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Bad Gastein, a great group destination in the Austrian Alps.
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Message from the President

Time to Start Thinking Winter

Keith L. Fanta

Well, we're halfway through spring, and summer is right around the corner.

The first round of lawn fertilizing should be done and the sound of lawnmowers is in the air, Baseball fans have hope no matter their team, though a few hockey and basketball teams remain in the playoffs. The winter of 2011 left more than the average number of memories, but they're starting to fade away.

Skiing and snowboarding are the furthest things from anyone's minds, right?

Wrong!

Our ski and snowboard clubs have already started planning for next winter. Our members may not spend 12 months a year on the slopes, but the slopes are on our minds for all 12 months.

Not that we dislike spring, summer and fall; we love those seasons also. We'll be on the links, lakes, rivers, beaches, forests, streets, mountains, canyons and trails with our boats, clubs, canoes, rafts, kayaks, wave runners, backpacks, tents, climbing gear, bikes and skates.

But snow and winter are never out of our minds. Whether it's around a campfire, in a canoe, at an outdoor concert or anywhere else, there are two topics that are sure to come up. Sometimes the lead topic is a memory of a great run from last winter, sometimes it starts with a discussion of where we'll be skiing and boarding next winter. Either way, our common bond is getting out on the snow and enjoying winter.

If you love hitting the slopes as much as our members do, then you should really consider joining one of our clubs. We're dedicated to winter, but not exclusively committed;

we love winter, but we need to spend time with all the seasons.

Check out the club features in this magazine and see if you can find a club that fits your interests. If you need more help, go to our website, where you'll find all of our clubs listed, and check their profiles. Most have different activities going on, and those are great ways to get to know some of the club members.

By late summer our clubs will have their 2011-12 trips listed in our database and you'll be able to find out if any of our clubs are going to your favorite destination, or maybe that destination you've never been to or wanted to try.

In the meantime enjoy the weather, have fun, and start thinking winter.

Keith L. Fanta *President*
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Chicago Week 2011 In Telluride

Long Live Butch and Sundance.... We Most Definitely Continued the History

By Sue Finis, Trip Leader

Telluride was in for quite a shock when 250+ of us (13 ski clubs represented) invaded the town and Mountain Village to kick off Chicago Week 2011 from Feb 26-March 6. We had over 150 people staying at the Mountain Village and the rest staying in lodges and inns in the town itself. We couldn't have asked for better weather or hospitality. The sun was out most of the time, the temperatures were in the 30s, the skiing was fantastic, and the socializing was in full force.

We were bumped at the last minute from our informal "Meet and Greet" venue on Saturday evening. That, however, didn't stop everyone from meeting and greeting on their own. Many of the group headed down the street to Smugglers for cocktails and a bit to eat. It was like old home week that night, greeting and toasting to an upcoming week of skiing and fun.



The Nomads sported their Western duds at the welcome reception.



Photo by Rick Drew

A Western ambience flavors Telluride, one of Colorado's top ski resorts.

Fitting right in with our Chicago Week 2011 theme of "Long Live Butch and Sundance...Let's Continue the History," everyone received a piece of "loot" at the first three social events of the week. As the story goes, Butch and Sundance left some of their "loot" in Telluride. Most was worthless fools gold, but it was the unknown number of valuable pieces of "loot" that had people excited. Was theirs a winner or not? A total of 140 said "You've Struck Gold" and were exchanged for prizes, ranging from gift certificates from Telluride merchants to ski accessories from Viking Ski Shop in Chicago.

Our welcome reception on Sunday evening had us all on "sugar highs" with a beautiful dessert and candy buffet. Many of the group dressed up with cowboy hats, cowboy boots, bandanas, holsters, etc. We even had a few stick horses in the mix. The best dressed and most spirited couple was Evelyn Vanek and John Hawkinson from Nomads.

We had a beautiful sunny day for our mountain lunch at Gorrano Ranch on Monday. Our barbecue lunch was served from a large snow and ice table made by Telluride Ski Resort. Food was aplenty and so were smiles as Rick Drew, our volunteer photographer,

made his way through the group taking pictures. He also took club pictures against a gorgeous background of sun, sky, and snowy mountains. The pub crawl in town on Monday evening brought out quite a crowd. Many made their first stop at the New Sheridan, which was filled almost to capacity with Chicago Week people. The second pub, the Llama, was also very popular. The number of pub crawlers dwindled as the evening wore on as some of us decided to call it a night a little early due to the altitude.

Tuesday morning Rick took action pictures on Peek-a-boo run. Again the sun was in the right place at the right time. Telluride Ski Resort hosted a scavenger hunt (on skis and in the Mountain Village) for us. We had a total of 14 teams (six people per team) skiing the mountain looking for answers to Telluride trivia while those on foot scoured the Mountain Village for the same. Prizes were awarded to the top five teams, and all scavengers had a blast. That afternoon we took over Smugglers Pub and Brewery for our first official après-ski party of the week. Mike, the owner of Smugglers and a former Chicagoan, served never-ending appetizers and offered us a fabulous selection of beers on tap. Smugglers' four-person shot ski was also a big hit.

Wednesday was the traditional "no CMSC events planned" day. Again, the weather was almost perfect. Many chose to take advantage of what seemed like spring skiing weather and hopped on the slopes for a day of true spring skiing – 45 degrees and sunny! Others took advantage of "retail therapy" and/or strolling through the streets in the quaint town of Telluride.

Over 100 of us raced down (or as I call it, skied around the poles) the Nastar course on Thursday morning, challenging ourselves in hopes of winning a bronze, silver, gold or platinum Nastar medal. For some of us, our hope was to just cross the finish line standing up. Rick has great shots of each racer on the course. You can see how cool you look on the CMSC website, cmscphotos.com - click on the "Events Gallery" link. There was no rest for Rick—he was ready at the top of lift #4 Village Express at 1 p.m. with his camera for "stationary" picture taking. Rick hand-picked the best background for these shots and even took multiple shots to show our better sides. At the end of this picture-perfect day of skiing, we headed over to Gorrone Ranch for an après-ski party, fueling ourselves with appetizers and beer.

Sad to say, Friday was our last day (for most of us) of skiing this magnificent mountain. The morning started out with snow, snow and more snow billowing down - and let's not forget the wind Friday morning

either. It was quite the challenge to ski Friday morning, but who can complain about snow! By midday, the sun was shining and the winds subsided. Another beautiful day of skiing in Telluride!

Our farewell "Get Out of Jail" party had us eating, drinking, dancing and recapping the week with each other for some five hours. I myself lost my voice on Friday night....a little too much fun....never.

We'd like to extend our thanks to Winter Ski and Sport and Viking Ski Shop for their sponsorship, Telluride Alpine Lodging for our in-town contingent, and Telluride Ski Resort for our Mountain Village contingent and all the assistance in planning and executing a great week. Thank you, Telluride, for the hospitality shown to us by everyone in Telluride. Most importantly, thank you to all of the participating clubs (Chicago Friars, Duneland, EISCL, Fort Wayne, Hustlers, Inland, Lake Shore, Nomads, Omaha, Sitzmark, Skihasen, Skunk Hollow and Thunderbirds) and their club trip leaders who made this week one for the history books.

Long Live Butch and Sundance...we most definitely continued the history!

Don't forget to check out all of Rick's photos on the CMSC website (cmscphotos.com – click on the "Events Gallery" link). Rick did an amazing job documenting Chicago Week 2011–Telluride for all of us to reminisce and for those of you who have never been on a Chicago Week to see what I'm talking about ...we'd love to have you join the fun in Steamboat next year for Chicago Week 2012.



Many Chicago Week participants struck gold and came home with prizes.

Ski the Boat! Chicago Week 2012 In Colorado

What's not to love? It's the Old West, Billy Kidd, Champagne Powder – and it's Leap Year so we get an extra ski/board day in February. It's Chicago Week with all its great events, old and new friends, and great skiing and boarding. The 31st annual CMSC Chicago Week trip will be held Feb. 25-March 3, 2012 at Steamboat Resort. Get your club signed up or join one of the CMSC clubs already participating in the trip.

Chicago Week is a great time, and it's not just your average ski and snowboard trip. It will start with a welcome party the first night and have you going non-stop until the final night bash on Friday. You'll come back exhausted but grinning with some great stories to tell.

