

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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Presidents Corner

Greetings skiers!

Well, our 2023 ski season is now behind us, and we are busy planning an exciting 2023-2024! As we enjoy the beautiful weather that has finally arrived, and before you head out for the summer be sure to look out for the membership and trip deposit forms that will be mailed out shortly. It is important to return the forms and deposits as our trips have a limited number of reservations, so don't lose your place.

Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you on November 2nd.

Your President,
Judy Ainsworth

Message-Past President David Shenton

Bette Winquist had a nice conversation with David the day of our April meeting. He and his wife Sheryl really were hoping to attend, but his health wouldn't allow it. For the 2020-2021 season, meetings were suspended because of Covid. Do we terminate the club, or will there be enough interest to continue when the country returns to normal? The board planned for the latter. This was David Shenton's first year as president, and our Club would not have survived without his leadership. Despite feeling poorly due to his health issues, David took the reins and worked with our Tour Operator, Alpine Ski Club, almost single-handedly to provide them with the information they needed to get lodging and transportation, to execute trip contracts, to find trip leaders, to keep the rest of the board informed, and to make sure we were on track for our specific responsibilities. He reminded us to send trip deposits on time, to get trip invoices sent before each ski trip, and he sent blasts to the membership to keep you informed of our progress. He always asked for our suggestions regarding decisions that had to be made. We will forever be grateful for his leadership at a difficult time in the country and for him personally. Thank you, David!

They send their good wishes to us and for the Club.

2023-2024

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Worldwide Mountain Travel

Next Up

TRIP APPLICATIONS for the 2024 trips will be mailed to you shortly. Be sure to look 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 as soon as you receive them to:

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

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. (A blast will be sent as soon as the cancellation and due dates are made available).

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 Margy Simchak 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)	Jan. 7-12 (tentative) (4 ski days)	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.*

What we know now for the 2024 ski trips.

Telluride, CO- We will be staying at The Peaks Resort and Spa, a club favorite ski in/ ski out Resort!!
Once lodge pricing and specifics are known, we will pass them along.

Snowmass, CO- We will be staying at Stonebridge Inn. Lodging, plus breakfast is \$1,262.00. The airfare (we fly direct from Phoenix into Aspen) is \$541.00. Resort Group lift ticket ADULT for 4 days is \$360.00 for a total of \$2,163. If you are a **SENIOR (65+)**, your lift ticket for 4 days is \$320, for a total of \$2,123.

March Meeting Recap

Valley of the Sun Ski Club Membership Meeting Minutes for April 05, 2023.

This meeting was held at Ramada #7 Beardsley Park. Members enjoyed lawn games and social hour prior to the business meeting.

Board Members Present:

Judy Ainsworth – President

Don Larsen – Treasurer

Marilyn Urbany – Recording Secretary

Barbara Stevens – Dinner Coordinator/Trip Captain

Koni Hohnbaum – Communications

Member absent - Beverly Brown, Database Manager

President Ainsworth called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The President expressed appreciation to Sharko's catering for the season. Condolence was extended to the Sharko family for the death of their father. Present Board Members and Incoming Board Members were introduced as were Past Presidents Ursula Parrent, Marie Jones, Saunders McDonald, and Margy Simchak.

Treasurer's Report – Don Larsen

The checking account balance as of March 31, 2023, is \$1,745.07. Don described the two ski trips being arranged for next season. Dues and trip applications will be sent very soon.

Membership Report

Membership is 93.

Dinner Coordinator Report – Barbara Stevens

There were 38 reservations.

Trip Captain Report – Barbara Stevens

Barbara emphasized the need for volunteers for Trip Leaders for the next season. Trip Liaison Margy Simchak will oversee trip leaders and will instruct them on their duties. Volunteers for the many other jobs in the club are also needed.

New Business

Retiring Trip Captain/Dinner Coordinator Barbara Stevens was called to the podium and President Ainsworth presented a card and gift in recognition of her fine service to the club. Retiring Recording Secretary Marilyn Urbany was recognized for her long service to the club and received a card and gift. We will miss you both!

Meeting Conclusion

Bob Stone provided beverages and chips for Social Hour.

The winners of the 50/50 drawing were Warren Field, Frank Perry, and Wendy McKenna.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm after which we all enjoyed a barbecue buffet.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Marilyn Urbany, Recording Secretary

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 Ursula Parrent
15330 W. Robertson Dr
Sun City West, AZ 85375

The cost is \$24.00 for members, \$25.00 for non-members. It is important to make your reservation no later than 9:00 PM **Sunday October 29, 2023.** Please direct any questions to Ursula Parrent at 623-693-4799 or email to davula@q.com

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

Welcome new members!

Gini Baker – Sun City West
Dan Edwards - IL
Cheryl Ley – Sun City West

2023-2024 **Meeting Schedule**

Thursday, November 2
Thursday December 7
Thursday January 4
Thursday February 8
Thursday March 7
Thursday April 4
Location TBD
Please mark your calendar!

April-TBA

April – The details for the last meeting of the 2023-2024 season will be announced later.

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.

Telluride and Snowmass 2024

Amazing skiing in Telluride



The Peaks Resort and Spa

Snowmass!!

