

# The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The picnic is over and many of you have signed up for one of our great trips. The trip leaders have worked hard to provide the best trip for a great price and have come up with payment schedules that will both spread the cost out over several months and meet the deadlines for payment to our tour operators that we have contracted. It is important the payment deadlines in the trip terms are adhered to so the trip leaders can meet the contracted payment obligations to our operators. If you see that you may have difficulty making a payment on time, please contact your trip leader in advance of the due date to let them know when you expect to make your payment. **If you do not contact the trip leader in advance of your payment becoming past due, you will be required to pay the late fee before entering into another agreement with the club on a trip.** The board of directors hopes that the membership understands the necessity for on time payments.

Many thanks to **Suzanne Laughman** for chairing the picnic, **Rusty Diamond** for getting volunteers, **Barb Collier** for getting our beverages and to the numerous volunteers who helped throughout the day with set up, registration and clean up. We are so lucky to have members who offer to help with our events.

Please check the trip status report to find out which trips still have availability. We also have added a New Hampshire sampler trip and a day trip to Elk Mt.

Have a great rest of the summer

Becky



## SSC PICNIC RECAP

The day was a scorcher but folks kept their cool thanks to air-conditioning at the Tall Cedars Picnic Grove for our annual SSC Picnic. After enjoying the delicious food and dark clouds rolling in some folks hung out under the outside shaded pavilion. Trip leaders were available to answer questions and take your applications/deposits. Trips were selling like hotcakes!! Please check the trip status report for number of spots open. We express many thanks to Chairperson, Suzanne Laughman and all the numerous volunteers who helped throughout the day. A great time had by all!

## MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL/MEETING Tuesday, September 3, 6/7 PM

SSC's first membership meeting of the 2019-2020 season will be held on Tuesday, September 3, at Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland. Bring a friend or two to introduce to our Club and join in the fun! Social hour and trip signups begin at 6 PM. All trip leaders will be on hand to answer your questions and take deposits. Remember to bring your checkbook! A brief business meeting will commence at 7 PM. Come out and get the latest news on trips and social events, plus sharing of memories made and yet to happen with SSC friends! Looking forward to seeing everyone.

## New Way to Volunteer

SSC recently launched an on-line volunteer sign-up tool. It's called SignUpGenius and it's super easy to use. When the club needs volunteers (for example, to help at the Get Acquainted Party, which will be here before you know it), we will send out an email blast requesting your help. Open that email! It will contain a link to our volunteer sign-up form. All you need to do is click on the link, and you will see the various jobs available and the shifts that need to be filled. Just fill in your name and email address for the slot(s) you want. That's it! Thanks for supporting your club!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 1 - Thursday Deck Party, Boomerang, New Cumberland
- Aug 10 - Nissley Vineyard
- Aug 11 - Bike/Hike/Paddle/Picnic
- Aug 20 - Happy hour & movie night
- Aug 28 - Board meeting
- Aug 29 - Thursday, Deck Party, Greystone Public House
- Sept 3 - Membership Meeting, Boomerang's Bar & Grill
- Sept 14 - Swatara Park bike ride
- Sept 14 - Greece trip
- Sept 17 - Happy hour & movie night
- Sept 25 - Board meeting
- Sept 27 - Friday Deck Party, Caddy Shack, Mechanicsburg

## 2019-2020 SSC TRIP STATUS

Trip application forms and trip terms may be found on our website ([skissc.com/trips](http://skissc.com/trips)). Your SSC membership must be current to sign up for a trip.

