

# The Liftline

Newsletter of the Champaign Ski Club

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## Summer fun

### July

- 2 First Friday Happy Hour  
*Legends – 6 pm*
- 9 Cubs-Cards game  
*St. Louis – 3:30 pm departure*
- 16 Fun Friday Frisbee Golf  
*Thomas Paine – 6 pm*
- 23 Fun Friday Volleyball  
*Wendls – 6 pm*
- 24 House Party  
*Jannusch's – 7 pm*
- 31 Day at the Races  
*Arlington Park – 8 am departure*

### August

- 6 First Friday Happy Hour  
*Rock's – 6 pm*
- 13 Fun Friday Shuffleboard  
*Blair Park – 6 pm*
- 21 Yard Sale  
*WildCountry*
- 21 House Party  
*Johnson's – 7 pm*
- 27 Fun Friday Rollerblade  
*Meadowbrook Park – 6 pm*
- 27-28 Sweetcorn Festival  
*Downtown Urbana*

## What's new . . . .

Lots of activities coming up, including a house party at the home of Mark and Gayle Jannusch in St. Joe and a Day at the Races at Arlington Park, led by Mark Monnin. With a variety of Fun Fridays and the ever popular First Friday Happy Hours, your summer fun should be in full swing.

Our ski club Yard Sale is coming up in August. This is an important fundraiser for the club, so start gathering your sellable items, and think about volunteering to help out.

At the time of this writing, the Cubs-Cards game on July 9 has room for six more, so hurry and sign up. See page 3.

It's not too early to think snow and start your rituals to the snow gods of the West for next season. The National Weather Service reported that between March 7-31, 2004, more than 1,000 high temperature records were tied or broken across the western half of the U.S. For most western ski areas, March is usually one of the wettest months of the year, but not this year. Some of the warmest temperatures were reported the third week of March, smack dab in the middle of our Spring Break Trip to Breckenridge, where daytime temperatures climbed to the 70s at lower elevations. During the same time in 2003, Colorado was recovering from a huge snowstorm where some mountain areas received as much as eight feet of fresh snow. In spite of the poor snow, U.S. ski resorts posted their third-best season in 2003-04. The season was on-track to be one of the top three until the warm March drove spring skiers, particularly locals, away from the resorts. The biggest increase in skiers this past season was at the smaller hills that cater to beginners and intermediates, which bodes well for the future of our sport. ♦♦

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***Sign up night  
for Winter Trips  
is September 21!***

## Yard Sale next month

Mark your calendar. Start gathering your stuff to sell. And don't forget the house party at the Johnson's immediately afterwards.

The ski club's yard sale will be held in the parking lot of WildCountry in Champaign on Saturday, August 21. Details will be in the next issue of the *The Liftline*. If you have any questions ahead of time, contact Sheryl DeBarr or Judy Haydel.

## Welcome new members

Membership chair Joyce Goggin reports that the following people are new members of the Champaign Ski Club. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events.

Aleta Crook, Urbana  
George Anne Hume, Mahomet  
Chris Karose and Melony Barrett, Urbana  
William Peithmann, Champaign  
Jeanne Schenk, Champaign  
Robert Smith Jr., Mahomet  
Paul and Deborah Tender, Monticello

## Softball anyone?

Players wanted for  
Labor Day tournament in Gibson City

Bill Dueringer is putting together a softball team to compete in the Labor Day 16" softball tournament in Gibson City. It is a one- or two-day event, and you can combine it with a meal at the acclaimed Bayern Stube-Gasthof German Restaurant or a movie at the Harvest Moon Twin Drive-In, both in Gibson City.

If you'd like to be on the team, please contact Bill at [dueringer@uillinois.edu](mailto:dueringer@uillinois.edu), [billbepop@aol.com](mailto:billbepop@aol.com), or 784.5474.

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# A Day at the Races



Come spend a day at one of the country's most magnificent thoroughbred race tracks. Featuring lush gardens in an elegant setting, you will experience the Sport of Kings at its finest among the company of your ski friends. Maybe you'll see the next Smarty Jones! Maybe you'll win big bucks!

