

The CHAIRLIFT CHATTER



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I hope you are having a wonderful summer! The weather has been glorious for just about any outdoor activity you can imagine, and there is still more than a month to go before summer is officially over. I hope you are taking advantage of biking, hiking, kayaking, deck parties and movie nights in addition to your personal activities. The "Evening in the Vineyards" at Nissley was a fun time on a beautiful night in July. Many thanks again to **Lilly Peek** for organizing this event, to **Sharon Royer** for her help, and to **Judy Nissley** for hosting our group and the prime location.

As we approach fall we have more fun planned: the Gettysburg Battlefield Ride; the Central PA Ski Expo; and a great fall trip to the New York Wine Country where you can enjoy spectacular foliage, two days of wine tasting (beer too!), and explore Corning's Historic District, while celebrating Halloween with SSC.

Our monthly membership meetings will commence soon, starting with the first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 5, where the focus will be Trips Trips Trips, and getting fit for those trips! See you in September!

Dianne

NEW YORK WINE TOUR

October 27–29 (Friday to Sunday)

Spend Halloween in Seneca Lake! The lake may look calm and beautiful on the surface, but underneath lurk all sorts of mysteries and horrors! Tricks, treats, goblins and games—pack your costume and join fellow SSC members in New York Wine Country, October 27, 28 and 29th.

We will stay two nights in Corning at the Radisson, just steps from the Historic Downtown District. The area offers shops, restaurants and the Market Street Brewing Company. We should arrive in Corning at approximately 1:30 PM, which will give you about a half day to tour the Historic District and Corning Glass Museum.

On Saturday we will tour five wineries with lunch at Glenora Wine Cellars and dinner at Belhurst Castle. On Sunday we will visit Three Brothers Wineries & Estates featuring three unique wineries and a microbrewery. From there we will stop at Wagner Vineyards, one of the oldest and most recognized wineries in the Finger Lakes Region. Enroute to Harrisburg, we will make a stop in Williamsport at the Bullfrog Brewing Co. with many brews on tap.

This trip is starting to fill, so don't delay. SSC's package price per person, double occupancy is \$375. A deposit of \$200 pp is due at signup with the balance due August 28. So don your favorite costume and join fellow SSC members for a **SPOOKTACULAR** time! Contact trip leader **David Timothy** at 717-979-4236.



MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL/MEETING ~ Tuesday, September 5, 6 PM

SSC's first membership meeting of the 2017-2018 season will be held on Tuesday, September 5, at **Boomerang Bar & Grill**, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland. Bring a friend or two to introduce to our Club and join in the fun! Social hour and trip sign-ups begin at 6 PM. All trip leaders will be on-hand to answer questions and take deposits. Remember to bring your checkbook!

A brief business meeting will commence at 7 PM. The evening's program will feature our 2017-2018 trips, followed by our speaker, **Mike Shaw**, SSC's Membership Director who will talk about his *personal fitness program* in preparation for the upcoming ski season! Come out and get the latest news on upcoming trips, social events, and getting fit for skiing, along with socializing and planning your next ski adventure.

UPCOMING EVENTS & TRIPS	Aug 26, 9:30 AM	Bike/hike/paddle/picnic w/Email Riders, 569 Vinegar Ferry Rd., Marietta
	Aug 30, 5 PM	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store, 2334 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
	Sep 5, 6 PM	Membership social/meeting @ Boomerang Bar & Grill, 110 Limekiln Rd., New Cumberland
	Sep 8, 5 PM	Deck party @ Caddy Shack, 800 Orrs Bridge Rd., Mechanicsburg
	Sep 13, 5 PM	'Hump Day' happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill (2531 Brindle Dr.) & Regal Theatre (1500 Caughey Dr.), Harrisburg
	Sep 15, 5 PM	Deck party @ T.J. Rockwell's, 800 Mt. Gretna Rd., Elizabethtown
	Sep 23, 9 AM	Gettysburg Battlefield ride @ Gettysburg Battlefield Visitor Center RV lot
	Sep 27, 5 PM	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store
	Oct 3, 6 PM	Membership social/meeting @ Boomerang Bar & Grill
	Oct 6, 5 PM	Deck party @ Joe K's Brewhouse, 3523 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg (last deck event)
	Oct 11, 5 PM	'Hump Day' happy hour & movie night @ Macaroni Grill & Regal Theatre
	Oct 20, 6 PM	Central PA Ski Expo @ Highlands at Donegal Golf Course, 650 Pinkerton Rd., Mount Joy
	Oct 25, 5 PM	Board meeting @ Giant Food Store
	Oct 27-29	New York Wine Tour

