

# VSSC NEWSLETTER

## VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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### President's Corner

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A SAFE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Our 1st meeting of the new year is right around the corner. Get in your reservations and plan on paying in advance for the February meeting. We will be off to Telluride soon, and with new snow falling, it should be great trip. We still have space for Whitefish and Winter Park. (See **NOTE** below).

If you are interested in skiing locally, remember to sign up at the meeting. This is an opportunity to meet and ski with other members of the club!

Your President,  
Judy Ainsworth

### Trip Reports

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**TELLURIDE, Colorado:** Jan 8-13 (5 nights/4 ski days). Cost \$1,255/pp shared room. Lift ticket is separate. **NEED ONE MORE LADY.** Lodging will be The Peaks Resort, ski-in/ski-out, in Mountain Village. This year breakfast is included.

The **bus will be departing at 6am (please arrive by 5:15 am)** on January 8 from the parking lot of RH Johnson Recreation Center in Sun City West, aisle #8. We will be stopping at Flagstaff for breakfast and Cortez for pit stop and snacks. We will be arriving in time to get our boots and skis down to the ski valet or for people to pick up rented equipment.

TRIP LEADER: Barbara Stevens, 623-628-0218, [jileroo@yahoo.com](mailto:jileroo@yahoo.com)

**WHITEFISH, Montana:** Feb 5-10 (5 nights/4 ski days). 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. **NOTE: I have released the unfilled spaces to Alpine, but I will start a Standby list for anyone still wishing to go.**

The price for the land portion is \$975 plus the air portion of \$581 equals \$1,556/pp 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 is \$160. **Please be sure we have your legal name for the airline and your KTN number if you have one.**

## 2022-2023

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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, January 5th - Social Hour at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00.** **Prepaid dinner reservations are required – deadline is 9pm Sunday, January 1st.** It's a BYOB event.

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

**WINTER PARK, Colorado:** March 5-10 (5 nights/4 ski days) 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. **NOTE: I have released the unfilled spaces to Alpine, but I will start a Standby list for anyone still wishing to go.** The cost for the land portion is \$1,039/pp. The airfare is yet to be determined. Balance will be mailed soon 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 be starting a waiting list for all trips. Consider purchasing trip insurance.

Barb Stevens, Trip Captain  
Home Phone 623-546-2811  
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## **December Meeting Recap**

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President Ainsworth called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The President expressed appreciation to Sharko’s catering for their longtime service to the club.

Board Members were introduced. Judy directed members attention to the posted club flow chart showing all the club volunteer positions.

The President welcomed past Presidents Marie Jones and husband Greg and past President Ursula Parrent, along with members Wade and Carol Kawahara, and Jan Davis.

The signup sheet was posted for AZ Snowbowl. Martin Umberger is the contact person.

### **Treasurer’s Report** – Don Larsen

Balance as of November 30, 2022, is \$33,777.58. Payments for the Whitefish and Winter Park ski trips will be paid, and the working balance will be greatly reduced.

**Membership Report** – Beverly Brown reported that current club membership is at 88. Most new members have been from member referrals. Sandy Tiedemann has referred the most members.

### **Dinner Coordinator Report** – Barbara Stevens

There were 40 dinners served. Please pay in advance for the next meeting.

### **Trip Captain Report** – Barbara Stevens

Telluride – One female roommate needed.

Whitefish and Winter Park – Anyone interested in these trips must sign up at close of meeting.

## December Meeting Recap-continued

Remaining vacancies will be transferred to Alpine Ski Club for their members.

Trip Captains for Telluride are Barbara Stevens and Kim Kros. Kim will also handle Whitefish, and Barbara Winter Park.

### **Meeting Conclusion**

A volunteer is needed for Publicity. Any member with contacts with social media, local newspapers, etc. please volunteer to bring awareness to the public to increase membership.

Invite friends and encourage other skiers to join our club!

Members bringing equipment to sell may donate it to Kathy McSparran to take to St Vincent De Paul Thrift store.

Ski trip participants were reminded to bring hotel toiletries to donate to Eve's Place. Wendy McKenna has graciously volunteered to deliver the donations.

Winners of the 50/50 were Marilyn Urbany, Don Larsen, and Gloria Dyson.

Brigitte Ebert and Richard Wilsie were thanked for table decorations.

Judy wished everyone a wonderful holiday, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year.

The next meeting will be January 5. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marilyn Urbany, Recording Secretary.

### **Reminders**

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



### **Welcome New Member**

Paul Paonessa-Phoenix



*Merry Christmas!*

Wishing you a wonderful holiday and Happy New Year. Merry Christmas!

### **Telluride Bus Pickup**

RH Johnson Rec Center, in Sun City West, aisle #8. Near library. 19803 N. RH Johnson Blvd Sun City West, Az. More details will be given at January meeting.

### **2022-2023 Meeting Schedule**

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

## 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

**PLEASE NOTE:** To those that have not renewed their membership, this will be your last newsletter. We value your friendship and time spent with you!



## Dinner Reservations

All dinners are required to be paid in advance. 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 January 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:Suntracusa@cox.net).

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

