

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our Spring Banquet on April 22 at the Colonial Country Club was a huge success. Many thanks to our event planners **Sharon Royer** and **Linda Randby**, to the people who helped at registration, to the **Awards Committee**, and to the 66 members who attended this fun event. We all enjoyed a great venue, delicious food, and an excellent band that kept the dance floor packed until the very end of the evening. What a way to bring the year to a close!

The new year is off to a great start as our Deck Parties began the first Friday in May, continuing every other week until Fall; the monthly movie nights are going strong; and the Summer Picnic is right around the corner on June 24 at Camp Reily. Be sure to sign up for the picnic before June 17 to take advantage of the \$5 discount.

Our trips are well underway and getting ready to launch, bringing you some great destinations to keep the adventure going! From the New York Wine Tour to the wonderful skiing of Colorado, Utah and New Mexico, and then to the romantic Danube. What memories will you make with SSC this coming year? Check out the introductory articles in this newsletter. Remember to renew your membership with the application in this newsletter or online on the Club website. Join the SSC adventure!

SSC SUMMER PICNIC

Saturday, June 24, 11 am - 6 pm



It's summertime! Mark your calendars for SSC's annual picnic, held again at Harrisburg YWCA's Camp Reily in Fishing Creek Valley, 300 Camp Reily Rd., Linglestown. Our Summer Picnic is always a time to enjoy great food, to connect with like-minded others, and if so inclined, to enjoy the pool! The event will be your opportunity to explore SSC's 2017-2018 proposed calendar of events, offer suggestions of dates and/or junkets (i.e., wine-appreciation night, mini-golf, Pride of Susquehanna) and make your reservations for 2017-18 trips. Meet the trip leaders, ask questions and discover other members joining in the excursions.

The club will provide the main entree, beverages, condiments and paper/plastic products. To add to the feast, please bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name: A thru H – appetizers; I thru N – dessert; and O thru Z – casserole or side dish. If you don't bring a dish, you will be asked to pay \$8 extra per membership at registration.

Please make your reservation early for the picnic! **Prices will be higher after Saturday, June 17** to ensure we have time to plan and purchase enough food and beverages for everyone. **Early Bird price for SSC members through June 17 is \$15/pp for ages 12 & over; \$10 for ages 8-11; and free under age 8.** After June 17, all prices increase by \$5/pp. Memberships must be current on the date of the picnic to be eligible to attend and to be eligible for trip signups (you can join or renew at the picnic registration table). Payment can be made via our website (skissc.com/event-2532340) or mail your check now, before you forget, payable to "**SSC**" (write "picnic" in the memo) to Social VP Sharon Royer, 281 Worcester Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17111-4164. If you are paying for multiple attendees, please include their names and ages in case they qualify for free or youth admission.

We always need lots of volunteers to run this event, so please share a half hour of your time at the picnic. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact our event chair, **Lovena Nickle**, at lovnice53@comcast.net or 717-541-8803.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri, May 19, 5 pm
Wed, May 31, 6 pm
Fri, Jun 2, 5 pm
Sat & Sun, Jun 10 & 11
Wed, Jun 14, 5 pm

Fri, Jun 16, 5 pm
Sat, Jun 24, 11 am-6 pm
Wed, Jun 28, 6 pm
Fri, Jul 7, 5 pm
Wed, Jul 12, 5 pm
Fri, Jul 21, 5 pm
Sat, Jul 22, 7 pm
Wed, Jul 26, 6 pm
Date & time TBD

Deck party @ O'Reilly's Tap Room and Kitchen, 800 E. Park Dr., Harrisburg
Board meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
Deck party @ Flinchy's, 1833 Hummel Ave., Camp Hill
Music and Wine Festival @ Fort Hunter, 5300 N. Front St., Harrisburg [organizer needed]
"Hump Day" happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill (2531 Brindle Dr.) & Regal Theatre (1500 Caughey Dr.), Harrisburg
Deck party @ Spring Gate Vineyard, 5790 Devonshire Rd., Harrisburg
SSC annual picnic @ YWCA Camp Reily, 300 Camp Reily Rd., Linglestown
Board meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
Deck party @ Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland
"Hump Day" happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill & Regal Theatre, Harrisburg
Deck party @ River House Bar & Grill, 2495 E. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown
Music in the Vineyards (*Josh Square Band*) @ Nissley Winery, 140 Vintage Dr., Bainbridge
Board Meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
Kayak the Yellow Breeches/tailgate [watch SSC email blasts, website, Meetup, Facebook]

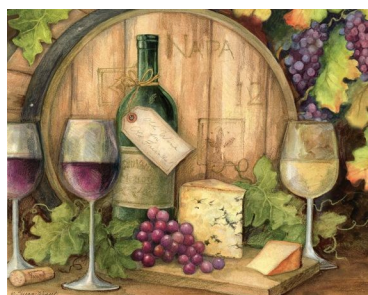
2017-2018 SSC TRIPS

Trip applications and deposits for the 2018 winter ski trips will be accepted at the SSC picnic starting at 12 noon on June 24. Applications/deposits hand-delivered to the trip leader or sent via US mail with a postmark through June 24 will have equivalent eligibility in the event that any trip is over-subscribed and a lottery becomes necessary.

