

The Liftline

Newsletter of the Champaign Ski Club
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February

- 3 First Friday Happy Hour at Olive Garden 6 PM. 30 East Anthony Drive.
- 4 Telluride Ski Trip returns (left on Jan. 28).
- 10-12 Ski trip to Crystal Mountain and Caberfae Peaks near Cadillac, Michigan. Contact Peter Haydel at 898-7274.
- 16 Ski Club Board Meeting 7 PM **Thursday** at Olive Garden. NOTE the change due to the 14th being Valentine's day. Everyone's welcome. Come 6:30 PM for dinner.
- 18 House Party 7 PM hosted by Vicki Allen and Chris Wise at 761 County Road 1100 N in southwest Champaign. From Staley and Windsor, go south exactly 3 miles then turn left ½ mile to house (it's one mile south of DeBarr's). BYOB and a snack for all. Phone: 352-5585.
- 24 Warm-climate trip departs Friday to Akumal, Mexico around 6 PM from Wildcountry. Dinner and overnight stay in Chicago before early flight Saturday to the Yucatan. Return around 3:30 PM on March 4.

Notice of White Sox trip...

We are planning a summer bus excursion to Chicago for a White Sox night game on Saturday July 8. The estimated cost will be about \$150 per person. We would leave in the morning and return around midnight. The trip includes:

- bus transportation to Chicago's Navy Pier
- one hour architectural boat cruise along the Chicago river
- Lake Michigan tailgate activities
- Boston/ Chicago game at **US Cellular Park**



Navy Pier



Chicago's First Lady

This ballgame will be coordinated with the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Club. Since there are a limited number of tickets available, it is crucial that we know if you are interested as soon as possible.

Contact Judy Haydel at 352-7254 or haydelju@insightbb.com.

Monday, February 27, 7 PM
Savoy 16 Theatre, Savoy



\$10 tickets are available at Champaign Surplus, Prairielands Council, or at the door. All proceeds go to fund scholarships for the Prairielands Council/Boy Scouts of America Campership Program.

For more information, call 356-4703.

Visit www.mountainfilm.org for AWESOME video clips!

Winter Trips Summary / Status

(see September issue for full details)

Date	Location	Cost	Included	Slots Available/ Taken	Trip Leader
Dec 30-Jan 2 New Year's Trip "Ski Into 2006"	Ski Brule Marquette Michigan	\$410 double \$380 triple \$365 quad	3 days lift tickets 3 nights lodging meals except lunch all transportation	50 / 50	Greg+Lynn Crawford greg@cfhins.com 762-7848
Jan 6-8 Instructional Clinics Trip	Shanty Creek (Schuss Mountain) Bellaire Michigan	\$335 adults \$215 kids 3-5 \$230 kids 6-17	2 nights lodging instruction meals except lunch all transportation	42 / 28	Milt Forsberg milt@uiuc.edu 352-5075
Jan 28-Feb 4	Telluride Colorado	\$1074	5 of 6 days lift 7 nights lodging no meals included group pizza party all transportation	30 / 22	Jerry Welch Gerald.Welch@ carle.com 359-2472
Feb 10-12 Ski Council of Illinois (SKI) Trip	Crystal Mtn and Caberfae Peaks Cadillac Michigan	\$250 double \$209 triple \$198 quad	2 day lift tickets 2 nights lodging breakfasts, one dinner food on bus back all transportation	42 / 42	Peter Haydel 898-7274
Feb 25-Mar 4 Warm-Climate Trip	Akumal Beach Yucatan Mexico	\$1295 double \$1195 triple	7 nights in superior rooms all food and drinks all transportation	37 / 37	Sheryl DeBarr DeBarr_S@yahoo.com 359-3837
March 18-25 Spring Break Trip	Aspen Colorado	\$1020 kids rate available	5 of 6 days lift pass for 4 mountains 7 nights lodging breakfasts, after ski wine and cheese all transportation	47 / 47	Phil Johnson LindaPhil.Johnson@ insightbb.com 469-7018

Instructional Clinics Trip

January 6-8, 2005

report by Milt Forsberg
photos by Milt, and Mike, Kim and Glenn
of the Instructional Clinics staff

We left Wild Country right on time with 27 on the bus. Two more drove up after a pickup at O'Hare. There was no shortage of space as the Monticello Bus Company sent a 55-passenger bus with our favorite driver, Mark Bolden. Roads were clear and dry, so we arrived at Shanty Creek in 7 hours, or around 10 PM Eastern Time. We were in time to enjoy the reception and live music in Ivan's, the resort restaurant and bar. Our rooms were right around the main building, just a short walk to the lifts.