Cost is \$50, for bus and reserved box seats. Mark Monnin will handle registrations. There will be 20 seats available, as we are going with the Springfield Ski Club.

Races start at 11:10 am, so we will leave Champaign at 8 am, from the WildCountry parking lot, 109 West John Street.

We'll likely go to Navy Pier for dinner and leave Chicago at around 7 pm to arrive back in Champaign at around 10–10:30 pm.

Deadline to sign up is July 10. Contact Mark Monnin at 384.0328 or mark@monnin.us. ♦♦



*Dave Garner points out Mark Monnin during lunch at the top of Blue Sky Basin in Vail. Note the twin boots.*



Cubs–Cardinals Baseball  
Friday, July 9



*Only six more spots available!*

See the Chicago Cubs take on the St. Louis Cardinals. Game is at 7:10 pm in St. Louis. Cost is \$50, for game ticket and transportation, and money is due when you sign up. Bus will load at 3:30 pm and leave at 4 from WildCountry, 109 West John Street, Champaign.

To sign up, contact Dawn Davis, 352.5888, dmdavis@uiuc.edu.

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# Winter trips

## Exciting schedule taking shape

Winter trip coordinator Phil Johnson has come up with a tentative list of trips for this coming season, including one to Europe and one to Canada. We plan to offer at least six trips, three of which are in the Midwest.

We are now seeking trip leaders. If you are interested, or even think you maybe might be interested, in leading a ski trip, please contact Phil Johnson.

Trip sign up night is scheduled for September 21, and we'll have more details as the time approaches. For now, mark it on your calendar.

Below are this season's proposed offerings. Not everything is confirmed yet, so exact dates are not given here. But it's time to get psyched!

The New Year's trip will kick off the season with a trip to **Marquette Mountain**, Michigan. Two days will be spent skiing Marquette and one day will be spent at **Ski Brule**, Wisconsin.

The ever popular **Instructional Clinics** trip will be held at **Shanty Creek**, Michigan, January 7–9. Although known as the Learn-to-Ski trip, this trip is not just for beginners or first-time skiers but for all levels. And it's not just for alpine skiing but for snowboarders and cross-country skiers. See page 8.

We're going to the alps, with a trip to **Innsbruck, Austria**, in January. The trip will be a week long and coincide with the Martin Luther King holiday. In addition to everything else, word is that this trip will be extremely attractive economically, too.

President's weekend will be spent at **Copper Mountain** in Summit County, Colorado, sometime in February.



*Randy Haydel, in some sort of victory pose, stands over a planted Don Kennen, while Dave Kuehl looks on, in Vail.*

Also in February will be a weekend trip to **Granite Peak**, Wisconsin.

Our Spring Break trip in March will be at **Big White** in British Columbia, where we'll stay at a deluxe ski-in ski-out lodge. This is the club's first trip to this newly expanded ski area, the second largest in Canada. ♦♦

# Summer trips

## New areas to be explored and enjoyed

Summer trip coordinator Mike Metz reports that as long as it keeps raining, he will continue to throw together local canoe trips. We have already done five canoe trips this year. You're really missing out on a good time if you haven't gone on one. If you'd like to go, call Mike at 367.2541. He can even provide canoes and equipment.

Two trips are planned for August. The first, August 6-8, will take us to France Park in Indiana, near Logansport. There is swimming, camping, bike trails, hiking, and even SCUBA diving. Saturday night will be spent at Indiana Beach Amusement Park. Then on August 14, another Crosstown Rollerblade/Bike trip will be taken, this time in Urbana. We'll start at the Sunnycrest parking lot and wind up at the White Horse Inn on campus.

