

# The Flakey News

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Hi Snowdrifters!

Wow! What a night. Standing room only at the June meeting. Everyone is so ready to get back on skis or to visit a great destination. We put four big trips on sale and sold out our European trip to Zermatt and Majorca, as well as our trip to Ogden, Utah. In fact, we only had a few spots left for Banff, Canada and Sun Valley, Idaho. So, if you are on the fence about a trip, act fast!

Those are some incredible destinations. But don't think we've forgotten about the great skiing and fun to be had on a Midwest bus trip. We'll have details about a Midwest adventure soon enough.

Following the trip signups, I suspect many of us are already thinking about getting back on the snow. So, the Board and I are working on a meeting schedule to help get us and our gear in top shape. Wouldn't it be great if we could get a local skier/trainer to open their gym and teach us a workout designed for skiers? Or, how about meeting at a local ski shop for a ski tuning demo and tips for maintaining our other ski gear? And of course, who wouldn't want to take part in a warm-up at Four Lakes?

But it's not just about winter. Snowdrifters like to have fun year-round. Thanks to Nancy Lazarz for once again organizing an entertaining golf scramble and après fun at the Office. And thanks to Mary Kane McAuslan who has arranged a Club trip to the Crosstown Classic on August 28th. There are still tickets available for the Sox vs. Cubs. Tickets are \$100 and include admission, the bus ride to the ballpark, drinks on the bus and lunch from Portillo's. It should be a fantastic game and an amazing day.

What I think is so remarkable about the Snowdrifters is the members generating ideas and the Board greenlighting those events. I absolutely love the creativity and teamwork. If you would like to lead an event, or have an idea for one you'd like to lead, let us know. If you're unsure about leading, we can help you find a co-leader to partner with.

I'd like to close my note this month by wishing our United States a Happy Birthday; and to each of you a fun-filled Fourth of July.

*Greg Olson*

*President*



# HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY



## MEMBERSHIP

### New members:

Denise Brouillette  
Linda and Chuck Dobbins  
Anne and Larry Golding  
Michelle Jung  
David Salisbury  
Tom Tourtillotte

## SOCIAL

On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, five Snowdrifter teams competed in a 9-hole Scramble, with perfect weather, at Pottawatomie Golf Course in St. Charles. It was a beautiful day for a walk along the scenic Fox River.

Frank Gerry, Captain, led Jill Feece, Greg Olson and Nancy Lazarz to win with a score of 35.

Joe Hannon was Captain, playing with Eileen Parsons and Peggy Courser, coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with a score of 36.

Joe Hopp, Captain, playing with Dana Hopp, Tom and Pat Krave coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> Place to finish with a score of 37.

Bob Muzzarelli, Captain, playing with Debra Kushman and Gail Daley, tied for 4<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 39.

John Walsh, Captain, playing with Susan Walsh and Chris and Chuck Salisbury tied for 4<sup>th</sup> Place with a score of 39.

**Congratulations** to Tom Krave for *Men's Long Drive*, Frank Gerry for *Men's Closest to the Pin* and Nancy Lazarz for *Women's Long Drive* and *Closest to the Pin*!!

Thank You Nancy for setting up this event!

## UPCOMING SOCIAL HAPPENINGS!

We are nearing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July – I hope you have had time for some summer fun and maybe a little more relaxing and connecting with friends.

Thank you to all who responded to the email on helping with social event for the Club. It takes a village for things to happen. Watch your email and read the Flakey News for upcoming social happenings.

### **Snowdrifters Tour-de-River Bike-n-Brew July 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **SAVE THE DATE!!**

The **Snowdrifters Tour de River Bike n Brew** - - July 10, 2021. More info will be sent soon.

MANY thanks to Debra Kushman and Peggy Courser for organizing this event!

If you have any ideas for fun social events send me a message. Lots of members are willing to help.

