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Ho! Ho! Ho! from the Ski-E-O,

As we head into December the early snow has not only gotten the juices flowing for skiing but also for the Christmas season. If you missed the last meeting, you missed another great one. We had a few more new skiers that came to check out the club. Hopefully they can still get in on a trip with us. We raffled off a turkey in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Someone at the meeting mentioned The Salvation Army but all the proceeds from the raffle went to The Wayside Cross Ministries for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. At their approximate cost of \$2.55 per person, our total proceeds of \$155.00 fed probably 50 plus needy people. The happy recipient of the turkey was Tom Quetsch. We'll see to it that he gives us a report at the next meeting - something to gobble about. Many thanks to those who participated and bought raffle tickets. Special thanks to those who donated more than the \$1 ticket but only took a ticket or none at all. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The people at The Wayside Cross were really surprised when I presented them with a Money Order from the Fox Valley Snowdrifter's Ski Club.

Our Austrian trip is right around the corner. Special thanks to Susan Walsh for all the research and links to all things to do in the area. She has certainly made exploring this on our own a lot easier. She has provided plenty of information for all of us, non-skier and skiers alike, to enjoy.

Our Park City/Deer Valley trip which was originally supposed to be filled at 32 is now at 37, mostly thanks to Michelle Kinzler for signing up and bringing 4 more friends and to the 4 additional skiers from Wisconsin who joined us in the eleventh hour. This was made possible because we had 6 people not using air, coming from other locations and Frank was able to secure another condo. Looks like I'll be taking my sleeping bag. There are still openings for the Marquette Mountain bus trip in Michigan and a few more spots for the Mt Bachelor trip in Bend, Oregon. I hope you'll come join us.

Now to the fun stuff! Our annual Christmas party will be held this year on Monday the 17th at the Cheshire Club in Prestbury subdivision. We will start at 7 p.m. with a short meeting. The address is 15 Winthrop New Rd, Sugar Grove Il 60554. If you are not familiar with the area it is not too far from the Fireside Grill in Sugar Grove, where our annual year end party is. All are welcome, members and guests alike, as well as those thinking about joining. The club will provide appetizers and ham and roast beef sandwiches from Reuland's in Aurora. We are also providing beer, wine and soft drinks. If you were there for our summer picnic you know where to come. This venue will be all ours for the evening with no one to interrupt us. Come around 5:30-6:00 p.m. if you'd like to help us set up. We'd also like some help in putting things back in place when we're done. Bring a gift around \$20, wrapped, if you'd like to participate in the exchange. I'm sure Pat Quetsch has something exciting planned for us.

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy and Prosperous New Year,



Your Pre-Ski-dent, Leo Ahasic



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 geboss2001@yahoo.com (815-766-1322)

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

- December – Full Balance 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:
SOLD 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!

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

December – Full Balance Due

Trip Leaders: Leo Ahasic: bahasic@sbcglobal.net
Joe Hopp: jhopp23@hotmail.com



Mt. Bachelor, Oregon

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP

Only 6 openings left as of Nov. 29th

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
- **December – Full Balance Due**

Trip Leader: John Gamble: john@johngamble.net
Assistant leader: Steve Kennedy

Social

Holiday Party - This year we're trying a new venue. The Cheshire Club in Prestbury where we had our kickoff party. The address is 15 Winthrop New Rd, Sugar Grove. It will begin at 7 p.m. with a quick meeting and then on to fun and games. As with every other year, if you want to be part of the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift with a value of about \$20. We will then play some kind of game. I haven't decided on the game yet but it will be fun. Also, if you could bring please bring a dessert to pass. We will provide the food.

Snowdrifters' Calendar



SAVE THE DATES

December 17th

Holiday Party 7:00 p.m.

@ Cheshire Club in Prestbury, Sugar Grove

See Social for details

January 21st

Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Recipe

Turkey Tetrazzini

Ingredients

- 1 package (12 ounces) fettuccine
- 1/2 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup white wine or chicken broth
- 3 cups 2% milk
- 3 cups cubed cooked turkey
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- Paprika, optional

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375°. Cook fettuccine according to package directions.
- Meanwhile, in a large skillet, sauté mushrooms and onion in butter until tender. Stir in flour until blended; whisk in wine until smooth, about 2 minutes. Slowly whisk in milk. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened. Stir in turkey, salt, pepper and pepper sauce.
- Drain fettuccine. Layer half of the fettuccine, turkey mixture and cheese in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Repeat layers. Sprinkle with paprika if desired.
- Cover and bake 25-30 minutes or until heated through. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.