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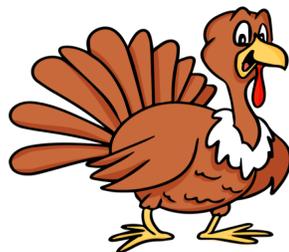
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I don't know about you, but when the swimming pools close after Labor Day Weekend, it makes me a little sad to say goodbye to summer. But that doesn't last long as the beauty of Fall and the Halloween decorations perk up my spirits. I even picked grapes (something I've never done before) at a local winery twice in the last two weeks. I love living in PA where we experience all four seasons. Before we know it, winter will be here and for some of us that's our favorite time of year because of skiing/riding. All ski resorts are facing challenges to keep everyone safe from the Covid pandemic and that was the main topic recently at the Eastern PA Ski Council's (EPSC) Fall Meeting. Dianne Paukovits is SSC's EPSC rep and she attended this meeting along with several other Board members. At our Oct. 6 Membership Meeting Dianne reported on "How the Pandemic will affect the ski industry" and that report is printed below in its entirety. I am also working on having a representative from Roundtop at our November or December Membership Meeting to speak about the changes there and you will have the opportunity to have your questions answered. Until we meet again, enjoy your Fall and stay safe.

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MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL/MEETING Tuesday, November 3, 6/7 PM

Our next membership meeting of the 2020-2021 season is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 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. A brief business meeting will commence at 7 PM. Possible speakers - Bouquet Mulligan DeMaio and/or Mountainside; Come out and get the latest news on trips and social events, plus sharing of memories made and yet to happen with SSC friends! Also, remember, November is the month of Thanksgiving. Please participate in the club's annual Central PA Food Bank collection of groceries and monetary gifts. Looking forward to seeing you after an interesting year of social distancing!

As always, check our website, FACEBOOK, Meet-up and e-blasts for changes!

SSC ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

We are already halfway through our administrative year, and that means we have to start thinking about volunteers for Board positions for next year. Volunteers are the engine that keeps this club running by providing great trips and fun activities for the benefit of all of its members to enjoy. Nominations for officers and directors will be presented at the January 5, 2021 membership meeting. If you are interested in serving on the 2021-2022 Board of Directors or have any questions about director or officer responsibilities, please contact Past President Becky Havice rpatt@eawireless.net

GETTYSBURG BIKE RIDE – Recap

The weather was a beautiful day and the attendance for this annual event was evidence of it. Mark LaManna, our regular history narrator, was unavailable this year due to knee surgery but we were fortunate to have others willing to take over when needed. Our Substitute narrator, Harry, was knowledgeable and added many details to this reverent ride. Thanks to everyone for another successful Emailrider and SSC day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 3 - Membership Meeting – Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland
- Nov 20 - **CANCELLED** - Get Acquainted Party (GAP)
- Dec 1 - Membership Meeting – Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland
- Jan 5 - Membership Meeting – Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland

2020-2021 SSC TRIP STATUS

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

Dates	Trip Destination	Trip Leader	Status	Contact information
Jan 16 - Jan. 23, 2021	Big Sky, Montana (IKON PASS)	Dyan Yingst	Closed	skierdyan@comcast.net or 717-979-4152 (m)
Jan 30 - Feb 6, 2021	Mt. Bachelor, Oregon (IKON PASS)	Suzanne Laughman	Last call! 6 more people would help	Adventuregal57.sl@gmail.com or 717-503-3523 (m)
Feb 20 - Feb 27, 2021	Banff/Lake Louise Canada (IKON PASS)	Gary Smith	Last Call! Four open spots available !!!	262gsmith@gmail.com or 717-503-2332 (m)
Mar 5- 3,2021 ! Extension to Prague cancelled !	Solden Austria	Dianne Paukovits	Last Call !! Need single male and single female!	dpaukovits@comcast.net or 717-503-9493 (m)
Sept 18 - Sept 28, 2021	Enchanting Canyonlands National Parks Tour	Becky Havice	Open	rlpatt50@gmail.com or 717-250-2811 (m)
Aug 15 - 20, 2021	Michigan Bike Trip	Suzanne Laughman	9 spots left	Adventuregal57.sl@gmail.com or 717-503-3523 (m)

PLEASE COMMIT EARLY TO AVOID THE CANCELLATION OF THESE TRIPS

The contracts we have this year due to COVID-19 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).

Last Call !!

Mount Bachelor, Bend Oregon

January 30 – February 6, 2021

(Saturday-Saturday)

Airline seats and Rooms will be confirmed on October 23rd!!