Take care and have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



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**Crosstown Classic  
Cubs vs Sox**

**Saturday, Aug 28, 2021 6:10 at Guaranteed Rate Field  
The Final Cubs vs White Sox game of the season.**

- ◆ ONLY 50 tickets are available
  - Our seats are in rows 6, 7, and 8 of sections 537 and 538, directly above third base. (see <https://seatgeek.com/venues/guaranteed-rate-field/seating-chart/views> for a look at the view)
- ◆ **Round trip bus to stadium.**
  - **Departs at 3:30 from Kane Co. Fairgrounds**
- ◆ Wear your Cubs or Sox attire. Who are the true fans?
- ◆ Tailgating at the park with an assortment of Portillo's sandwiches (Beef, Sausage, Hot dogs) and sides.
  - Please bring you own bag chairs
- ◆ Beverages on the bus – beer, wine, sodas, water (alcohol allowed as a security guard will be present).

**Tickets for this event are \$100 per person, all-inclusive.**

We are allowing the purchase of 2 tickets per member during the first month of ticket sales. If tickets are still available after that point, sales will be opened up.

**Register here: <https://fvssc.wildapricot.org/event-4322934>**

Questions? Contact Mary Kane McAuslan [mmcauslan@gmail.com](mailto:mmcauslan@gmail.com)



## *Ogden, Utah - \$1,250*

**January 7 - 12, 2022**

**Trip expanded to 40 - Waiting list established**

*Trip has been expanded to 40 people, however, some may be flying from different cities so there may be air seats available as long as the hotel has additional rooms. So if you are interested, please reply to Joe or Marie that you would like to get on the waiting list. Once the air arrangements by others traveling from different cities has been confirmed, we may open the trip up for more people. The waiting list is a first-come first-serve with gender considerations (e.g. we may only have one opening for a male or female depending on room assignments).*

### **The trip includes:**

- American Airline direct to Salt Lake City /ground transportation to Ogden
- 5 nights Hotel lodging (2 per unit) in downtown Ogden with a hot and cold buffet breakfast
- 2-day Powder Mountain and 2-day Snowbasin lift tickets.
- Trip Cost Reductions for Sr. lift tickets: (TBD)
- Daily UTA ski bus service to/from the resorts



**Powder Mountain** has the most skiable terrain of any ski area in the United States. The 5,500 acres includes 2,800 lift-accessible acres. 500 inches of real snow annually makes the resort famous for its powder skiing. Snowcat skiing, the Powder Country shuttle, guided tours of Wolf Creek Canyon and heli-skiing ensure that you can find untracked slopes. Of course, real snow makes for beautifully groomed cruisers for those seeking fewer challenging trails <https://www.powdermountain.com>.

**Snowbasin**, A Sun Valley Resort, is a large resort in the Ogden area, covering a good selection of runs on varied terrain. It was the site of the Downhill and Super G events for the 2002 Winter Olympics. Snowbasin tends to be much less crowded than the resorts near Salt Lake City. Snowbasin cultivates a European style ski experience, complete with trams and gondolas, fine dining at trailside chalets, and cultural diversity expected of an Olympic venue.

<https://www.snowbasin.com>

**Lodging:** Our lodging is Home2 Suites, located in the heart of downtown Ogden. The hotel is directly behind Ogden's 25<sup>th</sup> Street, which was recently voted one of the "Top 10 Streets in America. The Suite rooms have a full kitchenette and offer free high-speed internet, 55" HDTV's, and big bright bathrooms. Free time's fun with a fitness center and game-filled lobby. Mix it up with a toppings-inspired free hot breakfast. See <https://www.VisitOgden.com>.

<b>American Airline</b>	AA2069	07JAN ORD/SLC	10:09 AM	12:46PM
	AA2069	12JAN SLC/ORD	1:27PM	5:39PM

**Payment Schedule (per person):**

- July - \$200
- September - \$200
- October - \$200
- November - \$200
- December - Balance Due

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Can you name the some of the ten scariest ski slopes in the world?  
The answers are on page 14- good luck.



# Zermatt, Switzerland & Majorca, Spain - \$2,810

Jan 21 - Feb 2, 2022

**FIVE OPENINGS REMAINING**

We were able to get a few additional spaces for the Zermatt and Majorca trip, however, additional air cost has increased by \$60 resulting in a trip price of \$2,810. We currently have space for two doubles and one single male. If you are interested in the trip, contact Frank at [fhod@aol.com](mailto:fhod@aol.com).

