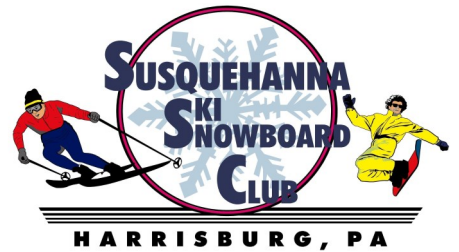


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To be honest I am struggling with this month's President's corner. I just cannot seem to come up with something upbeat, funny and informative to say, so I guess I will just write what is in my heart.

We recently lost Carolyn Eash, a long time SSC Trip Leader, Silver Ski Recipient, Merchandise Director, former board member, a very dear friend and just down right wonderful person. Carolyn left us way to early and in circumstances that are just beyond my comprehension. Those of you who knew Carolyn, would most likely say that her smile and easy and outgoing nature are what you think of when you hear her name. I am sure all of us have a story about the first time we met Carolyn and it would involve some form of her helping you or making you feel comfortable. Bob and I first met Carolyn, and her late husband Jesse, when Bob and I volunteered to run the 2005 Ski Club Picnic by doing a pig roast and pot luck. Well, did we ever miscalculate the amount of help we needed with that. To our good fortune, the day of the picnic, Carolyn and Jesse came up and said "hey need some help?" That was the start of a wonderful friendship with so many good memories. Those are the memories Bob and I will hold onto, and I hope that you will hold onto all of the good memories you have of Carolyn too. Carolyn, we will miss you. Rest in peace and say hello to Jesse for all of us. Here is a link to Carolyn's obituary with memorial service information - <https://obits.pennlive.com/us/obituaries/pennlive/name/carolyn-eash-obituary?id=52460067>

Take care and be safe

Becky

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS

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| August 11 | Deck Party – Cassel Vineyards, Hershey |
| August 12 | Buffalo Valley Rail Trail |
| August 15 | Happy Hour/Movie Night – Harvest Seasonal Grill |
| August 17 | Kayak Paddle (Swatara Creek) & Post Kayak Deck Party @ Troegs Brewery |
| August 24 | Deck Party – The Englewood, Hershey |
| 8/25 – 9/8 | Alaska Trip |
| August 23 | SSC Board Meeting - Zoom |
| September 12 | Membership Meeting – Boomerang Bar & Grill |
| September 10 | Bike Ride – Lower Trail |
| September 16 | Apple Orchard Car Rally |
| September 19 | Happy Hour/Movie Night – Harvest Seasonal Grill |
| September 22 | Deck Party – The Waterfront Bar & Grill, Marysville |
| October 1 | Gettysburg Bike Ride |
| October 3 | Membership Meeting – Boomerang Bar & Grill |
| October 5 | Deck Party – Rubber Soul Brewery, Hummelstown |
| October 17 | Happy Hour/Movie Night – Harvest Seasonal Grill |
| October 25 | SSC Board Meeting - Zoom |
| October 28 | Halloween Party |
| November 3 | GAME NIGHT – The Coliseum, Mechanicsburg |
| November 7 | Membership Meeting – Boomerang Bar & Grill |
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View the full list of events
@SSC web site



2023-2024 SSC TRIP STATUS

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

Dates	Trip Destination	Trip Leader	Status	Contact information
August 25-Sept 8, 2023	Alaska cruise and land	Barb Collier	Closed	bcollier333@hotmail.com 717-829-5028
January 7-14, 2024 (Sun.-Sun.)	Copper Mt., CO (IKON)	Linda Randby	Open	llaub4@comcast.net 717-576-2301
January 20-27, 2024 (Sat.-Sat.)	Whitefish, MT	Gary Smith	Closed Waiting list	262gsmith@gmail.com 717-503-2332
February 10-17, 2024 (Sat.-Sat.)	Whistler Mt, BC Canada (EPIC) Lift tickets are not included in this package	Priscilla St. Jacques-Glusko	Closed Waiting list	pstglusko@verizon.net 717-343-9322
March 8-17, 2024 Extension March 16-19, 2024	Alta Badia, Italy Extension Venice Italy Hotel Carlton on Grand Canal. IKON—but can do 1 week	Lynn Hannon	Open Need single female	lynnannhannon@verizon.net 717-579-2668
February 25-29, 2024	North Conway, NH EPIC mountains. Lift tickets are not included.	Mike Creamer	Open	mcream12@gmail.com 717-829-6628
January 31-Feb 2, 2024	Seven Springs Sampler—EPIC - Lift tickets are not included	Denise Bernatos	Open	dbernat@comcast.net 717 576-8756

