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Hello Snowdrifters,

Welcome to 2024 and the start of our ski trips! Our trips provide a great experience to test our skills, be in nature and the mountains, provide a get away from Chicago winters, and are an opportunity to create and build friendships. Thank you to our trip leaders for all the advance planning and preparations. Provide them with a helping hand and thank you where you can during the trips.

We had a great Christmas party at the Open Range Southwest Grill in Sugar Grove. There was a good turnout and a very successful toy drive for Cal's Angels, a nonprofit to help kids fight cancer.

The 119<sup>th</sup> Norge Annual Ski Jump Tournament will be held on January 27th and 28th at the Norge ski hill in Fox River Grove. This is a fun event to get out and watch the jumpers, including juniors on Saturday and Olympic hopefuls on Sunday. This is a good meetup event for the Snowdrifters. See the article later in newsletter for more information.

***I would like to encourage all our members to consider volunteering for the Club.***

We have an open committee position for social media, which is primarily related to administering our social media websites such as Facebook and Meetup.com. This does not involve a lot of time and is a great way to get involved. We are also looking for a volunteer to take over the social chair position. Maureen Joy has done a great job on this for several years and is now ready to pass on the opportunity to lead our social events. This is primarily coordinating our 3 major annual events – Kickoff Party, Christmas Party, and End of Year Party – and promoting members to lead other social events. Both positions are part of the Club's Executive Committee and provide an opportunity to be involved with the Club's direction and success.

Other opportunities to volunteer are to lead other social events. Each year we hold a number of meetups such as biking, hiking, comedy club, baseball games, music events, etc. Please let us know any ideas you have for topics and/or presenters at our monthly meetings.

Happy New Year!

*John Walsh*

*President*

*Happy  
New Year*

## **Trip Coordinators' Corner:**



**There are a few trips that still have openings; The Porkies, Chestnut, Winter Park, Big White & Lake Placid. Most will be closing soon so call or email the trip leaders if you are interested!!**

A few trip leaders tips - just a reminder that whatever you bring you need to be able carry, packing light is essential and Club members can help but it is your responsibility to be able get your gear back and forth on the trip.

One of the fun things about a trip is meeting new people and that is especially true with a roommate. We thought it might be helpful for some roommate pointers so you start off on the right foot.

- Do fill out your roommate preference when signing up for a trip
- Be considerate of others
- Discuss before the trip any issues - room temperatures? Food or drink order, etc.
- Stay away from contentious topics
- Don't make a mess in the room – you are not at home
- Clean up after yourself especially in the bathroom
- Turn off TV at a reasonable hour and don't turn on before roomie is awake
- Bring ear plugs or ear buds to listen to relaxation music and drown out outside noise
- Turn off cell phone notifications before going to sleep - phone settings on silent after 10 PM
- If you fall asleep quickly and snore let your roomie know before the trip so they can plan accordingly
- Discuss wake up time for breakfast



**Guess who??** see page 18

With all your support and participation, we look forward to having another year of outstanding trips for the 2024 ski season.

*John & Frank*

From Parade,

***Let's kick off the New Year Right- Here Are 55 New Year's Resolution Ideas for 2024***

By Megan Grant

(only 47 – I ran out of space)

1. Focus on a Passion, Not the way you look
2. Work out to feel good, not be thinner
3. Stop gossiping
4. Give one compliment a day
5. Go a whole day without check your email
6. Do random acts of kindness
7. Read a book a month
8. Go somewhere you have never been
9. Clear out the clutter
10. Turn off your phone one night a week
11. Reduce your waste
12. Volunteer
13. Travel on a small budget
14. Write down one thing you are grateful for every night
15. Drink more water
16. Take a part of your paycheck and put it in savings or investments
17. Stop multitasking
18. Talk to yourself with kindness
19. Call a friend instead of texting them
20. Don't buy things you don't need
21. Keep a journal
22. Clean out your car
23. Put your bills on autopay
24. Take the stairs
25. Be kind on social media
26. Let go of grudges
27. Stay in touch with people that matter
28. Try a totally new restaurant
29. Start a new hobby
30. Travel somewhere without posting about it on social media
31. Bring a plant into your home
32. Sanitize your personal belongings
33. Start cooking
34. Buy Less plastic
35. Send handwritten letter
36. Donate clothes you never wear
37. Pay off your credit card every month
38. Avoid people who complain a lot
39. Remove negativity or anything that makes you feel lousy
40. Travel somewhere with no map
41. Wear sunscreen
42. Cook more
43. Stretch it out
44. Go to bed happy each night
45. Pay it forward
46. Talk less – listen more
47. Whatever your goals are write them down

