



LEWIS SKI CLUB

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Next up...

Membership meeting Tuesday, October 6th

Happy hour in the bar at 5pm – meeting begins at 6pm

Italian menu

Get ready to hit the slopes – tuning clinic and trip packing guidance

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...

November 3rd - Baked potato bar with all the fixings + rep. from Village Ski & Snowboard with the latest technology.

December 1st – White Elephant Gift Exchange

...Our long awaited and much anticipated ski and ride season!

2027 week-long trips!

Mt. Bachelor, OR: March 13th – 20th, 2027 – LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!

Mammoth Mountain, CA: Jan 30th – Feb 6th, 2027 – SOLD OUT

Message from our President



Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

What a fantastic way to wrap up another summer season! Our September meeting was a tremendous success, and we are grateful to everyone who joined us for an evening filled with great food, lively conversation, and wonderful fellowship.



More than 35 members gathered to enjoy freshly grilled burgers and hot dogs, an array of delicious side dishes, and, most importantly, the opportunity to connect with friends old and new. A

special thank-you goes to our dedicated Board members, whose hard work and commitment once again ensured that everything came together seamlessly.

Adding to the evening's charm was a member Brent on acoustic guitar, vocals. Together, they entertained us created the perfect soundtrack for the evening.



wonderful musical performance by fellow member Jennifer's beautiful with a selection of popular favorites that

We would also like to thank the more than 30 members who took the time to complete our club survey. Your thoughtful feedback, ideas, and insights are invaluable and will help guide the Board as we plan and continue shaping the club's direction through 2028.

During the meeting, I spoke about the vital role volunteers play in the success of our club. The true



strength of our ski club lies in members who do more than participate. They help create the welcoming, enjoyable experiences that make our community so special.

We recognize that volunteer burnout can occur, and we want to be mindful of that.

Moving forward, I am committed to clearly communicating where assistance is needed and what each opportunity entails. My hope is that this approach will make it easier for members to find volunteer roles that are meaningful, manageable, and rewarding.

Together, by sharing our talents, time, and enthusiasm, we can continue to build a strong, vibrant, and welcoming ski club for years to come.

Thank you for being part of what makes this club such a special community.

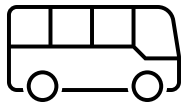
Kim



A ski lift is just a really slow elevator to poor decision-making.

Alpine VP Message

Leaders for the 2027 bus trips have been selected, with R. Bement leading his first trip on January 8, 2027, to Holiday Valley (HV) and K. Gibney getting her



first trip leadership exposure by serving as our liaison for the January 22, 2027, HV trip, which is being led by the Suburban Ski Club (SSC). I will serve as the trip leader for the HV overnight

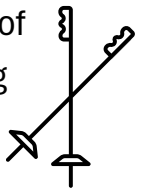
trip in late February, and we will name a liaison for the SSC-led February 18 trip to Holimont.

Registration for the two Lewis Ski Club-led HV set to open on October 6, 2026. We await word registration for the January 22nd HV trip and the



trips (Jan 8th and Feb 24th – 25th) is from SSC for the pricing and February 18th Holimont trip.

To get your skis and snowboards ready for the season, I will again do a live demonstration of edge sharpening and hot waxing at the October 6th club meeting. For those wishing to bring and work on their own skis, after the demonstration there will be time available for you to try out your new skills, as I will have 2 tuning stations.



