

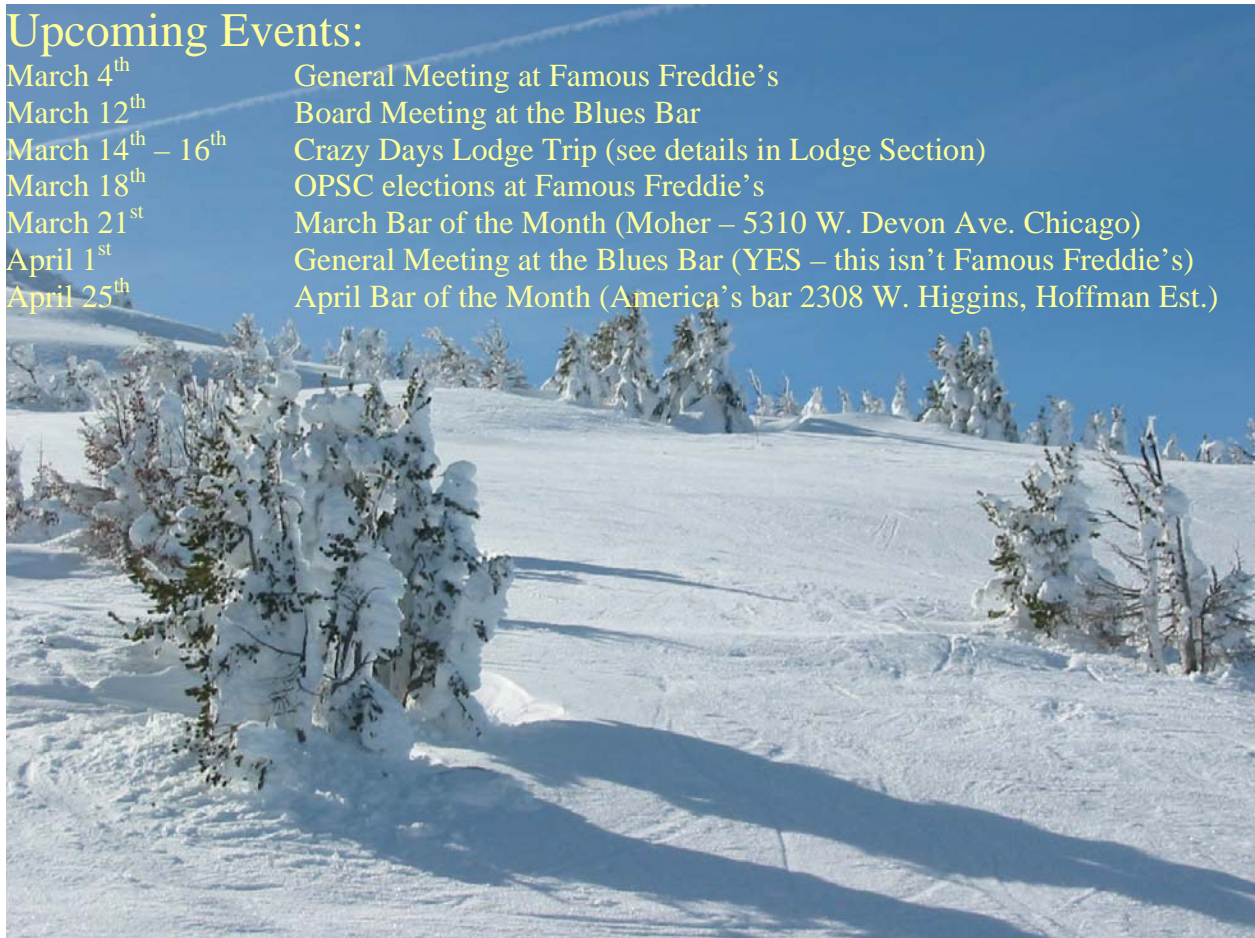
Snow Times

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March, 2008

Upcoming Events:

March 4 th	General Meeting at Famous Freddie's
March 12 th	Board Meeting at the Blues Bar
March 14 th – 16 th	Crazy Days Lodge Trip (see details in Lodge Section)
March 18 th	OPSC elections at Famous Freddie's
March 21 st	March Bar of the Month (Moher – 5310 W. Devon Ave. Chicago)
April 1 st	General Meeting at the Blues Bar (YES – this isn't Famous Freddie's)
April 25 th	April Bar of the Month (America's bar 2308 W. Higgins, Hoffman Est.)