A returning destination for SSC!! Ski this dormant volcano at Mount Bachelor, Oregon with over 4300 acres of lift accessible terrain, lodging in Bend, Oregon, Beer City USA with 17 microbreweries and 30 restaurants just steps from the hotel. Known for its light, dry snow, diverse terrain and family friendliness, guests can ski or ride 360 degrees off the summit, hike the adjoining cinder cone or a thrilling run down, or ski the trees to find that great cache of powder! Surrounded by tall hemlocks and pines of the Deschutes National Forest you are sure to enjoy this mountain experience at Mount Bachelor. The winter fun doesn't stop at the slopes. Set your tail wagging on a dog sled dash thru the Deschutes Forest, get cozy with critters at the high Desert Museum, get your game on at the Sun Mountain Fun Center, and finish your day by making snow angels and star-gazing until you're sleepy. The mountain also offers cross country skiing, snow shoe tours, and snow tubing. You won't want to pass up a trip at this resort! The trip includes round-trip air and ground transportation from Harrisburg to Portland to Bend, 7 nights lodging at the Doubletree, daily full buffet breakfast, and a 5-day lift ticket with optional 6th day. You won't want to pass up a trip at this resort for \$1730.00 dbl occupancy!! Deduct \$260 for land only or Ikon pass. For more information contact trip leader Suzanne Laughman at Adventuregal57.sl@gmail.com , or (717) 503-3523.

Last Call!! Four spots still available!
BANFF / LAKE LOUISE, ALBERTA CANADA
February 20, 2021 – February 27, 2021
(Saturday-Saturday)

Canada Wild is Calling! Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is home to three World Class ski resorts: Banff Sunshine, Lake Louise, and Mt. Norquay. Set within the vast Canadian Rockies, it is known for its scenery, unspoiled wilderness, and natural beauty. Enjoy the driest and lightest snow with terrain to suit every ski level. The three resorts combined boast nearly 8,000 skiable acres, 2 gondolas, 26 chairlifts. 356 runs, 30 feet of powder annually, 276 Elk, 70 grizzly bears, 40 black bears, and 45 wolves! **Banff Sunshine** sits on the Continental Divide just 15 minutes' drive from Banff. The three sprawling mountains that make up Sunshine provide 3,300 skiable acres and 137 runs ranging from gentle beginner up to big mountain runs. **Lake Louise** is known for its spectacular scenery and versatile terrain is a 40 minute shuttle from Banff. Across four mountain faces, Lake Louise provides over 4,200 skiable acres and 145 runs plus huge back bowls. **Mt. Norquay** is just minutes from Banff and offers a terrain park, 190 skiable acres and 60 runs with terrain for all levels. This is the best-kept secret in the Canadian Rockies.

We will be staying at the recently opened 4-star Moose Hotel & Suites, a 1 minute walk from the heart of downtown Banff. The design of the Moose is Mountain elegance with warm, rich, natural materials. Amenities include breakfast daily, the Meadow Spa & Pools, indoor swimming pool - exercise room, free Wi-Fi, and 2 spectacular rooftop hot pools with views of the Canadian Rocky Mountains!! Dining is available at Pacini Italian Restaurant.

Non-skiers? So much to see and do! Explore the Banff village, shop on Main Street, tour numerous museums, relax in the nearby hot springs, shuttle to visit the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, visit the hotel spa, or go cross-country skiing. It is a one block walk from the hotel to downtown Banff central.

Let's not forget the favorable exchange rate!!

The package is priced at \$1,855 per person double occupancy. Deduct \$300.00 for non-skiers or IKON pass holders. Deduct \$60 for Seniors 65+ with a five-day lift ticket. Add \$60 to upgrade to six-day lift ticket. Add \$ 48 for Seniors 65+ with a six-day lift ticket. Please mail your completed trip application and deposit of \$650 per person (payable to "SSC") to trip leader **Gary Smith**, 21 Dakota Drive, Hazleton, PA 18202. For additional information, contact Gary at 717-503-2332 or 262gsmith@gmail.com

Last Call!!
SÖLDEN, AUSTRIA
March 5-13, 2021
(Friday-Saturday)

This trip needs 11 people including 1 single male, and 1 single female
The Post Trip Extension to Prague is no longer viable due to airline schedule cuts

Sölden is known for its Snow-Sure skiing guarantee! Whether it's for the world class skiing on three peaks over 10,000 ft and the two connecting glaciers, or the long runs up to 6 miles that descend a 5,500 ft. vertical, the 90 miles of runs, state of the art mountain infrastructure, and snow making on glaciers, or the groomed slopes for beginners, intermediates, and real experts, the wide open cruisers, or the breath-taking scenery outside, or inside at the 007 ELEMENTS cinematic installation on the mountain for the James Bond 2015 film, SPECTRE, which had several scenes filmed there... come to Sölden!

