

Snow Times

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Upcoming Events

Oct. 7th	Oak Park Ski Club meeting
Oct. 17th	Bar of the Month (Edison Park Inn)
Oct. 21st	Oak Park Ski Club meeting
Nov. 7th – 9th	Rosemont Ski Show
Dec. 8th	OPSC Holiday Party
Dec. 12 -14	Winter Warm Up ski trip
Dec. 13-14	1st CMSC Race (Ski Brule)
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)

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)

OPSC Membership
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Des Plaines, IL 60017-1162

Lodge Reservations

Contact Rose Bragdon
815-444-7783
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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

Enter SnowTimes in the subject line.



From the Prez:

While we're all enjoying another Chicagoland Indian Summer it's also time to sign up early & sign up often for ski trips. Thanks to **Evon Solms** and the **Trip Committee team**, we had a great Trip Kick-off party in September. I'll be going to Granite Peak and Stowe as well as co-hosting a traditional Lodge bus trip with **Kevin Smith** in February. Sign up at meetings or call **Evon** or **Russ Butler** to reserve your places.

We'll be at the Rosemont Ski Dazzle show from Friday thru Sunday 11/7-11/9; check with **Tony "Z"** to volunteer at our booth. Later in November the Lodge will host its annual Work Weekend for clean-up, winter prep and maybe a bit of partying (you think??!!). **Russ** informs that we have donations of beds and furniture for the Lodge but need help with transportation – please let him know if you can pitch in with trailers, trucks, duck tape, bungee cords, Star Trek beaming or whatever works.

Save the date for December 8: OPSC Holiday Party. We're looking at options and will let you all know where we'll gather for mirth and merriment. In the meantime be sure to stop by for Bar of the Month on Friday 10/17 at Edison Park Inn.

See you at the next meeting

Bill Campbell

TREASURER'S REPORT

OPSC Club Financial Summary for period May 2008 - September 2009	
Cash Basis Year-to-Date (Unaudited)	
Operating Account Beginning Balance:	8,206.11
Income	7,599.00
Expenses	(3,835.45)
Transfers from <to> Savings	-
Operating Account Ending Balance:	11,969.66
Savings & Investments	19,491.08
Total All Funds:	31,460.74

TRIP DIRECTOR'S PAGE

WINTER WARM UP: We're still looking for more sign ups for the December weekend in Wisconsin. We have ½ the number of skiers needed for the trip to go out. I have a few persons in the wings thinking about this trip. I have heard nothing but good things about Granite Peak so let's check it out. If the price of the bus increases unreasonably or if the weather is too warm, we can cancel the trip for the group and get you a refund. So what have you got to loose, it's a great weekend trip with no risk and no hassles.

STOWE, VERMONT: As for Stowe VT, it's filling up fast. If you're interested you better let me know soon. We have ½ of the airplane from JFK to Burlington filled so don't miss out on a great trip. Even if you're not a skier this quaint New England village is brimming full of places to visit-Ben & Jerry's factory, VT Teddy Bear factory, the Von Trapp family lodge and restaurants, maple syrup, cheese and chocolate stores, snow shoeing, ice skating, cross country, hiking, and its all at low elevations so no shortness of breath. If you haven't been there then this is your chance. Call me now.

WINTER WARM-UP Granite Peak, WI			December 12-14, 2008 22 spots
Due Dates:	Deposit 9/2/08	2 nd Payment 10/7/08	Final Payment Due 11/4/08
Price: \$307*	\$100	\$100	\$107
Transportation:	Roundtrip bus fare on Lamer luxury bus w/ toilet 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.

STOWE VERMONT			February 4-9, 2009 24 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; www.goldeneagleresort.com		
Skiing:	4 day lift ticket		
Other:	Welcome Party Free shuttles or trolley to Mountain base or town Golden Eagle Resort has 80 acres with fitness center, indoor pool, 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.		
Trip Leaders:	TBD		

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

Check out the websites for Stowe Vermont: www.livestowe.com; www.stowe.com or www.gostowe.com.



