

# Snow Times

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## Upcoming Events

<b>Nov. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Oak Park Ski Club meeting</b>
<b>Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rosemont Ski Show</b>
<b>Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OPSC Holiday Party (details inside)</b>
<b>Dec. 13-14</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> CMSC Race (Ski Brule)</b>
<b>Feb. 4 – 9</b>	<b>Ski Trip (Stowe, Vermont)</b>
<b>Feb. 20 – 22</b>	<b>Lodge Bus Trip</b>
<b>Mar. 20 – 22</b>	<b>Mardi Gras at Nubs ski outing</b>
<b>Mar. 21 – 28</b>	<b>CMSC Chicago Week (ski trip)</b>

### **OAK PARK SKI CLUB**

**Box 1162**

**Des Plaines, IL 60017-1162**



## Oak Park Ski Club Board of Directors

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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

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

#### WebMaster e-mail to

[oakparksclub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oakparksclub@sbcglobal.net)

#### Web Address -

[www.OakParkSkiClub.org](http://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)

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

### Lodge Reservations

Contact Rose Bragdon  
815-444-7783  
[roseb53@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 at least 7 days before the  
end of the month. Please email all  
articles and/or pictures to:

[Jim\\_54@ameritech.net](mailto:Jim_54@ameritech.net)

Enter SnowTimes in the subject line.



## *From the Prez:*

It's time to take the boat out of the water, pull out the pier, have the boat lifts transferred to shore and await the big freeze out on Fox Lake. Time for singing the blues? Never!! We're coming up on Ski Season, and if the Farmer's Almanac can be trusted, this winter should be generous to ski bums like us. So dust off your equipment, look for new stuff at the Rosemont Ski Dazzle show

November 7-9 and visit Viking Ski Shop for new boots and quality ski tuning.

Until the snow flies there's a lot going on. Thanks to the Vincenator and the Suwinskis plus 20 or so more revelers, we all had a great time at the Edison Park Inn for October's Bar-of-the-Month. Located across the street from the Edison Park Metra stop. EPI offers a large bar area, adjoining party rooms (where someone was celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> that night), great food and an upstairs bowling alley, which is often available on Friday nights.

Looking toward the holiday season, long-time member Cindy Engels has pitched in to coordinate our Christmas dinner on Saturday December 6th at the Schaumburg Weber Grill restaurant. As a committed barbeque junkie, I can't wait to check this place out! Sign-ups will be taken at the November Club meetings or by mail if you can't make it to Freddie's – contact any Board member for details.

Meanwhile the Board is considering plans to upgrade our Website to make it a bit more 21<sup>st</sup>-century. And don't forget to contact Russ and the Lodge Committee to sign up for the annual Lodge Work Weekend slated for November 15-16. With any luck they'll assign me some dirty jobs as penance for my prior service as a Lodge Lizard.

So, enough of this banter. Check out the Trips, sign up early & sign up often, just the same way you'll vote at the polls. And remember to take up my offer of a free drink at the next meeting – it will tell me you're actually reading this article!

## **Bill Campbell**

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# *Happy Birthday*

Anita	Callies	11/1	Joyce	Aston	11/5
Ann	Pennino	11/1	Judy	Kraus	11/7
Bill	Rieger	11/1	Robert	Fues	11/17
Yetman	Joe	11/1	Anthony	Zasadney	11/25
Thomas	Hein	11/2	Debbie	Merz	11/27
Sharon	Parrish	11/2			
Mark- Anthony	Papadogiannis	11/4			



	skating pond, snowshoe trails, easy walking distance to shops, restaurants, night spots, and just minutes to the slopes. On site spa with traditional massage starting at \$75 for 60 minutes and also has couples massage.	
<b>Trip Leaders:</b>	TBD	

\* The price is subject to fuel surcharges and baggage fees.

Check out the websites for Stowe Vermont: [www.livestowe.com](http://www.livestowe.com); [www.stowe.com](http://www.stowe.com) or [www.gostowe.com](http://www.gostowe.com).

<b>CMSC CHICAGO WEEK SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA</b>			<b>Week Long Ski Trip</b>	
			<b>March 21-28, 2009</b> 10 spots	
<b>Due Dates:</b>	<b>Deposit 9/2/08</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Payment 10/7/08</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Payment 11/4/08</b>	<b>Final Payment Due 1/6/09</b>
<b>Price: \$1385</b>	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$335
<b>Transportation:</b> Roundtrip air fare Ground transfers from airport to hotel.				
<b>Accommodations:</b> 7 nights at the Horizon Casino Hotel – double occupancy 1 block to lift at Heavenly				
<b>Skiing:</b> 5 day lift ticket; 3 days at Heavenly, 2 TBD				
<b>Other:</b> Welcome Breakfast Enjoy Tahoe's casinos and nightlife--Welcome Party at 2 Casinos 4 runs on NASTAR & Picnic Apres Party				
<b>Trip Leaders:</b>	<b>Debbie &amp; Jon Clegg</b>			

\* The price is subject to revision for fuel surcharges and baggage fees.

