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Hi Snowdrifters!

Ski season is winding up. I hope that everyone has had a great season even though this was such a strange year! I am very grateful for a good season and, even more importantly, that our Club was able to have some outstanding trips and adventures despite this pandemic. Other than a European trip, Schweitzer, Whitecap, Mammoth and Granite Peak were some of the best trips that many can remember. I hope this is a reflection of future trips. I also hope you are safe and healthy and were able to participate in some of them or will in the future. We are excited about being able to announce next year's trips soon, but have decided to postpone the Chile trip to 2022 due to the pandemic and the situation in South America. I think everyone will be happy with next year's trips - please consider volunteering to lead or help with them. I am hoping to create an even more fun trip experience and would welcome your participation. A big thank you to all the trip leaders and participants this year!

I am excited to announce our next meeting will be in person and on zoom and will be held at Brother Chimp Brewing, 1059 West Orchard Road, North Aurora (SW Corner of Randall and Orchard) on Monday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. It will be held outside so we can socially distance and there is a good pizza shop in the strip mall - Raimondo's that will deliver to us if you are interested in eating. Please dress accordingly if you plan on attending in person, it will be nice to be able to meet in person again.

We will be working on various outings and activities throughout the summer and welcome any suggestions or volunteers. I am excited that Mary Kane McAuslan has organized the Cubs/Sox Crosstown Classic Outing. Details will be provided when available-thank you Mary!

Also, don't forget to renew your dues as there is a \$5 discount if you do so by May 1st.

Finally, watch for the announcement for the end of the year party in May. It should be a good one and you will not want to miss it!

John Gamble

President



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Greetings Snowdrifters!

Most of you know my story by now, that I hit a tree in Telluride. I had 7 fractures in my pelvis, or, as my orthopedic surgeon described it, a “shattered” pelvis. I also broke my left arm humerus bone in 3 places. Throw in 4 fractured ribs, to make it a complete left side wipeout!

Amazing things have happened since I left that slope. I was one of the fastest to ever be released from physical therapy with an injury of this type. I spent 22 days in the hospital in various areas - emergency Room to ICU, to hospital bed, to physical therapy floor. Shari and I decided to drive from Grand Junction to Denver, and then fly home, Denver to O'hare. The drive across Colorado went easier than expected and we stayed overnight right at the airport. The flight home the next afternoon was great. My wheelchair porter at the airport was 81 years old – I felt like I should trade places! TSA gave me a private pat down - they were aware of the hardware inventory in my pelvis, but discovered a knee brace under my jeans and were sure I had explosives packed in! A knee bomber disguised as a broken up, old man, skier!

We came home to great surprises. Many of our friends covered our lawn with a yard sign and decorated the house complete with a freezer full of food. I started physical therapy today. I'll be working hard to rapidly fly through it to regain my strength and walk again in the next couple of months. I hope to go to Switzerland to my granddaughter's birthday, July 13th!

I am very, very lucky with my recovery process and the wonderful care from the staff at St Mary's Medical in Grand Junction. I truly believe God has walked with me every step of the way.

Thanks to all Snowdrifters, I truly appreciate all of your prayers, cards and well wishes.

Love to all,
Dan and Shari Dalziel



MARIE JOHANSEN



CURT FOX



SCHWEITZER 2021

OUR MEMBERS TO THE EAST

By Marie Johansen and Michelle Etherton



MARIE AND CURT FOX ON A MOUNTAIN BIKE TRIP IN MI

Marie Johansen and Curt Fox are members who live in Michigan. They joined the Snowdrifters in 2015 because the Club had scheduled a trip to Sun Valley Ski Resort, and they really wanted to return there, so they signed up. They have remained members because of the friendly people, adventurous trips and fun times that the Snowdrifters Club consistently offers.

