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Hi Snowdrifters!

Chalk up another fun-filled outing for the Club. Forty intrepid Snowdrifters, family members and friends bussed to the southside to watch the Cubs notch their only win of the Crosstown Classic series this year – a 7-0 shutout that saw a few homeruns including a grand slam. Thanks Mary Kane McAuslan for a successful adventure. Oh yeah, I did hear a few folks already urging Mary to start on next year's Cub-Sox outing.

There are plenty of other Club activities to enjoy before we start the ski season. In fact, our next big shindig is our kick-off party at Riverview in Batavia on September 19th. It's a chance to swap stories from past trips, glean some possible highlights for the upcoming trips and, who knows, the shot ski may even make an appearance!

The kick-off is one of my favorite Club events. It really does get me thinking about snow, skiing and all the progress I want to make in the upcoming season such as improving my short turns, keeping my upper body looking down the fall line, etc. (Yep, I have plenty of bad habits to correct.) Oh well, some time spent on the runs at Zermatt and the Banff resorts should provide plenty of time for me to enjoy the snow and improve my technique. I can't wait. You shouldn't wait either. Sign up for the kick-off party ASAP!

Speaking of the upcoming season and our ski trips, be sure to fill out your online profile on the Snowdrifters' website. Trip leaders are required to submit lists to our travel agent for use by the airlines and TSA. If you have a complete profile online, it really helps the trip leaders put together more accurate travel data which means there is less chance for errors that could keep you from flying to your ski destination. In other travel news, as the Delta variant continues to surge, border restrictions may change several times before our trips begin. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed of what we learn.

While you're on the website updating your profile, you may also want to look into getting travel insurance through our link to Travel Guard – especially if you are signed up for Zermatt or Banff. It's good protection for you and any commissions earned through the link go to the Snowdrifters. Those commissions help the Club offset some of its expenses. And, it's not just for Club trips. Any time you travel, you can purchase insurance through our link to Travel Guard.

Greg Olson

President



SNOWDRIFTERS SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Season Kick-Off Dinner

Register NOW: <https://fvssc.wildapricot.org/event-4441543/Registration>

September 19 - 5:30 PM – ?
Riverview Banquets
1117 N. Washington Ave
Batavia, IL 60510

\$30 per person

PROPOSED EVENTS: Watch your email for further information

October 2 - Yorktoberfest <https://kiwanisyorktoberfest.org/>
Details will be emailed soon

November 14 – AM hike at Starved Rock with late lunch at
Tangled Roots/Lone Buffalo
(lunch and transport on own). Details Coming Soon

December 19/20? – Christmas Party – TBD

January 30, 2022– Annual Norge Winter Ski Jump Tournament –
ACTIVITY LEADER NEEDED

April – Spring Bike Ride? Easter Egg hunt for adults? Picnic in the park? **We NEED your ideas!**

May 22/23, 2022 – End of Year Party – TBD



Maureen Joy

Social

Snowdrifters' Trip to Crosstown Classic Game August 28, 2021

In spite of the hot weather, we had a successful outing to the Sox/Cubs game at Guaranteed Rate Field on Saturday, August 28th. With members, as well as family and friends, we had a great group of 39 baseball fans meet up at the Kane County Fairgrounds to board a nice air-conditioned coach bus to make the trip to Sox park. Everyone was ready to load when our bus arrived and we left right on schedule.

We enjoyed various beverages and assorted Lays chips as well as lively conversations en route. Many people brought their own chairs and we grabbed the space on the shady side of our bus to have our tailgate. Club members had supplied tables and many people helped to quickly set up and lay out the food.

We ate warm, individually wrapped, Italian Beef and Grilled Chicken sandwiches from Portillo's, as well as Fresh Fruit Salads and Kale Salads w/almonds from Chick-Fil-A. Everyone seemed to enjoy the meal and we had plenty of food with little left over.

We then proceeded to make our way to our seats in the shade above the third base line on the 500 level. (A couple of people had a little trouble with the electronic ticketing but made it into the game within the first couple of innings.) We had a great view of the game!

We were all surprised to witness the National League Cubs (W-56 L-73, 4th place in their Division) proceed to SHUT OUT the American League White Sox (W-74 L-55, 1st place in their Division) with a final score of Cubs 7, White Sox 0! We got to see 2 home runs by Patrick Wisdom, a Grand Slam by Rafael Ortega and Alec Mills throw 8 $\frac{1}{3}$ shutout innings! It looks like the Cubs rebuild is starting to pay off.

