

Tips & Tails

February 2016

STARK COUNTY SKI CLUB

A family friendly
ski club for
skiers of
all abilities!

Year round activities include hiking, bicycling,
camping, monthly socials, volunteer activities, etc.

www.Starkcountyskiclub.org

www.Facebook.com/StarkCountySkiClub



Cleveland Metro Ski Council

Meeting Schedule

Tuesday Feb 16th

Tuesday Mar 15th

Social @ 6:00PM -Meeting @ 7:00PM

New Meeting
Location

TBA

Newsletter articles to be printed for publication should be submitted to the editor
no later than the Friday which follows the 3rd Tuesday of the month meeting.

STARK COUNTY SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Home Phone #:

Work Phone #:

Cell Phone #:

Email Address:

Alternate Email Address:

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Select Type of Membership (Note: Membership is from **November 1st** to **October 31st**)

	Renewal	New
Single Member <input type="checkbox"/>	\$20	\$30
Couple Membership <input type="checkbox"/> (2 people who share the same address)	\$25	\$40
Family <input type="checkbox"/>	\$30	\$45

Our newsletters are distributed by email.

If you would like the newsletter mailed to you, **add \$10**

If you are a "new" member, how did you hear about our club?

[Click here to enter text.](#)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO STARK COUNTY SKI CLUB.

Total Enclosed with Application \$

NOTICE: By signing and/or accepted any membership benefit and/or participating in any club activity, applicant releases Stark County Ski Club, its officers, board members, chairpersons, trip leaders and members from any all liability or any claims including theft, property loss, accident, injury, death of or to themselves, family members or guests arising from participation in any club activity, whether resulting from negligence or otherwise.

Signature(s)

Date:

Or send this application via email to: dscherer680@gmail.com and mail your check to:

Debbie Scherer, 355 Beucler Ave. NW, Bolivar, OH 44612

Optional for New and Existing members: What most interests you about the club and/or what would you like to see us attempt in the future?

DO NOT SEND TRIP APPLICATION IN WITH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Stark County Ski Club

View From The Top

I don't know who ticked off the snow gods, but this has been a very, very difficult start to the ski season. My abounding faith that the Peek n' Peak trip would go was sadly misspent. However, the Holiday Valley/Holimont trip was a good ski adventure. I'm sure a fine trip report will follow from Gail Vogt who filled in for Bob Hoff as leader. Bob got pneumonia and had to stay at home and recover. I heard some stories, but I'll leave it to Gail to tell them. The trip to Stowe was a great success; although Stowe has had a rough season so far also. Thank goodness for lots of good snowmaking. I'll let Diane write that saga. There should be a great number of interesting tales to tell. Zee and I drove up to meet the group and enjoyed seeing the large group have fun at, in, and around Stowe. As I write, the Holimont one day trip has low numbers and warm temperatures...again! At least Snowshoe and Seven Springs got dumped on last week as part of the Jonas storm. We are washing clothes and repacking our bags for the Snowshoe trip. We're hoping for 2 good ski days. Art will give you the details on Snowshoe results in next month's newsletter. There's still room on Dave Hershey's Seven Springs trip and it's supposed to turn cold again after a slight warming this weekend. We need more snow? How about a big "Kelly" snow storm for western NY and PA areas? I think March will be a good ski month. Don't put your skis away at the end of February. Take the March trip to Holiday Valley with Fred!

Speaking of putting ski gear away, how many of you have and use boot dryers? A full day of skiing and lodge-sitting in ski boots leaves your boots sweaty warm and wet. Those are perfect conditions for "the smellies". You should ALWAYS dry your boots after a ski day. You can dry them while you clean up for the evening's adventures. Boot dryers come in many styles and prices. The best are fan powered and provide a little drying heat. You only have to stick your nose near your boot to know whether you have been invaded by the "smellies". Maybe you only have to get within 3 feet! A boot dryer will help eliminate the odor causes and protect the liner of your boots from disintegrating prematurely. A can of Odor Eater (or Fabreze) will also add a fresh smell to your recently dried out boots. Here's another boot question. How many of you have ever taken the liner out of your boot to dry it out or just check it out to see that there's no gross fungus growing inside it or that the liner is falling apart? At the end of your season, you should pull the liners and fully dry them and wipe the innards and outards of your boot shell. When your done, put the liners back in and buckle your boot fully to keep them in true shape. Put them away in a nice comfortable place. Not your garage! You paid a lot for your boots; take care of them.

By the time the newsletter reaches you, we should have our new meeting venue decided for the February meeting on the 16th. We are looking at our options and may try a couple in the next few months before we make a firm decision for next season. Stay tuned!

