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Ben Zee Neez Nooze - Web Edition

Going Downhill Since 1954!

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WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THE GEOCACHE CHALLENGE?

Be at the January 14th Ski Club Meeting and you will hear Kimber Thompson tell us all about it. She is with the Calhoun County Visitors Bureau. She will have material to pass out and will give you information to check out areas other than Calhoun County.

Since we are a year round ski club...this is information you can use to begin an adventure now or wait for after ski season. This might be a winter "family plan".

We are always looking for new programs to provide our members with ideas and exciting challenges. You may also learn how to read a compass. Come and join us and support your Battle Creek Ski Club as we get into this 2014 new year!

NEW START TIME FOR THE GENERAL MEETING 7:00PM

Quote(s) of the Month

"All people still smile in the same language."

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO JUST THINK YOU HAVE FLOWN

Gerry Tillman forward this video from a friend of his. I hope you enjoy it.

This is for all of you skiers in my family and other fanatic skiing friends – I just want you to know that the guy with the red parasail is me. However, this was a few years ago and I have now gone on to more challenging feats of athleticism.

**Have a great day
Darby**

Hang on to your chair! Click [here](#) for a beautiful ride...

Thanks Gerry.

Upcoming Meetings and events

Jan 14	Fifth General meeting
Jan 21	Board Meeting
Jan 25	Crystal Mountain Day Trip
Feb 3 - 7	Nubs Knob ski Trip
Feb 11	Sixth General meeting
Feb 18	Board Meeting
Feb 23 - Mar 2	Breckenridge Ski Trip.
Mar 11	Seventh General Meeting
Mar 18	Board meeting

Apr 1
Apr 6 - 13
Apr 15

Eight General Meeting
Winter Park Ski / Train Trip
Board Meeting.

Use your Credit and Debit Cards!

Over the years, we have had a number of people ask when we will be accepting credit card for membership, trip and other club payments. Beginning with the November's General meeting, the Battle Creek Ski club will be able to accept Master Card, Visa, American Express and Discover Credit and Debit cards. We will have to pass the handling fee of 2.85% along to the members wishing to use their plastic. This will allow us to keep our prices for the trips and membership at their low pricing. To clarify for those who want to use their plastic: a \$40.00 family membership will have \$1.14 added to cover the handling charges, making the membership payment \$41.14 and a \$500.00 trip payment will have \$14.25 added to cover the handling charges, making the trip payment \$514.25. As always, we are still be accepting checks and cash. We leave the choice up to you, our members.

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Monthly Trivia Question?

For how many total years has Betsy Watson, our current President, served as an officer or director of our club?

[Find answer at the later in the newsletter](#)

REMINDER: OUR APRIL MEETING WILL BE ONE WEEK EARLIER. APRIL 1ST. A lot of our members will be in Winter Park on our usual meeting date. This will be the last meeting before Fall. We will talk about summer programs and recap the ski year events. Don't forget the \$150.00 cash drawing. You must be present to win!

From the President

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Wow...snow, snow, snow! This should be a good ski year. We have already had members out West and the skiing has been wonderful. Boyne is coming up and we will give a full report at the January general meeting. Don't miss this meeting.....a great speaker regarding Geochching. Also, it's getting down to the wire to sign up for the rest of our ski trips. Don't forget to pay your membership. Even if you don't attend a trip....we need your support to keep this great club moving ahead.

As a reminder...each time you attend a trip that requires you to be a member...you will have a drawing ticket with your name on it put in the "hat. At the April meeting we will draw for a prize of \$150.00. You must be there to win! So the more trips you are part of, the more chances to win.

May you all have a healthy and happy 2014!

*Your President,
Betsy Watson*

BATTLE CREEK SKI CLUB RACING TEAM *CALLING ALL RACERS*

Whether you are new to skiing or have been racing for years, and are looking for some competition, the Timber Ridge Racing League will deliver. Come out and join your ski buddies, and cheer each other on to excellence!

Everyone has a chance to be competitive and improve their skills, all learning from each other. Every participant is timed against skiers of similar age groups. This is an opportunity for fun relationships and camaraderie, with none of the intimidation.

So, if you want to meet new friends and enjoy the thrill of ski racing... then your Battle Creek Ski Club Race Team is for you.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Margaret Colavecchi
Brian Halpin
Claudia Thornton
Robert Holmes
Sue Jensen
Jon Jensen
Tammy Parat

Shari Wojcik
Tony Wojcik
Linda Johnson

*** Notice - General Meetings - Notice ***

Beginning next season, September 2013, the general meetings at Miller's Time Out will begin at 7:00 instead of 7:30. Trip sign up will be between 6:00 and 7:00. There will be additional time to sign up for trips after the meeting. This was discussed and approved at the February board meeting. Just want to let you know in advance.