Steamboat is actually an entire mountain range with five peaks - Mount Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak, Pioneer Ridge and Christie Peak. With 2,965 acres of terrain, there's something for skiers and boarders at all ability levels. Mother Nature blesses Steamboat each year with an average of 350 inches of



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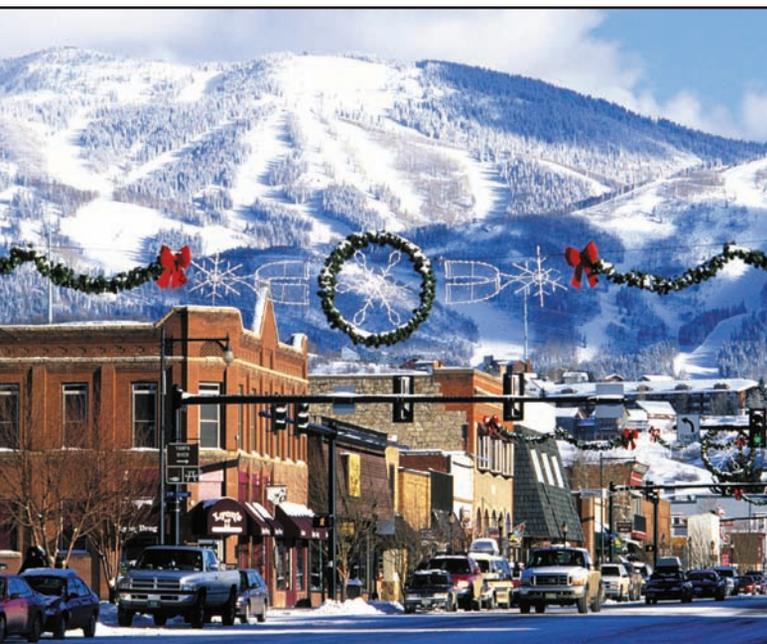
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In addition to the skiing, visit the town of Steamboat Springs, a town with a century-old history. Lincoln Avenue downtown offers dining, nightlife, shops, boutiques and art galleries in an Old West atmosphere. Enjoy a wintery stroll in town, wandering in and out of the many shops, or dine at one of the many great restaurants. Other local offerings include the nearby hot springs, hot air balloon rides, horseback riding, snowmobiling and much more.

This year's Chicago Week trip offers a wide range of lodging properties. Trip package includes roundtrip airfare to Denver or Hayden, ground transportation from/to airport, 7 nights lodging, 5- or 7-day lift ticket, and the aforementioned parties and fun events.

To join us, contact one of the participating clubs listed on the CMSC website or contact CMSC.trips@gmail.com

See you there!



Old West charm flavors the town of Steamboat Springs.

Summer Club Activities

The past ski season provided plenty of fond memories, but now CMSC clubs are gearing up for warm-weather fun. The sampling of off-season events here gives an idea of what clubs have planned this summer; additional trips and events will be announced as the summer begins. Details can be found on the clubs' websites.

Fort Wayne Ski Club has a full summer of activities planned, beginning with a summer-long tennis league. The activity attracts non-skier members who make up a nice percentage of the membership and who participate in monthly parties held from September through April. For the last several years and again this year, the club will have its Luau Party at the lake cottage of one of its members. The potluck barbecue carry-in lasts from noon until who knows when, with time to boat, swim and play games. Additional plans include a whitewater rafting event in West Virginia, a canoe/kayak trip on the Pidgeon River in Northern Indiana and a golf outing. (fwsc.org)

The **Thunderbird Ski Club**, after a ski season with six Western trips and two fun-filled Northern weekends, is preparing for a busy spring and summer. The golf league begins play on May 6. Serious golfers and duffers are welcome to join in on Friday evenings. Following nine holes, golfers adjourn to the 19th for dinner and socializing. Four picnics highlight the summer, with anywhere from 150-200 members and guests enjoying good food and good company. Wednesday summer socials are also well attended.



The club's spring golf weekend is June 3-5 at Hawk's Eye Golf Resort near Bellaire, Michigan. The annual Canoe/Summer Sports Weekend is planned for Aug. 12-14 in Oscoda, Michigan. The fall golf weekend is in the planning stages. (tbirdskiclub.com)

Sitzmark Ski Club's annual events include the golf outing, Oktoberfest party, Cubs-Brewers game at Miller Park, Wolves game and the Pig Roast party. Two camping trips are usually planned. The July ritual trip has been tubing/camping at Little Wolf River campground near New London, Wis., with about 60 to 70 attending. Other non-winter activities include canoeing, rafting, biking, festivals, hiking, Ravinia concerts, wine and beer tasting tours, and pool parties. (sitzmarkskiclub.com)

Nomad Ski Club of Chicago, Inc. not only skis hard but plays hard. Throughout the year you can find its 190-plus members on a cruise ship, rafting, canoeing, volleyball, biking, hiking or dancing. The club has two picnics every year (spring and fall). Planned for this summer are a bus trip to Ravinia (outdoor concert), walleyball, comedy night (club) and scuba diving/snorkeling, just to name a few fun-filled activities. (chicagonomads.com)

Summer activities offered by **Ibex Ski and Snowboard Club** include weekend and weekday bike rides, volleyball, golf, camping, scuba, dinners, Ravinia, wine tastings, plays and picnics. Volleyball is played at 6 p.m. Mondays at Busse Woods. Golfers will gather June 11 for the Scramble Outing and BBQ. There is a "Fall Colors" weekend getaway. (skiiibex.com)



Hustlers Ski Club

Piccadilly Ski Club's activities include happy hours, bike rides, plays, pub crawls, hiking, laser tag, ice skating, camping, bowling, movie night and an annual picnic in August. The first pub crawl of the year will be May 7, with a bike ride on May 14. (piccadillyskiclub.com)

The 170 members of **Hustlers Ski Club** pay close attention to social interests as well as exhibiting a passion for snow adventures. Last fall the group kicked off trip signups with its annual pic-(a-trip)-nic party and followed that up with a November mini-vacation to San Francisco and the wine country. It's looking ahead to another picnic and early trip leading up to the 2011-12 season. But before that, the Hustlers are planning a full summer of golfing, biking, bowling, plays, tours and other events. (hustlersskiclub.com)

Duneland Ski Club's summer activities include Bike, Hike, and Blade, a weekly event at 6 p.m. Tuesday night at Countryside Park in Portage, Indiana. On the annual camping/canoe trip, the group canoes the Pine River and camps in Wellston, Michigan (near the Caberfae ski area) the weekend after the Fourth of July. Food is catered to the campsite. (dunelandskiclub.com)



Piccadilly Ski Club

Chicagoland Club 50 – Ski and Sports offers a host of summer and fall activities. Golfers gather every Thursday for nine holes and lunch around the Chicago area. Bike rides are planned each month from May through September as well as regular bowling outings, horseback riding, canoeing, sailing, concerts at Millennium Park, Cubs games and a day at Arlington Park. (ski50.com)

Vagabond Ski and Social Club of Milwaukee offers many summer activities, including bike trips, canoeing, golf, tennis, softball, volleyball, sailing, festivals, lake parties, and U.S. and foreign trips. (vagabondskiclub.com)

Chicagoland Club 50 – Ski and Sports



Pine Point Ski Club offers a full year of social activities. Annual favorites include a camping/biking trip, dinner nights in various restaurants and picnics downtown. (pinepointskiclub.com)

Sanctuary Ski and Snowboard Club plans an extensive bicycling schedule this spring and summer. It also has an annual banquet, picnic and golf outing. Volunteers organize a “bar of the month” and have a wine-tasting planned. Other activities include sporting events, theater outings, kayaking and concerts. (skisanctuary.org)

Skunk Hollow Ski and Snowboard Club is planning a number of exciting summer events, including a camping trip in June. An early fall trip to Michigan is already booked. Past social events have included weekend camping trips, bike ride/barbecues, outdoor movie night, a murder mystery party, dances and fall ghost tours. (skunkhollowskiclub.com)

Schussboomers Ski and Snowboard Club of Milwaukee's off season will be filled with kayak outings, the Jersey Boys, various festivals throughout the Milwaukee metro area and the Susan G. Komen Run for the Cure. (schussboomers-wi.com)

Rock Valley Ski Association is looking forward to its usual Monday night trail riding in Rock Cut State Park this spring and summer. Other activities may include lake parties, hikes, kayaking/canoeing and social gatherings. (skirockford.org)

Snowseekers Ski Club this summer will enjoy bike rides, outings to Ravinia, plays, dinners and the annual summer picnic. (snowseekers.org)

CMSC Winter Carnival, 2011

By Julie Pudlo

From March 11-13 the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council hosted the 2011 Winter Carnival at Ski Brule in Iron River, Michigan. There were 11 participating clubs from the Chicagoland area including ABSF, Champaign Ski Club, Chicago Friars, Four Winds, Lakeshore, Nomads, Pine Point, Sitzmark, Sitzmark Milwaukee, Sno-Gophers and Wild Bunch.

The weekend was packed with skiing, snowboarding, games, hot tubs and more. Club members enjoyed some fresh powder from the snow storm that hit early Saturday morning.

