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Hi Snowdrifters!

I had a blast at the Kick-Off party. What a great start to another Snowdrifters ski season. Thanks to Maureen and the folks at Riverside for setting up such a wonderful event. Thanks also to all who attended. It certainly was a fun time getting together. The only "issue" we ran into was trying to fit so many Snowdrifters into the group photo.

Speaking of special events - don't miss our Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, monthly meeting. It's time to start getting ready for the season. (Okay, maybe I'm a slow starter, and some of you are already digging out equipment.) Anyway, you won't want to miss learning how to tune your skis with Rick Pasturczak. Rick has always freely given his time to the Club and is a real pro at this. In fact, he has tuned a lot of Snowdrifters' skis over the years – sold a lot of the skis you see in the Club too! Rick will answer your questions about tuning skis and all things skiing. So, come ready with your questions for Rick.

I am getting more and more excited by the day for the coming ski season. We have some great trips planned. But I'm just as excited about the Club and the great directions we are heading with social activities and our online presence. Another direction I'd like to see the Club put some more effort into is giving back to our sport and our ski community. There is a core group of Snowdrifters that help packing meals at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, but there's more we can do as a Club.

Let's start thinking about what and how we might give back. Perhaps we could donate to a ski-related group or charity such as an adaptive ski program, or the Junior Program at Norge. We might want to consider a small scholarship program for Snowdrifters' children or grandchildren. There are any number of ideas that we can discuss. To that end, I'll be putting together a brief survey to gauge the membership's enthusiasm and ideas for where to lend our support. So, keep an eye out for the survey and please fill it out. We want to hear from you.

*Greg Olson*

*President*



# **SNOWDRIFTERS' SOCIAL HAPPENINGS**



The September 19<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off dinner was attended by nearly 50 Snowdrifters – more had signed up or wanted to attend but life got in the way. You were missed! Enticing Cuisine and Banquets is a beautifully located venue on the Fox River. Many commented positively on the venue as well as the food. Thanks to all who attended!

A topic of conversation at the table was about the Annual Snowdrifters' Christmas 🎄 Party. There was discussion on location, menu and music (?). Susan Walsh and Chris Salisbury graciously offered to help with the planning. If you have any ideas on venues that would accommodate a large group, please send me an email! [mojoy@comcast.net](mailto:mojoy@comcast.net)

I recently sent an email out with Octoberfest events that were recommended by Snowdrifters. If interested, show up and look for Snowdrifters.

- **German Dinner at Elburn Lions Park**  
500 Filmore St, Elburn, IL 60019  
Saturday, October 9, 2021, 3:00-7:00PM

*Prost!*

## **PROPOSED EVENTS: Watch your email for further information**

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*

## *Fun at the Food Bank*

Every Wednesday morning a group of Snowdrifters volunteer at the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) in Geneva. NIFB distributes food through about 900 different pantries/programs in the 13 counties around Chicago (with the exception of the City of Chicago). Last year they distributed the equivalent of 100 million meals!

We start each shift at 9 A.M. with a safety orientation before our group is assigned a project for the morning. Typically we pack or repack bulk food NIFB gets from food company donors into smaller packages that eventually are distributed to our neighbors in need through food pantries or other programs. We've worked in a cold sterile room repackaging bacon strips and taco meat or filling boxes with mixed packages of frozen meats. We've also labeled a lot of cans (mainly corn and green beans), and this summer have been bagging sweet corn, onions, cabbage, potatoes, beets, oranges, grapefruit, etc. Right now we're starting to build the 40,000 or so holiday meal boxes (including a frozen turkey) that will be given out at the holidays. We're typically done about 11:30 A.M. The work environment is very clean and bright. At the end of each shift we're told how many pounds of "meals equivalents" we packed—typically several thousand a shift. It's fun to talk skiing and travel while we work together to help our less fortunate neighbors.

Want to join the fun? You can just show up and join us on a Wednesday morning, but we typically use our ski club Group Me app to sign up for the day—so we (and NIFB) knows who's coming.

*Dale Richardson*



# MEMBERSHIP

**New members:**

Denise Campagna

Jarek Kasper

Gerry Mulloy

Dennis Nicklaus



*Michelle Etherton*

*Membership*

# RECIPE

Grilled Bratwurst:

- Grill over charcoal until brat is an amber brown.
- Slide it into a baguette bun.
- Top with grilled onions, slice of a dill pickle, a run of mustard then sprinkle a touch of celery salt - just a touch.
- Enjoy with a Hacker Pschorr or Spaten Oktoberfest beer.
- What the heck - that was so good let's have another one.
- Doesn't get much better than this!!

Contributed by Joe.



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

*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

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

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

Jan 21 - Feb 2, 2022

## ONLY A FEW OPENINGS REMAINING

- **Only fully vaccinated Americans and Canadians will be allowed to travel to Switzerland.**
- **Recovered and tested Americans will no longer be able to travel to Switzerland.**

We currently have a few spaces open for the trip. If you are considering going to Zermatt and Majorica, **you need to make the decision now!** We plan to cancel the remaining openings soon in order to avoid cancellation fees. If you are interested in the trip, contact Frank at [ftnod@aol.com](mailto: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 a-la-carte restaurant LA BARRIQUE offer local and international specialties from the kitchen and wine cellar every day. [www.hotel-perren.ch/](http://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):**

- 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):

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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](http://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

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**March 20 – 25, 2022**  
**\$1,625 (w/o Lift Ticket \$1,325)**

**"Trip is currently Sold Out"**

***A Wait List will be established in case of cancellations or the possibility to add trip spots at a later date. If you are interested, contact John Walsh or Bob Hoffman to be added to the Wait List. 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).***



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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# 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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# Snowdrifters' Calendar

October 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Board Meeting General Meeting Special Guest Rick Pasturczak
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween	
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Board Meeting General Meeting

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