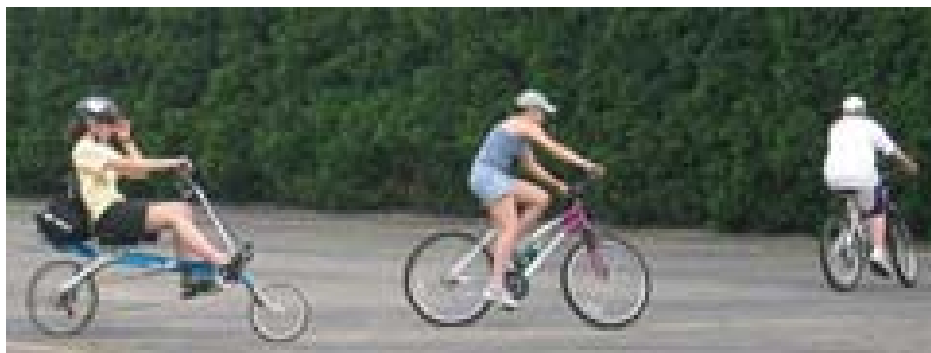
Looking way into the future, we plan to spend September 24-26 at Comlara County Park in Hudson, Illinois, just north of Bloomington. Camping, hiking, biking, fishing, and sailing await you. On Sunday, we'll ride the Constitution Bike Trail, a 15-mile paved path in Bloomington-Normal.

And even further, the weekend of October 8 will be spent at the Burgoo Festival in Utica, Illinois, provided the town has recovered sufficiently from the recent tornado damage it suffered. During this trip, we will bike the I&M Canal Trail.

Come on out and join us. Stay tuned for details as the dates approach. ♦♦



*Bailey, Alec, and Terri Riefsteck prepare for the ride.*



*Megan Scott, Sam Mowry, and Kimmie Mowry start the Crosstown bike/blade trip on June 12. More than 20 club members turned out for this 12-mile trek.*



Join us for a  
Fun Friday  
of  
**Frisbee Golf**

6 pm, July 16  
Thomas Paine School  
Urbana

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# A conversation with Floyd Soo

## Seasoned instructor and friend of CSC



*Floyd Soo has been with the Instructional Clinics for the past eight years, where he is Director of Skiing. He is also Training Supervisor at Mt. Holly/Pine Knob Ski School and Staff Instructor at Boyne Highlands Ski School. His background in video production and familiarity with high alpine environments landed him a job with NBC Olympics in Salt Lake City for the 2002 games. His assignment was Snow Basin, where the Downhill, Super-G, and Alpine Combined events were held. His "office" was the top floor of the broadcast commentary building, where he had the highest seat above the stadium in the finish area, and his job was to take care of all the radios and microwave links for the crew as well as to relay sounds and images from the roving camera crew in the crowd back to the studio.*

*When he's not on the slopes, you can find him teaching karate, shooting, boating, bicycling, flying, or playing drums in a classic rock band. He is also an active Amateur Radio operator.*

*Floyd Soo is a veteran ski instructor who clearly loves to share everything he knows about skiing—which is a lot. I met Floyd several years ago when he was my instructor during the club's Instructional Clinics trip. I learned so much in those two days, and I have kept in touch with him ever since. Incidentally, Floyd is no stranger to Champaign-Urbana. His wife, Lissa, is a University of Illinois alum. I had the pleasure of interviewing Floyd, and here is what we talked about. —Judy Tolliver*

### **Tell me how you got introduced to skiing?**

I grew up in Royal Oak, a suburb of Detroit. In high school, well-meaning friends took me out to a few of the local ski areas (Pine Knob, Mt. Holly, Mt. Brighton) and told me to "follow them." We didn't spend much time on the beginner slopes and tow ropes and ended up on the chair on the intermediate slopes pretty quickly; too quickly, as a matter of fact. I didn't take any lessons at that time, and really didn't know what I was doing. I was lucky that I didn't hurt myself or anyone around me, as I was out of control much of the time! As a teenager, I was just smart enough to know that sooner or later, I was going to get hurt or hurt someone else, so I quit.

### **How did you get involved with the sport as a living?**

I went away to college at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. My newfound friends in the dorm were always talking about the upcoming ski season and "chicks," "parties," "up north," "singles lines," "the Zoo Bar at Boyne Highlands," "getting air," etc. I told them "been there, done that" and that they were all nuts as skiing was a dangerous sport. These words were coming out of the mouth of a Black Belt who routinely competed in fighting competitions all over the Midwest in karate tournaments. The difference was, I was trained and coached in karate. I never had that in skiing.

