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Flakes from the Ski-E-O,

Heading into September with summer rapidly ending, I am thinking of nothing except Oktoberfest. I bet you thought I was going to say skiing. , Be honest, weren't you? There's still time for that and for you to sign up for Park City, Zermatt/Deer Valley, Mt. Bachelor in Bend, Oregon and for the bus trip in January. Our bus trip will be heading back to an old favorite, Marquette Mountain in Marquette, Michigan. The bus rides are a lot of fun and Marquette Mountain is a great Midwestern place to ski and not crowded like other Midwest resorts. Flannigan's Bar right across the street from our hotel is a great place to Après' ski and I'll bet we can even get Joe to sing 'Brown Eyed Girl.'

At the last meeting, the board approved to have our year end Christmas party at the Cheshire Club in Prestbury. Cheshire will provide us more space and privacy with better choices for food/appetizers and drink selections while at the same time keeping the costs down with more to offer. This year the party will be on Monday, Dec. 17th starting at 7:30 p.m. This should be a good reminder to go out and look for that special gift (about \$20) for the gift pursuit, which Pat I'm sure will make exciting.

Sure I'm thinking about skiing but now I'm in Oktoberfest mode and looking for all kinds of fests to go to. If any of you are looking to go with or have some to recommend, let me or Pat know. It would be great to have a good number of club members to celebrate with and have a good time. Last year we went to Lacrosse, WI and had a great time. Maybe we'll have our own Oktoberfest party at the Oktober meeting. Come to the September 17th meeting to help us plan an event and to sign up for remaining spots left on the trips.

Whether we're skiing together or getting together at our other out of ski season events, being part of the Snowdrifters makes it all the more special. Don't forget this coming weekend event at the Whiskey Acres tour in DeKalb. Sounds like a great time. Call or email Pat Quetsch to sign up.

Your Pre-Ski-dent, *Leo*



Membership

We currently have 104 members who have paid their dues. 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 and if you notice your name is listed more than once in the membership list please let me know. Thank you.

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

A warm welcome to Snowdrifters new members:

Mark and Lyla Nicholson
Larry and Barb Wolfrum
Thomas Kosog
Josephine Meisenger
Sherry Brandys
Frank and Marianne Gerry
Joe Kratochvil
Peter Marqui
Tom Wilson

Also a warm welcome to new Associate Members who will be joining the club on trips:

Mary O'Connor
Steve and Annette Rector
Richard Ahasic and Milinka Maksic

We Look forward to skiing with you!

Sue Stanciu, Membership Chair

Treasurer Tips

Trip Payments information.

When making out your checks for the upcoming trips it is requested to use the memo space to designate what trips and persons the payment is for as well as if you are including a membership fee. This will be very helpful to correctly account for your payments.

Thanks and enjoy the rest of your summer!

John Walsh
Treasurer

Social Section

9/8 - Whiskey Acres a very unique place in DeKalb County

We will all meet at 3:45 p.m. at [Whiskey Acres](#) at 11504 Keslinger Rd., Dekalb, Il. We will tour this facility and see how they make their spirits. There is taste testing! There is a \$10 charge but it includes the tour, tasting and a souvenir shot glass. The tour starts at 4 p.m. but they want everyone there 15 minutes before it starts. Then we'll go and get something to eat at [Lodi Tap House](#). This place comes highly recommended by Whiskey Acres. I will make the reservations for 6 p.m. Please email me by 9/5 at quetsch@sbcglobal.net if you want to join us and haven't told me yet.

GERMAN DINNER at Elburn Lions Club October 13th Saturday - 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Come join us at the Elburn Lions Club's Famous German Dinner! We plan on meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the Elburn Lions Park at 500 Filmore St., Elburn. Over the past few years, we have enjoyed this Buffet Style Dinner with choices consisting of: Bratwurst, Pork Loin, Spaetzel Dumplings, Gravy, Horseradish, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, German Potato Salad, Pretzel Rolls, and Dessert & Coffee. There is a Cash bar featuring German Beer and Wine. Prices are: Adults \$14 and Seniors (65 yrs. and up) \$13.

