

Snow Times

OAK PARK SKI CLUB
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Happy Holidays



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Upcoming Events

Dec. 2	OPSC meeting at Famous Freddie's
Dec. 13-14	1 st CMSC Race (Ski Brule)
Dec. 16	OPSC meeting & Holiday Party at Famous Freddie's
Feb. 4 – 9	Ski Trip (Stowe, Vermont)
Feb. 20 – 22	Lodge Bus Trip
Mar. 20 – 22	Mardi Gras at Nubs ski outing
Mar. 21 – 28	CMSC Chicago Week (ski trip)

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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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Lodge Reservations

Contact Rose Bragdon
815-444-7783
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Lodge Address

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Articles & Pictures for the Snow Times newsletter:

Please submit your contributions to the
Snow Times at least 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.



From the Prez:

Reports of blizzards out west, fresh snow at the Lodge Zone in Michigan and the first days of cold in Chicagoland are putting me in the mood for hitting the slopes. I might consider signing up with Ski Master Dennis Uchimoto for CMSC racing and parties – that is if they let me use my 18-year old boots on new high-tech skis!!

Thanks to Mr. Pub Relations Tony Zesadney, the creativity of Judy Swanson and a cast of volunteers, our Ski Show Booth was quite a success this year. Tony will follow-up with the list of folks who signed up for info on OPSC as well as winners of free memberships. In addition, Tony arranged to hook up his Ipod at our Freddie's meeting room – please ask him if you'd like to add more to his already funky DJ mix.

Cindy Engels is coordinating a holiday dinner gathering on Saturday December 6th in place of the Club event we had to cancel. Space may be limited; please drop her a note. A bit later...at the Club meeting on December 16th, be sure to mark your calendars for the OPSC Holiday Party! For a scant \$18 we'll provide a variety of hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and a cash bar. Bring your homemade cookies, cakes, brownies, other goodies and tall tales to share. Guests are welcome. Mary and I will coordinate this event - please let us know if you want to come so that we can plan the food order. Call us at 773.506.1015, send an e-mail to deutsch7@sbcglobal.net or stop by the December 2nd meeting.

Looking ahead to 2009, the Stowe trip is full; if you're still interested, contact Evon Solms for possible spots. Mary and I are looking forward to skiing out East for the first time – that is unless you call my first ski outings in western New York way back in 1972-73 as “east”! Up North in Michigan the Lodge also beckons. Reservations are coming in fast, so contact Rose Bragdon as soon as possible. A week at the Lodge is an economical way to enjoy great skiing and the comforts of our “home away from home” in snow country. And sign up now for “Blast from the Past” Lodge Bus Trip on Feb 20-22 – Kevin Smith and I will guarantee a great time for Lodge Lizards old and new.

See you at the bar.

Bill Campbell

Hello CMSC Club members, please note that in January the CMSC meeting is on Tuesday 1/20 at 8 PM due to construction repairs at Oak Meadows during the 2nd week of January.

Also a reminder that the CMSC Holiday Party meeting is 12/9 8PM. Pizza and beverages will be served.

See you on the 9th,
Michael Pogar
CMSC President

Oak Park Ski Club

Holiday Party

December 16th at 7:30PM
\$18.00/person

Included in the price are hors d'oeuvres and door prizes

Guests are welcome

There will be a cash bar and Famous Freddie's is allowing us to bring cookies, cakes & other diet-busting goodies

Contact Bill or Mary Campbell and let them know if you will attend and if you are bringing anything.

Fun Times at the Lodge in '08-'09

Join us this winter for these happenings at the Lodge



New Year's Eve at the Lodge - Before, During, or After New Years

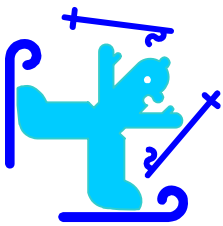
Come ring in the New Year at the Lodge. Best bargain in Boyne Country. Contact Rose to reserve your stay. Kids and guests of members welcome too. Stay as short or long as you'd like. Regular per night Lodge rates apply.



Blast from the Past Lodge bus trip - Feb 20 - 22 - \$305 / person

YES !!! A good, old-fashioned bus trip ☺

Trip includes: Bus transportation to and from Lodge and ski areas, 2 nights at the Lodge, Subs and soda on the bus Friday night, Lift ticket to Nubs on Saturday / Boyne Mountain on Sunday, and Continental breakfast each morning at the Lodge, plus dinner on Saturday night. Hill party at Nubs on Saturday also included. This trip is open only to Adult members. You will need to provide your own alcohol. Please contact Russ to reserve your spot. (Meeting place for bus TBA)



Mardi Gras at Nubs - Mar 20 - 22 - \$85 / person; Kids just \$20

Mardi Gras is always a fun time at Nubs - come join in on the fun with us.

This will be a drive up trip. Trip includes: 2 nights at the Lodge, Continental breakfast each morning, plus dinner at the Lodge on Saturday night. Hill party at Nubs on Saturday also included. Kids and guests of members welcome too. Please contact Russ to reserve your spot.