Time to go. Keep thinking **SNOW!**

Jim

February 2016

Stark County Ski Club Meeting

E. B.'s Pub – Meadowlake Golf Course, January 19, 2016

President Jim Kovach called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Fifty-one (51) people were in attendance.

Reports:

President: Jim Kovach welcomed new members and guests and had them introduce themselves. Jim called for the following reports:

Treasurer: Donna Brancifort reported the balance in the club bank account and noted that over \$3,500 of Blossom money has been used for vouchers, early sign up discounts and the H & H trip. Donna said the early sign up discounts were popular and helpful in increasing early/better participation on 1-2 day trips. Donna stated that Roberta Graham had approached the Executive Committee regarding advertising in the Jackson Hockey Program and it was decided that there are potential new member opportunities there and Donna had the ad available to show.

Secretary: Jennifer Stephan reported she would like to amend last month's minutes to reflect the new member drawing winner. Debbie Scherer forwarded the name and it was Wendy Kushner.

Socials: Diane Marzec reported that a social was enjoyed in the Crush House at Gervasi's in January. There will be a Friday in February at Perennial Winery to see Ren perform. Watch the newsletters or email blasts for details on that and future socials.

Newsletter: Mike Bishop reported he has retired and to use his home email mbishop1@neo.rr.com for any further editions. Also, please refer to the map in the newsletter for parking lot specifics.

Website: Dwight and Bill both reported that no pictures had been sent to them to post on the website. If you have taken some pictures, please send a few of the best for consideration to be posted.

Trip Committee: Art Pokopac called for the following trip reports:

Trip Reports:

Peak n Peek, NY Jan. 9. Cancelled Trip Leader Gail Vogt returned applications/certificates to those signed up and at the meeting.

Holiday Valley/Holimont Jan 13-15 Trip leader Gail Vogt took over for an ill Bob Hoff. Gail reported that 46 people were on the trip and she thanked everyone for all their help. Gail's full trip report will be in the newsletter.

Stowe, VT by train Jan 24-29 Trip Leader Diane Marzec reported she has two openings but would need to know by January 20 to get you on the trip. 46 are going by train and 6 are driving. The bus departure time from Timken Parking Lot has been moved up a half hour.

Holimont, NY Feb 4 \$65 Trip leader Scott Hunsinger reported he has 26 people signed up.

Snowshoe, WV Feb 7-9 Trip Leader Art Pokopac. Art reported the trip is full and that Snowshoe is expecting up to 40 inches snow. Contact Les Stiers if you would like a lesson, he can get that at a discount. Also, thank Les for the lift tickets that he donated.

Seven Springs, PA Feb 19 \$60 Trip Leader Dave Hershey. It was reported 39 people are signed up.

Holiday Valley staying at Seneca Allegany Casino Feb 27/28. Trip leaders John Masalko/Mike Lockhart. It was reported that 32 people are signed up and there is room available.

Banff, Alberta, Canada Mar 5-12 Trip leaders Al and Donna Brancifort. Al reported they have a full trip.

Holiday Valley, NY Mar 19 Trip leader Fred Scherer \$75. Fred reported he has 16 people signed up.

*remember, your check for one day trips will not be cashed until after the trip runs, so please sign up and get these trips filled so we don't have to cancel. Vouchers returned from the Peek'n Peak trip can be still be used.

New Business:

Last Meeting at E.B.'s Pub: Jim Kovach reported that this is the last meeting at E.B.'s Pub. We are currently on the hunt for a new meeting place. Looking for a room that would be off to itself, no loud music, food/beverage service, and can accommodate as many as 75 people. There will be an email blast when we have a place secured for the February 16 meeting so keep on the lookout for that.

Important Trip Protocols: Please remember that there are bus protocols that are on the website to make everyone's trip enjoyable. Highlights include: Busses leave on time and trip leaders will determine and advise you of those times. Do not try to change the itinerary. All complaints should go to the trip leader, trip committee chair or an officer. There should be no boots on the bus unless the trip leader has specified there is room or you can put them under your seat. You should not take two seats for your own comfort when others are still trying to find seating.

Merchandise: Jim Kovach noted we have lots of merchandise in stock ready to sell.

Miscellaneous: Donna announced the Snowfall Raffle winner was Gail Vogt who had January 2, closest to the first date of traceable snow on January 3. Gail Vogt reported that several members will be joining the Snowballers at Kissing Bridge for Ski with a Heart On. If you would like information, contact Gail, she can forward the info. Remember our club number at Snowtrails is M37 for a discount.