<https://www.elburnlions.com/events/german-dinner/>

Pat Quetsch

Social Director



MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN IN THE UPPER PENINSULA ONLY \$325!!!

January 4th -6th, 2019

(Depart: Friday afternoon (1:00 p.m.) – Home: Sunday evening (9:00 p.m))

This will be a “GREAT” warm-up trip for Zell am See and Zermatt Utah. Many of us can remember our last year’s trip to Marquette Mountain and it is our belief that this is one of the best places in the Midwest to ski. Marquette Mountain offers skiers and boarders a wide range of terrains to enjoy. No matter what skill level a person is at, the mountain provides something for everyone, with easy, moderate and difficult runs to satisfy the beginner and the expert. With a top elevation of 1,357 feet and a vertical of 600 feet, it is one of the Midwest’s highest mountains and one of the most challenging in both Michigan and Wisconsin. It features 25 runs, three chairlifts and one paddle tow, 169 skiable acres and over 210 inches of snowfall annually. For those looking to practice their ski jumps and boarding tricks, Marquette Mountain provides three terrain parks with hits, rails and trails for all skill levels. In the coming season, Marquette Mountain expands its backcountry runs, adding seven new trailheads.



Accommodations are at the Ramada Inn in downtown Marquette with swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna, restaurant, and lounge.

Enjoy a night at the Flannigan Pub across the street from the Ramada. Can’t go wrong with cheap beer, live band, and Karaoke.

Trip includes:

- Round trip transportation on bathroom equipped bus.
- Snacks and beverages on the bus on Friday.
- Saturday night Dinner at the Ramada (if we get 30 + persons for the trip)
- Two nights lodging at the Ramada Inn (Two per room).*
- Saturday and Sunday lunch and beverages at the hill with lift ticket.
- Sunday beverages on the bus ride home.
- (Lift tickets not included - 2018 price \$43/day)

*If we have an odd number of singles, the last singles that sign up will be tripled up with the last person getting the roll-away bed (unless someone wants to pay extra for a single room).

Trip Leaders: Sue & Dan Stanciu : skstanciu314@gmail.com

Zell am See & Malta

(go the Snowdrifter's website and open the July newsletter for more details)

January 25 – February 5, 2019

Sold out but a waiting list is established

Payment Schedule (per person):

- September \$400
- October \$400
- November \$315
- December Full Payment Due

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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Asst. Leaders:	Pat Quetsch:	quetsch@sbcglobal.net	
	Susan Walsh:	susielou@hotmail.com	

**February 20-25, 2019-DEER
VALLEY-SUNDANCE-PARK
CITY**

**Five Nights, Four days Skiing
with Air-COST: \$1,350**



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

**Selling fast don't wait
too long — Let's sell this out!!**



Our February western trip will be to Utah, February 20th to February 25th, 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 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**
- **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

Only a few opening left – “when they’re gone – they are gone”

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):

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- **September - 250**
- **October - \$250**
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APPLE CAKE WITH CUSTARD SAUCE

YIELD: 8

PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES

COOK TIME: 1 HOUR 10 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 cups sliced, peeled Granny Smith apples
- 4 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup softened butter
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 egg yolks, beaten
- 2 cups light cream
- (Option: add in pumpkin butter or plain pumpkin)

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9×13 pan with cooking spray.
2. Peel and slice apples; coat with the brown sugar and cinnamon by mixing together with a spoon or your hands, and placing in a 9×13 pan.
3. Mix the next 5 ingredients together (butter, sugar, flour, salt, eggs) to make a crumble. Place on top of the apple mixture.
4. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.
5. To make the custard—in a saucepan, over medium heat—stir together the sugar, cornstarch, salt, eggs, and cream. Stir constantly until smooth and thick. Stir in 1 tsp. vanilla.
6. Spoon the warm sauce over individual servings.

Snowdrifters' Calendar

SAVE THE DATES

September 8th Whiskey Acres and dinner

Whiskey Acres 4:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

September 17th

Board Meeting 6:45 pm

General Meeting 7:15 pm