

Snow Times

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Big Sky



Upcoming Events

March 8th

March 19th-21st

March 22nd

April 13th

April 24th

April 27th

General Meeting

Mardi Gras Trip (Drive up trip to the OPSC Lodge

General Meeting

General Meeting - Election of Officers

Spring Banquet

General Meeting

OAK PARK SKI CLUB

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Oak Park Ski Club Board of Directors 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

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, John
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Changes (address, phone number, etc)

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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.

Happy Birthday

Dino Giys	February 2 nd	Dave Breyer	February 23 rd
Kathy Mitchell	February 11 th	Patrick Riley	March 4 th
Shirley Nevins	February 14 th	Danuta Cisek	March 7 th
Scott Swing	February 18 th	Joseph Hyla	March 12 th
Adrian Bruno	February 21 st		

2010-2011 Elections - Tuesday, April 13th

Mark you 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.

The Regular Meeting on February 23rd, Dave Breyer was nominated for Executive Secretary and accepted and John Bragdon was nominated for Corresponding Secretary and he also accepted. At the January meeting Mr. Kalagian was nominated to hold his current position of Parliamentarian and new blood, Tim Lloyd, was also nominated for Lodge President, both accepted. Please consider throwing your hat in the ring for one of the positions, it's a rewarding experience.

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31, 2010

TREASURER'S REPORT

OPSC Club Financial Summary for period May 2009 - April 2010	
Cash Basis Year-to-Date (Unaudited)	
Operating Account Beginning Balance:	6,988.92
Income	31,232.00
Expenses	(31,642.77)
Transfers from <to> Savings	7,000.00
Operating Account Ending Balance:	13,578.15
Savings & Investments	12,490.08
<u>Total All Funds:</u>	26,068.23



From the Prez:

With ski season in full swing we're all busy racing, careening down the hill, checking out new equipment, snowmobiling, skating, going to hockey games, learning new techniques, meeting great people and exploring new resorts. Just back from the Boyz Annual Lodge Fiasco Trip at the end of January and I'm looking forward to the Big Sky trip, which will be history by the time you read this. Ain't never been there, they tell me it's nice (to quote Joe Walsh). Thanks to everyone who's made tracks to Champps for our meetings. It seems we all prefer the brighter surroundings and more comfortable seating arrangements. Good food & beer, too.

Now on to more serious matters: I must once again remind everyone that your Club needs your help. Many of us on the Board have been rolling in and out of officer positions at various times over the past twenty years or so. These past two years I've been blessed with dedicated support from your Board – they do most of the work, but many of them are involved in other activities and would like a break. We need you to consider stepping up to the plate to serve next year. It's now time to hand over the floor to Parliamentarian MIKE KALAGIAN who is in charge of handling elections for the 2010-11 Board of Directors. At our last meeting in January we nominated Mr. Kalagian to hold his position and a new Great Lizard for Lodge President, Tim Lloyd. We need people to consider the posts of President, Vice President, Executive Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Ski Master and Treasurer. Mike has been sending out position descriptions via e-mail and snailmail. Please ask any of us for insight to our jobs. We'll be happy to show you the ropes.

OK, enough lame-duck lecturing. Shortly after Big Sky I will once again be off to work in South America until early March. Enjoy the snow!!!

BILL CAMPBELL

BUT WAIT, HERE'S MORE:

ALL- POINTS BULLETIN FROM THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, PETOSKY: F.B.I. SPOTTED ON THE LOOSE AT LOCAL SKI RESORTS, RESTAURANTS AND BARS

According to sources in Boyne Falls we have received reports of eight maniacs who call themselves the "FBI" – "Fast Boyz of Illinoiz" lurking in the vicinity of the venerable Oak Park Ski Club Lodge during the last weekend of January. Resident Lodge Lizard Greg Fosler informed us that these nutcases drove him to distraction and forced him to leave for home.