Mark

Word Scramble

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

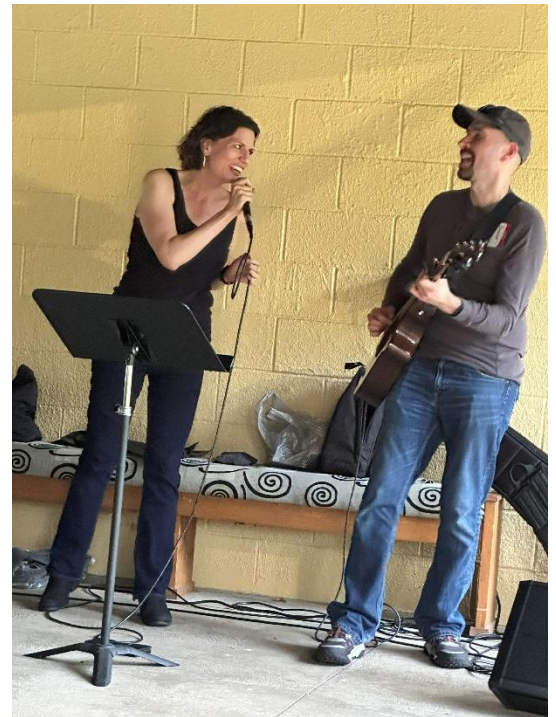
Farewell to Summer was a sizzling success!

On a steamy Tuesday evening in September, 37 members gathered to send summer off in style. The grill was working overtime with juicy burgers and crowd-favorite Dearborn Dogs from Pinzone's Meats in Parma. Mark's legendary baked beans stole plenty of attention, while pasta salad and other tasty sides rounded out the feast. And let's just say the Ballpark Mustard was not sitting on the sidelines; it was a star player on those delicious dogs!



There was plenty of munching, mingling, and catching up before the meeting kicked off. Members participated in a Mentimeter survey on their phones,

giving the Board valuable insight into what everyone would like to see in the future. Mark shared updates on upcoming ski trips, and we also discussed ideas for future meetings and events.



A few trivia questions, some lucky raffle winners, and plenty of laughs kept the energy high throughout the evening. To top it all off, we were treated to a wonderful performance by members Jennifer and Brent. Jennifer's beautiful voice paired perfectly with Brent's impressive acoustic guitar skills, creating the perfect soundtrack for our farewell to summer celebration.



If summer had to leave, it couldn't have asked for a better send-off!

Ancient Mountain Prophecies

All the best ski wisdom rattling around in my brain didn't come from books, YouTube, or a sherpa on a mountaintop. Nope. I learned it all from the legendary members of the Lewis Ski Club. It was absorbed through the glorious chaos of Ski-Club life, where advice is shouted across parking lots and whispered in lift lines like ancient mountain prophecies.

1. **Helmet = mandatory.** Because apparently my skull is not, in fact, made of



are still in the “uhhh... maybe someday?” category, I slap that helmet on like it's a crown.

Thanks to *literally everyone* for keeping my noggin un-scrambled.

2. **The Sacred Sock Rule.** Never—ever—



wear ski socks to the hill. Sweaty feet in the car equals popsicle toes on the mountain. **Mike K.** delivered this wisdom with the

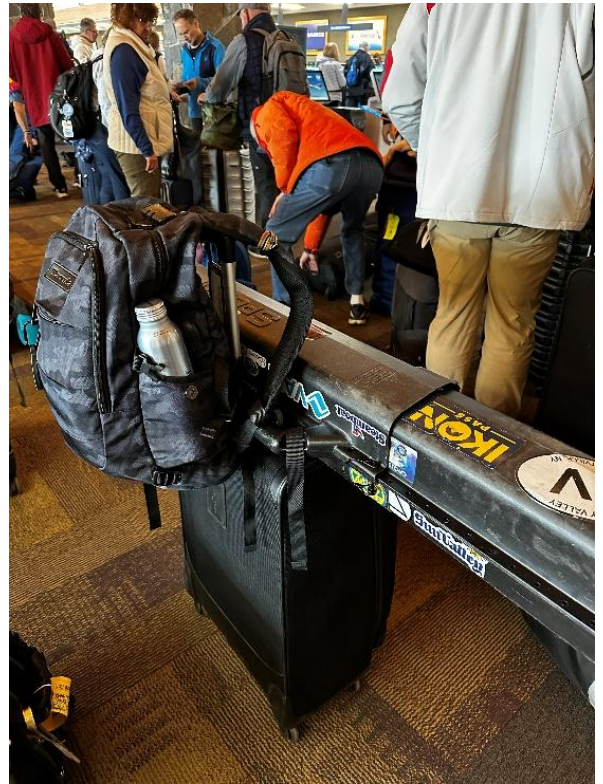
seriousness of a man who has seen things. Cold-toe things.