The Chicago skyline was beautiful as we exited and everyone found our bus amid the chaos without any problems. Our trip home went smoothly and everyone seemed to be pleased with the evening.

Hopefully, the Club will continue to sponsor fun events throughout the year. Thanks to everyone involved!



Mary Kane McAuslan





Ogden, Utah - \$1,250 January 7 - 12, 2022

Wow - Trip expanded to 40!!

Trip has been expanded to 40 people, however, some may be flying from different cities so there may be air seats available as long as the hotel has additional rooms. So if you are interested, please reply to Joe or Marie that you would like to get on the waiting list. Once the air arrangements by others traveling from different cities has been confirmed, we may open the trip up for more people. The waiting list is a first-come first-serve with gender considerations (e.g. we may only have one opening for a male or female depending on room assignments).

Powder Mountain has the most skiable terrain of any ski area in the United States. The 5,500 acres includes 2,800 lift-accessible acres. 500 inches of snow annually makes the resort famous for its powder skiing. <https://www.powdermountain.com>.

Snowbasin, A Sun Valley Resort, is a large resort in the Ogden area, covering a good selection of runs on varied terrain. It was the site of the Downhill and Super G events for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Snowbasin tends to be much less crowded than the resorts near Salt Lake City. Snowbasin cultivates a European style ski experience, complete with trams and gondolas, fine dining at trailside chalets, and cultural diversity expected of an Olympic venue. <https://www.snowbasin.com>

Lodging: Our lodging is Home2 Suites, located in the heart of downtown Ogden. The Suite rooms have a full kitchenette and offer free high-speed internet, 55" HDTV's, and big bright bathrooms. Free time's fun with a fitness center and game-filled lobby. Mix it up with a toppings-inspired free hot breakfast. See <https://www.VisitOgden.com>.

FLIGHT CHANGE

United	UA2137	07JAN ORD/SLC	09:00 AM	11:37 AM
	UA2046	12JAN SLC/ORD	12:40 PM	04:47 PM

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- December - Balance Due

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	Caren Werner: Visit Ogden Manager



Zermatt, Switzerland & Majorca, Spain - \$2,810

Jan 21 - Feb 2, 2022

FIVE OPENINGS REMAINING

We currently have space for two doubles and one single male. If you are considering going to Zermatt and Majorica, **you need to make the decision soon!** At the end of September, we plan to cancel the remaining openings in order to avoid cancellation fees. If you are interested in the trip, contact Frank at ftnod@aol.com and we will try to accommodate you!

Reminder: For those who have already signed-up for the trip and are behind on payments, we need your current payments in order to make a vendor disbursement in October.

Below are a couple websites you may want to check out for Zermatt and Majorica:

<http://www.travelstart.co.za/blog/zermatt-switzerlands-most-charming-village/>

<https://www.spendlifetraveling.com/so-what-is-mallorca-really-like/>

Trip Details:

- Roundtrip Air - Lufthansa
- 7 nights in 3*** Hotel Perren – Breakfast & 4 course dinner every evening at the Hotel
- Ground Transfers
- Four-day extension to Majorca Spain with air & 4 night in Hotel Puro Palma with breakfast

Come join the Snowdrifters on January 21, 2022 to Zermatt and Majorca. If you have never visited Zermatt, you are in for a huge scenic, skiing and dining extravaganza! Zermatt is Switzerland's highest ski resort and a winter fairy tale with unlimited fun on snow! Skiing and

snowboarding enthusiasts from all over the world congregate in Zermatt. The ski areas have reliable snow at an altitude of around 3883 meters between Zermatt and Breuil-Cervinia, lies the highest ski area in Switzerland, the Matterhorn ski paradise - 360 kilometers of blue, red, black and yellow runs promise fantastic skiing! Ski the three main ski areas of Rothorn, Gornergrat or Matterhorn Glacier, and then ski across the border to Cervinia, Italy for lunch. Guests can use modern lifts and cable cars, including the recently opened Matterhorn glacier ride! Zermatt offers an incredible variety of terrain for all levels of skiing or boarding in addition to incredible vistas, and terrain that constantly changes character with 38 towering mountains and pristine slopes! If you're looking for off-piste skiing, you'll find lots of it in Zermatt as well. There are plenty of large and rarely skied areas with blankets of white powder gold awaiting your challenge.

