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Flakes from the Ski-E-O,

We had a great turn out at the last meeting and 8 of us were dressed with an Oktoberfest flair. Hands down winners were Kai and Thomas with their authentic Oktoberfest garb. Unusual and funny award goes to Donna Ulatowski for her German headwear. This month's meeting we might even have a visit from "Tom Turkey" as Thanksgiving is coming up soon. He may want to go home with one of you.

Many thanks to Rick from Alpine Accessories who came to our meeting. He gave an in depth discussion about everything related to skiing and there was a great Q & A period afterward. He has always been very supportive of our club and offers a Snowdrifter discount. Check his website for store hours before you go and maybe call ahead if you want to be sure to see Rick. Remember he takes trade-ins if you're thinking of new equipment. Buy local so in case you need assistance you can always go back. When you go, check to see if your skis need waxing and or tuning. Ask Rick for a recommendation on where to eat lunch or dinner and make it a nice outing.

Mark your calendar for Monday, December 17th for our annual Christmas party and gift exchange. This year the party will be held at the Cheshire Club in Prestbury subdivision, Sugar Grove. It's where we had our summer picnic and we all had a great time. No need to worry about people in the adjoining room playing pool, games and making a lot of noise. It's private and it's ours for the evening. We're working on the menu from Reuland's in Aurora and putting together a grocery list for beverages. Along with your gift to exchange, if you want, please bring a dessert to pass.

There are a few more openings left on the Park City/Deer Valley trip in February and on the Mt Bachelor trip in March to Bend, Oregon. Don't wait too long to secure your spot, you may miss out and these are both great destinations. I'm anxiously awaiting our trip to Austria, Zell am See, only an hour from Salzburg. I'm taking a side trip to Slovenia with family and friends (all Snowdrifters are my friends) to visit where our father's parents came from before WWI (then it was Austria). We will only be about 3 hours away from there by car, bus or train. We will focus mostly on Bled and will probably stay overnight.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, celebrating with family and friends and being able to give thanks for all our blessings. I like Christmas but Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year. Keep thinking snow, it's already there out west. Come join us on the early January bus trip to Marquette Mountain in upper Michigan. We know the local hangouts and where to have fun. We have some good dancers in the club and Joe even sings for his beer.

Your Pre-Ski-dent, *Leo*





MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN IN THE UPPER PENINSULA -- \$325

January 4th -6th, 2019

Depart: Friday afternoon (1:00 p.m.) – Home: Sunday evening (9:00 p.m.) This will be a “GREAT” warm-up trip for Zell am See and Zermatt Utah. Many of us can remember our last year’s trip to Marquette Mountain and it is our belief that this is one of the best places in the Midwest to ski. Marquette Mountain offers skiers and boarders a wide range of terrains to enjoy. No matter what skill level a person is at, the mountain provides something for everyone, with easy, moderate and difficult runs to satisfy the beginner and the expert. With a top elevation of 1,357 feet and a vertical of 600 feet, it is one of the Midwest’s highest mountains and one of the most challenging in both Michigan and Wisconsin. It features 25 runs, three chairlifts and one paddle tow, 169 skiable acres and over 210 inches of snowfall annually. For those looking to practice their ski jumps and boarding tricks, Marquette Mountain provides three terrain parks with hits, rails and trails for all skill levels. In the coming season, Marquette Mountain expands its backcountry runs, adding seven new trailheads.



Accommodations are at the Ramada Inn in downtown Marquette with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, restaurant, and lounge.

Enjoy a night at the Flannigan Pub across the street from the Ramada. Can’t go wrong with cheap beer, live band, and Karaoke!

Trip includes:

- Round trip transportation on bathroom equipped bus.
- Snacks and beverages on the bus on Friday.
- Saturday night Dinner at the Ramada (if we get 30 + persons for the trip)
- Two nights lodging at the Ramada Inn (Two per room).*
- Sunday beverages on the bus ride home.
- (Lift tickets not included - 2019 price \$25/day.)

*If we have an odd number of singles, the last singles that sign up will be tripled up with the last person getting the roll-away bed (unless someone wants to pay extra for a single room).

