

# Snow Times

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## Upcoming Events

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	OPSC General Meeting (location inside)
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	OPSC General Meeting (location inside)
July 4 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Cherry Festival                      Traverse City, MI
July 9 <sup>th</sup> – Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Harbor Days                              (see Lodge page)
Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Polish Fest                                (see Lodge page)

## **OAK PARK SKI CLUB**

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### Our Meeting Location at Present

**Fox & Hound Pub & Grille**  
[www.tentcorp.com](http://www.tentcorp.com)

910 W. Dundee Road  
Arlington Hts. IL 60004  
(847)590-9019

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  
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### Lodge Reservations

Contact Rose Bragdon  
815-444-7783  
[roseb53@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roseb53@sbcglobal.net)

### 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:

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

Enter SnowTimes in the subject line.



### ***From the (same) Prez:***

Thanks to Vince Campofiore's excellent promotional efforts we had a GREAT turnout for the Spring Banquet. It was a pleasure to visit with everyone and to give the annual gifts to Board members. Even more important is the Carmen Manno Award granted this year to Mr. GREG FOSLER, long-time Michigan member who has become a true Lodge Lizard in every sense. Not only is Greg a top-notch skier, he has also brought his family up to the Lodge and volunteered his time to help with repairs and assistance with local contractors. The new Board will soon review a roof-repair quote resulting from Greg's efforts. We're privileged to have Greg as a member. At the Board Changeover meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> we reviewed financial statements for both Club and Lodge; after final closing of the books later this month we'll publish the reports here. The new Board re-appointed JIM PFEIFFER as our Snow Times guru and TONY "Z" ZASADNEY for Public Relations. PATTY MITCHELL moves over from a great job as Lodge Treasurer to take on the Social Committee, while Mr. Slush Cup DAN VERCILLO joins us as Membership director. We still need a Corresponding Secretary / Webmaster and - most importantly - Trip Coordinator. Please let us know if you'd like to help out. OK folks, so much for the fun stuff. We have a more pressing issue: Where will OPSC hold its meetings? As many of you already know, Famous Freddie's in Mt. Prospect has made itself over as "Moretti's" with the same management but a different model. It is now a sit-down restaurant emphasizing banquets. We will no longer be able to hang out in the bar area to munch on dogs & fries and then move upstairs for official meetings. For the time being we'll make the best of it. The Board is seeking new locations and we'll keep you posted – please let us know if you have any ideas. In any case, welcome to another year with OPSC. We'll fill you in with event info and get the ball rolling soon.

### ***BILL CAMPBELL***

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#### **OPSC Meeting Location**

At the board meeting of May 5<sup>th</sup>, a motion was made and approved to: Move the meeting site on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays to **Fox and Hounds** on Dundee Rd in Arlington Hts. Other locations may still be considered in the future. Currently, Moretti's will not provide a free meeting room. The next meeting will be at **Fox and Hounds**.

**Fox & Hound Pub & Grille** - 910 W. Dundee Road – Arlington Hts. – (847)590-9019  
[www.tentcorp.com](http://www.tentcorp.com)

## To all Bicyclists: From the PR Committee

Just another reminder, bicycling tour date to keep in mind this year:

Apple Cider Century Sunday Sep 28, 2009 (Sponsor: Three Oaks Spokes Bicycle Club) Three Oaks, MI.

About this event: if you want to arrive in town the night before, reserve lodging at any one of the area motels no later than mid-June, since rooms fill up fast for the Apple Cider.

More information to follow at the meetings and in future Snow Times. If interested, talk with the PR Committee.

Please note that any member is welcome to host a local bike tour on his or her initiative, preferably under the auspices of OPSC. Check with the President, the Social Committee, or the PR Committee.

Thanks.

Tony Zasadney, PR.

