

Tips & Tails



2024

STARK COUNTY SKI CLUB

Since 1981



◆◆ 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 March 12th for March 19th

September– April The 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

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

Menu: TBD

\$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/cmssc-meeting-minutes/>

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

Tune-ups will continue to be done in March

SCSC Members Discount at The Ski Shack!

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

Closed Mar 1-5, 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

BOOTS: Head-Lange-Roxa-Dalbello

“Hopefully winter's not over yet so we still have plenty of equipment and clothing for some spring skiing. 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**

View from the Top– Jason S.

Hello fellow skiers and riders,

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have our last trip of the year out enjoying some Utah Champagne powder. Wow seems like ski season just flew by this year. With a late start, and unseasonably warm temperatures throughout January and February, its almost like the season that wasn't. A big shout out to all of our local hill's snowmakers as most of the resorts within a hour or four away were able to keep a decent base down on the hills to allow us to enjoy our favorite winter activity. There is still snow on our local hills but it won't last much longer, get out and enjoy them while you can.

We have some important meetings coming up as we have elections for trip committee and for executive committee roles. Anyone wishing to throw their hat into the ring and step up into leadership roles in the club, were looking for folks for almost every position. We desperately need someone to take on the Treasurer position, we also are looking for folks to run for President, and Vice President.

Not ready for a club leadership position but want to get more involved with the club, consider running a summer activity like kayaking or biking or even if you want to start a fun summer club activity like a pickleball league for example you'll always find some like minded individuals in the club just wanting to do something different to get out and stay active.

Lastly I would like to have an informal survey, since we have changed our meeting place venue, it seems that our attendance at the monthly meetings are down a bit, not sure if its related to location, limited menu options (buffet style), or meetings are stale (boring). Shoot me an email at President@starkcountyskiclub.org or shoot me a text at 330-575-1353 I would really appreciate it, so we as a club can continue to offer our membership a great experience.

Thanks,

VP Report – Gail V.

Chagrin Valley SC has offered their discount to us for use. Please see below and follow instructions to get discount.

Starting **Monday March 11**, Holiday Valley will start giving the Chagrin Valley Ski Club a drive up discount deal of **\$40**.

That's the weekend and weekday rate....the "End of Season" rate.

But until then...see pricing, and how to get it, below

Holiday Valley - Chagrin Valley Ski Club - Drive-Up Discount Lift Ticket Deal.

Weekend/Holiday: **\$67/50** adult/jr.

Weekday: **\$47/37** adult/jr.

2 day: **\$120** weekend, **\$82** weekday.

These are ALL-DAY lift tickets, so go back and ski at night,

When you get to HV, go into the **Group Sales Building** (it's the building to the right of the Main Lodge)

DO NOT go to one of the windows, or to one of the other lodges. **It has to be Group Sales....**

Ask for **Scott**, (but anyone behind the counter will be able to help you).

Important --> Tell them you are with the Chagrin Valley Ski Club <-- Important.

You'll buy your tickets directly from HV when you get there, so no risk.

If your plans change, the number of people decreases or increases, Group sales will work with you...if you don't go, no problem, there is no cancelation penalty.

Make sure you thank them profusely...lol.

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

The recent warm weather reminds us that Spring is just around the corner and that ski season is nearly over. We had a great trip to Sunday River, as our trip leader, John Masalko, reports:

Sunday River was a huge success, 22 of us arrived at Akron/Canton airport Sunday January 28th In the wee hours of the morning, 4:30am to be exact! Checking in at the American Airlines counter. Having a brief layover in Washington, DC where we could view the nations Capital building and the Washington monument from the airport window, then arriving in Portland Maine at 11:50am transferring to our shuttles to the grocery/beverage stop arriving at the Grand Summit at Sunday River around 3:30pm. (4 of us drove) 26 total. Upon arrival to the grand Summit, we have noticed that there was a lot people checking out, finding out that it was senior week! Some of the rooms were ready for check-in, and some of the rooms were not including mine! My room was finally ready at 7:45 PM along with a handful of our group. " We commenced to have a few beverages in the lobby while we were waiting"!

