

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 are Back in Session!

September 17th

[Bogey's Pub and Grill, the Old Rafters](#)

1211 39th St NE, Canton, OH 44714

Social 6p, Meeting 7p



What You Missed ! [Meeting Minutes](#)

[Membership Renewal](#) & [10 Min. Ski Workout](#)

If renewal of membership is not received by August 1st, the membership shall be terminated

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](#)

Off Season-Call for Appointment !!

SCSC Members Discount at The Ski Shack!

Hours of Operation:

Off Season-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

“New inventory is arriving in preparation for opening in October. New items this year are Red Bull goggles and updated Elan skis. Thanks and see you soon! -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.

Skiers and Riders,

From the drone of cicadas to kick off on Friday nights and Marching Bands, the sounds of the summer's end are in the air. Vail has just sent out their opening dates for their western resorts but smartly left Midwest and east coast as TBD weather permitting. Yes, fall is just around the corner. Monthly meetings will start back up in September with a new but very familiar meeting place. Bogie's 19th hole at Meadowlake. It's the old rafters where we had previously held monthly meetings for several years. They will have a limited menu for the meetings, which should help alleviate slow service we had in the past, and the new owners have updated the kitchen. The executive committee has held a meeting there and the food is great. Hopefully the attendance for the meetings improves. The club is exploring some new ideas to market the club and is looking at advertising in some local papers and social media. Does your home or neighborhood have a local paper/flyer that goes out monthly? Let us know! We have a new tri-fold flyer (designed by Alyssa) that we will be using to replace the old business cards, hopefully we can give a few out to folks to put up their local community bulletin board, YMCA, place of business etc.

What tools do you take out on the slopes with you? Most snowboarders carry a small snowboard tool with multiple bits to tighten loose bolts on bindings and or replace frequently broken parts like straps, but as a skier do you have any tools that you carry in your jacket? One useful tool you should carry especially at the beginning of each season is a gummy stone. Why?... As the season kicks off, most of us get our skies tuned to start the season some techs will slightly detune the skies slightly after sharpening the edges some don't. If you notice your skis are super responsive after a tune to the point where it is uncomfortable to ski, a quick hit with the gummy stone on the contact points of the ski will slightly take off some of the sharpness and detune the ski, making that the tech screwed up my ski's to saving the day after you already purchased the lift ticket. What are the contact points? They are the outer most point of contact on the rounded part of shaped skis, think of the ski as a big shovel or spoon, there will be two points at the front of the ski (inner and outer) and two at the back of the ski. A quick rub of the gummy over the sharp point edge will take a little of the sharpness away.

See you in September,
Jason

VP Report & Merchandise– Gail V.

Our membership numbers are at an all-time low, which my contacts with other clubs is something they are all seeing. I will be reaching out to past members through an email that didn't renew.

I am working on ideas to draw people's interests to what our club has to offer. I work a front counter job, and if I see someone that has a ski resort tee - conversation starts, and I give them a club business card. There is still a major part of our area population that does not know about the club. Several different volunteer events that I have worked with Donna to support, we have had conversations about the club and its activities - again newsletters or business cards to gain information on the club.

With the board's blessing, we are going to try advertising in the community papers to reach the maximum number of people. Very few people receive the local paper anymore. I currently have Perry, Canton Township, and Jackson. If you have a paper for your area that you receive in the mail, and it's not listed - please contact me.

Merchandise

We received the SCSC can koozies - neon green and orange that will be available for purchase. Also presenting to the board a couple of requests for club logo items. I can still take clothing items you would like embroidered - they need to be new items. I will have a merchandise catalog at the first meeting for any interests in special order items.

-Gail

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

**** URGENT NOTICE - FALL WINE TOUR *****

Final payment for our rooms at The Lodge at Geneva-On-The-Lake is due September 18. As a result, applications for this trip must be submitted by September 13 to guarantee room availability. Your \$100 deposit to secure your spot must also be received no later than September 13. Applications for this trip may be submitted after September 13 but we cannot guarantee availability after that date. We will try to secure additional rooms for late applications but, this is a busy time of year for the lodge. Please see the trip flyer in this newsletter for additional details.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE ONE OPENING FOR THE MAMMOTH TRIP! We will continue to take applications and add people to a standby list in the order in which applications are received. Two members have been added to the trip from the standby list.

