

# VSSC NEWSLETTER

## VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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[VSSCskiclub.com](http://VSSCskiclub.com)

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### Presidents Message

To Members,

If you have not filled out your trip reservation and membership forms, as well as the Hold Harmless Agreement (HHA), please do.

I am hoping that you will take your children and grandchildren on club trips, where they will need to become members. Our tour operator will take care of their airline reservations, so they can get on your shuttle to the hotel, as Richard has done in the past.

Have a good summer,  
Martin

### Trip Reports

Richard and I have two ski trips planned for 2025:

**The first trip is January 26-31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to Telluride, CO, one of our very favorite places to ski.**

We will be staying downtown at The Hotel Telluride. It is more of a boutique hotel with a lovely lobby filled with stuffed chairs and couches to gather near the fireplace. Rooms have a small refrigerator and microwave and coffee brewer. It has a small restaurant near the lobby serving breakfast 7am-10am, apre's ski 4pm-5pm, and dinner 5pm-10pm. The hotel stores our skis in the lobby and has a shuttle to take you to the gondola, to the slopes, OR to Lift 7, which is just a couple blocks away, and it delivers you to the slopes so you can ski Village Bypass to Gorrinos or continue down the mountain to Lift 4 in Mountain Village.

The hotel shuttle will take you to dinner or you can walk to the corner and catch the Galloping Goose which circles the town. There is a grocery store a block away.

Of course, we will travel by motor coach and will provide more details this fall. There will be town maps and suggestions for restaurants.

### 2024-2025

#### Board of Directors

##### **President**

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##### **Dinner Reservation Recorder**

Linda Norton

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## Our second trip is to Snowmass, CO, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

We will fly to Aspen and shuttle to The Stonebridge Hotel in Snowmass. Again, this is a smaller hotel but has a great bar with tables to gather for a beverage or lunch or dinner. Breakfast and dinner are available in the hotel. It's a great location and the mountain is gigantic. You could ski all day and find more to ski. Skiers have a short walk to the Snowmass slopes. There is a shuttle stop out front to take you to ski at three other mountains if you so choose.

Rooms have a mini refrigerator and a Keurig coffee brewer. Be sure to pack your swimsuit. There is a huge pool and spa area outdoors and an inside workout room as well. We will have more details this fall.

We plan to have two trainers at the first meeting to give us workout routines to get us in shape for skiing. Our meetings will be at the new place next to the Posse.

Our Club depends on each of you to recruit new members now and before our first meeting in November. Remember that our Club is friends and family friendly. Invite your friends, kids, and grandkids. Be sure to mention skiing to everyone you meet – at the gym, at the golf course, at the bars, wherever.

Enjoy your summer.

Mary Ann Vangelisti, Trip Liaison  
602 799 3855

**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. **If you need to cancel, you must call Mary Ann Vangelisti, Trip Liaison, at 602 799-3855. Consider purchasing trip insurance.**



There will be a new meeting place in the fall! **The Foundation, Grand Canyon Room.**  
**14465 RH Johnson Blvd.**

### Welcome New Members

No new members last month

### 2024-2025 Meeting Schedule

Thursday November 7  
Thursday December 5  
Thursday January 2  
Thursday February 6  
Thursday March 6  
Thursday April 3

*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.

### 2025 Trip Schedule

Destination	Dates	Price	Deposit	Balance Due	No Refund After
Telluride, CO (Bus)	January 26 - 31	TBA	\$150	October 28	October 28
Snowmass, CO (Air)	February 23 - 28	TBA	\$150	November 25	November 25

*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

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**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

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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 Liaison 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

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Dues/Trip applications have been sent to the membership, along with the Hold Harmless Agreement (HHA).

**If you know anyone who wants to join us, please reach out to me for a Dues/Trip application. [konihohnbaum@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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

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All dinners are required to be paid for in advance.

Please mail your check and reservation form to:

VSSC c/o Linda Norton  
21014 N 124<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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 prior to all meetings. Please direct any questions to Linda Norton at 503-750-6973 or email to [thekidd5@msn.com](mailto:thekidd5@msn.com)

Dinner reservation form for the November meeting will be sent out in October.

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

## Membership Roster

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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 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  
April 3rd, 2024

**Board members present:**

Don Larsen- Treasurer  
Sandy Tiedeman-Recording Secretary

The meeting came to order at 6:00pm.

Welcome to past president Ursula Parrent and guests Kate Stickney and Patty Alexander.

**Treasurers Report-Don Larsen**

After expenses for dinner and the website there is currently a balance of approximately \$3600. Some outstanding expenses remain. The fiscal year ends on April 30 and the incoming treasurer will begin serving on May 1, 2024.

**Ski Trips Vendor- Sun Trac Adventures- Richard Vangelisti**

Trip applications and Hold Harmless agreements were sent by email as attachments to members. Please fill out, sign, and return to VSSC with your check for membership renewal and ski trips deposit.

**Ski Trips- Mary Ann Vangelisti**

Telluride- Jan 26-31, 2025

Travel by coach.

Accommodation will be at Hotel Telluride in downtown Telluride. Breakfast is included and there is a shuttle to the gondola. There is a Happy Hour in the bar and a great place to gather at the end of the day. Many restaurants and shops are walking distance from the hotel.

Aspen Snowmass- Feb 23-28, 2025

Travel by air.

Accommodation will be at Stonebridge Inn. There is a shuttle to Aspen Highlands, Aspen Mountain, and Buttermilk. Access to the slope and the village is a short walk from the hotel.

The club has 60 members. The importance of advertising is very important for giving our club more exposure.

**Retiring current Board members-Sandy Tiedeman**

Each of the retiring members will be receiving a thank you card and gift certificate. We appreciate their contributions in making important decisions while serving on the Valley of the Sun Ski Club Board.

Judy Ainsworth-President

Gus Osterback- Vice President

Don Larsen- Treasurer

Margy Simchak-Trip Liaison

Barb Sevens- Dinner Coordinator

**Introduction of incoming Board Members-Sandy Tiedeman**

Martin Umberger- President

Tony Mullozzi- Vice President

Mike Wegener- Treasurer

Sandy Tiedeman-Recording Secretary

Koni Hohnbaum-Communications (absent)

Mary Ann- Vangelisti- Trip Liaison

**Other important positions filled:**

Gini Baker- Data Manager

Linda Norton- Dinner Coordinator

**A few words from the incoming President- Martin Umberger**

We are a social club that shares a love of skiing! The goal is to recruit new members to increase the size of our club and include more family including children and grandchildren as well as friends.

**50/50 Drawing**

Ursula Parrent and Linda Norton each won \$25.

**Discussion- Gini Baker**

Please verify that you are receiving your emails and newsletters from Koni Hohnbaum. There is always important information in them regarding event dates, dinners, forms, and ski trips.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18pm

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Tiedeman, Recording Secretary

