

EYE OF THE HAWK



Kittyhawk Ski and Board Club Newsletter

April 2018

The Prez Says

Spring has arrived and your current board of directors is working hard to bring you fun activities and plan trips for next ski season. However, we can't do it without your input and help.

Come to the April 11 2018 Membership meeting to vote for you new board
Membership, Ideas, Your Spirit, Your Humor AND most importantly
YOUR TALENT IS WANTED and NEEDED!

Current slate of candidates

President:	1. Richard Pitt	2. ???	3. ???
Vice-President:	Open		
Secretary	1. Rick DaPrato	2. ???	3. ???
Treasurer	1. Hew Wells	2. ???	3. ???

We are in need of a candidate for the Vice President position.

We need volunteers for the Membership Chairman and the Publicity Chairman. These are essential to operation of the Kittyhawk Ski Club. Do come to the April 11 membership meeting and vote for your board of directors and/or volunteer for the critical positions.

The following director positions up for nominations and the position basic responsibilities are:

President: Conduct board meetings and membership meetings

Vice President: Plan membership meeting venue, schedule quest speakers and conduct elections for the next year's board of directors. Stand in for president when required.

Secretary: Maintain a formal record of board of director meeting discussions, decisions and action items and any discussions/comments/actions from membership club meeting

Treasurer: Maintain financial records of all receipts for trips club activities and prepare annual tax return for KSC.

1--You may nominate yourself or another club member you know who is interested in running as a club director.

2--New members: This is the best way to get activities you would like the club to conduct.

3--We need your support and interest in keeping your club the best it can be with new fresh leadership.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN THROUGH APRIL 11 MEETING

Contact your Vice President Del Thomas delthomasrocket@sbcglobal.net or any other board member at our website skikittyhawk.com under the "Social/Sports" tab and under "Want More Information?" click info@skikittyhawk.com Please plan to attend the April 11 meeting to vote. Meetings are at TJ Chumps in Fairborn. Meeting starts at 7PM with many arriving 6:15 to dine.

KSC President

Richard Pitt

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April 2018



Feb 25-28, 2018

Trip Report – I pulled into the Hope Hotel parking lot around 8:30 to find the bus there and many of the KSC/Dayton folks already there and loading luggage under the bus. By the time I got out of my truck, most of the bus supplies I had brought and my skis were already unloaded from the back of my truck. Thank you for all the great help from everyone and our favorite driver Martin. Wow, you are all awesome.

With roll call complete and the card table already fully occupied, we rolled out of the parking lot a few minutes early on our way to Columbus to pick up some folks from the Columbus Ski Club who joined us on this trip. After a brief stop to load their gear and borrow the restrooms in the church (by the way, great pick up spot, easy to get to and the cars were not visible from the main road out front) we were again headed north on I-71 towards Holiday Valley. May I say, “Smooth”?

We were all settled in, eating snacks, drinking mimosas, bloody marys, wine, and beer and getting to know our new friends from Columbus and also a few other new people who had gotten on the bus at the Hope Hotel in Fairborn. On the way up Janet announced that the resort had agreed to give a \$30 gift card with every ski pass. This was because the snow conditions were not going to be very good and many trails were closed since it had been warm and rainy much of the previous week and the conditions had also been poor on the previous year’s trip.

After arriving at Holiday Valley we met the families who had driven with their children, a total of 10 adults and 9 children. A few of the drivers had already been on the slopes for a few runs and reported that snow conditions were better than expected. Most of us had dinner at John Harvard’s restaurant in the new condo hotel building up the road, and a few went over to “The Slopeside” bar across the street from the Inn. The \$30 gift cards got a good workout that night.

The staff at the Inn did a great job with breakfast every morning and it was a good opportunity for people to meet and discuss ski plans for the day. The Kittyhawk Happy Hour over at the Depot was on Monday night and nearly everyone attended including some of the children. There was plenty of good healthy pizza, French fries, and onion rings. There was so much food that Martin did not

have a single person who wanted a ride into Ellicottville for dinner. Everyone was full.

Regards skiing, we had the resort almost completely to ourselves, no lift lines anywhere! Most everybody was satisfied with the ski conditions, but it did soften up very significantly in the late morning and afternoon. It was a good idea to stay off of the more southerly facing slopes in the afternoon. A few of our competitively minded individuals logged more than 100 runs each. The grooming crews did an awesome job at making the best of a not ideal snow situation. The Himmelbergs and I can attest that the hot tub and swimming pool were well utilized every afternoon. Monday and Tuesday nights we had a game night in the inn’s lobby after dinner. A few of our new folks joined in at the card game “Cards Against Humanity” which is becoming a Kittyhawk favorite. Go figure!

