

Snow Times

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Upcoming Events

- Jan. 20th General Meeting @ Famous Freddie's
Jan. 31 – Feb. 1st Racing @ Marquette, Michigan
Feb. 3rd General Meeting @ Famous Freddie's
Feb. 4th - 9th Stowe, Vermont Ski Trip
Feb. 7-8th Racing @ Wilmot, Wisconsin
Feb. 17th General Meeting @ Famous Freddie's
Feb. 20th- 22nd "Blast from the Past" Lodge Bus Trip
Feb. 21-21st Racing @ Wilmot, Wisconsin
Feb. 27th Edison Park Inn (information inside)
Mar. 20th - 22nd Mardi Gras at Nubs (Lodge Trip)
April 25th Spring Banquet

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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Contact Rose Bragdon
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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:

Watching the snowmobiles cruising on a well-frozen Fox Lake keeps me in the High Winter Spirits experienced by all us Ski Bums. By the time you read this we'll already be writing up articles for shenanigans at the Lodge, complete with incriminating digital photos! The Stowe trip will doubtless provide more evidence of mirth and mayhem. Please be sure to take all the fun pictures you can and send them to Jim Pfeiffer & Tony Zasadney for the Snow Times and to help promote the Club.

FEBRUARY BAR OF THE MONTH: Join us at EPI (Edison Park Inn) on Friday February 27. We would like to reserve some bowling lanes if enough people pay up – call Vince Campofiore for details.

SPECIAL NOTE: MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE OPSC SPRING BANQUET ON SATURDAY APRIL 25! We're looking into an Italian family-style dinner at "Amici" on Milwaukee Ave. in Niles. Details will be sent over the next few weeks.

Reports are in: The snow is GREAT this year at our Michigan Lodge. 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. For those of you who need a break from ski action there's always the Casino on the way to shopping the Gaslight District in Petoskey. A few miles north of the Nubs/Highlands area you can dine at a number of good restaurants in Harbor Springs and peruse the shops. Back near "home" in Boyne City be sure to check out the local tradition of a Friday Fish Fry at the Boyne River Inn, where you can chow down on good local lake catch. Or just stumble across Rte 131 to Jake's Place for bar food, billiards & B.S. As you can see from the Lodge's Financial Summary published in this issue, Russ and his team are doing a great job.

Don't forget to sign up for our "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. A month later in March (20-22) we plan to cavort at Nubs Nob for the Mardi Gras drive-up outing. See the Lodge Page in this issue and contact the Great Lizard Russ Butler for more details.

But wait...there's more! It's time for us to ask our members to think about Club Elections coming up in April. We all know that many ski clubs are having difficulties attracting and retaining membership. Board service can take a bit of time, yet is quite rewarding when you get involved and meet a wide variety of interesting people. All of us on your Board are pleased to tell you what we do and are ready to be mentors if you'd like to take over a position. Contact Parliamentarian Kevin Smith for position descriptions and visit with us at any meeting.

See you at the bar, be it at Freddie's or at some Ski Resort!

Bill Campbell

Bar of the Month

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Edison Park Inn, Chicago
Friday, February 27th Starting at 6:30 pm

Centrally located across from the Edison Park Metra station at 6715 N. Olmstead in Chicago

Plenty of parking either on the street or in the east lot across the tracks

Full service bar and kitchen
Check out their menu at edisonparkinnchicago.com

ADDED FUN: There's an 8 lane bowling alley upstairs that we can reserve if we can get enough people together who would like to bowl that night. However, we'll need to let them know as soon as possible if we want to reserve the alley. So, if you're interested in bowling please contact Vince as soon as possible at campo@netscape.com or call

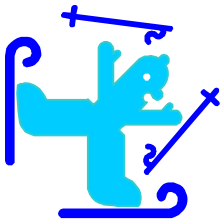


Lodge Trips



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.

Blast from the Past Lodge Trip Parking: Problem Solved

OPSC members on the “Blast from the Past” Lodge Trip can use the parking lot at Resurrection School at Nina & Harlem Ave in Chicago. I will write a letter to the Principal on behalf of the Lodge and include a \$75 donation to the School to reserve the space. This expense is consistent with the \$50 we used pay Triton College for parking security over ten years ago, adjusted for inflation.

Save the Date: April 25, 2009
Oak Park Ski Club Spring Banquet
Location, Menu, and Price will be disclosed after a contract is signed.



