$1 Coca-Cola products, \$2 hot dogs, and \$3 LaBlatt Blue and other select beer specials. It was a high scoring game with lots of

action. The Monster's mascot Sullivan C. Goal aka Sully a seagull, kept the crowd entertained. Along with 216Styx and the Mullet Brothers.



2027 Ski Trips

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, CALIFORNIA

January 30th – February 6th, 2027.

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



MT. BACHELOR, OREGON

Dates: TBD

Ski a stratovolcano!

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

Word Scramble Answer

Bring the answer to the March meeting for a chance to win a prize!

Purgatory Trip Summary



Twenty-two of us went to Purgatory, Colorado from Feb. 1st – 7th. We connected in Denver, then on to Durango. We left 5 degrees and arrived at a sunny 40 degree in Colorado. Durango airport is quite small with only two terminals. Two shuttles picked us up and we headed to City Market for our grocery run.

We held a welcome party in our condominium at Kendall Village. We enjoyed great food, spirits and no one left hungry.

We distributed lift tickets, “fun fund” vouchers, and leg bands. It was a great surprise to some super seniors (75+) who got to ski free. Purgatory also gave \$20/day “fun funds” to all members who bought 3-, 4-, or 5-day lift tickets. So, some were getting \$60/\$80/\$100 vouchers to use at Purgatory shops and restaurants. In addition, the resort gave two breakfast vouchers per day for each condo. Super Cool!!!





This was Lewis Ski Clubs first time out to Purgatory, CO. The lodging accommodation was nice. Some units were just recently remodeled, and they looked great. We had an impressive view of the mountains and slopes. We also had a rooftop hot

tub and sauna. Ski lockers on the first floor meant we did not need to carry our gear back to the condo. The distance to the lift was noticeably short, which was



perfect for many of us. Given that Purgatory did not have any fresh snow for the entire week, like most of the resorts in Colorado this year, I thought they did a terrific job of



preserving and grooming the snow they had. The resort was big enough to keep everyone happy. About 50% of the runs were open and we made the best of it. Some of my favorites included: Paradise, Westfork, Upper Demon, and Sally's Run. We had bluebird days for most of the week with temperatures in the high thirties and mid-40s. We also had a chance to see a high school race on Friday to top off the week. Since we skied mostly on weekdays, there were short lift lines, if any.

After skiing, many took advantage of the hot tub and sauna to help soothe the body for the next day. We hit a few dining spots such as Pizzeria Paradise, Purgy's restaurant, and the Durango Mountain Club. We took a shuttle to venture outside of Purgatory for our Wednesday midweek party at the Nugget Mountain bar. We enjoyed delicious sliders, fries, soup, several other dishes, and drinks.

We met old friends and made new ones. New memories were made, and an excellent time was had by all. We hope to see you next year!!



Tom

Save the dates

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

Friday March 27th – Sunday March 29th

[Capital Theatre](#), 1390 W. 65th Street, Cleveland

CMSC RACE BANQUET

April 18th

Reinecker's Party Center in Macedonia.

MIDDLE BASS ISLAND MUSIC FEST

July 11th

CMSC GOLF SCRAMBLE

July 26th

CAMPING WEEKEND

Friday-Sunday, August 7th - 9th

(Optional Thursday 8/6 – Monday 8/10)

GUARDIANS ROCK-N-BLAST

Friday, August 14th

Section 446, dollar dogs, \$2 brews and a spectacular fireworks show.



THANK GOD THE TIKI BAR IS OPEN!

The 2026 CMSC Racer's Banquet (Tiki/Luau Attire Encouraged)

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Cocktails 6:30

Dinner and Awards 7:30

PRESENTED BY



CLEVELAND METRO SKI COUNCIL

Reinecker's Party Center
8575 South Freeway Drive
Macedonia, OH 44067

Open Bar
Music by DJ Larry

HULA HULA!

Cost: \$65 per person. RSVP by April 11th. Cash or check (payable to CMSC Racing)
Mail to: Beth Skalak, 29524 Sylvan Drive, Willowick, OH 44095

Name: _____ Ski Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Email: _____ Number of People _____ x \$65.00 = _____