Tuesday night the bus did go in to Ellicottville and many people were on it. By far the favorite dinner location that night was the Ellicottville Brewery restaurant.

After a morning of skiing on Wednesday we reconvened at the inn to load the bus for the trip home. We had a great ride back, and the champagne flowed, served by our first time bus trip passengers. Many stories were told and the only injury was Inge Knowles who hurt her foot on the first day and had been very carefully limping around. It turned out to have a hairline fracture, but we didn’t know that until she went to the doctor after she returned home.

The snow conditions were not great, but the trip as a whole was wonderful. I would like to thank everyone who went on the trip and especially those who helped with loading and unloading the bus. You all made this trip a huge success and enjoyable for everyone.

Janet did a good job with the negotiations and pricing this trip. The fact that up to two children per room under the age of 18 can lodge and ski for free makes this an affordable trip for families. So keep this in mind when you are planning a family ski trip next winter. I’d also like to say that the trip leader was the best!

Del Thomas, Trip Leader, Holiday Valley 2018

Public Learn-to-Sail Class Offered by Cowan Lake Sailing Association

Wendy O'Toole

Many people expressed an interest at one of the Kittyhawk membership meetings and at the 2017 Slush Cup in learning to sail basic small boats. The Cowan Lake Sailing Association offers a 2-day public learn-to-sail class every year. This year the class will be held Saturday May 19 and Sunday May 20 at Cowan Lake. The sailing club provides the boats, but there is a small fee for the books and materials.

"This introduction to sailing course is intended to help attendees understand more about the sport of sailing. We will review boat types, basic sailing skills, boating safety, and review many basic aspects of the sport. This course is structured to make you feel comfortable in seeking more information, and to give you an exposure to sailing. It is not intended to develop sailing proficiency.

Attendees will receive a US Sailing basic sailing instruction book, will view videos, practice some hands-on skills, and have the opportunity to go sailing with a CLSA member. The cost is \$25. If a family member attends with you, there is no fee for the additional person as you can share the book.

The course is held rain or shine.

Attendees are encourage to bring an appropriate PFD with them. Limited loaner PFD's are available for those do not have access to their own."

If you are interested, please contact Pete Japikse via email: pete.japikse@gmail.com

When: Saturday, May 19, 2018 until Sunday, May 20, 2018, 12pm

Where: Cowan Lake Sailing Association—Follow signs off of OH-730 to South Shore Marina. Make first right.

7300 State Rt 730

Wilmington, OH 45177



March Membership Meeting

Our April Membership Meeting will be held on April 11th at TJ Chumps in Fairborn. 6:30pm—9:00pm. Come out and get to know your fellow Kittyhawkers.

TJ Chumps
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1100 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd.
Fairborn, OH 45324

Trip Report

17 Kittyhawkers, along with Jim Gibson from Tristate in Indiana, set off Sunday morning to catch a 9 a.m. flight out of Dayton airport. John and Kathy Staiger and their two teenage sons flew from Cincinnati, Tom Kalaman from NJ, and Danni DelConte flew from Hawaii (more about that later, J), for a total of 24 skiers. Everything was going swimmingly, luggage checked, everybody there, boarded the plane and pushed away from the gate for an "on time" departure according to airline rules and there we sat! It turned out that between the full load of passengers, all the ski luggage, and the fact that the plane had been fully fueled beforehand, we weighted too much to legally take off. Long story short, we were almost 2 hours late taking off between having to off load excess fuel, getting re-cleared and de-iced again. Luckily I had called Winter Ski & Sport and alerted them to our situation and that we were likely to miss our connection in Denver. The airline was aware that they had a block of 18 passengers headed for Sun Valley and that there was only one flight available for us. We ran through the Denver airport and the plane, along with Tom Kalaman on board, was waiting patiently for us. We even got all of our luggage, except for one or two people who left their carry-on bag in the overhead bin or on the luggage cart at the bottom of the aircraft stairs. No names now, but just you wait until Slush Cup awards!



We crammed everything into the Sun Valley Lodge shuttle bus and headed for the hotel about 15 miles away. Oh my, what a hotel! Luxurious beds, separate sitting area with a pull out sofa bed, and some rooms even had gas fireplaces. The bathroom was as large as some of the houses on that t.v. show about small house living. You could fit at least 4 and possibly 6 in the shower at once, depending on how friendly they were.

