

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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COMMUNICATIONS NOTE

Greetings VSSC Family!

Well, another VSSC year is ending. We had two great trips this year. Telluride, always a fan favorite! A couple of days of fresh snow and one Blue Bird Day. Most of us skied all four days! Good skiing, hot tub after skiing, great food, exploring Mountain Village and Telluride. Who could ask for more! Oh yeah, your boots and skis are ready for you when you are ready to hit the slopes. Ski in ski out, baby! Snowmass was the second destination. We had a smaller group for this trip. Snowmass was a first for a lot of us. I think we may have a new fan favorite! It was an easy flight from Phoenix into Aspen, where our shuttles took us just a short drive to Stonebridge Inn. It was just a short walk to the slopes where the skiing was good despite no fresh snow. Great food and shopping were found everywhere! Shuttles were readily available to take you up to The Mall, down to Base Village, or into Aspen.

I am looking forward to seeing what next year brings!

Koni Hohnbaum
VSSC Communications Coordinator

Trip Reports

Our Exclusive Trip Vendor/Tour Operator Richard Vangelisti is working on the trips for the 2025 season.

I will keep you updated as to Richard's progress, and please plan on attending our last BBQ picnic dinner meeting as there may be 2025 trip updates available.

You will receive an April newsletter, your last one for the season. I will also be emailing the 2024 – 2025 Dues/Trip Application as well as the Hold Harmless Agreement.

Just a reminder that each member needs to **fill out a Dues/Trip application every year** in April as well the **Hold Harmless Agreement**.

This is helpful for us to keep an accurate record of the members, trips, and finances.

2023-2024

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Mary Ann Vangelisti

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Our final meeting this year will be held at **Beardsley Park**, Ramada #7, 12755 Beardsley Road, on **Wednesday, April 3rd**. This is BYOB. **Prepaid dinner reservations are required – Deadline is 9 pm Sunday, March 31st.**

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

Meet your 2024 - 2025 VSSC Board!

President – Martin Umberger
 Vice President – Tony Mullozzi
 Treasurer and Dinner Coordinator – Mike Wegener
 Recording Secretary – Sandy Tiedeman
 Communications Coordinator – Koni Hohnbaum
 Trip Liaison – Mary Ann Vangelisti
 Database Manager – Gini Baker
 Dinner Reservations – Linda Norton
 Exclusive Vendor/Tour Operator – Richard Vangelisti

Meet your 2024 - 2025 Volunteers!

Donations to Eves Place – Wendy McKenna
 Publicity – Gini Baker
 Chips and Flowers – Kathleen Roemheld
 Audit Financial Records – Chris Stickney
 Web Page Manager – Bette Winqvist
 Host new Members – Jack Shorr and Mary Kaye Predovich
 Sell armbands and name tags – Warren Field
 Carpool to Flagstaff – Martin Umberger
 Dinner Slide Show – Martin Umberger

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. You will receive a full refund if cancellation is received more than 90 days before the departure date. You will be informed if this changes.
Consider purchasing trip insurance.



Welcome New Members

No new members last month



**2023-2024
 Meeting Schedule**
**April 3rd Beardsley Park
 Ramada 7.**
 Social Hour 4 – 5:30.
 Dinner at 5:30, followed
 by a brief meeting.
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.

2025 Trip Schedule TBD					
Destination	Dates	Price	Deposit	Balance Due	No Refund After

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. And continue to exercise year-round!!



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

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

Dues/Trip applications will be sent to the membership in April. Hopefully the 2024-2025 trips will be decided by then.

If you know anyone who wants to join us, please reach out to me for a Dues/Trip application. konihohnbaum@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 dinner on April 3rd, 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, March 31st. 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 only if you request one. 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.

VSSC Membership Meeting
March 7th, 2024

Board members present:

Gus Osterback-Vice President
Sandy Tiedeman-Recording Secretary
Koni Hohnbaum-Communications

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Koni Hohnbaum.
A welcome was given to past presidents Saunders McDonald and Ursula Parrent, and new guest Sandy Zetlan!

Treasurers report - Koni Hohnbaum

January 31- the balance was \$5,217.04.
February 29- the balance was \$3,646.54.

Expenses were for the room rental for Jan-Feb, catering, and a member refund. Income was from dinner receipts, member dues and the 50/50.

Roger Schumaker update - Jack Shorr

After sustaining a broken femur at Telluride. Roger is at home and on the road to recovery, transitioning from a walker to a cane. Our best wishes from the club for his rehab and continued improvement.

Nominations and Election for 2024-25 Board - Saunders McDonald

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Our Vendor for ski trips is Richard Vangelisti

It is up to all members to recruit new skiers to our club for successful trips and the continuation of VSSC.

Trip survey - Mary Ann Vangelisti

The feedback from the survey was disappointing in numbers. It is not too late to indicate your choices of where to go for our ski trips in 2025.

It is necessary to expedite this so planning can begin.

As with any club, it takes willing volunteers to keep things running smoothly. If you would like to help, please ask any member of the board how and where your talents may assist the club. Thank you!

The last membership meeting/dinner for the season will be a catered BBQ by Sharko's at Beardsley Park on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

50/50 Drawing

There were 2 cash prizes of \$25 each won by Mike Wegener and Ursula Parrent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Tiedeman