**WISHING YOU THE BEST WITH  
YOUR RESOLUTIONS IN 2024!**





The 2023 Snowdrifters' Christmas Gathering is in the books! Over 50 Club members met at the Open Range Southwest Grill at Bliss Creek in Sugar Grove for an evening of holiday fun. Lots of yummy desserts were shared after a great pizza and salad dinner!

Toys and gift cards were collected for Cal's Angels – an organization that supports children who are battling cancer. I delivered the 2+ BIG boxes of toys to Cal's Angels on 12/13/23. They were thrilled by the great selection of toys games, stuffed animals, etc.

THANK YOU for your generosity!

Have a Happy & Healthy New Year!

*Maureen Joy*



**PICTURES BY MAUREEN JOY**



# SOCIAL



## 119th Norge Annual Winter Ski Jump Tournament

**Saturday, January 27th and  
Sunday, January 28th**

**Noon – 4:00PM  
Gates Open At 11:00AM**

[BUY BUTTONS NOW](#)

**Purchase buttons online \$20.00**

**Purchase buttons at local merchants \$20.00**

**Purchase buttons at gate \$25.00**

- Free admission for children 12 & under
- Bring blankets & lawn chairs
- No carry-ins allowed
- No dogs allowed

**All sales are final. No refunds will be granted.**

**<https://norgeskiclub.org/>**

**Norge Ski Club:** 100 Ski Hill Road, Fox River Grove, IL 60021 Phone: [\(847\) 639-9718](tel:8476399718)

### **CLEAR BAG POLICY**

To ensure the safety and efficiency of entry into our events, Norge is implementing a clear bag policy. All attendees are required to use transparent bags for ease of access. Advertisements detailing this change will be prominently displayed, emphasizing the use of clear bags. To streamline entry, an express lane will be available at the gate specifically for those with clear bags or no bags. Bags that aren't transparent will undergo thorough inspection in a separate, longer gate line. Additionally, on-site personnel will distribute clear bags and provide information about the policy change, the express gate line, and other event details for guests in the parking lot or will call area.

## Featuring

**Sat. Junior Small Hills and Junior National Qualifier – K70**

**Sun. US Cup Competition – K70**

**Long Standing Jump**

**Great Food and Beverage**

**Fun for the Whole Family**

Watch our Norge Ski Club athletes take flight, competing against the best jumpers from across the U.S.! Our Winterfest is fun for all ages.

Enjoy food hot off the grill, plus beverages from Wild Onion Brewery, Miller Brewing and more!

The fun begins **Saturday Noon with our juniors**, followed by intermediate ski jumpers on our 40 meter jump. The energy grows into the afternoon to the main event: Olympic hopefuls launch off the towering 70 meter jump!

**Sunday starts again at Noon, with Big Hill Thrill** action on the 70 meter jump all afternoon.

Thank you for supporting **Norge Ski Club**, a local **501(c)(3)**, where kids of all ages learn to fly! Some realize their Olympic dream – Norge is home to United States Winter Olympic Team ski jumpers from 2018 and 2022!

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday, Jan 27**

Junior Tournament Small Hills – noon

Junior National Qualifier K70 Bill Hill

#### **Sunday, Jan 28**

Open Ceremonies – noon

US Cup Competition K70 Big Hill

Longest Standing Competition



**So who knows where these 2023 photos were taken?**

Answers on page 18.