## **Trip Details:**

- Roundtrip Air - Lufthansa
- 7 nights in 3\*\*\* Hotel Perren – Breakfast & 4 course dinner every evening at the Hotel
- Ground Transfers
- Four-day extension to Majorca Spain with air & 4 night in Hotel Puro Palma with breakfast

Come join the Snowdrifters on January 21, 2022 to Zermatt and Majorca. If you have never visited Zermatt, you are in for a huge scenic, skiing and dining extravaganza! Zermatt is Switzerland's highest ski resort and a winter fairy tale with unlimited fun on snow! Skiing and snowboarding enthusiasts from all over the world congregate in Zermatt. The ski areas have reliable snow at an altitude of around 3883 meters between Zermatt and Breuil-Cervinia, lies the highest ski area in Switzerland, the Matterhorn ski paradise - 360 kilometers of blue, red, black and yellow runs promise fantastic skiing! Ski the three main ski areas of Rothorn, Gornergrat or Matterhorn Glacier, and then ski across the border to Cervinia, Italy for lunch. Guests can use modern lifts and cable cars, including the recently opened Matterhorn glacier ride! Zermatt offers an incredible variety of terrain for all levels of skiing or boarding in addition to incredible vistas, and terrain that constantly changes character with 38 towering mountains and pristine slopes! If you're looking for off-piste skiing, you'll find lots of it in Zermatt as well. There are plenty of large and rarely skied areas with blankets of white powder gold awaiting your challenge.

Zermatt is also renowned for its "all-inclusiveness" and no use of cars in the village – electric-cars and horse-drawn sleighs and carriages are the only transport allowed. If you are a non-skier/boarder? Zermatt boasts a myriad of other activities such as snowshoeing, winter hiking, tobogganing, and helicopter sightseeing flights. And let's not forget our day trips and excursions to other exciting cities should you want a break from skiing and boarding. Hourly Swiss train service is available from Zermatt to towns (Sion, Martigny, Lausanne etc.) where day trips can be made to visit Roman ruins and medieval castles along with other sightseeing opportunities.

Our lodging is Hotel Perren. Our Club stayed at the Hotel Perren in 2003 and a few current members still recall our great time there. Hotel Perren is a family-run establishment at the foot of the Matterhorn. The typical Zermatt atmosphere is tangible throughout the friendly family hotel. The Perren, Bregy and Kronig families and their team attend to your individual requirements. Our half-board restaurant LA MONTANARA and the ala-carte restaurant LA BARRIQUE offer local and international specialties from the kitchen and wine cellar every day. [www.hotel-perren.ch/](http://www.hotel-perren.ch/)



## Majorca, Spain - 4 NIGHT EXTENSION

January 29 – February 2, 2022



Mallorca (Majorca) is one of Spain's Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean. Imagine an island with turquoise blue waters, secret coves, soft golden sands, lush green foliage, rugged mountains, picturesque villages and a vibrant capital city. The island and its capital, Palma, are overflowing with character, while its beaches are famous all around the world. The locally produced foodie delights and wines, delicious traditional cuisine and first-class restaurants with Michelin stars have only added to its appeal. But that's not all. An island steeped in history, Mallorca boasts charming villages, historic sights, an artisan and cultural scene.

A few things to do are:

- Hike parts of the Serra de Tramuntana, a major mountain range that runs along Mallorca's western coast
- Make day trips to the national parks on the neighboring islands of Cabrera and Dragonera
- Tour the gothic Palma Cathedral, located in the island capital of the same name

- Visit the History Museum at Bellver Castle, a former military prison and one of only a few circular castles in Europe
- Spend the day exploring village of Valldemossa, a former home to famed artists Frédéric Chopin and George Sand
- Bike your way through the bucolic village of Sa Calobra
- Spend the day sunning yourself on Magaluf Beach

Our hotel is Puro Palma, a boutique design hotel with connected beach club and restaurant converted from a XVII century palace in Palma de Mallorca's old quarter (La Lonja district). The hotel features 2 rooftop terraces and rooms are contemporary design, style and comfort and come with 52-inch plasma TVs and free WI-FI. The hotel is situated in the famous area La Lonja Palma's finest boutiques, galleries and restaurants and nightlife, as well as the harbor and the cathedral are within walking distance. Puro Palma is also the only urban hotel with two beach clubs. With hotel shuttle service to Purobeach, Palma guests can experience the best of the island. The hotel Bar & Restaurant serves fresh Mediterranean and Asian cuisine and daily breakfast is included.

