

Snow Times

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Upcoming Events

Monday, August 4th	Volleyball
Tuesday, August 5	Ski Club Meeting at Famous Freddie's
Friday, August 8th	Ice Cream Social & Concert (details inside)
Monday, August 11th	Volleyball
Monday, August 18th	Volleyball
Tuesday, August 19	Ski Club Meeting at Famous Freddie's
Friday, August 22nd	Bar/Boat of the Month (Montrose Harbor)
Monday, August 25th	Volleyball

OAK PARK SKI CLUB

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2007-2008 Season

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Our Meeting Location

Famous Freddie's Roadhouse

Meeting Information

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

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

WebMaster e-mail to

oakparksclub@sbcglobal.net

Web Address -

www.OakParkSkiClub.org

Membership - Requirements – at least
21 years of age.

Dues - \$35 per year

Announcements and Condolence

Contact: Corresponding Secretary – not
yet filled - until this position is filled
please send information to the Snow
Times Editor.

Changes (address, phone number, etc)

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Articles & Pictures for the Snow Times newsletter:

Please submit your contributions to the
Snow Times 7 days before the end of
the month. Please email all articles
and/or pictures to:

Jim_54@ameritech.net

Enter SnowTimes in the subject line.

TRIP DIRECTOR'S PAGE:

This year we will try something new. Sign up for trips will begin in September just when the cooler weather breezes in and your heart turns to skiing. The **Launch Party on September 2nd** is an ideal time to sign up. We plan some surprises for Launch Party so be sure to join us. Mark your calendar now because as you can see I have only 60 spots available for trips and no whining if you miss your dream trip.

To make signing up easy, fun and informative, I have planned a super event for the Club—**THE LAUNCH PARTY on Sept 2nd, 7:30-10:30PM**. Even if you don't plan on skiing this season, at least come to catch up with old friends and new.

Summer will be over sooner than you think, but there are wonderful things to do this winter—my goal is to highlight some possibilities for you. Don't let the press scare you away from the airlines and economy. These trips are meant to impress you with their pricing. Be impulsive and come by on Sept 2nd. By the way, bring your checkbook to sign up for trips and maybe win a cool skirazzle prize.

SPRUCE PEAK AT STOWE, VERMONT---why you ask?

Trip survey says that members want to ski someplace different, never tried before by the Club. Well we found it and the Trip Committee and Board thinks this is the year to go East. Why?

1. Because Spruce Peak at Stowe Resort has addressed everyone's concern about snow. Their snow making equipment covers 85% of the 2 mountains—yes 2: Mt. Mansfield and Spruce Peak. They are connected by a new Over Easy Gondola at the base. Average snowfall is 333”.
2. Ease of travel: Not only does our Golden Eagle Resort offer a free shuttle, the Town has a free Trolley.
3. There is no altitude sickness in Stowe. The base is at 1,560 feet yet it has a vertical drop of 2,360'. Top of the summit is 4,395. There are 485 skiable acres and its longest run is 3.7 miles.
4. Stowe has something for everyone. 16% of the trails are beginner, 59% for intermediate and 25% for experts. And its has half pipe and rail jam board competitions for snowboarders. Check out gostowe.com for more info on snowboarding. Total trails of 116 and over 40 miles of skiing and snowboarding. Their ski and snowboard school has over 250 instructors at reasonable prices. Rental packages are \$111 for 4 days or \$83 for seniors for 4 days.
5. Not interested in skiing then see Stowe. Stowe has over 50 restaurants; its home to the Von Trapp Family Lodge and restaurants; is the headquarters of Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream factory; Vermont Teddy Bear shop and factory, and there are many more boutiques, shops and 'tours' for the non-skier.

6. Stowe is 40 minutes from Burlington airport, located in north central Vermont, located off well-maintained roads, and pretty countryside from the airport.
7. Golden Eagles Resort has 80 acres with fitness center, indoor pool, mountain views, skating pond, sleigh rides, dog sled rides, cross country ski trails, snowshoe trails, all located on the edge of Stowe but within easy walking distance to shops, restaurants, theatre and night spots. Check out www.goldeneagleresort.com.

Still don't believe me, then check out the websites: www.livestowe.com; www.stowe.com or www.gostowe.com. Why not come along? You're going to miss a real adventure out East.