While they weren't carving through powder, participants enjoyed the Nastar racing course. Taking the lead for the males was Sno-Gopher Brian Grimes. Wild Bunch's Matthew Werning took second place. He was followed by Jason Claycomb from Pine Point in third place. Leading the females was Andrea Safranek from Pine Point. Debbie Clegg from Team Trent took second place. Anjelica Werning from Wild Bunch placed third. After lunch, skiers and snowboarders made their way over to the Homestead chair lift, where the "Chair Drop" game was taking place. During this game, participants were allowed to throw water balloons at a target in the snow while they were on the chairlift. The goal of the game was to hit the "bull's eye." The "Chair Drop" was a new game this year, and it proved to be the most popular.

Some club members dressed up for the costume contest on the bunny hill. The costume followed this year's Winter Carnival theme, "How Sweet it is to Ski Brule." Contestants came dressed as different types of sweets as well as other puns on the theme. The female first place



winner, Sue Finis from Chicago Friars, dressed as the "Sweet Smell of Success." She dressed in green with a blonde wig and a layer of dollar bills attached to her. The second place female winner, Juli Bohn from Wild Bunch, dressed as a Redi Whip, handing out cups of Jell-O and topping them with whipped cream.

The third place female winner, Teri Kenny from Sitzmark, dressed as a leprechaun, throwing out chocolate coins as she skied down the bunny hill. First place for the males was Steve Grant from Chicago Friars, who was a Girl Scout Cookie Bandit. The Pine Pointers helped Jason Claycomb snag second with his Twizzlers costume. Gab Crump from Wild Bunch took third place as the Candyman.

With the day coming to a close, everyone went back to their cabins to enjoy some time soaking in the outdoor Jacuzzi and prepare for their delicious BBQ chicken and pork dinner at the Homestead Lodge. After dinner, contestants tested their "minute to win it" capabilities in the "Oreo Cookie Face" contest. The goal of the game is to get an Oreo from your forehead in to your mouth within a minute using only your face muscles. This game was ruled by the females as the fastest time was in three seconds by female first place winner Ann Krammerer from Sitzmark Milwaukee. The first place male, Phil Skultey of Four Winds, came close with a time of five seconds. For the females, Anjelica Werning of Wild Bunch and Alyson Godbolt of Sno-Gophers placed second and third, respectively. For the males, Steve Grant of Chicago Friars and Jim Cornelius of Vagabonds placed second and third, respectively.





Wild Bunch's Matthew Werning, clad in boxers, takes first in the Slush Cup.

As the “Oreo Cookie Face” wrapped up, many club members migrated to the Brule Lodge bar area, where they enjoyed dancing and socializing. After a while, many people branched off to their cabins, some indulging themselves in another visit to the outdoor Jacuzzis.

The next morning, the early risers attempted the “Elephant March” game, where players wear nylons on their heads with a softball in the end to simulate an elephant trunk. The objective of the game is to ski down the bunny hill while trying to knock down as many pop bottles as they can while being timed. While thought to be a skier’s game, the winner with the lowest time was a snowboarder, Julie Pudlo. Following the females in second was Ciare Watson of Sno-Gophers. Andrea Safranek took third for Pine Point. Wild Bunch claimed all the male winners for this game—Gab Crump in first, Matthew Werning in second and Bryan Jones in third.

The final game of the trip was one of the old-time favorites, the Slush Cup. During this game, any brave skiers and snowboarders could tempt their fate by skiing/riding down a hill and crossing a 40-foot pond of nearly freezing water at the bottom. Those who didn’t make it across the pond fell into it. The fastest person to cross the pond was Pine Point’s Andrea Safranek, with a finishing time of 13 seconds. She was the only woman to cross the pond. Wild Bunch’s Matthew Werning took first for the men with a time of 13.9 seconds as he skied smoothly across the freezing pond wearing nothing but his boxers. Bryan Jones held up the Wild Bunch fort by taking second with a time of 14.2 seconds. Although he had a minor visit with the pond, Brian Gurney of Four Winds still managed to hit the finish line, with a time of 15.2 seconds. Honorable mention goes

out to the other two women who attempted the Slush Cup—Sue Finis and Julie Pudlo, the only snowboarder to brave crossing the pond.

At the awards ceremony, the ultimate male, female and club for the 2011 Winter Carnival were revealed. Matthew Werning from Wild Bunch and Andrea Safranek from Pine Point were crowned the Ultimate male and female, respectively. Steve Grant from Chicago Friars received second followed by Wild Bunch’s Bryan Jones in third.

The weekend was packed with *skiing, snowboarding, games, hot tubs and more.*

For the females, Sue Finis from Chicago Friars placed second, followed by Anjelica Werning in third. With 24 active participants, Wild Bunch claimed the Ultimate club award. With 11 active participants, Four Winds placed second, followed by Chicago Friars, with 10 active participants, in third.

As the weekend came to a close, everyone seemed sad to be leaving. The whole weekend had been filled with laughter, fun and games, which had now come to an end. Run by Debbie Clegg and the rest of her committee—Jon Clegg, Carley Clegg, Bryan Jones, Julie Pudlo, Anjelica Werning and Matthew Werning—the Winter Carnival proved to be a big hit.

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Chamonix Mont-Blanc, France

By Emily K. Weber

Chamonix, resting in the Rhone-Alpes region of southeastern France, shares a summit with Mont-Blanc, Europe's highest mountain at approximately 15,780 feet. The views are breathtaking, making Chamonix an extremely popular destination for skiers and mountain enthusiasts. A bustling town of 10,000 with a quaint Old Town area laced with cobbled pedestrian streets, France's oldest ski resort boasts authentic alpine flavor.

Home of the first Winter Olympics in 1924, Chamonix prides itself on being a hub for winter sports. With well-packed downhill ski slopes and famous off-track skiing routes, it caters to skiers and snowboarders at a variety of skill levels. Amongst the ski trails on five mountains, the Grand Montets ski area reaches a height of 10,750 feet. Skiers and snowboarders can descend adjacent to the Argentiere Glacier across 10 miles of powder. Annual snowfall for the area is 264 inches. Skiers enjoy a long season, with lifts open into May.

The Breverent and Flegere ski areas have been linked by a cable car since 1997 and offer some of the most stunning panoramic views of the French Alps. Slopes at Breverent and Flegere are available to skiers of all levels with the highest peak at 8,284 feet. Accessible from the villages of Le Tour and Vallorcine, the snow-covered pastures offer a variety of ski and snowboard options on two



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different mountainsides. On Charamillon, riders can enjoy wide-open gentle slopes that provide views overlooking the entire Charmonix Valley; on the Vallorcine side you can ski tree-lined slopes bordering Switzerland. The highest peak reaches 7,447 feet. Just two minutes from the center of town, Les Planards is a low valley ski area reaching a summit of 4,074 feet. It provides a variety of runs for beginning to intermediate skiers. Strong intermediate and above skiers accept the challenge of the Aiguille du Midi, reached by a two-stage cable car. The 7,000-foot descent on and along the glacier of Vallee Blanche features glorious vistas dominated by Mont-Blanc.

If your group is not feeling up to downhill skiing, you can enjoy a leisurely journey or private tour through the forest on cross-country skis. Les Houches ski area provides leisurely forest runs for the pleasure of all skiers. Popular trekking, hiking and snowshoeing routes include the Haute Route and the Tour of Mont Blanc. Both routes take roughly 10 days to complete and take hikers over some of the highest peaks in the Alps.



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If you are in need of a day of pure relaxation, you can visit one of Chamonix's many spas to indulge in a massage, sauna or Turkish bath. Popular spas are Pre-Saint-Didier Spa and Le Spa du Mont Blanc. Other diversions range from casino gambling to shopping for French perfumes. Restaurants in town range from French and Italian to Japanese, Indian and Tex-Mex.

After long days of adventure you and your group will be able to rejuvenate by spending your nights in anything from a tent to a four-star hotel. Hotel Hameau Albert 1er provides a comfortable setting with a variety of rooms including deluxe rooms with fireplaces. Guests can relax in the spa center and enjoy a gourmet meal at the restaurant, which has earned two Michelin stars.

Auberge le Bois Prin is a charming hotel with 10 comfortable rooms offering spectacular views. After a recent renovation, Ski B&B offers a luxurious and laid-back atmosphere that can comfortably sleep 21 guests in a variety of rooms. Located at the foot of the Glacier de Bossons, Ski B&B is near many mountain activities. Cremerie Du Glacier is located in Chamonix Valley beneath Mont-Blanc and the Glacier des Bossons. Its friendly atmosphere provides a relaxing stay for all guests.

