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Hello Snowdrifters.

The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate American independence. It is a day for families and friends to gather together and enjoy a day of fun and festivities. No matter how you choose to celebrate the Fourth of July, make sure to take some time to reflect on the importance of our nation's independence. It is a day to be thankful for the freedoms that we enjoy, and it is a day to come together as a nation and celebrate our shared American spirit.

The Club kicked off the summer with our 1st Golf Outing at Potawatomi Golf Course followed by food and drinks at Evergreen. Next was the Bike and Breweries meetup for an enjoyable 16 mile bike ride along the Fox River and libations at Pollyanna and Sturdy Shelter breweries, culminating in an outdoor barbeque at the Bryls. Both events had 24 members attending. Some members of the Club also participated in the Heart and Soul Organization Brew Walk to benefit Cal's Angels, a pediatric cancer foundation.

The End of the Year Party at the Kane County Cougars was a huge success and there was a good turnout among Club members. We had great weather for the ball game and the Super Suite venue right behind home plate offered great food and drinks and lots of indoor and outdoor seating for socializing and watching the game. This was also the time for the Club to recognize Club members who provided their time and talents toward the success of the Club.

We conducted a Trip Leader training session to prepare our trip leaders for our upcoming trip sales meeting and planning for successful ski trips. Our Trip Sales Meeting was held on June 27th. Five of six planned 2024 Ski Trips were put on sale. Results of the trip sales were not known at the time of the newsletter publication.

Our July meeting will be held outdoors at D&G Brewing (303 N 4th St Suite A, St. Charles) on Tuesday, July 18th. Aeko Yoshikawa will be demonstrating Japanese drumming, and I hear that audience participation will be encouraged.

We continue to seek volunteers for our Club positions and events. We have an open position for our Social Media Chair, and we need Trip leader volunteers for the Lake Placid Olympic Legacy trip. Also, let the Board/Committee Chairs know of your ideas for Club meetings, guest speakers, and meetup events.



Happy Independence Day!

John Walsh President

NOTE FROM THE NEWS STAFF:

Please note that the newsletter has the latest available information on trips when it is posted. Some of the trips don't have lift ticket pricing or a final contract yet so new information such as flight times, lift pricing changes, etc. may change after the Flakey News has been posted. You should always check the website for the latest information. After the trip rosters have been established, all communication will come from your trip leader. Should you have any additional questions, please contact your trip leader directly.

Јое Норр

Paper Delivery Boy



The Web Master

The Board has requested that everyone in the Club sign the liability waiver form, even non-skiers. Accidents can happen anywhere, and this form protects the Club in case of an injury at a Club-sponsored event. You can sign the waiver

at: https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/61aa9a3ca7cb8/web/. You can also find this link online. From our home page go to "Member-only pages," "Club Forms and Documentation," and locate "Trip Liability Waiver and Refund Policy forms" to find this link

Chuck Salsíbury

Website

It was mealtime during an airline flight. The flight attendant asked passenger John, "Would you like dinner?" "What are my choices?" John asked. "Yes or no," she replied.

Trip Coordinators' Corner:



New Members

Please welcome our newest member:

Suzann Nepermann

Cathleen Downs McDonald

Membership



As the kid who was stopped for speeding rolled down his window, the policeman got out of his vehicle and approached the kid, "I've been waiting for you all day."

The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could."

When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.





Congratulations to all who competed in the Snowdrifter golf scramble on June 4th!

Newsworthy this year - both women's and men's Closest to the Pin awards were unclaimed! No woman stuck the 4th green and no man stuck the 7th green to secure the coveted necklaces.

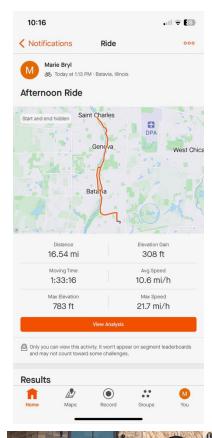
The final team scores and other significant achievements are shown below.



When is the next Snowdrifter 9-hole Golf Scramble? Sunday, October 1st, 2023

Same course?

You bettcha! Pottawatomie Golf Course, St. Charles!