Dates	Trip Destination	Trip Leader	Status	Contact information
Sep 14-27, 2019	Greece	Dianne Paukovits	Closed	717-503-9493 or <a href="mailto:dpaukovits@comcast.net">dpaukovits@comcast.net</a>
Jan. 24, 2020	Elk Day Trip	Claire Birney	Opening soon	717-315-5899 or <a href="mailto:claire3704@comcast.net">claire3704@comcast.net</a>
Jan 26-Feb 2, 2020	Vail	Gary Smith	Open, single female needed	717-503-2332 or <a href="mailto:262gsmith@gmail.com">262gsmith@gmail.com</a>
Feb. 7-Feb. 13, 2020	Quebec Winter Carnival	Sherry Predix	Open	717 448-5379 or <a href="mailto:slpredix@comcast.net">slpredix@comcast.net</a>
Feb 22-Feb 29, 2020	Park City	Suzanne Laughman	Waiting list	717-503-3523 or <a href="mailto:sslaughman1@comcast.net">sslaughman1@comcast.net</a>
March 1-March 5, 2020	New England Sampler	Bob Havice	Open	717-248-8696 or <a href="mailto:bhavice@hotmail.com">bhavice@hotmail.com</a>
March 7-March 15, 2020	Val Thorens	Mike Oberdick	Open	717-542-1735 or <a href="mailto:swissnutmike@gmail.com">swissnutmike@gmail.com</a>

### ELK MOUNTAIN DAY TRIP Friday January 24, 2020

Trip leader Claire Birney will be leading our group to Elk Mt. Contact Claire at [claire3704@comcast.net](mailto:claire3704@comcast.net) or 717-315-5899. Price and information will be publicized soon!

### VAIL, COLORADO Sunday January 26 - Sunday February 02, 2020

**It's EPIC! Vail isn't just a ski area, it's a legend!** Vail offers an unbelievable 5,289 acres ski terrain. There are 3 different sections to this mountain: the front side, with a huge variety of runs for all ski levels; the legendary Back Bowl, with nearly 3,000 acres of open powder bowls stretching 6 miles wide; and Blue Sky Basin, with an abundance of naturally-gladed terrain. With the largest network of express quad chairlifts in the world, you are assured maximum time exploring the extensive slopes of this amazing resort, where you could spend a week and probably never ski the same run twice. The stats: base elevation 8,120 feet, peak 11,570 feet, average annual snow fall 346", 33 lifts and 193 trails (28% easy, 32% intermediate and 40% advanced). **Need a change of scenery?** Use your interchangeable lift ticket at Beaver Creek, a short 15-minute shuttle ride. Beaver Creek boasts a 3,340-vertical drop, average annual snowfall 323", 24 lifts, 1,832 skiable acres, and 150 trails (38% beginner, 30% intermediate, 24% advanced, and 8% double black). **Non-skiers?** So much to see and do! Explore the village with its European style architecture, shop till you drop, take the gondola to view the vistas, relax in the spas, go cross-country skiing, slide down the tube run, or tour the art galleries. It is a short walk or shuttle ride to the village. We will be staying at the popular **Evergreen Lodge** with a central location in Vail Town Center. The Eagle Bahn gondola is a short shuttle ride away. The Evergreen houses the Altitude Bar & Grill (voted best sports bar in Vail) and the Annapurna Restaurant (Nepalese & Indian cuisine). The on-site Ski Haus ski rental shop specializes in the finest selection of demo skis and boards as well as performance and junior skis. They also offer free ski storage to patrons of the Evergreen. Rooms include Wi-Fi, mini fridge, coffee pot, flat screen TV with cable, and hairdryer. The Evergreen also has a fitness center, outdoor heated pool, indoor hot tub and dry sauna, and spa. The package is priced at \$2,520 per person double occupancy. Deduct \$465.00 for non-skiers or EPIC pass holders. Deduct \$40.00 for Seniors 65+ with a five-day lift ticket. Add \$61.00 to upgrade to six-day lift ticket. Add \$ 13.00 for Seniors 65+ with a six-day lift ticket. Please mail your completed trip application and deposit of \$800 per person (payable to "SSC" with Vail 2020 in memo line) to trip leader **Gary Smith**, 262 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102. For additional information, contact Gary at 717-503-2332 or [262gsmith@gmail.com](mailto:262gsmith@gmail.com).