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: \$1385	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$335
Transportation: Roundtrip air fare Ground transfers from airport to hotel.				
Accommodations: 7 nights at the Horizon Casino Hotel – double occupancy 1 block to lift at Heavenly				
Skiing: 5 day lift ticket; 3 days at Heavenly, 2 TBD				
Other: Welcome Breakfast Enjoy Tahoe's casinos and nightlife--Welcome Party at 2 Casinos 4 runs on NASTAR & Picnic Apres Party				
Trip Leaders:	Debbie & Jon Clegg			

* 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.

Happy Birthday

Brenda Pawlak	October 8 th
Jeff Eckardt	October 11 th
Kathy Oboza	October 12 th
Joe Kalember	October 18 th
Caroline Knoff	October 19 th
Ralph Brunke	October 25 th
Tat Mui	October 27 th
Sylvester Colletti	October 29 th
William Topp	October 29 th
Dennis Uchimoto	October 30 th

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.

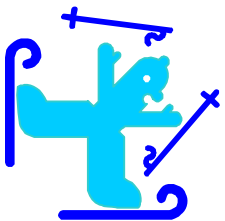
Stay as short or long as you'd like. Regular per night Lodge rates apply.



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 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.



Oak Park Ski Club Membership Application For 2008-2009 Season

Date: _____

Renewal _____ New Member _____ (Membership Fee: \$35)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Sex: Male _____ Female _____

Birth date: ____/____/____ Martial Status: _____

Home Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Cell Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Would you exercise the option of receiving your Snow Times newsletter via E-mail rather than having the club print the newsletter and sending it via the Postal system. (Please note: some systems, such as employer computers, may not let you view the entire newsletter, especially pictures) Yes _____ No _____

Do You Want your HOME phone listed in the Membership Directory? ____ Your E-Mail address? ____ Your Cell # ____

Do you ski? ____ Cross country ski? ____ Snowboard? ____ Do other sports (i.e. Golf, Volleyball, Bike, Hike)? ____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____, of Oak Park Ski Club HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE that I

(Print Name)

have voluntarily registered to be a member and to participate in trips, events, lessons, races, skiing and any sport or non-sport activity of the Oak Park Ski Club. In consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby agree that I, my heirs, legatees, guardians, legal representatives and assigns will not make a claim against, sue, attach to property of, or prosecute Oak Park Ski Club, its directors, officers, agents, representatives and members (collectively referred to as "Released Parties") for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, howsoever caused, by any director, officer, agent, representative or member of Oak Park Ski Club as a result of my participation in any and all snow skiing activities and as a result of any participation in any and all other Oak Park Ski Club activities. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from an against any and all actions, claims, demands, liability, loss, damage and expense of any kind, including attorney's fees arising from any such claims.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE RELEASED PARTIES AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL AND I AM 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please make checks payable to Oak Park Ski Club (or OPSC) and mail to: Membership, Oak Park Ski Club

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

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

Welcome to Fall everyone!

The trees are changing colors and it's a beautiful time to take a trip to the lodge. You also have Mackinac Island nearby and plenty of golfing, biking, hiking...just about anything you can think of is available near the lodge.

Soon the snow will be flying as well. I suppose we can give that a couple of months anyway. As you all are aware the club and lodge trips both opened on September 2nd. We have a pretty nice start in terms of signups but we need to keep that momentum going! I am highlighting the New Years trip, the lodge BUS trip, in February, and our Mardi Gras drive up trip in March.

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 are planning on having our workers weekend in November after the baseball playoffs have concluded. Hopefully there will be

a Chicago winner, [Go Cubs!](#) (Sorry White Sox fans but if the Cubs are unable to win it all, then I will be fine with the White Sox winning it all again.

The specific workers weekend will be November 14th - 16th. The plan for this weekend is to get the lodge 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 the banking credit crisis.

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, she will be glad to provide you with whatever information you need to 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.

Russ

*This is the end of the newsletter
that is if you don't count the
discount coupon for the ski show that follows.*

*If you are going to count the coupon as part of the newsletter than yes I am wrong and this isn't
the end.*

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