Our spies revealed that these miscreants arrive in three groups on Thursday night and proceeded to guzzle beer and spew BS until the wee hours. Later on, wall-shaking snores were heard blocks away. Next morning they gobbled several pounds of bagels and went off to Tim Suwinski's favorite Chick Hill, Nubs Nob. It appears they enjoyed good snow and a free pitcher of beer. Later there were reports of obnoxious gluttony at the Boyne River Inn where Great Lizard "JB-Hunter" Kevin proceeded to denude Lake Charlevoix of all its remaining fish.

Peering through the Lodge kitchen curtains Saturday we saw the breakfast scene from the upcoming film "A Man, A Pancake and A Banana" featuring JB Hunter and the Basterd Bank Accountant still looking for the fruit that fell out of his jello. An hour later all eight were seen running from the building to escape another plumbing disaster worthy of a Roto Rooter commercial. Next victims of the FBI were the unsuspecting folks of Boyne Highlands. No one was safe: the nice lady at the race shack had to call the Ski Patrol for protection while MicroScott (alias RibMan) insisted on tossing his helmet while exploding on Tournament. "Gumba" Lorenz and Big Joe Hyla were sent to chase innocent snowbunnies on the back hills. No one was safe on the Nastar course while Silent Madman "Poolshark" Henry blasted through the gates earning medals every time. Straight Man Campofiore plays a good game at being innocuous until your equipment disappears behind his sneaky schmirk.

Our inside observers in the aptly-named Zoo Bar noted that all of these clowns except the DD guzzled multiple pitchers of beer while ogling scantily clad young shot waitresses and any other pretty thing they could see. A bug placed in their van recorded a plethora of off-color abuse bandied back & forth on the way back to Boyne Falls. RibMan and his sous-chefs proceeded to serve up a feast of ribs, shrimp, potatoes and several layers of mirth. No reports of subsequent sewer damage have been received yet. Our bartender contact at Jake's across 131 told us that Poolshark Henry rigged the table. A last-ditch attempt to rally this select bunch to watch the Western "Appaloosa" was drowned out by Kevin's sofa-sawing-snores.

Sunday finally brought an end to these shenanigans. Each of them stumbled to the kitchen for leftover hockey-puck bagels, pancakes with derived imitation fake byproduct polyester syrup made in China, rubber sausages and muddy coffee. Amidst the loud clatter of many bags of empty beer bottles overloading the dumpster we heard someone holler something like "WHERE ARE KEVIN'S BOOTS?????" Off they went to Boyne Mountain and were not seen in the area after 2 PM.

Local officials have been advised to keep a clear eye out for the next visit of those crazy boyz from the FBI.....

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 Goes to a Hockey Game: PR Report

Story and photos by Tony Zasadney, PR Director

It was a cold but not so windy night outside Allstate Arena in Rosemont Saturday, Jan. 15th, but a fast and furious hockey game was heating up the arena around the rink inside. The Chicago Wolves and the Peoria Rivermen slapped sticks, shot puck, and at times traded well-padded swings and uppercuts with vigor but at the end the Wolves skated to victory, 3-1.

There are a couple of sorta good action shots included in this report along with electric signage announcing Oak Park to the sporting public, and proving to you, good reader, that the club was actually there. This writer regrets not providing arena photos of the OPSC members who attended that night, but the break between the first and second periods ended sooner than he figured and wasn't camera-ready in time. Kathy Mitchell, who organized the outing, reported twenty eight people showed up, up from last year's twenty four.

Those attending were Kathy, Pat Mitchell, Tim Mitchell, Bill & Mary Campbell, Tom H., Russ, Sheri & Natalie Butler, Diane Butler, Al F., Caroline Knoff, Melodee S., Rick, Mary Grzelak, Ann P., Mark P., Ben P., Tat Mui, Bill Topp, Jeremy LaScola, Jackie Uzmanski & date, John Bragdon & in-laws, this writer, and more.

Yet another reason to belong to the Oak Park Ski Club. Be ready and steady to mark your calendars for another hockey outing next year.



