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Flakes (melted) from the Ski-E-O,

It sure has been hot, so hot that I don't think I'll complain again when it's freezing cold out. 36 of us brave Snowdrifters suffered through 95 degree temps to survive the Taste of Aurora and the concert at RiverEdge Pavilion. The last one we did two years ago was great but this one was even better. Special thanks to Dan and Sue Stanciu, Joe and Dana Hopp and Barb and myself for hosting this event. It has given us some more ideas for upcoming events to plan. Pass along your ideas to Pat Quetsch or any of us as we're always looking for great ways to get together and enjoy each other's company.

We started out at Dan and Sue's where we all got to see their new kitchen. We even had an injury. Michelle Kinzler, an expert skier who never gets injured, fell on her knee and it swelled up right away. I just had to ask if she had taken trip insurance for this event. Don't forget this when signing up for our trips or others you may take. Joe and Dana's house was next with the food truck from Diablo's and I managed to be first in the chow line as Frank calls it (probably because he was up in Canada fishing in a lot cooler weather and couldn't be with us or he'd been first). Joe even offered some fish tacos from his pond. He definitely has the best tricked out garage I've ever seen. I think I'll cover his costs for a ski trip if he'll fix up my garage (Porsche included of course). Last stop was our house for pies from Harner's Bakery in North Aurora and Oberweis ice cream. After that, some went on to the concert, some went home and some stayed at our house for awhile. This is the first time I ever went to get a bottle of water out of the cooler only to find some leftover beer and wine. I guess that's proof how hot it really was.

Signups for all trips will take place at the next meeting. Be sure to come to reserve your spot for the trips you want, especially Austria/Malta as I think we may have only close to 10 places left. At this meeting on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, the club is providing heavy appetizers and 2 drinks for each attending member. Special thanks to John Gamble for arranging this. We will also be talking about our summer kickoff party, Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Cheshire Club in Prestbury, Sugar Grove. Thanks to my brother Gary for securing this venue for us. The club will provide "award winning brats and pulled pork," beer, wine and water. We ask that you bring an appetizer, a dessert or a dish to pass. We'll provide plates, cups and silverware. There will tables and chairs inside (air-conditioned and bathrooms) but you may want to bring a bag chair for outside. Come joins us for a fun filled afternoon and evening. Call Pat, Joe or me if you have any ideas for the party and if you'd like to help in any way. We'd surely appreciate it.

Your Pre-Ski-dent Leo Ahasic



# *Social Section*

## July 28<sup>th</sup> Kickoff Party/Cheshire Club in Sugar Grove

Kickoff 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

The Taste of Aurora, Progressive dinner, featuring Diablos Taco Food Truck was a smashing success! Special thanks to Selene and Uriel Cardenas who made it a lot of fun and served delicious food.



*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**
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  - 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

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**February 20-25, 2018-DEER VALLEY-  
SUNDANCE-PARK CITY  
Five Nights, Four days Skiing with Air-COST:  
\$1,350**



Our February western trip will be to Utah, February 20th to February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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!

The resort has an indoor-outdoor pool, hot tubs, 2 restaurants, a bar and bakery all on site. Sports recreational activities available: Skiing/ Boarding, snowmobiling, ice castles, ice skating, snowshoeing, horseback riding, sleigh rides, Cross-Country Skiing, tubing, bowling and Scuba-Diving/Swimming in a Geo-Thermal Crater.

This "Crater" is one-of-a-kind geothermal spring, hidden within a 55' tall beehive-shaped limestone rock, offers swimming, scuba diving, snorkeling and even paddle board yoga classes. The hole at the top of the dome lets in sunlight and fresh air while the interior stays heated by the mineral water at a constant range of the mid 90s for a completely unique and therapeutic soak and swim. You do not have to get wet to have a one-of-a-kind experience inside The Crater. Many guests just enjoy the self-guided tour, which covers the history, geology and archaeology of this remarkable natural phenomenon. You needn't rappel through the top of the dome to enjoy all of the fun either. A tunnel was bored through the rock wall at ground level, lending easy access to custom-built decks and a soaking area where guests



The Homestead Crater  
Midway, Utah  
Swim, Snorkel, Scuba Dive

can enjoy the crystal-clear blue mineral water and the warmth of the crater, in or out of the water).

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:

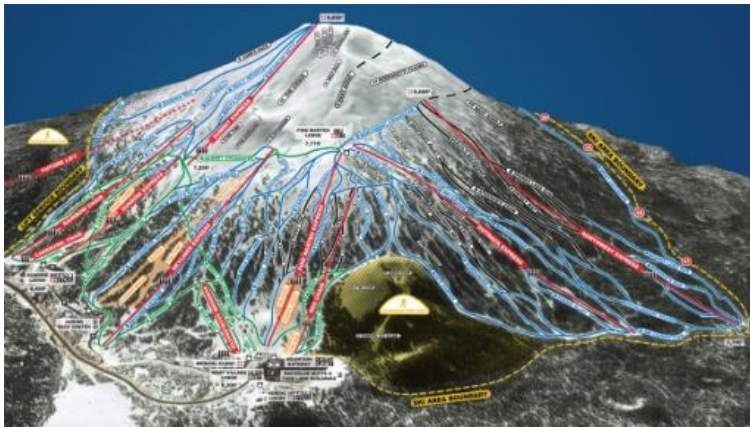
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- Roundtrip bus transportation SLC Airport to the Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa
- 5 nights Condo Lodging at the Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa
- Free Ski Resort Shuttle
- Lift Tickets: 1-Sundance; 2 Deer Valley; 1 Park City Resort

**Payment Schedule (per person):**

- **Deposit - \$250**
- **August - \$250**
- **September - 250**
- **October - \$250**
- **November - \$250**
- **December -Full Payment Due**

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



## *Mt. Bachelor, Oregon*

*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

**Payment Schedule (per person):**

- **Deposit - \$250**
- **August - \$250**
- **September - 250**
- **October - \$250**
- **November - \$250**
- **December - Full Payment Due**

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# Recipe

## Arugula Salad with Beets and Goat Cheese

### INGREDIENTS

#### Salad Ingredients:

- 2 medium beets, cooked until a fork easily goes in one (about an hour), peeled, diced into bite-sized pieces
- 2 handfuls (about 2.5 ounces) fresh baby arugula
- 4 Tbsp goat cheese (about 1.5 ounces)
- 1/4 cup roughly chopped toasted walnuts

#### Dressing ingredients:

- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 1/2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon dry powdered mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

*\* To roast beets, scrub raw beets clean, coat with a little olive oil, wrap in aluminum foil, and roast in 400°F oven for 1 to 2 hours, until fork tender*

*\*\* To boil beets, scrub raw beets clean, put in small pot, cover with water, bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer, cover, and cook for 45 min to an hour, until fork tender*

### METHOD

**1 Make the vinaigrette:** Place dressing ingredients in a jar and shake to emulsify. Adjust ingredients to taste.

**2 Assemble the salad** according to how much you want. Compose each dish with a handful of arugula leaves, a few cooked chopped beets, some crumbled goat cheese, and some chopped toasted walnuts.

**3 Drizzle the salad with vinaigrette.** (You may have a little extra vinaigrette.)

## 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 July 16<sup>th</sup> 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

# Snowdrifters' Calendar

## SAVE THE DATES

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Kickoff Party at Cheshire Clubhouse in Sugar Grove.**

*Check this out! Who is this?? No other than Snowdrifter Jill Feece at Aurora's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. She rode her unicycle the entire parade route!!*