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**Happy Birthday**

### May Birthdays

Curt Swanson	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Campofiore	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Kevin Smith	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Larocco	May 25 <sup>th</sup>
Russ Butler	May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Mitchell	May 27 <sup>th</sup>
Rose Northon	May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rich Zak	May 27 <sup>th</sup>
Larry Kelly	May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kathleen Ryan	May 30 <sup>th</sup>
		Ron Schneider	May 31 <sup>st</sup>

## **OPSC Drives to the Lodge and Skis Nubs Nob: PR Report**

Story and photos by Tony Zasadney, PR Director

A month after the successful “Blast From the Past” bus trip to the lodge in Boyne Falls was run, the club sponsored another trip to the lodge in March, this time a drive-up. Thirteen of us went up, all arriving Friday March 20th at different times. Saturday morning we formed a caravan to Nubs Nob where we spent most of the day skiing. Bill and Mary Campbell organized an early afternoon wine and cheese party in a warming hut at the base of Birch Run. After the party a number of us skied over to watch the Nubs Nob Annual Mardi Gras Soaker Cup Challenge and witness our intrepid racers, Dan Vercillo and Sheri Butler try to skim across a 30 foot long pond without sinking. Over a fifty skiers tried; only about eight made it across. That event was followed by a ski-themed costume contest entered by some really imaginative people.

Back at the lodge, in the kitchen, we enjoyed a multi-course pasta dinner cooked by Sheri, Diane Butler, and Mary. Afterwards, found fun with a board game played with cards that Sheri brought out, called “Apples to Apples”. It’s like Scrabble, only cards replace the dice, and the players string together subjects and words instead of letters. In addition to the people already mentioned, also playing were Russ Butler and Natalie, Pat Mitchell, Dave Breyer, David Smith, Jackie Uznanski, Tony Z, and Fran Burlingame.

On Sunday, Bill & Company took a scenic tour along the shores of Lake Charlevoix to Charlevoix and back. Tony and Fran skied Boyne Mountain slush for a few hours and then headed for Chicago. The photos below should round out this report.



Nubs Nob Annual Spring Fling Mardi Gras Soaker Cup Challenge  
Soaker Cup Staging Area



Slush Jump at the Soaker Cup-1  
Dan Vercillo approaching the black plastic-lined competition pond.

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Slush Jump at the Soaker Cup-2  
Dan rocking back on his tails after splash-in.

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Slush Jump at the Soaker Cup-3  
Sheri Butler beginning her skim across the plastic-lined competition pond.

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Slush Jump at the Soaker Cup-4

Sheri after being helped up by pole-wader, following her midway sinking, and after removal of skis.

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Nubs Nob Annual Mardi Gras Costume Contest-1

The Family that Slaloms together stays together. Clever costume ensemble with parents and two sons all bearing back-strapped toy-like slalom gates while strutting in-and-out and in-between each other, suggesting a race in progress (older boy and his mom seen here). Awarded First Prize.

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Nubs Nob Annual Mardi Gras Costume Contest-2

Young Lady entered as Miss Ski Babe Lollapalooza (or so) with First Assistant Snow Chick alongside. Awarded Honorable Mention.

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# 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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## Hi Everyone,

Well my tenure as Lodge President has come to an end. I would like to thank all of you who made use of the lodge either by staying up there, going on trips, donating your time and money, or whatever your contribution may have been. I was very fortunate to have a great lodge board with Sheri Butler providing guidance, Pat Mitchell for handling our books and making sure our bills were paid, and Rose Bragdon for handling the reservations. John Bragdon and Kathy Mitchell also provided a lot of input as well as did the entire Oak Park board. They all did a great job.

I want to wish our new Lodge President, who is certainly familiar with the lodge having been a former Lodge President himself, Kevin Smith all the best. I am sure

he will have a lot of great ideas for the upcoming year for the lodge and improvements planned for the lodge as well. Rose Bragdon will be continuing on as our lodge reservationist and I know she will continue doing great with handling reservations.

Remember, there are a lot of activities to do during the summer at the lodge: Mackinaw Island, golfing, biking, hiking, boating, and of course festivals. Here are just a few of the more popular upcoming festivals and you can find more at:

<http://www.traversecity.org/events.php>

July 4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Cherry Festival  
<http://www.cherryfestival.org/aboutus/visitorInfo.php>

July 9<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Harbor days

August 6-9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Polish Fest  
<http://www.boynefallspolishfestival.com/>

I hope you will all continue to support and utilize the lodge. It is great to hear a buzz about the lodge again over the past several years. Hopefully we can continue to build on this momentum.

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. For any reservations please 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. 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.

Thank you once again for all of your support this past year and all the best to the new lodge board.

*Russ*