- a. Crested Butte
- b. Big Powderhorn
- c. Le Massif
- d. Snowbird
- e. Alta

**How about this one?**

- a. Alta
- b. Big White
- c. Winter Park
- d. Brule



# Membership

A warm welcome to our newest Snowdrifter!

Anna Kolling

*Cathleen Downs McDonald*

*Membership*

## BIG SKY

<https://bigskyresort.com>

Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

***Let's get the party started!!***

Go slow. Be patient. Trade smiles☺

It's the Big Sky way.



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**Peggy Courser**  
**Eileen Parsons**

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## ***Ski the Porkies***

**Porcupine Mountains State Park –  
Michigan's Largest State Park  
Jan 18-21, 2024**

### **COST**

**Adult Skier - \$375**

**Adult Non-Skier - \$285**

**Teen Skier (13-17) \$150**

**Child (12 & under) \$40**

**Could be the most fun trip of the season!**

**THE BEST VALUE FOR A SKI TRIP**

**LAST CALL**

### **“The Winter Sports Area”**

With a vertical drop of 641 feet, Porcupine Mountains Alpine Ski Area is one of the Midwest's tallest. The scenery is unsurpassed. Panoramas of Lake Superior, and the ever-changing ice floes, provide a backdrop to slopes divided by virgin stands of hemlock, maple, and pine.” Porcupine Mountains Companion by Rafferty & Sprague

#### **Porcupine Mountains Winter Sports Complex**

The [Porcupine Mountains Winter Sports Complex](#), located just inside the entrance of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, offers a breathtaking view of Lake Superior to skiers and snowboarders in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

The ski hill offers 15 groomed trails, as well as four glade trails. [Cross-country ski trails](#) are also accessible from the ski area, as well as ski and snowshoe rentals. With views this special, there's no rush to get to the bottom of the hill.

**Mountain stats**

20 downhill runs: 3 Beginner runs, 8 Intermediate runs, 9 Expert runs

**3 lifts**

1 Triple chairlift, 1 Rope tow, 1 Paddle tow

**Natural terrain park**

Tree trunk rails, huge boulders and several small to medium cliffs you can use for jumps.

200" annual snowfall

670' Vertical

800' Hikeable

250+ Skiable acres

**Tree runs**

Glades cut between every run provide wide open spaces and untouched powder.

<https://www.michigan.gov/skitheporkies/plan-your-visit/rentals-and-lessons>

**LODGING:** Konteka Black Bear Lodge Resort, White Pine, MI

14 dbl queen rooms available.

This is a perfect opportunity for a lower cost family ski vacation. Kids can stay free in the room and discount or free lift tickets are available. Pull out beds are available for a nominal fee.

Amenities: restaurant & bar, pool table, games, gas station, bowling alley, hot tub & sauna

We are working to confirm the use of the A-frame at the base of the mountain as a location for Snowdrifters to gather during the ski days (Friday & Saturday).

**Friday night** we have the entire bowling alley reserved a Snowdrifters bowling tournament and pizza party. Additional games are 3 games for \$7.00. \$1 Shoe rental available. Lanes, darts, pool, air hockey & more.

**Saturday night** we have a Snowdrifters Dinner at the Konteka Black Bear Lodge. The Konteka is a supper club and we have our room with a smaller menu from which to choose.

You have multiple outdoor options if you prefer not to downhill ski both days: cross country skis and snowshoes are available for rent and lots of trails as well snowmobile rentals. The Porkies are right on Lake Superior and a must see in the wintertime!

**Trip Leaders:** Maureen Joy – [mojoy@comcast.net](mailto:mojoy@comcast.net)  
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# Val Di Fassa, Italy and Side Trip to Sicily \$3,300

## **SOLD OUT – WAIT LIST STATUS**

Updated flight information: We are now flying on Air France and Delta for our trip to Italy and back.

**JAN. 26<sup>th</sup> to FEB. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

See the December, 2023 Flakey News for details.