THE ARPIL 50 / 50 RAFFLE

Each year The Battle Creek Ski club holds a special 50 / 50 drawing to celebrate the end of the season. Every paid member going on the Boyne, Nubs, Breckenridge or Winter Park Trip will automatically be entered into this special drawing. Contact you trip char form more details.



[Link to additional info about the Nubs Nob](#)

February 3-7, 2014

Did you know Nubs Nob has the number one terrain park in North America?

Did you know Nubs Nob is rated #4 for grooming in North America?

Now that you know this why not join us for a three or four night stay and enjoy four or five days of skiing at unbelievable prices?

- 3 night stay with 2 in room **\$126** each.
- 4 night stay with 2 in room **\$167** each.

This is a mid week trip which means no lift lines.

We will be staying at the Best Western Motel which is three minutes from the ski area. There is a continental breakfast included, refrigerator in each room, hot tub, pool, sauna, plus high speed internet in each room, and a fitness room. Included in trip are your room, pizza party and game night. On your own for reduced mid week lift tickets, transportation and the cost of a planned mystery dinner which is optional.

Chair Persons:

Contact: **Jim Baum** or **Betsy Watson**

Ph.: 269-870-0676



Breckenridge, CO

Here We Come! Feb 23 to Mar 2, 2014

[Link to additional info about the Breckenridge.](#)

NOTE There are only two more spots for this trip.

We are heading to Breckenridge to check out their new peak #6. This means even more terrain to ski but there is more. You will have 5 days of skiing at Breckenridge, A-Basin, Keystone, Vail and/or Beaver Creek. There will be a \$15 credit towards slope side lunch, a

welcome wine and cheese party and a dinner. The condos are beautiful and all have fireplaces. Come join the fun skiing and group time in the fun village of Breckenridge.

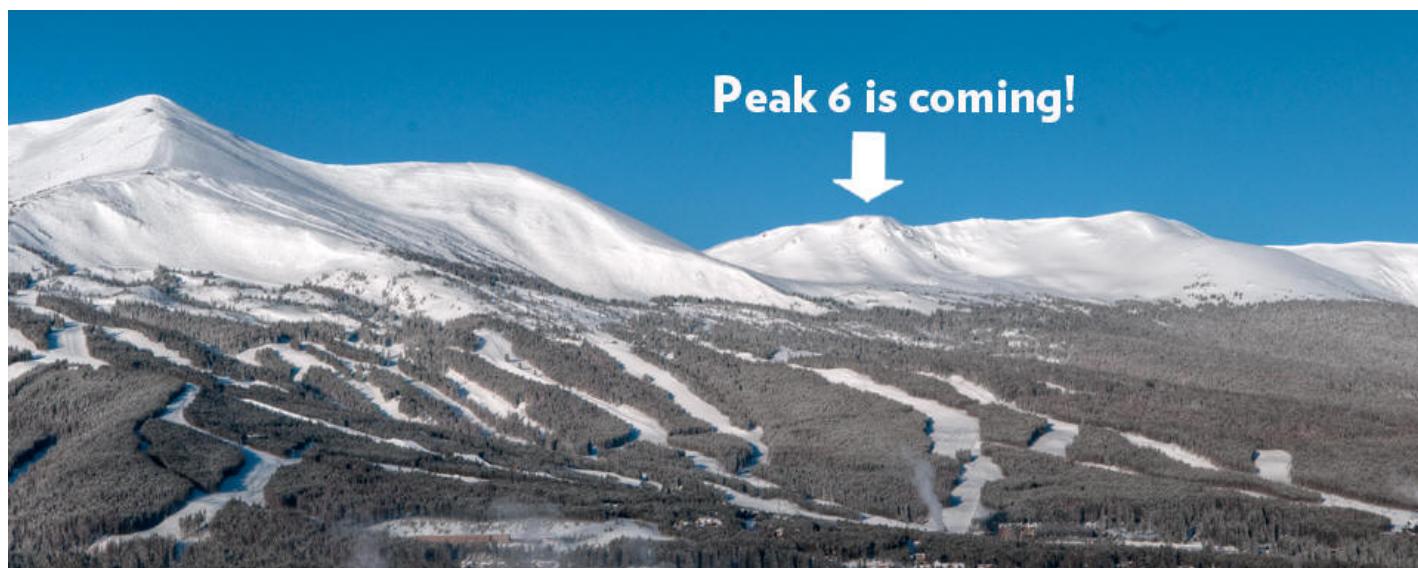
Trip includes:

- Round trip from Grand Rapids via United direct to Denver Sunday to Sunday
- Ground transportation from Denver to Breckenridge and back
- 5-day interchangeable lift tickets
- 7 night stay at Los Pinos Condos with two bedroom/ two bath condos for four people.