Chamonix is situated 54 miles from Geneva-Cointrin airport, 136 miles from Lyon-St-Exupery airport and 106 miles from Turin-Caselle airport. Transportation from these airports to the village is by taxi, bus or train.

Chamonix Mont-Blanc is a prime destination for travelers with a wide array of activities available, comfortable accommodations and breathtaking views of the French Alps.

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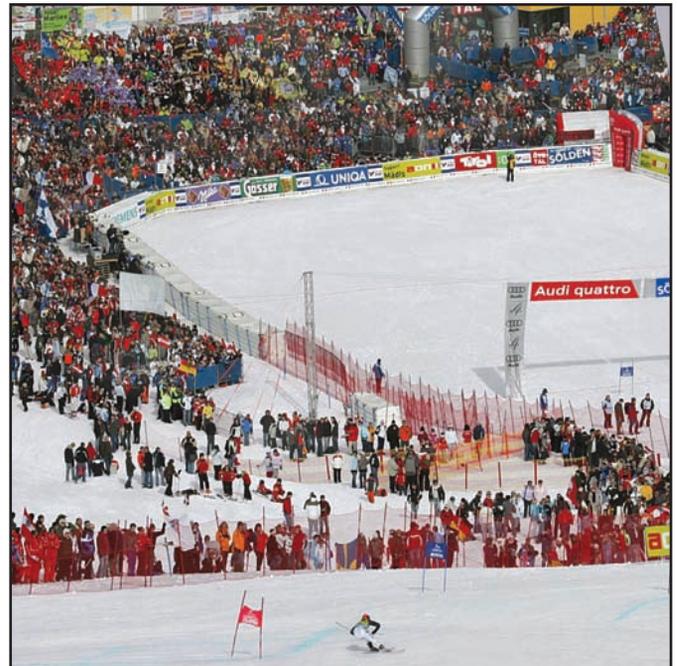


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New & Noteworthy in Europe

Austria

Tirol, a region in West Austria popular for its ski resorts that offer state-of-the-art infrastructure and services, is to invest in new projects for the 2011/2012 season. One project is **Ötztal's Gaislachkogel Gondola**. The new aerial passenger line features eight-person gondolas with a capacity to carry 3,600 per hour, taking skiers to the top of Sölden's Gaislachkogel (oetzta.com).



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Sölden, a hub of winter activity in Austria's Ötztal Valley

Two new aerial passenger lines have been built in **Kitzbühel**, a sports city at the foot of Hahnenkamm Mountain. The lines feature eight-person gondolas with weather cover and heated seats. (kitzbuehel.com)

At **SkiWelt Wilder Kaiser-Brixental**, the eastern passenger line has been renovated and converted into a gondola with children's seatbelts and a lifting platform for children. Another new attraction at SkiWelt is the Eiberg meeting point, including seating, umbrella bar and panoramic terrace along with free wireless Internet. (skiwelt.at)

Norway

Narvikfjellet, a ski resort in Narvik, offers some of the best and most extreme alpine skiing in Norway. Narvikfjellet offers nine ski slopes, all of which are maintained at a high standard, along with six ski lifts and a gondola line. There are also four unprepared slopes. With its views of the fjords and mountains, Narvik has long been known for its scenic setting. The skies are especially clear, allowing visitors to view the Northern Lights in the winter sky. (narvikfjellet.no)

Poland

The mountains along the southern border of Poland include a wide variety of resorts, ranging from fashionable towns such as Zakopane to smaller, more atmospheric villages. In the west, on the Czech border, are the Karkonosze Mountains, which reach a peak height of 5,249 feet. On these mountains are Karpacz and Szklarska Poreba ski resorts. In the middle of Poland are the Beskid Mountains, reaching almost 4,000 feet, and Szccyrk, Wisla and Ustron ski resorts. On the Slovakia border in the east are the High Tatra Mountains (nearly 8,000 feet), home of Zakopane, the “Winter Capital of Poland.” (zakopane-life.com)

Russia

In Sochi, the site of the **2014 Winter Olympics**, the men’s and women’s ski halfpipe event will make its debut. The rise in popularity and international interest in the sport through the Winter X games influenced the International Olympic Committee’s decision to include the event. The games will take place in two clusters in Russia—one in a mountain cluster in Krasnaya Polyana and another in a coastal cluster in Sochi. The Sochi Olympic Park will be constructed by the Black Sea coast in the Imeretin Valley. (sochi2014.com)

Sweden

For those craving some mountain time in Scandinavia, Sweden’s 34 ski resorts offer a variety of options. **Edsasdalen** is located in a beautiful old village with opportunities to cross country ski from your doorstep. Thirteen runs are accessible on the mountain via six different ski lifts and are able to accommodate 2,300 skiers and snowboarders per hour. At Klappen, which is a part of the **Salen Ski Area**, skiers and boarders have access to 87 miles of downhill skiing with 86 different runs and 100 ski lifts. A pass enables you to ski at both Klappen and another Salen resort, Lindvallen. (visitsweden.com)

Switzerland

Bergün, a popular skiing and sledding destination, is set to open a new railway museum in the summer of 2012. Visitors can learn about the history of the Albula railway tunnel, built in 1898, that connected the villages of Bergün and Bravogn with Stugl and Stuls. Topics will include the beginning of the steam age combined with special exhibitions and a model railway shop. (berguen-filisur.ch)

After a three-month closure, **Pilatus Kilm** on Mount Pilatus, reopened to the public in February. The work done on the area included remodeling at the Pilatus-Kulm Hotel, featuring a new sun terrace, and a new self-service restaurant in the Hotel Bellevue. Accesses to the Oberhaupt viewpoint and dragon gallery are also opened to the public. Building work is set to be completely done on the mountain by May 2011, with a reconstructed panorama gallery opening. (pilatus.ch)

Saas-Fee, the main village in the Saas Valley, is located close to the glaciers of Dom and Allalinhorn, providing

opportunity for a wealth of winter sports. Apart from the traditional skiing and snowboarding, Saas-Fee offers winter-canyoning in the Gorge Alpine. Taking place in the Fee gorge between Saas-Fee and Saas-Grund, the tour led by a mountain guide features climbing through the frozen gorge using cable pulleys, hanging bridges, ladders and iron pegs. Highlights include climbing past frozen waterfalls. Saas-Fee also features ice-climbing tours, for all levels of expertise, from beginners to advanced. Saas-Free, known for its ice-climbing, was home to the Ice Climbing World Cup in January 2011. (saas-fee.ch)

Schwarzsee is home to a new bed and breakfast, Anna’s Bed and Breakfast, featuring remodeled rooms, wi-fi Internet and balconies overlooking the mountains and lakes. It is located within a few steps of Schwarzsee’s ski lifts, restaurants, shops and tourist office. (annasbnb.ch)

Along with skiing, Switzerland offers another way to enjoy the snow with over 150 toboggan runs. The longest toboggan run in Europe, “Big Pintenfritz,” runs for over nine miles with a vertical drop of 5,351 feet as it starts at the Faulhorn winding down to Grindelwald. Prodalp-Flumserberg features a two-mile toboggan run from Prodalp to Tannenheim, ideal for families.



Saas-Fee, Switzerland

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Alpine Valley Resort

By Emily K. Weber

Alpine Valley is the largest ski resort in Southern Wisconsin. Located in Elkhorn, off of Interstate 43, Alpine Valley is within easy driving distance of Chicago, Milwaukee and Madison. The mountain features 12 lifts, two high-speed lifts and 20 ski runs ranging from beginner to expert mogul runs with 388 feet of vertical skiing. The longest run is 2,500 feet.

Alpine Valley has a terrain of 90 acres, making the mountain enjoyable and petite while offering the greatest height difference among ski mountains within an 85-mile radius. On average, seven feet of fluffy snow fall on the mountain every year, keeping Alpine Valley well covered during the winter season.

With seven green, seven blue, and six black ski runs, groups can utilize the variety of terrain based on their skill level. If your group would prefer to perfect their skills together, evening lift ticket and group lessons are available Monday through Thursday. Enjoy the company of one another while riding the mountain beneath the night's sky. Midweek adult group lessons are also available in a ski package from Monday through Thursday. The package includes a day lift ticket, skis and boots, poles and a two-hour group lesson. Lessons are available for kids of all levels through the Alpine Valley Ski School program. Other special lift-ticket rates are available for Men's Day (Wednesdays) and Ladies' Day (Thursday).

Groups with 15 or more skiers and boarders can take advantage of specially priced lift tickets, and all resort-goers have the option of purchasing a hotel-ski combination package. Season passes are available for those who plan to ride the slopes on a regular basis.