Sun Valley had received about 18" of snow a few days before we got there so the skiing conditions were awesome. That is one challenging mountain with the green runs equivalent to moderate blues in most other places. It reminded me of Jackson Hole.

Our ski days were nice and sunny with temperatures in the 40's in the afternoon, near perfect spring conditions. Everyone had a great time exploring and trying out the restaurants in the Sun Valley village and the nearby town of Ketchum. The local shuttle buses were free and ran regularly which made getting around the town and to the ski hill very easy.

Our only casualty for the week (provided you don't count alcohol abuse) was Mike Himmelberg who fell quite badly on the second day and injured his arm. He got a ski patrol sled ride off the mountain and a trip to the local hospital. Fortunately his arm was not broken. Initial report was that it was a torn muscle with the possibility of surgery, but it ended up being a traumatized nerve which improved dramatically over the next few days; however, Mike skiing was over for the trip, but it didn't stop him enjoying the hot tub and hoisting his beer.

Our surprise trip participant, Danni DelConte from Maui, Hawaii, arrived the day after we got there. She is a fun lady and a good skier. She found our trip on the internet. She had already bought a plane ticket when her skiing partner for injured and she was looking for a place to stay and a club to ski with. This arrangement all transpired while we were a holiday valley less than a week before we were due to leave. After checking with my roommate I told Danni that she was welcome to come as long as she was OK with the sofa bed in the living area. I am pretty sure we will see her again on a western trip since she had a great time skiing with Rich and Rene and partying with us, not to mention latching on to a good deal.

The weather was awesome, except for Thursday which was supposed to be snowy. Most of us decided that was our day to not ski since we only a 5 out of 6 day lift tickets, but one hardy, or perhaps fool hardy, soul decided to ski that day and it was Gwen Hallberg. She was doing quite well on the lower slopes of the mountain until it came time to get back to the main base area which involved riding the chair lift to the very top of the mountain where the visibility was ZERO. Ski patrollers were waiting to escort people across the ridge at the top in total white out conditions. After a few hundred yards it was clear enough that you could at least see where you were going.

The Kittyhawk Happy Hour at the historic Sawtooth Club was great. The OVSC events which included a Happy Hour, mountain lunch, and farewell dinner were all very well done by the tour operator Winter Ski & Sport. The impromptu piano recital by Wendy in the second floor lounge one evening was as good as or better than the fellow playing piano

downstairs in the main hotel bar area.

Our last day of skiing was Saturday and it was a bit more crowded than earlier in the week. The patio at the base lodge was a busy place and chairs were at a premium. Ruth Weatherhead made friends with a huge husky. I think he just wanted her beer.

So, after a fabulous week of skiing, our luck was about to change as we bid farewell to Sun Valley and headed for the airport on Sunday morning. We watched as the Delta flight with the Staiger family on board took off around 11 a.m., and then it started to snow, lightly at first, and then the mountains were completely obliterated. The plane that was inbound from Denver was diverted to Island Falls about 80 miles away where it unloaded the luggage and people when it became obvious that it wasn't going to be leaving any time soon. The snow storm passed though and eventually the plane showed up, about three hours late. This was not good since we only had a two hour layover in Denver. This time even though we had 18 passengers the plane to Dayton did not wait for us. It would have arrived in Dayton too late or the crew would have been over their schedule. Not sure exactly what happened but we were stuck in Denver along with most of the other passengers from our flight. The best option for getting all 18 of us home was a flight to Dulles airport in Washington DC which didn't leave until midnight and arrived in DC at 5 a.m. on Monday morning. The flight that departed DC didn't leave until noon and arrived in Dayton at 2 p.m. We were a tired bunch of people. While we were cooling our heels in Denver for about 6 hours we all had dinner and the club bought a round of drinks to help keep everyone happy.

It was an all-around great trip and I want to thank everyone for their patience and good spirits on our long trip home. You guys are a great group.

Stay tuned for next year's trips.

Signed, your intrepid trip leader, "Do Not Follow" Janet



Kittyhawk Ski Club – Trip Sign Up Form Complete and provide to Trip Leader. If not a member of KSC, provide the name of the OVSC club with which affiliated: _____

Trip: _____ Dates: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

If this is trip involves airline travel, the name(s) must be the same as on Driver's license or government-issued ID

Address: _____

Phones: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail(s): _____

Emergency point of contact: _____

Room-/Condo-mate preference(s) _____

I understand that I will be responsible for costs incurred by KSC on my behalf. Initial: _____
Initial: _____

Trip Liability Waiver To be submitted with Trip Sign Up form.

