

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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Koni's Corner

Greetings VSSC Family!

Happy New Year! I hope 2025 is off to a great start for you!

Telluride Bus - Pickup RH Johnson Rec Center, in Sun City West. Aisle #8. Near library. 19803 N. RH Johnson Blvd Sun City West, Az. Be there at 5:15 am Sunday January 26th to load luggage. We leave at 5:30 am! Please have your luggage tags on. If you didn't receive them at the January 9th meeting, you will receive them when you arrive at the parking lot.

Koni Hohnbaum
VSSC Communications Coordinator

Trip Reports

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

Traveling via MOTORCOACH.

January 26th – Plan on being at parking lot by 5:15 am for a 5:30 am departure. Luggage tags will be distributed when you arrive. Attach them to your equipment before they are loaded.

Traveling via MOTORCOACH to our favorite hotel in Telluride. We stop in Flagstaff at McDonald's for breakfast and make another stop in Cortez at the City Market. 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. Senior tickets will be delivered to the hotel for us to pick up.

2024-2025

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Meetings are held at The Foundation, Grand Canyon Room, 14465 RH Johnson Blvd. **Our next meeting is Thursday, February 6th - Social Hour at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00. Prepaid dinner reservations are required – deadline is 9pm Sunday, February 2nd. 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 departs from Aspen Friday February 28th at 12:02pm and arrives 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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Telluride Bus Pickup/Dropoff.

RH Johnson Rec Center, in Sun City West, aisle # 8. Near library. 19803 N. RH Johnson Blvd, Sun City West, AZ.

2025

Meeting Schedule

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 |
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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 February 6th, 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 on **Sunday February 2nd**. 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.

**Valley of the Sun Ski Club
Membership Meeting
January 9, 2025**

Board members present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm by **President Umberger**.

Treasurer's Report-Mike Wegener

The current balance in VSSC account is \$5,331.

We want to extend a warm welcome to new member, **Jerry Nelson from Wisconsin**.

Other returning members were Marie and Greg Jones, Frank and Jeanette Perry, Bette and Allen Winquist, Terry and Margie Zucuskie, and Marilyn Urbany.

Telluride, CO Ski Trip-Jan 25-Feb 1, 2025

Trip Captain- Mary Ann Vangelisti (602) 799 3855

Travel to Telluride is by motor coach leaving from RH Johnson parking lot at 5:30 am. Please be there to check in with the trip captain by 5:15 am.

Use the yellow luggage tags issued to you and stack the skis to be loaded on the bus in one area, luggage in another.

You will receive an itinerary for the week on the bus.

There are 2 stops: 1 stop at McDonalds in Flagstaff for breakfast and 1 stop in Cortez at City Market for snacks for the week.

Lodging is at The Hotel Telluride in the downtown area and walking distance to amenities. There is a shuttle through town to lift 7 and the Gondola.

Warren Field reminded members that the elevation is 8500 feet in town and higher on the mountain so recommended extra hydration the day before and during your trip. If you have problems with altitude, you may consider getting a prescription for Diamox. (please consult with your physician).

Snowmass, Aspen, CO-February
Trip Captain-Mary Ann Vangelisti (602) 799 3855
Lodging is at Stonebridge

We have space for one more lady for our Snowmass trip!
Please reach out to Mary Ann Vangelisti if you are interested.
suntracusa@cox.net or call 602 799-3855.

Everyone seems to be happy with the larger meeting room for socializing.

Big thanks and appreciation go to:

Martin Umberger for the slide show loop showing how much fun we have.

Mary Ann and Richard Vangelisti for their awesome displays of past ski trips.

Warren Field and Tony Mullozzi for handling the raffle tickets.

Linda Norton-Dinner Coordinator and Mike Wegener for planning and serving the delicious dinners.

Please consider volunteering for positions or jobs that keep our club going.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Wendy McKenna and Jeanette Perry.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm

Respectfully submitted by **Sandy Tiedeman- Recording Secretary**



Telluride 2024 Gang!