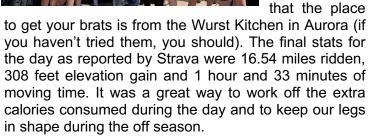


The forecasted rain and cool weather for the weekend held off until Sunday; so on Saturday, June 10th, twenty Snowdrifters met up at Stan and Marie Bryl's home on the East side of Batavia for a fun little bike hike to a couple of local breweries. The first leg of the journey took us north a little over eight miles and was just enough pedal spinning time to work up a bit of a thirst as we arrived at Pollyanna Brewery in St. Charles. Mr. Fix It, Stan Bryl, managed a very quick stop at Mill Race



Cycle to purchase a new tire for his wife's ailing bicycle that had clearly run over some kind of seriously sharp object on a ride a few days prior. The new wheel was quickly installed while the group enjoyed some thirst quenching beer on the Pollyanna

patio. After about an hour of refreshments, the group boarded their bikes again and turned south where they headed to Sturdy Shelter Brewery in downtown Batavia. After Joe Hopp corralled another patron walking in the door to take a group photo, the cyclists spread out in the upstairs loft of Sturdy Shelter and enjoyed some more local brews. Then it was back to the Bryl's house for some more camaraderie, more libations and plenty of excellent food. Everyone learned that Nancy Lazarz makes the best baked beans, that Costco's key lime pie really is that good (thanks Michelle Baker-Etherton) and





Portillo, Chile

Let's ski in the southern hemisphere!! Sept. 1st - 10th, 2023

\$3,500 per person

Once in a lifetime experience!!

Airfare to and from Santiago on Delta Airline

Transportation to Hotel Portillo at the Portillo Ski Area 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 skiable 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.

Bus Trip back to Santiago.

Hyatt Centric 3 nights - Santiago - Sept. 7th - 10th

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.

Payment Schedule (per person)

July 25th Balance Due

Trip Leader for additional questions:

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Co-Trip Leader: Michelle Etherton, carey michelle@live.com



BIG SKY

https://bigskyresort.com
Jan 6th - 12th, 2024
\$1,600 **

**Base Package includes land & air only
Lift tickets extra – see below

SOLD OUT – WAIT LIST

See the June newsletter for more details.

The trip includes:

- Direct flight from Chicago to Bozeman on American
- Ground transportation to the resort
- Six nights lodging at Huntley Lodge
- Daily breakfast buffet
 - Note: Big Sky accepts the IKON pass

Lift Tickets:

Big Sky has posted lift ticket pricing for 2024 flex passes ,however, our SkiGroup travel agent has recommended that we wait until Big Sky establishes their group flex pass pricing which will be lower and offered as an add on to the base price for your convenience. Big Sky accepts the Ikon Pass.

Payment Schedule for a <u>base package</u>: (Package including lift tickets will be a different payment schedule.)

July - \$300
August - \$300
September - \$300
October - \$300

November - Balance due

American Airlines – direct flight

Jan 6 AA 1501 ORD/BZN 9:55 AM – 12:16 PM Jan 12 AA 1501 BZN/ORD 1:00 PM – 4:53 PM

Note: In some cases, unexpected expenses, taxes, or charges beyond our control may be incurred on a trip. In such cases, trip prices will be adjusted accordingly.

Trip insurance is recommended for this trip but is **NOT** part of the package price. Get more details on our web page https://fvssc.wildapricot.org/sys/website/?pageId=1319705

Trip Leaders: **Joe Hopp** jhopp23@hotmail.com

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The First Annual Snowdrifter Family Ski Trip Jan. $18^{th} - 21^{st}$, 2024

Details will be announced once finalized **Trip Leaders:** Maureen Joy, Joe Hopp & Breana Cullen

A woman was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're dead."





Val Di Fassa, Italy & Side Trip to Sicily \$3,300

SOLD OUT – WAIT LIST

See the June newsletter for more details

JAN. 26th to FEB. 7th, 2024

The trip includes:

- Air Chicago/Paris, Venice; Milan to Catania; Catania/Rome/Chicago
- Ground transfers
- Seven nights lodging at Hotel Astoria Canazei, Italy
 - Daily Breakfast & Dinner
 - Savory and Sweet Afternoon Buffet
 - Weekly aperitif and Candlelit dinner & live music
- Tour of Bolzano & Legendary Winery
- Four-night Hotel Villa Diodoro Taormina, Sicily
- Lift Tickets Extra

