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President's Note:

It's a little too warm to be skiing in August, so instead I'm thinking about skiing and reading about skiing - mostly reading about trends in the ski industry. Take, for instance, the fact that ski days are up. The numbers had been trending upward prior to the pandemic and have now come back to pre-pandemic highs. That means more people skiing more days. Good for the industry, right? Maybe. We've also seen ski resorts (Vail in particular) with unusually long lift lines. Low employee counts are partially at fault, but the sheer numbers of folks at some resorts have contributed greatly to the long lift lines and some overcrowded slopes.

Overcrowding seems to be most prevalent at larger resorts tied to one of the big ski passes. While ski passes aren't new, they continue to gain popularity. However, with sales up and ski days up, it's one of the biggest contributors to overcrowded slopes and long lift lines. In fact, to help alleviate these issues, some of the top tier Ikon resorts are going to require pass holders to make reservations to ski next season. This includes some biggies like Jackson Hole, Aspen Snowmass, Taos and Big Sky.

Resorts are also fighting the congestion with new larger capacity, high-speed lifts. There are 85 new chairs coming to North America for the 2022-2023 ski season. Though some are replacing older, lower capacity chairs, many are new chairs covering more area. Opening new lift-accessed and backcountry ski area is another big trend of late. More runs at resorts should help with overcrowding, and the backcountry expansion is appealing to broad group of skiers looking for adventure.

It's not all perfect for skiers or the industry, but these kinds of growing pains are a healthy sign. Despite the high ticket prices, skiing in the U.S. is still going strong. I think it makes the Club stronger too. We've had a nice uptick in membership and we continue to get some great deals on skiing - at some of the best resorts in North America and Europe - and soon, South America.

By the way, there are 2,381 lifts in the U.S. and earlier this year, Peter Landsman, the lift supervisor from Jackson Hole, finished a 22-year quest to ride each and every one of them.

Greg Olson

President

MEMBERSHIP

New Club members:

- Lauren Ahasic
- Hilary McElligott
- Eric Slamans
- Tammy Slamans
- Amy Mayer
- Joel Petterson
- Sarah Stupegia

SOCIAL

The CMSC Picnic is Saturday, August 27th @ Norge Ski Jump
Home to Olympic Athletes from the 2018 South Korea & 2022 China Games.

DID I MENTION THE PICNIC IS FREE!! COMPLIMENTS OF C.M.S.C.

Norge Club House is available Friday night. This is a great opportunity for any clubs looking to get out and have game night or a club outing.

Camping will be available: Friday and Saturday nights for those wishing to stay over before and/or after the picnic. A bonfire will take place both Friday and Saturday nights.

Grilled food: Burgers, Hot Dogs and World-Famous Brats and Polish Sausage. Nonalcoholic beverages are also provided to keep you hydrated.

Gates open at noon on Saturday.

B.Y.O.B. Participants are allowed to bring in their own alcoholic beverages.

PLEASE TAKE A BRIEF MOMENT TO REGISTER!!!

**REGISTRATION: Can be found on the CMSC website skicmsc.com
Point to CMSC Events and click on CMSC Picnic.**

Group participation Games will be available throughout the day. Volleyball, Horseshoes, Bags and some Trivia to sharpen the mind.

Yes!! There will be a Ski Jumping!!!

Watch out when the world recognized Norge flyers take to the skies!!!!

Please contact Aeko Yoshikawa aeko@sbcglobal.net
for possible carpooling opportunities.

Learn to Stand Up Paddle Board

If you've never paddle boarded before or have a little experience and need some tips, then make plans to attend this Snowdrifters paddle board event.

When— Sunday, August 14th from 10am to 12pm

Arrive around 9:30 for signing in. Lunch after at the Quarry.

Where- The Board House located at Three Oaks Recreation Area.

5517 NW Hwy., in Crystal Lake, IL.

Cost— \$39 for Snowdrifters members. \$55 for guests. Pay at the event.

There is a \$5 per vehicle parking fee so carpool if possible.

Event leader— Rick Pasturczak Call 847-354-8004 with questions.



The Board House is located on a 350 acre lake. You can see 20 ft. down in the crystal clear water. The lake has 5 bays, 8 islands, and plenty of fish and wildlife. Best of all, **NO motor crafts** to disturb you while on the water.

