

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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Koni's Corner

Greetings VSSC Family!

For those going to Snowmass, are you excited?! Snowmass is a new favorite place for me! The skiing is spectacular and frequent shuttles from Stonebridge make access to shopping and restaurants convenient.

See you at the airport!

Koni Hohnbaum
VSSC Communications Coordinator

Trip Reports

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

Telluride was a Blast! Weather cooperated and skiing was great. On Monday, all the skiers gathered in the hotel lobby for a glass of wine from Sun Trac and it provided opportunities to meet and share experiences with each other.

Wednesday night a snowstorm covered the slopes with lots of powder to make skiing perfect for our last day.

A group of skiers took a break on Wednesday and met for lunch at the Hotel Sheridan downtown. Some went to the museum and others went shopping.

Thursday night's group dinner at the hotel was delicious. Sandy Tiedeman presented the Paper Plate awards in her own poetic style. Thank you, Sandy! Stories were told and many laughs exploded!

With ten new members, it was fun to meet and gather with them: Randy Croffoot from St. Louis, Dan and Patty Johnson from Bend, OR, Jerry Nelson from The Grand, (Wisconsin) Joyce Raidle and Bob Gold from Goodyear, Amanda Pearson from ID, Chris Stickney from Sun City, and Cynthia Wyatt from Sun City West.

The bus ride home was quiet, and we arrived safely.

Mary Ann Vangelisti, Trip Liaison

2024-2025

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

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 6th - Social Hour at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00. **Prepaid dinner reservations are required** –

deadline is 9pm Sunday, March 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 9:40 am on flight #6436 and arrive in Aspen at 11:36 am.

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 at 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 #6206 departs from Aspen Friday February 28th at 12:07 pm and arrives in Phoenix at 2:06 pm.

Symptoms of altitude sickness may include fatigue, inability to exercise, loss of appetite, sleepiness or difficulty sleeping, nausea or vomiting, rapid breathing, shortness of breath, headache, rapid heart rate, insufficient urine production. If you experience symptoms, stop and rest, do not go any higher in elevation for at least 24-48 hours, drink plenty of WATER, don't smoke, drink alcohol, or exercise. Please look up altitude sickness for further information.

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. 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 your 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.

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Welcome newest members

**Jerry Nelson
Patty Johnson
Dan Johnson
Dave Langlas**

**2025
Meeting Schedule**

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

Decision about Trip Invoices will be made later once the trips for 2024-2025 have been made.

Dues/Trip applications and Hold Harmless Agreements will be emailed in April for the 2024-2025 season.

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 March 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 March 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.



Telluride dining! Rob, Joyce, Cynthia, Todd

**Valley of the Sun Ski Club
Membership Meeting
February 6, 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 the account is \$5,823.13.
There are 50 members in the ski club.

Welcome to new members Patty and Dan Johnson from Bend, OR, and Dave Langlas from Waterloo, Iowa. Also, a warm welcome to past presidents Saunders McDonald and Ron Langlois.

Telluride Trip - Mary Ann Vangelisti - Trip Leader

29 members enjoyed the trip and stayed at The Hotel Telluride.
Drawings on the bus resulted in winning merchandise from the rep, VANS, and was generously provided by SKI PRO in Phoenix!
We enjoyed wonderful ski conditions with new snow and sunshine days.
The hotel lobby felt like a lodge, and on our last night we celebrated with a lovely group dinner in the hotel.

The winners of the 50/50 drawings were Mike Wegner and Bette Winquist.

Snowmass, Aspen, CO-February 23-28, 2025, Mary Ann Vangelisti

Accommodation will be at Stonebridge Inn with breakfast included.
An envelope with travel information was provided to the members on the trip. You may check in 24 hours before the flight. The 1st checked bag is \$40 (\$35 if you pay online) and the 2nd checked bag is \$45.

Shuttle information to and from the PHX airport was provided by Sandy Tiedeman. Those expressing interest were put on the reservation list and given information.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm

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





The Telluride Gang 2025



Mike, Warren, Richard V, Gorgianna, Sandy, Cas, Richard W.



Pete, Kari, Joyce, Rob



Mary Ann, Mike, Linda, Sandy, Amanda, Patti



Jeff, Bob, Dan, Amanda, Mike Sandy



Jerry, Amanda, Sandy