Trip Leader: Gwen Bosshart

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Assistant Trip Leader Needed!

Zell am See & Malta

(go the Snowdrifter's website and open the July newsletter for more details)

January 25 – February 5, 2019

Sold out but a waiting list is established

Payment Schedule (per person):

- November \$315
- December Full Payment Due

In order to protect your investment in this trip, the Snowdrifters Ski Club strongly recommends that you consider purchasing travel insurance. Trip cancellation happens for a variety of reasons. After certain dates the Club will be assessed penalties and will not be able to recover all or any of your deposit or final payment. You could lose your entire deposit or entire total payment depending on the date of cancellation. But trip cancellation is not the only reason for considering travel insurance. A good policy will also cover you during the trip for items including emergency medical treatment and transportation, and lost, stolen or damaged baggage.



You can purchase a policy any time prior to starting the trip, but additional benefits such as coverage of pre-existing conditions are available if you purchase within a certain time limit after you make the trip deposit to the Snowdrifters Ski Club. **So you should make a decision as soon as possible.** And remember that by clicking on the Snowdrifters' web page: <https://fvssc.wildapricot.org>, then to "Our Trips" and "Insurance" and clicking the special link for Travel Guard, you can access a special policy available to ski club members at a price of 7% of the trip cost, regardless of your age. Please review Certificate of Insurance for detail coverage.

❖ Travel Insurance Info: All Seasons Travel Plan

Tour Operator: Snow Tours

Airline: United Airlines

Booking Trip Cost: 1 person: \$2,315 = Premium - \$162.05

2 person: \$4,630 = Premium - \$324.10

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**February 20-25, 2019-DEER VALLEY-
SUNDANCE-PARK CITY
Five Nights, Four days Skiing with Air-COST:
\$1,350**

**Selling fast don't wait too long —
Let's sell this out!!**



Our February western trip will be to Utah, February 20th to February 25th, 2019. We will stay at the Zermatt Resort and Spa in 2bed/2 bath Condos. This elegant, 4-star European themed resort features Swiss-style architecture and décor and is 46 miles from Salt Lake City. They provide complimentary ski shuttles to Park City and Deer Valley - Deer Valley gondola is the closest lift 11 minutes door to door - they also provide complimentary shuttles to restaurants and activities and bars in Midway and the Heber Valley until 11pm. For our Sundance ski day, the shuttle is a 20 minute drive – groups loved Sundance!

The resort has an indoor-outdoor pool, hot tubs, 2 restaurants, a bar and bakery all on site. Sports recreational activities available: Skiing/ Boarding, snowmobiling, ice castles, ice skating, snowshoeing, horseback riding, sleigh rides, Cross-Country Skiing, tubing, bowling and Scuba-Diving/Swimming in a Geo-Thermal Crater.



The Homestead Crater
Midway, Utah
Swim, Snorkel, Scuba Dive

This "Crater" is one-of-a-kind geothermal spring, hidden within a 55' tall beehive-shaped limestone rock, offers swimming, scuba diving, snorkeling and even paddle

board yoga classes. The hole at the top of the dome lets in sunlight and fresh air while the interior stays heated by the mineral water at a constant range of the mid 90s for a completely unique and therapeutic soak and swim. You do not have to get wet to have a one-of-a-kind experience inside The Crater. Many guests just enjoy the self-guided tour, which covers the history, geology and archaeology of this remarkable natural phenomenon. You needn't rappel through the top of the dome to enjoy all of the fun either. A tunnel was bored through the rock wall at ground level, lending easy access to custom-built decks and a soaking area where guests can enjoy the crystal-clear blue mineral water and the warmth of the crater, in or out of the water).

For our first day, we will spend a wonderfully different day skiing and exploring at Sundance, the classic retro resort owned by Robert Redford. Take away a lasting memory with an art studio workshop in silversmithing, wheel-thrown pottery, soapmaking, or painting. Complete the unique day with a once-in-a-lifetime après ski at the famous Owl Bar. The restored 1890's bar, once frequented by Butch Cassidy's Hole in the Wall Gang.