My friends convinced me to take a 1- hour physical education class during winter semester through WMU at Timber Ridge Ski Area. To make a long story short, I learned to ski properly and found out that skiing was not only fun but much safer than I ever

imagined. Obviously, the trick was knowing what (and what not) to do. Two seasons after that, I was an instructor at Timber Ridge. I have been spreading the gospel of ski teaching ever since.

I went up north every weekend, taught whenever I could, skied whenever I could, joined the WMU Ski Club, and went on trips up north and out west. When I got out to the Rockies, I knew I had to go back and live there and teach, even if it were for a short time. Six of us from Kalamazoo went out to the Rockies for one season after college. My sister came back after about five seasons, I came back after 10, a couple others came back after 12, one more came back a couple of years ago after 25, and one more ended up living in Denver permanently. Needless to say, the Rockies captivated all of us.

I started with the Keystone Ski School the year before they bought Arapahoe Basin. The second season, I spent more and more time up there. After a few more seasons, I was full-time at the Basin, eventually running the ski school operations there. It was there where I learned to *really* ski! My goal was to become an "ATAC skier" — All Terrain, All Condition. I spent years in the powder, steeps, crud, trees, etc., and feel that I have accomplished that goal pretty well.

### **How has the sport changed over the years that you've been instructing? How has the method of instruction changed?**

Of course, skiing has evolved with technological advances in design, materials, and construction of ski equipment. Ski technique has followed the advances in gear, like the advent of the plastic boot and, more recently, the shaped ski. The cost of skiing has gone up due to advances in equipment, development of better ski resorts, and (unfortunately) liability insurance. That is one of the chief advantages of participating in a program like Instructional Clinics. It is a more cost effective way to ski, learn, have fun, and ski safer.

As far as instruction is concerned, ski teaching has become more "user friendly" and customer service oriented. Pretty much gone are the days of "You will ski, and you will like it!" Instructors now must be well versed in the psychology and science of ski teaching and learning, whereas in the past, an instructor pretty much had to be able to ski, and that's about it. Today, a good instructor communicates well, is an ambassador of the sport, is a problem solver, is knowledgeable of all aspects of the resort and the sport, in addition to being a teacher/coach.



*Floyd Soo, in the gates at Boyne Mountain, Michigan, last season*



*Floyd Soo off Cornice Ridge at A-Basin*



[www.instructional-clinics.com](http://www.instructional-clinics.com)

## The Instructional Clinics

trip is one of the best avenues to enter the great sport of skiing. The organizers strongly encourage

families to get involved, with the goal of becoming lifelong skiers. There is no better way to enjoy the sport than by improving your skills regularly so that you can ski more varied terrain and conditions, ski safer and more efficiently, and have more fun exploring the mountain. The clinics take place at Boyne Mountain and Shanty Creek in Michigan, both beautiful

resorts with some of the Midwest's finest slopes, where you will be taught by top-notch instructors. All levels are welcome—polish your skills, push yourself beyond your comfort zone, or learn to ski from the very beginning. In addition to alpine skiing, the clinics

also offer instruction in racing, snowboarding, and nordic skiing (cross-country). The emphasis is on skiing, but there's plenty more in terms of food and festivities. This trip

is one of the most popular trips the club offers, and we have been using the Instructional Clinics as our Learn-to-Ski trip for a decade. Be sure to sign up for it this season, when the ski club goes to Shanty Creek January 7–9.



*Little ones receive instruction at the 2003 Instructional Clinics at Shanty Creek. The girl in front is Whitney West. Her sister, Lauren, is the middle right. They are granddaughters of Wayne Pickens.*

## Do you remember your earlier instructors? What's the best advice you've gotten from them?

Of course. I pretty much remember all of them. To sum up what they've all said, I guess it's the fact that you are never done learning. One can always learn to increase versatility—to ski more efficiently, more elegantly, and more safely.

## What about ski instruction as a full-time profession?

At first glance, all everyone sees is the “glamour” of the job. Teaching skiing is like any other job. It has its ups and downs. No one sees the days when you are not feeling 100 percent, or the days the weather is lousy with rain, extreme cold, high winds, too much or too little snow. You risk sunburn and skin cancer and injury. There are liability concerns, politics in the ski school, politics in the PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) division, etc. Certification and training—at your own cost—are issues in addition to teaching. On top of that, you are responsible for all of your own equipment.

