Snow Times

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 22nd	Launch Party/Meeting	Last day for the discounted prices
Oct. 13th	Club Meeting	Champps 955 E. Golf Road in
Oct. 27th	Club Meeting	Schaumburg 7:30 pm.
Dec. 31 – Jan.3rd	New Years Trip	Drive up trip to the OPSC Lodge

(Dates for the New Years trip have not been finalized at this time)

Jan. 29 – 31st	Bus Lodge Trip	
Feb. 6 – 13th	Big Sky Montana	week long ski trip
March 5-9th	Park City, Utah	long weekend ski trip
March 19 – 21st	Mardi Gras Trip	Drive up trip to the OPSC Lodge

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2009-2010 Season

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Our Meeting Location at Present

CHAMPPS
955 E. Golf Rd, Schaumburg
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month
7:30 pm for food & drinks, business meeting will begin at 8:00.

Webmaster e-mail to
oakparkskiclub@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, John Bragdon at (815) 444-7783 or skibumre@sbcglobal.net

Changes (address, phone number, etc)
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Lodge Address
Oak Park Ski Lodge 3050 State St.
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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 Snow Times in the subject line.

From the Prez:

The Board selected a new meeting place: **CHAMPPS**, 955 EAST GOLF ROAD, SCHAUMBURG IL 60173 847-240-1330 located between Roselle Road and Woodfield mall. Due to another ski club meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, we decided to CHANGE OAK PARK'S MEETING NIGHTS TO THE SECOND AND FORTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH EFFECTIVE TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 2009. We'll congregate in the front-room facing Champps' ample parking lot.

It's never too soon to plan for the upcoming ski season. Our trips are already open for sign-ups but still be sure to mark your calendar for Oak Park's Ski Trip Kick-Off Party at Champps on Tuesday September 22 hosted by "Jafo" LaScola's Trip Committee. We're headed for one week at Big Sky Montana February 6-13 and a long weekend at Park City Utah March 5-10. Lodge trips include drive-ups for New Year's, Mardi Gras (with Slush Cup) March 19-21 plus a full Bus Trip on January 29-31. Bring family & friends to the Lodge as well – reserve early, reserve often. As a member of the Chicago Friars Ski & Bike Club, I have invited them to come along as guests to the Lodge and offer a challenge to our Ski Racing program.

For the Ski Show this year we chose to place our bet on the new "Windy City" show in Schaumburg on October 23-25. Our Public Relations director, Tony Zasadney is looking for volunteers to help "man" the booth. He can be reached at (630) 739-0142 or by email – mactony22@earthlink.net . We hope to get sign-ups for our great trip choices and take advantage of good selections of discounted equipment at the Ski Swap.

Now go out and get some sun. See you at Champps on August 25.

BILL CAMPBELL

Treasure's Report – The Club's operating account as of 7/31/09 had a balance of $2,149.95, and the Savings account had a balance of $19,498.61, for a total of $21,648.56. The Lodge Account as of 7/31/09 had an operating balance of $4,002.97, and $1,569.89 in Savings and Investment, for a total of $5,572.86.

Evon Solms	September 1st
Terri Tyner	September 3rd
Bob Rieser	September 5th
Ida Brutlag	September 13th
Bob Kozel	September 13th
Jacki Uzmamski	September 20th
Bobbi Roberts	September 25th
Judy Swanson	September 27th
Dan Strausbaugh	September 29th
Dan Vercillo	September 29th

(Please note – This is Evon Solms only birthday this year. Don't believe everything that you read!)