**Payment Schedule (per person):**

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- July - \$500
- August - \$500
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A passport is required for this trip and your passport must not expire 6 months past our return to the USA.

**Trip Insurance: Trip insurance is recommended but is NOT part of the package price - see web page: <https://fvssc.wildapricot.org/page-1319705>**

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## **Banff, Alberta - Canada - \$1,295**

**February 24 – March 1, 2022**

**TRIP COST: The 5 day Banff trip cost is \$1,295 (w/o lift tickets –\$950).**

### **The trip includes:**

- Air/ground transportation
- 5 nights Hotel lodging (2 per unit) with a hot and cold buffet breakfast
- 4-day Tri-Area (Big 3 mountains) lift Ticket.
- Trip Cost Reductions for Lifts: (3 of 4-Day - \$83, 4 Day SR -\$76, 3 of 4-Day SR - \$120)

Banff is home to the world's finest ski resorts; immerse yourself in breathtaking scenery and magical runs all within Banff National Park in the Canadian Rockies. Located in the heart of Banff National Park are three of the world's finest ski resorts; Mt. Norquay, Lake Louise Ski Area and Sunshine Village. Banff skiing offers almost 8,000 acres of skiable terrain on one tri-area lift ticket, the seasoned skier or rider will experience plenty of chutes, bowls, steeps and terrain parks to explore, while beginners can get the same thrills on miles of green and blue runs. And all this in an area so spectacular the United Nations has declared it a World Heritage Site. Famous for light, dry powder snow, Banff /Lake Louise offers an unforgettable ski experience. When it comes to winter destinations – from fantastic skiing to cultural activities, great shopping, exciting nightlife and one-of-a-kind restaurants - Banff offers the complete ski trip.

While in Banff, we will be staying 5 nights at Caribou Lodge & Spa which a traditional mountain lodge style hotel with excellent facilities and a prime location. Located on Banff Avenue, just a minute's walk to the downtown shops and restaurants. Your room key doubles up as a free roaming bus pass for trips around town, whilst the ski shuttle to all the ski areas stops outside the hotel. A massive stone fireplace dominates the lobby as you walk in the hotel, and perfectly complements the warm and welcoming atmosphere. A flat-screen TV, mini-fridge, and in-room safe are provided in each room. Also included is a daily hot and cold breakfast buffet.

We will fly non-stop on United:

UA5774	24FEB	ORD/YYC	10:00AM	12:50PM
UA5877	01MAR	YYC/ORD	12:30PM	4:50PM

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**March 20 – 25, 2022**  
**\$1,625 (w/o Lift Ticket \$1,325)**

Sun Valley is America's original destination resort, often voted the number one ski resort in the US. Sun Valley is situated across two mountains: Bald Mountain (very sunny slope that's nearly all downhill) and Dollar Mountain (628 feet of vertical on a treeless slope). Baldy offers expert skiers and snowboarders a variety of challenging bowls and glades off the peak while Dollar Mountain is a beginner's dream with gentle, perfectly groomed slopes.



Sun Valley is serviced by a modern lift infrastructure and a well-designed trail system. The resort has terrain for all ability levels and has 2,154 skiable acres. The summit elevation is 9,150 feet with 2,400 feet of vertical drop. Base elevation is 5,750 feet. The area receives about 220 inches of snowfall per year. There are 121 trails serviced by 18 lifts along with 2 terrain parks, a Super Pipe and Jib Park.

The steepest run is Inhibition, which is 70% or 35 degrees, and the longest run is a total of 3 miles. The slope ratings are 36% beginner, 42% intermediate, 20% advanced and 2% expert. Snowmaking is available on 645 acres, and there are 55 snow guns. Groomed acres sit at 810 with snowmaking on 78% of these acres.