Zermatt is also renowned for its "all-inclusiveness" and no use of cars in the village – electric-cars and horse-drawn sleighs and carriages are the only transport allowed. If you are a non-skier/boarder? Zermatt boasts a myriad of other activities such as snowshoeing, winter hiking, tobogganing, and helicopter sightseeing flights. And let's not forget our day trips and excursions to other exciting cities should you want a break from skiing and boarding. Hourly Swiss train service is available from Zermatt to towns (Sion, Martigny, Lausanne etc.) where day trips can be made to visit Roman ruins and medieval castles along with other sightseeing opportunities.

Our lodging is Hotel Perren. Our Club stayed at the Hotel Perren in 2003 and a few current members still recall our great time there. Hotel Perren is a family-run establishment at the foot of the Matterhorn. The typical Zermatt atmosphere is tangible throughout the friendly family hotel. The Perren, Bregy and Kronig families and their team attend to your individual requirements. Our half-board restaurant LA MONTANARA and the ala-carte restaurant LA BARRIQUE offer local and international specialties from the kitchen and wine cellar every day. www.hotel-perren.ch/



Majorca, Spain - 4 NIGHT EXTENSION

January 29 – February 2, 2022



Mallorca (Majorca) is one of Spain's Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean. Imagine an island with turquoise blue waters, secret coves, soft golden sands, lush green foliage, rugged mountains, picturesque villages and a vibrant capital city. The island and its capital, Palma, are overflowing with character, while its beaches are famous all around the world. The locally produced foodie delights and wines, delicious traditional cuisine and first-class restaurants with Michelin stars have only added to its appeal. But that's not all. An island steeped in history, Mallorca boasts charming villages, historic sights, an artisan and cultural scene.

A few things to do are:

- Hike parts of the Serra de Tramuntana, a major mountain range that runs along Mallorca's western coast
- Make day trips to the national parks on the neighboring islands of Cabrera and Dragonera
- Tour the gothic Palma Cathedral, located in the island capital of the same name
- Visit the History Museum at Bellver Castle, a former military prison and one of only a few circular castles in Europe
- Spend the day exploring village of Valldemossa, a former home to famed artists Frédéric Chopin and George Sand
- Bike your way through the bucolic village of Sa Calobra
- Spend the day sunning yourself on Magaluf Beach

Our hotel is Puro Palma, a boutique design hotel with connected beach club and restaurant converted from a XVII century palace in Palma de Mallorca's old quarter (La Lonja district). The hotel features 2 rooftop terraces and rooms are contemporary design, style and comfort and come with 52-inch plasma TVs and free WI-FI. The hotel is situated in the famous area La Lonja Palma's finest boutiques, galleries and restaurants and nightlife, as well as the harbor and the cathedral are within walking distance. Puro Palma is also the only urban hotel with two beach clubs. With hotel shuttle service to Purobeach, Palma guests can experience the best of the island. The hotel Bar & Restaurant serves fresh Mediterranean and Asian cuisine and daily breakfast is included.

Payment Schedule (per person):

- September - \$500
- October - \$500
- November - Balance Due

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A passport is required for this trip and your passport must not expire 6 months past our return to the USA.

Trip Insurance: Trip insurance is recommended but is NOT part of the package price - see web page: <https://fvssc.wildapricot.org/page-1319705>

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Banff, Alberta - Canada - \$1,295

February 24 – March 1, 2022

TRIP COST: The 5 day Banff trip cost is \$1,295 (w/o lift tickets –\$950).

The trip includes:

- Air/ground transportation
- 5 nights Hotel lodging (2 per unit) with a hot and cold buffet breakfast
- 4-day Tri-Area (Big 3 mountains) lift Ticket.
- Trip Cost for Lift Tics: (3 of 4-Day - \$83, 4 Day SR -\$76, 3 of 4-Day SR - \$120)



Banff is home to the world's finest ski resorts; immerse yourself in breathtaking scenery and magical runs all within Banff National Park in the Canadian Rockies. Located in the heart of Banff National Park are three of the world's finest ski resorts; Mt. Norquay, Lake Louise Ski Area and Sunshine Village. Banff skiing offers almost 8,000 acres of skiable terrain on one tri-area lift ticket, the seasoned skier or rider will experience plenty of chutes, bowls, steeps and terrain parks to explore, while beginners can get the same thrills on miles of green and blue runs. When it comes to winter destinations – from fantastic skiing to cultural activities, great shopping, exciting nightlife and one-of-a-kind restaurants - Banff offers the complete ski trip.

