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Flakes from the Ski-E-O,

Another great meeting this last month and we had a few more new members joining to increase our ranks. Our daughter, Erin, and her husband, Nat, just added another new member - Jack Francis Repp aka Jackski Repp to our ski club on May 8th. With Brandt and Courtney, that makes three younger ski club members destined to go on our trips. Some of you may remember that Brandt, at only 5 months old, went on our trip to Banff in 2015. Our daughter, Jacqueline, and her husband, Brian Neal, are expecting their first child in July and another ski club member for us. Keep 'em coming.

As summer is now quickly upon us, with spring having gone right past us, we need to switch gears and do all the fun things we couldn't do in winter besides skiing. Joe and Dana, Dan and Sue, and Barb and I are planning the progressive Taste of Aurora at our houses on Friday, June 29th, followed by an outdoor concert at River Edge Pavilion in Aurora. We are also planning the kickoff party for Saturday, July 28th at The Cheshire Club in Prestbury in Sugar Grove. I'll bring the chicken wings to this one. We have a few surprises for both events. We're looking for a few more volunteers and good ideas.

If you haven't been coming to the meetings, we would like to see you more often than once or twice a year. Why not get out this summer, when it's hot and let someone else prepare dinner for you. The food is pretty good and Monday is 50% off on any burger - not a bad deal. You can visit with all your good friends who share a common bond and have a good time.

Frank Hodowal, John Gamble, John and Susan Walsh, Pat Quetsch and I met with the vendors from the ski resorts for our trips in February (Zermatt, Deer Valley in Park City) and in March (Mt. Bachelor in Bend Oregon). They are promising us great things and plan on meeting us there to enhance our trips. The trip to Zell am Zee in Austria is going on sale at the next meeting on Monday, June 18th. Don't miss out on this one as we will only be one hour from Salzburg and our 3 day trip at the end is to Malta. I just watched the history channel with the air battles to fend off the Italian and German Luftwaffe in 1941 in Malta. Both locations will be great places for non skiers and skiers alike to do some awesome sightseeing. Now is a good time to refresh your language abilities.

Your Pre-Ski-dent,

Leo Ahaski

Social Section

June 29th Taste of Aurora / RiverEdge Park – 97Nine (classic rock band) \$20 per person

The event will start with Spartan House Wings and other lite appetizers at Dan and Sue Stanciu's house beginning at 5:30 p.m.

From there we will proceed a short distance to Joe and Dana Hopp's house for a Food Truck at 6:00 p.m. - Tacos Diablos Food Truck. You will have your choice of steak, chicken, al pastor, and chorizo, beans and rice. Check out the menu at <http://tacosdiablos.com/#catering>



After dinner we will have another short drive to Leo and Barb Ahasic's for pies from Harner's Bakery at 7:30 p.m.

From there, we will then go the RiverEdge Park for the 97Nine show that starts at 9 p.m. See the Riveredge Park for details.



This should be a fun evening with great entertainment. The cost for the evening will be \$20 per person which will include tickets for the show at RiverEdge Park. There will be a maximum of 40 people for the Taste of Aurora, however, anyone can join us at the Riveredge Park.

Sue, Barb or Joe to RSVP and Dana Hopp.

Please send an email to make all checks out to

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July 28th Kickoff Party/Cheshire Club in Sugar Grove

Kick off Party - Leo has pulled some strings and gotten us a clubhouse to use. We'll be at the Cheshire Club at Prestbury in Sugar Grove. The clubhouse overlooks a lake and pool. This year the club will be donating the \$5 per person and we ask that everyone bring a dish to pass. The club will also provide the meat, drinks, and utensils. There is also a kitchen in the clubhouse, if needed. The address is 15 New Winthrop Rd, Sugar Grove.

Pat Quetsch

Social Director



2019 TRIPS



Our ten night European ski trip this ski season is to Austria's Zell Am See with a side trip to Malta. The dates of the trip are January 25 - February 5, 2019. The trip will go on sale at our June 18th ski meeting. The cost of the trip is \$2,315.00 and the initial trip deposit is \$400/person - **details for the trip are found in the newsletter.**

Currently, we are waiting for contracts to be finalized for our two Western 5 night ski trips. We plan to put the Western Ski trips on sale at our July 19th meeting and anticipate the cost of the trips will be around \$1,325/person.