Off mountain sports and activities abound with cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, ice skating, snowmobiling, dog sledding, heli-tours, paragliding, curling, toboggan runs, sleigh rides, Aqua Dome ultra-modern thermal bath, Freizeit Arena indoor sports complex with a large pool complex, sauna, tanning, gym, and, yoga. Also, explore the art galleries, museums, shops, restaurants, pubs, and the world renowned après ski scene.

Lodging will be at the four-star Hotel Tyrolerhof, located in the center of Sölden, only 100 yards from the Giggijoch gondola. The hotel is an oasis of well-being and wellness featuring an indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, steam bath, spa treatments, and fitness center. The on-site restaurant offers Tyrolean Cuisine and international dishes, and guests can enjoy après ski around the bar's crackling fire.

Trip Price of \$2,765 pp/dbl occ., includes ground transfers, flights, 7 nights lodging, superior rooms, full European breakfast daily, 4-course dinner nightly, wine and cheese welcome, 5 of 7-day *Ötztal Superskipass*, portorage, baggage tags and travel packets. Send your deposit of \$775.00 made payable to "SSC", along with a signed trip application, and copy of your passport to trip leader **Dianne Paukovits**, 1107 Cord Drive, Hummelstown, PA 17036. For additional information, contact Dianne at 717-503-9493 or dpaukovits@comcast.net.

ENCHANTING NATIONAL PARKS TOUR

September 18- September 28, 2021

(Saturday-Tuesday)

They say life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away. Join SSC as we embark on a trip that will take your breath away at every corner. This tour will be leading you to the nation's most fascinating chasms, hoodoos, and other rock formations. This canyonlands vacation is as multilayered as the ancient tiers of stone that formed these parks. We will fly into and start our trip under the neon lights of Las Vegas. We will make our way by motor coach to the flame-colored walls of six national parks throughout Arizona and Utah, including Grand Canyon, Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks. Also included in this trip are a Lake Powell boat cruise through stunning Glen Canyon and a 4-wheel drive ride through the Navajo Nation's majestic Monument Valley. Included backcountry barbecues, wine tastings, and rustic, resort lodges within a stone's throw of the nation's most spellbinding views only deepen this canyonlands experience.

Basic package includes: All ground transportation, roundtrip air (airline and airport to be determined). Two nights lodging in Las Vegas at the Treasure Island (first and last night), 1 night lodging Kachina Lodge in Grand Canyon National Park, 2 nights lodging Lake Powell Resort, 1 night lodging Goulding's Lodge Monument Valley, 2 nights lodging Red Cliffs Lodge Moab, 2 nights lodging Best Western Plus Bryce Canyon Bryce Canyon National Park, all park entrance fees (Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Moab, Arches National Park, Canyonland National Park, Dead Horse Point State Park, Capital Reef National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, and Zion National Park), 10 breakfasts, 5 three-course dinners, cruise on Lake Powell, Navajo guide into red rock back country, 4 wheel-drive vehicle tour Monument Valley, wine tasting Moab, sightseeing and services of professional tour guides. Tips will be included for bus driver, tour guides and local guides for included excursions. Hotel tips will not be included. Optional excursions will be available at a later date; these excursions and tips will be at the participant's expense. Since air pricing is not yet available, we have estimated the cost to be \$500 and once the actual price is known, we will adjust the pricing. All of this for \$3795 double occupancy. \$4938 for single occupancy (limited availability) and \$3556 for triple occupancy are also options. If more than 30 people sign up for this adventure, further discounts may be applied.

MANDATORY PLEASE NOTE: EMERGENCY CONTACT-NAME, RELATION AND PHONE NUMBER FOR EACH PERSON ON THE TRIP MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH COMPLETED AND SIGNED TRIP APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT

\$1000 deposit will hold your spot on this bucket list adventure.

Send your deposit (payable to SSC) along with your signed trip application and emergency contact information to trip leader Becky Havice 108 Ridgeview Drive Lewistown, PA 17044. Questions, please contact trip leader Becky Havice at rlpatt50@gmail.com or 717-250-2811.

