

Tips & Tails

February

2024



◆◆ 40++ YEARS ↑

Skiers of All Abilities ↗

Family Friendly →

Member of
Cleveland Metro Ski Council



[Membership App](#)

StarkCountySkiClub.org

Facebook.com/StarkCountySkiClub

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

In Person Meetings

Massillon Eagles

303 Weirich Blvd NW, Massillon, OH 44647

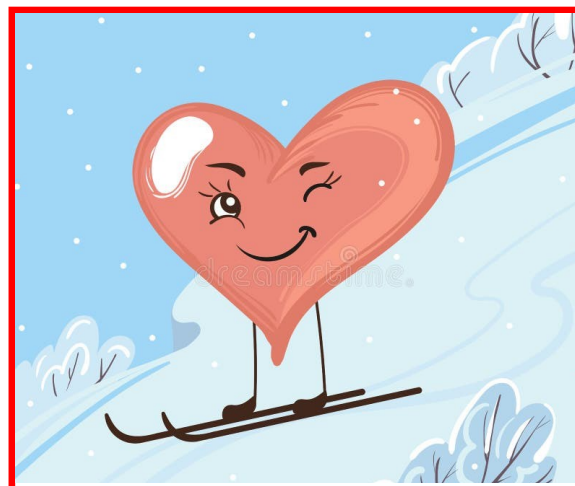
RSVP By February 13th for February 20th

September– April The 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

Doors Open 5:30P Dinner 6:00P Meeting 7:00

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Green Beans

\$10.25/person



What You Missed! [Meeting Minutes](#)

“I’ve had a deep love affair with skiing for many years.” – John Denver

SCSC trip sign up policy

If you are not a current paid-up member at the time of your SCSC trip application filing; the trip application will be held for a minimum of 30 days before processing. The SCSC trip application processing will only begin after the SCSC membership application with payment is received and processed. Membership must remain current throughout the ski season or travel period.

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CSMC Update Links

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

CMSC Meeting Minutes go to: <https://skicleveland.com/cmsc-meeting-minutes/>

CMSC Trips: [Ski Trips – scroll down to see list – Ski Cleveland Metro Ski Council](#)

SCSC Members Discount at The Ski Shack!

Hours of Operation: 11a-5p Mon-Sat.

Closed Feb. 5-8, 2024

Other Times Call for Appointment

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



10% off any merchandise/
any time for SCSC members.

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

SNOWBOARD PACKAGES FROM \$350.00
(Board and Bindings)

SNOWBLADES (with Bindings) \$380.00

SKIS: Dynastar-Volki-Blizzard-Elan
BINDINGS: Marker-Look-Tyrolia

“We still have an adequate selection/supply of skis, boots, accessories, and apparel for both downhill and cross-country skiing. Hopefully, February will be a snowy one! Thanks, Joyce ”

Membership Privacy Note:

As part of the SCSC membership, we do not share personal membership information with anyone without their permission. If any of our members have a personal event happen (illness, injury, etc.) and a family member, partner, or spouse wishes to inform the membership, you may contact any officer. The SCSC will only allow information held by the club to be released upon the written permission (digital format accepted) this includes but is not exclusive to email addresses, home address, phone number, etc. **Membership period June 1st— May 31st**

-Stark County Ski Club

View from the Top– Jason S.

Happy February Skiers and Riders,

Well, the Mid January Cold spell has allowed the Snow makers to make an abundance of snow. According to the snowmakers from BMBW they have more snow than they know what to do with. I am sure other area resorts have the same problem. Our first few day, and multi day trips were a success with happy skiers and smiles all around. Could the Bloody Mary's at the Yodeler have been better... Yes, Could the grooming at KB been better... Yes, but all things considered it's about being with friends, enjoying some of your favorite activities and making memories.

At our last club meeting we met some new members who are excited to get to know our group more and ski and have some fun with us. We are always looking for ways to grow the club but mainly have relied on our members to advertise or market (Word of Mouth). As a club I think we have been successful, but I know that we can do better and are looking at Ideas to help get the word out to the community. There are many skiers and boarders in our surrounding area that aren't members and really haven't heard about us. We have some plans in place to help address this and market the club to the community more but with our marketing budget we still rely on our memberships to help spread the word.

