

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

December is the season of giving and what better way to show that sentiment than to support our local organizations that help so many in need. Our members really embraced the spirit of the season at our December Holiday Party with amazing generosity by giving to the Central PA Food Bank with a monetary donation of \$243, and 91 pounds of canned/packaged goods, supplemented with a \$100 donation from our Hersheypark volunteer program. Members also collected \$214 for the Wounded Warriors Patrol, supplemented with a \$200 donation from our Hersheypark volunteer program. Thank you, members!!!



The Get-Acquainted Party on November 18 was again a great success! Over 100 people attended this annual event and enjoyed the good food of *Altland House* catering, and good music provided by *Laredo Rocks Band*. The night was filled with fun, laughter, and camaraderie as we danced the night away. Many thanks to my co-chair **Sharon Royer**, volunteer coordinator **Lovena Nickle**, and to all the volunteers who worked the membership and registration tables, served as door monitors, and helped make the stunning table decorations!

As January approaches, our ski trips are ready to depart. If you have not signed up for a trip yet check with the Trip Leaders to see if spots are available. The Holiday Valley and Elk Mountain trips do have openings. So, don't delay. It's time to hit the slopes! **Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Sharon

BOARD OPENINGS / NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR



Nominations for the 2018/2019 Board will be presented at the January 2, 2018 SSC membership meeting. At that time, nominations will also be taken from the floor. Individuals nominated in this way must be present at the meeting and accept the nomination to be added to the slate for the February 6, 2018 election. Board positions consist of: *President, Trip Vice President, Social Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairperson*, and two *Directors*. For most positions, no special background is needed, just a passion for SSC and a desire to help the club thrive.

Many Board positions will become vacant due to fulfillment of term limits by people in these positions, others are stepping down to meet other obligations. The Board of Directors is the day-to-day management of this Club, and without them there is no Club. We need your support! If you are thinking about serving on the 2018-2019 Board of Directors or have any questions about director or officer responsibilities, please contact **Past President Sherry Predix** at slpredix@comcast.net.

MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL/MEETING/PRE-TRIP MEETINGS ~ Tues., Jan. 2, 6 PM

Plan to attend our next membership meeting on Tuesday, January 2, at [Boomerang Bar & Grill](#), 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland. Remember to wear all of the pins, patches and Nastar medals that you have collected from all of your skiing/boarding adventures!! **Pre-trip meetings** for Steamboat, Breckenridge, and Snowbird begin at 6 PM. **Social hour** and trip sign-ups begin at 6 PM. A brief **business meeting** will commence at 7 PM. The **program** will be courtesy of **Gilbert Physical Therapy**. **Directions to Boomerang:** From I-83 take Exit 40A and turn east onto Limekiln Road; turn left at the New Cumberland Inn sign.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS	Dec 27, 5 PM	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
	Jan 2, 6 PM	Membership social/meeting & pre-trip meetings (Steamboat, Breckenridge & Snowbird) @ Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland
	Jan 10, 5:30 PM	'Hump Day' happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill (2531 Brindle Dr.) & Regal Theatre (1500 Caughey Dr.), Harrisburg
	Jan 13-20	Trip to Steamboat, Colorado
	Jan 27-Feb 3	Trip to Breckenridge, Colorado
	Jan 28	Troeg's Cup Race Day, Roundtop Mountain Resort
	Jan 31, 6 PM	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store
	Feb 3	Wine Appreciation with Lilly & Ernie Peek. Time to be determined
	Feb 6, 6 PM	Membership social/meeting & Board election @ Boomerang Bar & Grill
	Feb 9	Trip to Elk Mountain, Pennsylvania
	Feb 10-17	Trip to Snowbird, Utah
	Feb 21, 5:30 PM	'Hump Day' happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill
	Feb 22-25	Trip to Holiday Valley, New York
	Feb 28	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store

2018 SSC TRIPS & PRE-TRIP MEETINGS

Trip application forms and trip terms may be found on our website (skissc.com/trips). See our website and page 2 of this newsletter for trip details. Your SSC membership must be current to sign up for a trip.