BIG SKY, Montana	February 6th – 13th, 2010 Saturday - Saturday - 24 spots

	Early Bird (By Sept 22)	Regular	Deposit	Final Payment Due By
Pricing:	$1160.00	$ 1200.00	@ Time of sign up $250.00 10/13/09 $300.00 11/10/09 $300.00	Dec 08, 2009 $310.00 EB or $350.00 Reg.
Transportation:	Roundtrip air via United Airlines from Chicago to Bozeman: Feb 6 ORD/BZN Flt 6669 10:00am/12:10pm Feb 13 BZN/DEN Flt 6478 1:18pm/2:55pm DEN/ORD Flt 254 4:55pm/8:14pm TRANSFERS: Roundtrip charter bus transfers between airport and lodging			
Accommodations:	7 night condominium accommodations at the Saddle Ridge in 4 three bedroom/3.5 bath units with 6 per unit. http://www.eastwestbigsky.com/			
Skiing:	5 of 6 day lift ticket to Big Sky 1 day transfer to Moonlight Basin			
Other:	Welcome Party			
Trip Leader:	Open position		EB = Early Bird discount	

PARK CITY, Utah	March 5th – 9th, 2010 Friday - Tuesday - 24 spots

	Early Bird (By Sept 22)	Regular	Deposit	Final Payment Due By
Pricing:	$940.00	$ 975.00	@ Time of sign up $250.00 11/03/09 $240.00 12/08/09 $240.00	Jan 05, 2010 $210.00 EB or $245.00 Reg.
Transportation:	Roundtrip air via American Airlines from Chicago to Salt Lake City Mar 5 ORD/SLC Flt 1145 9:55am/12:25pm Mar 9 SLC/ORD Flt 1158 1:25pm/5:30pm TRANSFERS: Roundtrip charter bus transfers between airport and lodging			
Accommodations:	4 night accommodations at the Park Station Condominiums in 6 two bedroom/two bath units with 4 per unit http://www.parkstationpc.com/winter/			
Skiing:	3 days ticket to Park City 1 day ticket to Deer Valley			
Other:	Welcome Party			
Trip Leader:	Open position		EB = Early Bird Discount	

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please contact the
OPSC Trip Coordinator:

Jeremy LaScola
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- **Roundtrip airfare Chicago O'Hare to Salt Lake City**
- **Roundtrip transfers - Salt Lake City to Park City**
- **Welcome Party**

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Almost a Spike By Sheri IMG_1438.JPG
With Sue eyeballing net on opposite side.

Return by John IMG_1458.JPG
As opponents ready themselves to pounce

Cindy E. Serves IMG_1563.JPG
And serves well

OPSC and Monday Night Volleyball: PR Report

Story and photos by Tony Zasadney, PR Director

The time: 7 PM. The date: Monday July 5th. The place: Busse Woods near Woodfield Mall. The OPSC crew that evening: Fourteen total - John and Cindy Anich, Curt & Judy Swanson, Caroline Knoff, Sue Ryan, Sheri Butler, David Smith, Larry Petersen, Dennis Uchimoto, Cindy Engel, Frank & Sue Ordakowski, and this writer. The caliber of the players was good and the level of fun playing the game was high. The skimaster (this year, David Smith) traditionally organizes the games and provides and sets up the equipment. Occasionally, Frank and Sue will set up the net, guy ropes and border when the skimaster cannot make it.

By the time you read this, volleyball will be over for the summer, but keep it in mind for next year. It's an amenity offered by your club - you don't have to be an expert player, costs nothing but a few enjoyable hours of your time, improves health, stamina and your game, and enables you to meet some fine people.

Nice Try at Blocking by Frank IMG_1452.JPG

As Sue and Cindy Look On.

Dennis Returns A Serve IMG_1466.JPG

As Cindy and Frank get ready.

Judy Tries a Dig Pass IMG_1501.JPG

While Dennis gets ready to block it.

John Finishes a Pass IMG_1488.JPG

While David and Larry look on.

John Finishes a Pass IMG_1488.JPG

While David and Larry look on.

Cindy Reels from Collision with Volleyball
IMG_1520.JPG

While Dennis and Curtis look on with dismay, shock and awe.

Dennis Returns a Serve IMG_1554.JPG

As Sue and Curtis stand ready.