Part of the Landscape from Mt. Bachelor,
additional pictures and an article about the
trip inside.

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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.

Oak Park Ski Club Website

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 –
Brenda Pawlak

Changes (address, phone number, etc)

OPSC Membership
P.O. Box 1162
Des Plaines, IL 60017-1162

Lodge Reservations

Contact Rose Bragdon
815-444-7783
roseb53@sbcglobal.net

Lodge Address

Oak Park Ski Lodge 3050 State St.
Boyne Falls, MI 49713

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.



From the Prez:

2008 looks to be another year of change and challenge. I suggest there may never be a better time or reason to become involved with the Club. OPSC provides opportunities for great travel deals, friendships and opportunities to network with great people. You are welcome to join us at our Board meetings to find out how the Club is working for you. We will continue to focus on membership recruitment and retention and will work with other clubs to create quality trips. Your participation, on any level, is of great importance. Remember to check our website at www.oakparkskiclub.org for upcoming meetings, events as well as information on skiing. Remember with change and challenge comes possibility and opportunity. Please let me know what your interests and preferences are so we can plan a spectacular 2008-09 ski year for you.

Please get in touch with me or Rose Bragdon if interested in a position on the Board or any of the committees for 2008-09. We still have some positions on the slate available. The election is Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at Famous Freddies, so please plan to attend and help us reach our quorum.

**Humbly Yours,
Evon Solms**

Slating Committee's Nominees:

President:	William Campbell
Vice Pres:	Vince Campofiore
Treasurer:	Mary Campbell
Exe. Secretary:	Mary Smith
Ski Master:	Dennis Uchimoto (Proposed)
Parliamentarian:	Kevin Smith
Lodge Pres:	Russ Butler
Corresp. Sec:	OPEN

Treasurers report:

Checking	\$14,768.21
Savings	\$16,365.83
Total	\$31,134.04
Outstanding payments:	\$1,840.63

Respectfully submitted
Edward Solms



Notice: This is not a joke
Do you read your newsletter every month?

Tuesday, April 1st
OPSC Social Meeting
will be held at

The Blues Bar*

(*you know, Jake and Elwood, the Blues Brothers
they were ON A MISSION FOR GOD and going to save the catholic church
by raising the tax money)

2 W. Busse Ave,
Mount Prospect
847-788-9987

Join the new and old Board Members
Tip a beer back and
Enjoy the ambiance!
\$3/beer
(The Bar is discounting for our Club,
draft beers for the night)

To get there, you take a train:
the Union NW Pacific train (leaves downtown Chicago at 6:30PM to arrive at Mt. Prospect
@7:12PM);
you can take a car to NW Highway and Busse Ave (Rte 83) located 1 block north of the train
station;
or you can share a ride
but don't miss our April 1st special event at **The Blues Bar**.

Send an email to everyone in the Club you know so they don't show up at Famous Freddie's-
that's the real April Fool's Joke.

RSVP: esolms@drhorton.com
Or call Evon at 847-837-1789

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Condolences

Twenty-year Darien resident Jon B.
Lindstrom, 68, died Dec. 29, 2007. Jon was
the OPSC president from 1972-73. Our
deepest sympathy is extended to his family.