After an excellent buffet breakfast Saturday morning, the instruction began. Everyone wanting instruction joined a class at their level of skiing or boarding. Most of the members from our club were on skis. Snow conditions at Schuss Mountain were good even though they had lots of warm weather just prior to our trip. Schuss is one of two "mountains" that make up Shanty Creek. The other is Summit. Snow fell most of the day, but that didn't slow the activities. After the Lunch break, instruction continued during the afternoon until about 3.

The most interesting sight was our own racer, Todd Mowry, learning to snowboard! Yes, he decided to try something different this time. He has assured us that it won't happen again! He and Kim learned all about snowboarding and how sore you can be after the first day. Todd spent most of his time as a "bunny" on the bunny hill. We could not convince him that he should try a NASTAR run on the snowboard.

When the instruction finished, many of us went to the pool area where we found an indoor pool, outdoor pool, and a hot tub. The evening was the outstanding buffet banquet with several hundred pictures shown of the day's activities. The staff had 3 photographers shooting all day, and Milt Forsberg also helped take pictures. About 750 pictures were taken. At the banquet, many door prizes were given away. Our group won a share of them.

Sunday, after another excellent buffet breakfast, classes continued. We packed up and left right on time at 3 PM. On the way home, we picked up Subway sandwiches and rolled into Champaign around 9. Overall, everyone had an excellent time, and learned a lot about our favorite winter sport. Many of us are already looking forward to returning next year. ●



Schuss Village, headquarters for the weekend



Sarah Knight, Bob Knight, Riley Knight (on ground), Alexandra Guebelle, Caroline Guebelle, Philippe Guebelle...all getting ready for instruction



Kim Mowry



Tyler Ricketts



Milt Forsberg and Mike Sargent discussing the weather.

more Instructional Clinics photos



Todd Mowry



"Maybe I can go down the hill this way!"



"Hey, it really works!"



Caroline Geubelle's class in a Winter Wonderland



Caroline and Alexandra Guebelle getting ready to ski



Cassidy Farwell and Shelby Sexton (granddaughters of Sargents and Neil Wilkins)



Shelby Sexton



Cassidy Farwell



Caroline Geubelle



Cassidy Farwell on the lift (on right)

Philippe Geubelle and Bob Knight on the lift



Charlotte Golden hidden in her wraps

Tyler Ricketts



Club calendar

First Friday Happy Hours ...always begin at 6 PM

Feb 3 At Olive Garden, 30 E. Anthony Dr., Champaign.
Mar 3 At the Hideaway near Lake of the Woods, Mahomet.
Take Exit 174 off I74 and you are right there.

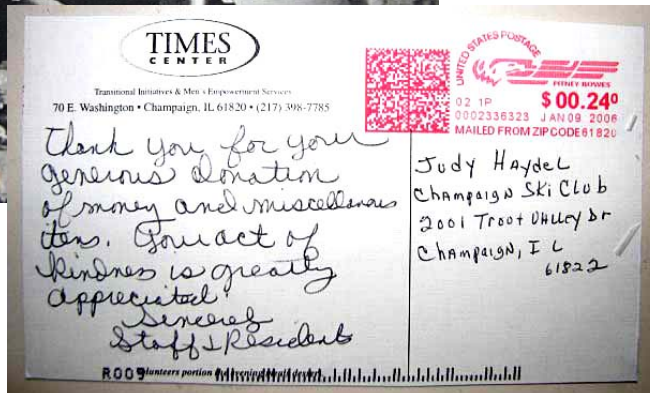
Parties and Events

Feb 18 House Party hosted by Chris Wise and Vicki Allen
at 7 PM at 761 County Road 1100 North. See right.
Mar 18 House Party hosted by Terri and Scott Reifsteck at
7 PM in Tolono at 1341 County Road 600 North.
Directions to come in later issue. Phone: 485-4915.