Included in your cost is the paddleboard, paddle, vest & a 30 minute lesson.

This event is limited to 20 people so make your reservation soon. You must be 12 or older to attend. Dogs are not allowed on board or in the lake.

If you plan on attending, call The Board House at 847-943-7043 with how many.

Afterwards, we will be meeting at The Quarry for lunch outdoors which is on the other side of the park. You can walk there or drive.



SNOWDRIFTERS' PICKLEBALL!



Saturday afternoon, July 9th, over 20 Snowdrifters and friends gathered at the Warrenville Park District to learn America's hottest sport: Pickleball.



The resident pro, Tony Malia, gave two hours of instruction which saw everyone advance from basic skills to actual games. Laughter and friendly rivalry were both noted! No matter your level of skill, this game is fun for everyone.

Après-Pickleball, many in the group continued the good time with pizza and beer at The Town Tap/Al's Pizza, also in Warrenville. A unique combination of a pizzeria and a Wisconsin style bar, connected by a swinging door. Order your pizza and it's delivered to you in the bar. Perfect!

Here's to seeing Snowdrifters on the local courts this summer!

Submitted by: *Gail Daley*

SYCAMORE SPEEDWAY JULY 16TH



16 plus Snowdrifters enjoyed an evening out on Saturday, July 16th. We started the evening with dinner at Sorrento's steak house with some lively conversation, drinks and dinner. (I had dinner for days - see next page). We then went across the street and enjoyed a number of different stock car races with fireworks topping off the evening. Fun was had by all!!!

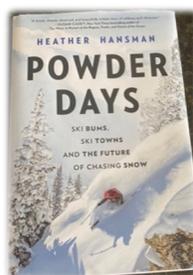
Submitted by: *Eileen Parsons*



BOOK SHARE



Heather Bunyard has handed off One By One to Joe Hopp



John Gamble is now reading Powder Days



Trip Coordinators' Corner:

Seems like a strange time to be thinking about skiing, but we are and are excited to announce one more trip for 2023! We have finally been able to get Portillo, Chile put together for September 5th-12th, 2023. This trip had been originally scheduled for 2020 and was cancelled due to COVID. In fact, the ski area did not even open last year due to COVID. But right now the ski area is receiving EPIC snowfall, so we are excited that we will be able to offer it next year. WE need a commitment though by the end of August if you are going due to a ten person minimum requirement to book the trip.

As far as the other trips: Crested is full with a waiting list, we have 50 people going including some Club members that will meet us there. All of the other trips still have some room on them, so don't delay in signing up because they are filling up. Also, if you are considering going to Paganelli, you may want to consider buying euros now they have never been cheaper - almost 1:1. All of the trip leaders have been working hard on planning some special events for their trips so it should be a great season, thanks to all for their work.

Look forward to seeing you soon and skiing together.

John and Frank



January 8-13, 2023

WAITING LIST

5 nights (Sun-Fri) at the luxury **ski-in/ski-out** [Elevation Hotel & Spa](#), RT air from Chicago to Gunnison and ground transfers.

A Crested Butte ski vacation is like no other, which is why it attracts a certain kind of ski vacationer; someone who is willing to travel further, go deeper and ski harder; someone looking for a unique, beautiful experience, not necessarily a convenient break from the “real world.” Crested Butte may lack the convenience of Colorado’s I-70 resorts, but it makes up for it with its spunky individualism, which is how it’s retained its acclaim as “the last great Colorado ski town.” The aesthetics of this place—the rugged, jutting and beautiful Mt. Crested Butte (the sharp peak to looker’s right of the ski area), quaint Victorian town and spectacular surrounding mountains—are enough to warrant a Crested Butte ski vacation.

SKI CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN RESORT: There's nothing quite like Crested Butte skiing. While it’s known for its technical, steep “extreme” skiing, the vast majority of Crested Butte’s terrain is intermediate to advanced intermediate. The top half of Mt. Crested Butte is renowned as the ski area's more challenging section, while the bottom half levels out to ideal beginner and intermediate skiing. Few resorts can boast such world-class, varied terrain. The frontside of the mountain, specifically, the trails off of the Red Lady Express, offer incredible, wide-open and relatively uncrowded beginner skiing. Intermediate skiers can enjoy quick laps off of Prospect and Gold Link Lift; while more advanced intermediates have tons of trail options off of Paradise and East River Express Lifts. Expert skiers can get their “extreme” on off the North Face Lift, Spellbound Bowl, Third Bowl and gate-accessed Teocali Bowl.