## **QUEBEC CITY WINTER CARNIVAL, CANADA** **Friday February 7 - Thursday February 13, 2020**

Travel with SSC to the international destination of the Old World City of Quebec for the world's largest winter carnival. Ski Stoneham, Mont-Sainte-Anne and Le Massif or just enjoy the Winter Carnival day and night. Cost per person double occupancy is \$ 1556. Your package includes roundtrip motor coach, 6 nights' lodging at the legendary Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac located inside the walls of Old Quebec. This iconic hotel has recently undergone a multimillion dollar renovation. The hotel blends the charm of the past with modern innovations. Amenities include a health club with indoor pool and whirlpool. Welcome reception at the Chateau Frontenac, a daily breakfast buffet you could only dream of, a private tour at the Ice Hotel with a cocktail, admission to the Valcartier winter playground (snow tubing, snow rafting, skating and indoor water park), Quebec City Carnival access pass (VIP pass upgrade available for \$45 includes admission plus seats in VIP stands for the evening February 8 Parade with free bar, animation and Carnival fleece blanket – worth \$20) and a flashing souvenir pin. The charm of the old historic walled city, ice sculptures, great restaurants, shopping, hot spiced caribou and Bonham the Snowman are sure to make this a trip that has something fun for everyone. If you are a non skier please deduct \$145 from the cost. Send your deposit of \$500 made payable to "SSC" to trip leader Sherry Predix at 307 Doe Run, Marysville, PA 17053. Any questions, contact Sherry at 717-957-2925 or email [slpredix@comcast.net](mailto:slpredix@comcast.net).

## **Park City, Utah (Saturday to Saturday) - Wait List** **Saturday February 22 - Saturday February 29, 2020**

**ENVISION** an opportunity to ski three of Utah's finest ski resorts. **Imagine** skiing three days at Park City and the Canyons, and two days at Deer Valley with an optional sixth day at Deer Valley. The Park City Mountain Resort boasts 3,300 acres with 101 designated runs including one into the town of Park City. You are sure to enjoy the 3,100-foot vertical rise, miles of groomed runs, great tree skiing, excellent bowls and an average of 350 inches of snow annually. **Envision** staying 7 nights in the majestic Wasatch Mountains at the recently renovated Park City Peaks Hotel. Sparkling new facilities create a modern vintage feel. The lobby is highlighted by its majestic floor to ceiling fireplace. For your convenience and enjoyment there is an onsite ski and snowboard shop, **Ski n See**, which provides on site ski and board rentals and **Versante Hearth + Bar Restaurant** with its open-hearth pizza oven. Stay active with a new world-class fitness room, swim through an indoor/outdoor pool with hot tubs, dry sauna, and steam room. Guests enjoy a daily breakfast buffet, quality food and beverage service, and amenities like cotton robes, coffee makers, refrigerators, flat screen TVs and Wi-Fi. The free town shuttle stops at the front door of our Park Avenue location, offering a short ride to all three mountain resorts and to Historic Main Street with over 100 bars, restaurants and shops. **Imagine** departing Harrisburg at 7am with a return flight from Salt Lake City at 9:45 am (please remember flights are subject to change).

The trip will include round-trip air and ground transportation, 7 nights lodging, daily full buffet breakfast, and a 5-day lift ticket. **Imagine all this for \$2032.00!!** For more information, contact trip leader Suzanne Laughman at [SSlaughman1@comcast.net](mailto:SSlaughman1@comcast.net) or 717-503-3523. Deposits will be accepted at the picnic after 12 noon or mail your completed trip application and deposit of \$500 per person (payable to "SSC" with Park City 2020 in memo line, to Suzanne Laughman, 427 S. York Street Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE SAMPLER** **Sunday March 1 - Thursday March 5, 2020**

Come one come all, the White Mountains of New Hampshire are calling you. Join your SSC friends and experience three of the best ski areas in New England, Loon Mt., Brenton Woods and Cannon. We are staying at the Indian Head Resort which features, indoor and outdoor heated pools, hot tub, saunas, game room, wireless internet, gift shop, on-site restaurant The Profile Dining room and The Thunderbird lounge. Indian Head is conveniently located only 10 minutes from Loon and Cannon mountains and just 30 minutes away from Brenton Woods. Trip includes: round trip motor coach transportation from Harrisburg, Pa to Indian Head Resort Lincoln, New Hampshire and to the mountains daily, 4 nights lodging at the Indian Head Resort, daily hot breakfast buffets, 1 day lift ticket Monday at Loon Mt., 1 day lift ticket Tuesday at Brenton Woods and 1 day lift ticket Wednesday at Cannon Mt., Ski 93 tour guide, all hotel/meal tax and gratuity and welcome wine and cheese party. All this for just \$640 pp double occupancy. Send your deposit of \$150 (payable to SSC) to trip leader Bob Havice at 108 Ridgeview Drive Lewistown, PA 17044. Please put New Hampshire in memo line. For more information, contact Bob at [bhavice@hotmail.com](mailto:bhavice@hotmail.com).

