

Tips & Tails December 2020



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STARK COUNTY SKI CLUB

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Cleveland Metro Ski Council

Zoom Meeting

(Members invite sent out one week before meeting)

December 15th 7:00pm

Mulligan's Room will be open for those who choose
to dine in. Bring your personal zooming device.

(Call 2 days ahead to reserve for Mulligan's)

Mulligans Phone (330) 493-8239



Meeting Location

Mulligan's

Restaurant and Pub

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

Trip Committee Chair John Masalko

This year has been a tough year to plan trips, and the trip committee has been working very hard. Due to the current spike in corona and the travel advisory mandates with our friends in New York and Pennsylvania, the trip committee has had to make a tough decision to cancel the New York club trips and the Pennsylvania club trip. The trip committee has recommended to the executive board to pull the plug on the trips below. So as follows:

- Peek n Peak-Jan 8th- cancelled
- Holimont & Holiday- Jan 13-15th- cancelled
- Cockaigne- Jan 29th- cancelled
- Seven Springs- Feb 12th- cancelled
- ◆ **The Timberline/Canaan, West Virginia trip is still a GO!**
- ◆ **The Breckenridge Colorado trip is still a GO!**
- ◆ **(Time Sensitive deadlines EPIC PASS Dec. 6th, United airline deadline is Dec. 21st)**



For the members that have already signed up for the New York and Pennsylvania trips, your checks will be shredded unless otherwise instructed by you (please contact the trip leader). At the present time, the trip committee will be meeting soon to plan our 2021/2022 season trips. For you members that bought the Ohio Epic pass and the Epic local pass, we will see you on the hill at Boston Mills, Brandywine, Alpine Valley, and Mad River. For you members that took advantage of Snow Trails seasonal group passes, we will see you at Snow Trails. Please watch your e-mails and future newsletters for Andy's bake sale on the hill at Snow Trails. I encourage all members to join us at Timberline/Canaan trip or Breckenridge, or we will see you on the hills of Ohio!

Stay safe, John jmasalko02@gmail.com

2021 Stark County Ski Club Trip List

The [on-line form](#) is available as a link listed below in the trip, as a link in the trip flyer (click name of the trip on list) and on the website <http://starkcountyskiclub.org/club-documents>. Read "Trip Agreement" & send with your payment to the address listed in the trip flyer. Checks to be written to: Stark County Ski Club.

Due to Covid and to improve digital documentation clarification on-line applications are preferred.

WEEK TRIP IS BEING RUN BY TOUR OPERATOR USE LINK TO REGISTER.

PARTICIPATION IN THE FOLLOWING TRIPS ARE AVAILABLE TO CURRENT SCSC MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING

ALL ONE DAY AND MULTI-DAY ARE SELF DRIVE.

Multi-Day Trip #2 Sunday February 21 - Tuesday February 23

[Timberline/Canaan Valley](#), WV (click name for flyer) **Members Cost: \$ 201.00**

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

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

[Click here for on-line trip application](#) *Timberline Lift Ticket price subject to change

8 Signed Up

West Virginia: Click [WV Overall Map](#) for map, county alert system

Week Trip Saturday March 27 - Thursday April 1

[Breckenridge](#), CO (click name for flyer) **Members Cost: \$1013.00***

Trip Leader: Art Pokopac **Email:** pokieman@aol.com **Phone:** 330-697-7491

Address: 3956 Troon Dr, Uniontown OH 44685

*4 Day Epic Lifts (Restricted) and Trip Insurance @ additional cost see flyer

Register for this trip online at : <https://meetups.ski.com/stark-county-ski-club>

Only Register online with ski.com

8 Signed Up

Colorado: Click [Overall County Status](#) for map, to data, Covid dashboard

Stark County Ski Club

View From The Top By: Mike Bishop

Even though this is cookie making season, I really can't sugar coat our SCSC trip schedule. Covid, not the Grinch, has stolen any idea of group ski trips to New York or Pennsylvania. At this point, it doesn't matter if you ski to the right, left, center, or not ski at all. We Ohioans are going to move forward, and I hope we will be safer for it. There are two remaining SCSC trips left on the schedule. The Timberline/Canaan Valley appears to have enough interest to continue but will ultimately be decided by the Covid safety of the ski area closer to departure. The Breckenridge trip is not only dependent on participation numbers but deadlines described within the flyer.

All may not be lost, as I read of the Ohio ski resorts getting prepared for the season. The **Ohio Epic** pass resorts which include Brandywine, Boston Mills, Alpine Valley, Mad River, are projected to open on December 19th. All are requiring online or by phone reservations in their strategy to limit capacity. Boston Mills and Brandywine will adjust their food serving to the grab-n-go method.