OPSC Dines at Fritzl's after the Races: PR Report **Story and photo by Tony Zasadney, PR**

After the slalom races at Wilmot Mtn. WI, ended Saturday afternoon, Jan. 11th, Dennis Uchimoto, OPSC Ski master, and one or two other racers drove to Fritzl's European Restaurant and Pub, in Lake Zurich IL, for dinner with a few other Oak Parkers. Dennis organized the rendezvous, and it turned out quite well for the twelve people (including young Natalie) who were present. The early arrivals chatted over cocktails at the bar until the others showed up when we then all took our seats in the next dining room. Some entree selections were sautéed walleye pike, Icelandic cod, roasted duckling, sautéed venison medallions, and grilled Black Angus rib.



Dessert's Done; It's About Time to Leave. L to R Standing: Tony Zasadney (raced), Cindy Engels, Judy Elliott, Dennis Uchimoto (raced), and Russ Butler. Seated: Diane Butler, Evon & Ed Solms, Kathy Mitchell, Sheri Butler and daughter Natalie. Photo taken by Joe Lukavsky)

2009-2010 Elections - Tuesday, April 7th

Mark your calendar, we must have a quorum to hold elections of officers. Please plan on attending the election meeting. The offices of President, Vice President, Ski Master, Treasurer, Executive Secretary, Parliamentarian, Corresponding Secretary and Lodge President will be voted on. If you feel that you can contribute to the club in any of the above offices, please consider running for an office. You will enjoy working with the board members and finding out how the club works from a different perspective. Hope to see you at the meeting.

President: The president shall ensure the coordination of efforts among elected officers and appointed committee chairs. He/She shall preside at all general membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings and may sign, with the Vice President or Treasurer, contracts, checks, or other instruments and documents as may be required of and incident to the office of the President.

Vice President: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall act in his/her stead. The Vice President shall oversee the preparation and implementation of the club's financial budget as approved by the Board of Directors, prepare and file the federal and state income tax returns and information statements, and insure that the club's insurance premiums are current and paid. In the event that the President's office is vacated, or in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the office of President.

Ski Master: In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Ski Master shall assume the responsibilities of the President. The Ski Master and his/her subcommittee shall coordinate ski instruction, club races, CMSC races, cross country ski program, the annual Ski Fest, and all other recreational sports programs including volleyball. He/She shall maintain and publish racing statistics and award club pins and trophies.

Executive Secretary: The executive secretary shall notify the Board of Directors of board meetings, record minutes of board meetings and general meetings, distribute copies of minutes to board members, and be responsible for lost and found property. In the event of the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, the Executive Secretary shall act as Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for all collections, receipts, deposits and disbursements of the general funds of the organization. He/She shall be responsible for the maintenance of all books, accounts and records. He/She shall submit a written account and report at the end of his/her term as of April 30. He/She shall also submit reports at such other times as the President may request. The books kept by the Treasurer shall be available for annual audit as requested by the Board of Directors.

Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian shall ensure that Roberts Rules of Order are followed at general meetings and at board meetings, ensure that necessary quorums and required membership votes for motions are met, ensure all motions are constitutional and that actions required by the Constitution are allowed, advise on matters where constitutionality is questioned and ensure that club policies and the Constitution are upheld at club functions. He/She shall form and chair the Judicial Committee, preside at disciplinary hearings, write judicial interpretation, and keep Judicial Committee records. He/She shall oversee that the Constitution is upheld at all elections and at special meetings requiring constitutional changes.

Corresponding Secretary: In the event of the absence of the Executive Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary shall act in his/her stead. The Corresponding Secretary shall submit to the Snow Times a monthly calendar of club functions and news regarding membership announcements and condolences, send cards and/or flowers as deemed appropriate by the club Board of Directors, count ballots when there is a voting by mail and be responsible for the general correspondence of the Club, including development and maintenance of the OPSC website, sending broadcast e-mails to club members and generally acting as OPSC web-master.

Lodge President: The Lodge President shall be the principal executive officer of the Lodge Corporation and shall supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Lodge Corporation. He/She shall be a voting member of the Oak Park Ski Club Board of Directors.

OPSC Exhibits at the Annual Ski Show: PR Report

Story and photo by Tony Zasadney

The 2008 Ski Dazzle Ski Show and Snowboard Expo last month was, as usual, exciting to see and to experience. There were only four ski clubs, including ours, that exhibited, fewer than ever, but visitor traffic was still surprisingly high. The show this year was shortened by a day to three days. Yet we were able to collect 43 sign-ups to our mailing list (two free issues to Snow Times; read “potential leads”) and 49 completed raffle tickets (one drawing held each day of show to award free one-year membership; more “potential leads”). We can attribute those good numbers to the salesmanship of our crews at the booth.

In other years Sunday would have been an early pack up-and-leave day, usually around 3 PM. Show crowds were so heavy this year that exhibitors held on until official closing time at 5 PM before dismantling their booths; OPSC did the same. Our booth, at a busy corner location, looked pretty good, had many easels displaying photographs of past ski trips and events, and was well stocked with Snow Times, club brochures (“trifolds”) with year-specific inserts (a new idea this year), ample signage, raffle bucket, and a clipboard with mailing list sign-up sheets.