Dates	Destination	Trip Leader	Contact Info
Oct 27-29, 2017	NY Wine Tour	Dave and Jane Timothy	717-979-4236 or dtimothy@centurylink.net
Jan 13-20, 2018	Steamboat, Colorado	Gary Smith	717-503-2332 or 262gsmith@gmail.com
Jan 27-Feb 3, 2018	Breckenridge, Colorado	Mike Shaw	717-253-2414 or mshawssc@gmail.com
Feb 10-17, 2018	Snowbird, Utah	Linda Randby	717-547-0083 or llaub4@gmail.com
Mar 3-10, 2108	Taos, New Mexico	Mark LaManna	717-238-3889 or mvlamanna@comcast.net
Jun 12-20, 2018	Danube Waltz River Cruise	Sherry Predix	717-957-2925 or slpredix@comcast.net

NEW YORK WINE COUNTRY TOUR

October 27–29, 2017 (Friday – Sunday)



Attention! Attention! Mark your calendar and get ready for a fun weekend. We are going back to Wine Country October 27, 28 and 29. We will be staying in Corning, NY at the **Radisson**; you will be able to enjoy the Historic District right out the door of the Hotel. Yes, it will be Halloween weekend, so plan your attire. We are going to visit some new wineries on Seneca Lake. Here are a few: **Miles Wine Cellars**, **Lakewood Vineyards**, **Glenora Wine Cellars** (the oldest winery in that area), a possible stop at **Hermann Wiemer** (not confirmed yet) and **Belhurst Castle** for tasting and dinner. That's just the first day, more to come. For more information, contact **trip leaders Dave and Jane Timothy** at dtimothy@centurylink.net or 717-979-4236. See you at the summer picnic!

STEAMBOAT, COLORADO

January 13–20, 2018 (Saturday to Saturday)

We're heading back to Steamboat—famous worldwide for its authentic western atmosphere, genuine friendliness and Olympian tradition! Experience ski-in/ski-out lodging at the **Ptarmigan Inn**, famed champagne powder, 165 trails, 3,000 acres of terrain with six peaks filled with world-class groomed cruisers, bumps, steeps, meadows, legendary trees, four terrain parks and rarely a lift line to be seen. State-of-the-art lighting illuminates selected trails for night skiing adventures. This trip includes roundtrip airfare from Dulles to Hayden (only a 35-minute drive to the Ptarmigan!), bus transportation to and from airports, a daily hot breakfast buffet, group portage, a 5-day lift ticket, and a welcome and farewell party. Enjoy western hospitality, entertaining nightlife, restaurants, shops, hot springs, and more! Optional side trips are being considered. For more information, contact **trip leader Gary Smith** (262gsmith@gmail.com or 717-503-2332).



BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

January 27–February 3, 2018 (Saturday to Saturday)

Breckenridge is a town rich with mining history and welcoming charm and is the host for the 2018 Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council trip. Clubs throughout the Northeast will join us for a great time at the winter carnival. Several activities are being planned throughout the week; details to follow. Travel with us to experience 187 trails across 2,908 acres that span across five peaks of varied terrain. The resort has a base elevation of 9,600 feet and a top elevation of 12,998, the highest lift-accessed terrain in North America. Breckenridge provides a great, walkable town with numerous restaurant and shopping options a short 5-minute walk from the hotel. We will stay at **The DoubleTree Hotel** located across the street from the QuickSilver SuperChair. Our package includes roundtrip airfare from Harrisburg to Denver, bus transportation from Denver to the resort, a kick-off breakfast on Sunday, and a 5-day ticket (also accepted at Arapahoe Basin, Keystone, Vail, and Beaver Creek). Several options are possible for formulating the best trip for you. For more information, contact **trip leader Mike Shaw** at mshawssc@gmail.com or 717-253-2414.