Meeting Adjournment:

The 50/50 raffle and door prizes were drawn. Bill Demsky was the 50/50 raffle winner of \$90 (total pot \$180). Jason Stephan motioned for meeting adjournment and Bill Bail seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan - Secretary

Stark County Ski Club February Socials

Highlights of the SCSC January Social



On Monday, January 11th, The Stark County Ski Club gathered for an evening of fun and relaxation at Gervasi's Crush House. This informal gathering turned out to be a fairly large event as always. This year we had the place to ourselves and gathered in the main bar downstairs.

Friday, February 12th The Winery at Perennial Vineyards



6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Music by: REN

Join fellow members for our annual winter visit to this great vineyard! There will be great entertainment by REN and maybe some of our own members. A menu of pizza, appetizers & gourmet flat breads is available to accompany your wine.

***Reservations are required:** First 20 people to let me know they are coming will have a seat at the table!*

Perennial Vineyards
1877 Poorman St. SW
Navarre, OH 44662 (330) 832-3677
www.perennialvineyards.com

Please Email DLMarzec@gmail.com or call Diane Marzec at 330-497-4261 by Wednesday, February 10th!

MARCH SOCIAL

Wednesday, March 23th

The Geisen Haus in North Canton

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm



The charm and hearty food of Germany come alive at Geisen Haus where authentic German food is prepared according to famous old country recipes. Family owned since 1969, with the motto "always a good time." Geisen Haus offers German-American cuisine, 17 drafts and over 50 bottled beers from domestic to import. Join the SCSC and taste the beers imported from all over the world!!

Geisen Haus
6955 Promway Ave NW,
North Canton, OH 44720-7321
www.thegeisenhaus.com

APRIL SOCIAL

Saturday, April 16th
SCSC Euchre Night



Time: 6:00 PM
Cards begin at 7:00 PM

Join SCSC Members at Donna & Al Brancifort's home in Canton for an evening of Euchre! Please bring a small covered dish to share and what you want to drink.

Al & Donna Brancifort's Home
3885 St. Michael Blvd. NW
Canton, OH 44718

Reservations Required: First 24 people to let me know they want to play Euchre will have a seat at the table! Euchre players will contribute \$3/person towards prize money.

Please Email DLMarzec@gmail.com or call Diane Marzec at 330-497-4261 by Wednesday, April 13th!

For more information on upcoming social events or if you would be interested in running an event please contact Diane Marzec at DLMarzec@gmail.com or (330) 497-4261.

Get ready for the season at The Ski Shack!

SHAPED SKI PACKAGES FROM \$295.00
(Skis and Bindings)

SNOWBOARD PACKAGES FROM \$295.00
(Board and Bindings)

SNOWBLADES FROM \$365.00

SKIS: Dynastar-Volki-Blizzard-Elan
BINDINGS: Marker-Solomon-Tyrolia
BOOTS: Head-Lange-Solomon-Dalbello
SNOWBOARDS: Burton-Lamar-Flow



The Ski Shack
265 N. Freedom
Alliance, OH
44601
330-821-1220

2015-16 Stark County Ski Club Trip List February and March

Thank the folks who worked the Blossom Concerts! They raised funds to keep our bus trips costs down!

For all trips, fill out a "Trip Application & Agreement" & send with your payment to the address listed below. Checks to be written to: Stark County Ski Club. The form is available in the newsletter and on the website <http://starkcountyskiclub.org/> under "Newsletters".

One Day Trip #2 **Thursday** Febraury 4th

Holimont, NY

Cost: \$65 (Non-Members add \$10)

Trip Leader: Scott Hunsinger **Email:** huns@roadrunner.com **Phone:** 330-340-7548

Address: 1532 Tremont Street, Dover, Oh 44622-1071

Load bus at 4:40AM Depart from Faircrest lot at 5:00 AM

Depart ski area 4:15PM with a Dinner Stop in Ellicottville

Depart Ellicottville 6:30PM Home around 10:30PM



One Day Trip #3 **Friday** Febraury 19

Seven Springs, PA

Cost: \$60 (Non-Members add \$10)

Trip Leader: David Hershey **Email:** davidh@weavercc.com **Phone:** 330-466-5918



Address: 1415 Harding Avenue, Orrville, Oh 44667-1713

Load bus at 5:40AM, Depart Faircrest lot at 6:00AM

Depart ski area 7:00PM NO DINNER STOP Home around 10:00PM

Extended #3 **Saturday - Sunday** February 27-28

Holiday Valley-CASINO WEEKEND

Cost \$235 (Non-Members add \$20)