3. **Airport luggage wizardry.** Schlepping a boot bag, ski bag, and suitcase



through the airport are for rookies. Hook the sport tube handle over the suitcase handle and—POOF—three bags become two.

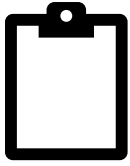
Tom P., you're basically a travel magician.



Shari

September Survey - A Snapshot of What You Told Us

Our September Mentimeter survey drew fantastic participation, and the response was tremendous. While there were far too many great comments and ideas to share in full, here's a fascinating glimpse into what we learned about our members, our club, and the experiences that matter most.



Key Takeaways

The survey revealed several important insights about future trips and member engagement:

- Interest in 2028 destinations is strongly influenced by price.
- European destinations generated the most enthusiasm and excitement.
- Interest in domestic trips tends to depend more on factors such as affordability, ease of travel, and desirable features like ski-out/ski-in accommodations.
- Members interested in leading trips are held back more by the responsibility involved than by compensation or lack of training.
- Above all, friendships, social connections, and shared experiences remain the strongest reasons members continue to return year after year.



New Activities and Fresh Ideas

Over the past year, we've expanded our meetings and events with a ski tuning clinic, raffles, trivia games, live music, and bingo.

You also shared many creative ideas for future gatherings, including:

- Short, high-energy games lasting 15-20 minutes
- Member appreciation and recognition moments
- Reverse raffles
- A visit from Santa
- Baking contests
- Pre-season ski movies and ski film nights
- Gift card giveaways
- Sewing and gear-repair tips



And perhaps the best feedback of all: many members told us that our current meetings are already fun, engaging, and worth attending. We'll continue fine-tuning these successful additions while exploring new ways to bring people together.

Why Members Belong to LSC

When asked why they joined LSC, the answers painted a picture of a club built on friendship, adventure, and fun:

"A great way to meet people off the slopes."

"A nice group of friends who do more than just ski."

"A great group with wonderful people who love to have fun."

"It was cool to find an active group of people."

"Exciting to be part of a group that values outdoor activities throughout the year."

"Everyone is crazy like me!"

"A variety of characters!"

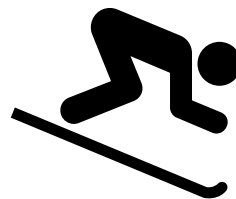
"Lots of friends to ski with."



Whether it's the trips, the activities, the social events, or simply being part of a welcoming community, members repeatedly emphasized the people who make LSC special.

What Keeps Members Coming Back?

The answer was remarkably consistent:



The people.

Members mentioned camaraderie, friendship, socializing, loyalty to the club, fun activities, good food, and opportunities to meet new people. Many shared that attending meetings gives them a chance to connect, laugh, and spend time with friends instead of staying home.

When You Think of LSC...

The words that appeared again and again tell a powerful story about who we are:

Friendly. Fun. Active. Welcoming. Kind. Eclectic. Like family. Interesting. Outdoor fun. Great people.

Those words are something every member can be proud of.



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the survey. Your feedback helps shape the future of LSC and ensures that our club continues to grow, evolve, and delivers the experiences that matter most to our members.

Together, we're building more than a ski club. We're building a community.

Don't Just Watch the Club Happen... Be Part of What Makes It Happen!

The Lewis Ski Club thrives because members step up and make things happen. Right now, we have two opportunities for volunteers who want to play a key role in keeping our club active, connected, and successful.

Refreshment Committee Support Needed

Now through May 2027



Ever notice how refreshments are magically ready when you arrive at a meeting? That doesn't happen by accident.

We're looking for a dependable volunteer to help manage and deliver the paper products that keep our monthly meetings running smoothly. This includes maintaining inventory of table coverings, plates, cups, napkins, utensils, and other supplies, transporting boxed items to meetings, and helping set up the refreshment area before members arrive.