Snow Trails typically opens the second week of December, with possible weekends opening up earlier as a bonus dependent on conditions. Snow Trails doesn't list a plan to limit capacity but lift tickets can be reserved online. The resort plans to run their six chairlifts more frequently to spread out the capacity. Indoor dining will be available with an on-site reservation system, limited seating, and additional covid measures.

We all are suffering from Covid alert fatigue, but I encourage you all to stay vigilant with your safety. Mike

“ The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe it”

Neil deGrasse Tyson

Vice-President Gail Vogt

CMSC News:

Chagrin Falls Ski Club announced the cancelation of all trips with the exception of their West trip. We are waiting to hear what the other clubs are doing. The CMSC race group removed their scheduled weekends at Holliday Valley and Cockaigne from schedule. The open dates are being worked into local resort schedules. They did receive an invitation from the Ohio Valley Ski Council to join them for a race weekend at Mad River Ski Resort. Dates are still pending for these events

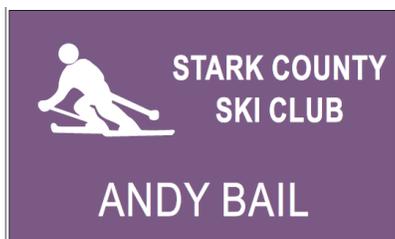
CMSC Sitzmark: <https://skicleveland.com/publications/>

For the latest CMSC Meeting Minutes go to: <https://skicleveland.com/cm-sc-meeting-minutes/>

Merchandising Gail Vogt

The winter items are hitting the stores, so grab those deals you would like SCSC logo added. Keep looking for those items you would like embroidered with the **SCSC logo**. Items will be held till there are at least 16 to save the embroidery setup time.
(Holiday scheduling may affect delivery)

Last year we sold the SCSC logo headbands and neck gators, and we only made up 12 of each and sold all but one headband. If you're interested in ordering one or both, contact me. These were a Screamer brand, and just as soft as the Turtle Fur brand. Color choices are also available.



SCSC logo face masks at \$5.00 each.

Ski Season with a Stark County Ski Club Name Tag. The tags have a purple background with white lettering, and are 1 3/4 x 3 inches with a magnetic clasp.

Price remains @ \$7.50 If you are interested, please contact me. When I receive them, I'll contact you to make arrangements to meet with you.
glv2354@gmail.com



Stark County Ski Club

Jason Stephan



Elves & More Bicycle build,

I am sorry to announce that the bike build has been canceled this year due to the recent spike and number of outbreaks of COVID-19.

I would like to thank those who have volunteered hoping that the build would happen. Elves & More are looking at the possibility of a summer build.

Once in a Blue Moon Glow



SCSC Kayaking Season Wrap up

The SCSC paddlers and friends wrapped up our Kayaking Season with the SCSC Once in a Blue Moon Glow paddle at Sippo Lake. We had around 30 show up to blend both SCSC members and some friends who found us on a Facebook kayak site where I cross-promote SCSC. A few highlights from the night included us being joined by Gustav the goose, a rescue Canadian Goose who arrived in a convertible and donned his own glow neckless and swam alongside his human. All boats were festively lit up to the point where several of the neighboring properties around the lake thought that the Sheriff's department was conducting a search and rescue mission. As the neighbors came out to see what all the commotion was about, they heard the music and laughter of the paddlers and realized that it was us. We had a warming hut set up along with cookies, candy, and 5 gallons of hot chocolate, which several of the participants partook of. No paddlers went for a swim, but we did have 1 who was in a sit on top kayak that got a little wet from the water that splashed onto her boat from the paddle. She really appreciated the heaters in the warming tent to dry herself out. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Scott Hunsinger, Bridgett Martineau, who showed up to help with registration, and launching and landing duties, Drew and Kelly Gonyias, Gail Vogt, Alyssa Givens, who helped with set-up, provided heaters, tarps, pop-ups, and tables. We expect to be back on the water next spring as soon as warm weather returns. New rivers, lakes, and reservoirs, along with another Moonlight paddle, are in the works. You don't yet have a kayak, we do have a few extras for those who want to try paddling, or hopefully, by next year the parks will be open to the point where rentals are again available. jdstephan5858@gmail.com

STARK COUNTY SKI CLUB PRESENTS A PREVIEW OF 2021 WEEK TRIP 20 PLUS YEARS AGO FOR CLUB TRIP



Colorado: Click [Overall County Status](#) for map, to data, Covid dashboard

Saturday March 27, 2021 – Thursday April 1, 2021

Member Base price \$1013*



Breckenridge trip is set up on certain time frames, they are as follows:

- ⇒ Epic pass sales ending date **Sunday, December 6th**
- ⇒ United airlines cancellation policy 91 days out **December 21st**

What this means that after Sunday, December 6th, we can only sell the trip to people who have already purchased an Epic pass and can only sell air up to **December 21st**. The trip has a short selling time limit, so if you are thinking about it don't hesitate. If you are thinking about the trip, buy the 4-day Epic (restricted) or Epic Local thru [Ski.com](#), here is the link <https://stark-county-sc-passes.events.ski.com/>.