1 Night Lodging at Seneca Allegany Casino – 2 days of skiing at Holiday Valley!!

Trip leader: John Malsako **Email:** johnmasalko@sbcglobal.net **Phone:** 330-484-2405

Address: 3925 Dueber Ave. SW, Canton, OH 44706-4731

Load bus Saturday at 4:30AM, Depart Faircrest lot at 5:00 AM

Depart ski area 4:15PM with a Dinner Stop in Ellicottville

Depart Ellicottville 6:30PM Home around 10:30PM



One Day Trip #4 **Saturday** Mar 19

Holiday Valley, NY

Cost: \$75

Trip Leader: Fred Scherer **Email:** 4thescherers@gmail.com **Phone:** 330-874-3150

Address: 355 Beucler Av NW, Bolivar, OH 44612-9204

Load bus at 4:40AM Depart from Faircrest lot at 5:00 AM.

Depart ski area 6:00PM NO Dinner Stop Home around 10:00PM



Non-Skier Options

usually available upon request.

2016 Ski Trips, Etc.

What type of weather pattern is this? El Nino is playing a few tricks on our area but what's happening in the ski areas. The majority of ski areas in Western New York have an average of 16"- 40" base with about anywhere from 85%-100% open. Pennsylvania ski about the same but West Virginia has seen a lot of snow and great conditions. Majority of you are keeping up the condition on the web because we hear about it. Remember on any trip were running we are looking at the same web site plus using a few other resources to determine if the trip is going or not. We do appreciate the help we do get from you but don't cancel because of what you see. If you see bad conditions, it will probably be cancel.

Well, I guess, I need to talk a little bit about trip insurance (late for this year's trip but a thought for the future trips). We do offer trip insurance on every week trip and give a few choices. As some of you know, the price of the insurance is base on trip price. Some of you probably think you do not need it, nothing going to happen to me. Delay in flights, lost or delayed luggage, cancel for work reasons, health reasons and the list goes on, does this happen yes but to me ... answer is only up to you. I seen and heard too many stories on what can happen on trips. Did it happen to me, got the flu in Steamboat, hospital for 36 hours and then want to go home; I paid out of my pocket for an air change to leave early (a learning lesson). Did it happen in the club this year, yes, not once but a few times? I will let those people tell their story. Why take changes on your next trip, check into trip insurance and it might give you a peace of mind but that's up to you.

Now, enough of that, let's talk Trips. I have been sending out email Blast on the updates on the 2016 ski trips, two of the trips are sold out, Snowshoe and Banff.

Casino trip rooming list needs to be turned in soon and rooms probably will be let go, so you, decide quick.

Holimont is still a go and might be close to leaving when the article comes out but let's report anyway, here we go and the ski season is fading fast. GET ON A TRIP!

February trips still can use some skiers

February 4 (Thursday) – Holimont – **31 skiers**

February 19 (Friday) - Seven Springs – **40 skiers** - slopes are fully open

February 27 - February 28 (Saturday-Sunday) - Holiday Valley / Casino - **32 skiers**

The day trip in March could use some help, what a way to close out the SCSC season.

March 19 (Saturday) - Holiday Valley – **16 skiers, needs skiers**

Remember Peek n Peak skiers, those who have vouchers from canceled Peek trip can used them on ANY trip that is listed above.

So as the season is winding down, next month's news will be on the 2017 ski trips depends on what comes out of the next trip committee meeting

See you on the slopes

Art Pokopac

SCSC Tripchair

Trip Agreement & Application

The undersigned participant applies to participate in the Stark County Ski Club (SCSC) trip described below, subject to the following conditions:

1. **Payments:** Trip deposits will vary per trip and must be paid and submitted along with this signed "Trip Agreement and Application" (below). Balance shall be due & payable in accordance with payment schedules established by SCSC & described in the trip description in "Tips & Tails", the club newsletter, or on the club website www.starkcountyskiclub.org. Charges may be added for supplemental costs such as fuel surcharges, taxes and airport departure changes to the price of the trip. All payment checks shall be payable to "Stark County Ski Club" & sent to trip leader noted.
2. **Withdrawal & Change:** Stark County Ski Club may withdraw any trip from its schedule at any time; may refuse to accept or refrain any person as a participant at any time for any reason; and may change the itinerary at any time.
3. **Responsibility:** SCSC is acting gratuitously for the applicant and shall not be responsible or liable for any loss of or damage to any baggage, property, or for any loss, injury, death, accident, delay, inconvenience or any other loss occurring during or occasioned by an applicant's participation in any trip, and as a result of any actual or alleged negligence of SCSC or any SCSC member or officer.
4. **Identification:** Participants are responsible for any required identification for travel. This may include, but not limited to, an up to date and valid passport, visa, drivers license or proof of identification and citizenship.
5. **Minors:** Any minor's participant's "Trip Application & Agreement" must be co-signed by his/her parent or legal guardian. The minor must be accompanied on the trip by a parent or legal guardian or their designee who shall be wholly and fully responsible for said minor's conduct and well being.
6. **Cancellation & Refunds:**
 - A). Cancellation by participant means & includes: failure to abide by terms of this agreement, notice of intent to cancel; failure to make timely payments; failure for any reason to meet the departure or return of the trip.
 - B). When TSC cancels or withdraws a trip, the participant shall be entitled to a full refund unless such cancellation or withdrawal is necessitated or caused, in whole or part, by participant's cancellation or failure to make timely payments.
 - C). Where participant cancels more than 30 days before departure of a 1-day or multi-day trip or more than 60 days before the departure of a longer trip, then participant shall be responsible for a cancellation service charge of not less than \$10.00 & any fees charged by an airline if seats have already been ticketed.
 - D). Where participant cancels less than 30 days before the departure of a 1-day or multi-day trip or less than 60 days before the departure of a longer trip and where the trip departs full or where participant provides an immediate replacement who completes this agreement, then participant shall receive a full refund less the cancellation service charge & any fees accessed because of the name change. If the trip departs unfilled and the participant has not provided a replacement, then the participant may be entitled to a partial refund less any amounts pre-paid by SCSC for participant's unused transportation, lodging, meals, lifts or amenities and less the cancellation service charge. If the applicant cancels and the trip departs unfilled, the applicant will be refunded the amount of any un-purchased lift tickets. Transportation, lodging and other special costs may NOT be refunded. Specific trip circumstances will determine if any refund of these costs are possible. In any case, the participant is responsible to SCSC for any amounts paid out by SCSC over and above payments made by participant. Any pre-paid expenses that are not refunded to the club by the airlines, resorts, etc. are not subject to be refunded to participant. For 1-week or longer trips, it is advised to purchase trip insurance for refunds. SCSC may modify or change balance due dates & cancellation deadlines to accommodate its payments to airlines, lodges, bus companies and travel agents.
7. **Eligibility:** Participation in this trip is first available to SCSC & CSMS members. Any non-members must pay an additional charge of not less than \$10.00 and is designated within the trip description.

.....**CUT OUT AND SUBMIT APP**.....

TRIP APPLICATION

Name of Trip _____ Date of Trip _____ \$ _____ (Payable to Stark County Ski Club)
 Deposit Amount

Date of Application _____ Yes _____ No _____ Member of SCSC?
 Trip Insurance? (Week Trips Only) Yes _____ No _____ Roommate Preference (if not on this application) _____

First Participant Name – As On Travel Documents _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Second Participant Name – As On Travel Documents _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Alternate Email Address _____

Participant Signature(s) (also Co-Signer if minor) _____

Emergency Contact Name (**NO** traveling companions) _____ Relationship _____ Phone numbers(s) _____

For Week Trips – Please send copy of Drivers License or Passport with Your Trip Application
Banff trip send copy of your passport

CASINO TRIP ONLY PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE GOING TO SKI, ONE DAY, CHECK BOX

DO NOT SEND TRIP APPLICATION IN WITH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Slopes & Trails:

- 33 Slopes
- 7 Terrain Parks
- 10 Lifts
- 750 Vertical Drop
- Longest Run: 1.25 Miles

David Hershey
 Trip Leader
 (330) 466-5918

\$60

FEBRUARY 19



**Make checks payable to STARK COUNTY SKI CLUB – Submit with completed trip app and coupon to:
 David Hershey 1415 Harding Ave. Orrville, OH 44667 davidh@weavercc.com
 Non-Members add \$10.00**