While in Banff, we will be staying 5 nights at Caribou Lodge & Spa which a traditional mountain lodge style hotel with excellent facilities and a prime location. Located on Banff Avenue, just a minute's walk to the downtown shops and restaurants. Your room key doubles up as a free roaming bus pass for trips around town. The ski shuttle to all the ski areas stops outside the hotel. A flat-screen TV, mini-fridge, and in-room safe are provided in each room. Also included is a daily hot and cold breakfast buffet.

We will fly non-stop on United:

UA5774	24FEB	ORD/YYC	10:00AM	12:50PM
UA5877	01MAR	YYC/ORD	12:30PM	4:50PM

Payment Schedule (per person):

- September - \$200
- October - \$200
- November - \$200
- December - Balance Due

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Trip Leaders:

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March 10-13, 2022 - \$275

Ski Brule, is a premier ski resort in Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The #1 Midwest Ski Resort is located just over the Wisconsin Michigan border. Ski Brule is perfect for a day trip or a weekend get-a-way. Winter activities for everyone: ski, snowboard, terrain parks, tubing, acrobag, fat bike trails, cross country trails, snowshoe trails, sleigh rides, and more! Pioneer Lodge Condos at Ski Brule are the perfect Michigan lodging option for family vacations and [group ski trips](#). It is carpool trip for transportation. www.skibrule.com

Pioneer Lodge Condos are located across the street from the Main Lodge and Ski Brule Mountain, and the views are amazing!



The Pioneer Lodge Condos feature connecting rooms, so guests have the option of enjoying both their privacy and group time. Guests at the Pioneer Lodge also have access to the two outside hot tubs (not available in 20/21). Pioneer Lodge Condos are a tradition in lodging while enjoying Michigan's number one rated family ski vacation.

Every condo unit includes FREE WIFI, Direct TV, daily maid service, telephone, microwave, coffee maker, cookware, linens (bedding/ towels) and great views of the slopes. Located just a few steps from the lifts and all services, Pioneer Lodge is the most convenient lodging to access the best skiing in Michigan.

The Trip also includes:

- Shared condo lodging, great set up for families
- Friday, Saturday lift tickets including night skiing
- One hour group ski lesson
- Free trail use passes for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Must rent or provide own equipment. Also fat bike trails, inner tubing and rentals available.
- Barbecue dinner and sleigh ride Saturday night.
- Lots of fun and games

Trip Leaders: Maureen Joy, Mojoy@comcast.net 630.846.9647
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March 20 – 25, 2022
\$1,625 (w/o Lift Ticket \$1,325)

Only 3 openings left!!



Sun Valley is America's original destination resort, often voted the number one ski resort in the US. Sun Valley is situated across two mountains: Bald Mountain (very sunny slope that's nearly all downhill) and Dollar Mountain (628 feet of vertical on a treeless slope). Baldy offers expert skiers and snowboarders a variety of challenging bowls and glades off the peak while Dollar Mountain is a beginner's dream with gentle, perfectly groomed slopes.

Sun Valley is serviced by a modern lift infrastructure and a well-designed trail system. The resort has terrain for all ability levels and has 2,154 skiable acres. The summit elevation is 9,150 feet with 3,400 feet of vertical drop. Base elevation is 5,750 feet. The area receives about 220 inches of snowfall per year. There are 121 trails serviced by 18 lifts along with 2 terrain parks, a Super Pipe and Jib Park.



The steepest run is Inhibition, which is 70% or 35 degrees, and the longest run is a total of 3 miles. The slope ratings are 36% beginner, 42% intermediate, 20% advanced and 2% expert. Snowmaking is available on 645 acres, and there are 55 snow guns. Groomed acres sit at 810 with snowmaking on 78% of these acres.