The trip includes a 2 day lift ticket for Deer Valley - voted the #1 Ski Resort in North America in 2018 by the readers of SKI Magazine. Deer Valley Resort offers luxurious amenities such as: ski valets, groomed-to perfection slopes, and gourmet dining. Challenge yourself on the very runs skied by Olympians during the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Games. The trip also, includes a 1 day lift ticket to Park City/Canyon Resort which is the largest ski area in the United States with over 7,300 acres, 348 trails, 41 lifts, eight terrain parks, 13 bowls, one super pipe and one mini pipe.

Trip includes:

- Roundtrip Air on Delta Airline:

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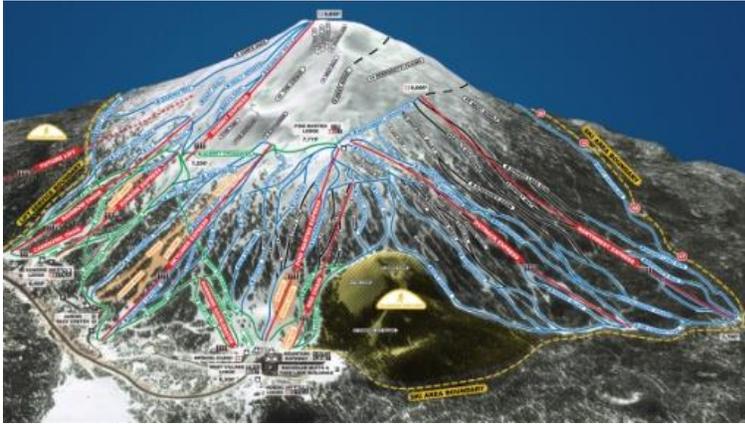
- Roundtrip bus transportation SLC Airport to the Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa
- 5 nights Condo Lodging at the Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa
- Free Ski Resort Shuttle
- Lift Tickets: 1-Sundance; 2 Deer Valley; 1 Park City Resort

Payment Schedule (per person):

- **November - \$250**
- **December –Balance Due**

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Mt. Bachelor, Oregon

Only a few openings left – “when they’re gone – they are gone”

March 7 -12, 2019

TRIP COST

With Lift tickets: Adults - \$1,310; Senior (65-69) - \$1,260, (70+) - \$1,200

Without Lift Tickets: \$1,060

Come experience the best in the Pacific Northwest, Mt. Bachelor, Oregon! This Five-night trip departs Thursday on United at 11:30a.m from O’Hare Airport. A short 14 mile shuttle ride from Redmond to Bend will take us to the Riverhouse Hotel and Resort. The Riverhouse is widely considered Bend’s premier hotel and resort and is located just 25 short minutes from Mt. Bachelor. In an effort to preserve an unspoiled setting, Mt Bachelor does not offer on-mountain lodging.



The Riverhouse Resort is nestled along the beautiful Deschutes River in the heart of Bend where you can stroll along the scenic river trail...Resort amenities include: complimentary one hour beer and wine reception with heavy appetizers, a full hot/cold breakfast, an indoor and outdoor swimming pool and 2 hot tub/spa complex, room service and fitness center. Located right in central Bend you will be just minutes from the downtown area giving us several dining and entertainment options every

night! Take advantage of the complimentary shuttle service to explore all that Bend has to offer. Tired after skiing the slopes of Bachelor? Stay “on property” and take advantage of the dining and entertainment located right at the resort. Crossings Restaurant serves lunch and dinner daily and is consistently ranked as “The Number 1 Steakhouse in Central Oregon”. The River Rock Grill & Nightclub, open for lunch and dinner, offers an excellent social atmosphere, and provides live entertainment six nights a week.