SNOWBIRD, UTAH

February 10–17, 2018 (Saturday to Saturday)

Snowbird, Utah is in the heart of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Little Cottonwood Canyon, one mile down-canyon from Alta. It has one Aerial Tram, 10 chairlifts including six high-speed detachable quads and four doubles (most with arm and leg rests) and two conveyor lifts. Its uphill capacity is 17,400 skiers and snowboarders per hour with 169 runs. Its longest run is approximately 2.5 miles long and its longest descent is 3.5 miles. Snowbird averages approximately 500 inches of low-density, "dry" Utah powder annually. Thanks to ideal geography and a phenomenon called Lake Effect, Little Cottonwood Canyon powder is known worldwide. This trip includes roundtrip airfare from Harrisburg to Salt Lake City, Utah. A Snowbird-only lift ticket is included for six days for the price of a 5-day lift ticket. There is also an available daily upgrade to ski at Alta. We will stay at **The Cliff Lodge** at Snowbird which is ski-in/ski-out to the slopes! For more information, contact **trip leader Linda Randby** (llaub4@gmail.com or 717-547-0083).



TAOS, NEW MEXICO

March 3–10, 2018 (Saturday to Saturday)

Taos Ski Valley is a small and remote ski area compared to other major ski areas SSC is accustomed to visit, and is a powder lover's paradise known for having light dry power and undetectable lift lines. Taos Ski Valley, located in the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains, is renowned for its expert terrain but also includes a tremendous number of **beginner and intermediate runs**. Off the ski slopes, enjoy tubing on Strawberry Hill; take a guided full moon snowshoe hike; race up a snowmobile trail; or kick back in a hot tub. Taos enjoys sunshine more than 285 days a year. Average Annual Snowfall in the Town of Taos is 35 inches and in Taos Ski Valley is 321 inches. Elevation in the Town of Taos is 6,967 feet and at the base of Taos Ski Valley it is 9,207 feet. This trip includes roundtrip airfare from BWI to Albuquerque, bus transportation to and from airports; a 5 of 6-day lift ticket, group portage, welcome reception and the general manager will host a group welcome dinner. Experience ski-in/ski-out lodging at the **Snakedance Condos and Spa**. There is an on-site spa, fitness facility and guest lounge. Condos are two bedrooms/two baths, full kitchen and each suite is individually owned and decorated with full amenities. For more information, contact **trip leader Mark LaManna** (mvlamanna@comcast.net or 717-238-3889).



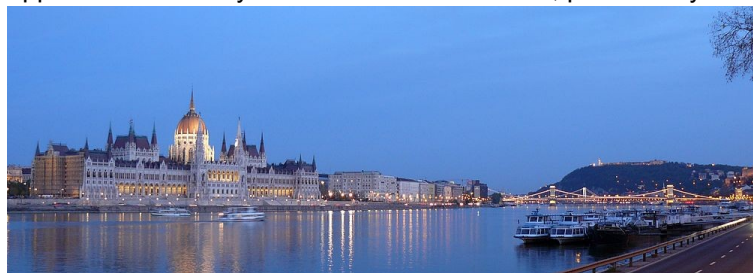
DANUBE WALTZ RIVER CRUISE

June 12–20, 2018 (Tuesday to Wednesday)

Join SSC as we travel down the Danube River aboard the Viking Cruise Line's Longship **Vilhjalm**. Your basic cruise will have you flying out on June 12 and arriving in Budapest, Hungary June 13 where you'll transfer to boat and cruise over the next 8 days to Passau. Ports visited along the way include Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Krems, Linz, and Passau. Also included are six guided tours with audio headsets (a detailed listing of the guided tours will be emailed under separate cover to interested parties), all port charges, and free wifi. We will visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites. The following are also included: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners, featuring regional specialties as well as complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with onboard dinner and lunch service. Included is a Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner and a Captain's Farewell Dinner and much more.

Build your own trip on this excursion by choosing from three types of cabins on the Longship **Vilhjalm**; you can also choose the airport from which you depart (Dulles or Harrisburg, although Dulles is recommended) and pricing will depend on application date. Transportation to and from Dulles is not included in the cost. This will depend on the number flying out of Dulles and arrangements will be made accordingly.

Reserved Cabins for our trip on the Longship Vilhjalm are Category E Standard cabin on the lower deck. Category E and F have rectangular shaped windows at eye level within the room and above the ship's waterline. Category D - a French Balcony stateroom on the middle deck. The French Balcony rooms have a floor to ceiling window with a portion that slides open. There is no outdoor sitting area outside the room. Category B - a Veranda Balcony stateroom on the middle deck. These rooms have a small outside sitting area with two chairs and a sliding glass door on the outside wall of the room. There are other cabins on the upper deck and may be available. If interested, please let your trip leader know to obtain pricing of such.