Happy Birthday

Janine Jacquet	3/1
Patrick Riley	3/4
Dawn Stefek	3/12
Ken Schulein	3/16
Barbara Frank	3/26
Jennifer Tong	3/26

March Bar of the Month

Join us for bar of the month March 21 at
6:30pm for the pleasures of Ireland at

Moher

5310 W. Devon Ave.
Chicago, IL 60646-4108
773-467-1954

Moher, which is the first liquor license to be
approved in the Edgebrook neighborhood
since 1947 (owners tell us that's when the
precinct was voted dry), opened in May
2005, much to the delight of neighbors
who've had to travel to get a pint. Moher,
which is an abbreviated version of the
beautiful Cliffs of Moher in County Clare,
Ireland, features a tin ceiling, stained glass
and loads of dark wood (there's even a
fireplace, which should come in handy over
the winter). The menu features Irish fare like
Guinness beef stew, beer-battered fish and
chips, and bangers and mash, plus American
choices like Philly cheese steak and pub
burger. Irish beers are favored, with
Guinness, Harp and Smithwick's on tap, plus
blends like the "black velvet," with
Guinness and Magner's Cider

Located just east of the corner of Devon and
Central.

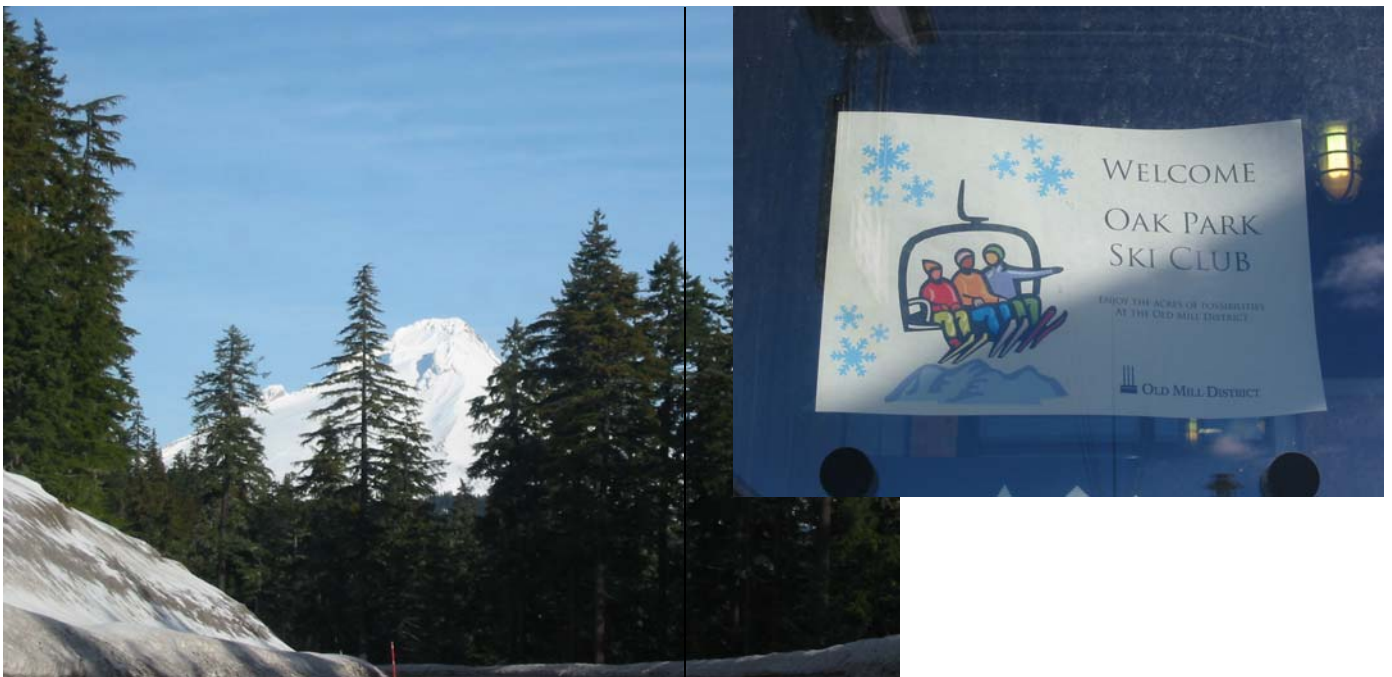
Oak Park at Mt Bachelor

After a long flight to Portland, Oregon, and a long drive we arrived at the Riverhouse hotel in Bend, Oregon. The Riverhouse hotel was located right on the Deschutes River, and many of our rooms overlooked the rapids on the river. The hotel provided a reception party for Oak Park, with refreshments and details of the Mt. Bachelor ski area. The next morning, we all boarded a bus provided by Mt. Bachelor for the trip to the mountain. We arrived at the mountain under gray skies, but were greeted by the mountain personnel who split us into various groups for an escorted tour of the mountain. This is the day we needed the host guides, as visibility was low, with cold fog and freezing rain being the order of the day.

