

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

March 2023

VSSCskiclub.com

Issue 6

Presidents Corner

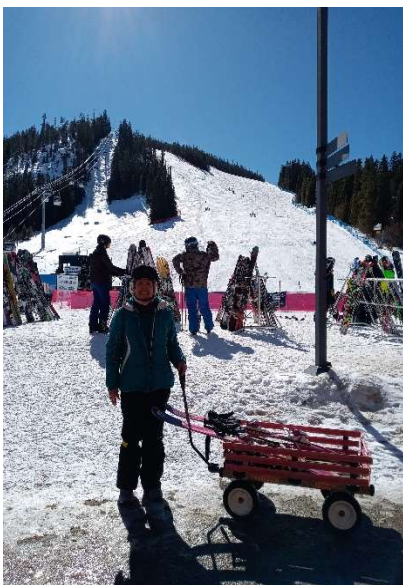
Greetings Skiers. Our season is coming to a close. Winter Park was a success! We have had the best snow in years and it's still coming down in some areas. Hope those of you that are skiing local are enjoying the bountiful gift of snow! Our last meeting for the season is coming up on Wednesday, April 5th (note: not Thursday), at Beardsley Park in Sun City West. Look for directions in the newsletter. Your Board has been working hard on potential trips for next season and will be presenting that information at the meeting. Look forward to seeing you in April!

Trip Report

Winter Park was a great success. Our minibus from the airport was chock-a-block full of 15 participants and all their gear. Although the hotel restaurant and bar were not open, due to staffing, we were able to make good use of our kitchenettes. The cabriolet gave us easy access to the village and all its restaurants and shops. It was a bit of a hike to the gondola but there were little red wagons you could use to transport your gear.

On Thursday night we had a fun time at Mountain Après at the Sunspot Restaurant on top of the gondola. We enjoyed music and food and drink specials. On Friday morning while waiting for our shuttle Sandy presented the ever-delightful paper plate awards. Thank you, Sandy and Janice, and everyone for an enjoyable trip.

Barb Stevens



2022-2023

Board of Directors

President

Judy Ainsworth
602-909-4333
Judylea@cox.net

Vice President

Open

Treasurer

Don Larsen
360-790-6968
donlarsen007@gmail.com

Recording Secretary

Marilyn Urbany
623-875-7625
muschatzie43@gmail.com

Dinner Coordinator/Trip Captain

Barbara Stevens
623-628-0218
jileroo@yahoo.com

Database Manager

Beverly Brown
623-229-2934
starfighteraz@gmail.com

Communications Coordinator

Koni Hohnbaum 360-281-8297
konihohnbaum@gmail.com

Tour Operator

Craig Froominckx
craig@azskiclub.com
602-612-5100
AzSkiClub.com

Next Up

TRIP APPLICATIONS for the 2024 trips will be mailed to you shortly. Be sure to watch for your envelope in the mail. It would be greatly appreciated if you would fill out the Application and mail your deposits and membership dues before the April meeting to:

VSSC
PO Box 5186
Sun City West, AZ 85376-5186

Pricing will be available in the fall. All deposits are \$150 per person and are totally refundable up to 90 days prior to the trip. Be sure to look at the trip schedule at the bottom of the second page of the Newsletter and mark your calendar with cancellation and due dates.

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.

2024 Trip Schedule

Destination	Dates	Price	Deposit	Balance Due	No Refund After
Telluride, CO (Bus)	TBA	TBA	\$150		
Snowmass, CO (Air)	Jan. 28-Feb 2 (4 ski days)	\$1,262.00 hotel \$541.00 air	\$150		

*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.*

March Meeting Recap

Valley of the Sun Ski Club Membership Meeting Minutes for March 02, 2023.

Board Members Present:

Judy Ainsworth – President

Don Larsen – Treasurer

Marilyn Urbany – Recording Secretary

Barbara Stevens – Dinner Coordinator/Trip Captain

Beverly Brown – Database Manager

Koni Hohnbaum – Communications Coordinator

President Ainsworth called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. The President expressed appreciation to Sharko's catering for the splendid St. Patrick buffet. Board Members and Past Presidents Ursula Parrent, Marie Jones, and Saunders McDonald, were introduced. Marilyn Urbany introduced guests Jay Fritz and new member Ginni Baker.

Treasurer's Report – Don Larsen

The meeting venues for March and April have been paid. The checking account balance as of February 28, 2023, is \$3,790.63.

Membership Report

Beverly Brown reported that current club membership is 92.

Dinner Coordinator Report – Barbara Stevens

There were 34 reservations and 36 served. Please pay in advance for the next meeting.

Barbara informed members that the final season barbeque will be on Wednesday April 5th, as the venue was unavailable for the usual Thursday meeting. The ramada is reserved from 5 to 9. Members with lawn game equipment were encouraged to bring it for earlier play before the dinner.

Trip Captain Report – Barbara Stevens

Winter Park – 15 participants. Trip Captain Barbara reported on travel arrangements from the airport to the hotel.

Information was noted about the Alaska Airlines credits @ \$560.86 each available to members or family friends. There was some interest expressed by two members. Anyone interested may contact Barbara Stevens for further details. (sold)!!

Trip Survey results indicated interest for Telluride and Aspen/Snowmass. A potential vendor submitted prices for Stonebridge Inn at Snowmass for two different dates.

There is interest in Beaver Creek and the board is seeking information on prices and availability. Telluride and Beaver Creek are both Epic resorts whereas Snowmass is Ikon.

President Judy assured the members that the Board is working diligently to arrange trips for next season and will have membership dues and trip deposits available April 1.

New Business

Nominating Committee members Mary Ann Vangelisti and Ursula Parrent presented the following slate of officers for 2023-2024:

President – Judy Ainsworth

Vice President – Gus Osterback

Recording Secretary – Sandy Tiedeman

Treasurer – Don Larsen

Communication Coordinator – Koni Hohnbaum

Dinner Coordinator – Ursula Parrent

Trip Captain – Margy Simchak

Database Manager – Kathleen Roemheld

There were no further nominations for any of the offices. Each candidate was duly elected by the membership. Thank you to Mary Ann and Ursula.

Retiring Database Manager Bev Brown was called to the podium and President Ainsworth presented a card and gift in recognition of her fine service to the club.

Meeting Conclusion

Thank you to Publicity Chairperson Doug Brown.

Thank you to Martin for the video.

Judy and Bob Stone provided beverages and chips for the Social Hour.

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

Hotel toiletries were collected and will be delivered to Eve's Place by Wendy McKenna.

Thanks to Bob Stone and Gus Osterback for selling the 50/50 tickets.

Thanks to Brigitte Ebert and Richard Wilsie for the Irish flowers enjoyed by the members.

The winners of the 50/50 drawing were Gary Macintosh, Koni Hohnbaum, Judy Ainsworth, and Georgianna Kemper.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marilyn Urbany, Recording Secretary



Winter Park Gang!!

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

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 April 2nd. 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.



2022-2023 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, April 5

Please mark your calendar!

Wednesday April 5

April BBQ/last meeting of the season will be at **Beardsley Park, Ramada 7 from 5-9.**

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.

Winter Park Scenes

