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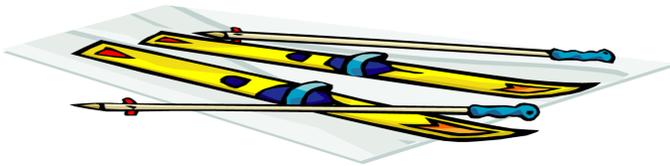
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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings SSC Members. It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall is just around the corner. Between the deck parties, summer picnic, movie nights, hike, bike and paddle, the Nissley concert and other SSC social events, I am sure everyone has had an opportunity to socialize with their SSC friends over the summer. This fall will bring more opportunities with the Get Acquainted Party, additional bike rides and our movie nights. Tuesday, September 3rd is our first membership meeting of the 2019-2020 season. Please join us at Boomerang Bar and Grill with the social hour starting at 6:00 pm and the meeting starting at 7:00 pm. All the trip leaders will be there with information about their trips. We have spots available on our day and 4-day long bus trips along with spots still available on our week long western, Canadian and European trips. Please don't delay signing up for these trips, because late September is the cutoff date for dropping spots on some of our trips. Also, signups for our Alaska cruise will be available at the Sept. membership meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting, applications/deposits sent via US mail with a postmark August 27th<sup>-</sup> September 3rd will have equivalent eligibility in the event that the Alaska trip is over-subscribed and a lottery becomes necessary. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the September membership meeting.

*Becky*



## 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.

## Swatara Rail Trail Bike Ride - Saturday, September 14

Join us for a combination bike ride and tailgate or if you prefer, for one or the other! The rail trail is relatively flat, with variable surfaces (dirt, gravel, and pavement) requiring wider tires than road tires. The trail runs alongside Swatara Creek. Bike riders will meet at the entrance (Lickdale interchange) and pedal 10 miles via the rail trail to the Pine Grove interchange (exit 100) of I-81 and then back, about 20 miles total. This ride being on a rail trail means that everyone can ride a distance and a pace that is correct for them. After the ride we are going to have a tail gate, please bring something with you to share. Please bring a non-transparent reusable cup to enjoy the beverages we will have to share. For more information contact Suzanne Laughman 717-503-3523 or [sslaughman1@comcast.net](mailto:sslaughman1@comcast.net)



**Directions:** Swatara State Park is in Lebanon and Schuylkill counties, 14 miles north of Lebanon and 3 miles west of Pine Grove. The park is easily reached from I-81: at exit 90, Lickdale, follow PA 72 north; at exit 100, take PA 443 west; entrance on the right

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 20 - Happy hour & movie night
- Aug 28 - Board meeting
- Aug 29 - Thursday, Deck Party, Greystone Public House
- Sept 3 - Membership Meeting, Boomerang 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
- Oct 1 - Membership Meeting, Boomerang Bar & Grill 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland
- Oct 11 - Fri, Deck Party, Ever Grain, 4424 Carlisle Park, Camp Hill
- Oct 15 - Happy hour & movie night, Romano's Macaroni Grill & Regal Harrisburg Stadium 14
- Oct 30 - Board meeting

## 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	71% sold, 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	92% sold	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 but single male and female needed	717-503-3523 or <a href="mailto:sslaughman1@comcast.net">sslaughman1@comcast.net</a>
March 1-March 5, 2020	New Hampshire 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	85% sold	717-542-1735 or <a href="mailto:swissnutmike@gmail.com">swissnutmike@gmail.com</a>
Aug 28-Sept 10, 2020	Alaska Cruise and Land	Barb Collier	Opening soon	717-248-5028 or <a href="mailto:bcollier333@hotmail.com">bcollier333@hotmail.com</a>

2nd payments for the trips are coming up. Please refer to the chart below. Remember if you are unable to make your payment on time, please let your trip leader know ahead of the due date to make different arrangements

Park City	8/30/2019	\$500.00
Vail	9/6/2019	\$800.00
Quebec	9/13/2019	\$500.00
Val Thorens	10/1/2019	\$1,200.00

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

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 five 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. Elk Mountain is the highest lift-serviced skiing in Eastern PA with its 2,692 ft. summit and vertical drop of 1,000 feet. There are six chairlifts including five doubles and one quad, and a variety of challenging and cruising runs, the longest being one mile. Trip includes roundtrip bus transportation from Camp Hill to Elk Mountain Resort and a full-day lift ticket. If you have any questions about the trip, please email, text or call Claire Birney at [Claire3704@comcast.net](mailto:Claire3704@comcast.net) or 717-315-5899.

### 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!

### Save the Date!

#### GET-ACQUAINTED PARTY

**Saturday, November 23** - Roundtop Mountain Resort  
-Main Lodge, Returning this year is last year's  
GAP Band - KATZ22. Members Only

## VAIL, COLORADO - **Single female needed** 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) - **Single male & single female needed** Saturday February 22 - Saturday February 29, 2020

