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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 1st

Tuesday, May 15th

Saturday, June 23rd

(details next month)

Club Meeting

Club Meeting

Bike Ride/BBQ

Andorra, 2007



OAK PARK SKI CLUB

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Our Meeting Location

Famous Freddie's Roadhouse

Meeting Information

Where: Famous Freddie's in Mt. Prospect
1799 S. Busse Road 847-593-2200
Corner of Busse & Algonquin

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month
7:30 pm for food & drinks, business meeting
will begin at 8:30.

Oak Park Ski Club Website

WebMaster E-mail to

oakparksclub@comcast.net

Web Address -

www.OakParkSkiClub.org

Membership - Requirements – at least
21 years of age.

Dues - \$35 per year

Announcements and Condolence

Contact: Corresponding Secretary –
Brenda Pawlak

**Name, address & phone number
changes:**

OPSC Membership

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Lodge Reservations

Contact Kathy Mitchell

847-541-6603

Lodge Address

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Articles & Pictures for the Snow Times newsletter:

Please submit your contributions to the
Snow Times by the 3rd Tuesday of the
month. Please email all articles and/or
pictures to:

Jim_54@ameritech.net

Type in "SNOWTIMES" in the subject
line.

Happy Birthday

Roz	Eckardt	5/1
Kevin	Smith	5/5
Curt	Swanson	5/7
Linda	Bennett	5/9
Russel	Butler	5/13
Rose	Northon	5/14
Don	Dressler	5/16
David	Workman	5/16
Tom	Wozniak	5/17
Lawrence	Kelly	5/18
John	Bragdon	5/20
Sandra	Campofiore	5/24
Robert	Larocco	5/25
Sue	Lord	5/27
Pat	Mitchell	5/27
Rich	Zak	5/27
Georgia	Lange	5/28
Ronald	Schneider	5/31

FYI

Saturday, June 23rd - a Bike Ride and BBQ fund raiser for the Lodge. Details will be in the June issue of the Snow Times.

The 2007 club directory is now available – contact membership person for your copy

Lodge Lizard t-shirts are on sale- contact a Lodge member at any meeting.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Tony Neczet, who recently passed away. Tony was an avid racer and a long time member of the Oak Park Ski Club. He will be missed.

Did you know.... cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls? If you dial (800) FREE 411 or (800) 373-3411 you'll get information without the charge. Program this into your cell phone now.

Trip Director's Farewell

Remember 1 year ago, the article was entitled the *Trip Director is who?* Out of nowhere the idea came at the May, 2006 Board meeting to name me Trip Director. I hadn't thought much about it but I had to gear up quickly. Fortunately I had a promising Trip Committee. We promised you Telluride and Europe with prices in the range of \$650-750 for weekend trips, \$900-\$1200 for week long trips and Europe over \$1200 price tag. We delivered. Winter Park sold out at \$705, Telluride sold out at \$1,145 and Andorra almost sold out at \$1,377. I promised **WOW** and hope you agree I delivered WOW. *We had \$4500 worth of gift certificates from the resorts and local sponsors including VIKING SKI SHOP.* This meant that many of you had free dinners and spa appointments thanks to the participating businesses in Winter Park and Telluride. I added NASTAR races, parties and just good times to all the trips.

I had some ideas but I asked for help and help I got--*Thank you to all of you who pitched in. Special thanks to Winnie Sitt and Dave Breyer for researching the ski resorts. Thanks to Judy Swanson for putting together a smashing brochure. Muchas gracias to Cindy Engels for obtaining so many gift certificates that made the Launch party a success. In a Club of 177 persons, 108 persons went on trips. The trips made money for the Club. That's success in my books. Most of all thank you to all the skiers for making it a successful year! Please make the next trip director for 2007-08 have a successful year for the Club.*

Your Wound Up & Thrilled Trip Director,
Evon Solms



**Andorra and Barcelona Spain report from home office
by Evon Solms**

Do you like powdery snow, temperatures in the 30's, cheap lift tickets, cheap ski rentals and drop dead views? Then you missed a good trip to Andorra. Monday, the day we arrived, it started snowing and didn't stop until Thursday. It was a case of almost too much snow. Portions of the mountain were closed due to high winds and THE road up the mountain to the pass into France was closed. That didn't diminish our enjoyment. The five star hotel catered to our thirst and provided first class service. On Friday, many of us made the trek to the world class spa called Caldea. For base price of about \$40 you enjoyed all facilities in the spa for 3 hours. First we started with the hot mineral spring pools that were located indoors and outdoors. If you tired of the scenery you moved to another room like the Egyptian pools. Once water logged you could dry out in the saunas or head to the steam rooms. Too hot--cool down by running through the misting rooms or lay in the crushed ice chips or just wade through the ice cold waters. Some of us enjoyed a European style massage which includes a free paper panty to cover up. There was nothing left untouched except the panties.