Dates	Destination	Status	Pre-Trip Meeting	Trip Leader	Contact Info
Jan 13-20	Steamboat, Colorado	Waiting list	January 2, 6 PM	Gary Smith	717-503-2332 or 262gsmith@gmail.com
Jan 27-Feb 3	Breckenridge, Colorado	31% filled	January 2, 6 PM	Mike Shaw	717-253-2414 or mshawssc@gmail.com
Feb 9	Elk Mountain, Pennsylvania	14% filled	N/A	Terri Falk	717-228-9939 or terrimcg@live.com
Feb 10-17	Snowbird, Utah	Waiting list	January 2, 6 PM	Linda Randby	717-547-0083 or llaub4@gmail.com
Feb 22-25	Holiday Valley, New York	62% filled	N/A	Barb Collier	717-829-5028 or bcollier333@hotmail.com
Mar 3-10	Taos, New Mexico	75% filled	February 6, 6 PM	Mark LaManna	717-238-3889 or mvlamanna@comcast.net
Jun 12-20	Danube River Cruise	Closed	TBA	Sherry Predix	717-957-2925 or slpredix@comcast.net

HOLIDAY VALLEY, NEW YORK February 22–25 (Thursday to Sunday)

Need single male. SSC will travel to [Holiday Valley Resort](#) in Ellicottville, New York on Thursday, February 22 through Sunday, February 25. Holiday Valley offers day and night skiing and snowboarding with 58 day trails and 37 night trails. The resort lies at the foot of McCarty Hill with a peak elevation of 2,323 ft. and a base of 1,600 ft., giving Holiday Valley a 'vertical drop' over 750 ft. This western New York resort enjoys average annual snowfall of 180 inches and has snowmaking on 95% of their trails. There will be an optional day of skiing at the nearby [Holimont Ski Area](#) on Friday, February 23. Holimont, North America's largest private ski resort, is open to the public mid-week, with 8 lifts and 50+ trails, and has something for every level.

We will stay at the [Inn at Holiday Valley](#), located steps from the Sunrise chairlift. The hotel features slope-side rooms, continental breakfast each morning, indoor/outdoor pool, sauna, outdoor hot tub, fitness rooms, private ski lockers and Wi-Fi. You can also enjoy snow tubing, cross country skiing and a spa for additional fees. The resort is located one mile from the village of [Ellicottville](#) (taxi service is available). The village has specialty shops, restaurants and a brewery.

SSC's package is priced at \$521 per person double occupancy, and includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation, three nights' lodging, daily continental breakfasts, and lift tickets valid from time of arrival to departure on Sunday afternoon. To join us on this fun weekend getaway, submit a completed trip application and a \$300 per person deposit payable to "SSC" to **trip leader Barb Collier**, P.O. Box 603, Hummelstown, PA 17036. For more information, contact Barb at bcollier333@hotmail.com or 717-829-5028. Payment in full is due by January 2, 2018.

ELK MOUNTAIN, PENNSYLVANIA February 9 (Friday)

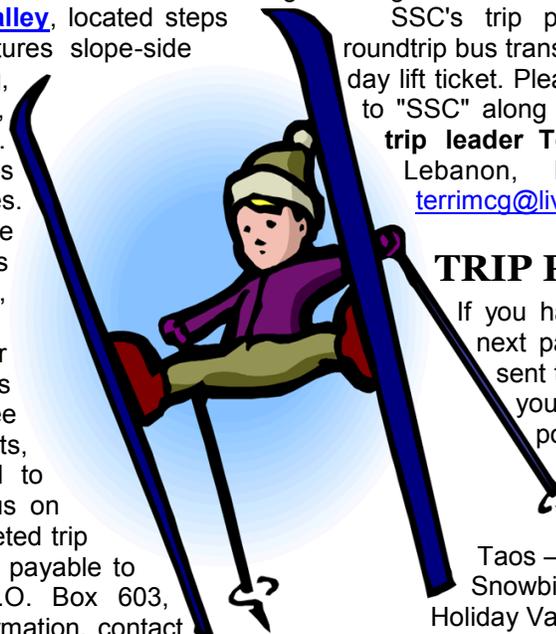
Plan now for a day of fun and excitement with SSC at Elk Mountain, voted "Best Overall Ski Resort in the Mid-Atlantic". Located just 30 miles north of Scranton, skiers claim Elk is "Vermont Without the Drive!" Although average NATURAL snowfall per season is 5 feet, Elk also has 95% snowmaking over its 180 acres of skiable terrain and top-notch grooming to add to a great ski/snowboard experience. Elk's 27 trails offer something for every ability level – 22% beginner, 37% intermediate and 41% expert, and the highest lift-serviced skiing in Eastern PA with its 2,692 ft. summit and vertical drop of 1,000 ft. There are 6 chairlifts including 5 doubles and 1 quad, and a variety of challenging and cruising runs, the longest being one mile.