Contact Russ Butler by email at russelbutler@comcast.net or by phone at 847-368-1571, for the February and March Lodge Trips.

Contact Rose Bragdon by email at roseb53@sbcglobal.net or by phone at 815-444-7783 for New Years reservations or any other reservations.

You can also contact anyone on the lodge board for more information on any of these fun events.

2008/2009 CMSC ALPINE RACE SCHEDULE

Date	Location
Dec 13-14	Ski Brule, Michigan
Jan 3-4	Wilmot, Wisconsin
Jan 10-11	Wilmot, Wisconsin
Jan 31-Feb 1	Marquette, Michigan
Feb 7-8	Wilmot, Wisconsin
Feb 21-22	Wilmot, Wisconsin
Feb 28-Mar 1	Granite Peak, Wisconsin



Registration Ends at 10:00am; First Race at 11:00am
2 Slalom Runs on Saturday and 2 Giant Slalom Runs on Sunday
Competition on Sunday for Snowboarders and Juniors under 12
Competition Awards are divided by: gender, ability class and age group

Registration:	Day of Race	\$17.00	After Nov 8
	Before Nov 8	\$12.00	\$17.00
	Wilmot (8 Races)	\$75.00	\$95.00
	All 14 Races	\$100.00	\$135.00

OPSC racers will be reimbursed for \$20.00 bib after racing
Free Beer and Race Medals awarded after second race each day
OPSC racers meet at Mega Pancake Restaurant on Route 12
in Fox Lake at 8:00am, and go to supper after Wilmot races.
Call Dennis Uchimoto at (312) 550-7000 for Race Registration,
forms and further information

Editor's note: The small type along side the clip art is the small price we pay in order to obtain the material free of charge.

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 per stay
18-20 are \$25 per stay

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

Happy Holidays Everyone!!

Ski season is upon us. Snow is flying by the lodge and the local resorts are all open. Hopefully you all will get a chance to get to the lodge to do some skiing. Gas prices have also eased and hopefully will stay reasonable. We saw several stations under \$2 during last month's workers weekend and prices have continued to go down since then.

We have two great organized ski trips to the lodge, one a bus trip and the other a drive up trip. New Years will also be a very popular time up at the lodge as I understand the lodge has already quite a number of people signing up to reserve some time during New Years at the lodge.

We do need more signups for our organized trips. We have a lot of things included in the trips and they are sure to be a great time. If you have interest in signing up for either of the lodge trips please let me know. Here are some brief details regarding our lodge trips and a flyer with more details is also included in this SnowTimes.

New Years: Although not an official lodge trip due to New Years Day being on a Wednesday, you can reserve during New Years and celebrate at the lodge. This is a very popular time of year and is quite a lot of fun being at the lodge at this time. Celebrate the end of 2008 or the beginning of 2009 with your fellow Lodge Lizards. It's sure to be a great time. Contact the lodge reservationist, Rose Bragdon, to reserve a room during this time at normal lodge winter rates.

Lodge Trip 1: Blast from the Past. February 20 – 22, 2009. The lodge committee has coerced two former head Lodge Lizards to run this trip, Bill Campbell and Kevin Smith. We will be going up by bus and the price of \$305 includes lift tickets, lodging, dinner on Saturday, and several other extras. Alcohol will not be provided, sorry, but you can certainly bring your own.

Lodge Trip 2: Mardi Gras. March 20 – 22, 2009. This will be a drive up trip. Nubs Nob is

hosting their annual Mardi Gras party on Saturday, March 21. This is always a fun time with lots of crazy games and crazy costumes and includes plenty of extras as well including dinner on Saturday night. The price for this will be \$85.

We had our lodge workers weekend in mid November. I would like to thank Pat Mitchell, Kathy Mitchell, and Greg Fosler for all of their help. We accomplished a lot during the weekend to get the lodge as ready as possible for the upcoming winter. I would also like to thank Bill and Mary Campbell for their donation of a queen size bed that went into room 1 and also to Ed and Evon Solms for their generous donations of various bathroom items. I would also like to thank Ralph Brunke for loaning us his trailer to haul all of these items up with. I would also like to thank Tim Suwinski for his input on things to look into while up at the lodge. We also attempted to hook up a digital converter for the lodge television but either the converter is not working properly, we did not know what we were doing, and/or a digital signal was not present. It seemed pretty straight forward but we will try it locally and then again up there perhaps with a different unit.

In the back of our mind we still are considering getting a loan for the lodge's problematic roof. Another item I wanted to bring up is that if anyone has some extra tools that they would like to donate to the lodge please let me know. We have a few tools up at the lodge but if you have something that you feel we could use to fix common issues that come up at the lodge they would be very appreciated.

Remember that the lodge is open year round just waiting for 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. 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.

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting or at the lodge in the near future.

The words "The End" are written in a large, bold, blue, 3D-style font with a dark blue outline. The letters are slightly shadowed to give them a three-dimensional appearance.