For the last 28 years, I've had to put my ski boots on regardless of how lousy I've felt, how lousy the weather is, or how lousy the snow conditions are. Don't get me wrong, there are days that I will never forget; the views of the sun above a low layer of clouds in the valley, the day of perfect powder (and not having to teach, but actually being able to ski it!), the times when a student has that “breakthrough” moment, the special moments with close friends or family when a ski day goes well. I try to remember all those good moments, instead of the bad ones.

Ski teaching is a tough way to make a living. I am in the minority when I say that is what I did for a full-time job when I was in Colorado. It's seasonal, so you would have to do something else during the off season, or go down to the southern hemisphere. You are never guaranteed work, even if you show up every day. The pay scale isn't great. Offset that with the high cost of living in mountain resort areas and you have a tough formula for success. A small percentage of instructors make a living at it, but the rest of us do it because we love it. Some resorts will provide employee housing, but rarely is it of no cost to the instructor. Instructors out West still only make \$20-30,000 per season (less in the smaller areas in the Midwest and East). That's not much by today's standards. Some who have dedicated decades to ski schools may make double that, but trust me when I say that those people are rare.

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**Most midwesterners are lucky to ski one or two weeks a year. What can we do to maximize the experience and improve?**

I cannot emphasize the importance of quality time on the snow. I can do the things that I do only because I spent ten years of my life doing nothing but skiing. Many of those years meant more than 180 days in ski boots. I did it in the worst of conditions as well as the best, because I understand that it's in the worst of conditions where I really benefit. There is no substitute to quality time on the snow.

**Can one select a particular instructor at a ski area? If so, how do you do it? Any comments on group versus private lessons?**

Most of the time one will do better to ask for a PSIA-certified instructor with many years of experience, if possible. Then, personalities and communications enter into it. Most ski school sales personnel know who are good and who aren't, so try to ask them, if it is appropriate. Private lessons with a qualified instructor are *always* better than group lessons. This applies to anything, not just skiing. It's the cost that scares away most customers. There is no substitute for one-on-one with an expert. Maybe a few group lessons with some privates in between would be a good compromise. I see it every year at places like Boyne and Keystone. Those who spend the extra money on a good instructor for privates are having way more fun at the end of the week than others who didn't.

**Skiing is such a foreign notion to some people. Adults especially are not as open to the experience as kids are. Some people automatically associate a fall with an injury. How do you help people overcome the initial "no way" and get them out on the hill in the first place?**

Well, that's a tough nut to crack at times. First, I tell people that skiing *is* a risk sport. The rewards (sensations) are well worth the risk to most of us. Most prudent people will elect to take lessons and learn how to minimize the risk, while enhancing the rewards. Proper instruction and coaching go a long way toward minimizing the risk of injury, but as we all know, it does not eliminate it. If one thinks about life in general, nothing comes without some sort of risk, does it? ♦♦



"Wayne and I have attended the Instructional Clinics three years in a row. It is a great trip. The instruction is for all levels of skiers, not just those who have never been on skis. The class size is small so there is plenty of individualized instruction for only a few dollars. The last time we went, we took the grandkids, and they have been begging to go skiing again ever since. We highly recommend it, and you will most likely see us there again this coming January!"

—Margaret Krause,  
with husband Wayne Pickens



"For me, the Instructional Clinics was a really good way of meeting people. I didn't know anyone on the trip ahead of time, and I'd never skied before. I felt really welcome. I didn't feel like an outsider, and I learned to ski. It's a good time—highly recommended!"

—Cindy Lohr

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# Comfort items I can't live without

Here are four things that I won't leave home without when going on a ski trip. What about you? What little things are you excited about? Send me your tips for making your ski trips better so I can share them with the club. —Judy Tolliver



Some would say that the hot tub is another essential comfort item. Kyle Tolliver enjoys a soak after a hard day of skiing.

