

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



September 2023

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I cannot believe that it is August already! Where did the summer go? Well, the social committee still has a lot of fun events planned for you to enjoy in the last days of summer. For bike riders, we have the Buffalo Rail Trial, Lower Tail and Gettysburg bike rides. For paddlers we have the Kayak Paddle on the Swatara Creek to cool you off and for the two and four wheeled motorized vehicle lovers, we have the Apple Orchard Car Rally. Oh, and don't forget our deck parties and Happy Hour/Movie nights. Check out the upcoming events to find dates and details.

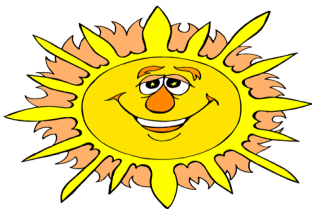
What Bob and I are very excited about as summer closes out, is the upcoming SSC Alaskan Land and Cruise trip leaving on August 25th. This has been a long-time bucket list for us and it is finally here. We will be joining 42 other SSC members on a cruise up the inside passage and then to Denali National Park. The original trip, scheduled for September of 2020, was cancelled due to COVID. After a three-year wait, it is finally here. Thanks to Barb Collier for all of her hard work as trip leader for both the original trip and the current one.

Please note that the September membership meeting will be the **second** Tuesday of the month, Tuesday September 12, 2023. We still have spots available on the Copper, Seven Springs, Attitash/Wildcat and Alta Badia ski trips. Trip leaders will be there to take your deposits. **Please note that Copper will need to turn some rooms back prior to Sept. 1, so please do not wait till the September membership meeting to sign up for this trip.**

Hope to see you on the Lower Trail.

Take care and be safe

Becky



MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL/MEETING Tuesday, September 12, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

SSC's first membership meeting of the 2023-2024 season will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 (not the usual first week) 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 remaining trip signups begin at 6 PM. The trip leaders will be on hand to answer your questions and take any deposits. We still have openings for our bus trips to Attitash/Wildcat and to Seven Springs along with spots on our Copper Mt. trip. 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS

August 24	Deck Party – The Englewood, Hershey
8/25 – 9/8	Alaska Trip
August 23	Zoom SSC Board Meeting
September 10	Bike Ride – Lower Trail
September 12	Membership Meeting–Boomerang Bar & Grill
TBD	Apple Orchard Car Rally
September 19	Happy Hour/Movie Night–Harvest Seasonal Grill
September 22	Deck Party-The Waterfront Bar & Grill, Marysville
September 27	Zoom SSC Board Meeting
October 1	Gettysburg Bike Ride – No Rain date
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	Zoom SSC Board Meeting
October 28	Halloween Party
November 3	GAME NIGHT – The Coliseum, Mechanicsburg
November 7	Membership Meeting – Boomerang Bar & Grill
November 15	Zoom SSC Board Meeting
November 18	THE GAP

TAKE NOTE EVERYONE: We also have many combined bike rides and hikes with "The Email Riders". This group of folks also overlaps with SSC Members. If you are interested in more bike rides and hikes, please contact Mike Gavin. Have your name added to his email list and then join us for more rides and hikes!! His email is emailriders1@comcast.net

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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 cheaper than whole Ikon Pass	Lynn Hannon	Open for 6 more Also need single male/female	lynnannhannon@verizon.net 717-579-2668
February 25-29, 2024	North Conway, NH EPIC mountains. Lift Tickets are not included in this package	Mike Creamer	Open	mcream12@gmail.com 717-829-6628
January 31-Feb 2, 2024	Seven Springs Sampler EPIC-Lift Tickets are not included in this package	Denise Bernatos	Open	dbernato@comcast.net 717 576-8756

www.ikonpass.com : IKON www.epicpass.com : EPIC www.indyskipass.com :INDY PASS

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

COPPER MOUNTAIN, COLORADO

January 7-14, 2024

Sunday-Sunday

HELP! We want you to come ski with us!

Dear Ski Club Friends –

Yes, it is going to be 100 degrees this week and yes, the last thing on your mind is skiing or snowboarding but we hope you can bring such activities to the forefront of your mind for a minute... Why?

Well, we have a wonderful ski trip planned to Copper Mountain this winter and after receiving lots of feedback from you, we changed it from a 5-day trip to a 7-day trip. We still have a lot of room on this trip and an important deadline is fast approaching... on September 1, which is before the first membership meeting of the new SSC year, we have to turn back 4 rooms. We don't really want to do this but will if we must. **Can you please consider joining this trip during these hottest days of the summer, before September?** If yes, the trip leader will be very happy to have you on the trip! Here are the particulars...

The **Basic package prices** are: \$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@gmail.com 717-576-2301



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 mkremer12@gmail.com

SSC's Annual Get-Acquainted Party

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Why change a good thing? Remember to renew your membership and mark your calendars for one of SSC's most popular events. The annual "SSC Get-Acquainted Party" is returning to the Dillsburg American Legion. What a great way to reconnect with friends and begin planning your winter weather activities. **This event is free to current adult SSC members age 21 or older.** Bring a friend or two. You may also join or renew your SSC membership at the door. More details about this exciting event will be provided in upcoming Chairlift Chatter articles or on the SSC website www.skissc.com. Email any questions to Bob Havice @ bhavice@hotmail.com or call 717-248-8696.