We still have openings for Whiteface/Gore. This is a good trip for skiers and riders as well as those who don't ski. Lake Placid has hosted two Winter Olympics. There is an Olympic Village, a museum, bobsledding, tobogganing, and other fun diversions off-mountain. See the trip flyer in this newsletter for additional details. Sign up now so you don't miss out!

We still have openings for the Holiday Valley / Kissing Bridge trip. The format is essentially same as H&H trips in the past. The main difference is that we will ski at Kissing Bridge on Thursday instead of Holimont. Kissing Bridge has expanded their snowmaking capacity this year to provide more skiable terrain regardless of the whims of Mother Nature. We have scheduled the trip one week later than in the past to allow more time for natural snow. Please refer to the trip flyer in this newsletter for additional details. This trip always sells out so, sign up soon so you don't miss out.

Included in this newsletter is a flyer for a weekend ski trip to the Poconos. We will be staying at Camelback Mountain. The trip starts March 8, 2025. The base price of the trip includes two nights of lodging. There is an option to add a third night for an additional charge. Admission to an indoor water park is included in the price of the trip. You may choose to ski at Camelback or near-by Blue Mountain. Lift tickets for either resort may be purchased at our group discount price. IKON pass holders ski free at both Camelback and Blue Mountain. This is a great location for family fun.

Please pay attention to the payment schedules for all trips, listed on trip flyers.

We are putting together a trip to an all-inclusive resort in the Dominican Republic. The target date for this trip is October 2025. At this time, we are planning to book two 7-bedroom villas, which will provide capacity for 28 participants. Each villa has its own pool and a common area with a full kitchen. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. Additional details will be provided after we can get airline pricing in October.

We have already booked our 2026 Western ski trip. We will be going to Heavenly is an EPIC resort, March 21-28, 2026. We will be staying at the Forest Suites condos, which are located directly across from the gondola. We are booking trips early in order to secure the best accommodations at the lowest price.

Bill Fry has a limited number of openings for a trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, January 22-29, 2025. All-inclusive price is \$1,489.00. You can use SCSC vouchers toward payment of this trip. You may contact Bill for more information: watagency@gmail.com

Planning and managing club trips is a never-ending process. The Trip Committee is trying to add more trips to appeal to a broader cross-section of the club membership. Let us know if you have any ideas for fun trips and if you would be interested in helping out.

AS ALWAYS, THE PURCHASE OF TRIP INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! If you plan to go on multiple trips of any kind in a year, an annual trip insurance policy may be a more cost-effective option. The one-year term of such a policy can start any time you choose.

-Matt S.

Lake Placid: Payment Schedule

November 1, 2024- \$300
January 1, 2025
Remaining Balance

Mammoth Payment Schedule Deposit \$100

October 12, 2024 \$500
November 23, 2024 \$500
January 11, 2025
Remaining Balance

Treasurer & AVI Updates– Donna



AVI Tom Benson HOF Stadium

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU.... To all that volunteered and braved the heat and rain and disorganization of others during Enshrinement weekend! We really appreciate each person that volunteered! It is still to be determined, if our 7th Enshrinement Festival will be our last!

Being cashless made it easier for us, for sure. It made the exit after each event so much easier and faster! We need to remember that everyone should pitch in to help clean up so that all can leave at the same time! There have been a few people who have come up with suggestions, but the solution is not as easy as some might think! We need to be FAIR to ALL that volunteer.

A few people wanted to volunteer for the BCHOF on August September 1st. AVI does not have any open spots for us. Because of mis-steps from “The Village”, the Tacos and Tequilla event on Set 14 has been cancelled. As previously decided, we chose not to volunteer for the regular season McKinley football games. The next time we will ask for volunteers will be for the OHSAA State Football Finals on Dec 5, 6 and 7. Because it’s become harder and harder to get volunteers, we have requested to work in a smaller stand for those games. We have requested to be in Stand 9 (50 yard line on level 3) where we will only need between 8 and 12 volunteers for each of the 7 games of the Finals. If someone does not step up to be the co-coordinator, this initiative of community involvement will be ending.

Mark your calendars for the following dates!