SSC's trip price of \$89 per person includes roundtrip bus transportation from Harrisburg and an all-day lift ticket. Please send full payment made payable to "SSC" along with a completed trip application to **trip leader Terri Falk**, 226 Burd Coleman Rd., Lebanon, PA 17042. Contact Terri at terrimcg@live.com or 717-228-9939.

TRIP PAYMENTS ARE DUE!

If you have signed up for a SSC trip, your next payment may be due and should be sent to your trip leader. By paying on time you avoid those nasty late charges and possible removal from a trip for non-payment. As a reminder, below is a list of payments due in the next couple of months:

- Taos – final payment due December 20
- Snowbird – final payment due January 1
- Holiday Valley – final payment due January 2
- Danube – final payment due January 15
- Elk Mountain – full payment due on sign-up



'HUMP DAY' MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesdays, January 10 & February 21

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 Dr., in the Susquehanna Market Place Mall, just off Progress Ave. 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 several 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.



31st ANNUAL TROEG'S CUP RACE

Sunday, January 28

Save this date and gear up for the competition! What, you are not a racer?! This is a fun event... you can race to place or just test your skill at negotiating the gates. Medals will be awarded by categories for Women, Men, Seniors, Juniors and by club. Nastar Medals will also be provided. Clubs participating in the Troeg's Cup Challenge in the past have included Susquehanna, York, Lancaster, Flying Dutchmen, Roundtop, Baltimore and the Baltimore Clubs.

Registration will be held from 8:30-10:30 AM at the Ski School Desk in the Learning Center Building at Roundtop Mountain Resort, 925 Roundtop Road, Lewisberry, PA. The fee to enter the Challenge Cup Race is \$10; the fee for non-racers who want to attend the party and awards ceremony afterwards is \$5.

The Troeg's Challenge Cup Race will be held at 12:30 PM, and the Awards Ceremony will be held at 3 PM in the Alpine Room. The party will take place in the Alpine Room, located above the rentals area and skier's left of the ski school building. If you plan to race in the Challenge Cup, be sure to arrive early at the upper race shack on the Exhibition slope. The race may start soon after the previous race is completed, so be early (12:00 to 12:15).

Don't miss this opportunity to run gates and go for a medal. If you do not have an Advantage Card or a season pass, at sign-up, state that you are with SSC, and you can purchase a discounted lift ticket for yourself and family members whether or not they or you are racing. You may also bring a guest.

Plan to bring family and friends for a day of skiing, racing and the party. Questions?... or if you would like to assist with registration, contact **Robert Martin** at 717-540-5468.

WINE APPRECIATION NIGHT

Save the date ~ Saturday, February 3

Lilly & Ernie Peek will host a wine appreciation evening. Watch the SSC website and eblast for more information.

WANT TO HOST A SKI CLUB EVENT?

Wine/beer night, bowling, or other activity? Contact **Social Vice President Sharon Royer** at sharon.royer@verizon.net.

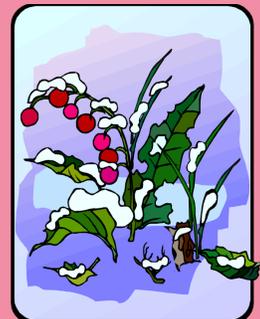
HERSHEY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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. SSC recently donated \$200 of its proceeds to the Wounded Warrior Project and \$100 to 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 Picture Party and Annual Spring Banquet. For more information, please contact **Immediate Past President Sherry Predix** at slpredix@comcast.net.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS!!

Bob Kershaw, Robert Fry, Terri Hardy, Cami James, Daniel Kambic, Bob Norris, Rick Norris, Stacy Robinson, Donna Rohrbaugh, Lori Schaefer, Susan Scott, Joan and Steven Talley, Douglas Tutich, Rebecca Yoh

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