Saturday was our travel day to Barcelona (pronounced Bar-th-lon-a). Some members of the group (shall I name the Club terrorists?) tried to ruin the trip by taking pictures at the Spanish border crossing. That irritated some of the border guards who insisted that the culprits remove the pictures from their camera or possibly go to jail for interrogation. Although the recently initiated terrorists: Susan, Sue and Janet insisted they hadn't taken any pictures, the border guards delivered us a lecture in Spanish, just in case we understood. They were darn serious about a breach of security. After that nasty row, we headed to beautiful Barcelona. We all were overwhelmed by the opulence of the 5 star hotel, however the City was even more opulent. The architect Gaudi entertained most of us with his beautifully adorned buildings, 200 year old cathedral (still under construction under its 5th architect) and the City park. Sangria and tapas were tops on the list of foods but Barcelona is a city with many restaurants and lots of shopping. Their magnificent mile is twice the length of Chicago's. But let's not forget the world class pick pockets who managed to lift two wallets from us while on the bus. With the exception of the pick pockets, a good time was had by all. I recommend that we return to Andorra and Barcelona again.





Hi all -

I bet nobody thought we'd have this much snow after we got back from Andorra, huh ? *(editor's note – Ed got back on March 27)*

Below is the link for my photos from Andorra / Barcelona. If you get an "oops" message from Yahoo, hit the back button on the browser and then try again. Sometimes the site gets busy.

Enjoy and Happy Spring!

Ed Solms

<http://new.photos.yahoo.com/p.mitch23@sbcglobal.net/album/576460762397673821>

Trip Committee 2007-2008

Calling all who would like to join our Trip Committee for the ski season 2007-2008. Please contact me at (815) 444-7783 or email to:

rose53@sbcglobal.net

Your help is needed, thank you.
Rose Bragdon



From the Snow Times Editor

We are making a change concerning the Snow Times. There are many advantages to both the member and the club if we email the newsletter to our members versus printing and conventional mail. (color pictures, postage costs, speed of delivery, last minute notices in the current issue, etc.) I sent the newsletter in both formats to everyone that I had an email address for and received a positive response from most that I talked to. I would like everyone with access to a computer to please send me an email with their name, mailing address and their email address. I'll then copy and place this information in the OPSC contact list. This information will only be used for sending the newsletter or any club announcements that the board of directors deem necessary. I realize that there will be some members who would rather receive the newsletter as they always have and we will continue to send issues to them. But I'm asking that you at least try receiving the newsletter by email and see if it works for you.

After a trial period, we will separate the members into two groups, those that want to receive a printed copy of the newsletter and those that are happy with the email version. We will send the newsletter to you in the format that you wish.

Thank you for your help,

[Jim Pfeiffer](#)

LODGE NEWS



Directions to the Lodge

Take I-94 East into Michigan. Then I-196 to Grand Rapids, to 131 North. The lodge is about 6 hours from Chicago. After you pass Cadillac, there's about another hour to go. When you see the Boyne Mountain entrance sign on your left, slow down and turn right before the Boyne Vue Motel sign. The lodge is just past the tracks on your right.

For lodge reservations

Contact our lodge president, by phone at **(847) 541-6603** or email k.a.mitchell@sbcglobal.net, she will be glad to provide you with any information you might need to get you set for your stay at the lodge.

About the Lodge

The lodge is located in Boyne Falls, Michigan just across from Boyne Mountain. The lodge sleeps 42 people comfortably, all the bedding is provided. There are 6 couple's rooms, 1 family room which sleeps four, 3 bunk rooms -1 sleeps 10 and the other 2 sleep 8 apiece. The front porch has a ski caddy to hold enough skis to make us happy, it is also a good place to keep items that need to be refrigerated when the place is packed. We have a trophy room that holds many of the awards our club has been good enough to win. The living room has 5 couches and 2 chairs; it is also equipped with a new TV and VCR/DVD player just purchased within the last two years. Bring your favorite movies to view with the warm glow of the fireplace in the background. The kitchen is huge, it can sit fifteen comfortably around the two large tables; and there is a large sink to wash the pot and pans and dishes that are on hand at the lodge. The Lodge has two stove tops, 8 burners in total, a microwave, and a double oven which allows meal preparation by various cooks at the same time. Last but not least, the bathrooms. We have three, the Men's bathroom is downstairs and features 3 showers, 3 stalls, 3 sinks, and a urinal, the Unisex bathroom is upstairs and consists of a private shower, toilet, and sink, and the newly remodeled Woman's bathroom is also upstairs and features 2 showers, 3 stalls, and 3 sinks.

Hope to see you at the lodge.

Head Lodge Lizard

Kathy Mitchell

FYI

Have you ever locked your keys in your car? Does your car have a remote keyless entry? Then this may come in handy someday.

Call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button on your extra keyless remote, holding it near the mobile phone on their end.

Your car will unlock.

Donna and I try this ourselves and it did work.

Note: The 411 information and the above remote unlocking procedure were courtesy of Roz Eckardt.

The End