In February, we will be going to Utah and staying at the Zermatt Resort and Spa (<https://zermattresort.com>). We will ski Sundance, Deer Valley and Park City. We will fly Delta direct into Salt Lake Utah.

Our March trip will be to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon, and we will be staying at the Riverhouse Resort nestled along the beautiful Deschutes River in the heart of Bend. We will fly into Redmond, Oregon which is a short 14 mile trip to the resort. We will have four day lift tickets to Mt. Bachelor.

Both of our Western trips will be available without lift tickets, since both locations offer many side trips and activities for non-skiers. We are still working on a bus trip for January. Attend the June ski meeting, get additional information and sign-up for the European trip; get updated information on the Western trips; and enjoy the rest of the evening at Old Town Pub with your fellow Snowdrifters.

Our trip dates and prices for 2019 are:

- **January 4 - January 6 - Bus Trip – TBD**
Trip Leaders: NEEDED!
- **January 25 – Feb 5 - Zell Am See & Malta** *Trip Leader: Frank Hodowal and Assistants: Pat Quetsch and Susan Walsh*
- **February 20 – February 25 - Utah - Sundance, Deer Valley & Park City. \$TBD. Trip Leaders: NEEDED!**
- **March 7 – 12 – Mt. Bachelor, Oregon. \$TBD.**
Trip Leaders: NEEDED!

*******TRIP LEADERS ARE NEEDED FOR WESTERN & BUS TRIPS*******

If you have any trip questions, contact Frank Hodowal (Ph# 630-584-0868 or email: ftnod@aol.com).

Zell am See & Malta

January 25 – February 5, 2019

Trip Cost: \$2,315



LET'S GO SKIING IN AUSTRIA THIS YEAR !!!!

Zell am See-Kaprun is regarded as one of the most attractive ski regions in Austria. Three skiing areas, with a total of 138 piste kilometers, offer skiing fans and snowboarders a great deal of variety. The best local cuisine, served in the mountain huts, is accompanied by magnificently intoxicating views. The Kitzsteinhorn, with an altitude of 3000 meters, has a snow guarantee of 100%. Zell am See's sunny slopes do have good snow-making cover on nearly two-thirds of the piste. The Schmittenhöhe and the Maiskogel also have a tremendous amount to offer. Skiers will want to visit Kaprun's glacier skiing on the Kitzsteinhorn Glacier during their stay. This is accessed by a ski bus which runs every 20 minutes in high season, and once an hour during other periods, journey time is around 30 minutes and the service is free to lift pass holders Whether it be winter hiking, cross-country skiing, horse riding or tobogganing: everyone can take a break from everyday life, in their own way, in Zell am See-Kaprun. The wellness oases in the region are, of course, ideal for relaxation. The 22 bars, pubs and discothèques in the region give Zell am See a lively night life for those who want it, with quiet sophisticated night spots for those who don't. The historic village, with many ancient buildings, including Castle of Kapru, located in such a magnificent setting, make Zell am See a great destination! **Express trains from Innsbruck arrive and depart for Salzburg every hour. So if you want to do a little exploring, the possibilities are there!**

While in Zell am See our hotel is 4 star **Hotel Neue Post** which is one of Zell am See's best located hotels for enjoying all that this historic ski town has to offer – it's right in the center of the old town, just a short walk from the lakeside and the City Xpress gondola, for easy access to the Schmitten ski area. The hotel has a well-balanced combination of modern comfort and Austrian tradition. The decor has a classic feel, but everything you should ever need or expect is there – including stylish rooms, great food - (daily breakfast and dinner included), free Wi-Fi and an extensive spa and outdoor pool. The renovated wellness spa makes great use of its full 700m. Plus, the covered outdoor pool is great for either a fun splash about or some lazy laps. There's also a fitness room with a suite of cardio equipment to help you keep in shape.

Three Night Extension to Malta!!!!