The Canyons Resort is Utah's largest, boasting 4,000 acres and 182 trails across nine peaks with diverse terrain for every skier and rider. Park City Mountain offers 3,300 acres with 101 designated runs including one right into town. Vail now owns both of these resorts and is connecting them with a new gondola, creating the largest ski resort in the nation. 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. Guests at the Park City Peaks Hotel will enjoy a daily breakfast buffet, indoor/outdoor heated pool, 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 their front door, offering a short ride to nearby mountain resorts and historic Main Street with 100 bars, restaurants and shops. SSC's package price of \$2032 pp/do include ground transportation to and from the airports, 7 nights lodging with daily breakfast buffet, a welcome party, 5 of 6-day lift ticket good at both Park City/Canyons, and Deer Valley. 7,300 acres served by 40 lifts and interconnecting gondola, and free shuttle service from our hotel door to nearby resorts and historic Main Street. Please mail your completed trip application and \$500 deposit payable to "SSC" to trip leader Suzanne Laughman, 427 S York Street, Mechanicsburg, 17055. For more information, please contact Suzanne at 717 -503-3523 or [sslaughman1@comcast.net](mailto:sslaughman1@comcast.net). Second payments of \$500 are due by August 30, 2019 and we still have openings for 1 single female and 1 single male. Still waiting for air confirmation by middle of August.

## **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., Bretton 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 Bretton 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 Bretton 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**

SEPT in French is SEVEN.....That's how many LUCKY PEOPLE will still be able to sign up to go to Val Thorens March 7-15, 2020 to ski the 3 Vallees and stay at the all-inclusive Club Med's Val Thorens Sensation. Ski in-Ski out, lift ticket, food and beverages, hot tub and free group lessons for only \$3200. Bus to Newark, non-stop to Geneva, and skis fly free. Trip Leader Mike Oberdick has been to the 3 Vallees many times and will be able to show you around the area. Don't be #8 with a frowny face because you missed out!!! Did you watch the Tour de France final mountain stage in Val Thorens???? Go to [www.skissc.com](http://www.skissc.com) for trip application **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. For questions, contact Mike at [swissnutmike@gmail.com](mailto:swissnutmike@gmail.com) or 717-542-1735

## **Alaska: Cruise and Land Package on Holland**

### **Friday August 28,2020 – Thursday September 10, 2020**

Join SSC on a "bucket list" trip to Alaska, the last frontier. Our adventure will begin in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada where we will stay for two nights in the downtown boutique hotel, Opus Hotel. You will have time to explore all this beautiful city has to offer, Stanley Park, Granville Island, Gastown or Chinatown. We will then board the Holland America Noordam for a seven-night cruise. We will sail the famous Inside Passage, known for its natural beauty and abundant wildlife. The first stop is in Ketchikan, Alaska which is known as the "Salmon Capital of the World" and home to the largest collection of totem poles in the world. The next stop is Juneau, the capital city which is surrounded by massive scenic mountains. The Mount Roberts Tramway is an aerial tram which ascends from the cruise ship dock to Mount Roberts which has extensive hiking trails and a nature center. We continue on to Skagway Alaska, now preserved as part of the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park where rangers offer free walking tours around the historic district. Following this stop, we spend a day cruising Glacier Bay with a Park Service Ranger. This is one of the planets largest biosphere reserves where stone, ice and water continue to collide sculpting a dramatic landscape that is the crown jewel of Southeast Alaska's natural wonders. The cruise ends in Seward, Alaska, which is ground zero for the Klondike Gold Rush's Iditarod National Historic Trail. We will be transported by motor coach to the McKinley Chalet Resort in Denali National Park where we will stay for two nights. September 7, 2020 we will take the Tundra Wilderness Tour to get an up-close view of the mountains and view wildlife. September 8, 2020 we will take the domed rail cars of the McKinley Explorer to Anchorage where we will stay one night. On September 9, 2020 we will take an overnight flight home.

This trip includes all ground transportation, roundtrip air (airline and airport to be determined), 2 nights lodging at the Opus Hotel in Vancouver ,British Columbia, including daily breakfast and a \$75CAD per room food and beverage credit, 10- night Double Denali Northbound Alaska Cruise and Land Tour on the Holland America, Noordam (onboard credit of \$400 per cabin, dinner for 2 at Pinnacle Grill, all taxes and port fees and premium internet package with the Verandah Staterooms for bookings through October 8, 2019 and will be updated at that time.), 2 nights stay at McKinley Chalet Resort, Tundra Wilderness Tour in Denali National Park, ride on the McKinley Explorer domed rail car and one night stay in Anchorage. Ports include Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Seward Alaska. Since air pricing is not yet available, we have estimated the cost to be \$1,000 and once the actual price is known, we will adjust the pricing. We will begin accepting applications on Tuesday August 27, 2019 and will use the first membership meeting on Tuesday September 3, 2019 as the cut off in the event that a lottery is necessary. We will be able to accept credit card payments which will be subject to a processing fee. For more information, please contact trip leader Barb Collier at [bcollier333@hotmail.com](mailto:bcollier333@hotmail.com) or 717-829-5028. If you cannot make the Sept. membership meeting and paying by check, your deposit of \$1000, payable to SSC, and your signed application may be sent to Barb at P.O. Box 603 Hummelstown, PA 17036.

## HAPPY HOUR & MOVIE NIGHTS

Tuesdays, September 17 & October 15

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 DATES!

- Sept 3 Membership meeting
- Oct 5 - 6 World Cup Ski Swap
- Oct 12 -13 Mountainside Ski Swap

## 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 [lovnice53@comcast.net](mailto:lovnice53@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!!

Marc Horner, Deb Horner, Bill Norris, Denise Norris, John Herzog, Joseph Martin, Guillaume Jacob, Marsha Souza, David Statt

## 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 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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