			Check-In Time	Gates Open	Event Start	Requested Staffing
Sat	Sept 14	Tacos & Tequila	CANCELLED			
Thurs	Dec 5	Game 1	TBD			
Fri	Dec 6	3 Games– 3 Shifts	TBD			
Sat	Dec 7	3 Games– 3 Shifts	TBD			

Send your comments or questions to Donna Brancifort at [dmbranci@gmail.com](mailto:dnbranci@gmail.com) or text or call 330-705-8143.

**If anyone is interested in being
the AVI Coordinator
or**

SCSC Treasurer

Please contact Donna Brancifort or Jason Stephan

Pedals, Paddles & Putts Tour

Paddling into the Final Stretch of the Season...

As the weather shifts and evenings grow cooler, our final paddles of the season are just around the corner. We've got three more adventures lined up for September:

Sept. 6th: Deer Creek Reservoir

Sept. 7th: A 6.7-mile paddle starting at Burning River Adventures

Sept. 13th: Nimisila (led by Roberta, C6) – Rentals available, or bring your own boat for \$15 per person.

After the Cuyahoga paddle, we'll be gathering for some well-deserved après at Missing Mountain Brewing Co.

Looking back, our Tusc. River paddle on August 24th was a success. Many paddlers tackled the 12.4-mile journey, while others opted to land early and assist or enjoy après elsewhere. A huge shout out to Rob Graham for aiding with the shuttling for this event!

As we begin planning for next year, I'm already compiling a list of locations. If you have any suggestions, please let me know!

Alyssa G.

SCSC FRIDAY NIGHT FLOAT 2024 SCHEDULE

EVERY FRIDAY EVENING MEET AT 6:00PM SPLASH TIMES ARE 6:30PM

Friday Night Floats
DEER CREEK RES.
SEPTEMBER 6
14514 PRICE ST NE,
ALLIANCE 44601
MEET @ 6P
SPLASH BY 6:30P

Stark County Ski Club logo and Missing Mountain logo are present at the bottom.

Saturday Morning Float
CUYAHOGA RIVER
6.5 MILE
SEPTEMBER 7
2025 MUNROE FALLS AVE,
CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH
44221
MEET @ 9A
LOAD BY 10A
BYOB- \$15-30
RENTALS AVAILABLE \$45-\$85

Stark County Ski Club logo and Missing Mountain logo are present at the bottom.

Friday Night Floats
NIMISILA RES.
SEPTEMBER 13
6194 CHRISTMAN RD,
AKRON 44319
MEET @ 6P
SPLASH BY 6:30P

Stark County Ski Club logo and Missing Mountain logo are present at the bottom.

Socials—Janet S.

Well, my first club social is in the books. It was, if nothing else, eventful. We were just beginning to gather at John's Bar & Grill when the power went out. Since restoration of power was not going to happen any time soon, John's decided to close for the evening. We had to quickly come up with an alternate location. Bill Fry suggested Winking Lizard near Walsh University. The few who had already arrived made that move. We sent a text and a GroupMe message (thanks Roberta) notifying people of the change in venue. Matt stayed behind at John's to gather any strays as they showed up. That transition occurred almost seamlessly, so, 20 of us were able to enjoy a good time eating, drinking and, of course, socializing.

By the time you read this newsletter, the "September" social, held August 29, will also be in the books. A big thank you to John and Eleanor Masalko for hosting our end of the Summer pool party. I'll report more on this in the October newsletter.

In October, we will have the Fall Wine Tour. We are hoping to have another fun event toward the end of October. More on that will also be reported in the October newsletter.

Thanks,
Janet

2025 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(s)!

Fall Wine Tour Members’ Cost: \$220-Db1 \$340 Single **Bus**
Date: October 18-19 [Trip Application](#)
Trip Leader: John “Rocky” Masalko **Email:** jmasalko02@gmail.com **Phone:** 330-949-6016
Address: 3925 Dueber Ave SW Canton, Ohio 44706

[Snow Trails Mansfield OH Family Day](#) Members’ Cost: **Varies** **Self-Drive**
Date: January 11
Trip leader: Roberta Graham **Email:** skiingdef@gmail.com **Phone:** 330-418-2613
Address: 8760 Appleknoll St NW Massillon, Oh 44646