Curt was born and has lived in the Grand Rapids area all his life. He attended college locally and settled into his IT career when he was hired by a large Midwest retail company, Meijer. Since change is not a “happy” word in Curt’s language but “stability” is, he decided to remain with Meijer for 38 years before he retired 2+ years ago. Curt has remained single - no ex and no children and no pets. And as a self-described “non-planner,” he finds it a relief to find good friends or a great club and joins them to enjoy trips and activities.



MARIE WITH SON AND HIS FAMILY

Marie was born in Davenport, Iowa, but calls Midland, MI her home where she has lived for 51 years. She is single, though married once, and has one son, Curt, who is married and lives in the Denver area with his wife, Cynthia.

Marie's grandson, Ian, is attending Purdue University as a Freshman this year. She also has a fraternal twin sister who lives in California. While she is a cat-lover, Marie won't subject any pet to her traveling lifestyle. Marie had a 40 year-career as a Registered Nurse, having worked in both clinical (20 years) and in management (20 years) positions at a local hospital and at the VA facility in Saginaw, MI. Marie has been retired now for 6+ years.

Curt and Marie both enjoy skiing and were encouraged to try the sport by friends. Curt also wanted to find something to do in the winter and had a small ski hill available nearby. So, he joined a ski club locally where the group events made things easy and economical to do. While skiing with friends is fun, Curt found that his skiing skills really improved when he began to take lessons offered by weekend ski clinics held in northern MI resorts each year. Then as Curt began to ski out west, the experience of skiing the variety and conditions of the mountains, it has really helped him become very adept and comfortable on most any slope and terrain. While good snow is a major factor in a successful ski trip, Jackson Hole, Vail and Snowmass have never been a disappointment for him even if conditions were not the best, and are favorites of Curt's.

Marie's ski style is carving lots of turns on blue or black slopes, but she loves hitting the moguls, bowls and some glade runs, especially after a fresh snowfall. Her favorite place to ski is any mountain that has a variety of runs, has fresh snowfall and powder opportunities. New mountains, new countries and new resorts always appeal to her.

Marie and Curt both enjoy being outdoors and living with nature. But for Marie, those opportunities are essential. Marie loves world travel and has trekked in Peru, Bhutan, Patagonia, Machu Picchu, Chili and Mongolia. She has backpacked and done wilderness canoe trips across the USA, including in Hawaii, Alaska and Canada. She also enjoys traveling as a tourist to anywhere!!! Since retirement, Marie began volunteering to build homes with Habitat for Humanity in Asia, Europe and South America. And she also signs up for service trips with the Sierra Club for projects that help the Park Services in the USA. When not traveling, Marie enjoys kayaking, canoeing and biking in MI. And when not outside, she enjoys cooking and creating, repairing or building things around the home and yard.

Marie and Curt met at a dance event some 20 years ago, which was the start of their friendship. Over the years, they have enjoyed sharing many activities and travels. And because they both love to dance, when there is music, you will often find Curt and Marie on the dance floor, where

they enjoy a variety of dance venues and musical styles from ballroom to contra to vintage dancing.



"MARIE (LEFT MIDDLE ROW) WITH TEAMMATES ON OUR HABITAT HOME BUILDING PROJECT IN SANTIAGO, CHILI."



CURT FOX AND MARIE DRESSED FOR A VINTAGE DANCE EVENT

Curt is very detailed-minded, has developed many building skills and loves working with power tools. One of his major accomplishments is the completion of extensive remodeling of a previous home, and more recently, converting his current basement into a dance hall complete with mirrors and bars, as well as adding a full bath to the basement living area.

Thankfully, neither Curt nor Marie have been adversely impacted by the pandemic. Curt has kept busy when home by reading lots of mystery books, tackling complex puzzles, and occasionally binging on computer games and TV programs. Since there has been no TV in Marie's home for the last 20+ years, when Marie is not busy with projects, in her quiet time, she will be found reading, cooking or planning new adventures. While she loves cooking and baking all kinds of foods, she recently discovered a new Japanese style bread called Milk Bread which has added new meaning to soft, fluffy and tasty homemade bread. (Recipe included below.) And, while following health precautions, Curt and Marie have been able to travel around MI this summer to kayak, camp and bike. They even kept up their annual pilgrimage to the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island to dance in the ballroom (wearing masks) and to mountain bike during the day.