Around 12:30 PM, all the damp Oak Park skiers met at the Mid-mountain Pine Marten Lodge for lunch in our special reserved area. After lunch most of the Oak Park skiers followed a mountain host down to the bar to dry out and call it a day, but some hardy and waterproof skiers went for a few more runs. That night, most people sampled one of the many Microbreweries for dinner.

After Sunday, the weather provided 5 days of bright, clear, deep blue skies for skiing. Every morning started with our breakfast at the river house, where a Mt. Bachelor Mountain representative would greet us each day, and provide us with the mountain weather report and the best places to ski. The Summit Express Chair, which goes to the top of the mountain at 9,065 feet was open every day after Sunday, and provided spectacular views at the top, including Mt. Shasta in California, 200 miles away.

Oak Park seemed to carry a lot of clout with the town of Bend. When we went into town to shop or eat, we noticed that most of the businesses in town had signs in the windows and on the doors welcoming Oak Park Ski Club to Bend. We were all impressed. The trip ended with a great dinner at the Pine Tavern Restaurant in downtown Bend, which trip leaders Winnie and Pat arranged for the club.







Oak Park at Mt Bachelor

Ski Tips, March 2008

I'd like to welcome everyone aboard Powder Airlines, the world's most addictive airline. We will be cruising at an altitude of 3 feet if the conditions allow. I'm co-pilot Matt Hatter. Captain Alice Wonderland, myself, and our entire Alta based crew will do our best to get you to your destination safely with all limbs intact. If you have never flown Powder Airlines before, you are in for quite a surprise. We do things a bit differently than the hardpack surface carriers. We actually fly! Oh, I'm sure Cruiser Van Lines and Groomhound can get you to your destination, but once you've flown Powder, you're hooked. Please refer to your in-flight manual for further instructions.

First, attach your ski-wings to your feet. We use the WHOLE ski, not just the edges. We barely need the edges anyway since we don't gouge the snow to turn or slow down. Instead, the skis will turn themselves with a little speed and forward pressure. The powder will do most of the work for you, but it cannot be forced. All turns and stops are long, gentle, and gradual so extra time and airspace is needed. Your seat cushions can be used for sitting.

Next, find some freshly fallen untracked powder. A foot or more should suffice. Place your goggles in the upright and locked position. You're ready to solo now. Now point your wings straight down the runway. That's right, straight down. This can be the scariest and most difficult part of flying powder. If you did this on hardpack, you'd soon be on a kamikaze mission. Instead, the soft powder will control your speed for you. In fact, some speed must be gained before your wings will work.

As you begin to taxi forward, raise both arm-stabilizers almost to shoulder level and wide for balance. As your speed begins to increase, you'll feel your wings lift off and climb up through the powder. Don't worry if you can't

see your wings. They're right below you where you left them. It is a common misconception that leaning back is needed to ski powder. That will only lead to an unscheduled ground level arrival.

It is extremely important to keep your weight pretty equal on both wings. If not, one will depart for ORD, the other will head for MDW, and you'll dump your luggage all over the runway. If you feel your wings drifting apart, putting more weight on the upper one will usually bring them back together.

You will at some point want to turn or stop. Both are done in a similar fashion. Let's run a right turn simulation. Remember to keep your pitch forward at all times. Make an exaggerated pole plant with your right hand while bending both knees. Now, gradually bank to the right as you add more weight to the uphill ski. "What?" you say. "Weighting the uphill ski is a violation of FAA ski ordinance 86/a-(409)b(2): 'Always weight the downhill ski'". Actually, that rule only applies to hardpack ground transport. You're flying Powder Airlines now! Here, have some peanuts.

