

VSSC NEWSLETTER

VALLEY of the SUN Ski Club

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Koni's Corner

Greetings VSSC Family!

Thank you all for bearing with me, and I really hope you enjoyed the newsletters, BLASTS, and other communication I was able to provide for you the last 3 years. I look forward to skiing with the club next year. Have a wonderful summer and I will see you in the fall!

Koni Hohnbaum
VSSC Communications Coordinator, RETIRED

MIKES MESSAGE

First, I want to thank Koni Hohnbaum and Martin Umberger for their contributions to the club. Koni did a fabulous job as the Communications Coordinator over the last three years and Martin stepped up to lead last year when we needed a President. Please join me in thanking them for their contributions.

We are implementing several structural, organizational, and procedural changes for the coming year to better position us for growth and continuity going forward. Firstly, we are now under the umbrella of the Sun City West's Sportsman's Club. This helps us with reduced meeting facility costs, opportunities to connect with their over 600 members, automatic access to newcomers to the area, and increased exposure to potential skiers via news articles and advertisements.

Secondly, we have streamlined the Board down to 5 members from the previous 7 by combining roles and eliminating tasks. Thirdly, future meetings will be mostly programmed based with only 2 dinner meetings (November and April). The rest of the meetings will have snacks, soft drinks and water provided but not a meal and no reservations are required. Fourthly, we have updated the website (VSSCskiclub.com) and added a group Facebook Page (Valley of the Sun Snow Skiing Club). I encourage you to check them out and join in to receive updates of events and activities. Also, feel free to provide feedback to me on improvements or changes you would like to see.

2025-2026

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Vendor/Trip Liaison

Richard and Mary Ann Vangelisti
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suntracusa@cox.net

The location of the meetings for the 2025 season will be at the Sagebrush Room at the Beardsley Recreation Center, 12755 W Beardsley Rd, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Times will remain the same - Social Hour at 5:00, business meeting and program at 6:00. Prepaid dinner reservations are required for the November and April meeting. It's a BYOB event.

Lastly, as the snow skiing season winds down and we move to our summertime activities, tell your friends and neighbors about our activities and the fun we have together sharing the activities - skiing, eating together, lounging in the lodges, hot tub soaking, etc. It's a lot more fun with friends!!

Have a fabulous summer and I look forward to seeing you all in the Fall!

Mike Wegener,
President, VSSC

Trip Reports

Telluride, CO January 25 - 30, 2026
Snowmass, CO March 1 - 6, 2026

Looking forward to another ski year, 2026! Telluride continues to be a favorite and offers a wide variety of slopes. Group dinner with Paper Plate Awards was a highlight.

Aspen/Snowmass provides unlimited ski runs – easy to challenging. Breakfast will be included, and we are trying to set up a group dinner at Heather's.

Be sure to send your trip applications NOW to ensure we will have enough for the trip!

The dates are set, but we are still waiting for final pricing. You will receive a BLAST once we do receive that final pricing.

CANCELLATION Policy: Please read the [cancellation policy](#) in your Hold Harmless Agreement 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 **120 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
Mary Ann Vangelisti
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2025

Meeting Schedule

Wednesday November 19th
Wednesday December 17th

We will announce meeting dates and place for 2026 at the November meeting and they will be updated on the website.

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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.

2026 Trip Schedule

Destination	Dates	Price	Deposit	Balance Due	No Refund After
Telluride, CO (Bus)	Jan. 25-30 (4 ski days)	TBD	\$250	Sept. 27	Sept. 27
Snowmass, CO (Air)	Mar. 1-6 (4 ski days)	TBD Land/Air	\$250	Oct. 24	Oct. 24

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.



Stay in shape all year!!

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. Please submit your Dues/Trip application as well as the deposit for the 2026 trips and Hold Harmless Agreement **NOW** to secure your spot.

If you know anyone who wants to join us, please reach out to me for a trip application. konihoehnbaum@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 in November, please mail your check and reservation form to:

VSSC c/o M Wegener
21014 N. 124th Ave
Sun City West, AZ 85375

The cost is \$20.00. It is important to make your reservation no later than 9:00 PM on the **Sunday prior to the November 2025 and April 2026 meeting**. All other meetings, December thru March are \$5.00, no reservations, and you can pay when you arrive. Please direct any questions to Mike Wegener at (503) 502-2973 or email to mrwegen1@gmail.com.

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



**Valley of the Sun Ski Club
Membership Meeting
April 10, 2025**

2024-2025 Board members:

Martin Umberger-President
Tony Mullozzi - Vice President
Mike Wegener -Treasurer
Sandy Tiedeman - Recording Secretary
Koni Hohnbaum - Communications (absent)
Gini Baker-Bradley - Data Base Manager
Richard Vangelisti - Vendor (absent)

2025-2026 New Board:

Mike Wegener-President
Sandy Tiedeman-Secretary
Gini Baker-Data/Treasurer
Jack Shorr-Communications
Richard Vangelisti-Vendor

End of season picnic – Beardsley Park

22 people enjoyed a warm afternoon. There were a few new faces, and some members brought their significant others. Corn hole was set up and conversation flowed during a social hour. Application forms were available for new members. Mike and Linda did a great job of setting up the meal with a variety of Subway sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad and ice cream for dessert.

50/50 Drawing -Tony Mullozzi was busy selling raffle tickets for a drawing with ½ of the funds going to the club. The winners were Wendy McKenna and Sheryl Henke. Welcome to 1st time visitors and new members David Stringham and Kerry Hargraves.

Sportsman's Club - Mike Wegener

Mike reported that our proposal to join under the umbrella of the Sportsman's Club was accepted with positive feedback. It will allow us to have more exposure, recruit new members, submit articles in the Rec News, and reserve meeting rooms at lower rates. Sun City West residents will be required to join the Sportsman's Club for an annual fee of \$10, in addition to our club fee of \$20 for membership. Other benefits are that it allows members to participate in the list of other interest groups within Sportsman's Club. They have monthly meetings from September through April.

Mike has also updated the website (vsscskiclub.com) and set up a Facebook account for VSSC. There may be a re-structure of the meeting dates and location for next season. An update will be forthcoming in future communication.

Sandy Tiedeman presented Martin Umberger with a card of appreciation including an Amazon gift card for serving as President. Koni Hohnbaum will also be recognized for her duties as Communications Coordinator. Membership Meeting Programs- November will start out the next season with a pizza party (RSVP required) and a Warren Miller film. More details to follow.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Tiedeman-Recording Secretary