Holiday Valley Ski Resort

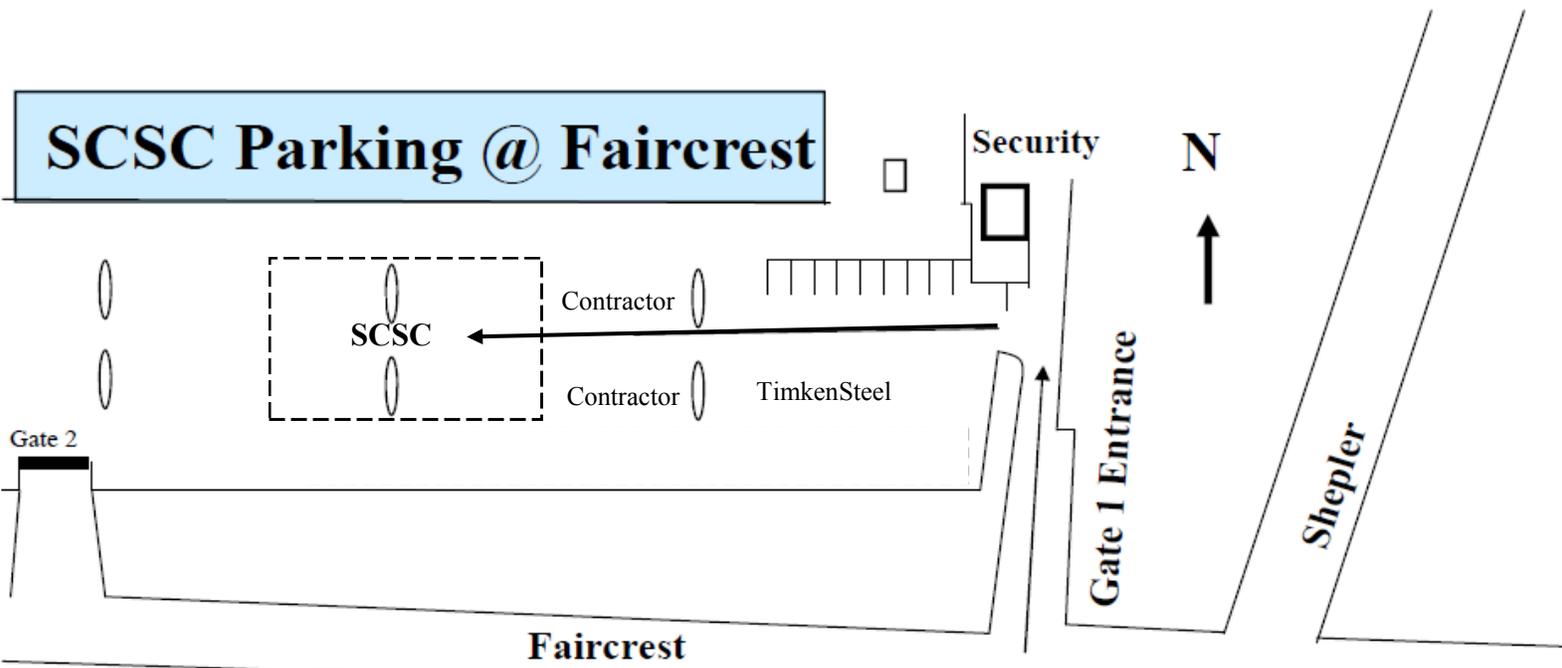


Holiday Valley Ski Trip and Gambling Reserve your spot fast this will fill up February 27-28 2016 stay 1 night at Seneca Allegany Casino Ski two days at Holiday Valley Cost \$235 (non members add 20)

Trip Leaders John Masalko johnmasalko@sbcglobal.net 330-949-6016 3925 Dueber Ave SW Canton OH 44706
Mike Lockhart marinelock@gmail.com 330-704-0360 1151 Melscheimer Rd SW East Sparta OH 44626
Load Bus Saturday 4:30 AM Depart Faircrest parking lot at 5:00 AM ski all day Saturday @ Holiday Valley Spend night at Seneca Resort
and Casino, gamble, have diner, hang out with friends
Sunday morning Depart to Holiday Valley Ski all day have Dinner in Ellicottville head home
100.00 Deposit due by January 22 full payment due February 19th checks made payable to Stark County Ski Club.



SCSC Parking @ Faircrest



The SCSC parking at the Faircrest Steel Plant . Please take a close look at the above map for an exact location. The club must park in this location. All trip participants need to make every possible effort to park in this location only. (Weather and plowing conditions may alter this location a little)

Stowe Much Fun!

By Trip Leader: Diane Marzec

Key words & phrases that sum up this trip:

“What No Beer!”, “Shhh, people are sleeping”, Nose Dive, 53 ____ Steps, snow guns, Heady Topper Run, Ben & Jerry, “What a difference a Dave makes”, “Help the 9:45 bus left early!”, Hot Tub, Cherries, Cross Country Skiing, Dog Sledding, “Watch the sharp turn Jean”, Mush, Al’s 70th B’day party, Clinic visits (Multiple), “Has anyone seen my key? (Gail), swimming, ping pong, 6 Handed Euchre, hiking, “Has anyone seen the 4:00 bus?”, Cards Against Humanity (Shhh...played on the train), Last Call, New Members, Snowboarders really are cool, Gummy Bears, Jenga, hiccups, massages, pool, Broom Ball (NOT), EMS - 😊, LOTS AND LOTS OF LAUGHTER!