After long days of skiing the mountain, your group can enjoy on-slope lodging and recreational activities. Alpine's European design and secluded location makes it a resort that stands out amongst others in the area. With a warm and welcoming atmosphere, Alpine Valley Resort Lodge houses 123 guest rooms, four suites, indoor pool and whirlpool, dining rooms and cocktail lounge. Space is available for special events of up to 300 guests.



Donald S. Abrams

Other popular accommodations are available near Alpine Valley. If your groups want a change of pace from the snowy mountain, consider the Timber Ridge Lodge and Waterpark in Lake Geneva. Timber Ridge offers a cozy atmosphere featuring spacious suites with kitchenettes, whirlpool tubs, fireplaces and year-round water park.

The Lodge at Geneva Ridge in Lake Geneva features 144 guest rooms and can accommodate everyone from couples to families to business groups. One- and two-bedroom private villas have full kitchen facilities. Guests can enjoy professional spa treatments ranging from pedicures to a full body massage.

The Inns of Geneva National is located in the Geneva National Resort Community in Lake Geneva. Each Inn provides the comfort and ambiance of a private residence while including the services of a world-class resort. Amenities include fieldstone fireplaces and private patios.

Alpine Valley provides fun outdoor adventure with relaxation, an ideal combination for any group getaway. Ski the mountain during the day and then lounge by a fire in the evening. Alpine Valley offers activities and accommodation for all groups to enjoy.

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New & Noteworthy in the Midwest

Michigan

Boyne Mountain's third annual Skitoberfest will take place Oct. 1. The fall extravaganza celebrates fall with food, entertainment and activities at Boyne Mountain Village. It also celebrates the upcoming winter season with a Snowsports Summit, featuring representatives from ski clubs, race clubs and equipment manufacturers to answer any questions the public has regarding the upcoming ski season. (boyne.com/boynemountain/annualevents/Skitoberfest)

On June 11, **Boyne Mountain** will feature a three-mile running race known as the Dirty Dog Dash. What sets it apart from other races are challenging obstacles, including mud and crawling through barbed wire. The goal is to create a race that is both demanding and accessible to anyone who wants the test. Bands, food and merchandise vendors will be on hand from the start of the race. Registration deadline is May 1 for a discounted entry fee of \$45, and June 1 for the regular fee of \$50. A portion of the fees will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. (dirtydogdash.com)

Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa in Thompsonville has announced plans to install a new ski-under quad chairlift opening for winter 2011-12. Construction is set to begin this spring. The lift will increase uphill capacity and skiable terrain on Loki and Thor and service the nine adjoining slopes. The lift terminal, a \$1-million-plus investment, will be constructed close to Camp Totem, the resort's learning area, and include a loading conveyor providing beginners an easier transition to the mountain. Crystal will also add tower-mounted snowguns and related infrastructure to increase snowmaking capacity for this portion of the ski area. Installation of the new chairlift will not interrupt summer operations of the Crystal Coaster alpine slide or the Mountain Adventure Zone,

which facilitates ticket sales for the alpine slide, kids' programs and paintball course. The existing Loki triple chairlift will continue to service the alpine slide until early fall, at which time it will be removed to complete construction on the new lift. Crystal is a family-owned, four-season resort with 36 holes of championship golf, one of Golf Magazine's Top 25 Golf Schools in America, a one-acre outdoor water playground, the Crystal Coaster (Michigan's only alpine slide) and Crystal Spa. (crystallmountain.com)

The upcoming 54th season at **Nub's Nob Ski Area** in Harbor Springs will feature nine new snowguns, all new rental skis, boots and bindings (with rocker technology in the skis) and a new Junior Alpine Race program. The resort offers 53 ski slopes and trails on three separate peaks. (nubsnob.com)

Wisconsin

Devil's Head Resort and Convention Center in Merrimac is currently upgrading its snowmaking system performance for the 2011/2012 ski season. Upgrades include increasing water capacity and extensive water line upgrades. These upgrades will allow Devil's Head to increase snowmaking ability during low snowfall times of the season. (devilsheadresort.com)

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Big Sky, Montana

By Rick Heinz

Big Sky, a Boyne resort, is located in Southwest Montana. Sprawling across three peaks, it has a total of 3,812 acres with 150+ named runs.

Big Sky boasts the second longest vertical drop in the country at 4,350 feet. The area has a variety of terrain, dependable snowfall and no lift lines.

In addition to all the great skiing offered at Big Sky, there is another resort, Moonlight Basin, which shares Lone Peak with Big Sky. Both resorts are accessible on an optional, interconnecting ticket called the Biggest Skiing in America Pass. Combined, there are over 5,500 acres of skiable terrain between both resorts, creating the largest continuous area of skiing in North America.

Big Sky is not difficult to get to, nor is it hard to get around the place. You can fly directly to Bozeman or make a connection in Denver. The direct flight takes about two-and-a-half hours. Once in Bozeman, cars can be rented or a shuttle service can be used for about an hour-long drive following the scenic Gallatin River (where the movie *A River Runs Through It* was filmed). If a grocery stop is requested, it is



usually done in Bozeman, but there are smaller grocers closer to the resort.

The Mountain Village, where the hotels and condos are, has free shuttle service to get between the lifts and different lodging sites (many of which are slopeside anyway). It can also take passengers down to the Meadow Village, the primary residential area, for additional retail and restaurants.

Big Sky and Moonlight Basin offer a plethora of beautifully furnished, independently owned condos, townhouses and cabins, but clubs would probably be more interested in the hotel lodging at Big Sky in order to accommodate a large group at an affordable price. The Huntley Lodge is a slopeside accommodation managed by Big Sky Resort. It has hotel-style rooms, some of which have lofts. This feature eliminates the requirement for clubs to sign up an even number of members for the trip. The Huntley has one of the best complimentary breakfasts around with a rotating hot menu buffet and omelet bar.

Group leaders of clubs staying at The Huntley are typically given a comp to stay in a condo unit at Shoshone, a building connected to The Huntley Lodge. The condo units provide a large enough space for get-togethers and parties. The other place popular with clubs is The Lodge at Big Sky. This is not owned by Big Sky but is accessible to its

mountain by short walk or shuttle bus. The Lodge serves free light meals in the evening and organizes games and special activities.

For non-skiers in the group, or for a change of pace from the typical ski trip, there are several alternative activities in Big Sky. The HuntleyLodge/Shoshone has Solace Spa, for a day of pampering. There is snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Big Mountain also has a zip line tour high above the ski runs and a twin zip line that runs over the base area.

Some guests spend a day at Yellowstone National Park, only 48 miles south of the West Entrance. There are Snowcoach tours to see Old Faithful, and van trips to see wolves and other wildlife. For a truly unique ski trip, Yellowstone tour guides can take the group for a day-long tour through Yellowstone and Grand Teton to spend the next day skiing Jackson Hole. All non-skiing activities can be scheduled through the Basecamp in the center of the Mountain Village.

For more information on Big Sky, contact Victor DeLeo, sales manager for the Northern USA, at 406-995-5891 or vdeleo@bigskyresort.com. (bigskyresort.com)



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New & Noteworthy in the West

Canada

Canadian Mountain Holidays (CMH), the world's oldest and largest heli-skiing and heli-hiking operator, has expanded its packages for the upcoming 2011/2012 season. The Adamant Lodge package features the first CMH lodge devoted to small-group skiing. The lodge will include access to two Bell 407 helicopters, capable of handling groups of five skiers and a guide. This package will be available for CAD \$8,750 for seven days. The Monashee Lodge package is now offering late-season, small-group tours that feature a Bell 212 helicopter for three groups and a Bell 407 for two groups. While most of CMH's lodges do not offer easy access to nearby towns, the Kootenay Lodge package now offers a small-town setting tucked between two mountain ranges. Four- or five-day sessions for groups are also available at these locations, reduced from seven. (canandianmountainholidays.com)