Base Trip price Includes:

- 5 NIGHTS LODGING AT [BEAVER RUN](#)
SKI IN/SKI OUT ACCESS TO BEAVER RUN SUPERCHAIR
CONDO, 2 BEDS / 2 BATH QUAD OCCUPANCY
- FLIGHTS FROM CLE ON UNITED AIR, NON-STOPS
27 MARCH-2020 – CLE -DEN 4:34P- 5:48P
1 APRIL-2020 – DEN-CLE 4:01P-8:54P
- ROUND TRIP BUS DENVER, GROCERY/LIQUOR STOP



Added Cost your choice:

- 4 DAY EPIC (RESTRICTED RECOMMENDED) No lifts to Epic passes for multi-days to Epic local and Epic will affect your final cost of trip
- TRIP INSURANCE (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)
Three choice on insurance

Example of FINAL PRICE WITH 4 DAY EPIC (restricted) AND Standard INSURANCE will be around \$1521 (-\$35 Lodging discount) \$1486

Register for this trip online at ... <https://meetups.ski.com/stark-county-ski-club>

Payments to Ski.com

You have an option to pay by credit card but be aware That there is a 3.3% processing fee

Your Deposit due at booking
\$300.00 on 12/27/20

Balance can be paid off in increments

Non-members must include complete membership Application and dues payment to SCSC

If paying by check, make checks payable to Ski.com and mail to:
Ski. Com

1512 Grand Avenue Suite 212 Glenwood Springs CO, 81601
Include account number on check #13328-600013975-GLO

Or

Phone in check nos to 800-672-3260 Ext 3028
Gloria

TRIP LEADER (QUESTIONS)

Art Pokopac, 3956 Troon Drive Uniontown, Oh 44685

Contact Information Email: pokieman@aol.com Phone: 330.697.7491

If you are going to use Vouchers, please mail into the Trip leader for credit towards your trip. If trip gets cancelled and you paid with Vouchers, they will be returned as Vouchers.

* Base Price includes lodging, air and transfers

Price on the trip will vary on your choice of lift tickets and insurance which is highly recommended. Recommended lift is 4-day Epic (Restricted) with insurance.

Terms and conditions of trip are governed by Ski.com, please read on registration.

Pick lift tickets with Ski.com: Only the 4-day Epic, discount in lodging \$35; Pick Only Epic Local or Epic, discount in lodging \$50 which will be refunded after payments.

2021 Breckenridge Trip On-line Registration Instructions:

Speaking of a difference, the 2021 Breckenridge Ski trip will require on-line registration with the tour operator. The tour operator will oversee all terms and conditions of the trip. You will now be able to pay with a credit card with 3.3% fee, pay pal with a 2.75% fee, by check either mail in or phone in check nos. The trip has a base price which includes lodging, flights and bus transfers. You will be able to pick your Epic lift ticket either multi-day to the Epic pass (a few choices). Also, you will be able to pick, two types of insurance or decline insurance. Both these choice will affect the final price of you trip. Remember insurance is highly recommended but does not cover an epidemic but when it comes down to terms and conditions of trip, the tour operator will be in charge, not Stark County Ski Club.

Instruction for on-line registration

Click on underline words or link in the ad

Register for this trip online at... <https://meetups.ski.com/stark-county-ski-club>

Next page will be the Landing page

Pick number of travelers then click on search for the next page

Next page is the Travel Package or Stark base price

Package price will appear in right bottom corner, pick continue for next page

Next page is the Lift Tickets

Here are your options for the Epic lift ticket pass, you can pick between a 1-day pass thru the Epic pass, restricted or non-restricted. The choice will be up to you, this will vary the price of your trip.

A 4-day restricted pass is the suggestion.

To maneuver yourself to the next page, click on items and click green box to continue at bottom on box.

Next page is the Travelers Information

Fill traveler's information for each person: adult season pass (Epic) and Stark Ski Club

Name as it appears on your id – first and last name

Then birth date.

