

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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President's Corner

Greetings Skiers

Hope you had a wonderful summer and are enjoying the fall. Are you getting excited about winter just being around the corner, and the two great trips we have planned!

Our first meeting is just a few weeks away so mark your calendars. November 2nd will be here before you know it.

As a reminder, if you have not paid your dues or made your full payments for the trips, please do so. Our final payment to the vendors is coming up and your payment will secure your reservation. Telluride is full but we are still taking reservations, and we need 3 rooms to be filled at Snowmass. If you are thinking about going on one or both trips, Snowmass is a great option. We will be flying directly into Aspen and have transfer to the resort. Let your friends and neighbors know about these exciting trips.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Judy Ainsworth
President

Trip Reports

Telluride, CO: January 7-12, 2024

Traveling via BUS.

We will have 4 days of skiing and 5 nights lodging staying at **The Peaks Resort**, ski-in/ski-out, in Mountain Village. This hotel is an upscale venue. Rooms are spacious, with a mini fridge and coffee maker. The contract includes bus transportation, porter from bus to lobby, ski valet, and accommodation. Breakfast is still undecided, but we will let you know if this ends up being an option. **We still may be able to get group rate lift tickets for the rate of \$399 for 4 days, but all skiers were advised to purchase the 4-day EPIC pass before the rates went up Sept 4, AND make reservations to ski.** If you want to inquire about a group rate, contact Margy Simchak.

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.

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Meetings are held at the **Kuentz Rec Ctr Kiva** room, 14401 W RH Johnson Blvd (east of Stardust Blvd). **Our next meeting is Thursday, November 2** - Social Hour at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00. **Prepaid dinner reservations are required** – deadline is 9pm **Sunday, October 29**. It's a BYOB event.

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

Trip Leaders for Telluride are Judy Gangi 602-290-4661 and Margy Simchak 602-702-5275

Snowmass, CO: January 28-February 2, 2024

Traveling via AIR.

The contract includes airfare, airport transfer to and from the hotel, 4 days of skiing and 5 nights lodging at **Stonebridge Inn**, porter fee, a voucher for a drink and 1 appetizer from bar, and breakfast voucher for 5 days including tax and tip. **Adult lift ticket for 4 days is \$360. Senior (65+) is \$320.** This destination is world renowned as a supreme environment for skiing on all levels. It is a quaint village with lots of restaurants and shops within walking distance of our hotel.

We need trip leaders! It works smoothly if you buddy up!

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 start a waiting list for all trips as soon as they are full. Consider purchasing trip insurance.

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NOTE: Room options for The Peaks (Telluride)

The Peaks 2 people 2 King \$1,645pp
The Peaks 3 people 2 King \$1,229pp
The Peaks 4 people 2 King \$999pp

Please let Margy know your wishes.

Dinner Reservation Recorder

Mary Ann Vangelisti
602-799-3855
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Welcome New Members

Micheal Wegner - SCW
Linda Norton - SCW
Tove Curtis – WA
Margie Fiedler – MT
Jim Peterson - CO
Jakob Tiedeman – WA
Martin Dyer – Prescott
Dan Edwards – Litchfield Park

Welcome Returning Members

Dan Beierschmitt – IA
Suzi Maki – CO
Bob Beierschmitt - IL

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Meeting Schedule

Thursday, November 2
Thursday, December 7
Thursday, January 4
February, TBD
Thursday, March 7
April, TBD

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.

2024 Trip Schedule

Destination	Dates	Price	Deposit	Balance Due	No Refund After
Telluride, CO (Bus)	Jan. 7-12 (4 ski days)	See above note	\$150	NOW	Oct. 4
Snowmass, CO (Air)	Jan. 28-Feb 2 (4 ski days)	\$1,262 land \$541 air	\$150	NOW	Oct. 28

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

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

Invoices for BOTH trips with the BALANCE DUE for both trips were mailed out.

Telluride is full but we are still taking reservations. We need 3 more rooms for Snowmass!! If you know anyone who wants to join us, please reach out to me for a trip application. konihoenbaum@gmail.com. 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 2nd, [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 \$24.00 for members, \$25.00 for non-members. It is important to make your reservation no later than 9:00 PM Sunday, [October 29th](#). 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 mail it to Valley of the Sun Ski Club, PO Box 5186, Sun City West, AZ 85376-5186.