Lodging Information: Elevation Hotel & Spa: The 11,000 square foot Elevation Spa & High Altitude Fitness Center has nine therapy rooms to provide relaxing massages for your muscles, soothing body treatments for your skin, and refreshing facials for a beautiful complexion. Separate women and men locker facilities are equipped with steam room, showers, shampoo, and hair dryers. Each spa service offers access to one of our three tranquil relaxation rooms, equipped with soft music, cozy chairs, and a selection of beverages. Use of the extensive fitness center, pool, and indoor hot tub is included with all services to extend and enhance your spa experience. [Deluxe Double Queen rooms](#) have two Queen beds and an extensive list of [amenities](#) including large LCD flat panel televisions, granite kitchenettes with microwaves, mini refrigerators, toasters, and coffeemakers.

Payment Schedule (per person):

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

Trip Leader: John Gamble - john@johngamble.net
Assistant Leader: Jake Litchfield - jlitchfi@yahoo.com

QUEBEC CANADA

FEBRUARY 5 – 11, 2023

Price: Air & Lift Ticket \$2,020

Senior Air & Lift Ticket \$1,990

Non-Skier: Deduct \$280

Land Only: Deduct \$515

Six nights (Sun-Sat) - 3 nights in Quebec City and 3 nights at the **ski-in/ski-out Delta Hotels by Marriott - Mont Sainte Anne** , RT air from Chicago to Quebec City and ground transfers.



Join us for 6 fabulous days in Quebec. If you've never been to Quebec's Carnival before - this trip is a MUST. If you've been, you know it's hard to fit in all the festivities let alone three days of skiing. With this trip you can do it all!!

The largest and oldest winter carnival in the world, the Quebec Winter Carnival is a must-see event that attracts thousands of visitors each year. Hundreds of thousands of people from all over participate in the many activities taking place mainly outdoors, under the leadership of Bonhomme Carnaval, the king of the party.

Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985, Old Québec is the most intact fortified town north of Mexico, retaining its colonial architecture for over 400 years. It is the historic and cultural heart of Québec City, and the birthplace of French North America.

Wander through Petit-Champlain, one of the oldest shopping streets in North America, and discover the historic gems found inside the walls, including the fortified walls and ramparts. Explore the shops and marina of Old Port, and soak in the atmosphere of the Plains of Abraham and Parliament Hill.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We first arrive into Quebec City for our three nights stay at Manoir Victoria located in the heart of the historic, culturally vibrant and gastronomic activity of Old Quebec. Walk out the front door and

you'll be surrounded by the magic of Quebec City, steps away from Carnival venues, the Citadelle, fabulous restaurants and all that Quebec City has to offer.

Hotel Manoir Victoria extends a warm and friendly welcome in a distinctive and recently renovated décor. Amenities at the 4 star hotel include an indoor pool, sauna, Gym/Health Club, and an in-house restaurant, Chez Boulay. Standard rooms feature a private bathroom with bathtub/shower, heated floor, hairdryer, iron and ironing board, alarm clock radio with iPhone and iPod charger/player, mini fridge, complimentary Wi-fi, in-room safe, TV, working desk and Keurig coffee/tea maker.

Departing Quebec City, we will spend 3 nights at **Delta Hotels by Marriott - Mont Sainte Anne**. This hotel is located right at the foot of Mont Sainte-Anne and is only just over an hour from Le Massif and 30 minutes from Quebec City. On-site amenities include an in-house restaurant, convenience store, spa and game room. Standard guest rooms include 2 queen beds, pantry area with mini-fridge, complimentary bottled water, coffee maker/tea, in-room safe, alarm clock, USB outlets, writing desk, iron & ironing board, shower, hair dryer and international cable TV that includes CNN and Netflix. <https://www.marriott.com/>

Mont Sainte-Anne boasts 69 trails spread across three sides of the mountain offering ski terrain for all abilities. Enough terrain to keep us busy for two days. Mont Sainte-Anne is also noted for their impeccable snow conditions. Seek out the Sugar Shack for some snow taffy - a Canadian novelty.