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PLEASE COMMIT EARLY TO AVOID THE CANCELLATION OF THESE TRIPS

The contracts we have this year are very stringent in their deadlines which require us to have a certain number of participants by unusually early dates. If we must cancel a trip by the due date because of lack of participation, we are still responsible for paying cancellation fees to the hotel, tour operator or airlines. Please commit early, so your club does not have to absorb these fees and that these trips can proceed as planned.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

Attention trip participants, especially in light of recent unforeseen events. It is the responsibility of each participant to secure their own insurance based on their individual needs. If you have a pre-existing condition most insurance companies require you to obtain insurance within two weeks from the date you made your trip deposit (this may vary among insurance companies).

COPPER MOUNTAIN, COLORADO

January 7-14, 2024

Sunday-Sunday

How much snow has Copper Mountain gotten this past season and over the last few seasons in the beginning of January? Check this out:

	Ave Snowfall	Snowfall Days	Ave Base Depth	Avg Base Summit	Max Base	Biggest Snowfall
November	26"	8 days	21"	19"	42"	11"
December	46"	15 days	28"	31"	57"	17"
January	46"	14 days	40"	50"	71"	18"

Snow totals over the past few years: 2019/20 - *Total Snowfall* - 201"
65 Snowfall Days
2020/21 - *Total Snowfall* - 185"
76 Snowfall Days
2022/23 - *Total Snowfall* - 263"
87 Snowfall Days

We tell you this because that is a lot of snow and we are going to Copper Mountain in 2024! Copper Mountain, Colorado is an outstanding ski and snowboard resort in Summit County. The resort has 2,465 acres of in-bounds terrain under lease from the U.S. Forest Service! Copper Mountain offers a pure mountain experience that inspires adventure, elevates ambition and empowers progression! Trip participants will get a 5-day ski/snowboard lift ticket as part of this package. We are staying at the Element 29 hotel, which is nestled at the base of Copper Village and within walking distance of the lifts! It has a fitness facility, on-site pub and slope side hot tubs! We will have breakfast every day! This will be a fabulous ski vacation! We hope you will join us!

Basic package prices: \$3,182 single occupancy; \$2,362 double occupancy; \$2,211 triple occupancy; \$2,138 quad occupancy. \$1,932 land only. *Non skiers:* deduct \$340

Please mail your completed trip application and deposit of \$700 per person (payable to "SSC") to trip leader Linda Randby 4290 Stellata Court Harrisburg, PA 17112. For additional information, contact Linda at llaub4@comcast.net or 717-576-2301.



SEVEN SPRINGS PENNSYLVANIA

January 31-February 2, 2024

(Wednesday- Friday)

Are you looking for a mid-week getaway to chase away the winter blues? Join us for a bus trip to Seven Springs Mountain Resort only a few hours from Harrisburg, PA. Seven Springs is a beautiful area in the Laurel Highlands with primarily green and blue trails, but there are some challenging trails for the more advanced skier. We also hope to ski at sister resorts, Laurel Mountain and/or Hidden Valley.

Hotel lodging at the Seven Springs Resort, with two queen beds, is ski-in/ski-out. Seven Springs Resort has an indoor pool, shops and many other indoor and outdoor activities for an additional fee, such as tubing, hot tub, skeet shooting, roller skating, miniature golf, axe throwing, arcade room and the Trillium Spa. The resort offers both casual and fine dining, as well as several areas where you can enjoy adult beverages and nightlife.