Michigan Bike Trip

(August 15 – August 20, 2021)

(Sunday-Saturday)

9 spots still available!
Not too soon to think about a bike trip to
Michigan Islands, Trails & Dunes



Rekindle your love of the outdoors on this 6-day exploration of Lake Michigan's Southern Shore. Spend 2 nights on Mackinaw Island and sample its simple charm and wild beauty. Roll along Lake Michigan's shoreline on a mix of winding back country roads and car free trails, passing picturesque wineries and farmlands. The northern Lower Peninsula offers incredible biking and stunning sites. If you are interested email Suzanne for the detailed itinerary. A deposit of \$250 beginning in October will hold your spot! 9 more spots available.

Offered by Wilderness Voyageurs
Contact – Suzanne Laughman for more info
Adventuregal57.sl@gmail.com
717 503 3523



HOW THE PANDEMIC WILL AFFECT THE SKI INDUSTRY

This information was presented by speakers present at the EPSC's Fall Meeting on Sept. 27 at Blue Mountain Ski Resort:

Most of our everyday lives are very different this year because of the pandemic, and this will carry forward and have an impact on ski industry for the 2020-2021 ski season. This will be a very different ski season. The ski areas will be open, and they very much want our business. They are doing everything they can to put into place new practices to keep everyone safe. Knowing these changes in advance, and what to expect will help all of us be better prepared to enjoy our favorite winter sport.

These are the major changes you can expect to see on the slopes this winter. Each person is required to wear face coverings to access the mountain, including in lift lines, and while loading, unloading, and riding on chairlifts and gondolas. Reservations must be made in advance, except for season pass holders. Lift tickets must be purchased online. Buy lift tickets early for the best discounts, and better chance of availability. Ticket windows at the mountain will be closed. Guest services will be open. Lift tickets will have RFID technology in them to monitor the number of people on the mountain. More mountains may offer 4-hour lift tickets. Lifts will have spacing policies in place such as two singles at the ends of a four-seat chair, two people at the ends of a six-seat chair, or two people in a large gondola. Lift lines will be longer and wider as a result of these spacing policies. The number of lockers will be limited. Benches may be removed from the locker rooms, making "booting-up" a challenge. You may have to boot up at your car. Rentals will require an online reservation as well. Inside dining will be at 50% capacity. Outside dining will be more flexible. Dining on the mountain will be limited or unavailable depending on the size of the resort/facility. Reservations are advisable for table service restaurants. Bringing lunch is encouraged, especially at smaller resorts. Some resorts will be encouraging tail gating. It is recommended that the Ski Patrol phone number be on your cell phone for quick access in emergencies. First aid areas may require a phone call first to gain access. Bus/Shuttle capacity in general will be affected, and may differ at the discretion of each company. Some shuttles at the mountains may not be in operation. Private vehicles are preferred. Stay informed of interstate travel restrictions for any type of travel. Restrictions are determined on a state by state basis, and will vary based on pandemic infection levels. Knowing the requirements ahead of time for your departure and destination states is recommended to avoid any surprises.

Remember, the rules can change weekly. And, please don't be a complainer—be flexible, or the resorts may cut back even more. We hope this information is helpful to you in planning ahead, navigating the changes, and having fun this coming ski season!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and/or RENEWAL

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 Membership - \$25 Family Membership - \$35 Junior Membership - \$20

Reminder: Please keep our Membership Director, Gary Smith, updated at 262gsmith@gmail.com if you change your email address.

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. <small>mac2015/membership application</small>	

HAPPY HOUR & MOVIE NIGHTS

Tuesdays, CANCELLED – Regal temporarily closed theatres due to COVID-19 fall-out.

INTERESTED IN HOSTING AN EVENT?

If you are interested in hosting a wine/beer night, bowling, or other activity, contact Social VP **Sharon Royer** at sharon.royer@verizon.net

SAVE the DATES

- **CANCELLED** – GET-ACQUAINTED PARTY November 21. Due to COVID-19 and PA Emergency Declaration.
- Saturday, April 24 - Annual Spring Banquet – Radisson, Camp Hill

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.

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 4-5 hour shift worked. All you have to do is contact **Lovena Nickle** at lovnick53@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.



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.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Scott Bell, Kara Durgin, Chris Maxwell, Larry Sipe, Michael Walsh

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 Get-Acquainted Party, Holiday Party, and our 2021 Banquet. For more information, please contact Past President **Becky Havice** at rlpatt@eawireless.net



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