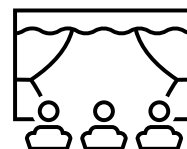


This is one of those behind-the-scenes jobs that everyone appreciates and relies on. It's a great way to get involved, meet fellow members, and make a real difference without a huge time commitment.

Without volunteers, the little things members enjoy every month simply don't happen.

Publicity Director Wanted

May 2027 through April 2028



Want a front-row seat to everything happening in the Lewis Ski Club?

The Publicity Director is one of the most connected and influential volunteers in the organization. As the person responsible for producing the club's **monthly newsletter**, you'll be the hub through which trip news, event updates, member achievements, meeting information, photos, and announcements flow to the entire membership.

The newsletter is one of the club's most important communication tools. It's how members stay informed, excited, and connected throughout the year. As Publicity Director, you'll help tell the story of the club and ensure no one misses out on the fun.

You don't need to be a professional writer or graphic designer. What matters most is being organized, dependable, and willing to gather information from fellow members and turn it into a newsletter that people look forward to reading each month.

And here's the good news: creating engaging content is easier than ever. Free AI tools can transform articles into compelling stories with catchy headlines and fun newsletter features in a matter of minutes. Instead of staring at a blank page, you'll have a creative assistant helping you produce fresh, interesting content.



This role is perfect for someone who:

- Enjoys staying informed about club activities and events.
- Likes bringing people and information together.
- Can collect articles, photos, reports, and announcements from others.
- Is comfortable meeting monthly newsletter deadlines.
- Communicates well and is willing to attend monthly Zoom board meetings.
- Has basic computer and email skills and can submit information to the CMSC website.
- Takes pride in helping promote the club and keep members connected.

As a member of the Executive Board, you'll know what's happening before everyone else, work closely with club leaders, and play a direct role in shaping how members experience the Lewis Ski Club.

 ***If you've ever wondered what's really going on behind the scenes, this is your chance to find out! Reach out today and become part of what makes Lewis Ski Club great.***

Ikon Pass

Guests who purchase an Ikon Pass using [our link](#) and register for [Mt. Bachelor](#) will earn a **trip discount equal to 6.5% of your pass cost**. Ikon Base Pass includes 5 days at Mt. Bachelor!

The link is password protected. The password is **snow**.

Sports America will continue to sell Ikon pass products at the public rates until early December when they officially go off sale.

Epic Pass

Want an Epic Pass? Cool. Want an Epic Pass *and* to magically support the Lewis Ski Club without spending an extra penny? Even cooler. Just use our link below — same price, extra good karma.

www.sportsamerica.com/epic-lewis

Off-Piste Activities

Details for each activity can be found under the UPCOMING heading or the CALENDAR tab on the [homepage](#)! Feel free to invite your friends and family since you don't need to be a member or need to pay for most events. Please RSVP to the [Activity VP email](#) address listed on our website.

Paul Cody (Senick) & The Erie Riders



October 2nd, 8pm - 11pm, Grindstone Taphouse, 826 Front Street in Berea.
Join long time member Paul Senick and his band who will be performing their final 2026 concert! They'll be playing modern country and classic country, classic and southern rock, and songs from their 2026 album New Beginning.

Halloween Camping at Val's

October 2-4th



Includes campfires and dinner and Euchre on Saturday night. Come and camp for the whole weekend or just pop in to socialize, play cards or enjoy a campfire dinner. See email blast that was sent on 9/28 for more details.



Oktoberfest Fall Festival



Saturday Oct 17th at Donauschwaben, 7370 Columbia Rd Olmsted Twp.

Festival runs from 4 -10 pm Enjoy food, beer and wine, and music (our own Sandy is playing in the band).



Happy Hour at Lorain Brewing



Wednesday, Oct 21st, 5:30 pm, 500 Shipyard Way Lorain in the Harborwalk neighborhood.