[Kissing Bridge & Holiday Valley Ellicottville NY](#) Members’ Cost: \$360 **Bus**
Multi-Day Wednesday January 15-17th [Trip Application](#)
Trip leader: Drew Gonyias **Email:** gonyiasd@gmail.com **Phone:** 330-936-7301
Address: 1034 Janet Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720

[Lake Placid NY/Whiteface Mountain](#) Members’ Cost: \$849 **Self Drive**
Dates: February 2– February 7 [Trip Application](#)
Trip leader: Rich Ramsey **Email:** ramsey-88@hotmail.com **Phone:** 330-327-3720
Address: 1735 Jefferson Rd NE, Massillon, OH 44646

[Mammoth Mountain Full Trip-Waitlist](#) Members’ Cost: \$1539+ Lift Tickets **Fly**
Dates: February 22— Wednesday March 1 [Trip Application](#)
Trip leader: Matt Stear **Email:** SCSC.tripchair@gmail.com **Phone:** (330) 316-2874
Address: 2235 Oak Tree Dr NW. Dover Ohio 44622

[Camelback/ Blue Mountain](#) Members’ Cost: TBD **Self Drive**
Dates: March 8– March 11 [Trip Application](#)
Trip leader: Mike Lockhart **Email:** marinelock@gmail.com **Phone:** 330-704.0360
Address: 1151 Melscheimer Rd. SW., East Sparta OH 44626



*Potential 2026 Trips
Tahoe (Heavenly, Kirkwood, Northstar) —> Epic Pass*

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

Wine Tour



Friday, October 18- Saturday, October 19

\$220 Double Occupancy

\$340 Single

\$100 Deposit by September 1st

Final Payment October 5th

[Trip Application](#)

Trip Leader:

John "Rocky" Masalko

Email: jmasalko02@gmail.com

Phone: 330-949-6016

Address: 3925 Dueber Ave SW Canton, Ohio 44706



DEBONNÉ VINEYARDS



The Winery at
Spring Hill

Itinerary:

- Leaving Faircrest steel plant at 2:00 PM sharp
- First stop at 3:30 PM
- Second stop at 5:00 PM
- Stopping for the evening at Geneva on the lake Lodge for an overnight stay and enjoying the evening at the lodge and downtown Geneva, Ohio
- Depart from Lodge 11:00 AM and visit local wineries
- Return to Faircrest Plant approx. 7:05 PM

Disclaimer: The fees for the wine tour cover the cost of room and bus rental only. Participants are responsible for their own expenses related to food, beverages, souvenirs, and any other personal purchases.

Stark County Ski Club

FAMILY FUN

day



JANUARY 11, 2025

Start at 9:00 am

3100 Possom Rd, Mansfield Oh 44903

Trip Leader: Roberta Graham

skiingdef@gmail.com

More Details to Follow

As the Date Gets Closer

STARK COUNTY
SKI CLUB





2025

**KISSING
BRIDGE**



Two Nights at the Wingate Hotel, Ellicottville, NY

\$100.00 deposit holds your spot—Balance due by Dec. 14th

January 15TH-17TH

Kissing Bridge & Holiday Valley
**PRICE: \$360.00 Per person based on
Double Occupancy**

BUS LOADS: 2:30 PM

DEPART: 3:00 PM

**Meet at Metallus fka
Timken Steel Faircrest**

TRIP LEADER

DREW GONYIAS

1034 Janet Ave.
North Canton, Oh
44720-1835

Phone: 330-936-7301

Email: gonyiasd@gmail.com

Click Here for

[Trip Application](#)



~ TENTATIVE ITINERARY ~

1/15—Bus Departure from Timken Steel Faircrest @ 3pm headed for Wingate Hotel

- Arrive at Hotel for Check-In and spend the evening in Ellicottville

1/16—Bus will depart for Kissing Bridge **Time schedule TBD**

- Dinner in Ellicottville on your own and then either spend your evening touring the town or join a group back at the hotel for indoor swimming and hot tub.

1/17—Bus will depart for Holiday Valley at 8:45am. Slopes open at 9am.