We had five nights at the grand Summit with daily breakfast with a omelette station and four days of skiing. The conditions were great, and there were a few bluebird days we also enjoying the restaurants at the Village and the igloo bar at the Jordan.

Longtime member Mike Stambolid that now lives in Maine was able to meet up with us he also was able to pick up our pizzas for our pizza party, Drew and Kelly Gonyias were the Italian chefs cooking the pasta and salad that we all enjoyed and Matt Stear helped me with physical arrangements and we had a great time at our get together in the South lobby.

ALL IN ALL everything went well and NO injuries! returning home on February 2.

It was my pleasure to be your trip leader!

-John/Rocky Masalko

By the time this newsletter comes out, our last trip to Ogden will be over. Our trip leader, Mike Lockhart, will provide a full report in the April newsletter.

The committee has been working on our 2025 ski trips for several months. We will again be returning to H&H. Our western trip will be to Mammoth Mountain in California. We got input from a number of club members who have enthusiastically endorsed this trip. Mammoth, as the name implies, is big. It gets lots of snow: it stayed open until August in 2023! It's also known for its variety of terrain that appeals to skiers of all types and skill levels and for a very efficient lift system. This trip is tentatively scheduled February 23 - March 2, 2025. Additional details will be provided as they become available. Mammoth is an IKON resort.

Instead of a week-long eastern trip, we are considering three or four-day bus trips to resorts that are closer to home. Since Mammoth is an IKON resort, one possible trip would be to Camelback (<https://www.camelbackresort.com>) and Blue Mountain (<https://www.skiblument.com>) in Pennsylvania since they, too, are IKON resorts. Camelback has several fun things to do that may appeal to non-skiers who would like to make the trip. Another option may be Bristol Mountain (<https://www.bristolmountain.com/>) and Holiday Valley. We'd love to get your input.

If you are interested in buying an IKON pass, the link to the website is <https://www.ikonpass.com/>. In 2024, an IKON Base pass could be used at Mammoth. Please make sure before you purchase to ensure that is still the case in 2025. More locally, Snowshoe in West Virginia is an IKON resort. Snowshoe and Silver Creek are actually two resorts in one. At 1,500', Snowshoe boasts the greatest vertical drop anywhere between the Adirondacks and the Rockies.

The committee is also looking to put together some warm weather trips in 2024. Again, your input would be very much appreciated.

Thanks, Matt

Pedals, Paddles & Pictures– Alyssa G.

Pedalers, Paddlers, & Pros!

Sadly, the weather is warming up faster than we can get down the slopes. It's getting to that time of year where we'll need to put our skis up for the season and bring out our bikes, kayaks, golf clubs, and paddleboards. Make sure if there's any maintenance that needs to be done with your skis, get them over to Joyce for repairs and waxing! But that doesn't stop us from being active all year long.

As a friendly reminder, if your registration is expired on your kayak or canoe, please make sure you get to the BMV to get an updated registration sticker.

We are looking at possibly starting in May (being mindful of weather) for the FNF to kick off, and a possible river trip or two for a Saturday or a Sunday. In addition to possibly venturing to new locations. We will be going to Wingfoot, Sippo, Mogadore, Deer Creek and Nimisila. But if there is a certain body of water you want to go to, fill out the form below. If there's more than one body of water perfect!!!

[Friday Night Float Suggestions](#)

As a reminder the club is stepping into a more rapid mode of communication for meet ups. If you haven't done so already please download GroupMe. 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!!** I



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.

If you attended the February meeting you may know that I am starting to compile historical items from the club, whether past or present photos, meeting minutes, etc. If you would like that to be digitized let me know!

Biking– Bill B.

SCSC Summer Biking Program



Bikers

The summer biking coordinator position is open for anyone who wants to take it. I am not going to put out a schedule. If no one takes it over the activity will be suspended.