WINTER WARM-UP Granite Peak, WI			December 12-14, 2008 22 spots
Due Dates:	Deposit 9/2/08	2nd Payment 10/7/08	Final Payment Due 11/4/08
Price: \$307*	\$100	\$100	\$107
Transportation:	Roundtrip bus fare on Lamer luxury bus w/ toliet Departure point: TBD (northern suburbs) @ 6PM Free shuttles from hotel to Granite Peak		
Accommodations:	2 nights at the Best Western Midway Hotel– double occupancy		
Skiing:	2 day lift ticket; Ski rentals \$25/day/person at Granite Ski & Sport Shop: www.skigranitepeak.com		
Other:	Friday night sub, chips and sodas on bus, Saturday night, bus trip to downtown Wausau for dinner Includes bus driver tip In door pool, sauna and whirlpool; up graded room to pool side \$7/night additional Continental breakfast included @ hotel Free shuttle to the base ski resort--5 minutes away On site bar/lounge Two attached restaurants: Hoffman House and Cali Grille Room		
Trip Leaders:	TBD		

Trip director reserves the right to cancel trip by December 7, 2008, if weather unsatisfactory in which case there will be a refund \$302. *Price subject to fuel surcharges and due prior to boarding bus but will not exceed \$20/person.

CMSC CHICAGO WEEK SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA		Week Long Ski Trip March 21-28, 2009 10 spots		
Due Dates:	Deposit 9/2/08	2nd Payment 10/7/08	3rd Payment 11/4/08	Final Payment Due 1/6/09
Price: \$1520*	\$300	\$400	\$400	\$420
Transportation:	Roundtrip air fare Ground transfers from airport to hotel.			
Accommodations:	7 nights at the Horizon Hotel – double occupancy 1 block to lift at Heavenly Resort			
Skiing:	5 day lift ticket; 3 days at Heavenly, 1 @ Squaw, 1 TBD			
Other:	Welcome Breakfast Enjoy Tahoe's casinos and nightlife--Welcome Party at 2 Casinos 4 runs on NASTAR & Picnic Apres Party Dinner (choice of 2 entres) and dancing (DJ) on the Queen Tahoe Friday night w/ cash bar plus 1 drink coupon Includes bus transportation to Squaw Valley. Return to the South Shore aboard the Tahoe Queen paddle wheeler.			
Trip Leaders:	Debbie & Jon Clegg			

*At time of publication, pricing for air not final, therefore the price is subject to revision, up or down, based on final air fare and fuel surcharges.

NOTE: At the time of booking a trip, a deposit is due, and signature on the reservation form, Agreement of Release and the OPSC Payment and Cancellation Policy is required. Travel insurance is available for an additional cost. Most insurance policies are 6.5% of trip cost (excluding WI). The coverage can be purchased up until the final trip payment is made or 30 days prior to arrival, whichever comes first.



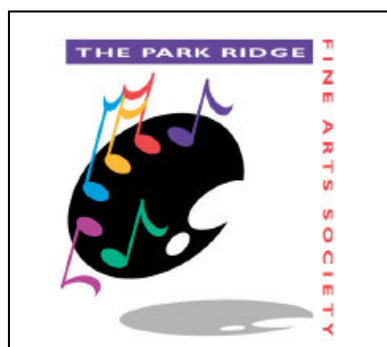
STOWE VERMONT			February 4-9, 2009 28 spots	
Due Dates:	Deposit 9/2/08	2nd Payment 10/7/08	Final Payment Due 11/4/08	
Price: \$950	\$300	\$300	\$350	
Transportation:	Roundtrip air fare on Delta to Burlington VT Feb. 4 ORD/JFK Flt 5688 9:35am/12:53pm JFK/BTV Flt 5556 1:59pm/3:22pm Feb. 9 BTV/JFK Flt 5364 4:25pm/6:00pm JFK/ORD Flt 6183 8:00pm/9:58pm Ground transfers to Stowe			
Accommodations:	5 nights at the Golden Eagle Resort – double occupancy Breakfast daily at the Colonial Café			
Skiing:	4 day lift ticket			
Other:	Welcome Party Free shuttles or trolley to Mountain base or town			
Trip Leaders:	TBD			

Park Ridge Concert & Ice Cream Social

August 8

Meet at Park Ridge Hodges Park at or after 6:30-7:00. Bring blankets or lawn chairs. The concert begins at 8:00. Call Marcia's cell phone 773-329-3907 if you can't find us.

Children and adults of all ages are welcome!



Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues with the Janice Broia Group

A unique blend characterized in the Chicago Reader as "a triumph of local improvisation," The Janice Broia Group promises an amazing evening of entertainment featuring their special brand of jazz which promises to be enjoyable.

Picnic!

Bring snacks and drinks, or enjoy the tasty treats at the new Vine Street Deli, Subway, Rosatti's Pizza, and the new El Famous Burrito across from the train station on Main Street.



Ice Cream!