## VAL THORENS FRANCE (Les Trois Vallees) Saturday March 7 – Sunday March 15, 2020

An all-inclusive ski vacation at **Club Med's Val Thorens Sensation** is in the heart of the 3 Valleys. It's a resort that combines exceptional skiing with apres-ski in a totally magnificent environment. All you have to do is put on your skis and go!! Club Med is located in Europe's highest elevation and largest ski area in the world, with over 370 miles of slopes and 180 lifts for all levels. It connects 3 mountain valleys, in which there are 8 ski resorts.

From Mike's personal experience, this is the best resort in the 3 valleys. It has great options for lifts and terrain, including the new Orelle Valley. Ski-in/ski-out accessibility from the hotel to 2 major lifts, access to the Meribel Valley only 2 lifts away, and access to the Courchevel Valley 2 lifts from the Meribel Valley, makes it all accessible within one day of skiing. Trip leader Mike Oberdick has skied this area 10 times and can provide valuable information and directions to make each day sensational.

**Price: \$3,200 per person (Double occupancy)**, which includes **Bus transportation** to/from Newark Airport (EWR) with York & Harrisburg stops, **Round-trip Air to Geneva** on SwissAir (skis fly free), all service tips, gratuities and SSC fees (international departure taxes, fuel surcharge & security fees (estimated at \$390 and subject to change), ground transportation in France to/from resort, plus 7 nights' accommodations at **Club Med Sensations Val Thorens**, which includes **all-day gourmet dining**, full **open bar** with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, **6 day ski pass & 5 day ski instruction**, daily entertainment, all resort and hotel taxes, surcharges and portorage.

**MAIL** the completed application form with deposit of \$800 payable to "SSC" to Mike Oberdick 245 Hillstream Road Red Lion, PA 17356. Please include a copy of your valid passport with your applications. Please contact Mike with any questions at 717-542-1735 or [swissnutmike@gmail.com](mailto:swissnutmike@gmail.com). We look forward to a great ski vacation with you in March 2020!!!!

## Alaska September 2020

Plans are underway for an Alaskan cruise and land trip in early September 2020! Please keep a spot open in your travel itinerary for this bucket list trip! We are working out the final details which will be released soon. Contact trip leader, Barb Collier with any questions at 717-829-5028 or [bcollier333@hotmail.com](mailto:bcollier333@hotmail.com).

## BIKE/HIKE/PADDLE/PICNIC Sunday August 11, 9:30 AM - ?

Mark your calendars for a day of fun! Grab your bikes and boats and join us at River Front Park (569 Vinegar Ferry Road, Marietta) on Sunday, August 11. Starting at 9:30 AM you can launch your kayak or canoe onto the river, ride a bike along the paved Northwestern Lancaster County River Trail, or take a hike along the trail. Boaters will drop (and lock) their bikes at the take-out and then drive up to the put-in at Bainbridge and paddle down the Susquehanna to the take-out at River Front Park. After lunch they can hop on their bikes and ride up the trail to retrieve their vehicles. (A car shuttle will be available to retrieve vehicles for those who choose not to bike). Bikers will ride south in the morning traveling through Marietta and down to Columbia. Hikers will hike north along the river to check out an eagle's nest along the trail and will then continue north to the White Cliffs of Conoy. After the morning's activities, everyone is encouraged to hang around for a picnic. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share and SSC will provide grilled hot dogs with the trimmings. Following the picnic, it's playtime again, with your choice of paddling, biking or hiking. Or just spread a blanket on the grassy field and enjoy the afternoon. Boaters will launch from our picnic spot and paddle around the area in the Susquehanna River. For those who don't own a kayak and would like to try it, we will have a couple available to try out. If the water on the Susquehanna is high and running fast, the location will be changed to Gifford Pinchot State Park. Please check the SSC website after August 6th to confirm the location. For more information, contact Mike Gavin at 717-495-1905 or [emailriders1@comcast.net](mailto:emailriders1@comcast.net).