You can extend your overseas stay by adding a two-day optional pre-trip 2-night extension in Budapest and/or a post trip 3-night extension in Prague. If you take the optional pre trip you will fly out on June 10, arriving Budapest on the 11th. Stay in Budapest 2 nights and board the cruise ship on June 13. If extending your trip to Prague, on June 20 you will be transported to Prague for 3 nights lodging and fly home from Prague on June 23.

Mark your calendars and be ready to reserve your spot. Trip price will be publicized and trip sales will open just around the corner—stay tuned for an announcement via SSC email blast. For more information, please contact **trip leader Sherry Predix** at slpredix@comcast.net or 717-957-2925.

SUMMERTIME IS DECK TIME!

It's Deck Party time again! Join us for gathering with friends old and new at local decks/patios throughout the SSC area, generally every other Friday beginning May 5. No reservation or membership needed! Arrive at the selected destination (see upcoming SSC newsletters or SSC's website, or Meetup or Facebook pages) at 5 pm or later, look for folks gathered around tables displaying SSC table tent cards and JOIN IN! This is a great outlet to meet club members and discover SSC. We look forward to seeing you soon!!



“HUMP DAY” MOVIE NIGHT Wednesdays, June 14 & July 12

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. Romano's happy hour runs from 4-7 pm; happy hour prices include \$4 red or white house wine, \$5 personal pizza. **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 **Lovey Nickle** at 717-541-8803.

MUSIC IN THE VINEYARDS Saturday, July 22

Join us at the romantic location of Nissley Winery near Bainbridge for one of SSC's favorite evenings of the summer. The night will be filled with music from **Josh Square**, a pop variety, 70's and beyond band. Our wonderful ski club members don't spare to share their fancy dishes with candelabras and flowers on picnic tables. Nissley wine is excellent and offers something for every palate from very dry to very sweet in red, white or blush by the glass or by the bottle. For the first time Nissley is also offering draft beer from a local brewery.

Our tickets this year are priced at \$13, which includes admission, the table set-up in a roped off area, utensils, and bottles of water, but will **not** include any wine or beer. You may purchase wine or beer by the glass or bottle at the cash bar. The band plays from 7:30-10:00 pm. We encourage you to come with your own chairs and food around 6:00 pm. Please mail your check made out to "SSC" with a return envelope to **Lilly Peek**, 125 Old Ford Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Any questions contact Lilly at peeklilly@gmail.com or text/call 717-385-4667. Deadline for this special group rate is July 15.



2016-2017 PHOTO CONTEST WINNER



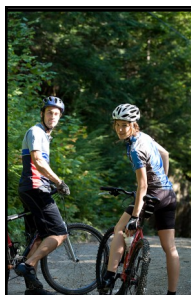
Congratulations to **James Haslam** for his winning photo of the Cologne Cathedral at Cologne, Germany during the SSC Rhine River Cruise in October 2017.

SPRING BANQUET RECAP

Our annual Spring Banquet was held on April 22 at the Colonial Golf and Tennis Club in Harrisburg. The evening started with a cocktail hour. Then, after a wonderful dinner, special awards and acknowledgments to the past year SSC Board of Directors, support staff, trip leaders and event organizers commenced. The gavel was handed from **outgoing President Sherry Predix** to **incoming President Dianne Paukovits**. Thank you Sherry for all of your hard work on behalf of SSC! The new, smaller Board of Directors was introduced, as well as our 2017/2018 trip leaders. Then, on to an evening of dancing and getting loose to the music of **The Pepper Street Band**. It was difficult to find a spot on the dance floor, just the way we like it! Thank you, Pepper Street, for making the evening one to remember! Additional thanks to our **event sponsors Brenda Bent, Coldwell Banker, Bruce Fields, NAICIR, Billmyer Renovations and Highland Gardens**. Thanks also to our venue host, Colonial Golf and Tennis Club. And many thanks to the members who helped make this event happen: **event planners Sharon Royer and Linda Randby**, plus **volunteers Lovena Nickle, Jim Haslam, Becky and Bob Havice, Terri Falk, Debbie Spencer, Dyan Yingst and Barb Crout**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Chairperson needed for Get-Acquainted Party. Please contact **Sharon Royer, Social VP**, at sroyer230@gmail.com.



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.

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 2017 Summer Picnic, Get-Acquainted Party, Holiday Party and our 2018 Picture Party and Annual Spring Banquet. For more information, please contact **Immediate Past President Sherry Predix** at slpredix@comcast.net.



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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

SSC's new membership year began on 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-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 SSC membership not previously renewed received a reminder email from the club on April 1. This email included 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 this email for obtaining a new temporary password. 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, 2018" 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.

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: _____