As we have more planned trips ready to go, and some that require Air travel as our means of transportation I have travel tips to help get through security unscathed. As many of you know I started a new career with the Transportation Security Administration this year. Can't even tell you how jealous I am every time I see a pair of ski or snowboard boots come through the x-ray in carry of baggage or see folks who I know are headed to a ski vacation. The best thing you can do prior to traveling and packing your bags is to go to the TSA website and look at what is prohibited in carry on and checked baggage. You would probably be surprised to know what is and isn't allowed to fly. As for getting through the security check point, each check point is different each airport is different and depending on the technology we are using and what we know are the current threats we face what we are looking at and the procedures we do to scan travelers and their property do change. We will always ask for your ID a State issued driver's license or identification card will work, a passport can also be used as well as a Global Entry card. The officer may also ask for your boarding pass either a paper ticket or electronic copy on your mobile device. Listen to what the officer is saying when you approach, believe it or not most are very friendly. Ask questions if you are unsure, but please remember that when someone is speaking to you and you start to interrupt them mid speech to ask your question it's rude in any situation. Wait until called, many travelers assume that when the officer processes the customer and lets them proceed it's the next customer in line turn and will come up to the screening checkpoint without being directed. There are many times when officers stop processing passengers to control line lengths and to keep the checkpoint secure. There also may be customers who take priority due to certain circumstances.

Don't be that Guy! The recommendation is still show up two hours prior to departure. Showing up with only 15-20 minutes left until your plane departs will get you no sympathy. I've heard it best when a fellow officer told a passenger "Your tardiness is not my priority."

If you don't need it during the flight and it can be packed in your checked baggage, put it in your checked baggage. TSA probably has one of the biggest collections of wine openers on the planet if your wine opener has one of those little blades (foil cutter) it will not be allowed to pass through security in your carry on.

Again, listen to the officers' directions when proceeding through the checkpoint when they ask you to remove everything from your pockets they mean EVERYTHING! Typically, it's not a metal detector you're going through, the body scanner will alarm on even a slip of paper or mint left in your pocket, resulting in a pat down search to clear the alarm. Even if you're a precheck passenger and you're passing through the actual metal detector we still look at passengers and see items in your pockets we can and will ask you to remove the items then pat the area down. Think of it as a game and the object of the game is to get through the checkpoint with out being touched, the officers on the checkpoint generally find it just as uncomfortable to conduct a pat down search on sensitive areas as the passenger getting the pat down does.

Keep those tips up and happy and safe travels,
Jason



VP Report – Gail V.

We need suggestions from the membership body to help with our current problem our membership numbers have fallen to an all time low number. In the past we have held a club open house, Winter Fest Social, and taken part in the old Open House at BWBM to advertise our club and it's activities. Membership growth from those activities was small, and so far our best source of new members has been from current members talking to family, co-workers, and friends.

Past groups we have reached out to, other smaller ski clubs to combine with, and a couple local colleges. The local colleges, we couldn't even come close to the price they offered trips for. They were able to use university transportation and offer trips for lift ticket cost. The other small clubs we approached have gone to social activities only over skiing.

We welcome ideas from everyone, so feel free to contact any officer.

Jennifer Stephan has stepped up to be our CMSC club representative. She will log into the monthly Zoom meetings and be the voting power for our club.

I did have a long discussion with the kitchen staff at the Eagles on the temperature of food being served. They promised that that will not be a future issue.

-Gail

Marketing & Merchandise

Here are the costs and styles of garment with the logo application front and back.

- ◇ Short Sleeve with front and back imprint would be SM to XL \$8.75 each, add \$2.00 for XXL, add \$3.00 for XXXL sizes.
- ◇ Long Sleeve T-shirt with front and back imprint would be SM to XL \$12.75 each, add \$2.00 for XXL, add \$3.00 for XXXL sizes.
- ◇ Pullover Hoodie with imprint would be \$22.75 each SM to XL, add \$2.00 for XXL sizes. Rib knit cuffs and waistband
- ◇ Zip Hoodie with imprint would be \$30.00 each SM to XL, add \$2.00 for XXL sizes. Rib knit cuffs

Apparel by JERZEES All are 50/50 Cotton/Poly blend. Style No: 29M, 29LS, 996M, 993M



Socials– Diane

Well, the snow has arrived and hopefully everyone is hitting the slopes. For those that want to stay warm, please join us at our monthly socials.



Wednesday, February 21st
Royal Docks Brewing Co

7162 Fulton Dr NW, Canton, OH 44718 (In the Buehler's Plaza)
(330) 353-9103

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm (Happy Hour is 4-6 pm)

This establishment is a local favorite! They make good beer, foster a comfortable environment and enjoy sharing it with friends and neighbors. The British Pub feel makes everyone feel welcome. Share this with your friends and join us for a night out.

A word from the Trip Committee... Matt S.

