

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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President's Corner

HELLO SKIERS!!

Our 1st meeting was successful with 40 members and potential new members in attendance. Our planned ski trips for the upcoming season were discussed and a call for more skiers was made. Hope you will all continue to spread the word about the club and our love for traveling to wonderful ski destinations. Wishing you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Your President,

Judy Ainsworth

Trip Reports

PLEASE REFER TO THE BLAST EMAIL THAT WAS SENT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Telluride, CO: January 8-13, 2023

(5 nights/4 ski days). **We need one more Lady!** Lodging will be **The Peaks Resort**, ski-in/ski-out, in Mountain Village. For those who stayed there last year, remember how nice it was to have your boots warmed overnight and skis laid out for you in the morning! There are many good restaurants a short walk away in Mountain Village, and you can take the gondola down to Telluride for more choices. The rooms are all double occupancy, but couples may prefer one King bed at \$1,195 pp as opposed to 2 King beds at \$1,255 pp. The contract includes bus transportation, porter from bus to lobby, ski valet, accommodation, and daily breakfast. For you Black Diamond skiers Telluride is putting in a new number 9 Plunge Lift.

The bus will be departing at 6am on Jan 8 from the parking lot of RH Johnson Recreation Center in Sun City West, stopping in Flagstaff for lunch and Cortez for a Pitstop and snacks. We will arrive in time to get our boots and skis down to the ski valet. Check out Telluride videos on YouTube.com!

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Meetings are held at the **Kuentz Rec Ctr Kiva** room, 14401 W RH Johnson Blvd (south of Stardust Blvd). **Our next meeting is Thursday, December 1** - Social Hour at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00.

Prepaid dinner reservations are required – deadline is 9pm Sunday, November 27. It's a BYOB event.

▪ Remember to bring non-perishable donations and toiletries for charities.

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Whitefish, MT: February 5-10, 2023

(5 nights/4 ski days). **Space is still available!** Lodging is at the **Firebrand Hotel** in the heart of Whitefish. The contract guarantees 15 rooms, airport RT transfer from Kalispell (including skiers arriving on different flights), porter from bus to lobby, 4-day lift ticket, Welcome Wine and Cheese, private shuttle to ski area and 5-day breakfast including tax and tip. The single supplement is an additional \$499. The price for the land portion is \$975 plus the air portion of \$581 equals \$1,556 for all traveling with us from Phoenix. The ski area does not use EPIC or IKON so the discount for non-skiers is \$260, seniors 65-69 \$20 and seniors over 70 \$160. Please be sure we have your official name for the airline and your KTN number if you have one. **You have until December 4th to sign up for Whitefish.**

Winter Park, CO: March 5-10, 2023

(5 nights/4 ski days). **Space is still available!** Lodging is at the **Vintage Hotel** in studios with kitchenettes, 2 queen beds, heated outdoor pool, spa, and cabriolet to ski area. The contract includes airfare from Phoenix, accommodation, porter from bus to lobby, vouchers for breakfast and a 4-day lift ticket. The discount for non-skiers or IKON pass holders is \$289. The single supplement is an additional \$599. The cost for the land portion is \$1039. The airfare is yet to be determined. **You have until January 4th to sign up for Winter Park.** Check out the YouTube video "Introducing the 7 territories of Winter Park Resort".

CANCELLATION Policy: Please read the cancellation policy in your Hold Harmless Agreement or online at <https://vsscskiclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/HHA.pdf> and put the cancellation dates on your calendar. It is important that you **call** or **email** Barb Stevens if you need to cancel a trip. You will receive a full refund if cancellation is received more than 90 days before the departure date. We will start a waiting list for all trips as soon as they are full. Consider purchasing trip insurance.

Barb Stevens, Trip Captain
Home Phone 623-546-2811
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Welcome New Members

- Barb Echo-Sun City West
- Susan Chase-Sun City
- Ray Eccleston-Prescott



2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

- Thursday, December 1
- Thursday, January 5
- Thursday, February 2
- Thursday, March 2
- Thursday, April 6

Please mark your calendar!

Eve's Place

Eve's Place continues to accept donations at their Community Center. **Please bring food and toiletries to the meetings.** They no longer accept clothing. Thank you.

2023 Trip Schedule

| Destination | Dates | Price | Deposit | Balance Due | No Refund After |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| Telluride, CO (Bus) | Jan. 8-13 (4 ski days) | \$1,195 king \$1,255 dbl | \$150 | Oct. 16 | Nov. 4 |
| Whitefish, MT (Air) | Feb. 5-10 (4 ski days) | \$975 land \$581 air \$1,556 total | \$150 | Nov. 13 | Dec. 4 |
| Winter Park, CO (Air) | March 5-10 (4 ski days) | \$1,039 land TBD Air | \$150 | Dec. 11 | Jan. 3 |

Trip costs are per person, double occupancy. Single rooms may be available at additional cost. Prices are subject to change due to unforeseen airline or other vendor surcharges.

