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Flakes from the Ski-E-O,

Thanks to all who attended the year end dinner party at Fireside Grill in Sugar Grove. It's always a great way to end our ski season and start into our new fiscal year. We all had a great time during the dinner and after dinner was the best as Frank kept stealing the show. Thanks to Rick and his wife, Laurie, from Alpine Accessories for their support throughout the year, coming to our year end dinner, and graciously donating six \$25 gift certificates for his store. He always has good values and is up on the latest technology.

Of course, Frank had his time in the sun explaining about next year's trips but he kept coming back up and stole the show with more things to say. I'm excited that he is organizing another European trip to Austria, Zell am See and Malta for next January and possibly Banff/Lake Louise and Mt. Bachelor for the remaining months. He works tirelessly spending numerous hours with vendors, all to insure that we go to great destinations. Kudos to you Frank.

A special thanks to all the returning board members. At the last meeting we added a few more new members.

We are currently looking for possibilities for a venue for the kickoff party to be held in June or July on a Saturday. We'll keep you posted. If you have any ideas please share them with our board members. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting, Monday, May 21st at Old Town Pub in Geneva at 7:30. Don't forget Monday night is now 50% off any burger on the menu, still a good value and a good place to meet.

Your Pre-Ski-dent,

Leo Ahaski



Club Corner

2018 Jackson Hole trip credits

All the trip members had a great time skiing at Jackson Hole this past February. And our trip came in under budget, resulting in trip credits for those attending.

The following are the trip credits based on the type of trip booked:

- Air / Land / 4 day lift ticket = \$50
- Air / Land / 3 day lift ticket = \$48
- Air / Land = \$45
- Land / 4 day lift ticket = \$30

Trip credits can be applied towards 2018 / 2019 membership dues, upcoming 2019 trips, or you can request a cash refund.

John Walsh

Treasurer

Social Section

The end of year party was a success. This year we had 59 Snowdrifters attend. As always it was a wonderful time with playful bantering between Leo and Frank. It's always fun to see those two in action.

Summer activities will be scheduled soon. Be sure to come to the monthly General Meeting to learn about upcoming social events.

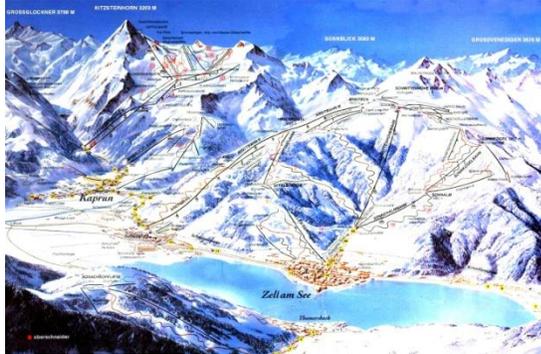
Pat Quetsch

Social Director

2019 TRIPS

We continue to work on trips for the 2019 ski season and hope to have all our trips finalized this month. The January European trip and the March Western trip are close to being under contract. We are still working on the February western trip and are awaiting proposals. Our European trip is scheduled for January 25 - February 5, 2019 to Zell am See, Austria staying at the 4* Neue Post hotel and our extension trip will be to Malta staying at the Marina Hotel at Corinthia .

Zell am See



Malta



Our March trip is to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, March 7 - 12, 2019. We will be staying at the Riverhouse Hotel & Resort in Bend with breakfast included.



Detail trip information will be provided once contracts are signed for air and land for these trips!

Membership

If you haven't already renewed your \$30.00 membership fee, please do so either by mail to the P.O. Box or at the next meeting. Also, please make sure your online membership information is up to date. Thank you.

Membership payments can be mailed to:
Snowdrifters Ski Club
P.O. Box 697
Batavia, IL 60510

A warm welcome to our new members: Mike and Joan Shimkus, Eileen Parsons and Peggy Courser. We look forward to skiing with you.

Sue

Membership Chair

Recipe

Savory Sausage and Cheddar Bread Pudding

Servings: 6

Cook Time: 1 Hour

Total Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 1 pound sweet or spicy pork sausage (casings removed)
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1 loaf (18 slices) white sandwich bread, such as Pepperidge Farm, crusts removed and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2-1/2 cups (a little over 1/2 pound) grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 6 large eggs
- 2 cups half-and-half
- Scant teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Instructions

1. Grease a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with butter.
2. In a large sauté pan (preferably nonstick) over medium-high heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Add the sausage and cook, stirring with a wooden spoon to break the meat into small clumps, until browned, about 10 minutes. Transfer the sausage to a large mixing bowl, leaving the fat in the pan.
3. Turn the heat down to medium, then add the onions to the pan along with 1 tablespoon of butter. Cook the onions, stirring constantly, until soft and translucent, about 5 minutes. Add the onions to the mixing bowl with the sausage, along with the bread cubes, grated cheese and parsley. Toss well, then spread the mixture evenly into the prepared baking pan.
4. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs, half-and-half, salt and pepper.
5. Pour the egg mixture evenly over the bread mixture. Cover tightly with saran wrap and refrigerate for at least a few hours or overnight.
6. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Bake for about one hour, until puffed and golden brown. Serve immediately.

Five tips on how to properly store your gear for summer

Proper summer storage means your clothing and equipment will last longer. Following a few tips will allow you to get many years from your gear.

#1- Your jackets and pants should be cleaned properly. Read the care tags carefully. **DO NOT** dry clean as it will harm the fabric. Also **DO NOT** use regular detergent as it will strip away any waterproof coating. Instead, use **Nikwax** detergent for proper cleaning.

#2- Base layers and socks can be washed with regular detergent but **DO NOT** use liquid fabric softener. Liquid fabric softener clogs the pores and affects the breath ability. Instead, use fabric sheets in the dryer.

#3- Your boots are the most important piece of equipment and storing them correctly allows them to fit comfortably.

First you should remove any leftover heat packs because if they break, they can ruin your liners. **Next**, wipe the inside of your liners with a damp cloth and let air dry. **Then buckle your boots.** This helps the plastic retain its shape. **DO NOT** store your boots in a garage or attic. Instead, store them indoors in a dry area, standing upright. It's a good idea to place a plastic grocery bag loosely over your boots to keep out dust yet offer air circulation.

#4- The best thing you can do for your skis and snowboards, is get an **End of Season Tune**. This will thoroughly remove all dirt and chemicals that dry out your bases and rust your edges. A thin coat of wax will be left on to protect your bases from drying out and your edges from rusting. Best of all, they'll be ready to go for next season. You can get an **End of Season tune for only \$39.00**, (normally up to \$59.00) if you bring them in by April 30th with this newsletter.

After they are tuned, store them under your bed or in an interior closet. **NEVER** store your gear in the attic or garage and **NEVER** store your equipment in your travel bag as this will trap in moisture and rust your edges.

#5- The service department will remain open until the end of April due to the late snow and people still skiing and snowboarding. And all new skis, new snowboards, boots, bindings, and clothing are still priced at **50% off** and will be until April 30th. So hurry in to get the best selection.

Rick

Alpine Accessories

Snowdrifters' Calendar



SAVE THE DATES

May 21st

Board Meeting 6:45 pm
General Meeting 7:15 pm

June 18th

Board Meeting 6:45 pm
General Meeting 7:15 pm