

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Say goodbye to Winter and hello to Spring! We are an All Seasons Club and with that I ask you to take this time to check out our Social Events Calendar in the newsletter and the many opportunities to get out and spend time with old and new friends. This club was built by countless hours of volunteer work since 1963 and continues to be one of the largest on the east coast. This year for the first time, we went into an election with three positions that lacked candidates. Good news! Positions are filled. Please join me in welcoming and giving a heartfelt "Thank you!!" to the following SSC 2018-19 Board of Directors: Trip VP—**Mark LaManna**; Social VP—**Sharon Royer**; Treasurer—**Lovena Nickle**; Membership—**Gary Smith**; Secretary—**Susan Laughman**; Directors—**Linda Randby** and **Mike Shaw**; Past President—**Dianne Paukovits** and myself as President. You, our members, are so important and are a part of an amazing club.

Think Spring!



PICTURE PARTY

Tuesday, April 3, 6 PM

If you went on a trip with SSC between April 2017 and March 2018, you are invited to attend our annual Picture Party starting at 6 PM on April 3 at **Boomerang Bar & Grill**, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland. Snacks will be provided. You can still attend the picture party for a fee of \$5 per person if you were not a SSC trip participant during the past year. Bring your trip and event photo(s) to share with your friends in scrapbook form or on your laptop (be sure to bring an extension cord just in case if bringing your laptop).



Directions: From I-83, take Exit 40A, and turn east onto Limekiln Road; turn left at the New Cumberland Inn sign.

RIDES & HIKES

Weekends are a great time to get out and enjoy the great outdoors with some awesome folks. Contact **Mike Gavin** at emailriders1@comcast.net for a schedule of the weekly bike rides or hikes and to be added to Mike's weekly email updates.



ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET ~ Saturday April 28, 5 PM

This year's banquet will be held at **The Country Club of Harrisburg**, 401 Fishing Creek Road, Harrisburg. Join SSC in an evening of fun, food and dancing beginning at 5 PM with a cash bar/reception, followed at 6 PM by a buffet-style dinner including salad, two hot entrees, vegetable and starch *du jour*, fresh baked rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and iced tea. After dinner, share in recognizing this year's Board and Staff members and in welcoming our newly elected SSC Board members. SSC's awards ceremony will follow, if the Club honors anyone with a Silver Ski, Gold Ski, or Lifetime Achievement Award this year. Back by popular demand is **The Pepper Street Band**. Cost is \$48 per person. You can pay for your reservations online on SSC's website (www.skissc.com/event-2805169), or mail your check made payable to SSC to event chair **Sherry Predix**, 307 Doe Run, Marysville, PA 17053. Any questions, please contact Sherry at slpredix@comcast.net or call 717-957-2925.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Apr 3, 6 PM | Picture Party @ Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland |
| Apr 11, 5 PM | 'Hump Day' happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill (2531 Brindle Dr.) & Regal Theatre (1500 Caughey Dr.), Harrisburg |
| Apr 25, 6 PM | Board meeting @ Giant Food Store Community Center, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg |
| Apr 28, 5 PM | Spring Banquet @ NEW LOCATION: Country Club of Harrisburg, 401 Fishing Creek Rd., Harrisburg |
| May 9, 5 PM | 'Hump Day' happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill & Regal Theatre |
| May TBA | TENTATIVE Golf outing—watch our website, email blasts and newsletters for updates |
| May TBA | Deck outing—watch our website, email blasts and newsletters for updates |
| May 30, 5 PM | Board meeting @ Giant Food Store Community Center, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg |
| Jun 6, 5 PM | 'Hump Day' happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill & Regal Theatre |
| Jun 12-20 | Danube Waltz River Cruise |
| Jun 27, 5 PM | Board meeting @ Giant Food Store Community Center, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg |
| Jun 30 | Summer Picnic @ NEW LOCATION: Tall Cedars, Cedars Grove, 8143 Old Jonestown Road, Harrisburg |

2017-18 PHOTO CONTEST

If you would like to enter any of your 2017-18 trip or event photos in SSC's 2017-18 photo contest, please submit a 4x6" black & white or color photo with your name printed in permanent marker on the back. Photo entries will be returned to you after our members cast their vote for their favorite photo at our Annual Banquet on April 28. The winner will receive a cash prize and the honor of having their winning photo displayed in our monthly email newsletters, including credits. Ideally, photos will support cropping to 3.4:1 (approx. 3.4 times wider than tall). Bring your entries to the Picture Party, or hand them in at the registration desk at the Banquet, or mail them prior to the banquet to **Sharon Royer**, 281 Worcester Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

'HUMP DAY' MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesdays, April 11, May 9 & June 6

Relax! Join us for an evening at the movies. **Bring a friend!** You do not have to be a SSC member to come to this event. **Eat/Drink/Socialize!** We will meet at **Romano's Macaroni Grill**, located at 2531 Brindle Drive, in The Shoppes at Susquehanna Marketplace, just off Progress Avenue in Harrisburg, any time after 5 PM for a snack and/or a drink before the movie. **The movie!** SSC sends an email blast with the chosen movie title a few days before each event. We drive a short distance to the **Regal Harrisburg Stadium 14** at 1500 Caughey Drive about 20 minutes before the start of the movie. For more information, contact **Lovena Nickle** at 717-541-8803.



MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Your Club is now able to offer its members self-service access to view and print SSC membership cards via our website (skissc.com). All you need to do is log in using the email address where you receive your email newsletter notices and email blasts. If yours is a Family/Household membership, both membership cards are available in this manner. Each member can log in (if both have provided SSC with separate email addresses), or if only one member has done so, that member has access to view and print both members' membership cards.

You'll see your new membership card at the top of your Profile after logging in. Additional Family/Household member cards can be viewed by clicking on the hyperlink for those members' names.

As in the past, when your membership renewal process is complete, members providing the Club with an email address will also receive a confirmation email that includes their new membership card.

A sample membership card is shown below:



HERSHEY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hersheypark volunteers earn money for SSC and at the same time earn 1-3 vouchers for themselves for admittance to Hersheypark for each shift worked. This winter SSC donated half of its proceeds to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Central PA Food Bank. All you have to do is contact **Lovena Nickle** at 717-541-8803 or lovnic53@comcast.net to sign up as a Hersheypark volunteer. You will need to provide an email address to enable Lovena to communicate with you about open shifts. Again, you can earn up to THREE vouchers for admittance to the Park for working a 4-5 hour shift.



SEEKING SSC EVENT SPONSORS!

Do you have a business you would like to promote to SSC's membership? Help sponsor a SSC event and get your business noticed! Current sponsorship opportunities include our 2018 Banquet, Summer Picnic, Get-Acquainted Party and Holiday Party, and our 2019 Banquet and Picture Party. For more information, please contact **Immediate Past President Dianne Paukovits** at dpaukovits@comcast.net.

WANT TO HELP PLAN 2018-19 SOCIAL EVENTS?

SSC's Social Committee meets 1-2 times each Spring to plan the year's social events calendar.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EVENT?

Is it a wine/beer night, bowling, mini-golf or other activity? Contact **Sharon Royer** at sharon.royer@verizon.net.

SAVE THIS DATE!

June 30—SUMMER PICNIC

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!!

Christopher Durgin, Norm Fortney, John Kajic
& Derrek Thomas



2018-2019 SSC TRIP STATUS

Planning for our Winter 2019 trips is underway. Details will be published in our newsletters and on our website as they are known.

| Dates | Destination | Status | Trip Leader | Contact Info |
|-----------|---|----------|----------------|---|
| Jun 12-20 | Danube River Cruise | Closed | Sherry Predix | 717-957-2925 or slpredix@comcast.net |
| TBD | Aspen / Snowmass, Colorado | Planning | TBA at Banquet |  |
| TBD | Jackson Hole, Wyoming | Planning | TBA at Banquet | |
| TBD | Whistler / Blackcomb, British Columbia | Planning | TBA at Banquet | |

SNOWBIRD TRIP RECAP

A group of 49 members ventured to the powder-covered mountains of Snowbird, Utah, on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Although all of our flights were delayed due to weather, we left from Harrisburg International Airport, had a very short layover in Chicago and we made it to Salt Lake City. Our lodging at The Cliff Lodge was excellent, particularly since it was a true ski-in/ski-out and we had heated lockers to use for the entire week. We experienced both bluebird days and low-visibility days but the skiing and boarding were great and by the end of the week, we had the joy of experiencing 22+ inches of fresh powder. Everyone enjoyed an *après* ski party at the Wildflower on Tuesday and several of us got together at the end of the week to finish off the leftovers. A beautiful resort and a great group of skiers!



HOLIDAY VALLEY TRIP RECAP

On a rainy Thursday, February 22, 2018, a group of 36 SSC members traveled to Holiday Valley Mountain Resort in the quaint town of Ellicottville, NY. As we crossed into New York the rain changed to snow and the resort ended up getting 8 inches of snow that day. We were able to check into our slopeside rooms at the Inn at Holiday Valley early and were on the slopes by 3:30. The lifts were open until 9 PM and the hotel had an indoor/outdoor pool and outdoor Jacuzzi for our enjoyment.

Unfortunately, temperatures warmed up on Friday so we cancelled our optional trip to Holimont. There was some rain in the morning, but some diehards were on the slopes while others went into town or rode the mountain coaster. Ellicottville was having a music festival in town that weekend with live music in the bars and restaurants downtown. The bus took us to town and in true SSC fashion, we danced the night away.

The rain stopped Friday and they were able to groom the slopes for Saturday. Again some skied and some enjoyed all the non-ski activities that this area offers. We trekked into town again for the second night of the music festival and made more memories with our old and new friends. Nine members were first time travelers with SSC. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate on Sunday, so instead of skiing for a half day, we left for home after checkout. Even though Mother Nature did not give us perfect conditions, we made the best of the situation and had a good time!