Price \$1450 How sweet is that!

Trip Chairperson:

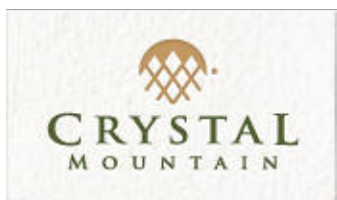
Betsy Watson ph: 269-870-0676 email: shastawat@sbcglobal.net



BRECKENRIDGE'S PEAK 6 IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Breckenridge Ski Resort's new Peak 6 project will add 400 acres of lift-served terrain serviced by a new high-speed, six-person chairlift and a new fixed-grip chairlift -- plus another 143 acres of hike-to terrain for the 2013-2014 ski season. Peak 6, will give Breckenridge five peaks, acres, four terrain parks, a 22 foot Superpipe, 11 bowls, the highest chairlift in North America.

Photo above; Peak 6 Courtesy of Vail Resorts.



Crystal Mountain Day Bus Trip

Saturday - January 25 2014

Join us for a day bus trip to Crystal Mountain Ski Resort, Thompsonville, MI. The bus will leave again from the Oakland and I-94 park and ride at 6:00 am and leave Crystal at 4:00 pm with pizza on the way back. Muffins and such, will be served for breakfast on the way up. We plan on it being the same cost; **\$50** for the bus plus the cost of a one day lift ticket. This is subject to a slight change if bus or lift ticket fares have gone up. Lunch is on your own. We would like to offer a more organized cross-country adventures during the day at Crystal this year. If you are interested in signing up then contact **Michele Mollard** at mmollard13@gmail.com or **269-998-3331**. General Meeting! Space will be limited so sign-up early!



[Link to additional info about the Winter Park.](#)

April 6-13, 2014

Trip Cost per Person ranges TBD! Options available. You must be a paid member of the Battle Creek Ski Club to attend this trip!!

This Link should take you to the Winter Park info: <http://mickeybiel.wix.com/winter-park>

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Quote(s) of the Month

"The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook"

Ralph Wharry for 50/50 tickets.

Julie Dill membership

The Pendill Connection for the general meeting Christmas Party enterainment.

Board Members and trip chairs

Betsy Watson for hosting the Dec Board Meeting

Ralph and Laurene for greeters

All who help get teh Newsletter out to the members.

WE SALUTE YOU!

SKI LIKE A PRO

Hit the slopes on alpine skis and enjoy dramatic mountain views, invigorating fresh air and the chance to fly down a trail as fast as you dare. Even better, skiing tones your legs and boosts strength and anaerobic capacity.

With advances in both techniques and gear, dare devils and tenuous turns alike can improve their skiing. These tips will help you cruise down with ease.

Relax Your Toes.

Flex Your Ankles.

Keep Your Shins Against the Tongues of Your Boots.

Put Pressure on Your Ski Tips to Start a Turn.

Roll Your Skis From Edge to Edge.

Keep Your Skis Parallel.

Keep Your Hands Forward.

Plant Your Pole Down the Hill.

Stay Centered in Powder (and equally weighted on both skis).

Look Ahead, Not at Your Skis.

HELP YOUR CLUB!

You Can Help by Hosting a Meeting! As many of our board members are trip chairs and busy at meetings with trip sign ups we'd like to ask club members to contribute by helping out as meeting "hosts." Hosts man the entrance table, make sure membership gets signed in, greet guests and make them feel welcome. You can help out by volunteering to host one meeting this year.

Contact any Board Member to volunteer

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Monthly Trivia Question?

Q. For how many total years has Betsy Watson, our current President, served as an officer or director of our club??

A. 16 years, since about 1997. (4 years as President, 1 year as Internal VP, and 11 as a Director) Thanks Betsy for all your contributions!.

Membership Reminder

Club memberships expire each year in June. Your dues help pay for various club sponsored activities. The annual dues are only \$25 singles and \$40 family. The membership form also serves as your trip waiver. Clicking on the [membership form](#) link takes you to the membership page. OR you can click on www.battlecreekskiclub.com and click on the membership link to the left. Please type in the information, print and sign the form. You can mail it to membership chair, Julie Dill, at the address on the form or bring the form to the club meeting. Julie is available at club meetings to receive forms and dues.



You must be a currently paid member to register for a trip.



Join Your Ski Club Pals on Facebook

Please be sure to check Facebook for the Battle Creek Ski Club page & "LIKE US" We'll have some fun info on there & you can meet new friends of course. Sometimes things may be posted spur of the moment about any activity....Example: "A group is driving for a day trip to Crystal Mountain on such & such day, so please call so & so for details or see you there"...this could be for skiing, or golfing, or anything in between....all are welcome, come join us, meet new friends, try new adventures...call or email me if questions