Frank Blocks a Volley IMG_1528.JPG

As Sue and Curtis move into place

Cindy A. Does Dig Pass to Return Volley
IMG_1533.JPG

As Sheri Looks on.

David Returns Volley with Dig Pass
IMG_1549.JPG

As John and Larry step into position.

Trip Launch Party

Our Trip Launch Party will be held along with our general meeting on September 22nd at 7:30 pm. The location will be **CHAMPPS**, 955 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL. 60173, (847)-240-1330 located between Roselle Road and Woodfield mall. This will be the last day to take advantage of the "early bird" discounts. The club will raffle two $25 coupons good toward any Lodge trip in the coming ski season.

Our CMSC representative, Caroline Knoff has tickets available for the Cubs vs. Pittsburgh game on September 30th. The time of the game is 1:05 CDT and the price is $18.00 per ticket.

OPSC Goes to a Concert and an Ice Cream Social: PR Report

Story and photos by Tony Zasadney, PR Director

Marcia and Tony Kittler have hosted at least four ice cream socials following Park Ridge Concerts, but this was the first year for a rain cancellation. That's right: no concert, no Beethoven. So, the post-concert party got off to an early evening start (Friday July 25th), repairing to the Kittler residence. For those of you who wonder how Marcia and Tony got the idea, please read on.

In a recent e-mail interview Marcia explained:

"I had enjoyed several OPSC events hosted by others, such as bike outings, parties, etc. I wanted to host an OPSC event too. I'd noticed that the members of our club had enjoyed Ravinia more than once. So Tony & I decided to invite everyone to the Park Ridge Concert (which is like a mini-Ravinia except free!), then to our house afterward for dessert or something like that.

"A couple of weeks before the [first] event, Tony and I walked our dog KoKo over to Vince and Sandy Campofiore's house, and they invited us in. Sandy pulled out some of her ice cream with different syrups and toppings, and we made our own sundaes. Vince said Sandy had just had an ice cream party for Vince's birthday. I thought their ice cream 'bar' was such a charming idea, I decided to copy it after the concert, for.

Ice Cream Social: Kitchen Retreat

L to R: Vince Campofiore, Sue & Frank Ordakowski, Marcia Kittler (hostess. Not shown: Tony Kittler, host) IMG_1608

Through The Living Room

L to R: Judy Swanson, Sheri Butler, Dave Breyer, Kathy Mitchell, Russ Butler. IMG_1604

Through The Living Room (cont'd)

R to L: Bill Topp (OPSC, Cedar Lake IN); Lisa & Stan, friends of the Kittlers. IMG_1605

the club. And we called it an 'ice cream social.' It didn't seem like a big deal, but everyone who came said they really enjoyed themselves! So we repeated it. People now ask us if we're going to be doing it again, and we enjoy it, so we always say Yes."

Yet another reason to belong to the Oak Park Ski Club. Mark your calendars now

...and into the Hallway

L to R; Natalie Butler and Jamie Swanson, displaying their art project handiwork. IMG_1610

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.

Michigan Fall Color Tours

It's when 19 million acres of woods slowly explode in a frenzy of color. It's when an entire state is in its annual blaze of glory. It's when autumn arrives in Michigan. And there's no better place to see the dynamic colors of a trillion trees aflame than along our highways on our way to the OPSC Lodge. So let's head out to the forests. And let's prepare to be amazed. On the fall color tours of Pure Michigan.

2009/2010 Lodge Ski Outings

New Years at the Lodge. This will be a drive up trip, final dates and extras have not been finalized at this time.

Lodge Bus Trip, last weekend in January. Last years trip was a big success and this year will be even better. Don't miss out, space is limited.

Mardi Gras, March 19-21st , this is another drive up trip. The festivities in the Boyne Area are fantastic and be there to see if Sheri and Dan will get over the frigid waters of the slush cup.