Canazei

https://www.fassa.com/en/discover-val-di-fassa/villages/canazei



We will be staying in Canazei where you'll find the biggest ski center in Val di Fassa. It comprises the slopes at the foot of the Pordoi, Sella and Fedaia passes and is divided into the four areas of Belvedere, Ciampac, Col Rodella and Marmolada, all of which can be reached quickly and easily from the village. The **Sellaronda** is well-known and is amongst the most **impressive ski circuits in South Tyrol** and indeed in the whole of the **Alps**. The Sellaronda is one of the best-known ski routes in the world, encompassing four Dolomite

passes around the Sella group. You will ski across the Ladin valleys of Val Gardena, Alta Badia, Arabba and Val di Fassa, covering 40 km, 27 km of which are pure skiing fun.

LIFT TICKETS

- Val Di Fassa accepts the IKON pass
- https://www.dolomitisuperski.com/en/Ski-pass/Prices

LODGING: HOTEL ASTORIA

Situated in the resort center of Canazei, our Hotel Astoria is located only 500 yards from the Belvedere cable car providing guests with direct access to the Giro dei 4 Passi ski area. Hotel Astoria **** https://hotel-astoria.net/en/

Also: weekly program of activities for non-skiers (snowshoe excursions with a mountain guide, dinner in a mountain hut, sledding, walks) at a special price.

AFTERNOON TOUR OF BOLZANO & LEGENDARY WINERY

Thanks to its double perspective, Bolzano can mesmerize tourists who come from all over. Bolzano is a city in the South Tyrol province of north Italy, set in a valley amid hilly vineyards. It's a gateway to the Dolomites mountain range in the Italian Alps.

FOUR NIGHT EXTENSION TO TAORMINA, SICILY

Taormina sits atop a hill on Sicily's east coast, before a backdrop of golden sandy beaches, the glittering Ionian Sea, and the geological grandeur of Mount Etna – an active volcano veined with trails. From flourishing Greek to Roman town, Taormina's history is everywhere you look. Check out the labyrinth-like medieval streets of its old town, as well as the Teatro Antico di Taormina: the dramatic ruins of an ancient Greco-Roman theater, which is still used today.

LODGING: HOTEL VILLA DIODORO

Our Hotel Villa Diodoro features a hillside position and an outdoor pool with panoramic sea views, a 5-minute walk from the historical center of Taormina. Its elegant restauran t serves Sicilian and international dishes.



Rooms at Villa Diodoro are bright and

include a mini-bar and private bathroom. Some have views over Mount Etna or the Bay of Naxos. The hotel is just 650 feet from the town's Greek-Roman Theater. Mount Etna Regional Park is 40 minutes away by car. Guests can relax with a cocktail or a glass of Sicilian wine at one of 2 bars, one of which is by the pool and open only during summer. There is also a Technogym area, a sun terrace and 2 relaxation rooms for aromatherapy treatments.

Payment Schedule:

•	July -	\$500
•	August -	\$500
•	September -	\$500
•	October -	\$500
•	November -	\$500
•	December -	Balance due

Air: Air France/Delta

- AF 137 26JAN ORD CDG 525P 820A (27JAN)
- AF 1426 27JAN CDG VCE 940A 1120A
- AZ 1723 03FEB LIN CTA 1255P 240P
- AZ 1736 07FEB CTA FCO 700A 825A
- DL 67 07FEB FCO ATL 150P 710P
- DL 1423 07FEB ATL ORD 955P 1152P

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FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY TRIP CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RESORT SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10TH 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SKI & SNOWBOARDING

ADULT LIFT TICKETS ONLY (7 AND OLDER): \$75
ADULT LIFT, RENTAL (SKI OR SNOWBOARD RENTAL): \$105 - INCLUDES A FREE GROUP LESSON!

CHILDREN 6 AND YOUNGER LIFT TICKETS ONLY: \$20 LIFT TICKETS & RENTAL (SKI OR SNOWBOARD RENTAL): \$55 HELMETS: \$6

LESSONS: MUST BE 7 YEARS OLD TO BE IN THE GROUP LESSONS. THERE ARE CHILDREN'S LESSONS AVAILABLE ON WEEKENDS BUT THOSE ARE BOOKED SEPARATELY.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICES LISTED ABOVE
A PRIVATE ROOM TO HANGOUT, WARM UP & KEEP GEAR
LUNCH ALONG WITH SOFT DRINKS & WATER
SNACKS & TONS OF FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!!

NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THIS FUN DAY, HOWEVER THEY MUST BE REGISTERED ON THE SNOWDRIFTERS
WEBSITE AND COMPLETE THE LIABILITY FORMS

QUESTIONS: CONTACT MICHELLE ETHERTON AT CAREY_MICHELLE@LIVE.COM OR TEXT/CALL 630-777-8549

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CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RESORT & HOTEL 8700 W. CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RD. GALENA, IL 61036 HTTPS://WWW.CHESTNUTMTN.COM/





Winter Park, CO on the Ski Train

Saturday, Feb. 24th, through Friday, March 1st, 2024

Prices: Coach seat on Train, Air, and Lodging: \$1,195
2-person shared Roomette on Train, Air, Lodging: \$1,566 (per-person)

Land Only: \$870
Single Supplement at hotel \$484
3-day lift tickets \$255
4-day lift tickets \$340

These group rate lift ticket prices are below the senior rates!

And Winter Park is on the IKON Pass.

The trip includes:

- Overnight sleeper train to Winter Park, return by air to Chicago
 - Coach offers a fully reclining business-class size seat at a more affordable price, meals available for purchase in cafe car.
 - 2-person Roomette option includes meals on your journey, assured window seat, a little more privacy.
- Ground Transfers
- Five nights lodging at Vintage Hotel
- \$15 Food voucher per person

Winter Park Resort



Winter Park Resort is a year-round resort located about a ninety minute drive from Denver, CO. The mountain opened in 1940. The resort consists of three interconnected mountain peaks which share a common lift ticket. There is skiing for all abilities, from beginner to tree skiing and moguls, and it was voted "Best Ski Resort in North America" in 2018 and 2019. There are 23 lifts, and a skiable area of 3081 acres.

For nearly 70 years, a popular way for Denver residents to arrive was by the Ski Train, which arrives right at the resort's base area. It stopped operating for a time in 2009, but it's running again, re-started in 2017 as the Winter Park Express. For us non-Denver residents, we will board the "California"

Zephyr" in Naperville, which uses the same tracks as the Express out of Denver, and takes us right into Winter Park.

Lodging

The Vintage Hotel is located in the center of the Winter Park ski village. The ski resort is reached by a 5 minute ride on the free Village Cabriolet cable car. In the evenings guests can enjoy beverages at the Five Mountain Tavern, the hotel's lounge bar. A ski storage service is provided daily and free Wi-Fi is provided in all common areas.



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- Deposit July \$500
- August \$250
- September \$250
- October \$250
- November Balance Due

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BIG WHITE, CANADA BC

March 7th - 12th, 2024



Prices: Air, Land, Adult, four-day skiing \$1,825

Air, Land, Senior (65+), four-day skiing \$1,790

Land, Adult, four day skiing \$1,475
Air, Land only \$1,165

The trip includes:

· Round trip air from Chicago to Kelowna, BC

- Ground transportation to the resort with a grocery stop
- Five nights lodging at Inn at Big White (ski-to-/ski-from)
 - Superior Hotel Rooms (2Q)
 - Heated outdoor pool with indoor entry
 - Three outdoor hot tubs
 - Complimentary secure overnight storage for your skis
- Four-day Adult Lift Pass
- Club Party

Big White is Canada's largest totally ski-in/ski-out resort village, located one hour from the Kelowna International Airport, has everything you would expect from a world-class resort. Spectacular scenery of the Monashee Mountains, groomed and powder runs and a state-of-the-art lift system, the resort is blessed with ideal ski and snowboard conditions, receiving over 300 inches of dry powder snow annually! Big White is the third largest resort in British Columbia, after Whistler-Blackcomb and Sun Peaks.

Big White resort was recently named the fourth best ski resort in North America – second in Canada, after Whistler – by Condé Nast Traveler®. It also ranked 10th on The Times UK's 2022 Best Ski Resorts for beginners – the only mountain in North America recognized. There is a multitude of reasons for Big White's shining accolades, with terrain for every ability, consistent champagne-powder snow coverage.