Wolves Ready for Next Assault, Wolves Goalie.

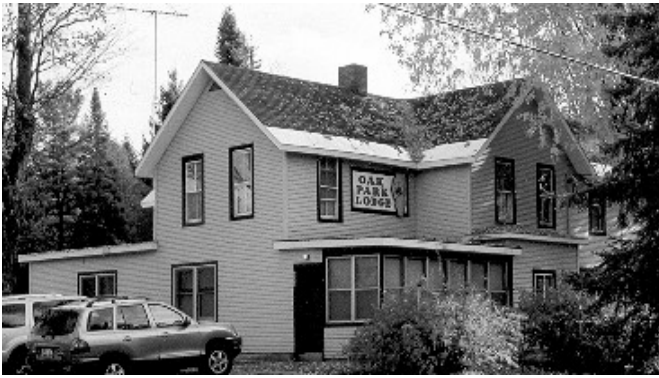


Rivermen Ready for next Assault, Rivermen Goalie.



Oak Park Ski Club, Over All

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.

Mardi Gras, March 19-21st, this is another drive up trip. The festivities in the Boyne Area are fantastic.

March 20 – The 48th Annual Nub's Nob Open – Northern Michigan's premier slalom racing event. Top to bottom World Cup style slalom racing on Birch Run and Smokey. \$8 entry fee. This race also counts for participants in the season-long **Volkl/Marker Speed Series as race # 6.**

March 21 - Volkl/Marker/Point 6 Speed Series Race and USSA Michigan Masters Race. 10:00am Super G Racing on Scarface. Championship final in 7 event Series. Open to advanced skiers and snowboarders age 13 and up. Series and Championship awards to top 3 finishers in this Super G, Age/Gender classes and Overall follow this race. USSA membership required for Michigan Masters scoring only.

3/19/10 to 3/21/10

Boyne Mountain

Once again Boyne Mountain will be the site for a legendary party of epic proportions. This is where Mardis Gras meets the mountain. Outrageous and crazy become the norm for the weekend, from skiers and snowboarders in costumes to the always hilarious Slush Cup. As in the past couple years, we will be allowing guests to transport their own beverages of choice to the Victor Halfway house to enjoy the

mayhem of the on-hill party hosted by Dave Faulkner.

Friday, March 19

- *Skiing/snowboarding, 9am - 9 pm
- *Outside Cookout & Bar, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm, Eriksen's Patio (Items available for all cookouts include burgers, brats, chicken sandwiches, salads, chips, beer, wine and soda.)



- *Mac Daddy performs in the Snowflake Lounge 9:30pm - 1:30am

Saturday, March 20

- *Skiing/snowboarding, 9 am - 4:30 pm
- *Outside Cookout & Bar, 11:30 am - 5 pm, Eriksen's Patio
- *On-hill party at the Victor Halfway House with Dave Faulkner 9am - 4:30pm
- *Adult Costume Party at the Victor Halfway House 2:30pm, prizes include a '10/'11 BOYNE Gold season pass, gift cards and more
- *Mac Daddy performs in the Civic Center 4pm - 8pm
- *Twisted Finster (and the KLT gang) rock 'til the wee hours in the Civic Center 9pm - 1:30am

Sunday, March 21

- *nothing cures that "groggy" feeling like the legendary Eriksen's buffet breakfast served 7am - 11am in the Clock Tower lodge
- *Slush Cup at 12pm/Noon near the bottom of North McCloud, registration takes place on-hill prior to the event
- *all Slush Cup participants will receive a commemorative t-shirt

Continue to use the lodge, it's an asset that the other ski clubs don't have. To book your stay at the lodge or to get more information call Rose Bragdon at (815) 444-7783 or email roseb53@sbcglobal.net she will be glad to assist you. Please be considerate and avoid calling late evening, early morning, and holidays. Thank you. Your consideration is appreciated.

See you at the Lodge,

Kevin Smith