Payment Schedule:

**Balance due**

### **AIR INFORMATION:**

- **Air: Royal Dutch Airlines (KLM) /Delta**
- KL 0612      26JAN      ORD/AMS      16:55 - 7:35 (27JAN)
- KL 1653      27JAN      AMS/VCE      09:45 - 11:30
- AZ 1723      03FEB      LIN/CTA      12:55 - 14:30
- AZ 1736      07FEB      CTA/FCO      07:00 - 8:25
- DL 0067      07FEB      FCO/ATL      13:50 - 19:10
- DL 1423      07FEB      ATL/ORD      21:30 - 22:34

**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. For this trip, a passport is required and your passport expiration must be more than 6 months after our return to the USA.**

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>

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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](mailto:CAREY_MICHELLE@LIVE.COM) OR TEXT/CALL 630-777-8549

KATHLEEN MCGRATH AT [KMQM207@GMAIL.COM](mailto:KMQM207@GMAIL.COM) OR TEXT/CALL 630-621-8364



#### **REGISTRATION:**

[HTTPS://FVSSC.WILDAPRICOT.ORG/](https://fvssc.wildapricot.org/)

**CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RESORT & HOTEL**  
8700 W. CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RD.  
GALENA, IL 61036  
[HTTPS://WWW.CHESTNUTMTN.COM/](https://www.chestnutmtn.com/)



## Winter Park, CO on the Ski Train

Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, through  
Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**Registration Will Close Mid-January**

### Per Person Prices:

Coach seat on Train, Air, and Lodging: \$1,195 Seats available

2-person shared Roomette on Train, Air, Lodging: **SOLD OUT**

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.*

**We have one more hotel room available. This close to departure we can only take a roommate pair, or a single willing to pay the single supplement. If you or someone you know would like a unique ski travel experience, please join us!**

**The trip includes:**

- Overnight sleeper train to Winter Park, return by air to Chicago
  - Amtrak Coach offers a fully reclining business-class size seat at a more affordable price, meals available for purchase in cafe car.
  - Return trip via Southwest Airlines WN 3315 01 MAR DEN/ORD 4:30P 8:00P
- Ground Transfers
- Five nights lodging at Vintage Hotel
- \$15 Food voucher per person

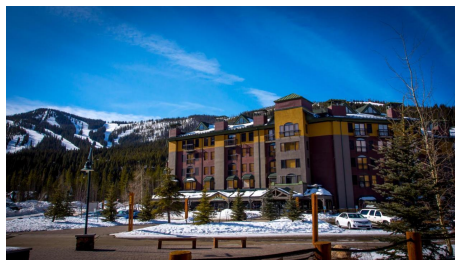
**Winter Park Resort**

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.



**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>. To order you need to know that our carriers are Amtrak and United Airlines and the travel agent is Skigroup.net.

**Payment Schedule:****Balance due****For more information, please contact the trip leader:**

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## BIG WHITE, CANADA BC

March 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**DON'T MISS A GREAT SKI IN/OUT RESORT. BIG WHITE WAS RECENTLY NAMED SIXTH BEST RESORT IN NORTH AMERICA AND SECOND IN CANADA AFTER WHISTLER BY Condé Nast Traveler®. THERE ARE A FEW SPACES AVAILABLE. WE WILL BE CLOSING THE TRIP SOON.**

<b>Prices:</b>	<b>Air, Land, Adult, four-day skiing</b>	<b>\$1,825</b>
	<b>Air, Land, Senior (65+), four-day skiing</b>	<b>\$1,790</b>
	<b>Land, Adult, four day skiing</b>	<b>\$1,475</b>
	<b>Air, Land only</b>	<b>\$1,165</b>

### **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 snowfall. It has 1,119 ha (2,765 acres) of overall skiable terrain.– With 15 ha (38 acres) of night skiing, Big White has western Canada's largest resort night skiing area. It has a central village classified as a designated place by Statistics Canada, which offers accommodations, eateries, bars, and shops. The village is 1,755 m (5,758 ft) above sea level.