The trip started off great. Buses and Trains all running on time. I believe the group was only told to be quiet about 5 times since they were fired up and started socializing upon boarding the train at 5:50 am. Trip went by fast for some of us as we played games in the club car or socialized at our seats. The first “almost” tragedy was our stop in Albany at the Liquor store. Karen K. looked mortified when she broke the news that the liquor store did not sell beer. Yikes...Problem solved...convenient store next door had the beer! Hooray, Disaster avoided!

Skiing was beautiful. We had sun on both our first and last days of skiing. There seemed to be enough snow for most runs thanks to the snow guns. (Sorry Pete...Some of the tree runs were closed.) The only downer to the resort was the 53 steps that you had to walk up to get to the lift from the Mansfield Base. Although some felt it was a good warm up, others chose to take the shuttle to the newer area Spruce Peak to avoid the hassle. We were quite colorful on the mountain as you’ll see from the pictures posted on the Stark County Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/StarkCountySkiClub/>

Monday night was our Welcome Party! Great appetizers and plenty of them. The Commodore Inn was a great place to stay and the staff were accommodating most of the time. (They kicked us out of the game room at 11:00 pm the last night in the middle of the pool and ping pong tournaments – Too loud...imagine that). J Not to worry cards and Jenga went on till the wee hours of the morning.

Evening activities included cards, ping pong, games, hot tubs, dinners and an almost “Broom Ball Tournament”. Thankfully Mother Nature saved us by raining on the ice Tuesday Night making it too dangerous to play on the iced over lake. I’m confident that saved us from a couple more visits to the Clinic or possibly submerged skiers.

Tuesday afternoon included side trips to a wine and cheese shop, a Distillery, a chocolate factory & Ben & Jerry’s. It was really cool watching the ice cream assembly line go crazy spilling ice cream all over the floor. It was like an episode out of “I Love Lucy”. Thank you to Dave H. for solving the ticket confusion so quickly. I owe you one! Yes there were free samples.

(Stowe Much Fun! Continued)

Throughout the week several people took advantage of visits to the spa, cross country skiing and dog sledding. Unfortunately we also had some injuries and visits to the clinic...Boo 😞

Prayers go out to Tom C., Gail V. and Les S. for quick healing. The military saying of "Leave No Man Behind" went by the way side this trip. We left one of our comrades in the hands of the Copley Hospital in Morrisville, Vermont. Thanks to our car riders this trip (Bill, Cindy, Donna & Al). You were awesome in taking people to and from clinics and hospitals. Outcomes for all injuries will be reported at the meeting. Hoping at least 2 of them will be back on the slopes soon.

The trip home on Friday/Saturday started off with a Heady Topper run. Yes Todd & Karen convinced the Shuttle driver to stop at every store to see when the beer was being delivered. They were successful when they found the delivery truck arriving with several vehicles behind. Apparently this beer is sold out within minutes each Friday morning. We boarded the bus to Albany at 12:00 and headed out. We stopped at great restaurants both going and coming back! A big thank you goes out to Roy, our bus driver. He was my second in command all week offering suggestions and plenty of jokes to go along with my absentmindedness! The train was 1 hour late going home. When we boarded at 8:00 pm the entire car fell asleep. I obviously did my job. They wore themselves out having a good time.

All in all this was a great trip. We had skiers with us from 12 years old to 70+ (We stop counting at 70, Al & Ida). I was honored to lead this group of fun-loving people. I made new friends, laughed a lot, enjoyed learning a lot about life (No Dan W. not from you J), and have decided I really like you guys. Your help and support all week really made this an easy trip to run. May God bless each of you with good health, loving families and great skiing for the rest of 2016. Thank you all and I hope to see you on the slopes or one of our socials in the future.

P.S. Repeat performance to be attempted on the February 27 & 28th Holiday Valley Casino Trip! I'll be rooming with Lisa Martin so I'm sure we'll have at least a couple stories to tell. (Mike & John, I promise not to commandeer the bus this year! Sign up today!

Holiday Valley/Holimont – Jan 13th-15th – 46 members took part.