The PR Committee is, of course, indebted to the generosity of the volunteers (32 scheduled in all) who donated their time and efforts to operate the booth and to represent the club for the three days of the show.

We include, of course, Pat Mitchell, Kathy Mitchell, Dave Breyer, Russ and Sheri Butler, Diane Butler, Bill and Mary Campbell, Ken Hedeem, Jim Nygren, Patrick and Terry Riley, Owen Dowling, Sally Evanshank, Carol Kjelstad, Dennis Uchimoto, Cindy Engels, Mike Kalagian, Judy Elliott, Rich and Winnie Sitt, Dan Vercillo, John and Cindy Anich, Sue Ryan, Vince and Sandy Campofiore, Ron Schneider, and Tony Z. Unable to show because of illness or scheduling conflict were Mary Smith, Kevin Smith, Ralph Brunke, and George Todt.

Special thanks go to Dennis who helped this writer put up the booth the night before the show started, and who, with Ron, helped take it down the final night. Special thanks to Vince for designing and printing a new supply of club brochures and initiating the use of inexpensive year-specific inserts. Special thanks to Judy Swanson who again did a splendid job of creating a signage set of computer-generated jumbo color posters which listed club ski trips and off-season activities. Special thanks to Jim Garstka who once again connected the club booth.

About this time of year we will be receiving visitors to our club at the general meetings, and so 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



OPSC 2008 Ski Show Booth Rosemont IL

L to R: Cindy Engels, Dennis Uchimoto, Judy Elliot, Hans Fiedler, Unidentified Party Crasher, Scott Bates.

OAK PARK SKI CLUB LODGE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

OPSC Lodge Financial Summary for period May 2008 -J January 2009	
<i>Cash Basis Year-to-Date (Unaudited)</i>	
Operating Account Beginning Balance:	3,002.30
Income	11,711.57
Expenses	(7,420.91)
Transfers from <to> Savings Account	(76.00)
Operating Account Ending Balance:	7,216.96
Savings & Investments	1,346.53
<u>Total All Funds:</u>	8,563.49



February Birthdays		
Robert	DiPego	2/1
Dino	Gius	2/2
Carolyn	Kahler	2/8
Kathy	Mitchell	2/11
Rose	Bragdon	2/13
Deborah	Ulrich	2/16
Dennis	Peterson	2/17
Margaret	McCreery	2/18
Scott	Swing	2/18
Adrian	Bruno	2/21
David	Breyer	2/23

PR Committee Positions Open

Your Public Relations Committee needs a few volunteers to help with the PR operations of your ski club. Please note that volunteers for the PR committee do not have to be familiar with

public relations, per se, although that would help. We would also want artistic people to make posters for events, and members who like to keep records, that sort of thing.

Actually, the official purpose of the Public Relations Committee is “To relate to reading and listening audiences, both within and outside the Club, upcoming events of the Club and information of interest to skiing enthusiasts. This committee is also responsible for dispensing information about the OPSC to the general public.”

That’s our springboard mission statement, and it can lead to activities to promote and publicize: all social events, any guest speakers at general meetings, the Club races, any ski instruction for new members, the annual Ski Show booth, a possible revival of the annual Invitation to Ski, the Club Lodge at Boyne Falls, the Club trips, and any way to create effective publicity for the club that you as a team player can dream up!

Anybody interested in joining the Public Relations can ask Tony Zasadney, PR Director, for details. But hurry - this offer is limited and could be withdrawn at any time. You have been warned.

**2008/2009 CMSC ALPINE
Dates Remaining
RACE SCHEDULE**

Date	Location
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
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

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.

Hi Everyone,

Well it's definitely ski season. The Chicago area has been getting a lot of snow and so has our beloved lodge up north.

It was great seeing so many people at the lodge over New Years. The lodge was a busy place with people were coming and going with every room was occupied.

Please remember is that our lodge reservationist has a personal life. Please do not call her with one day notice, in the early morning, late evening, or on holidays.

We have been getting a lot of interest in the lodge bus trip. From the recent interest it looks as though the trip will be going out. People who

are interested need to commit, please call Kevin Smith or Bill Campbell and let them know that you are coming. It makes for a difficult decision a month prior to it going out with people waiting until the last minute to decide if they want to go. I understand it but it does make it difficult.

We have two great organized ski trips to the lodge, one a bus trip and the other a drive up trip. We need more signups for both of these trips. There is a lot of added value 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.

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.

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 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. Please remember to be considerate and avoid calling Rose during the late evening, early morning, and holidays as she does have small children. The lodge committee appreciates it.

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

Russ