2017-2018 SSC TRIPS

Trip application forms and trip terms may be found on our website (skissc.com/trips). See our website and pages 1-3 of this newsletter for trip details. Your SSC membership must be current to sign up for a trip.

Dates	Destination	Status	Trip Leader	Contact Info
Oct 27-29, 2017	New York Wine Country Tour	29% filled	Dave and Jane Timothy	717-979-4236 or dtimothy@centurylink.net
Jan 13-20, 2018	Steamboat, Colorado	Waiting list	Gary Smith	717-503-2332 or 262gsmith@gmail.com
Jan 27-Feb 3, 2018	Breckenridge, Colorado	33% filled	Mike Shaw	717-253-2414 or mshawssc@gmail.com
Feb 5, 2018	Elk Mountain, Pennsylvania	Open soon!	TBD	
Feb 10-17, 2018	Snowbird, Utah	Waiting list	Linda Randby	717-547-0083 or lraub4@gmail.com
Feb 22-25, 2018	Holiday Valley, New York	Open soon!	Barb Collier	717-829-5028 or bcollier333@hotmail.com
Mar 3-10, 2018	Taos, New Mexico	36% filled	Mark LaManna	717-238-3889 or mvlamanna@comcast.net
Jun 12-20, 2018	Danube Waltz River Cruise	79% filled	Sherry Predix	717-957-2925 or slpredix@comcast.net

BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

January 27–February 3, 2018 (Saturday to Saturday)

Breckenridge is a town rich with mining history and welcoming charm and is the host for the 2018 Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council trip. Clubs from throughout the Northeast will join us for a great time at the winter carnival. Travel with us to experience 187 trails across 2,908 acres that span five peaks of varied terrain. The resort has a base elevation of 9,600 feet and a top elevation of 12,998, the highest lift-accessed terrain in North America. Breckenridge provides an easily walkable town with numerous restaurant and shopping options a short 5-minute walk from the hotel.

The trip includes roundtrip air from Harrisburg to Denver, bus transportation from Denver to the resort, and 7 nights' lodging at [The DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton](#), located near the base of the QuickSilver lift. Standard trip features include a daily breakfast buffet, a 5-day ticket (also accepted at Arapahoe Basin, Keystone, Vail and Beaver Creek), and an optional sixth day of skiing or riding. Several options are possible for formulating the best trip for you. Trip participants with an Epic Pass will have the lift ticket cost deducted from their SSC trip price. The standard package for the Winter Carnival provides a Welcome Reception, kick-off breakfast, *après-ski* party, a mid-week themed gala with dinner and entertainment, a ski club race competition, a mid-week lunch, and an awards ceremony on Friday night.

SSC's standard package is priced at \$2,150 per person double occupancy, or \$2,040 per person double occupancy with limited activity package. To join us on this exciting trip, submit a completed trip application and \$600 deposit per person payable to "SSC Breckenridge 2018" to **trip leader Mike Shaw**, P.O. Box 1471, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. For more information, contact Mike at mshawssc@gmail.com or 717-253-2414.