Neither Curt nor Marie are ones for large groups nor for being spectators, so attending or watching a sporting event is not something they pursue. Preferring smaller groups of strangers and friends and being an active and engaged participant are factors that enter their choice of activities. They report that their idea of an ultimate ski vacation would be to travel to where the mountains are, to ski with friends, explore new terrain, treasure the

soft powder runs and safely end each day full of gratitude and hope for the opportunity to savor the joy of skiing another day.

RECIPE FOR JAPANESE MILK BREAD

THIS RECIPE IS OUR TAKE ON JAPAN'S HOKKAIDO MILK BREAD, A LOAF SO LIGHT IT'S OFTEN DESCRIBED AS FEATHERY. THE TECHNIQUE TO MAKE IT INVOLVES PRE-COOKING SOME OF THE FLOUR AND MILK INTO A SOFT PASTE CALLED TANGZHONG. THIS SIMPLE STEP YIELDS A LOAF THAT'S TENDER, MOIST, AND STAYS FRESH LONGER THAN LOAVES PREPARED THE STANDARD WAY. BREAD MADE WITH TANGZHONG IS FAR AND AWAY SUPERIOR TO THE PRE-SLICED, PLASTIC-WRAPPED LOAVES THAT YOU'LL FIND ON GROCERY STORE SHELVES. TRUST US: ONCE YOU BAKE AND FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THIS LOAF, YOU'LL NEVER WANT TO BUY SANDWICH BREAD AGAIN!

PREP

30 MINS

BAKE

30 TO 35 MINS

TOTAL

3 HRS 25 MINS

YIELD

1 SANDWICH LOAF



INGREDIENTS

TANGZHONG

- 3 TABLESPOONS (43G) WATER
- 3 TABLESPOONS (43G) WHOLE MILK
- 2 TABLESPOONS (14G) KING ARTHUR UNBLEACHED BREAD FLOUR

DOUGH

- 2 1/2 CUPS (298G) KING ARTHUR UNBLEACHED BREAD FLOUR
- 2 TABLESPOONS (14G) BAKER'S SPECIAL DRY MILK OR NONFAT DRY MILK
- 1/4 CUP (50G) SUGAR
- 1 TEASPOON (6G) SALT
- 1 TABLESPOON INSTANT YEAST
- 1/2 CUP (113G) WHOLE MILK
- 1 LARGE EGG
- 4 TABLESPOONS (57G) UNSALTED BUTTER, MELTED