We are staying at the newly remodeled [Sun Valley Inn](#) (hotel rooms). The Sun Valley Inn opened its doors in 1937 and is still *where to stay* if you're looking for a welcoming and stylish place to lay your head. The Inn has gracious European-inspired décor with the finest fabrics, carpeting and wall coverings. Guests can head to the Ram restaurant for a gourmet bite and sip on a cocktail in the lounge, while the Village Station offers family-friendly food and fun. An exercise room adjoins the outdoor pool. The *Inn* offers a tranquil, yet forever timeless, lodging experience in the heart of Sun Valley Village. With the same charming old-world character that originally inspired its construction in 1937, the *Inn* is now complete with its own steaming outdoor pool, fitness center, restaurants, lobby bar, and friendly staff.

While the exterior of this historic structure is reminiscent of an Austrian ski chalet, the rooms, convention spaces, and restaurants have been given a modern update. The Ram Restaurant, The Ram Bar, Village Station (formerly Bald Mountain Pizza), meeting rooms, and 97 guest rooms have been redesigned, restored, and in some cases, completely remodeled. A new archway has also been constructed, opening up a pedestrian thoroughfare similar to the one that existed in the original 1937 Challenger Inn.



The luxurious rooms are furnished with two queen beds, an in-drawer refrigerator, and a coffee and tea bar. Warm hues and earth tones create a soothing atmosphere, surrounded by soft light from the custom table lamps and high-efficiency windows. Enhanced wireless internet and a 55" television will keep us connected during our stay. The spa-inspired bathrooms have granite countertops, a walk-in shower, and wood accents.

Lift Tickets: The listed price includes a 4-day adult/senior lift ticket. A senior discount is not available, as our group rate is lower than any available senior ticket. With a multi-day tickets (three or more days) exchange one day of skiing for an in-resort credit for a variety of other activities. All activities and services are based on availability. Lift ticket must still be valid (not expired) to qualify for the Lift Ticket Exchange Program and exchange voucher must be presented at the time of the activity for reimbursement. No vouchers will be taken for purchases or activities that have already taken place

Air: Currently, we have air booked on United to Boise with a bus transfer to Sun Valley. Our plan is to have a direct flight into Sun Valley's Friedman Memorial Airport once they become available (240 days in advance).

Payment Schedule (per person):

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- November - \$250
- November - Balance Due

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PORTILLO, CHILE 2022

\$3,150 per person

Package Includes: Airfare to and from Santiago and transportation to Hotel Portillo at the Portillo Ski Area for 4 nights. Over the past 60 years, Portillo has earned a reputation as an excellent destination for skiers and snowboarders from all over the world. The snow quality in Portillo is excellent and is often likened to that of the Rocky Mountains. Skiers of all skill levels find what they are looking for on a mountain and come back year after year. Here is a general breakdown of the terrain: Beginner -15%, Intermediate – 30%, Advanced – 30%, Expert – 25%. The ski area features 1,235 acres of ski-able terrain, 14 lifts and 35 runs. Beginner and intermediate runs are groomed nightly, off-piste runs are challenging and steep, and the powder is often deep. The bowls and shoots perfectly collect the light, dry snow and the above-tree-line landscape turns into a white playground. Pair this with frequently sunny, blue skies and it is easy to understand why many guests, even professional skiers, say they've had some of their best ski days at Portillo.

Rate includes: Full Board, Lift tickets daily Hyatt Centric 3 nights - Santiago Hyatt Centric Las Condes is one of the 5-star hotels in Santiago, Chile, located in the modern district of Las Condes. Offering an ideal location to explore the city, the hotel is close to metro transit, providing a convenient connection to discover Santiago's popular historical spots. This bustling area is surrounded by trendy restaurants, specialty shops, local cafes, and more. Rate in Santiago includes: breakfast daily and all transfers.

Trip Leader for additional questions: John Gamble 630-761-9550
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RECIPE

Give yourself a break today,
go out for dinner and support your local independent restaurant!

(I couldn't find a recipe anyway to put in!)

Snowdrifters' Calendar

Sept 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
9 AM - 11:30 AM
Volunteer @ Northern Illinois Food Bank

Sept. 19th Kick-Off Dinner
@ Riverview Banquets
\$30 a person

Oct. 2nd Yorktoberfest - Details soon
<https://kiwanisyorktoberfest.org/>

- *Fritz & The Pretzel Twists*
- *Frank N Fran German Music*
- *Bad Medicine*

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DAY!