Bill Bail

Stark County Web site.

Treasurer & AVI Updates– Donna

A Word from the Treasurer!

If you have a little extra time and are interested in filling the role of treasurer, please don't hesitate to reach out to inquire about the position! Elections are in April, so it would be great if someone would be interested! Melba and I have been "sharing" responsibilities for several years to accommodate her travels, and more recently because she moved out of the area. We are both willing to provide support in any way we can. Any workable situation can be discussed for the transition period and beyond. We realize taking on being the Treasurer is a commitment and it doesn't fit perfectly into everyone's schedule.

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. Qualities for the position 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. A good 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 [dmbranci@gmail.com](mailto:dnbranci@gmail.com) or text or call 330-705-8143.



AVI Tom Benson HOF Stadium Looking forward to 2024!

Thanks for the Feedback!

Thanks to those that responded to the request for opinions on what we should do this year! It is very important that we have interest from the volunteers to be able to continue this community activity.

The Plan!

Based on the general feedback, we have responded to AVI that we will only be doing the "big" events this coming season and not doing Black College HOF over the Labor Day holiday weekend. We have requested to remain in Stand 2, the largest stand in the stadium! The first event that we will be volunteering for is most likely the **Comedy Festival on Thursday, June 20th**. We will start asking for commitment to working when we know more information, like check-in time and number of volunteers needed, probably in May. There are a couple discrepancies for the July events between the schedule and what can be found on the Village Facebook page and event websites, so I am not publishing them at this time. There will be 4 or 5 events over Enshrinement Weekend. All the events are in the evening this year: Game (Aug 1) Enshrinement (Aug 3), Concert for Legends (Aug 4), DCI (Aug 5). We will try to keep the number of events shifts to 20 this year. In 2023, we provided volunteers for 40 shifts!

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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Socials– Diane

SCSC MARCH SOCIALS

Just because ski season is ending soon, doesn't mean we have to stop enjoying each other's company. Please join us at one of our monthly socials. Friends and non-members are always welcome.

MARCH SOCIAL



Tuesday, March 29th

Harmon's Pub

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

This will be our first visit as a club to this popular venue! Come and enjoy some great appetizers, homemade soups, fresh salads, juicy burgers, and signature sandwiches. Dinner's include their famous Steak on a Stick, chicken and daily dinner specials.

Come and join your friends for an evening of fun!

UPCOMING SOCIALS:

Saturday, April 20th

Euchre Tournament

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

(Euchre Tournament begins at 7:00 p.m.)

Cost: *Euchre players will contribute \$3 each for prize money*



Join SCSC Members for an evening of Euchre! We will be gathering In the Emerald Estates Clubhouse, located just off Strausser between High Mill and Lutz.

What to Bring: A small covered dish or bag of chips to share and what you want to drink. *(We have access to a full kitchen so feel free to bring items that need to be refrigerated or warmed up in an oven.*

Reservations Required: *We have limited spots available. Please let me know if you want to join in the fun.*

Please RSVP to: dymarzec@gmail.com or text 330-497-4261

Emerald Estates Clubhouse
9634 Agate
Massillon, OH 44646

Socials Cont.– Diane

Save The Date

Camping/Canoeing/Kayaking/Biking

Friday, July 12th – Sunday, July 14th

Camping at Mohican Reservation

Check out the website: <https://www.mohicanreservation.com/index.php>

Cost: Approximately \$25 - \$28 per person (Teens 12 -17 \$10 & Kids under 12 free)

(Dogs are allowed!)

Biking, Canoeing, Kayaking, Zip Line or just relaxing will be on the agenda that weekend along with a lot of laughter and storytelling. **Limited spots available.** Watch for more details on cost and how to register in the April Newsletter.



Marketing & Merchandise– Gail V.

Unfortunately we did not get enough orders for the club logo tee shirt. We will revisit next season. I will still take personal items that you want embroidered with club logo on them. I need 12 items for vendor to do set up. Items must be new.