HOLIDAY VALLEY, NEW YORK

February 22–25, 2018 (Thursday to Sunday)



SSC will travel to [Holiday Valley Resort](#) in Ellicottville, New York on Thursday, February 22 through Sunday February 25, 2018. Holiday Valley offers day and night skiing and snowboarding with 58 day trails and 37 night trails. The resort lies at the foot of McCarty Hill with a peak elevation of 2,323 ft. and a base of 1,600 ft., giving Holiday Valley a 'vertical drop' over 750 ft. This western New York resort enjoys average annual snowfall of 180 inches and has snowmaking on 95% of their trails. Our package includes an optional day of skiing at the nearby [Holimont Ski Area](#) on Friday. Holimont is North America's largest private ski resort, and is open to the public mid-week; with 8 lifts and 50+ trails, Holimont has something for every level.

We will stay at the Inn at Holiday Valley, located steps from the Sunrise chairlift. The hotel features slope-side rooms, continental breakfast each morning, indoor/outdoor pool, sauna, outdoor hot tub, fitness rooms, private ski lockers and wifi. You can also enjoy snow tubing, cross country skiing, and a spa for additional fees. The resort is located one mile from the village of Ellicottville (taxi service is available). The village has specialty shops, restaurants and a brewery.

SSC's package includes round trip motorcoach transportation, three nights' lodging, daily continental breakfast, and lift tickets valid from time of arrival to departure on Sunday afternoon. **Trip leader Barb Collier** will be at the September 5 membership meeting to present final details and pricing. For more information, contact Barb at bcollier333@hotmail.com or 717-829-5028.

TAOS, NEW MEXICO

March 3–10, 2018 (Saturday to Saturday)



Join SSC as we ski in [Taos Ski Valley](#), located in the rugged Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Taos is renowned for its expert terrain but also includes a tremendous number of beginner and intermediate runs. Like all resorts in the Eastern Rockies, Taos was buried in snow last year. Taos enjoys sunshine more than 300 days a year. **Fast Facts:** 300 inches of annual snowfall, 110 trails (24% beginners, 25% intermediate, 51% expert), fifteen chairlifts, base 9,207 feet, highest lift 12,481 feet, vertical drop 3,274 feet, uphill capacity 16,500 skiers per hour and hardly a lift line anywhere.

Experience ski-in/ski-out lodging at a perfect location—the [Snakedance Condos and Spa](#) in the heart of the ski village, surrounded by many shops and services! Each suite is an individually owned and decorated 2-bedroom/2-bath with a full kitchen and living room with fireplace. Hotel amenities include an on-site spa, fitness facility and guest lounge. Off the ski slopes, enjoy tubing on Strawberry Hill, take a guided full moon snowshoe hike, or race up a snowmobile trail. After a long day of skiing, take advantage of the hotel's sauna and hot tub, get a massage from the hotel's masseuse, or just grab your tablet or a book from the hotel's private library and curl up for the night by one of the hotel's fireplaces.

SSC's basic package, priced at \$1,838 per person double occupancy, will include roundtrip air (we expect to depart from Harrisburg, with a possible change to BWI), all bus transfers, 7 nights' lodging, a 5 of 6-day lift ticket, group portage and a welcome reception. A sixth-day lift ticket is available for an additional \$64. Also included: the General Manager will host a group dinner at his house Monday evening, and this is a real treat! The Inn offers fine and casual dining and breakfast daily for all guests at your own expense. Send your completed application and deposit of \$600 per person payable to "SSC Taos 2018" to trip leader **Mark LaManna**, 4713 Buck Run Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17110. For more information, contact Mark at mvlamanna@comcast.net or 717-238-3889.

TRIP PAYMENTS ARE DUE!

If you have signed up for a SSC trip, your next payment may be due and should be sent to your trip leader. By paying on time you avoid those nasty late charges and possible removal from a trip for non-payment. As a reminder, below is a list of payments due in the next couple of months:

- Breckenridge – 2nd payment, \$550, was due Aug. 15
- New York Wine Tour – Final payment, \$175, due Aug. 28
- Taos – 2nd payment, \$600, due Sept. 30
- Steamboat – 2nd payment, \$750, due Oct. 15
- Snowbird – 2nd payment \$800 due Nov. 1



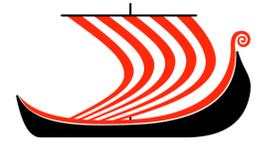
2017 SKI SWAPS SAVE THESE DATES!