Enjoy \$2 off drafts, 1/2 off wings and a full menu for those who just want to come and eat. See more about this venue, which has a tap house, brand new kitchen, ample dining areas, and restaurant at lorainbrewingco.com.

Monsters Hockey vs. Milwaukee Admirals



Friday, October 30th, 6:00pm at Rocket Arena. \$30 tickets. We have reserved seats in section 123. This is a fantastic opportunity for our members to come together, enjoy

the excitement of live arena hockey and support our local team. Space is limited. [Sign up on our website.](#)

In the Drink



Tuesday, November 10th, 5:30 pm 19367 Lorain Rd Fairview Park

Join us for great food in a cozy atmosphere with Tuesday specials. Please rsvp so that we can make sure there is space available for all of us.

Happy Hour at Fat Heads



Wednesday, Dec 9th, 5:30 pm: 24581 Lorain Rd North Olmsted. Enjoy food, ciders and their full array of award-winning beers.

MOUNT BACHELOR 2027

\$2435 + lift *

March 13-20, 2027

LODGING

The Riverhouse Lodge was remodeled in 2024, and is situated on the Deschutes River with an onsite restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Hotel style rooms, indoor and outdoor pool & hot tub, fitness center, guest room patios, Oregon made bath products, complimentary in town shuttle and transportation twice a day to the resort.

TRAVEL

Roundtrip air from Cleveland to Redmond, Oregon for a smaller, easy to navigate airport. Includes ground transportation to Bend which is only 30 minutes away.

MOUNTAIN FACTS

It's BIG – Mt. Bachelor is the largest ski resort in the Pacific Northwest, yet it is uncomplicated and easy to navigate despite the whopping 4,323 skiable acres. The average wait time is 5-10 minutes, and often you can ski continuous laps without a single line.

PACKAGE PERKS

Welcome Reception

Daily Breakfast

Midweek Group Dinner

5 Day Adult (18-64) \$362

5 Day Senior (65-69) \$291

5 Day Super Senior (70+) \$241



IKON PASS

Ikon Base Pass holders may ski five days at Mt. Bachelor. If purchased through Sports America Tours 6.5% of the cost of the pass will be deducted from your final balance.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$625 Deposit due

\$625 8/31/26

\$625 10/31/26

\$TBD 12/31/26

QUESTIONS?

Mountbachelor2027@lewisskiclub.org

TO REGISTER:

<https://www.sportsamerica.com/online/lewismtbachelor>

*Final trip price will vary based on your selections. See trip page for cancellation policy.

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

January 30 – February 6, 2027



Your Mountain Home

Juniper Springs, Mammoth Lakes, California

7-night stay with portorage

2-bed / 2 bath condos (1 King + 2 twins)

Gas fireplace, private balcony, hot tubs, and gear storage. Each unit offers plenty of space to unwind after a full day on the slopes.

Located next to the [Eagle Lodge](#)

 Slopeside lift access at the Eagle Express chair means you can click in and be on the mountain within minutes!

Travel

 Roundtrip flights Cleveland ↔ [Bishop \(BIH\)](#)

Ground transportation

Package Perks

 5-day group lift ticket (age 80+ ski free!)

Welcome breakfast

Mountain tour 

Mid-week group dinner

\$100 resort credit

\$1,980 + lift

5-day adult group lift (age 18-64) **\$493**

5-day senior group lift (age 65-79) **\$404**



Ikon Base Pass holders can ski/ride unlimited days at Mammoth + if you purchase an Ikon pass through [Sports America](#) **6.5% of your pass cost is credited back to your trip!**

Mountain Facts

8,000' – 11,000' elevation

180 trails, 25 lifts

3,100 vertical, 3,500 acres



Payment Schedule

\$625 Deposit

\$625 7/30/26

\$625 9/30/26

\$ TBD 11/30/26 (\$105 + lift)



Questions?

mammoth2027@lewisskiclub.org

Register [here](#) to be added to the waitlist or email mammoth2027@lewisskiclub.org.

See trip page for cancellation policy.