After the concert, everyone is invited to Marcia & Tony's for a good old fashioned ice cream social! Please RSVP so they know how much ice cream to churn!



Marcia's cell phone -- 773-329-3907

Happy Birthday

August Birthdays		
Janet	Seither	8/2
Robert	Mikulecky	8/4
Marcia	Kittler	8/5
Edward	Solms	8/6
Susan	Schnur	8/6
Wesley	Nygren	8/8
Jack	Kahler	8/11

Gary	Wanke	8/13
Susan	Ryan	8/14
Carlos	Oses	8/18
Daniel	Hook	8/19
Alan	Cichon	8/23
William	Campbell	8/25
Lisa	Smith	8/25
James	Garstka	8/28
Gregory	Fosler	8/29

Bar/Boat of the Month

Friday, August 22nd, 6:00 pm until ???

Andy, Kevin, Donna & Jim invite Oak Park Ski Club members and friends to **Montrose Harbor** for a dock party. This is a BYOB outing, coolers and ice will be provided. We'll have munchies on board and we can always pitch in for pizza . (Pizza deliver to the harbor is never a problem)



Plan on joining us; enjoy the cool lake breeze while visiting with friends.
 Please RSVP to Jim @ 773-631-1078, Jim_54@ameritech.net , we need a head count.
 I'll send directions via e-mail.

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.

Lodge Rates

Winter Rates (November – April)

Members \$25 per night
Non-members (Guests of member) \$30 per night

Summer Rates (May – October)

Members \$20 per night
Non-member (Guest of member) \$25 per night

Under 21 Rates

12 and under are free (\$10 if not a relative of adult staying at the lodge)
13-17 are \$10
18-20 are seasonal member rates

Lodge Pass Rate

\$150 good for 1 year or 15 nights whichever comes first.

Full Lodge Rental Rate

Available to members and guests accompanied by a member
\$600 per night year round rate for entire lodge

Ah Summer Time...

I trust that you all are having a great summer so far. For those of you who were unable to head up last month for the Cherry Festival in Traverse City you missed a great time. We all went to Cherry Festival on Saturday and listened to some Karaoke singing and watching dogs jumping off into the water for distance. There were amusement rides as well as plenty of cherry oriented shopping items and somehow we ended up with some cherry pie with ice cream for our after dinner barbeque...very tasty. We even had our wonderful neighbor Tony over with his friend Joann for dinner, some pie, and to play some games. All in all just a beautiful weekend up at the lodge. Hopefully next time more of you can join us.

On Sunday Brenda Pawlak and Jeanette Stefani stayed near the lodge and enjoyed an extra day at the lodge and returned on Monday, while Pat and Kathy Mitchell went to a minor league ballgame in Grand Rapids to see Ryne Sandberg manage his Peoria Chiefs team. I understand the Chiefs won and Scott Eyre was there from the Cubs on a rehab assignment. My group of Diane, Sheri, Natalie, and yours truly went to Silver Lake Sand Dunes which is about 2 hours or so on the way home from the lodge. We went on a great dune buggy ride that held about 20 people and even learned some things. It was almost like being on a roller coaster only with sand all around you...perhaps something for you all to think about next time you are returning from a summer trip from the lodge.

It was a quick trip up to the lodge and back but it was a great get away with some wonderful people. I had a great time and I think they all did too!

The Boyne Falls Polish Festival is the end of this month, July 31st to August 3, 2008. I have never attended this but I understand it is a great time and is literally walking distance from the lodge. I hope quite a few of you will be heading up to the lodge for this event. Summer sure is a lot of fun at the lodge so take advantage of our second greatest asset...of course our greatest asset is you!

There is so much to do around the lodge and as a member you have the opportunity to go up there for a very nominal nightly fee. We drove by several really nice looking golf courses so that is something else to keep in mind. I know several of you have gone golfing up there in the past. Please take advantage of this and contact our Lodge Reservationist, Rose Bragdon, and she will be glad to provide you with what ever information you need to set up and reserve your stay. She can be reached by phone at (815) 444-7783 or email roseb53@sbcglobal.net for reservations.

Upcoming Events near the Lodge

- **August 1-3, 2008** **Polish Festival Boyne Falls**
- **August 15-17, 2008** **Petoskey's Festival on the Bay**
www.petoskeyfestival.com
- **August 19-24, 2008** **Emmet – Charlevoix County Fair**
www.co.emmet.mi.us/fair

Keep in mind that in September we will be announcing our winter Lodge Trips at the same time as the non-Lodge trips. Keep your eyes open for this!

Looking forward to seeing you at the lodge in the near future!

Russ

The End