Wow! It seemed like this ski season would never get here. Now, it seems like it's nearly over already. Lack of snow delayed the start of the season but, Mother Nature has recently been making up for lost time. All of our 2024 destinations have been blessed with significant amounts of natural snow as well as cold temperatures ideally suited for making snow. I'm happy to report that every one of the trips we're going on were sold out. On behalf of the rest of the committee, I'd like to thank you all for your participation!

H&H was again a huge success. The skiing was good. The trip to the resort was fun and we got to try out the new LED coach for the first time: very nice! The return trip was, if nothing else, memorable. We had to take a slight detour to try to dodge some of the worst weather and a wreck on I-77. Our driver, Frank, delivered us safely home and on time. Thanks to Drew, our trip leader. And a special thanks to Gail for organizing our Jimmy Buffett themed party. Alyssa has posted a bunch of photos on the club's Facebook page. Check them out!

We had frigid temperatures for our Snow Trails Family Fun Day: a blustery 3 degrees F when the chairs started spinning. That may have kept some folks away but, we did have a small but enthusiastic group of 11 come out for a great time. The sun was shining, the snow was in excellent condition and we had a bunch of tasty food to share as we hung out together. Thanks to Roberta for organizing a successful outing.

By the time you see this newsletter, Kissing Bridge will be behind us. We had a full bus for this Saturday trip. Sign-ups started a little slowly but built to a crescendo, with one-third of the folks signing up in the week before the trip. Five new members and eight Associate Members joined us on the trip! Thanks to Gail for providing muffins for everyone. Seven people took advantage of the complimentary lessons. We left the resort an hour earlier than planned due to concerns about the weather but, once again, Frank got us all home safely.

Sunday River, our fourth outing, will also be in the past when you read this. A get-together or two were planned so we could have as much fun off the slopes as on. This trip was sure to be a success under the steady guidance of our very capable and experienced trip leader, Rocky.

Our only remaining trip is one we're sure to be talking about for years. It features the TOP TWO resorts in Ski Magazine's 2024 readers' poll. We will be staying in Ogden so, we will have lots of good restaurants and watering holes to choose from. Powder Mountain and Snowbasin are known for their light and fluffy snow, meticulous grooming, and fast lifts. Mike, our trip leader, has this one well under control so, a memorable trip is assured for all participants.

The whole Trip Committee team, along with our newest member Rich, has been working for months to put together great trips for you in the coming year. We'll announce details as soon as possible.

I've been looking for a way for trip participants to communicate more effectively than group emails. I've also been looking for some type of chat room that our club members can use to discuss and arrange ad hoc get-togethers. For example, "Hey, I was thinking about going to Peek'n Peak Thursday. Anyone want to join?" I discussed this with Alyssa at H&H and she came up with what I think is a great solution. She will provide much more information on this in this newsletter.

Thanks,
Matt



Talking Tech– Alyssa

Hello All,

As Matt mentioned in the Trip Committee report we are breaking into a newer age of Communication. We will still have our email as the primary method of communication, but we are breaking into a more adaptable and responsive approach. This in turn will also allow everyone to see and post photos taken on the trips and meet up at resorts such as three to four folks are looking at going to Mad River on such and such date, who else would like to join. Or if you're on a certain peak and going in to wet your whistle for a bit and would like others to join.

This app will enhance our footprint and mitigate any confusion of meet up locations, especially for kayaking with their various launch points. In addition to aiding not only myself, but also Gary with getting photos posted to our Facebook page. So just everyone is aware only post photos that **YOU** are **OKAY** with sharing online. But if there are some photos that you just want to send to one person, you can directly message them through the app, if you don't have their number/email.

GroupMe is an app that was developed by Microsoft, and when you do sign up, you can easily protect your personal information such as your email and phone number. The app is an extension of texting. You can easily share documents, photos, get polls, and if need be, call. It's easy to set up an account, oh and did I mention that it's **FREE!!** In addition, you can easily access the app either on your smartphone or on a personal computer. There is a two-step authentication method to increase security of your account.

Jason will be including the link to the group in the email with the newsletter. If you don't happen to see it, let me know. I will help you out!

Note: This is an extension of the Stark County Ski Club and will fall under the [Code of Conduct](#) so ALL members will be mindful of their behaviors while using the app.

Webpage
[GroupMe](#)

Video How Tos:
[GroupMe Account Setup](#)

Phone App Location
[Apple: GroupMe](#)
[Android: GroupMe](#)

Alyssa "Too Many Hats" Givens



Also if you have any historical SCSC information, whether stories, pictures, news clippings, etc. I would like to start getting those digitally archived starting as soon as March 2024!