## HAPPY HOUR & MOVIE NIGHTS Tuesdays, August 20th & September 17th

**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 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/suggested 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.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### GET-ACQUAINTED PARTY

- **Saturday, November 23** - Roundtop Mountain Resort—Main Lodge, Members Only

## Saturday Night at the Vineyard – Nissley Saturday August 10

The night will be filled with music from Josh Square, a pop variety, 70's and beyond band. Join SSC members and friends at this event. Group rate for tickets is \$14 (\$2 discount). Group rate is for 20 people. A promo code to purchase tickets is needed to purchase the tickets online at this price. Everyone will be responsible for their own tickets. A single-use promo code will be provided to those that request it from Sharon Royer (717.329.2661) call or text **OR** email [sharon.royer@verizon.net](mailto:sharon.royer@verizon.net) that will activate a discount on each ticket purchased online. There is a fee of \$1.79/ticket when purchasing tickets on online via Eventbrite. Tickets at the gate are \$16.00 cash/credit card, but this is a popular band, early ticket purchases are advised. No matter what your method of purchasing your tickets, SSC will be in the vineyard Saturday, August 10. Just like our deck events, please come and enjoy an evening with SSC members and friends. No food required to share. No SSC provided beverages (except water). Hope to see you at the Nissley for a wonderful night of fun with friends!

### HERSHEY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hersheypark volunteers earn money for SSC and the same time earn 1-3 vouchers for themselves for admittance to Hersheypark for each 4-5 hour shift worked. All you have to do is contact **Lovena Nickle** at [lovnic53@comcast.net](mailto:lovnic53@comcast.net) or 717-541-8803 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.



### 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 Get-Acquainted Party and Holiday Party, and our 2020 Banquet and Picture Party. For more information, please contact **Past President Sherry Predix** at [slpredix@comcast.net](mailto:slpredix@comcast.net)

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!!

Ed Murphy, Lauren Murphy, Scott Predix, Sharon Predix, Don Herzog, Karen Bowe, Tom Fox, Geri Stahr, Marie Ward, David Robinson



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## SUMMERTIME IS DECK TIME! Thursday or Friday events!

It's Deck Time again! This year we are changing things up by flipping days of the week for some of these events. It's time for gathering with friends old and new at local decks/patios throughout the SSC area. No reservation or membership needed! Arrive at the selected destination at 5 PM or later, look for folks gathered around tables displaying SSC table tent cards and JOIN IN! This is a great way to meet club members and discover SSC. Below is the schedule of our 2019 deck events for the rest of the season. Hope to see you there!

**Thursday, August 1st @ Boomerang**, 110 Limekiln RD, New Cumberland

**Thursday, August 29th @ Greystone Public House**, 2120 Colonial Road, Harrisburg – Music: The Exactlys

**Friday, September 27th @ Caddy Shack**, 800 Orrs Bridge Road, Mechanicsburg

**Friday, October 11th @ Ever Grain**, 4434 Carlisle Pike, Camp Hill

### INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EVENT?

Wine/beer night, bowling, or other activity? Contact Social VP Sharon Royer at [sharon.royer@verizon.net](mailto:sharon.royer@verizon.net).

### RIDES & HIKES

Weekends are a great time to get out and enjoy the great outdoors with some awesome folks. Weekly rides often include an easy ride, moderate ride and occasionally some fast road rides. Even if you haven't cycled since you were clipping baseball cards to the bike, or are in to a walk/hike with other likeminded people, come join the group. Contact Mike Gavin at [emailriders1@comcast.net](mailto:emailriders1@comcast.net) for a schedule of the weekly bike rides or hikes and to be added to Mike's weekly email updates. If need be, recommendations can be made to obtain a cost-efficient, entry level bike.



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