SSC's package includes round-trip bus transportation, two nights lodging and two buffet breakfasts and is priced at \$515 per person double occupancy until September 30, 2023. The price will increase an additional \$20 each month after that, so sign up early! Lift tickets are not included, but all mountains and dates will allow you to use your full Epic pass, an Epic mid-week pass, or 3-day Epic pass. Buy your pass early to save! Trip terms and more information available on the SSC web site or contact trip leader Denise Bernatos at [ddbernato@comcast.net](mailto:dubernato@comcast.net) or 717 576-8756 for more information and questions.

ATTITASH/WILDCAT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

February 25-29, 2024

(Sunday-Thursday)

Join us on the magic bus to North Conway for 3 full days of skiing at Epic resorts in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

If you've never been to North Conway, it is a very cool town with lots of restaurants, brew pubs, shops, and outlets. We are staying at the Fox Ridge Resort, where each room has 2 queen beds. Breakfast and WIFI are included, and there are an indoor pool and hot tub. Sea Dog Brewing Company is a 7-minute walk from our hotel. The bus leaves from Middletown, PA on the morning of February 25, 2024. It's about an 8 hour and 40 minutes bus ride to Fox Ridge Resort. The bus will take us to either Attitash (16-minute ride) or Wildcat (31-minute ride) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. **Attitash Mountain Resort** has 2 mountains, 68 trails, 8 lifts, and 60+ acres of tree skiing. **Wildcat Mountain** has 2100 vertical feet, great views of Mt. Washington, 48 trails, 5 lifts, and 80 acres of tree skiing. The full trip is from February 25 to February 29, 2024. The package is priced at \$560 per person double occupancy until September 30, 2023. Price goes up an additional \$20 each month after that, so sign up early for the best value. Lift tickets are not included. Please mail your completed trip application and deposit of \$290 per person (payable to "SSC") to trip leader Mike Kreamer, 1138 Stone Creek Drive, Hummelstown, PA 17036. For additional information, contact Mike at 717-829-6628 or mkreamer12@gmail.com



ALTA BADIA, DOLIMITES ITALY

March 8-17, 2024

(Friday-Saturday)

Three-day optional extension in Venice March 16-19, 2024 (Saturday -Tuesday)

30 PEOPLE SAID YES!!! (Pricing is based on a minimum of 40 people)

Please join us in Italy for a price of \$3160 pp/do. We will be staying in the town of La Villa in the Alta Badia area which is the heart of the Dolomiti Superski area (15 ski resorts, cutting-edge mountain lifts, 1,200 km of top-quality slopes). Ikon Pass works but also weekly pass available at approx.\$350-396 (last year's prices) The region boasts top-quality skiing for first timers and experienced skiers alike. We will be staying at the 4-star Hotel Antines in the heart of La Villa. The hotel is a short walk to the base of the Piz La Ila Gondola. 7 nights' accommodations and, a, daily full hot and cold breakfast buffet, daily 3-4 course dinner included.

Venice Italy Extension – March 16-19, 2024 estimated at \$642

Refer to May Chairlift chatter or check out the SSC website/trips for more details!

Send your deposit of \$900 made payable to "SSC", along with a signed trip application, and copy of your passport to trip leader Lynn Hannon 26 Conway Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 or contact Lynn at 717-579-2668 lynnanhannon@verizon.net

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 2023 deck events for the rest of the season. Hope to see you there!

July 27 Thursday @ Cold Springs Brewery 993 Park Place, Mechanicsburg
August 11 Friday @ Cassel Vineyards of Hershey 80 Shetland Drive, Hummelstown
August 17 Thursday @ Troegs Brewery 200 Hersheypark Drive (post Kayak Paddle)
August 24 Thursday @ The Englewood 1219 W End Ave, Hershey
Sept 22 Friday @ The Waterfront 13 S Main St, Marysville
Oct 5 Thursday @ Rubber Soul Brewing Co 136 S Hanover St, Hummelstown

BIKE, KAYAK, HIKE – NEW LOCATION

August 5th, 10:00 am

Be the ultimate weekend warrior on August 5th as the Ski Club goes out and plays for the day.