**LODGING: INN AT BIG WHITE.** The Inn at Big White 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:**

#### **Balance due**

#### **FLIGHTS: Alaska Airlines**

AS 587 07 MAR ORD-SEA 600A 846A  
AS 2517 07 MAR SEA-YLW 1200N 112P  
AS 2517 12 MAR YLW-SEA 225P 333P  
AS 538 12 MAR SEA-ORD 600P 1159P

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## Olympic Extravaganza @ Lake Placid, New York

March 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**COST:**

Land, Air, Adult Lift: \$2,075

Land, Air, Senior Lift: \$1,909

**Have you been contemplating joining the Lake Placid trip**

**POSSIBLY THE TRIP OF THE YEAR!**

**Check out all of the extras - "Just for  
Snowdrifters"!!**

This trip will give us a wonderful look at the U.S. Olympic History of not one but two Winter Olympics.

We will be able to immerse ourselves in U.S. Olympic History, experience the quaint setting of upstate New York and participate in a variety of activities.

- [Ski and snowboard](#) on the slopes of Whiteface Mountain and in the expansive Adirondack backcountry.
- [Cross-country ski](#) or [snowshoe](#) the miles of scenic trails in and around the area.
- [Ice skate](#) on the historic Olympic Oval.
- [Ice climb](#) using crampons and ice axes or watch climbers from around the region scale the frozen rocks.
- Lake Placid is home to many shops, spas, restaurants for a day of browsing and pampering



**Just for Snowdrifters:**

- Tour of the 1980 Arena
- Group Curling and happy hour
- Free Shuttle to the ski jump
- Olympic Museum
- Luge or bobsled - TBD



## A little Olympic history - READ THIS!!

*Through the early 1900s Lake Placid drew increasing attention as a world-class destination for winter sports. Then in 1920 Lake Placid secured its first globally sanctioned event – the International Outdoor Speed Skating Championships. The success of this event put Lake Placid on the winter sports map.*

*The Lake Placid Club also built in 1920 the area's first ski jump, located at the current Intervales site. No one could have known at that time that simple 35-meter jump would eventually become all that the Olympic Jumping Complex is today, yet in hindsight the excitement of the first jumping competition could have been seen as a signal.*



*Not long thereafter, the community's leadership made the remarkable happen. With the region's reputation firmly established, Lake Placid made its bid for and was chosen to host the third ever Olympic Winter Games in 1932.*

*The three-tiered podium was first introduced at the 1932 Lake Placid Games, and the first gold medalist to take the podium was Lake Placid's own Jack Shea, born and raised in Lake Placid, he became a hometown hero when he won gold medals in the 500- and 1500-meter speed skating races in the 1932 Olympics. He is also the father of Jim Shea (Innsbruck 1964), and grandfather of Jim Shea Jr. (Salt Lake City 2002).*

*After Lake Placid wins the bid in 1974 to host the 1980 Winter Games, its sports legacy took another giant leap forward. Televised around the world, the 1980 Games gave us some of the most inspiring performances and unforgettable moments in the history of winter sports.*

*Not only is Lake Placid known as the location for the "Miracle on Ice" where the US Hockey team beat the Russian team but also the location of Eric Heiden winning US won gold in the 500m, 1000m, 1500m, 5000m, and 10,000m speed skating events, setting four Olympic records and one world record in the process. He became the first person to win all five speed skating events and the first of only three to win five gold medals in individual events at a single Games (Summer or Winter). To this day, Heiden remains the only athlete to win five gold medals at one Winter Games. <https://lakeplacidlegacysites.com/history/>*

## Questions?

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# Snowdrifters' Calendar

January 1 <sup>st</sup>	2024 – wow that was fast – what happened to 2023!		
January 6 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Big Sky ski trip		
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting	6:30 PM	@ Old Towne
	General Meeting	7:30 PM	
January 18 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	PORKIES ski trip		
Jan. 26 <sup>th</sup> – Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Val Di Fassa, Italy with side trip to Sicily		

Pg.2 Young Cowboy with the trusty six shooter – FRANK

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1. b-Big Powderhorn

2. d-Brule

Sometimes the most fun is on the local trips – Go Porkies!!



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