We also have one day of skiing at Le Massif which has the highest vertical east of the Canadian Rockies and offers 52 trails and glades, Fifty-three percent (53%) of the trails are rated very difficult (double black) to get your quads burning. If double blacks are not your thing, no worry, there is top to bottom skiing for all abilities - and the views are incredible as the slopes appear to run right into the Saint Lawrence River.

Trip Includes:

- Round-trip Air Transportation
- Round-trip Transfers from Airport to Hotel
- Transportation from Quebec City to Mount Sainte Anne's
- Six nights' Accommodations
- 2-Day Adult Lift Pass at Mount Sainte Anne's (Feb 8, 9)

Payment Schedule (per person):

- Deposit \$750
- September \$250
- October \$250
- November \$250
- December Balance Due

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FEBRUARY 23-28, 2023

\$1,475 Adult four-day skiing
\$1,430 Senior four-day skiing

5 nights (Thu-Tue) at the luxury **ski-in/ski-out** Taynton Lodge, RT air from Chicago to Calgary and ground transfers.



Panorama is now an international destination renowned for long descents, incredible hot pools, and jaw-dropping heli-skiing. The resort is located on British Columbia's Powder Highway, at the heart of some of North America's best skiing.

Panorama has been blessed with perhaps the finest fall line in the country. You don't want steep-flat-steep-flat runs. You want a consistent pitch. Panorama Mountain rises 4,265 vertical feet and has more than 3,000 acres of terrain. It's not until you reach the summit of Panorama that you fully realize the magnitude of what our mountain has to offer. Panorama is also unique in that the resort offers daily heli-skiing and snowmobiling right from the village, giving guests an amazing experience of big mountains and deep snow.

One of the most appealing attributes of the Mountain Village is that it is, in fact, a village that is built for walking. Intentionally intimate, the resort.

Access is easy. Fly into Calgary and drive one of the world's great mountain highways through Banff and Kootenay National Parks.

ACCOMMODATIONS: TAYNTON LODGE

Overlooking the Silver Platter, these 2b2b premium condo units offer direct ski-in/ski-out convenience. Taynton Lodge has its own hot tubs but also offers free access to the Panorama Springs Pools. Village shopping, dining and Après are less than a 2-minute walk from the front door.



Payment Schedule (per person):

- Deposit \$600
- September \$200
- October - \$200
- November - \$200
- December - Balance Due

Trip Leaders: Brett Boor
Greg Bohman

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Paganella
My fun **SKI area**



Paganella & Verona, Italy - March 4 -15, 2023
Skiers with Pass: \$2,900, Non-Skiers: \$2,706

Trip Details:

- Roundtrip Air United
- 7 nights in 3*** Hotel Cristallo – Breakfast & Dinner included
- Entire Week Skipass (valid for night skiing also)
- Transfer to and from Airport (2 hours) to the hotel
- Tour & Tasting at the prestigious cellar of Francesco Moser (acknowledged World Cyclist Champion) - Meet the champion & taste his wines
- Winery Tour & Tasting at the Mezzacorona Winery Discover the taste of the famous Pinot Grigio flowing from the Italian Alps & the Dolomites
- 1 Night Skiing with Gala Dinner at the New Mountain Restaurant Dosson
- 1 Lunch at the Rifugio La Roda (2.125 mt)
- 1 Happy Hour at the Rifugio Dosson
- Non-Skiers will be provided with 3 Gondola runs to reach restaurants for organized activities on the mountain.
- Trip to Riva del Garda on Garda Lake (just 40 minutes transfer from the resort) Visit of the village, shopping
- Visit to Trento historic center, shopping
- Three-day extension to Verona Italy & 3 night in Hotel Mastino Verona
- Single Room Supplement - \$770



We will be staying seven nights at the Hotel Cristallo in Andalo which is ideally set between the Brenta Dolomites and the Paganella ski area. The hotel provides elegant accommodations in front of the cable car station. With a balcony overlooking the mountains, all rooms at the Cristallo feature wooden furniture and an alpine-style modern décor. Each comes with a flat-screen TV and private bathroom with a bath. At La Perla wellness center, guests can enjoy free use of a sauna, hot tub and Turkish bath. An indoor pool, sensory showers and sun terrace are also available at no extra charge. A buffet breakfast is

prepared every morning as well as nightly dinner. A ski storage service is provided daily and free Wi-Fi is provided in all common areas.