Nevada

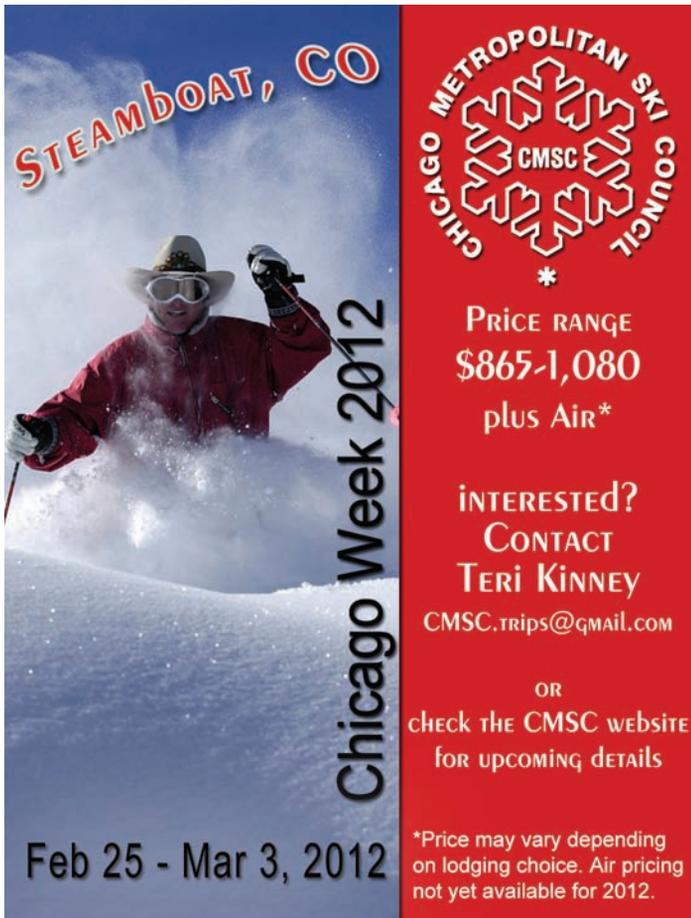
Northstar-at-Tahoe year-round resort on Lake Tahoe, recently purchased by Vail Resorts, is to undergo \$30 million in upgrades. The improvements, to be implemented before the 2011/2012 season, include a high-speed chairlift to serve a newly expanded area of ski trails and a 500-seat restaurant constructed at the top of the Tahoe Zephyr Express lift. The village of Northstar will also be expanded to include new national retail outlets, such as Patagonia and Burton, and a restaurant. (northstarattahoe.com)

Idaho

Silver Mountain Resort in Kellogg is celebrating its 20th birthday this year. In 1990 the resort constructed the world's longest single-stage gondola. In honor of its 20th year, Silver Mountain is getting a new gondola haul rope, weighing more than 120,000 pounds and more than 6.2 miles in length. It will be installed in early November 2011. The resort will also celebrate its birthday with special events throughout the season, including the annual "Pray for Snow" party in November. (silvermt.com)

Utah

The Canyons Resort in Park City has added new terrain to the southern end of its property. Around 300 acres facing northwest was opened on Iron Mountain. An additional 10 runs, ranging from intermediate to advanced, were cut. While already boasting the largest single ski and snowboard resort in Utah, this additional terrain brings Canyon Resort to a total of 400 skiable acres. The resort has also installed North America's first and most technologically advanced chairlift in the world. The lift resembles an orange bubble, featuring an enclosed quad lift with heated seats. The uphill capacity for the resort is increased by 47 percent, taking only nine minutes to reach the top. (thecanyons.com)



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1. 400 Ski Club

www.400skiclub.com
Meets at: Elks Club
 495 Lee St., Des Plaines, IL
Comments: check website or call (312) 919-0048
Club Contact: Cal Nykanen
 (773) 769-5328/calski400@gmail.com



2. Alpine Ski Club

Meets at: Schwaben Center
 301 N. Weiland Rd., Buffalo Grove, IL 64489
Comments: On 1st Wed every month at 8:00pm
President: Hans Kendl
Club E-mail: johnkendl@sbcglobal.net



3. American Blind Skiing Foundation

www.absf.org
Meets at: Contact or call
President: MaryJo Morse
 (815) 455-8206/mjmorse@sbcglobal.net
Club E-mail: absf@absf.org



4. Aqua Adventures

Meets at: various locations near Berwyn, IL 60402
 On 1st Tue every month at 8:00pm
President: Nettie Napravnik
 (708) 704-4828/nettie_nap@hotmail.com



5. B.U.C. Ski and Social Club

Meets at: Sawas Restaurant
 9200 W. Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL 60155
Club Contact: Mike Thomas
 (630) 543-4328/mike-mike1@att.net



6. Battle Creek Ski Club

www.battlecreekskiclub.com
Meets at: Miller's Time Out
 13260 Helmer Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49016
Comments: On 2nd Tue of every month
President: Betsy Watson
Club E-mail: shastawat@sbcglobal.net



7. Bloomington-Normal Ski Club

www.bnski.org
Meets at: various locations
 Bloomington, IL 61702
Comments: Check website
President: Sherrill Leslie
 (309) 530-6314/pres@bnski.org
Club E-mail: bnskiclub@yahoo.com



8. Boeing Employees Ski Club - St. Louis

www.besc-stl.org
Meets at: Boeing Facility
 St. Louis, MO 63166
Comments: On 3rd Wed every month
President: David Allsop
 (314) 777-9277/david.allsop@boeing.com
Club E-mail: david.gianino@att.net



9. Champaign Ski Club

www.champaignskiclub.org
Meets at: various locations
 Champaign, IL 61821
Comments: On 2nd Tue after the 1st Mon every month at 7:00pm
Club E-mail: ski@champaignskiclub.org



10. Chicago Friars Ski and Bike Club

www.chicagofriars.com
Meets at: Ricochet's Tavern
 4644 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60625
Comments: On the 1st & 3rd Mondays every month at 8:00 pm. Look for us in the back of the bar.
President: Steve Grant
Club E-mail: chicagofriars@gmail.com
Trip Chair: Lynn Newton
 (773) 381-3558/lanskis@comcast.net



11. Chicago Police Ski Club

www.chicagopoliceskiclub.com
Meets at: Gem Bar & Grill
 2700 S. Loomis, Chicago, IL 60608
Comments: On the 1st & 3rd Mon from Sep-May and 1st Mon only from Jun-Aug at 7:00pm



12. Chicagoland Club 50 - Ski and Sports

www.ski50.com
Meets at: various locations in the Chicago area
Comments: check website for location and times of monthly Sun evening dinner meetings
President: David Utley
Club E-mail: davault@comcast.net
 05/14/11-10/01/11 Monthly Bike Rides
 05/22/11-05/22/11 Dinner Meeting at Emmett's Tavern & Brewing Co.
 06/16/11-06/16/11 Wrigley Field
 08/25/11-08/25/11 Wrigley Field
 10/02/11-10/08/11 Lost Valley Ranch

13. Downhillers Ski Club

www.downhillers.org
Meets at: O'Donoghues Irish Pub
 13225 Watertown Plank Rd., Elm Grove, WI 53122
Comments: On 2nd Tue from Oct-Apr at 7:30pm
President: Robert Schueller
 (414) 427-4883/president@downhillers.org
Trip Chair: Mary Cummings
 (414) 771-2434/trips@downhillers.org



14. Duneland Ski Club

www.skiduneland.com
Meets at: Gary Sportsmen Club
 10101 Madison St., Crown Point, IN 46307
Comments: On 1st & 3rd Mon every month at 7:00pm pending holidays or events, check website calendar for current meeting dates
President: Ed Gordon
Club E-mail: edskates-indiana@yahoo.com
Trip Chair: Ginnie Moffitt
 (219) 663-0174/lgmoffitt4426@att.net

15. East Iowa Ski Club

www.eastiwaskiclub.com
Meets at: People's Church Meeting Room
 600 3rd Ave., Cedar Rapids, IA 52406
President: Kim Robu
Club E-mail: president@eastiwaskiclub.com



16. Elmhurst Ski Club

www.elmhurstskiclub.com
Meets at: Elmhurst Public House
 683 W. St. Charles Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126
Comments: On 1st Tue from Sep-Apr at 7:30pm
Club E-mail: luke38@sbcglobal.net



17. Fireside Ski Club

Sanfratello's Pizza
 127 W. Main St., Glenwood, IL 60425
President: Rich Patterson
 (219) 926-2376

18. Fleetwind Ski Club

Meets at: Dugan's
 128 S. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60661
Comments: On 2nd & 4th Wed from Sep-Apr and 2nd Wed only from May-Aug at 8:00pm
President: Bill Gleason
 (630) 969-6185/chicagobillskis@yahoo.com
 05/25/11-05/30/11 Arapahoe Basin



19. Fort Wayne Ski Club

www.fwsc.org
Meets at: Elks Lodge
 4935 Hilligas Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46818
Comments: On 1st Fri from Sep-Apr
President: Mark Luttkik
 mluttkik@lodgian.com
Club E-mail: skiclubfw@aol.com



20. Four Seasons Ski-Adventure Club

Meets at: Connie's Pizza
 1170 E. Iroquois Ave., Naperville, IL 60563
Comments: On 2nd & 4th Wed of every month at 8:00pm
Club E-mail: birdspa@aol.com

21. Four Winds Ski and Social Club

www.fourwindsski.org
Meets at: Real Time Sports Bar & Grill
 1120 W. Devon Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
Comments: On 1st Thu every month at 8:00pm
President: Mary Torricci
 lmtorto999@att.net
Club E-mail: info@fourwindsski.org