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 dbernato@comcast.net or 717 576-8756 for more information and questions.

ALTA BADIA, ITALY

March 8-17, 2024

(Friday-Sunday)

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

lynnannhannon@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!

- August 17, Thursday @ Troegs Brewery, 200 East Hershey Park Drive (post Kayak Paddle)
- August 24 Thursday @ The Englewood 1219 W End Ave, Hershey
- September 22 Friday @ The Waterfront 13 S Main St, Marysville
- October 5 Thursday @ Rubber Soul Brewing Co 136 S Hanover St, Hummelstown

LOWER TRAIL BIKE RIDE

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Come join us as we explore the Lower Trail!

Trailhead located at the intersection of Liberty and 1st Street near junction 866 in Williamsburg, PA. Meet at 10:00 AM. There is a small parking lot there with a trailer that sells treats. We will meet at 10:00 AM and your choice to ride the trail out to Alexandria Station and back or head to Flowering Spring Station and back. You can then take a break and have lunch or continue the opposite direction. Trail is 16-17 miles in total. Bring your own lunch and tailgate at your leisure. For more information contact Becky Havice at rpatt50@gmail.com or 717 250 2811

History of the Trail

The Lower Trail runs for almost 17 miles from near Canoe Creek State Park in Blair County northeastward to near Alexandria in Huntingdon County. The trail has a rolled crushed limestone surface except for a 2-mile asphalt section through the Borough of Williamsburg and running northeastward. The trail is extremely flat with only a slightly noticeable grade when riding from east to west. The Lower Trail is open year-round for hiking, biking, horseback riding, bird watching and photography and, in the winter months, cross country skiing and snowshoeing (any non-motorized use).

Much of the Lower Trail, paralleling the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River, was part of the original towpath of the Pennsylvania Main Line Canal which operated in the mid 1800's. Following the end of the canal era, the Pennsylvania Railroad took over the property and developed the Petersburg Branch of the PRR on this alignment. In 1979, the rail corridor was abandoned. Over the next 8 years, the rails were sold for scrap and the corridor put up for sale. In 1989, Rails to Trails of Central Pennsylvania Inc. purchased the first 11 miles of the Lower Trail from Williamsburg to Alfarata from the Penn Central Corp. Another 5.5 mile extension was added in 2004. The trail's name rhymes with "flower" and honors the memory of the wife and son of the late trail benefactor, T. Dean Lower.

Distinctive Features

When traveling along the trail, either by foot or bike, you can see many remnants of the canal era, including remains of locks and foundations of lock tenders' houses, as well as the historical Mt. Etna iron plantation area. There are a number of bridge crossings of the Juniata River and one covered bridge over the tail race of a historic mill stream. Remains of tipples and massive concrete rock crushers from abandoned stone quarries along the trail hint of the once industrial nature of the now-unbroken forest beside the river.

The trail supports many different plant and animal species and the Audubon Society has identified portions of the Lower Trail as "Important Birding Areas." A number of Bald Eagles and Osprey have been spotted along the trail. There are also many beautiful and some rare plant species along the trail. The Lower Trail is part of the Mid State Trail and the Pittsburgh-to-Harrisburg Main Line Canal Greenway and has been designated a National Recreation Trail by the National Park Service. It is a beautiful, very family-friendly rural trail through wooded areas with few road crossings and provides access to the adjacent Juniata River Water Trail.

Length: 16.5 miles in length

Trail surface(s): 85% crushed rolled limestone, 15% paved

Trailheads: Trailheads are called "Stations" because when the railroad ran, there were station stops there.

Directions from US Route 22

Williamsburg Station: Turn onto Route 866 at the base of Short Mountain, travel into the town of Williamsburg. At the first stop sign, proceed straight for two blocks; trail head is on the left.

GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD RIDE

Sunday, October 1 10:00am (NO rain date)

If you like the outdoors, biking and history, you will enjoy our annual SSC bicycle ride around the historic Gettysburg National Battlefield. See one of the best national parks on the Civil War our nation has to offer. All levels of riders are welcome. There will be a 20-mile historic narrative tour with cut-offs at 10 and 15 miles. Meet at 10 AM at the National Park Service Museum and Visitor Center bus/RV parking lot. Bring your own lunch for a tailgate party after the ride. Directions from Harrisburg: take Route 15 south to Gettysburg; take the Baltimore Pike (Route 97) exit; at the stop sign, turn right; drive approximately 3 miles to the National Park Service Museum and Visitor Center entrance on your left; take the first left into the bus/RV parking lot. For directions from other cities, see the Gettysburg Battlefield National Park website at <http://www.nps.gov/gett/planyourvisit/directions.htm>.

Any questions, contact Mark LaManna at 717-884-5613 or mvlamanna@comcast.net

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)

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 (2023 –2024)

Membership renewal window is open. 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:

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.

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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: _____

HAPPY HOUR & MOVIE NIGHTS

Tuesdays - 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 lovnice53@comcast.net or by phone at 717-541-8803 or on her cell phone .

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.

SAVE the DATES

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

October 3 - Membership Mtg – Mountainside Ski presentation

October 28 - Halloween Party

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 lovnice53@comcast.net or 717-541-8803 or on her cell phone 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.



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 rail 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Sherry Armheim

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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