

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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President's Corner

Greetings Skiers,

Hope everyone had a wonderful spring and summer. Fall is here and winter is just around the corner. Time to get ready for the upcoming ski season. We have 3 great trips planned for you! Our first meeting is Thursday, November 3rd and I look forward to seeing everyone in our new venue. Sharko's will continue to cater our meetings and remember its BYOB!. Hope you will consider being a volunteer to help keep our club strong and viable going forward.

Judy Ainsworth

President VSSC

Trip Reports

Trips are set and we are looking forward to another great year of skiing.

Telluride, CO: January 8-13, 2023

(5 nights/4 ski days). **We need more people to fill the bus.** We have guaranteed 15 rooms and must have a minimum of 30 on the bus. 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. **Balance is due Oct 16 and there is no refund after Nov 4** so please get your applications in now. 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, November 3** - Social Hour at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00. **Prepaid dinner reservations are required – deadline is 9pm Sunday, October 30.** 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. **Balance is due Nov 13 and no refund after Dec 4.**

Winter Park, CO: March 5-10, 2023

(5 nights/4 ski days). **Lots of space 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. **Balance is due Dec 11 and no refund after Jan 3.** 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
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Welcome New Members

Jeff Beierschmitt - FL

Tony Bernstein - AZ

Tom Bridge - MI

Rich Chase - AZ

Judy Cicotte - AZ

Kari Costello - WI

Debbie Kanouse - AZ

Petra Latch - NV

Marsha McIntosh - AZ

Jeanette Wood - AZ

**2022-2023
Meeting Schedule**

- Thursday, November 3
- 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.
- **Note carefully 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

Full payment for the **Telluride** trip is due October 16th. If you previously put a deposit down for the trip, the invoice for your balance due has been mailed. If you have just signed up for the trip, pay the full amount.

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

An invoice was mailed to those who made a deposit for Telluride and is due October 16th. Whitefish invoices will be sent out by mid-October and Winter Park invoices by 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 first dinner on November 4 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 Friday, October 28th. 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 in early November. If you elected to be included last year, your signature is valid and stays in force as long as 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.