



VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

Information Sheet

2024-2025

Website: VSSCskiclub.com



History

The Sun Cities Ski Club was founded in 1979 by Miner Patton, a retired educator and certified ski instructor from New England. In 2014 the name was changed to Valley of the Sun Ski Club. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation operated by a board of volunteer directors for the purpose of planning and coordinating ski trips and other social functions on behalf of its membership. The original membership consisted of 32 members, mostly from the Sun City community, who intended to ski primarily at our Arizona ski resorts. Membership grew slowly in the first few years but by 1983, membership was up to 100 and the Club was by then taking trips to Utah and Colorado. The Club has continued to grow steadily, with a current membership of about 94 members. We plan about two or three ski trips a year to the major ski resorts in Colorado, Utah, Idaho, and California. The Valley of the Sun Ski Club is open to all interested skiers. Many members are long-time skiers, but we do have beginners as well.

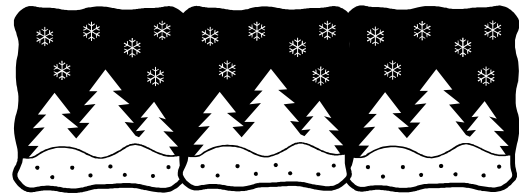
Meetings

Meetings are usually held the first Thursday of each month from November through April. We meet at The Foundation, Grand Canyon Room, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd in Sun City West. The Social Hour begins at 5pm - BYOB with snacks provided and is followed by a catered buffet dinner at 6pm. Reservations are required. A short informal business meeting begins at 7pm.

Ski Trips

Ski trips are arranged by **Sun Trac LLC**. These are full-service ski trips that include all travel and hotel accommodation. Trip Leaders arrange room assignments and trip itineraries. The resorts offer opportunities for a variety of ski levels, from beginner slopes to challenging black diamonds. Cross-country skiing is available as well as numerous activities such as sleigh rides, group dinners, shopping, hiking, etc. Spouses and friends who don't ski are welcome. Trip prices have ranged in the past from \$900-\$1,800 per person for travel and hotels depending upon the type of travel (i.e., bus/air) and location. Lift tickets and meals are additional.

Let's Go Skiing!



2025 Ski Trips

Telluride, CO	Jan. 26-31	Bus
Snowmass, CO	Feb. 23-28	Plane

Deposits: \$150

Dinner Reservations

Member cost for the dinner is \$24; nonmembers pay an additional \$1. Prepaid reservations are required and can be made in one of two ways:

- 1) At the prior dinner meeting: Make a reservation and write a check to VSSC.
- 2) By mail: Fill out the Reservation Form in the Newsletter and mail it with a check by the Friday before the meeting.

Changes and cancellations must be called into the Reservation Manager before 9pm the Sunday prior to the dinner meeting: Linda Norton, 503 750-6973.

Club News

Members are kept informed of Club information and activities with newsletters that are emailed September to April. Also, newsletters, meeting & trip dates, contact information, membership forms, etc. are available online at VSSCskiclub.com.

Drawings for Prizes

During the social hour a member will be selling tickets for the 50/50 drawing. The drawing takes place at the end of the meeting; half of the money is divided between the lucky winners and the other half goes to the Club treasury to help with Club expenses. Occasionally we have other prizes donated by members.

Name Tags, Armbands & T-Shirts

Ski Club name tags help members learn the names of other members and are available at Club meetings. Armbands help us identify our members when we're on the slopes. T-shirts may be available and serve as good advertising for the Club.

Food Bank

Each month food is collected at the door for distribution to the West Side Food Bank. This is our community service project. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Toiletry items are also collected for the women's and children's emergency shelter.

Why Join?

If you enjoy the ambiance of the high Rockies or the Sierra Nevada and the camaraderie of good friends who live life to the fullest, then come join our Club! Our meetings are a fun event, and our trips are fabulous! Annual dues are \$20 per person, and for that you instantly gain fun-loving friends. Frankly, we are a wonderful group of people!



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