Verona, Italy Extension - 3 Night

Verona is about two hours from bustling Milan and touristy Venice. It is a welcome sip of pure, easygoing Italy. Made famous by Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers, Verona is Italy's fourth-most-visited city and second in the Veneto region only to Venice in population and artistic importance. There are so many things to see and do in Verona. You can see the Arena di Verona, Juliet and her house, Torre dei Lamberti, Castelvecchio, and its bridge, Piazza delle Erbe, Giardino Giusti and more. Additionally, available are day train trips (30min - 2 hours) from Verona to a number of sites and towns. Venice is 1 hour by train and Milan 2 hours!



Our hotel in Verona is Hotel Mastino just a 5-minute walk from the famous Verona Arena. Hotel Mastino is located in Verona's center and offers modern or classic-style accommodations. Daily breakfast is included and served buffet style



Payment Schedule (per person):

- Deposit \$1000
- September \$400
- October \$400
- November \$400
- December Balance 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.

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Snowbird, Utah - March 25th-30th, 2023

Price: Skiers with Pass: \$2,150, Non-Skiers: \$TBD

Trip Details:

- Roundtrip non-stop air from O'Hare to SLC
- 5 nights in Cliff Lodge, Canyon Lodge 2 guests per unit
- 4 days of lift tickets
- Transfer to and from Salt Lake Airport to the resort with a grocery stop
- Welcome Breakfast and Mountain Tour
- Club Dinner

Snowbird resort is a year-round ski and summer resort located in the heart of the Wasatch National Forest on the eastern border of the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy. It is 29 miles (47 km) from Salt Lake City International Airport, 24 miles (39 km) from downtown Salt Lake City and 4 miles (6 km) east of the suburb of Sandy. The resort first opened in December, 1971.

Snowbird shares Little Cottonwood Canyon with Alta Ski Area to the east, just up the canyon over a ridge that separates the two. Beginning winter 2002, the two resorts offer a joint day pass and a joint season ticket allowing full access all of the terrain on both mountains: 26 ski lifts and tows and a skiable area of 4,700 acres (19 km²). The collaboration coincided with the opening of a new lift in Mineral Basin, a large bowl owned by Snowbird on the back of Snowbird's Hidden Peak and Alta's Sugarloaf mountains that had been skiable within the resort since 1999. The installation of Baldy Express in 2002 allowed access to Alta from the Basin. Other access points between the two resorts exist as well. The offer is open to skiers only, as a result of Alta's skiers-only (no snowboarders) policy.

Both areas receive more than 500 inches (1,270 cm) of snowfall per year due to lake-effect enhancement from the Great Salt Lake, making them the second snowiest ski areas in the United States (after the ones in the Cascades). In contrast to the humid and wet conditions in the Cascades near the Pacific Ocean, the arid condition of the Great Basin produces very dry and powdery snow, making Snowbird and Alta top global destinations for powder-skiing aficionados. Another benefit of being East of the Great Salt Lake is that salt from the lake provides the condensation nuclei that creates ice pellet snow that doesn't pack like normal snowflakes. Loose powder for days after a snowfall is common. On very windy days the salt is lifted thousands of feet and has been known to coat the windshield of airplanes flying into Salt Lake City.

Snowbird, which operates primarily on privately owned land, usually closes on Memorial Day in late May while the occasional ski year can last as long as the Fourth of July on the upper part of the mountain (accessed by the aerial tram), perennially offering the longest ski season in Utah as

other Utah resorts must close earlier because they are on Forest Service land. Snowbird has a skiable area of 2,500 acres (10.1 km²) with a vertical drop of 3,240 feet (988 m) from the summit of Hidden Peak, which has an elevation of above 11,000 feet (3,353 m). Hidden Peak is serviced by an aerial tram from the base area.



The Cliff Lodge at Snowbird is one of North America's most iconic ski lodges. The majesty of Little Cottonwood Canyon can be explored from the views each room provides whether facing Snowbird's ski slopes or peering down the glacially carved canyons spilling into the Salt Lake City valley below. Enjoy ski-in/ski-out convenience and excellent service with a luxurious resort experience.

Within walking distance to Snowbird's pedestrian village, The Cliff Lodge offers comfortable lodging for the whole family and makes the perfect corporate event venue for all group sizes. An on-site ski rental and repair shop and complimentary ski lockers add to the convenience of the hotel. Other amenities include an exercise room, resort-wide internet service, room service, concierge and a state-licensed daycare facility.