**NOTE: At the time of booking any 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 should be purchased at sign up but not later than Oct 7, 2008.**

# CHRISTMAS GATHERING

**WHERE:** Weber Grill Restaurant, "Grill Room East" \*\*\*  
1010 North Meacham Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60173  
847/413-0800  
[www.webergrillrestaurant.com](http://www.webergrillrestaurant.com)

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 6, 2008

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**COST:** \$44.00 per person, includes tax and gratuity

**MENU**

Mixed Green Salad with Fire Roasted Corn Vinaigrette

Entrees: (Select 1)

Teriyaki Salmon

Parmesan-Crusted Tilapia

Beer Can Chicken

Ginger Soy Skirt Steak

Sides:

Chef's Selection of Potato

Chef's Selection of Seasonal Vegetable

Desserts: (Select 1)

Key Lime Cheesecake

Triple Chocolate Cake

Beverages:

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea & Sodas included

**CASH BAR**

**AFTER DINNER:** Improv Comedy Club  
5 Woodfield Mall  
Schaumburg, IL 60173  
847/240-2001

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m. show featuring Billy Gardell

**COST:** \$31.00 per person. The breakdown is as follows: \$18 ticket cost (group rate) per person; \$10 for two coupons to cover the cost of two drinks. 12% tax and 18% gratuity is added to all food and beverage packages.

If you have any questions regarding either of these outings please contact me, Cynthia Engels at 847/842-9900. I will be happy to take your dinner reservation and comedy club reservation at either ski club meeting in November or by mail. Please note: I will be taking reservations up to and including the second Tuesday in November, November 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are paying by mail please make your check payable to OPSC and mail to me: Cynthia Engels at 9 Overbrook Road, South Barrington, IL 60010. I hope you can make it!

\*\*\* *The room has a limit of 65 persons, please respond early.*

# 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

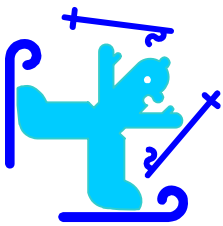
Come ring in the New Year at the Lodge. Best bargain in Boyne Country. Contact Rose to reserve your stay. Kids and guests of members welcome too. Stay as short or long as you'd like. Regular per night Lodge rates apply.



## 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# OPSC Visits a Vineyard

Story and photos by Tony Zasadney

Inside the Winery Building Sampling Room



From left to right: Diane Butler, Cindy Engels, Dennis Uchimoto, Doug Moline, Ken Hedeem, and Joyce Aston.

After the Lecture, after the Sampling, then to the Vineyard Sales Counter.



Customers: Joyce, Ken, Cheri Mitchneck. Proprietors: Rudolph Valentino, wife Vivian.

Twenty two Oak Park Ski Club members and guests were looking for an informative yet entertaining evening and were not disappointed. Our wine tour was organized and coordinated by Cindy Engels, who did an outstanding job.

At about seven o'clock, inside the palatial winery building, we were greeted by the vineyard owner, Rudolph Valentino DiTommaso, viticulturist and vintner, and his wife Vivian, and led outside into the vineyards. But the weather proved a bit too rainy for a guided tour, so the group returned inside for the start of the wine sampling. First an introduction was given by Mr. Valentino in the sampling, or tasting, room. He explained how he, after he chose not to plant anymore subdivision Mac Mansions (he was a builder), planted the first grape vines in 1995 on a portion of the remaining 20 acres of his Long Grove property. The venture succeeded, and today his estate grows 19 varieties of grapes on over 6,000 vines on all 20 acres; his vineyards and winery are financially self-supporting. He admitted, though, that building houses on the property would have netted him considerably more than the winery sales. But his ancestors in Italy were vintners, and that guided his decision.

We were all treated to small pourings of six kinds of wine, all quite good, and all accompanied by commentary of each selection by Mr. Valentino.

After the evening at the winery, most of us went for late dinner at Village Tavern in downtown Long Grove, a roadhouse style restaurant. It was built as a wagon shop in 1845, later becoming a tavern, and eventually in the 1940s, a restaurant. A good time was had by all, not only at dinner, but, of course, at the Valentino Vineyards.

After Dinner: Chatting at the Village Tavern, Long Grove IL



Clockwise; Cindy, Cheri, Sue & Frank Ordakowski, Don & Regina Hack.

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## Public Relations Committee

The annual Chicago Ski Show & Snowboard Expo is this weekend Nov. 7,8,9, at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. True, this show has already been well publicized in the papers and TV, but you also read it here, so please attend, and when you do, stop by the OPSC booth, No. 327, and say hello.

About this time of year we will be receiving visitors to our club at the general meetings, and who will be there to meet them and greet them? Well, all of us, hopefully, but a cadre of greeters to meet these visitors officially would go a long way to an improved perception of the club. The greeters, volunteers all, would wear an identifying pin and help the visitors circulate. Please let us know if you're interested in helping out as a greeter.

Next Public Relations Committee meeting will be 8 p.m., before the general meeting.

*Tony Zasadney*

Director Public Relations

# 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**

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

**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



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## 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.

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## 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

## Its time to talk Turkey!!

The holidays are coming, the snow will be falling, and there will be plenty of skiing up at the lodge. I hope you will be up there taking advantage of the lodge and the nearby ski resorts.

We have two great organized 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 already has people signing up to reserve some time during New Years at the lodge.

Let's keep the momentum going and if you have interest in going up on one or hopefully both of the organized lodge trips please sign up as soon as possible. I have a lot of people expressing interest but as the saying goes...Show me the money! I am highlighting below New Years, our lodge bus trip in February, and our lodge Mardi Gras drive up trip in March. Here are some brief details regarding our lodge trips and an attachment with more details is also included in this newsletter.

**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.

Our lodge workers weekend is planned a bit later this year just in case our Chicago baseball teams decided to go deep into the playoffs...so much for that dream! The workers weekend will be November 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>. The plan for this weekend is to get it cleaned up for winter and put up plastic around the windows. Anything else of a minor nature needed to be done will also be worked on during this weekend.

We are also busy looking into getting a loan for the lodge so that we can afford to get some much needed repairs like a new roof, fixing up the men's bathroom, and getting new windows.

We will see how this process goes in light of this banking credit crisis that is going on.

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](mailto:roseb53@sbcglobal.net) for reservations.

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

**Russ**

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**The End**