22. Gateway Ski USA

www.gatewayski.com

Meets at: C.J. Muggs Restaurant
Central and Bonhomme, Clayton, MO 63105
Comments: Meets monthly, contact President
President: Joe Racine
Club E-mail: J.L.racine@sbcglobal.net



23. Gelandesprung Ski Club

www.gelandesprung.org

Meets at: Sports Corner
500 Grant St., De Pere, WI 54115
Comments: On Tue before each trip at 7:00pm
President: Carl Williquette
(920) 434-2407/cwillusana@new.rr.com
Trip Chair: Richard Wortiska
(920) 856-6223/wortiska@doorpi.net

24. Hustlers Ski Club

www.hustlersskiclub.com

Meets at: Champp's Americana Sports Bar
955 E Golf Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173
Comments: On 1st & 3rd Tues from Sep-Apr at 7:30pm
and 1st Tues only from May-Aug at 8:00pm
President: Bob Meyer
(847) 705-8732/President@HustlersSkiClub.com
Trip Chair: Carl Buss
(773) 588-3459
Club E-mail: info@hustlersskiclub.com

25. Ibox Ski and Snowboard Club

www.skiiibox.com

Meets at: Gatsby's Pizza and Pub Inc
427 E. Rand Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60004
Comments: On 1st & 3rd Wed every month monthly for
booze n' schmooze at 7:00pm and official meeting at 8:00pm
President: Ed Fee
ibxpresident2009@skiiibox.com
Club E-mail: ibxmembership2011@skiiibox.com



26. Indianapolis Ski Club

www.indyskiclub.org

Meets at: Adam's Mark Hotel - Airport
2544 Executive Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46241
Comments: check website for meeting dates and times
Trip Chair: Dick Surber
Club E-mail: raskisy@sbcglobal.net



27. Inland Ski Club

www.inlandskiclub.com

Meets at: Langel's Pizza
2833 Highway Ave., Highland, IN 46322
President: Larry Douglas
(219) 949-6419/douglas375@sbcglobal.net
Club E-mail: support@inlandskiclub.com



28. J's Ski & Snowboard Club

sites.google.com/site/jsskissnowboardclub

Comments: Please contact us by E-mail.
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
President: Roy Nakagawa
Club E-mail: roysan0841@yahoo.co.jp



29. Joliet Ski Club

www.jolietskiclub.org

Meets at: Knights of Columbus
100 S. 129th Infantry Dr., Joliet, IL 60436
Comments: On the 1st & 3rd Thu every month at 7:00pm
President: Kathy Beaudry
(815) 485-9661/kjbeaud@att.net
Trip Chair: Sherry Lepacik
(815) 727-6162



30. Lakeshore Ski and Sports Club

www.lssc.org

Meets at: Goose Island Brew Pub
1800 North Clybourn, Chicago, IL 60614
Comments: On the 3rd Wed every month at 7:00pm-9:00pm
President: Andrew Kirby
president@lssc.org
Trip Chair: Scott McGarvey
western.director@lssc.org
Club E-mail: snowowlnw@msn.com

31. Latvian Ski Club

Meets at: St. Peter's Latvian Lutheran Church
450 Forest Preserve Dr., Wood Dale, IL 60191
Comments: On last Friday every month
Club E-mail: galeniaks@att.net

32. Lincoln Park Ski Club

www.lincolnparkskiclub.org

Meets at: John Barleycorn
658 W. Belden Ave., Chicago, IL 60614
Comments: On 1st & 3rd Tue from Oct-May at 7:30pm
President: John Douglas
Club E-mail: president@lincolnparkskiclub.org

33. Lincoln-Way Ski Club

Meets at: Contact President
President: Steve Gutschenritter
(815) 469-6442/smgutsch@aol.com
Trip Chair: Ginny Pesa
(815) 469-0123
Club E-mail: smgutsch@aol.com



34. Moraine Valley College Ski/Board Club

www.morainevalley.edu/skiclub

Meets at: Moraine Valley CC Campus
10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills, IL 60465
President: Michael J. Wade
Trip Chair: Michael J. Wade
Club E-mail: wade@morainevalley.edu



35. New Horizon Ski Club

Meets at: Contact President
President: Jerry Ramusack
(708) 895-2474/jerdonram@sbcglobal.net
Trip Chair: Roberta Ramusack
(708) 895-2474



36. Nomad Ski Club Of Chicago, Inc.

www.chicagonomads.com

Meets at: Mitch's Pub
13815 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood, IL
Comments: On 1st Wed & 3rd Thu every month at
8:00pm, Mitch's on 1st Wed and Gaelic Park on 3rd Thu
President: Edward Mitchell
Edwardm@aspnc.com
Trip Chair: Michael Habschmidt
habby555@aol.com



37. Nordic Fox Ski Club

www.nordicfox.org

Meets at: Ashbury's at Boughton Ridge
335 E. Boughton Rd., Bolingbrook, IL 60440
Comments: check website for meeting dates and times
Club E-mail: info@nordicfox.org



38. Norge Ski Club

www.norgeskiclub.com

Meets at: Norge Ski Club
100 Ski Hill Rd., Fox River Grove, IL 60021
Comments: On 1st & 3rd Tue every month at 7:30pm
Club E-mail: randalhansen@cs.com



39. Oak Park Ski Club

www.oakparkskiclub.org

Champps Americana
955 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173
Comments: On 2nd & 4th Tue every month for social at
7:30pm, and business at 8:00pm
President: Jackie Uznanski
juz382@yahoo.com
Trip Chair: Jeremy LaScola
jafo@foxvalley.net
Club E-mail: oakparkskiclub@sbcglobal.net

40. Omaha Ski Club

www.omahaskiclub.org

Meets at: various locations
Omaha, NE 68103



41. Peoria Ski Club

www.peoriaskiclub.info

Meets at: check our website
Peoria, IL 61612
Comments: check website for location and dates of
happy hours and social events
Trip Chair: Dave Durdell
(309) 692-0393/skidurd@sbcglobal.net
Club E-mail: psc@peoriaskiclub.info



42. Piccadilly Ski Club

www.piccadillyskiclub.com

Meets at: Emmett's Ale House
5200 Main St., Downers Grove, IL 60515
Comments: On 1st & 3rd Thu from Aug-Apr and 1st
Thu only from May-Jul at 7:30pm
President: Dawn Roche
rockaroc@ameritech.net
Club E-mail: comeskiwithus@piccadillyskiclub.com

43. Pine Point Ski Club

www.pinepointskiclub.com

Meets at: O'Donovan's
2100 West Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60618
Comments: check our website or Meetup site for the
latest meeting location and time
Club E-mail: pinepointskiclub@yahoo.com

44. Powderdogs Ski and Snowboard Club

www.powderdogs.org

Meets at: Lou Malnati's Pizzeria
8515 Redtail Dr., Lakewood (Crystal Lake), IL 60014
Comments: On 1st Tue every month at 7:00pm,
pizza at 6:30pm
President: Ryan Pasturczak
Club E-mail: powderdogs@gmail.com



45. Rivercity Ski Club

www.rivercityski.com

Meets at: Starved Rock Yacht Club
Dee Bennett Rd., Ottawa, IL 61350
Comments: On 3rd Mon every month at 6:00pm
President: Jane Vahle
(815) 357-6613/jvahle@sbcglobal.net
Trip Chair: James N. Boisso
bumbordski@aol.com



46. Rock Valley Ski Association

www.skirockford.org

Meets at: Thunder Bay Grille
7652 Potawatami Tr., Rockford, IL 61108
Comments: On 2nd & 4th Tue from Aug-May and 2nd
Tue only from Jun-Jul at 7:30pm
President: Jim Mulcahy
(815) 967-7777/jamesasc@comcast.net
Trip Chair: Jack Wonderlick
(815) 877-7767/wonderhinds@aol.com
Club E-mail: gkaski_271@comcast.net

47. Sanctuary Ski and Snowboard Club

www.SkiSanctuary.org
Meets at: Cabana Charley's
 6315 Main St., Woodridge, IL 60517
President: Dennis Jackson
 dennis.jackson@hotmail.com
Trip Chair: Jeff Sapinski
 (708) 579-5333/jeff19@ameritech.net
Club E-mail: skisanctuary@hotmail.com

48. Schussboomers Ski and Snowboard Club of Milwaukee

www.schussboomers-wi.com
Meets at: various locations in Milwaukee area pre & post trips
President: Darlene Kelly
 (262) 367-8377/dardankelly@aol.com
Trip Chair: Jeff Marshall
 (262) 642-7756/jmboarder@wi.rr.com



49. SEWASP – SE Wisconsin Adaptive Ski Program

Meets at: Contact or call
 Cedarburg, WI 53012
 Kathy Mohar
 (414) 226-8375/kmohar@independencefirst.org