**Camelback SnoBowl hydration pack.** This pack is so smooth it doesn't get caught on anything, and it's insulated so it doesn't freeze. Sometimes the tube can freeze, but an easy solution to that, if you remember to do it, is to blow the water back into the pack when you're done sipping so there's nothing to freeze in the tube. It's so sleek you can wear it under your jacket without looking like a hunchback, and you don't have to lean forward on the chairlift to be comfortable. It holds 50 ounces, and I go through at least two full packs per day. The chest and shoulder straps are so minimal that you don't even notice you have it on. I can't tell you how great it is to be able to chug down water any time I want with a turn of my head. It'll set you back about \$40.

**Smartwool ski socks.** Being cheap, I only had two pairs of these socks, not enough for a week's worth of skiing. So I used some other ski socks—two different brands on two different days, and my feet were miserable both times. I couldn't believe what a difference something as simple as socks could make. I now own four pairs of Smartwools. The better your boots fit, the more important your socks are. When you get fitted for a boot, wear the socks that you'd wear skiing. Duh. Smartwool ski socks



My treasures, from left to right: Dryer attachments for gloves, ski sock, altitude pills, boot dryer, another sock, hydration pack.

come in both light cushion and medium cushion. If you get new boots, start with the light socks, so then when they pack out, you can switch to the medium. Otherwise, choose whichever fit best in your boot. I use the medium not only because my boots are packing out, but they also provide a little more warmth. Bonus: they come in different colors so you can tell them apart with your eyes instead of your nose. One more tip if you're short on good socks: Don't wear the same pair twice in a row. For example, instead of wearing Pair 1 two days before switching to Pair 2, wear Pair 1 then Pair 2 then 1 then 2.

How do you know if your boots are packed out? It's the boot's liner that gets compressed from use. If your feet slip or slide in your boot, if they aren't filling the volume of the boots, if the boots are no longer comfortable, or if the liner is rock hard, then they're probably packed out. All you need to do is to replace the liner. Splurge if you can, and have your liner custom made—same with the footbeds. If you're going to ski well, your feet have to be so comfortable that you don't even think about them. A pair of Smartwools is about \$15.

**Snap Dry boot dryer.** This cute little dryer is often the envy of my ski roommates. It dries both boots and gloves so quietly, you can sleep right next to it while it's running. It is very compact, with a generous power cord, and it can travel right inside your boots for storage. It works with a fan that blows slightly heated air. Depending on how sweaty your boots are, it can take as little as a half hour of drying. Pop off and switch the attachments on the ends, turn the unit upside down, and you have a glove dryer. I usually turn the thing on and forget about it. The switch doubles as a little nightlight, letting you know it's humming along just fine. I cannot even imagine putting on a pair of wet boots or gloves. Yuck! Cost is about \$80.

**Altitude pills.** If you suffer from altitude sickness, here is your ticket. I can personally attest to the effectiveness of acetazolamide, also known as diamox. Almost everyone suffers some symptoms from high altitude, especially at first. However, if it becomes so debilitating such that you can't ski, eat, sleep, or even carry on a conversation comfortably, you should consider discussing these pills with your doctor. ♦♦

### CMSC Racing Awards

party is Saturday, June 19, 7 pm, at the Oak Meadows Golf & Banquet Facility, 900 North Wood Dale Road in Addison, Illinois. Contact Ruth Sulda at 773.779.4025 or Liz Montanez at 630.965.1158 to register.

FIRST FRIDAY  
HAPPY HOUR  
The first Friday  
of every month!

# Club calendar

Details on next page. For questions or ideas about social activities, contact Judy Haydel, haydelju@insightbb.com, 352.7254.

## First Friday Happy Hours

At 6 pm.

July 2	Legends
Aug 6	Rock's patio
Sept 3	Mike and Molly's
Oct 1	Iron Post's new patio or Sappy's

## Fun Fridays

At 6 pm. For those not participating in the event, come join us at the restaurants at 7:30.