TAOS TRIP RECAP

SSC Taos 2018 was another club success!!! Taos, NM is my new happy place! Great weather, friends and conditions. As always, we could have used more snow. There were 68 trails open and packed powder conditions. All very well maintained. Since it has been such a lean snow year for most areas I was very happy with the mountain conditions.

After a small delay in HIA and a frantic run to our 'held' connecting flight we were greeted in Albuquerque by Roger Mariani and his staff in the baggage claim area. The Snakedance Condo really knows how to welcome their guests. Luggage tagged and loaded. Sandwiches, chips and drinks were waiting for us on the shuttles. Grocery stop and on to the mountain. Arrived safely. Our luggage was waiting in our rooms! When does that happen? Groceries delivered quickly. Welcome party and area info was explained by Mitch, our hotel manager. A week of ski lessons was offered and quite a few participants took advantage of the program.

Monday night we were treated to a fabulous dinner in the beautiful home of the general manager, Roger and his wife Diane. They welcomed our group of 33 people into their home like we were family. All food was made by them. Beer, wine, and a margarita tower greeted us. A beautiful appetizer table with many choices. A sit-down dinner was served. All food was prepared by Roger and Diane. They served slow-roasted brisket, tilapia with a *buerre blanc* sauce, stuffed mushrooms, roasted potatoes and homemade chocolate brownies for dessert. The Snakedance definitely takes hospitality to the next level. On the way to Roger and Diane's we stopped at the Rio Grande Gorge to enjoy the view. Really something to see.

The ski area is well run and maintained. We were steps away from the lift. We had beautiful blue skies every day. Even without new snow the conditions were fabulous.

On Wednesday several shuttles at different times were provided to take us to and from the town of Taos. Nice shops and restaurants. Great way to spend a mid-week break. Friday night we had a small gathering in the lobby for the "use it or lose it" party. It's a nice way to hear about everyone's ski adventures. Some of our group chose to spend the afternoon at a spa and had a wonderful experience. Saturday AM we packed up, Snakedance staff picked up and loaded all our luggage and we headed to the airport. Our journey home was uneventful.

In summary, this trip was close to perfect. Airport delay at the start was handled by a call to SSC's tour operator who arranged to have our connecting flight held. The days were perfect, blue skies, cool temperatures. No injuries but a few cases of altitude sickness that were treated at a clinic near our condos. I strongly encourage the club to visit Taos again.



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IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

SSC's new membership year begins April 1, and we urge you to renew your membership today so you don't miss any of our great events or a chance to sign up for upcoming trips. **You have choice in how to renew your SSC membership:**

1. You can **personally hand in** a completed membership application form (see below) and your check for a year's membership dues at an upcoming club event, or you can mail your form and dues to the club's PO box. Members who choose this option can expect to receive confirmation of current membership in approximately two to three weeks.
2. You can **renew your membership online**. Members who choose this option can be sure that SSC has correct contact information for them (it can be challenging to decipher handwritten applications) and will receive immediate confirmation of current membership when dues are paid online. To facilitate the online renewal process, each current SSC membership received an email from the club in mid-March, and if not renewed yet, will receive another on April 1. These emails include directions for logging on to our website's membership app where you can complete the renewal process. If you have forgotten your password, a link is provided in these emails for obtaining a new temporary password. The first part of the membership renewal process includes reviewing your individual (or family/household) contact information in our member records. If any of your contact information (i.e., email address, mailing address, telephone number) has changed, this is the time to update our records. Click on the "Edit Profile" button at the top of your profile page to make changes. When you're ready to complete the process, click on the "Renew until April 1, 2019" button. This will initiate a membership dues payment loop, where you have the option of paying your dues by mailing in a check, by paying with your PayPal account, or by paying your dues with a debit or credit card.

Special note for our Gold Ski lifetime members: Lifetime members are included in the online (email reminder) membership "renewal" process, even though your continued membership in our club is free. We reach out to our lifetime members every year in this way to ensure we don't lose touch with you! Please log on and click the "Renew" button after checking your contact information! You will NOT be asked to complete a membership dues payment loop. This is just to keep our records current.

Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club – Membership Application/Renewal Form

Membership Year Runs April 1 to March 31

Please Print Clearly, Especially Email Addresses!!

MEMBERSHIP ACTION:

Renewal New _____
Sponsor name (optional)

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- Junior** (18-20, dues = \$20/yr). List birthdate: _____
- Single Adult** (dues = \$25/yr). Ages 21+.
- Family/Household** (dues = \$35/yr). One or two adults ages 21+ and all dependent minors under 18 years of age who reside at the same physical address.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Date _____ Cash Check (#) _____

Do not mail cash. Please make checks payable to SSC. Mail to: SSC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, P.O. Box 60713, Harrisburg, PA 17106.

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Family/Household memberships only, list second adult member's contact information, and dependent children's names and birthdates:
Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Dependents' names and birthdates: _____