Information will be used for TSA

Fill in TSA and United information

Next page is the Checkout

This page will give a summary of what you have pick, plus insurance and information to fill out

Now your three choices on travel insurance (Highly recommended):

Good idea – Standard Insurance policy

Even Better – Cancel for any reason policy

Neither policy covers an epidemic

Decline insurance – read carefully tour operator terms and conditions apply, cancel is controlled by tour operator.

You can also read about the insurance policy

Fill out billing information and emergency contact information plus anything else

Next page Payment

Pick your choice for payment:

Credit card - 3.3% fee

Pay Pal - 2.75% fee

ACH – no fee – call check nos into tour operator

Check – no fee – send check to tour operator, usually 5-days for delivery

Fill in billing and payment details that are required

This will also tell you, your deposit and final balance and when balance is due.

Next page Confirmation

Review and confirm

After confirmation, all payments except vouchers will be directed to Ski.com, not Stark County Ski Club.

People with vouchers, please send to trip leader and the club will send the amount total of your vouchers that will be sent to the tour operator for credit on the trip. Remember if trip is cancelled and you paid with Vouchers, your refund will be in vouchers.

Stark County Ski Club

November Zoom Meeting Minutes page 1

November 17, 2020 Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: President Michael Bishop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. after allowing a few extra minutes for people to join via the Zoom platform. He welcomed attendees (29) and reminded all they should enter the meeting on mute and make a hand gesture to be recognized to have the floor. Mike Bishop asked for a motion to not review the October meeting minutes. Art Pokopac made the Motion and it was seconded by Jason Stephan. Mike Bishop called for the following reports:

Officer / Chair Reports

President Report: Under Old Business, Mike Bishop told Gloria from Ski.com that he would pursue getting a refund from the bus company for the Tahoe 2020 trip. Gloria asked to give a last try and she indicated we will be getting a full \$1,590 refund. Scott Hunsinger was recognized and stated that he is checking with Pioneer Bus Co. to verify we can holdover our \$2,025 credit to use in the future. Mike Bishop stated the SCSC trip flyers are still not hyperlinked to the CMSC website but our info seems “good enough” the way the ski season is headed. Under New Business, Mike noted there was no Executive Board meeting held between the October and November general meetings. Mike stated he reached out to states we have trips scheduled and noted the difficulty we may have, mainly in New York and Pennsylvania, with our trips. More information is under the trip committee report.

Vice President Report: Gail Vogt reported she is still exploring possibilities for a Kick-Off Party. One consideration is a Chili Golf Outing. Gail stated many resorts are encouraging tailgating in the parking lot to avoid crowds in the lodges. Gail reported on CMSC, noting that most clubs have canceled their Christmas parties and have gone to Zoom meetings. Many of the clubs have filled their week trips. Chagrin Valley has contracted with a bus company that requires them to only leave vacant seats behind the driver. Gail noted the CMSC Race Committee is scrambling to fill dates with Ohio resorts and working on an event at Mad River in Bellefontaine, Ohio with the Ohio Valley Ski Council. Gail spoke with Krista from CMSC and she will work on our club hyperlinks on the website.

Treasurer Report: Melba Gasque reported \$135 deposited in membership dues and she received an AVI check for \$1,224. Melba stated she received 12 applications and \$2,360 in vouchers to redeem towards Snow Trails passes. She will extend the Snow Trails offer to redeem vouchers toward pick a day or season passes but pricing has gone up since the November 15 deadline. Melba reported she will be out of town after December 12 and Donna Brancifort will assist her while she is gone. If you are due a certificate, she can email or hold until she sees you.

Secretary Report: Jennifer Stephan reported she had nothing further to add.

Merchandising: Gail Vogt reported she has sold 32 of the 50 facemasks with the club logo. The remaining 18 are \$5 each. Gail is still open to collecting personal items to take to the embroiderer for logos.

Membership: Fred Scherer reported for Debbie that there are 3 recent new members, 46 new this year, and 255 total memberships.

Fundraising: Donna Brancifort reported AVI overpaid by \$174.08 but will not pursue giving it back. Donna believes going forward this year, the only opportunity we may see is Akron. There were no volunteers for the previous game at Akron University Stadium but that could have been due to the timing of a Wednesday evening game. If she gets a request for help, she will send an email for interest.

Newsletter Report: Mike Bishop reported that a new member, Jillian Harman, had contacted him and offered to help update the club’s online presence. Jillian was introduced and spoke on her background in graphic design and web development and that she reached out to Mike initially to work on our website for a portfolio piece. One possibility would be converting to a true E-Newsletter that would be tied to our website with links to blogs and articles. Jillian, Mike, and Bill Bail will continue to have conversations on giving our club a better visual appeal and Mike hopes to promote the 40th anniversary of the club in 2021 and also have a more electronic / less paperwork future for the club.