The mountain summit is 2,319 m (7,608 ft) tall with a vertical drop of 777 m (2,549 ft), serviced by 16 lifts. The mountain receives 750 cm (300 in) of annual <u>snowfall</u>. It has 1,119 ha (2,765 acres) of overall skiable terrain. With 15 ha (38 acres) of <u>night skiing</u>, Big White has <u>western Canada</u>'s largest resort night <u>skiing</u> area. It has a central village classified as a <u>designated place</u> by <u>Statistics Canada</u>, which offers accommodations, eateries, bars, and shops. The village is 1,755 m (5,758 ft) above sea level.

<u>LODGING: INN AT BIG WHITE.</u> The <u>Inn at Big White</u> features ski-to, ski-from convenience, huge outdoor heated pool, outdoor hot tub, ski lockers, galley kitchen equipped with cookware and utensils, induction cooker, microwave, coffeemaker. Waking early for first tracks will be easy with complimentary in-room tea and coffee, though if you are a keen caffeine drinker, you are covered with 24-hour service, complimented by an inhouse front desk occupied

24/7. After all, you never know when you will need a refill on your complimentary caffeine supplies or to pick the brains of the staff for those secret spots on the mountain. As the sky shifts from day to night, take up your front row seats at Cantina Del Centro for après hour and watch the sky dance with cotton-candy colors. If Mexican food is not your vibe, stroll the 2 minutes into the village and delve into the variety of bars and restaurants.

Payment Schedule:

•	Deposit -	\$500
•	August -	\$250
•	September -	\$250
•	October -	\$250
•	November -	\$250

December - Balance due

FLIGHTS: Alaska Airlines

AS :	587 (07 MAR	ORD-SEA	600A	846A
AS 2	517	07 MAR	SEA-YLW	1200N	112P
AS 2	517	12 MAR	YLW-SEA	225P	333P
AS 5	38	12 MAR	SEA-ORD	600P	1159P

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For more information, please contact the trip leader:

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Assistant trip leader is needed

A truck driver was driving along the freeway and noticed a sign that read: Low Bridge Ahead. Before he knows it, the bridge is right in front of him and his truck gets wedged under it. Cars are backed up for miles.

Finally, a police vehicle comes up. The cop gets out of his car, walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?"

The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and I ran out of gas."



Lake Placid, New York

March 19th - ???, 2024



Boasting 3,430 feet of vertical, Lake Placid's Whiteface ski resort is a skier's and rider's East Coast dream. The New York ski resort offers terrain for every skiing ability, whether you're a beginner or an Olympian. Whiteface's renowned vertical drop tells only part of the story. Whiteface has genuine Olympic credentials, as its nearby town, Lake Placid, was the host of the 1932 and 1980 winter Olympics. Located 61 miles from Burlington Vermont our direct flight town from O'Hare.

We are staying at the newly remodeled, centrally located Grand Adirondack Hotel. The hotel offers locally inspired menus at Marcy, artisanal hand-crafted cocktails and regular live entertainment at Marcy Bar, have a drink by the fire at the Great Room bar or see Lake Placid from a different perspective at our seasonal, rooftop Cloudsplitter Bar. In town you have your choice of everything from the ubiquitous pizza to wild game and fine wine. If you're looking for something to do after a day on the mountain, Lake Placid is a vibrant town offering an abundance of options.



A very tentative proposed schedule:

Arrival day, March 19- Flight: UA 786S 19MAR TU ORDBTV HK30 10:42A 1:57P

Day 1 - in the evening we can have a quick tour of the 1980 Arena and have a group curling session, and I understand it makes a good happy hour.

Day 2 - Enjoy a full day of skiing.

Day 3 - Morning Ski Jumping session (anyone interested can take the free shuttle to the jumps)

Day 4 - enjoy a full day of skiing.

Day 5 - Afternoon Olympic Museum Legacy visit at the Arena

Day 6 - March 24 -Return: UA 1424H 24MAR SU

BTVORD HK30 4:48P 6:27P

Also currently working on Luge or Bobsled options.

Projected cost still pending but will include transportation, lodging, lifts, with some of the Olympic activities also included and some optional.





Snowdrifters' Calendar

July 4th Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

July 18th 6:30 PM Board Meeting

7:30 PM General Meeting

@ D & G Brewing

303 N 4Th St, St Charles

Aeko Yoshikawa will be demonstrating Japanese drumming

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