

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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Koni's Corner

Greetings VSSC Family!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Don't miss our December 5th club dinner meeting as there will be physical trainers there to give a presentation to attendees about "getting in shape for ski season".

If you have any new or old ski equipment/apparel that you are no longer using, feel free to bring it to the meeting with a price on it and there will be a place for you to display it.

THE CLUB NEEDS MORE SKIERS ON BOTH TRIPS.

Please check with your friends, family, and neighbors.

Koni Hohnbaum
VSSC Communications Coordinator

Trip Reports

Telluride, CO: January 26th – 31st, 2025

Traveling via MOTORCOACH.

URGENT: We need to fill the bus to Telluride. ASAP!! We have 17 spaces to fill.

Traveling via MOTORCOACH to our favorite hotel in Telluride. The Telluride Hotel is a boutique hotel with a lovely lobby filled with stuffed chairs and couches to gather near the fireplace. Rooms have a small refrigerator, microwave, and a coffee brewer. There is a small restaurant near the lobby serving breakfast 7am – 10 am, Après 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, which goes to the slopes OR Lift 7 which is just a few blocks away. The hotel shuttle will take you to dinner downtown or you can walk to the corner and catch the Galloping Goose, which circles the town. There is also a grocery store, Clarks Market, just a block away.

You are responsible for getting your (EPIC PASS) AND MAKING RESERVATIONS FOR THE DAYS YOU WANT TO SKI. Please let Mary Ann know your ticket/Epic Pass number so we can meet our group quota. Call or text Mary Ann at 602 799-3855. Or email her at suntracusa@cox.net

Seniors 80+ can purchase lift tickets for \$70/day from Sun Trac.

2024-2025

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Meetings are held at The Foundation, Grand Canyon Room, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd.

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 5th - Social Hour at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00. **Prepaid dinner reservations are required – deadline is 9pm Sunday, December 1st.** It's a BYOB event.

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

Snowmass, CO: February 23rd – 28th, 2025

Traveling via AIR.

We will fly directly to Aspen on American Airlines. Depart Phoenix February 23rd 9:30 am on flight #6686 and arrive in Aspen at 11:29am.

We will shuttle to The Stonebridge Hotel. The Stonebridge is a smaller hotel but has a bar with tables to gather for a beverage, lunch or dinner. The hotel is undergoing renovations so there will be a remodeled restaurant and bar. Rooms have a mini refrigerator and a Keurig coffee brewer. 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. Skiers have a short walk to the Snowmass slopes. There is a free shuttle for skiers to ski at the other three mountains (Buttermilk, Aspen Highlands, and Aspen). Don't forget to pack your swimsuit. There is a huge pool and spa area outdoors, and an inside workout room as well. Breakfast is included in the price!

The return flight #4882 depart from Aspen Friday February 28th at 12:02pm and arrive in Phoenix at 2:10pm.

Sun Trac can purchase **4-day LIFT TICKETS** for \$360 for seniors 65+, and \$440 for adults, **BUT WE MUST have 20 skiers** to qualify for these low prices. Please let Mary Ann know if you want to purchase your lift ticket from Sun Trac ASAP! If you purchased your ticket from IKON, please give Mary Ann your ticket number so we can use it toward our required 20.

CANCELLATION Policy: Please read the [cancellation policy](https://vsscskiclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/HHA.pdf) 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** Mary Ann Vangelisti 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.

Trip Liaison

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Dinner Reservation Recorder

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Welcome New Members

Welcome Returning Members

2024-2025

Meeting Schedule

Thursday, November 7
Thursday, December 5
Thursday, January 9
Thursday February 6
Thursday, March 6
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.

2025 Trip Schedule

Destination	Dates	Price	Deposit	Balance Due	No Refund After
Telluride, CO (Bus)	Jan. 26-31 (4 ski days)	\$1377.00	\$150	NOW	Oct. 28
Snowmass, CO (Air)	Feb. 23-28 (4 ski days)	\$1794.00 Land/Air	\$150	NOW	Nov. 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

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!
Ski Pro is the place to go!**

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 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

Invoices WILL NOT BE MAILED.