INSTRUCTIONS

1. TO MAKE THE TANGZHONG: COMBINE ALL OF THE INGREDIENTS IN A SMALL SAUCEPAN, AND WHISK UNTIL NO LUMPS REMAIN.
 2. PLACE THE SAUCEPAN OVER LOW HEAT AND COOK THE MIXTURE, WHISKING CONSTANTLY, UNTIL THICK AND THE WHISK LEAVES LINES ON THE BOTTOM OF THE PAN, ABOUT 3 TO 5 MINUTES.
 3. TRANSFER THE TANGZHONG TO A SMALL MIXING BOWL OR MEASURING CUP AND LET IT COOL TO LUKEWARM.
 4. TO MAKE THE DOUGH: COMBINE THE TANGZHONG WITH THE REMAINING DOUGH INGREDIENTS, THEN MIX AND KNEAD — BY MIXER OR BREAD MACHINE — UNTIL A SMOOTH, ELASTIC DOUGH FORMS; THIS COULD TAKE ALMOST 15 MINUTES IN A STAND MIXER.
 5. SHAPE THE DOUGH INTO A BALL, AND LET IT REST IN A LIGHTLY GREASED BOWL, COVERED, FOR 60 TO 90 MINUTES, UNTIL PUFFY BUT NOT NECESSARILY DOUBLED IN BULK.
 6. GENTLY DEFLATE THE DOUGH AND DIVIDE IT INTO FOUR EQUAL PIECES; IF YOU HAVE A SCALE EACH PIECE WILL WEIGH BETWEEN 170G AND 175G.
 7. FLATTEN EACH PIECE OF DOUGH INTO A 5" X 8" RECTANGLE, THEN FOLD THE SHORT ENDS IN TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER LIKE A LETTER. FLATTEN THE FOLDED PIECES INTO RECTANGLES AGAIN (THIS TIME ABOUT 3" X 6") AND, STARTING WITH A SHORT END, ROLL THEM EACH INTO A 4" LOG.
 8. PLACE THE LOGS IN A ROW OF FOUR — SEAM SIDE DOWN AND SIDE BY SIDE — IN A LIGHTLY GREASED 9" X 5" LOAF PAN.
 9. COVER THE LOAF AND ALLOW IT TO REST/RISE FOR 40 TO 50 MINUTES, UNTIL PUFFY.
 10. TOWARDS THE END OF THE RISING TIME, PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 350°F.
 11. TO BAKE THE BREAD: BRUSH THE LOAF WITH MILK AND BAKE IT FOR 30 TO 35 MINUTES, UNTIL IT'S GOLDEN BROWN ON TOP AND A DIGITAL THERMOMETER INSERTED INTO THE CENTER READS AT LEAST 190°F.
 12. REMOVE THE LOAF FROM THE OVEN AND COOL IT IN THE PAN UNTIL YOU CAN TRANSFER IT SAFELY TO A RACK TO COOL COMPLETELY.
 13. STORE LEFTOVER BREAD, WELL WRAPPED, AT COOL ROOM TEMPERATURE FOR 5 TO 7 DAYS; FREEZE FOR LONGER STORAGE.
- TIPS FROM OUR BAKERS

• WITH ORIGINS IN JAPAN'S YUKONE (OR YUDANE), TANGZHONG IS A YEAST BREAD TECHNIQUE POPULARIZED ACROSS ASIA BY CHINESE COOKBOOK AUTHOR YVONNE CHEN. TANGZHONG INVOLVES COOKING SOME OF A BREAD RECIPE'S FLOUR IN LIQUID PRIOR TO ADDING IT TO THE REMAINING DOUGH INGREDIENTS. BRINGING THE TEMPERATURE OF THE FLOUR AND LIQUID TO 65°C (149°F) PRE-GELATINIZES THE FLOUR'S STARCHES, WHICH MAKES THEM MORE ABLE TO RETAIN LIQUID — THUS ENHANCING THE RESULTING LOAF'S SOFTNESS AND SHELF LIFE.

• WOULD YOU LIKE A DARK-GOLD, SHINY CRUST ON YOUR LOAF? MAKE AN EGG WASH BY WHISKING TOGETHER 1 LARGE EGG + 1 TABLESPOON COLD WATER. JUST BEFORE PUTTING THE BREAD INTO THE OVEN, INSTEAD OF BRUSHING THE TOP CRUST WITH MILK, BRUSH IT WITH SOME OF THE EGG WASH (YOU WON'T USE ALL OF IT). BAKE AS DIRECTED.

The Treasurer's "two cents . . ."

Hi fellow Snowdrifters!

Regular membership dues will be \$30 for next year which starts May 1st. If you'd like to score a discount – pay your dues before May 1st and take a \$5 deduction! Regular dues are \$30 beginning May 1st. Reminders will be sent out around April 1st. Be sure to take advantage of the discount by entering the code EARLYBIRD when you pay online by April 30th. If you'd like to pay by check, take advantage of the discount by paying at the April meeting or mailing your check on or before April 30th to:

Snowdrifters Ski Club
Attention Membership
PO Box 697
Batavia, IL 60510

Many members have trip credit. If you would like to use your trip credit for membership dues, please send an email to me at peggycourser@comcast.net Please email before May 1st to take advantage of the early bird discount.