After a day on the mountain, relax at the outdoor pool or The Cliff Spa. Open year-round, a heated swimming pool and 2 hot tubs are located outdoors on Level 3. Located on the 9th and 10th floors, The Cliff Spa features over 30 treatment and salon services, yoga studio, fitness center, rooftop pool and hot tub. Access to The Cliff Spa is available for guests for an additional fee.

Payment Schedule (per person):

- Deposit \$750
- September \$250
- October \$250
- November \$250
- December Balance Due

Trip Leaders: Shari & Dan Dalziel
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Midwest Trip to Ironwood/Bessemer, MI in the beautiful Upper Peninsula
January 26 – 29, 2023

\$350 Skier **

\$190 Non-Skier

3 nights (Thursday – Saturday)

Lodging TBD based on best value for the Club. Options being considered are the Indianhead Ironwood Motel or condos/chalets at Big Powderhorn.

The Indianhead Ironwood motel is 6 miles from Big Powderhorn. In speaking with the owner and reading reviews this place seems to be a hidden gem. Among the amenities is a refrigerator in each room, a ski waxing room and a sauna. It is situated between Ironwood and Hurley. Ironwood is home to a great brewery and some nice eateries. And it is home to the world famous Stormy - Kromer hats! Hurley also offers great eateries and pubs.

We are waiting to hear back from Big Powderhorn on their lodging offerings and availability. This may be harder to coordinate due to numbers of attendees and lodging needs and the timeline for sign ups.

Big Powderhorn Mountain has 45 trails with 622 vertical feet on 253 skiable acres. It has 9 double chair lifts, a terrain park and 2 full service bars and restaurants. Last year the area had over 200" of snow!

For you non-skiers, like me, there is snowshoeing, fat tire biking and cross-country skiing at Big Powderhorn. And the Ironwood area offers many of the same.

As I continue planning I would LOVE to know if you would be interested in going to Big Powderhorn and, if so, what sort of room situation do you think you would be interested in – single, couple, 2 or more roommates, family? This information can help the lodging planning process.

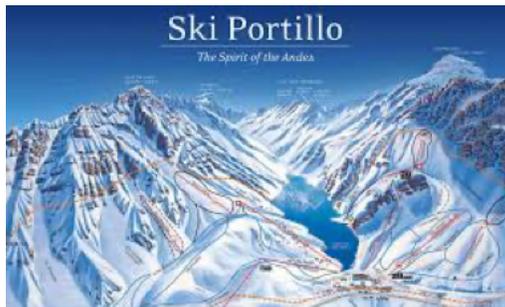
Payment Schedule (per person):

- **Deposit - \$50**
- **December - Balance Due**

Trip Leader: Maureen Joy
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Ski Trip to Portillo, Chile

Sept. 5th – 12th, 2023



\$3,400 per person (solid estimate)

Package Includes:

Airfare to and from Santiago (flights have not been booked yet, but planning on direct to Santiago from Chicago)

Transportation to Hotel Portillo at the Portillo Ski Area 4 nights – Sept. 5th – 9th

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 skiable 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

Bus Trip back to Santiago

Hyatt Centric 3 nights - Santiago - Sept. 9th – 12th

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
- All transfers

Payment Schedule (per person):

- Deposit \$300 due August 30, 2022*
- September \$1,000 due October 1st
- February \$1,000 due March 1st
- May Balance Due of \$1,100 June 1st

*Sorry for the short notice but we need to get 10 quickly in order to do this trip.

Trip Leader for additional questions:

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Snowdrifters' Calendar

Every Wednesday 9-11:30 a.m. @ Northern Illinois Foodbank in Geneva

08/14/22 - - - Paddle Boarding in Crystal Lake (see article for details)

08/23/22 - - - Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m. followed by General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Old Towne Pub in Geneva.

08/27/22 - - - CMSC Picnic

Dear Ms. Taknodivot, What did the snow flake say to the road??
Let's stick together!!!

Dear Ms. Taknodivot, What do you call a slow skier??
A slopepoke!!

Dear Ms Taknodivot, Where does a skier keep his money??
In a snow bank!!

That's all fokes.

(Taknodivot contributors: EP, MT, SL)

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