Please let me apologize for all the hap hazard ways of this trip, it was sort of a surprise to me. I inherited this trip the Sunday night before we left. Bob was sick, and he opted to stay home. So, all that stuff that has to be done close to the depart time of this trip had to happen in one evening. We got the beverages for the bus which was top priority. We got everyone checked on the bus, and actually departed 10 minutes early. This was one of the quietest H&H bus rides I have been on, but you all managed to drink the quota of beer bought for the trip. I had to get the OK to go buy more on Thursday for the party. Check in went smooth, and I think most of the group was at the Gin Mill with in a half hour. Of course the traditional entertainment and wing specials for our Wednesday arrival were taken advantage of.

The big question was – who was going to ski where and how many? After talking to the resorts they both were fine with however many we brought on Thursday. The majority opted for Holimont that had good snow, but just very limited runs open. The small group that went to HV enjoyed more open terrain. A few of you know just how to scare me. I get a text with four of our group crammed in the back of a SUV informing me that they were on the way back to the hotel. Some person they just met in the parking lot gave them a ride. Imagining the worst – they got in the car with some nut case, and they were going to be bear bait somewhere. Not true – the nice person hauled them back gear and all, and delivered them to the hotel parking lot. With these four, I should have been more worried about the guy bringing them back. 😊 Day one – no injuries – yes!

The party went off great – plenty of beverages, snacks, and social time. Thank all of you for the great things that were brought for the party – the meatballs, cookies, chocolates, cheeses, dips, and crackers made a nice lite snack for everyone. Plus those of you that helped go buy more beer, wine, and set up the party, thanks again! There is no way one person can handle all of this without the help from the whole group. Bill Demsky won the 50/50, and Art won the night stay at the Wingate. A few people opted for the hot tub, some went out to eat, and a pretty large group stayed to chat and play cards which ended up lasting till after midnight. Poor Loren found out why I was sitting on the sidelines and not playing, when he talked me into being his partner – warning – I am a little ADD when it comes to playing cards. 😊

The whole group skied HV on Friday, and we basically had the place to ourselves. Lots of runs in, and of course the traditional meet at the Yodeler Lodge for Bloody Mary's at noon. Another day with no injuries!! We did run into one issue which the bus company handled promptly. The bus we came up on started showing some signs of a possible problem, so Sheila contacted the owner, and he drove another bus up to being us back on. He drove the other bus back, and met us at Faircrest with our luggage. The only down fall – was that we unloaded in a downpour. Hope all had a good time, and will join SCSC again on this trip.

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Stark County Ski Club Bus Seating and Baggage Protocol:

Stark County Ski Club trips are scheduled well in advance and priced based on number of participants, number of bus seats available and cost of bus transportation services. Bus size needs are determined by the number of people, length of trip, and estimated amount of passenger luggage (ski bag, boot bag, and one piece of luggage, as the trip requires). The following guidelines have been established for the benefit of all of our club membership while traveling by bus or motor-coach.

- All skis/snowboards and all ski /snowboard boots must be in a proper equipment bag.
- No trip participant may board the bus/motor coach before the trip leader has boarded and has cleared the coach for loading. Baggage loading in bus bays may commence as soon as the driver has opened the bays.
- The two front seats of the bus, on either side of the aisle, are for use of the trip leader as he or she sees fit. They may open one of those pairs of seats to other passengers at their discretion. Special requests of passengers may be considered, but only granted by the trip leader or club officer.
- Unless the trip leader indicates that space is available inside the bus, all baggage stated above must be stowed in the bus baggage bays. If participants wish to have their ski boots on the bus, the boots must fit under their own seat.
- Unless indicated by the trip leader, a participant shall not place their boot bag on a seat next to them or a seat nearby. Bus seats are for people participating on the trips.
- All bus seats are to be available to any trip participant. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. If any participant is traveling by him or herself, it is not permitted by any means to prevent any other participant to sit in the empty seat next to them. If you are traveling with a partner, the companion seat may be “saved” until the partner arrives. .
- Personal items (snacks/food, coolers, clothing items) are permitted on the bus as long as they can be safely stowed under the participants own seat or in the overhead compartment above their seat.
- If the trip leader indicates that there is space available, boots in boot bags may be placed in the area of the rearmost seat of the bus or a location determined by the trip leader, stacked on the seat and floor to accommodate all who wish to take advantage of this offer.
- The Trip Leader is in charge and all decisions relating to changes during the trip made necessary by weather, injury or unexpected circumstances are his/hers to make.
- Trip Leaders, Trip Committee members, and Officers of the Club and Board members are empowered to enforce these rules on any club bus trip regardless of the destination, Location or length of trip.
- All bus departures are at the time announced by the trip leader. The bus always departs on time. You must be ON THE BUS prior to the departure time. No exceptions!