July 16	Frisbee Golf at Thomas Paine School, then Philo Tavern
July 23	Volleyball at Wendl's, eat there
Aug 13	Shuffleboard at Blair Park, then Hickory River Smokehouse
Aug 27	Rollerblade at Meadowbrook Park, then Margarita's
Sept 10	Putt Putt Golf, then Dos Reales

## House Parties

Contact Eileen Coleman, ecoleman@insightbb.com, 398.3490

July 24	Mark and Gayle Jannusch's
Aug 21	Linda and Phil Johnson's

## Summer Trips

Contact Mike Metz, nowimptrips5@aol.com, 367.2541

July 17	Monticello Rodeo-Campout
Aug 21	Bike ride from Lodge Park to White Heath

## Special Events

July 9	Cubs-Cardinals game in St. Louis
July 31	Day at the Races in Arlington Park
Aug 21	Yard Sale
Aug 27-28	Urbana Sweetcorn Festival
Sept 18	Pig Roast
Oct 16	Tailgate at Illini vs. Michigan football game
Oct 30	Halloween Party at Kelli Morris's
Nov ?	Hayride and weiner roast at Campbell's



**House Party**  
**July 24  
Aug 21**

**Can you host a house party?**  
It's easy! Contact Eileen Coleman, coleman@insightbb.com, 398.3490

## What's up with the club, in detail please?

At the June board meeting, Race Coordinator Scott Dahmen reported that the Champaign Ski Club Race Team went undefeated during the month of May.

Want to know what else happens at a board meeting? All members are welcome. Meetings are held every second Tuesday after the first Monday of the month. They are at 7 pm, and, starting in July, will be held at Crane Alley, in downtown Urbana.

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## Details of upcoming activities

More details will evolve as the time approaches. Check your monthly calendar, which should arrive by mail, as well as our website, [www.champaignskiclub.org](http://www.champaignskiclub.org).

Fri July 2

### *First Friday Happy Hour*

6 pm at Legends, 522 E. Green, Campustown. Food available.

Fri July 9

### *Cubs–Cardinals Baseball*

Evening game in St. Louis, loading in the WildCountry\* parking lot at 3:30 and departing Champaign at 4 pm. Contact Dawn Davis, 352.5888, [dmdavis@uiuc.edu](mailto:dmdavis@uiuc.edu).

Fri July 16

### *Fun Friday Frisbee Golf*

6 pm at Thomas Paine School, 1801 James Cherry Dr., Urbana. 7:30 at Philo Tavern, 101 W. Washington, Philo (east on Washington off Rt. 130).

Fri July 23

### *Fun Friday Volleyball*

6 pm at TK Wendl's, on Rt. 130, Urbana, between Washington and Windsor. Eat there at 7:30.

Sat July 24

### *House Party*

7 pm at the home of Mark and Gayle Jannusch, Rt. 150, 106 W. Warren, St. Joseph, 469.8919, [jannusch@soltec.net](mailto:jannusch@soltec.net). Please bring your favorite beverage, snack, and lawn chairs.

Sat July 31

### *Day at the Races*

Horseracing at Arlington Park. Leaving Wildcountry\* parking lot at 8 am. Deadline to sign up is July 10. Contact Mark Monnin, 384.0328, [mark@monnin.us](mailto:mark@monnin.us).

Fri Aug 6

### *First Friday Happy Hour*

6 pm at Rock's, Champaign.

Fri Aug 13

### *Fun Friday Shuffleboard*

Blair Park, then Hickory River Smokehouse, Urbana.

Sat Aug 21

### *Yard Sale*

WildCountry,\* Champaign.

Sat Aug 21

### *House Party*

Phil and Linda Johnson's, 708 Somerset Circle, St. Joseph, 469.7018, [mojo51@prodigy.net](mailto:mojo51@prodigy.net). Come after the yard sale.

Fri Aug 27

### *Fun Friday Rollerblade*

Meadowbrook Park, then Margarita's, Urbana.

Fri Aug 27–28

### *Urbana Corn Festival*

Downtown Urbana.

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## Battle of the nachos



You gotta be kidding! Joyce Goggin and Ann Pollock are stunned at the skimpy serving size of the nachos at Keystone . . .



. . . while Ed Krol and Eric Adams seriously prepare to dig in at Vail.



*A lone skier hikes out on the flats after skiing down in the powder at Alta, Utah.*

# The Back Page

I'm still trying to find the happy medium as I produce one document to to serve those who read on screen and those who print. Please give me your feedback so I can try to make reading *The Lifeline* easier.

I've sprinkled some pictures from last ski season throughout. Please send me more. Better yet, write an article. Thanks!

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