Malta is an archipelago in the central Mediterranean between Sicily and the North African coast. It's a nation known for historic sites related to a succession of rulers including the Romans, Moors, Knights of Saint John, French and British. It has numerous fortresses, megalithic temples and the Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, a subterranean complex of halls and burial chambers dating to circa 4000 B.C.



Our Malta hotel is the 4 star **Marina Hotel Corinthia** - ideally located at the edge of the sparkling Mediterranean. The Marina Hotel Corinthia Beach Resort is the perfect retreat for an island holiday. Overlooking the striking St George's Bay and just moments from St Julian's, Malta's cosmopolitan hub, the hotel is conveniently located for exploring this sun-drenched island's many attractions.

Full Package Cost: \$2,315 *

• **United air fare Chicago to Munich - Munich to Chicago**

- UA952 25 JAN ORDMUC* 615P 950A +1
- UA434 5FEB MUCORD 345P 655P

• **Malta air fare Munich to Malta - Malta to Munich**

- KM307 2FEB MUCMLA 1240P 255P
- KM306 5FEB MLAMUC 925A 1145A



- **Ground Transfer from/to Munich & Zell am See**
- **7 nights lodging at Hotel Neue Post (double occupancy). Breakfast and dinner daily (<http://www.neuepost.at/v4/pages/en/main.php>)**
- **Ground Transfers in Malta**
- **3 nights with breakfast 4-star Marina Hotel Corinthia (double occupancy) (<http://www.marinahotel.com.mt/>)**
- **Single Supplement \$305)**

Payment Schedule (per person):

- **Deposit \$400**
- **July \$400**
- **August \$400**
- **September \$400**
- **October \$400**
- **November \$315**
- **December Full Payment Due**



*** NOTE: All taxes that are currently in effect, including airline taxes are included in the price. Please note any additional airline tax or fuel surcharge imposed before our final ticketing is beyond our control and will require an adjustment in the final price. Any fuel surcharge imposed on our ground transfers is also beyond our control and will require an adjustment. Also, currency exchange rate fluctuations may affect final payment.**

A passport is required for this trip and your passport must not expire 6 months past our return to the USA.



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

Trip Leader: Frank Hodowal: fthod@aol.com (630-584-0868)

Asst. Leaders: Pat Quetsch: quetsch@sbcglobal.net

Susan Walsh: susielou@hotmail.com

Membership

Trips are on sale this month so make sure you have renewed your membership. You can pay the \$30.00 membership fee either by mail to the PO box or at the June 18th meeting. Also –very important - be 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

Sue

Membership Chair

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

Recipe

Strawberries and cream dessert bars

Ingredients:

Crust:

1 pouch (1 lb. 5 oz.) Betty Crocker® sugar cookie mix
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 large egg

Filling:

1 cup white chocolate chips
1 package (8 ounce) cream cheese, softened

Topping:

3 cups sliced fresh strawberries
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 Tablespoons cornstarch
1/3 cup water

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray the bottom of a 9×13 inch baking pan with non-stick spray. In a large bowl, mix together the cookie mix, butter and egg until a dough forms. Press dough into the bottom of the baking pan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until light golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool completely.

In a small, microwave-safe bowl, microwave white chocolate chips for 45 to 60 seconds or until chips are melted. Stir until smooth. In a medium bowl, beat cream cheese with an electric mixer until smooth. Stir in the melted chocolate chips. Spread this mixture evenly over the cooled sugar cookie crust. Refrigerate while making the topping.

In a small bowl, crush 1 cup of the strawberries. In 2-quart saucepan, add the 1 cup of crushed strawberries, sugar, cornstarch and water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils and thickens. Remove from heat and let cool 10 minutes. Gently fold in remaining strawberries. Spoon over the filling. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or until set. Serve and enjoy

Snowdrifters' Calendar



SAVE THE DATES

June 18th

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

June 29th

Taste of Aurora - Tacos Diablos Food Truck
RiverEdge Park – 97Nine Rock Band

July 16th

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

July 28th

Kickoff Party at Cheshire Clubhouse in Sugar Grove.