We are setting up our base camp at the Falmouth Boat Launch (111 Collins Road, Bainbridge, PA 17502) as we explore the area on foot, in kayaks, and on bikes. Meet at the Falmouth Boat Launch at 10 am on Saturday, August 5th.

Kayakers can explore a unique phenomenon, the Conewago Potholes (look it up), where the river has carved fascinating forms in the rocks around the launch site. They are a very easy paddle from the boat launch. PA boat registration required.

Bikers can explore the 15 mile long Northwest Lancaster River Trail riding at their own pace and distance. Not only does the ride include sweeping views of the Susquehanna river, but also along the trail is the surreal White Cliffs of Conoy, and an eagles nest.

Hikers can explore the Potholes climbing among the rocks or hiking the Northwest Lancaster River Trail.

Can't decide? No problem, pick one to do in the morning, then enjoy a picnic lunch (grilled hot dogs provided by the ski club, please bring something to share) and then pick another fun activity for the afternoon.

Location is subject to change based on the river's water level. If so, we will send an email blast. Do we have your most recent email address???

BUFFALO VALLEY RAIL TRAIL RIDE

August 12, 10:30

On Saturday, August 12, Barb Crout will lead the third annual Buffalo Valley Rail Trail ride, starting at the **Jackass Brewery, 2268 Old Turnpike Rd, Lewisburg, Pa 17837 at 10:30 am**. Park across the street from the brewery. The Buffalo Valley Rail Trail is a 9.5 mile finished scenic trail that is visited by thousands of residents and visitors between Mifflinburg and Lewisburg with many trailheads, facilities and parking areas including a couple of breweries and an ice cream shop. Barb will send directions the week before the ride. Any questions, call Barb at 223-239-7955

The Buffalo Valley Rail Trail follows the route of a railroad that once ran from Montandon to Bellefonte in Centre County, crossing through Union County on an east-west alignment. The Lewisburg Centre & Spruce Creek Railroad was incorporated in 1853, and immediately faced the difficulties of the Civil War and the St. Patrick's Day flood of 1865.

PADDLE AND BREW

Thursday, August 17

Circle August 17 on your calendar for a leisurely afternoon paddle on the Swatara Creek, a favorite outdoor adventure near Hershey. The Swattie provides a gentle float between shaded banks, passing a variety of fishing holes, small islands and limestone outcrops. If you're lucky, you might see a few ospreys, bald eagles or herons along the way.

Meet at 1 pm at the Swatara Creek Park on Hanover Street in Union Deposit. We will offload our boats and shuttle vehicles to the takeout at Schiavoni Park in Hummelstown. Weather and water levels will determine the paddle information so check our Meetup, website or eblast for exact details provided by Dyan Yingst close to that date. Please bring your PFD, water bottle and snacks. This stretch is about 5 miles.

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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and/or RENEWAL

Membership renewal window will open in late March. SSC contacts will receive an invoice via email address on file.

SSC members: If you plan to pay by check, please fill out the application, submit with your check, and mail it to Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club, PO Box 60713, Harrisburg, PA 17106-0713. Membership: Single - \$25, Family/Household - \$35, Junior - \$20

Susquehanna Ski & Snowboard Club – Membership Application/Renewal Form	
Membership Year Runs April 1 to March 31	
Please Print Clearly, Especially Email Addresses!!	
MEMBERSHIP ACTION: <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New _____ Sponsor name (optional) _____	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: _____ _____
MEMBERSHIP LEVEL: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (18-20, dues = \$20/yr). List birthdate: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Single Adult (dues = \$25/yr). Ages 21+. <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check (#) _____	
Do not mail cash. Please make checks payable to SSC. Mail to: SSC MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, P.O. Box 60713, Harrisburg, PA 17106.	
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2024-2025 DUES INCREASE