We are staying at the newly remodeled [Sun Valley Inn](#) (hotel rooms). The Sun Valley Inn opened its doors in 1937 and is still *where to stay* if you're looking for a welcoming and stylish place to lay your head. The Inn has gracious European-inspired décor with the finest fabrics, carpeting and wall coverings. Guests can head to the Ram restaurant for a gourmet bite and sip on a cocktail in the lounge, while the Village Station offers family-friendly food and fun. An exercise room adjoins the outdoor pool. The *Inn* offers a tranquil, yet forever timeless, lodging experience in

the heart of Sun Valley Village. With the same charming old-world character that originally inspired its construction in 1937, the *Inn* is now complete with its own steaming outdoor pool, fitness center, restaurants, lobby bar, and friendly staff.

While the exterior of this historic structure is reminiscent of an Austrian ski chalet, the rooms, convention spaces, and restaurants have been given a modern update. The Ram Restaurant, The Ram Bar, Village Station (formerly Bald Mountain Pizza), meeting rooms, and 97 guest rooms have been redesigned, restored, and in some cases, completely remodeled. A new archway has also been constructed, opening up a pedestrian thoroughfare similar to the one that existed in the original 1937 Challenger Inn.



The luxurious rooms are furnished with two queen beds, an in-drawer refrigerator, and a coffee and tea bar. Warm hues and earth tones create a soothing atmosphere, surrounded by soft light from the custom table lamps and high-efficiency windows. Enhanced wireless internet and a 55" television will keep us connected during our stay. The spa-inspired bathrooms have granite countertops, a walk-in shower, and wood accents.

**Lift Tickets:** The listed price includes a 4-day adult/senior lift ticket. A senior discount is not available, as our group rate is lower than any available senior ticket. With a multi-day tickets (three or more days) exchange one day of skiing for an in-resort credit for a variety of other activities. All activities and services are based on availability. Lift ticket must still be valid (not expired) to qualify for the Lift Ticket Exchange Program and exchange voucher must be presented at the time of the activity for reimbursement. No vouchers will be taken for purchases or activities that have already taken place

**Air:** Currently, we have air booked on United to Boise with a bus transfer to Sun Valley. Our plan is to have a direct flight into Sun Valley's Friedman Memorial Airport once they become available (240 days in advance).

**Payment Schedule (per person):**

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## 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.

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Hi

everyone!

I thought I would let you know that Laurie and I sold our store and will be closing Alpine Accessories at the end of July. We are retiring and looking forward to doing a lot of skiing. Unfortunately, there will not be another ski/snowboard shop here.

We are clearing out our remaining inventory. This is a good opportunity for club members to save some big money.

**Starting July 5th, ALL remaining inventory will be reduced 30% to 70%. AND if they mention the ski club name, they get an extra 10% off.**

It's been a pleasure working with all the clubs and we look forward to skiing with you now that we'll have some time.

Sincerely,

**Rick and Laurie Pasturczak**  
Alpine Accessories

The ten scariest ski slopes in the world according to HGTV - no certain order.

- Jackson Hole - Corbet's Couloir
- Squaw Valley - The Fingers
- La Grave, France
- Portillo, Chili - Super C
- Banff, Canada - Delirium Dive
- Mount Yotei, Japan
- Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia
- Selkirk & Monashee Mountains, Canada
- Chugach Mountains, Alaska
- Whistler Blackcomb, Canada - Couloir Extreme

Interesting that the Snowdrifters have been to at least five of the resorts but I'm not sure if anyone had the nerve to ski any of these runs.



## Snowdrifters' Calendar

- July 10<sup>th</sup>      Snowdrifters Tour de River Bike n Brew
- July 20<sup>th</sup>      6:30 PM      Board Meeting  
                      7:30 PM      General Meeting  
                                  @ Old Towne Pub in Geneva
- August 28<sup>th</sup>    Crosstown Classic - sign up is limited to 50 people  
                                  Guaranteed Rate Field

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