

Snow Times

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 20 th	General Meeting @ Famous Freddie's
Feb. 3 rd	General Meeting @ Famous Freddie's
Feb. 4 th - 9 th	Stowe, Vermont Ski Trip
Feb. 17 th	General Meeting @ Famous Freddie's
Feb. 20 th - 22 nd	"Blast from the Past" Lodge Bus Trip
Mar. 20 th - 22 nd	Mardi Gras at Nubs (Lodge 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)

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Lodge Reservations

Contact Rose Bragdon
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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:

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Enter SnowTimes in the subject line.



From the Prez:

Welcome to 2009, all ye Ski Bums, Football Fans, Hockey Junkies and other sports aficionados. By this time many of us may have made our ski plans – yet there's always room for spontaneity. The Stowe trip is full; if you're interested, contact Evon Solms for possible spots. Our Michigan 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. 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 barfood, billiards & B.S. 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.

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

Bill Campbell

Wilmot Mountain Thursday Night Race Series

Thursday nights will be fast and friendly here at Wilmot Mountain for the 2008 – 2009 season. Our new race series is to offer a chance for the average skier or snow boarder to test their racing abilities and give the opportunity to experience racing without the pressure and high cost. Each participant will be able to take two runs on a modified Giant Slalom Course, set by a member of the Wilmot Mountain Racing Team. Our goal is to create a recreational racing environment, friendly enough even for the first time racer. The more experienced racer will be able to challenge themselves, or possibly be shown up by someone new.

A Wilmot Mountain Racing Team member will set the pace time. As you finish your run, there will be digital display of your time at the finish area. You will be able to instantly see your time and see how it compares to others before you.

The \$5.00 entry fee includes two runs, and extra runs may be purchased at \$1.00 each.

For ease of operation and quickness of racing, sign-up will take place at the race hill located near chairlift 5.

Confirming race dates to be posted soon.

Ski and Snowboard Area

Friends of CMSC Thursday Nights

2008/2009 Season

"Fast snow, the glory of victory, friends and fun." What's your favorite memory of your skiing?

"We braved the storm, tackled the mountain and shared stories over a cold beer at the bar."

How do you explain to your friends why you ski, and why you're part of your social club?

WELL LET'S PASS IT ON!

Wilmot Mountain, for 70 years now, has been there through warm and cold, sun, snow and rain, and we appreciate the years of fun and excitement that CMSC has brought to us. For this year, our 70th anniversary, we are opening up Thursday nights to CMSC as a chance to increase membership, and create those new and special memories for you, your friends and your family. Wilmot Mountain will offer a Friends of CMSC ticket on every Thursday night for \$15.00 (our normal rate is \$30.00). The only Thursdays excluded from this deal are November 27th and December 25th.

For everyone that you bring who has never skied or snowboarded before, we will be extending special CMSC pricing package with lift ticket, rental and lesson.

For the ski package - \$25

For the snowboard package - \$35

Here's how it works:

1. Grab as many friends as you can
2. Grab your CMSC affiliated club proof of membership
3. Come to the Ski School desk at Wilmot Mountain to sign in
4. Head to the hills, create some memories!
5. Once you're cold, head in to the bar for excellent drink specials, and open mic live music.

When all is said and done, please stay in touch with us, if there's anything that we can do while you're here, we'll do our best to make your trip the best.

Truly Yours,

Wilmot Mountain Ski and Snowboard Area

Group Sales and Promotions

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Happy Birthday

January Birthdays		
Keith	Harper	1/2
Phillip	Cypcar	1/10
Sally	Brunke	1/18
Robert	Esposito	1/19
Ken	Hedeen	1/24
Walter J.	Zaremba	1/24
Mary	Campbell	1/27
Michael	Kalagian	1/29

December Birthdays		
Lili	Breyer	12/1
Ann	Suwinski	12/3
Tomasz	Maruszewski	12/8
Max	Meyers	12/10
Cynthia	Anich	12/11
Joseph	Carmosino	12/11
Mary	Grzelak	12/11
Kathy	Maruszewski	12/19
Vicki	Allbritten	12/21
William	Eyre	12/21
Cynthia	Engels	12/20
Leon	Makowski	12/22
Larry	Fine	12/26

**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

OPSC Dines at the Brass

Story and photos by Tony Zasadney

Saturday December 6th. The place: Brass Restaurant And Brewery, South Barrington. Twenty people looking for an interesting menu, a good party, a good time. They were not disappointed. This dinner and party excursion was organized and coordinated by Cindy Engels, who did an outstanding job. Let the following photos show how the event unfolded.



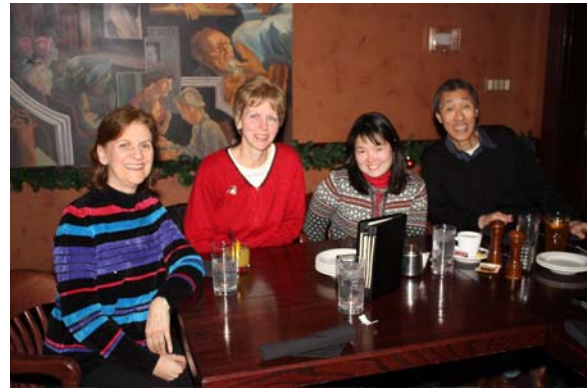
Locale of the OPSC First Christmas Outing

Brass Restaurant And Brewery, 105 Hollywood Boulevard, South Barrington (near AMC Cantera 30). Brass is owned by the noted suburban bon vivant and restaurateur, Sam Sutter.



Bubbly Presentation

Our own Cindy Engels, hostess and organizer of Christmas Outing, being presented with congratulatory bottle of champagne by Sam Sutter, owner of Brass.



And From This End of the Banquet...

From Left to Right: Sue Lord, Judy Kraus, Winnie & Rich Sitt



Smiling Trio

L to R: Dan Vercillo, flanked by cheerful Mitchell sisters, Kathy and Pat.



Keep Smilin'

L to R: Janette Stefani and Diane Butler.



Four Facing Flash

L to R: Brothers Ordakowski Fred and Frank with wives Grace and Sue.



And In This Corner...

Scott & Rosemary Swing.



And Now: Present Ski Master and Former Ski Mistress

Dennis Uchimoto and Cindy Engels (event organizer).



First Dibs

Diane, holding lucky ticket #1, leading with her selection in the surprisingly bounteous "grab-bag" Christmas gift exchange.



Smiling Duo

Tony (event photog) and Joyce Zasadney (shot snapped by Dennis).



Couldn't Have Happened to a Luckier Tree Troll

Cindy and her exchange gift. Shown beyond are Dave Breyer, Pat, Dan.

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 New Year!

It's hard to believe that it is already 2009. Where has the time gone? The lodge has been getting lots of snow and the lodge is keeping busy with a lot of reservations. Reduced gas prices and plenty of snow are keeping things busy up at the lodge. I hope you get a chance to get up to the lodge either on one of our planned trips or on your own.

Although I am writing this prior to New Years I understand that the lodge will be quite busy with a lot of people coming up to get some skiing and celebrating during the holidays at the lodge. It should be a great time and I am looking forward to being up there with my family and joining in the fun as well.

We have two great organized ski trips to the lodge, one a bus trip and the other a drive up trip.

We still do need more signups for both of these 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.

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.

I am very pleased to see so much usage of the lodge from the reservations standpoint but I wish we could get some more signups for our

organized trips. Anyway however you decide to use the lodge I am glad that you are taking advantage of this great club asset.

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.

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

Russ



Fun Times at the Lodge in '08-'09

Join us this winter for these happenings at the Lodge

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 are welcome to join us.

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.