Winter Ski Trips (see September issue for full details)

Jan 28-Feb 4 Telluride, Colorado
Feb 10-12 Crystal Mountain and Caberfae Peaks while staying at
Cadillac, Michigan
Feb 25-Mar 4 Warm-Climate Trip to Akumal Beach,
Yucatan, Mexico
Mar 18-25 Aspen, Colorado

TIMES Center gives thanks for our Christmas Gifts



HOUSE PARTY

Saturday

Feb. 18

7 PM

**Hosted by
Vicki Allen and Chris Wise
761 County Road 1100 North
Champaign**

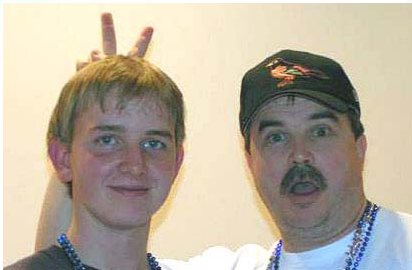
**Directions:
from Staley and Windsor
(in southwest Champaign),
go south exactly three miles
then turn left on 1100 N for
1/2 mile. (It's one mile south
of the DeBarr's.)**

**Bring your own liquid
refreshments plus a snack
for all.**

**Trouble finding the place,
phone 352-5585.**

New Year's trip report

by Greg Crawford
photos by Keith Nagy



Kerry Jannusch and Todd Mowry



Dana Clary, Eileen Coleman,
Lynn Crawford



Margaret Krause, Cynthia Swanson



Joan Sargent, Denny Coleman, Mike Sargent



Joe DeBarr, Randy Haydel, Phil Johnson



Kim Mowry and Kerry Jannusch



Dana and Michael Clary



Keith and Ann Pollok



Richard McClarey



Keith Nagy, Randy and Sheryl DeBarr

Forty seven thirsty souls left Wildcountry at 11 AM on December 30th, bound for Marquette Michigan and a weekend of skiing. We found that most people had a fairly good idea of the States nicknames and can solve puzzles, but had much consternation coming up with the names of groups of animals. We also discovered some interesting character traits from drawing pigs on a piece of paper but I will let others explain, if they feel so inclined. A stop in Madison to pick up part of the Osterhoff family finished filling the bus. We arrived at the Ramada in Marquette at midnight, their time, with everyone in great spirits and looking forward to skiing on 8 inches of new snow.

more on New Year's trip

9:15, Saturday morning, found us heading for Marquette Mountain. Marty Bauer started lessons, Mike and Joan Sargent started hiking around the mountain on their snowshoes and the rest of us hit the slopes. At 1 PM, we assembled at the cabin on the hill for lunch and our attack on the keg. To the best of my memory, we failed to empty the keg. Most of the crew met up in the lounge in the afternoon to enjoy the combo. We headed back to the hotel at 4:30 for hot tub time. It was difficult to get fifty five into a hot tub designed for 8 but I think we managed and even had room for some members of the Chicago area ski club and a few locals. We are still concerned about one of the local's swim suit. A male wearing a female's suit bottom. No one asked him about that one. After a prime rib buffet, we headed back to the Mountain for some dancing. While waiting for the band to start, we were entertained by a torchlight parade down the Mountain. When the band started, their volume turned out to be earsplitting for most of us so we went back to the hotel or to local watering holes. I have decided that the Haydel's, DeBarr's, and Kevin and Melissa Osterhoff can't hear since they felt that the band's volume was fine. They enjoyed the band until 11:30 or so then headed back to town to celebrate New Year's eve.