World Cup – September 30 & October 1
Mountainside – October 7 & 8
Roundtop – November 4 & 5



DANUBE WALTZ RIVER CRUISE June 12–20, 2018 (Tuesday to Wednesday)

Join SSC as we travel down the Danube River aboard the Viking Cruise Line's [Longship Vilhjalm](#).



VIKING RIVER CRUISES

Our basic cruise will have you flying out on June 12 and arriving in Budapest, Hungary on June 13, where you will transfer to our Viking longship and cruise over the next eight days to Passau. Ports visited along the way include: Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Krems, Linz and Passau. Also included are six guided tours with audio headsets (a detailed listing of the guided tours can be emailed upon request), all port charges, and free Wi-Fi. We will visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites. The following are also included: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners, featuring regional specialties, as well as complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with onboard dinner and lunch service. Included is a Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner, a Captain's Farewell Dinner and much more.

Build your own trip on this excursion by choosing from three types of cabins on the Longship Vilhjalm. You can also choose the airport from which you depart—Dulles or Harrisburg (Dulles is recommended), and pricing will depend on application date. Transportation to and from Dulles is not included in the cost. This is TBD, and will depend on the number flying out of Dulles and arrangements will be made accordingly.

Pricing options for our basic trip, including air out of Dulles, are as follows: Category E—Standard cabin on lower deck at \$3,881 per person with two per cabin; Category D—a French Balcony stateroom on the middle deck at \$4,081 per person with two per cabin; Category B—a Veranda Balcony stateroom on the middle deck at \$4,481 per person with two per cabin. There are other cabins on the upper deck which may be available. If interested, ask your trip leader to obtain pricing.

You can extend your overseas stay by adding an optional pre-trip two-night extension in Budapest for \$449 per person double occupancy and/or a post-trip three-night extension in Prague for \$799 per person double occupancy. If you add the optional pre-trip, you will fly out on June 10, arrive in Budapest on June 11, and stay in Budapest 2 nights before boarding the longship on June 13. If extending your trip to Prague, on June 20 you will be transported to Prague for 3-nights' lodging and fly home from Prague on June 23.

Please send your completed trip application and deposit of \$500 per person payable to "SSC" to trip leader **Sherry Predix**, 307 Doe Run, Marysville, PA 17053. If paying in full, you will need to pay the balance due at the end of the month following your deposit. Extended, personalized payment plans are available, to which a \$30 convenience fee will be added. For more information, please contact Sherry at 717-957-2925 or slpredix@comcast.net.

PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS!

Cathy Allen, Sandra Cauler & Walter Wall, Amanda Mailey, Stanley & Patricia Marks, James & Cathy Mulligan, Frances Roe, Susan Storch, Amy & John Towne, Craig Wentz

GETTYSBURG RIDE

Saturday, September 23, 9 AM

If you like bicycling and history, you'll enjoy our annual ride around the Gettysburg National Battlefield. All levels of riders are welcome. There will be a 20-mile historic narrative tour with cut-offs at 10 and 15 miles. Meet at 9 AM at the National Park Service Museum and Visitor Center bus/RV parking lot. Bring something to share at the tailgate after the ride. **Directions from Harrisburg:** Take Route 15 south to Gettysburg; take the Baltimore Pike (Route 97) exit; at the stop sign turn right; drive approximately 3 miles to the National Park Service Museum and Visitor Center entrance on your left; take the first left into the bus/RV parking lot. For directions from other cities, see the Gettysburg Battlefield National Park website at <http://www.nps.gov/gett/planyourvisit/directions.htm>. Any questions, contact **Mark LaManna** at mvlamanna@comcast.net or 717-238-3889. Rain date is September 24.



LAST CHANCE TO 'HIT THE DECK' WITH SSC!