Reminders

Be prepared!! Stretching, yoga, tai chi. Anything to prevent injury and be ready for the ski season.



Get those skis tuned up before the rush!

From the Treasurer

Important things to remember when making payments:

- Trip Application forms must be sent along with a check for dues (\$20 per person) and trip deposit(s) if you are signing up at this time.
- The Application must be filled out COMPLETELY (both sides) and SIGNED.
- The Hold Harmless Agreement must be initialed on the front and signed on the back.
- **Carefully note the dates for Balance Due and No Refund After.** If you need to cancel a trip, please call the Trip Captain prior to that date.
- Please write, "Balance for XX trip(s)" on the Note line of your check.
- Make checks payable to Valley of the Sun Ski Club, or VSSC, and mail to:

VSSC
P.O. Box 5186
Sun City West, AZ 85376-5186

Note: If you are paying dues only, please include the Dues/Trip Application with your check. Be sure to complete both sides and sign it, along with the Hold Harmless Agreement, initialed and signed.

Trip Invoices

Those going to Whitefish should have received their invoices. Winter Park invoices will be mailed out mid-November. Checks are payable to VSSC and are to be mailed to VSSC, PO Box 5186, Sun City West, AZ 85376-5186.

If you need the Dues/Trip Application or any other information, you can find it on our website at VSSCskiclub.com. A host of information is available under the Valley of the Sun Ski Club menu. Dates for meetings, ski trips, and due dates can also be found on the Calendar page.

Dinner Reservations

All dinners are required to be paid in advance. For the second dinner on December 1st, please mail your check and reservation form to:

VSSC c/o Mary Ann Vangelisti
15234 W. Via Montoya
Sun City West, AZ 85375

The cost is \$21.00 for members, \$23.00 for non-members. It is important to make your reservation no later than 9:00 PM Sunday November 27th. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to pay for your dinner reservation for the following meeting. Please direct any questions to Mary Ann Vangelisti at 602-799-3855 or email to Suntracusa@cox.net.

Please do not include Trip Applications or deposits for ski trips with your dinner reservation.

Membership Roster

The membership roster will be sent out this month (November). If you elected to be included last year, your signature is valid and stays in force if your dues have remained current, unless you request a change in writing or via email. If there is a lapse in membership, then all forms need to be re-signed. If you want to make a change and did not note it on your application, please send your request to Beverly Brown at starfighteraz@gmail.com or mail to Valley of the Sun Ski Club, PO Box 5186, Sun City West, AZ 85376-5186.

November Meeting Recap

President Ainsworth called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. The President expressed appreciation to Sharko's catering for their longtime service to the club. Members were welcomed to the new season and new venue. Board members were introduced.

Treasures Report-Don Larsen

Don explained that the treasures reports are for the fiscal year. Current club checking account balance as of October 31, 2022, is \$46,380.54.

Dinner Coordinator Report-Barbara Stevens

There were 40 reservations and 40 dinners served. Please pay in advance for the next meeting(s).

Trip Captain Report-Barbara Stevens

Please review **BLAST EMAIL** that was sent as well as reviewing trip details in this newsletter.

Warren Field was invited to the podium to present important options for trip insurance. Each participant is responsible to purchase their own insurance if so desired.

Membership Report-Beverly Brown

Beverly reported that current club membership is at 85. Most new members have been from member referrals.

Dinner Meeting Conclusion

A special presentation about National Ski Patrol and Paid Ski Patrol was given by Tony Mullozi who served 40 years on Ski Patrol and recently was awarded recognition for his service!

An appeal was made for a volunteer for publicity and a volunteer to purchase meeting soft drinks and cups.

Brigitte Ebert and Richard Wilsie were thanked for their table decorations.

The 50/50 Raffle winners were Warren Field, Barbara Field, and Martin Umbarger. First Table for the next meeting was won by Wendy McKenna. The next meeting will be December 1st. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Additional Notes:

Remember to check the sign-up sheet for ski trips to Snow Bowl in Flagstaff! Those interested organize their own carpool. The sign-up sheet can be found hanging on Poster Board at our meetings.

There will always be a table set up for anyone who is selling or donating ski items. Please remember to take items back home with you if they don't find a new home!

The cost of your first name tag is paid by the Club. If you need a second name tag the price has gone up from \$7 to \$9.



Congratulations Tony!



Your 2022-2023 Board Members: L to R, Don Larsen-Treasurer, Marilyn Urbany- Recording Secretary, Koni Hohnbaum-Communications Coordinator, Judy Ainsworth-President, Beverly Brown-Database Manager, Barbara Stevens-Dinner Coordinator/Trip Captain, Ron Brossart-Vice President.