Thank you and happy skiing!

Peggy Courser

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

It's time to renew your membership for next year.

This year many of you took advantage of the opportunity to use a charge card to pay for Club trips and events. You can also charge your membership dues following the process below.

Regular and Associate members should receive an email on April 1st reminding you that it's time to renew. The reminder will include a link that you can click on. You will first be asked to update your profile in our data base. Please verify that your information is complete and correct as this makes signing up for trips easier. Then scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. You will be given the option of charging your dues immediately or being sent an invoice. If you request an invoice, you can login to our web site later to select the invoice and charge it. If you prefer to pay by check, mail it to the Snowdrifters' Post Office box. When your dues are received the treasurer will generate an invoice (if you haven't already done so) and record your payment against the invoice.

As in the past, our dues for regular members remain at \$30 and we offer an early bird discount of \$5 for Regular members who renew before May 1st. To obtain this discount when paying with a credit card in April, enter the discount code EARLYBIRD (not case sensitive) in the space provided at the bottom of the web page where you updated your profile. If you send in a check, it must be postmarked before May 1st.

Even without the email, you can also renew by logging on to the Snowdrifters' web site and editing your profile. Click the button labeled "renew" near the top of the screen.

Note that Associate members can upgrade to Regular membership on the renewal web page.

NOTE: If you would like to use a trip credit to pay membership dues, please email Peggy at peggycourser@comcast.net.

Chuck Salisbury

Historian

Looking for photos from activities this last year. and maybe some from 2019, because I missed some for John's book

The easiest way to get them to me is to put them on a CD or DVD. Take your phone or camera to your photo store (I usually use Walmart) and put the photos you want to share on a CD, or if you have lots of photos, use a DVD. I will give it back to you, or you can give it to the Club for their historical records. I give mine to them. You can send to me, or bring it to next meeting, if we meet face to face. My address is 137 Riverside Drive, Yorkville, IL 60560. Thanks !

Joan's email is mcskikat@gmail.com or call her at 630.567.6407 or mail to Joan at 137 Riverside Dr., Yorkville, IL. 60560

SOCIAL

John has secured Brother Chimp for our next meeting. Those that don't feel comfortable attending or can't attend in person can use the link below.

Zoom Link:

General Club Meeting Zoom Link - 7:30 pm central standard time.

Michelle Etherton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83248504825?pwd=VmFYTmlWTU1QVkhSRIE4YjBxYWVZZz09>

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Mammoth Trip Report March 13 - 18, 2021

For our trip to Mammoth, we had to follow Covid-19 protocols. Masks were required in lift lines, on lifts, in gondolas as well as in common areas. We were fortunate to enjoy the ability to have indoor dining, since Mono County lifted the restriction against indoor dining the day of our arrival. It was a great five-day trip with excellent snow conditions and a fun group of Snowdrifters. Following is a recap of our trip.

Saturday: We headed out with 25 snow enthusiasts, including a few snowboarders and five new members (Brian, Dylan, Brad, Jerry, and Vida). For those taking the bus from Kane



County Fairgrounds there was a slight “glitch” at the start, since an unnamed person misplaced the gate lock key in the wrong pocket of his coat and drove home only to find it in another pocket. Being in a hurry he forgot that he now left his phone on the kitchen counter (this will be forever called “I Pulled A Frank”). Nonetheless, everyone made it on time for our United 7:00 a.m. departure. After an uneventful venture through security, most of us headed out in search of breakfast. The flight to Denver was uneventful, however, our connecting flight to Reno was delayed due to mechanical issues. While waiting an hour for a replacement plane, a snow blizzard hit the greater Denver area. After de-icing the plane, we experienced a very



turbulent takeoff but we were happy since this was one of the last flights to depart from Denver that day (the airport was closed that Saturday until the following Monday afternoon after 28” of snow). Lucky for us to make it off to Reno otherwise we would have spent 3 days at the airport!