- Bus pick up from Holiday Valley at 4pm (**NO DINNER STOP**) **Please eat prior to return departure**

Optional trip insurance is HIGHLY recommended



Trip Application

Sunday February 2– Friday February 7, 2025
\$859 per Person (Includes Lift Tickets)
28 Spots Only (14 Rooms) Self Drive



Non-Skiing option available \$709
Must indicate on the application

Payment Schedule

\$100 Deposit Required
within 10 Days of Trip
Application Submission

November 1, 2024- \$300
January 1, 2025
Remaining Balance

Trip Leader:

Rich Ramsey

1735 Jefferson Rd NE, Massillon, OH
44646 Email: ramsey-88@hotmail.com
Phone: 330-327-3720

5 Nights Hotel Lodging High Peaks Resort 4 Days on the Slopes

- All rooms will either have a queen/queen or a king size bed, mini fridge, coffee maker, private balconies or patio with lake or mountain views.
- There are two indoor pools, two hot tubs, an exercise room, nightly happy hour and live entertainment in the lounge.
- Complimentary Snowshoes can be borrowed at Guest Services Desk
- Hot breakfast Daily (20 people min)
- Board Games and Air Hockey in Great Room

Free Lake Placid shuttle during the day only 4 day consecutive all area lift Whiteface Mt, February 3-6, 2025



Optional trip insurance is **HIGHLY** recommended



Self Drive 2025

PRICE: \$335.00



Two Night Stay

Saturday March 8, 2025– Monday March 10, 2025

Trip Includes:

Hotel for two nights; Indoor Water Park option
Lift ticket price if you do not have Ikon pass is below

[Resort Lodging](#)

An additional night can be purchased at your own discretion

Lift ticket:group rate of

Lift ticket: group rate of \$65.00 per person! Equipment Rental: group rate of \$55.00 per person!

WEEKEND (Non-Holiday)	Price
Lift 8 hour	\$68.00
Lift 8 hour + Rental (includes helmet)	\$102.00
Lift night (4pm-9pm)	\$41.00
Lift night + Rental (includes helmet)	\$76.00
Lessons Add-on	\$50.00

TRIP LEADER:
Mike Lockhart
1151 Melscheimer Rd. SW,
East Sparta, OH 44626
Phone: 330-704-0360
E-mail:
marinelock@gmail.com
Deposit of \$100 due to hold room final payment due Jan.8 2025

[Trip Application](#)



Blue Mountain lift ticket prices if you do not have an Ikon Pass

Optional trip insurance is HIGHLY recommended



Trip Application

Saturday February 22, 2025– Saturday March 1, 2025
\$1539 + Lift Tickets – **28 Spots Only**

CURRENTLY FULL- WAITLIST IS IN EFFECT



Trip Leader:

Matt Stear

2235 Oak Tree Dr. NW, Dover, Ohio
44622 Phone: 330-316-2874

Email: SCSC.tripchair@gmail.com

Payment Schedule Deposit \$100

October 12, 2024 \$500
November 23, 2024 \$500

January 11, 2025
Remaining Balance

Flight Itinerary

Saturday February 22, 2025 United Airlines
2153 CLE—> SFO 7:35A-9:50A
5755 SFO—> BIH 12:55P-2:14 P

Saturday March 1, 2025 United Airlines
5978 BIH—> DEN 1:15P-4:32P
1795Q DEN—> CLE 6:00P-10:51P

IKON Base Accepted

Adult Lift Tickets

- 4 Day- \$433
- 5 Day- \$514
- 6 Day- \$617

Senior Lift Tickets

- 4 Day- \$356
- 5 Day- \$423
- 6 Day- \$507

Super Senior (+80) FREE

Juniper Springs Lodge Amenities

- **2 BDR Condos Ski-In & Ski-Out**
- Three hot tubs and a heated pool are located on the Lobby level for Juniper Springs Lodge guests only.
- Fitness Room - Open 24 hours with room key access for Juniper Springs Lodge guests.
- Ice Machines located on the second, fourth and fifth levels
- Machines are operated by CleanPay App. Laundry soaps and supplies available (additional fees apply). Open 24 hours.
- Each unit is assigned one (1) storage locker for ski and snowboard equipment located in the lobby.
- Elevation: 8,000 feet
- Welcome breakfast day after arrival
- Complimentary Group Mountain Tour
- \$100 Resort Credit May be used for on mountain gear, food and/or drink purchases



Optional trip insurance is **HIGHLY** recommended