For skiing, Mt Bachelor has 3,700 acres of lift-accessible terrain with 1,600 acres groomed daily, and the highest skiable elevation in all of Oregon and Washington! Mt. Bachelor, which is located on the eastern flanks of Oregon's Central Cascades, is known for its light, dry snow, diverse terrain, and long seasons. The dry climate of Central Oregon assures that the 370 inches of annual snowfall on Mount Bachelor is light and fluffy, perfect for carving flawless S turns or learning to ski or snowboard. The resort offers 3,365 feet of vertical drop and 71 runs ranging from double black diamonds to easy green runs for first-timers. The Summit is 9,065 feet ,West Village Base is 6,300 feet and there are 15% Green-Novice, 25% Blue-Intermediate, 35% Black-Advanced, and 25% Double Black-Expert. With one of the fastest lift systems in the west and the comforts of six day lodges with casual dining and retail, it's no wonder *Conde Nast Travel* has named Bachelor one of the top 50 Ski Resorts in North America for 12 years in a row, and *MSN.com* ranked it in the top 10. Transportation for the group to the Mountain daily on private shuttles is included with complimentary ski storage at Mountain, no need to "schlep" your skis back & forth every day!

Trip includes:

- Roundtrip Air on United

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- Roundtrip bus transportation Remond Airport to the Riverhouse Hotel & Resort
- 5 nights Lodging at the Riverhouse with Breakfast
- Wine and Beer Reception with appetizers
- Free Ski Resort Shuttle to Mount Bachelor
- Lift Tickets: 4 of 6 day @ Mount Bachelor

Payment Schedule (per person):

- November - \$250
- December – Full Balance Due

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 Assistant leader: Steve Kennedy

Snowdrifters' Calendar

SAVE THE DATES

November 19th
Board Meeting 6:45 pm
General Meeting 7:30 pm

December 17th
Board Meeting 6:45 pm
General Meeting 7:00 pm



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A Little Humor...

Skiing Dictionary

Avalanche: One of the few actual perils skiers face that needlessly frighten timid individuals away from the sport. See also: Blizzard, First Aid, Fracture, Frostbite, Hypothermia, Lift Collapse.

Bindings: Automatic mechanisms that protect skiers from serious injury during a fall by releasing skis from boots, sending the skis skittering across the slope where they can trip two other skiers.

Bones: There are 206 in the human body. No need for dismay, however; the two bones of the middle ear have never been broken while skiing.

Exercises: A few simple warm-ups to make sure you're prepared for the slopes: 1) Tie a cinder block to each foot and climb a flight of stairs. 2) Sit on the outside of a fourth-story window ledge with your skis on and your poles in your lap for at least 30 minutes. 3) Bind your legs together at the ankles, lie flat on the floor; then, holding a banana in each hand, get to your feet.

Gloves: Designed to be tight around the wrist to restrict circulation, but not so closefitting as to allow any manual dexterity; they should also admit moisture from the outside without permitting any dampness within to escape.

Gravity: One of four fundamental forces in nature that affect skiers. The other three are the strong force, which makes bindings jam; the weak force, which makes ankles give way on turns; and electromagnetism, which produces dead batteries in expensive ski-resort parking lots. See Inertia.

Inertia: Tendency of a skier's body to resist changes in direction or speed due to the action of Newton's First Law of Motion. Goes along with these other physical laws:

- 1) Two objects of different mass falling side by side will have the same rate of descent, but the lighter one will have larger hospital and home care bills.
- 2) Matter can neither be created nor destroyed, but if it drops out of a parka pocket, don't expect to encounter it again in our universe.
- 3) When an irresistible force meets an immovable object (see "Tree")

Prejump: Maneuver in which an expert skier makes a controlled jump just ahead of a bump. Beginners can execute a controlled pre-fall just before losing their balance and, if they wish, may precede it with either a pre-scream and a few pre-groans or simple profanity.

Shin: The bruised area on the front of the leg that runs from the point where the ache from the wrenched knee ends to where the soreness from the strained ankle begins.

Skier: One who pays an arm and a leg for the opportunity to break them.

Stance: Your knees should be flexed, but shaking slightly; your arms straight and covered with a good layer of goose flesh; your hands forward, palms clammy, knuckles white and fingers icy, your eyes a little crossed and darting in all directions. Your lips should be quivering, and you should be mumbling, "Am I nuts or what?"