Website Report: Bill Bail reported nothing new with the website but it shouldn’t be this hard for CMSC to link to our site and he will get back in touch with CMSC.

Facebook Report: Gary Johnson reported he wasn’t sure whether to advertise our one/two day trips on Facebook yet with the uncertainty of the season. Gary noted Likes and Shares have slowed since there are no socials to promote. He will continue to post a link to the newsletter. Gary noted that once the resorts get snow, he’ll start posting. Gary reported he watched the annual Warren Miller Film and although the set up was challenging, it was a good movie.

Social Chair Report: Diane Marzec reported that she doesn’t want socials to conflict with Governor’s orders, so outdoor activities like cross country skiing or sledding may be one solution. Diane did note that she had gone to the new Movie/Bistro combo and that could work as a club social since everyone would have their own table but likely you couldn’t get up from your table and mingle.

Kayaking Report: Jason Stephan reported that we had 25-30 participants for the “Once in a Blue Moon” glow paddle at Sippo Lake. Jason thanked Scott Hunsinger and Brigitte Martineau for helping as well as kayakers, Drew and Kelly Gonyias, Alyssa Givens, and Gail Vogt. Gail Vogt and Mike Bishop both noted they heard from residents that we were noticed on the lake with our lights, music, and laughter.

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Trip Committee Report: John Masalko was absent. After discussion on the difficulty concerning the mandated New York Covid travel protocols, Scott Hunsinger reported that a decision would likely be made by the end of the month on New York trips. Currently, Pennsylvania and West Virginia have recommendations, with Pennsylvania asking for a negative Covid test 72 hours prior to entering and West Virginia basically saying come on down. As of today, Canaan Valley/Timberline, West Virginia is the most likely of trips to run. Scott also noted that local resorts could be the best option for skiing this season and that in addition to the Snow Trails applications that ran through the treasury in voucher redemptions, we had 12 club members sign up online for passes. Boston Mills, Brandywine, Alpine Valley, and Mad River are Vail Resorts under the Epic pass.

Timberline-Canaan Valley, WV Feb 21-Feb 23 \$200: Trip Leader Scott Hunsinger. 8 signed up.

Breckenridge, CO Mar 28-Apr 1 \$872 base price: Trip Leader Art Pokopac reported deadlines to remember: Epic Pass sale ends Nov. 24, and then the pass goes up \$100 and United Airlines deadline is December 21. Art stated that he has 4 people signed up and 16 who have expressed interest. There are also members interested in driving but air signups need to happen before the deadlines for this trip to run.

*Must be a member to go on a trip.

Miscellaneous: Jason Stephan reported that Elves and More had announced the place, date, and time for the bike build but that due to COVID and the ban on large gatherings, it looks like this event could be canceled.

Joyce Tolerton noted her inventory is in good shape including cross-country equipment. She has Obermeyer and Karbon brands and sizes can be ordered. Ski-tune ups are available. Ski Shack hours are Mon thru Sat 11-5 and Sundays and Evenings by appointment.

Paul Webber joined us from Colorado and noted the snow has put out most of the fires in Colorado. Paul stated that New Mexico resorts are staying closed until at least early December and Colorado resorts are ready to go but waiting to make sure the governor doesn't put restrictions in place.

Meeting Adjournment: Before meeting adjournment, President Mike Bishop noted that he would leave the Zoom Meeting up for some additional socializing. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Melba Gasque; seconded by Fred Scherer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jennie Stephan – Secretary

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SHAPED SKI PACKAGES FROM \$350.00
(Skis and Bindings)

SNOWBOARD PACKAGES FROM \$350.00
(Board and Bindings)

SNOWBLADES FROM \$350.00

SKIS: Dynastar-Volki-Blizzard-Elan
BINDINGS: Marker-Look-Tyrolia
BOOTS: Head-Lange-Roxa-Dalbello
SNOWBOARDS: Nidecker-Flow

Mon. - Sat. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Great deals for this season



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

The SCSC discount is good throughout the ski season. There will be safety measures in place: social distancing, hand sanitizers, masks encouraged, new socks for boot fitting (appointments appreciated), and periodic disinfection of touchable surfaces. We all want to stay healthy so we can enjoy our ski outings.

Thanks for shopping/supporting The Ski Shack!

Joyce

SCSC trip sign up policy

If you are not a paid-up current member at the time you file a SCSC trip application the application will be held for a minimum of 30 days before processing. SCSC trip application processing will begin only after the SCSC membership application and payment have been received. Membership must remain current throughout the ski season travel period.

Mike