Trip Name: _____ Dates: _____

Neither the Kittyhawk Ski Club nor its tour operator, if any, will be responsible for any personal injuries, property damage, or loss, or costs incurred due to delay or change in itinerary arising out of an act of negligence of any direct or supplemental air carrier, hotel, or any other person rendering any of these services, nor will Kittyhawk Ski club or its tour operator, if any, be responsible for any injury, death, damage, loss, or delay in any means of transportation, including bankruptcies, cancellation, schedule changes, strikes, work stoppages, storms, inclement weather, or by reason of any event beyond the actual control of Kittyhawk Ski Club, its tour operator, if any, or any of their officers, agents or suppliers or any act of God. By signing, I hereby waive all claims that may arise out of any of the foregoing described events which I may have against Kittyhawk Ski Club, its tour operators, their respective officers, agents, and suppliers, and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of them from any claim that I may bring against any of them.

Signature Date

Signature Date

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

1. Trip participants are responsible for notifying the trip leader of cancellations. Cancellations will be made only to the respective trip leader, his or her assistant, or the Winter Trips chairperson, either verbally or in writing. Inability to contact one of these individuals is an unacceptable reason for late cancellation or no-show status.
2. A cancellation will result in participant's liability for any expenses that accrue on his or her behalf that cannot be recovered by the club (e.g. empty seats, lodging charges, ticket transfer charges or replacement, etc.) up to the total published trip price. If the cancelled participant can be replaced, as full a refund as possible will be made. Cancellation deadlines are trip specific and will be described in full on each trip's sign-up instructions.
3. 'No-shows' will be responsible for all expenses that cannot be recovered up to the total published trip price.
4. Reimbursement for unused airline tickets is subject to airline policy. Neither Kittyhawk Ski Club nor its agents are responsible for airline reimbursement. The decision rests solely with the airline.

TRIP INSURANCE

Kittyhawk Ski Club suggests that all trip participants consider purchasing trip insurance.

There is a wide variety of types of trip insurance, coverages, and policies. Your trip insurance should be tailored to a specific trip and your specific needs. The web site WWW.INSUREMYTRIP.COM provides access to numerous insurers and is a good place to begin looking into trip insurance.

Kittyhawk Ski Club is not affiliated with any insurance company and does not recommend or endorse any specific insurance company. Whether to obtain trip insurance is at the discretion of each trip participant. The selection of and contracting with an insurer is the individual trip participants responsibility.

I acknowledge that I have read the Cancellation/Refund policy and Trip Insurance information. I understand that the selection of an insurer and acquiring trip insurance is at my discretion and is my responsibility.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

KITTYHAWK SKI CLUB, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

 Last Name First MI Spouse/Significant Other Name

 Street Address City State Zip Home Phone Cell Phone

Email Addresses:

Please print carefully!!

<i>INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION</i>	<i>SPOUSE INFORMATION</i>	<i>Type Membership</i>
Nickname: _____	Nickname: _____	FREE 1st YEAR
Birthdate: Month Day	Birthdate: Month Day	Individual (\$25)
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____	Family (\$30)
Level Skier: _____	Level Skier: _____	Referred by: _____
Hobbies: _____	Hobbies: _____	

Children's Names and ages: _____

I am interested in working with the following club committees:

Ski Trips _____ Social _____ Membership _____ Programs _____

Biking _____ Golf _____ Newsletter _____ Other (write-in) _____

I hereby declare that I am at least 21 years of age or active duty military and agree to subscribe and support the constitution and bylaws of Kittyhawk Ski club and will abide by the rules and regulations of the club.

I hereby assume all the risks and accept all responsibility for any injuries or damage which may result in my or my family's participation in Kittyhawk Ski Club, Inc, the Ohio Valley Ski Council, and/or affiliated ski club activities and further release said organization from any and all responsibility for any and all claims of damage or otherwise that may be brought about by myself or my heirs.

I authorize release of my contact information (Name, address, e-mail, phone numbers) to other members of Kittyhawk Ski Club. I agree to only use other's contact information for ski club related activities.

Write YES Or NO in the box to the right.
 If box is left blank, assumption is release is authorized.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Make checks out to Kittyhawk Ski Club. Do NOT combine trip payments with membership payments.

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