On arrival, our Reno coach was waiting for us and we were off to Mammoth except for short stop at the Save Mart to pick up snacks and a “few” maybe I should say “a load” of alcoholic beverages! Needless to say, it was a festive 3 hour bus ride! On arrival at Mammoth Mountain Inn, lift tickets were passed out along with a \$100 credit card to spend at Mammoth. Also, a voucher was given for a burrito breakfast for Sunday morning.



Sunday: In the morning, our Club President, John, who spent a few years living at Mammoth in the past, went the extra mile for us by providing a mountain tour (Mountain host tours were not available due to Covid restrictions). Snow conditions were good overall and we were informed an impending snowstorm was on its way. After skiing, it was time to party at the Mountain Inn! We used the



hallway as a common area with snacks and drinks aplenty and ordered pizzas to enjoy! There was a bit of shenanigans (secret maneuvering) by a certain few female Snowdrifters. One of the female agents from the Schweitzer trip (aka Bag Lady) called in a mission to her team on the ground - should they choose to accept it - steal the Snowdrifter banner from their scorned President but also secure all the whiskey from the trip leaders. These female renegades persistently do these fun covert operations



to demonstrate their dominance in the Snowdrifter Ski Club.

Everyone enjoyed the fun which spilled into the hallways but we did receive a text from the Inn Keeper that we were not adhering to the mask policy (who reported us?).

Monday: Everyone loves fresh powder, and we received over 12 inches via the storm that blew in overnight. While some of the group decided it was a fine day to shop, knit, rest, or just party, etc., other hearty members (motivated no doubt by the fact that they had purchased a 4-day lift ticket) ventured out into the raging snow and white-out conditions with wind gusts up to 70 mph at the top of the mountain. In the evening, some of us ventured out to the Mammoth Village to appreciate indoor dining. The trip leaders, after a few pints, made arrangements at a German "Yodler" restaurant across the road from our Inn for a private Snowdrifter party for Wednesday evening.



Tuesday: A perfect blue bird day with plenty of fresh powder that provided a "great day" to ski marked trails, bowls, and glades. One Snowdrifter claimed that a tree ran right in front of him so he kissed it resulting in a broken lip and a bruised ego. Many of us lunched at McCoy's, giving us a chance to swap

stories about runs, and sometimes, even swap ski groups. At the end of the day, many of us ventured out again for an evening meal at the Village restaurants that just started indoor dining - good thing because outdoor dining was cold!



Wednesday: "Saint Patrick's Day" - green beads were passed out to wear. It was yet another gorgeous day in the eastern Sierras and, yes, even a pot of gold rainbow was spotted in the sky. You just couldn't have had a more Utopian ski day. Blue skies, warm temps and great snow. Layers came off and just about everyone hit the slopes early. Lunch stop was at mid mountain "McCoy's" where the highlight was enjoying the sunny day in beach chairs. A few Snowdrifters stashed two backpacks with beer under the snow at a secret location while some other Drifters hauled White Claws in their jackets and



stashed them in the cave. Around 2:30 p.m. about a baker's dozen Snowdrifters met up at the recently opened "The Cave Bar." Great job - good thing no one had an accident that required the ski patrol.

Overall, the Mammoth skiing was fantastic, with lots of people taking to the trees for some extra adventure and a few people tackling some of those black diamonds and the Cornice. Thankfully, no serious injuries occurred, however, as usual few skiers did suffer some bumps and bruises.

On our return to the Inn after skiing, a shot of Irish Cream or Whiskey was offered in the hallway to all. As seen at the top, a group picture was taken by the Mammoth sculpture before dinner.