At this point, you will feel yourself gradually turning right. Just hang on. These turns happen much slower since your wings arc through the powder rather than skidding. Don't try to force your turns or gouge the snow. It just doesn't work. As the turn completes, you may either slow to a smooth landing or begin the banking procedure in the opposite direction with the next pole plant.

As you turn and bounce through the cloudlike snow you will feel yourself climb and dive as your wings ride the silky powder currents. You will soon be as addicted to powder flight as the Wright brothers were. They had no choice but to invent the airplane to get away from the eastern hardpack of Kittyhawk and soar out to the powdery Rockies.

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Powder Airlines will now accept all your money and devotion. Please fly us again soon. You are now powerless to resist.

Bu-bye, so long, bu-bye, bu-bye.....

Please send all comments and Frequent Powder Miles to ski_tips@yahoo.com

Rich Zak MD

Bar of the Month Friday April 25

After work – Starting around 7:00pm



**2308 W. Higgins Rd.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
847-882-8600**

(In the Courtyard of Barrington Square Mall)

<http://www.americasbarchicago.com>

(FEATURING)

The advertisement is for 'DUELING PIANO PLAYERS!!!' and is scheduled for 'FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS'. It features a photograph of two men playing keyboards. The text on the right side of the ad reads: 'OUR KEYBOARD ROCKERS WILL HAVE YOU SINGING, DRINKING AND LAUGHING TO ALL YOUR FAVORITE SONGS. YOUR SPECIAL REQUESTS FUEL THIS ONE OF A KIND INTERACTIVE SHOW! GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND COWORKERS AND KNOWLEDGE IN SOMETHING DIFFERENT FOR A CHANGE! THE PERFECT PLACE TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS OR BACHELORETTE PARTIES! HALF-PRICE APPETIZERS 4 PM TO 7 PM* TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY'.

*This is a blast
Come join us.*

If you want to eat, the food is very good for a bar.

**Spread the word
R.S.V.P to Sheri Butler
(847) 224-5228
Sheri.Butler@JohnsonDiversey.com**

There may be a cover charge of \$5.00.

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.

Hello All, It's me again with more lodge happenings.

March: The annual Crazy Days ski weekend is the weekend of 3/14 – 3/16. This is always a fun weekend. We are organizing a self-drive trip. The price is \$75. This includes two nights at the lodge, a hill party and dinner Saturday night. It's not too late to sign up. Here is a description of some of the events going on this weekend.

Saturday – Nubs Nob

The 46th Annual Nub's Nob Open - Northern Michigan's premier slalom racing event. Top to bottom World Cup style slalom racing on Birch Run and Smokey. \$8 entry fee.

Sunday – Boyne Mountain

Boyne Mountain pulls out all the stops as Mardi Gras moves north for the weekend. Beads, bands, costume competitions, the slush cup and parties all over the resort make this a weekend to remember. .

Skiing/snowboarding - 9 am - 4:30 pm

Slush Cup - 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Outside Cookout & Bar - 11:30 am - 3:30 pm,
Eriksen's Patio

Snowflake Lounge - 12:15 pm - 2:00 am

Also: For those who enjoy sledding, one of our new members discovered that there is a **FREE** sledding hill not far from the lodge (thanks Bev). They have a few sleds on hand or you are welcome to bring your own. We will put directions from the lodge to the sled hill on the website and eventually post it at the lodge.

Spring:

Believe it or not, spring is coming and there are numerous things to do in the lodge area during the spring. Here are some of them.

April 5

Fabulous Fifties Celebration

Location: Bay Harbor - The Inn at Bay Harbor
Themed events and menus, dinner & sock hop, car displays and more! Fifties dress optional.
URL: <http://www.innatbayharbor.com/>

April 11th

Chubby Checker in Concert

Time: 8:00pm

Location: Petoskey - Odawa Casino Resort - Ovation Hall

URL: premier.ticketsplus.net/r.asp?goto=search/superres.asp?strKeyword=chubby+checker

Hope to see you at the lodge.

Kathy

Did you know?

The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island in Michigan has the longest Porch in the World. It's more than 600 feet long and overlooks a garden and swimming pool.

The End