At their May 31, 2023 board meeting, by a 2/3 majority vote per the SSC Bylaws, the SSC Board of Directors, approved increasing the dues by \$10 for Single Adult and Family/Household memberships. Following are the new rates **effective April 1, 2024:**

Single Adult - \$35 (individuals 21 years and older)

Family/Household - \$45 (one or two adults 21 years and older and all dependent minors under 18 years of age who reside at the same physical address)

Junior - \$20 (individuals between 18-20 years of age)

HAPPY HOUR & MOVIE NIGHTS Tuesdays - August 15, September 19, October 17

Come out and join us for our happy hour/movie night. New friends welcome! You do not have to be an SSC member to come to this event. Eat/Drink/Socialize and relax at the movie! Here's how it works: A few days before each movie night, SSC sends out an email blast with the chosen/suggested movie title and time. We meet at Harvest Seasonal Grill, located at 2625 Brindle Drive in The Shops at Susquehanna Marketplace usually around 5 PM for a snack and/or a drink before the movie. Then, about 15 minutes before the start of the movie, we drive a short distance to the Regal Harrisburg. **In order to reserve your space at Harvest, we now need you to RSVP if attending by Monday at 4pm, the day before the event.** Please contact Lovena Nickle at lovnic53@comcast.net or by phone at 717-541-8803 or on her cell phone.

SAVE the DATES

September 12 - 1st Membership Meeting of the New Ski Year

October 3 - Membership Mtg – Mountainside Ski presentation

October 28 - Halloween Party - Lower Allen Park

November 7 - Membership Mtg - World Cup Ski presentation

November 18 - THE GAP

December 5 - Membership Mtg – Uller's Outdoor presentation

HERSHEY PARK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hershey Park is now open daily through the rest of the summer and they need our help with staffing shortages. You can volunteer to work shifts in Rides, Games, Food & Beverage, Parking and more by volunteering to work at the Park, Stadium or Giant Center. For each shift a Volunteer works you can earn 1 to 3 vouchers for admittance to Hershey Park and SSC gets paid \$8/hr. for each hour you work. Half of the money that SSC earns will be donated to a charity, e.g. Central PA Food Bank, Wounded Warriors Patrol, etc. To participate, all you have to do is contact Lovena Nickle at lovnic53@comcast.net or 717-541-8803 or on her cell to sign up as a Hershey Park volunteer. You will need to provide an email address to enable Lovena to communicate with you about open shifts.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Jenny Bair, Gina Brown, Roger Brown, Jeanette Carter, Barbara Fullman, John Gianelli, Maggie Gianelli, Ceylon Leitzel, Judith Mueller, Sheila O'Gara, Gina Recce, Paul Snyder, Walter Wall

INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EVENT?

Wine/beer night, bowling, or other activity, Contact Social VP Suzanne Laughman at adventuregal57.sl@gmail.com

SSC Members - email address change??

Please notify your SSC Membership Director, Gary Smith, of any email address change by sending an email to 262gsmith@gmail.com or login to SSC website to make the change on your profile.

RIDES & HIKES

Remember last year when you did your first ski run, then at the bottom of the run you were hyperventilating, and your thighs were on fire? Didn't you swear at yourself for not getting in shape before ski season. As a matter of fact, haven't you done the same thing for the last few years.

This year, change all that, come out and bike with the email riders to get your legs and lungs in shape for ski season. Each week, Mike Gavin sends out information on the location of bike rides and some hikes. Most of the bike rides are on rails-to-trails in the area. Riders are encouraged to bike at their own pace and go a distance that is comfortable for them. For more information and to receive weekly emails, contact Mike at emailriders1@comcast.net.

Hope to see you on the trail!



SEEKING SSC EVENT SPONSORS!

Do you have a business you would like to promote to SSC's membership? Help sponsor an SSC event and get your business noticed! Current sponsorship opportunities include our Annual Get Acquainted Party and Holiday Party. For more information, please contact Past President Bob Havice at 717-248-8696 or bhavice@hotmail.com.



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