After the picture, we were off for our group party at the Yodler restaurant. We started off with appetizers of giant pretzels and dip, cheese platters, and cheese fondue. Of course, there was beer and wine aplenty. Our entrees were delicious, but most of us over stuffed ourselves with the appetizers; however, a few did enjoy desserts. After all the eating and drinking we were still short of a restaurant minimum to spend, so the bar was opened to whatever was on the shelf - we did exceed our minimum by 12 cents. It should be noted that the Yodler staff provided us with excellent service throughout the evening. We were their first group party since the beginning of Covid.

Thursday: Our Mammoth departure was at 8:00 a.m., so we arranged baggage pick-up at 7:30 a.m. and the porters hit the “jackpot” with the wine and beer we couldn’t finish! (In the future, we have to do a better job in consumption.) Our bus ride to Reno was scenic and went smoothly. At the airport, many of us had something to eat before our flight to Denver. Once again, our flight from Denver to Chicago was delayed by an hour. On arrival at O’Hare, we said goodbye to some of fellow travelers and the rest of us took the bus back to the fairgrounds.

A heartfelt “Thanks” once again to everyone on the trip. Please continue to support any future leaders who put themselves out there to make it a great vacation for you. You are the best group of friends anyone could ever ask for. We have a great time, look out for each other and always find a way to have more fun than should be legal.



Frank & Leo



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
Johngamble@icloud.com



We encourage you to join the Snowdrifters Ski Club Facebook page if you have not done so yet. Be sure to check out the [Mammoth pictures](#). The monthly newsletter will be posted there, updates on any Club activities/meetings, articles and photos. Please feel free to post any skiing articles and photos from trips/events/meetings.

Sue Stanciú

Social Media Chair



How to Properly Store Your Gear for the Summer

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Summer storage is extremely important and can make your equipment last and perform longer.

Find out what you can do to protect your investment.

Your Skis and Boards

Your equipment should be stored free of salt, dirt, grime with a fresh coat of wax. The best way to do this? Have your skis or boards tuned at the end of the season! This is the perfect way to store your equipment and they'll be ready to go the next season. You'll also have fresh coat of wax on your bases which will be absorbed into the bases over the summer making them more durable. Applying a thin coat of wax on the edges will protect the metal from any moisture and rust. [SEE COUPON BELOW](#)

Skis and boards should be stored standing upright on the tails in a damp free environment. A garage, damp basement or attic is NOT a good place for summer storage. Dampness and heat harm your gear. The basement may work if it is dry. A great storage place would be an interior closet corner. If stand up storage is not possible, under your bed works well.

DO NOT store your equipment in a bag! Bags rarely get cleaned and they trap moisture which will deteriorate your bases and edges. But if you do, at least unzip the bag fully to allow air to circulate.

Ski Bindings

DO NOT adjust your binding tension! This was something that was recommended back 25 years ago but manufactures now design bindings to have tension on them. If you release the tension, this causes the springs to expand.

Ski and Board Boots

If you want your boots to fit properly for next season, proper summer storage is very important. When you use your boots, moisture is created inside them. If this moisture is left unattended, it can make your boots stink or worse, turn to mold. [Click to read how to clean boots for storage](#)

Your boots should be buckled or laced snug enough to keep them in the proper shape. Do not over tighten as this can stretch the material of your boots over the summer. DO NOT store your boots on a basement floor, in a crawl space or an attic. Any environment that is damp or has high heat will harm your boots. They should be stored standing upright in cool dry area of the house like a closet.

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- 6- Iron on hot wax, scrape and leave thin coat on for summer protection
- 7- Most important, your equipment will be ready to go next season.

Offer Expires April 30, 2021

**STORE WILL BE CLOSED APRIL 4 - APRIL 11.
REOPENING ON APRIL 12.**

Snowdrifters' Calendar

- April 19th General Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Brother Chimp Brewing, 1059 W Orchard Rd, N Aurora
Can join in via Zoom - details in newsletter
- May 17th End of Year Party TBD