50. Sitzmark Ski Club

www.sitzmarkskiclub.com
Meets at: El Barrio Restaurant & Lounge
 1122 Diamond Lake Rd., Mundelein, IL 60060
Comments: On 1st & 3rd Wed every month at 8:00pm in the lounge area
Trip Chair: Lori Kushar
 (847) 275-8216/orikmeow@aol.com



51. Sitzmark Ski Club, Milwaukee

www.sitzmark.org
Meets at: Charcoal Grill & Rotisserie
 15275 W. Greenfield Ave., New Berlin, WI 53151
Comments: On 2nd Fri from for social at 7:30pm, meeting at 8:00pm and dancing from 9:00pm-12:00am, Charcoal Grill from Sep-May and Greenfield Park from Jun-Aug
Club Contact: James Reilly
 (414) 291-4407/riledup@sbcglobal.net

52. Skihasen Ski Club

www.skihasenskiclub.org
Meets at: Mt. Wine Bar
 1949 N. 8th St., Sheboygan, WI 53081
 On 2nd Wed every month from Sep-Apr at 7:00pm
President: Calvin Wheeler Jr.
 (920) 452-6277/calvin.wheeler@att.net
Trip Chair: Calvin Wheeler Jr.

53. Skunk Hollow Ski and Snowboard Club

www.skunkhollowskiclub.com
Meets at: Armand's Pizzeria
 70 Vail Ave., Arlington Hts., IL 60004
Comments: On 2nd Thu every month at 8:00pm in the private dining room
President: Sally Griffith
 (847) 882-2889/president@skunkhollowskiclub.com
Trip Chair: Jackie Quillinan
 (847) 530-8989 /jrquillinan@comcast.net

54. Sly Fox Ski Club

www.slyfoxskiclub.org
Meets at: The Bar
 2435 W. Nordale Dr., Appleton, WI 54914
Comments: On 1st & 3rd Wed. Oct. - April at 7:00pm
President: Jim McMonagle
 (920) 757-5661/president@slyfoxskiclub.org

55. Sno-Gophers Ski Club

www.sno-gophers.org
Meets at: St. Ailbe's Basement
 9100 S. Stony Island, Chicago, IL 60619
Comments: On 2nd & 4th Tue from Sep-May at 7:00pm and 2nd Tue only from Jun-Aug

56. Snomads Ski and Snowboard Club

www.snomadwi.tripod.com
Meets at: Buckets Pub
 2031 Lathrop Ave., Racine, WI 53403
Comments: On 2nd Mon every month from Sep-Apr at 7:30pm
President: Joan Vaughn
 (262) 553-1487/joanvaughn@yahoo.com
Trip Chair: Dave Lesch
 (262) 994-4391

57. Snowdrifters Ski Club

www.snowdrifters.net
Meets at: Old Town Pub
 201 W. State Street (Route 38), Geneva, IL 60134
Comments: On 1st & 3rd Mon from Oct-Apr and 3rd Mon only from May-Sep at 7:30pm
President: Frank Hodowal
 (630) 584-0868/fthod@aol.com
Trip Chair: Rick Poulton
 (847) 977-4541/rpoulton@prodigy.net



58. Snowseekers Ski Club

www.Snowseekers.org
Meets at: First Presbyterian Church
 219 W. Maple Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048
Comments: On 2nd Tue from Sep-May at 7:00pm, use the 'Office' entrance on Douglas Avenue, meetings are in the Fellowship Hall in the lower level
President: Darwin Adams
 darwinla@comcast.net
Trip Chair: Stu Howes
 (847) 289-1811/stuhowes@flash.net



59. Springfield Ski Club

www.springfieldskiclub.org
Meets at: various locations
 Springfield, IL 62705
Comments: On 2nd Thu every month at 5:30pm
Club Contact: Kristi Katcher
Club E-mail: sscactivities@yahoo.com



60. St. Louis Ski Club

www.stlouisskiclub.com
Meets at: Spazio's Westport Restaurant
 St. Louis, MO 63146
Comments: check website for meeting dates and times, usually meets on a Thu
Trip Chair: Tom Coscia
 (314) 780-3021/coscia@peoplepc.com
Club E-mail: info@stlouisskiclub.com



61. SUD's Social Club

Meets at: Time Out
 6025 S. LaGrange Ave., Countryside, IL 60525
Comments: On 3rd Mon every month at 8:30pm
Club E-mail: skiray1@aol.com



62. Tatry Ski Club

www.tatryskiclub.com
Meets at: Polish Highlanders Alliance
 4808 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60632
President: Piotr Chowaniec
Club E-mail: jcdesigncorp@yahoo.com
Trip Chair: Jay Kotchon
 aleksjan@comcast.net



63. Team Trent

www.teamtrent.net
Meets at: check website for meeting dates and times
President: Trent Wessler
Club E-mail: trent@teamtrent.net



64. Thunderbird Ski Club

www.tbirdskiclub.com
Meets at: American Legion
 9318 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48150
Comments: summer meetings are held at various locations, check the website for details
Club E-mail: scookson@wowway.com

65. Toledo Ski Club

www.toledoskiclub.net
Meets at: Toledo Ski Club Lodge
 47 South Shore Dr., Boyne City, MI 49712
Comments: Only twice a year, most meetings occur on chair lifts
Trip Chair: Rick Popiolek
Club E-mail: toledoskiclub@tourtoledohomes.com



66. Vagabond Ski & Social Club of Milwaukee

www.vagabondskiclub.com
Meets at: Zoofari Conference Center
 9715 W. Bluemound Rd., Milwaukee, WI 53226
Comments: On 1st Wed from Jan-Dec for roundtable at 5:30pm, social at 7:00pm, meeting at 7:30pm, and live music and dancing at 8:30pm
President: Ron Sonntag
 (414) 788-4907/ron@rsrp.com
Trip Chair: Sally Borchardt
 (262) 293-3853/sjborch27@aol.com

67. Viking Ski Club

www.meetup.com/viking-ski-club/
Meets at: Villa Macri Ristorante
 225 Toscana Blvd. and Toscana Park, Granger, IN 46615
Comments: On 4th Tue every month at 7:00pm
Club E-mail: webmaster@vikingskiclub.com



68. Wheel Ski Club

www.wheelski.com
Meets at: Domenico's Pizza & Restaurant
 547 East Grand Ave., Beloit, WI 53511
President: Eric Gefvert
 egefvert@hotmail.com



69. Wild Bunch Ski Club

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CMSC Hits the Slopes in Bad Gastein, Austria

By Randy Baustert, Trip Leader

A group of 45 CMSC club members flew Lufthansa to Munich and then bussed 3½ hours to Bad Gastein in late January, 2011.

We had icy slopes the first day, followed by four days of snow, which meant limited visibility, but lots of snow. The sixth day was sunny and beautiful.

Bad Gastein is only a small part of the Ski Amade ski pass but has plenty of skiing for a week without ever leaving the Gastein Valley. In six days we skied Graukogel, Sportgastein, Stubnerkogel to Bad Hofgastein and Dorfgastein to Grossarl—all in the Gastein Valley. One of our skiers used the bus and train system to venture out of the valley for a day of skiing in St Johann.

Our group did more side trips this year than I've ever seen on a Europe trip, I think because of the snowy days and limited visibility. Many went to Salzburg; many went there more than one day. They visited Salzburg's square and fortress, the cathedral and other sections of Old Town. Several did a return trip to Salzburg for Mozart's birthday, featuring a festival, musicians, his grave and house, and of course shopping.

Some did cross-country on Elizabeth promenade. Some hiked to Sportgastein on the Kaizer Wilhelm I promenade. Two made a day trip to Kitzbühel for sightseeing and shopping.



The Alps provided an ideal setting for January's European escapade.

We stayed in the Weismayr hotel in Bad Gastein, a beautiful old hotel built in 1832—good food, location near the casino and a new pool area. But the hotel could use some touchups.

After a week seven went home and 38 stayed for the Munich extension. In Munich we stayed in the King's Hotel Center, a three-star hotel. I'd recommend this hotel to anyone. It's an extra block to walk to the old section of town, but a great hotel for the price.

Many toured Dachau, the Neuschwanstein and Linderhof castles, and the old part of town with its churches, museums, Glockenspiel, Hofbrau Haus, the Residence and more shopping.

We ended the trip with a cancelled flight to O'Hare due to the blizzard in Chicago. This meant an extra day of sightseeing in Munich. We finally made our way home on SAS via Copenhagen. Many thanks to Lufthansa for helping us return home during such a bad storm.

Thanks to everyone who was on the trip. It's the people on the trip that make a good destination a great destination.



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