2024 Stark County Ski Club Trip List

For SCSC local trips, fill out an “**On-line Trip Application & Read Trip Agreement**” and follow the appropriate payment process, or mail check to the Trip Leaders address listed. The trip application form is available by clicking on the designated trip’s Application Link. **Checks to be written to: Stark County Ski Club.**

Secure your spot with the designated trip leader, deposits hold your spot December !

Snow Trails Mansfield OH Family Day

Members’ Cost: Varies per Pass

Self-Drive

Single Day, Sunday January 14th

Resort Information

Trip leader: Roberta Graham

Email: skiingdef@gmail.com

Phone: 330-418-2613

Address: 8760 Appleknoll St NW Massillon, Oh 44646

Holimont & Holiday Valley Ellicottville NY

Members’ Cost: \$360.00

Bus: LED

Multi-Day Wednesday January 10-12th

Trip Application

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Trip leader: Drew Gonyias

Email: gonyiasd@gmail.com

Phone: 330-936-7301

Address: 1034 Janet Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720

Kissing Bridge, Glenwood, NY

Members’ Cost: ~~\$153.00~~

Bus: LED

Single Day- Saturday January 20th

\$126.00

Trip Application

Trip leader: Matt Stear

Email: SCSC.tripchair@gmail.com

Phone: (330) 316-2874

Address: 2235 Oak Tree Dr NW. Dover Ohio 44622

Free Group Lessons Available!

Sunday River, Newry ME

Members’ Cost: \$1348.00

Multi-Day– January 28th – February 2nd

Trip Application

Trip Leader: John “Rocky” Masalko **Email:** jmasalko02@gmail.com **Phone:** 330-949-6016

Address: 3925 Dueber Ave SW Canton, Ohio 44706

Blue Knob, PA

Trip leader: Mike Lockhart

Email: marinelock@gmail.com

Phone: 330-704.0360

Address: 1151 Melscheimer Rd. SW., East Sparta OH 44626

CANCELLED

Snowbasin/Powder Mountain Odgen Utah

Member’s Cost: \$1158.00+ Lift

Multi-Day Trip Tuesday February 28th— Wednesday March 5th

Trip Application

Trip leader: Mike Lockhart

Email: marinelock@gmail.com

Phone: 330-

704.0360 Address: 1151 Melscheimer Rd. SW., East Sparta OH 44626

FULL

Optional trip insurance is ***HIGHLY*** recommended– contact trip leader for details.

Treasurer & AVI Updates– Donna

A Word from the Treasurer!

We are still looking for a new treasurer! Because of an unfortunate sequence of events, I stepped back into that role to help the club until the position could be filled. Please don't hesitate to reach out to inquire about the position, if you might be interested. Yes, it gets pretty busy at certain times of the year, but usually, it doesn't consume too much time. Most of the time, you can do the work when you have some spare time. Sometimes, you will need to take care of a time sensitive issue, like sending a payment to a tour operator or bus company or making sure a trip leader has what they need before a trip departs. I feel like the qualities for the job are to be conscientious, good with numbers, know Excel (or some other spreadsheet software), able to attend the club's meetings, organized, a good communicator and be accessible to trip leaders. Melba and I are both willing to go over responsibilities and be ongoing support. Sometimes, knowing history of the club, or willing to listen to it, will help to avoid the pitfalls we can fall into & help understand why we do certain things. I feel like a great way to get familiar with the process would be to audit the current spreadsheet and files to see what you would be dealing with.

If anyone might be interested in this position, please reach out to get more information. If necessary, there may be creative ways to share the responsibility over the course of a year, to accommodate a complicated schedule.

Send your comments or questions to Donna Brancifort at dnbranci@gmail.com or text or call 330-705-8143.

AVI

Tom Benson HOF Stadium



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

A huge THANKS for the last 6 seasons!



News!

According to the Canton Repository, the USFL and the XFL have joined to form the United Football League (UFL). I heard that none of the teams will call Tom Benson HOF Stadium their home field this year. The Village is still vying to have the championship games to be played in Canton. There is a rumor floating around that there will be a soccer team calling Canton home, so who knows what that means! Stay tuned!

A Couple of Requests!

Please consider giving your opinion about our future engagement in this volunteer activity at the stadium. We know that they need us and rely on us heavily to welcome the visitors and give them a great fan experience in Canton!

If anyone might be interested in taking over the coordinator role, please reach out to get more information. If necessary, there may be creative ways to share the responsibility over the season.

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