Summer is growing short and SSC's 'Hit the Deck' has only 3 more Friday venues planned. No reservation or membership needed! Arrive at the selected destination at 5 PM or later, look for folks gathered around tables displaying SSC table tent cards and JOIN IN! This is a great outlet to meet Club members and discover SSC. We look forward to seeing you soon!!

- Sep 8 [Caddy Shack](#), 800 Orrs Bridge Rd, Mechanicsburg
- Sep 15 [T.J. Rockwell's](#), 800 Mt Gretna Rd, Elizabethtown
- Oct 6 [Joe K's Brewhouse](#), 3523 Union Deposit Rd, Harrisburg (last deck event)



CENTRAL PA SKI EXPO

Friday, October 20, 6:00 pm

Susquehanna and Lancaster Ski Clubs are hosting the **Eighth Annual Central Pennsylvania Ski Expo** on Friday, October 20 from 6-9 PM at the **Highlands at Donegal Golf Course**, 650 Pinkerton Rd., Mount Joy. Representatives from mountain resorts across the country will be present to give you firsthand information on the newest offerings at their mountains, lodging, and travel to their respective destinations. There will be light appetizers, a cash bar, a DJ, and lots of great door prizes! Don't miss this opportunity to meet the mountain reps, mingle with fellow skiers/riders, and get ready for another great ski season. Admission is free for SSC and LSC members. There is a nominal admission fee of \$5 for non-members. You can join SSC at the door. For more information, contact **Dianne Paukovits** at 717-256-9119.



WOLF SANCTUARY

Saturday, November 4

Join us for a howling good time at **Speedwell Forge's Wolf Sanctuary of PA** in the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch country, quietly secured on 80-plus acres of natural woodland. Mark your calendar (November 4 is a full moon!) and join in the exploration of this little known piece of wilderness with organizer **Terri Falk**. The event will include a wine & cheese pre-wolf gathering at Terri's historic Cornwell home. For more information about the sanctuary view their website: <https://wolfsanctuarypa.org>.



'HUMP DAY' MOVIE NIGHTS

Wednesdays, September 13 & October 11

Relax! Join us for an evening at the movies. **Bring a friend!** You do not have to be a SSC member to come to this event. **Eat/Drink/Socialize!** We will meet at Romano's Macaroni Grill, located at 2531 Brindle Dr., in the Susquehanna Market Place Mall, just off Progress Ave. in Harrisburg, any time after 5 PM for a snack and/or a drink before the movie. **The movie!** SSC sends an email blast with the chosen movie title several days before each event. We drive a short distance to the Regal Harrisburg Stadium 14 at 1500 Caughey Drive about 20 minutes before the start of the movie. For more information, contact **Lovena Nickle** at 717-541-8803.



HERSHEYPARK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hersheypark volunteers earn money for SSC and at the same time earn 1-3 vouchers for themselves for admittance to Hersheypark for each shift worked. Last winter SSC donated half its proceeds to the Wounded Warrior Project and to our teams participating in Ski4Life (a Leukemia & Lymphoma Society benefit). All you have to do is contact Lovena Nickle at 717-541-8803 or lovnice53@comcast.net to sign up as a Hersheypark volunteer. You will need to provide an email address to enable Lovena to communicate with you about open shifts. Again, you can earn up to THREE vouchers for admittance to the Park for working a 4-5 hour shift.



GET-ACQUAINTED PARTY SAVE THE DATE!

SSC's Annual Get-Acquainted Party, Saturday, November 18, Roundtop Mountain Resort. Free to SSC members. Again this year, the band is **Laredo**.

SEEKING SSC EVENT SPONSORS!

Do you have a business you would like to promote to SSC's membership? Help sponsor a SSC event and get your business noticed! Current sponsorship opportunities include our 2017 Get-Acquainted Party and Holiday Party, and our 2018 Picture Party and Annual Spring Banquet. For more information, please contact **Immediate Past President Sherry Predix** at spredix@comcast.net.

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