Mike and Dana Clary, Lynn and Greg Crawford



Sheryl DeBarr, Mike Clary, Phil and Linda Johnson



Kim Mowry, Sheryl DeBarr, Lynn Crawford



The food was great!...said Mike and Scott



Phil Johnson, Mike Clary, Mike Sargent



Judy and Randy Haydel



Randy gets a prize



Dana nibbles

last of New Year's trip



Feeling Flakey



Melissa Osterhoff and Greg Crawford



Scott Dahman



Dana and Michael Clary



Melissa, Kevin and Michael Osterhoff

Quite a few were a little slower getting down to breakfast Sunday morning. It appeared to me that we slept very long but that was probably my imagination. We headed back to the Mountain at 9:15 for a fabulous day of skiing. Everything was groomed and the weather was perfect. At 1 PM we attacked that keg again and this time were successful and even damaged a second one. Most enjoyed the combo in the lounge again later in the afternoon before heading back to the hotel and more hot tub time. At 6 PM we enjoyed a wine and cheese party with dinner following. Prizes and awards were presented and I will skip most but a few need special attention. Melissa Osterhoff received the "Needs Constant Supervision" hat. Sheryl DeBarr and Scott Dahman received tee shirts saying "Feeling Flakey?". They appeared to have had more fun than most the evening before. Randy Haydel received a pair of shorts for his activities with the band the past evening which stated "Snowing So fine". The last special award was presented to Richard McClary for his speed down the race course. He received a Viagra Race Team hat. After dinner, Judy herded everyone across the street to a Karaoke bar where most everyone displayed musical talents. Some did more displaying than others. The trip leader went to bed too early to see the show put on courtesy of the aforementioned locals. I guess they felt the need to go diving into the pool naked from the second floor railing around 12:30 AM. I heard this activity was followed by their being evicted from the hotel. It was however a topic of conversation Monday morning. I am proud of our members since no one joined in these activities.

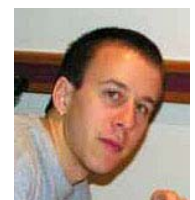
Monday morning found us loading up for Brule Mountain and then home. We arrived at Brule around 9:30 their time and got everyone on the slopes by 10. Lunch was on the hill at the Homestead which I think everyone enjoyed. The hill was pretty good but it did start to mist after lunch. We headed home at 3 PM and pulled into the Wildcountry parking lot at midnight. I am told by experienced trip participants that we may have set a record for beer drinking but since no records have been kept, I could not get confirmation. I think everyone had a good time and hopefully created lots of memories. I for one, am glad that my maiden trip as a trip leader is finished. ●



Dawn Davis



Linda and Marty Bauer



Keith Nagy, photographer for most of these photos

Chili cookoff in January

by Paul Tenczar



A Chili For Every Taste

This year's Chili cookoff and house party was the best even in the memory of the old timers. There were 16 entries!...the largest in recent times. Gayle and Mark Jannusch's basement funroom held the chili while the many deserts were in the kitchen.

WINNERS of 2006 Chili Cookoff

Best Downhill – Free Range Chili - Eileen Colemann

Dragon's Breath – Inferno - Chris Haydel

Runner-up – Nuclear - Ralph Jerutka

(this chili was the one and only one that received a vote in every category)

Atypical – tie between Buffalo - Mel Ehrhardt

and Choc-aholic - Sheryl Debarr

People's Choice – Tequila - Chris Haydel

Runner-ups – Need-A-Mint - Todd Mowry

and Blue Collar - Judy Haydel



Sweet Thing (best desert) – Better Than Skiing - Sam Mowry

Runner-up – Susie's Chocolate Brownies - Susie Dueringer



Mark Jannusch



Gayle Jannusch



The Tasters



Sam Mowry
won best dessert



A beautiful barmaid
Bailey Reifsteck

A mommy barmaid
Terri Reifsteck
(must be good genes!)



Phil and Linda Johnson

more chili party pictures



Todd Mowry won an award



Chris Haydel's chili could kill you



Eileen Coleman's was Best Downhill



Sheryl DeBarr made chocolate chili



Ralph and Eileen Jerutka
plus Mike Sargent



Judy (note the award) and Randy Haydel



Margaret Krause and Wayne Pickens



Barb Pirie plays with the resident dog



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The board meets at 7 pm on Tuesday following
the second Monday of the month.
All are welcome.