TELLURIDE: If you paid the \$150.00 deposit, your balance is \$1,227.00. If you have not paid the deposit and wish to go to Telluride, your balance is \$1,377.00.

YOUR FINAL PAYMENT FOR TELLURIDE IS DUE NOW.

SNOWMASS: If you paid the \$150.00 deposit, your balance is \$1644.00. If you have not paid the deposit and wish to go to Snowmass, your balance will be \$1794.00.

YOUR FINAL PAYMENT FOR SNOWMASS IS DUE NOW!

Lift Tickets - Make check payable to Sun Trac and mail to 15234 W. Via Montoya Sun City West 85375.

If you know anyone who wants to join us, please reach out to me for a 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 December 5th, please mail your check and reservation form to:

VSSC c/o Linda Norton
21014 N. 124th 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. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to pay for your dinner reservation for the following meeting. Please direct any questions to Linda Norton at 503-750-6973 or email to thekidd5@msn.com.

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

**VSSC Membership Meeting
November 4, 2024**

Board members present:

Martin Umberger-President
Tony Mullozzi-Vice President
Mike Wegener -Treasurer
Sandy Tiedeman -Recording Secretary
Koni Hohnbaum- Communications
Mary Ann Vangelisti- Trip Liaison
Gini Baker-Data Base Manager (absent)

During our Social time preceding the meeting we hope you noticed the easels with ski maps and information about our trips provided by Richard and Mary Ann. Also, the slide show compiled by Martin of previous ski trips and how much fun we had!

The meeting was called to order at 6:19pm by President Umberger.

Treasurer's report - Mike Wegener

The VSSC account has a balance of \$20,572. Transportation and Hotels will need to be paid soon. There are currently 15 fully paid members and 13 with deposits only for Telluride. There are 2 fully paid and 13 with deposit only for Snowmass.

Going forward we need to decide what choices we want for dinners at our meetings. Last season we lost \$2,000 by subsidizing our catered dinners. Our **Dinner Coordinator**, Linda Norton, would like your suggestions!

The current membership is 46.

The 50/50 draw was won by Wendy McKenna and Jack Shorr.

Publicity - Martin initiated a flyer for distribution to fire stations, Rec centers or other clubs that may be willing to advertise our ski trips for 2025.

Trip Liaison and Trip Leader - Mary Ann Vangelisti

Telluride, CO- Jan 26-31, 2025

Transportation is via bus.

There will be a brief stop in Flagstaff for breakfast and another in Kayenta, CO at a grocery store to stock a few supplies during your stay. There are 10 spaces available. All of us need to promote our ski trips. Hotel Telluride is in the town and has a fireplace, lobby, restaurant and an easy walk to other shops and restaurants. There is a shuttle that runs from 7am to midnight.

If you have an Epic Pass, please send that ticket # to Mary Ann.

Aspen Snowmass, CO-February 23-28, 2025

Transportation is via air Phoenix to Aspen.

Lodging is at Stonebridge Inn in the village. Breakfast is included. There is a fireplace area nice for gathering, restaurant and wonderful hot tubs! Lockers for ski equipment are assigned for easy access on the ground floor and an easy walk to the slope. Group ski lift tickets may be purchased from our vendor Richard Vangelisti (Sun Trac), but we need enough people to qualify for group rates!

Snowmass 4-day passes: Adults \$440, Senior+65 \$360. The tickets include all 4 mountains:

Snowmass, Aspen Mtn, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk.

Volunteers are needed- Please consider helping in any capacity you can to keep our club running smoothly. All of us are also responsible for recruiting new members!

We would like to recognize and welcome returning members Todd and Cindy Wyatt from Minnesota and guests Maria and Per Bjorn-Roli from Alaska, also Austrian skiers extraordinaire.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm Respectfully submitted by Sandy Tiedeman - **Recording Secretary**

