



# Battle Creek Ski Club



*Serving Central and Southwest Michigan*

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## GENERAL MEETING

Miller's Time Out

13260 S. Helmer Rd. (at the corner of I-94 & Helmer)

**They will resume Sept, 2019**

**Social Hour at 6pm**

**Program starts at 7pm**

## 2020 SWITZERLAND TRIP

Are you saving up some spare dollars & getting your passport updated for the club sponsored European trip, in conjunctions with the Grand Rapids Ski Club to :

### GRINDELWALD, SWITZERLAND

Grindelwald is the largest of the Interlaken-based resorts, known as Jungfrau Top Ski area, in the Bernese Oberland Mountains of Switzerland. Grindelwald is directly linked to Wengen ski area, and the Top Ski lift ticket provides access to the resort's combined 132 miles of ski terrain over 50 pistes. The Jungfrau Top Ski resort accesses pistes above 7,500 feet, ensuring that skiers and boarders experience exceptional snow coverage. And despite being one of Europe's favorite ski destinations, the Jungfrau region rarely experiences crowds, thanks to its three sprawling base areas, and centrally located Interlaken. Plus, the resort's 20 chairlifts transport 42,000 passengers uphill in an hour.

Grindelwald is also a favorite among intermediates, since the majority of the runs are red and blue. Corduroy-lovers will have a blast on the five-mile cruiser from the top of the Oberjoch chairlift back to the Grindelwald base. Wengen's Lauberhorn and Black Rock run for the experts as well as off-piste and glacier skiing to be had, expert skiers and snowboarders will be grinning ear-to-ear on a Grindelwald ski vacation.

Contact Julie Weighman, 269-830-7370 or Email: [Julie.weighman@live.com](mailto:Julie.weighman@live.com), to get on the list and reserve a spot for this chance of a lifetime adventure. There will be a limited number of spots available .....SO don't delay contacting Julie!

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# President's Corner

Hello again fellow ski clubbers,

WOW!! What an exciting (at least for Tanya & Larry Potter) end to the ski season! I cannot say THANK YOU enough, to how the big curve ball, with sinker, ... that Amtrak handed Tanya, and the club members, that were just days away from embarking on the California Zephyr for the wonderful trip to Winter Park for week of fun. The flooding in Iowa and Nebraska had Amtrak cancel that route for two to three weeks, which left everyone scrambling. I am delighted that 48 of the 54 attendees found a way around that dilemma and were able to drive or fly and get in the best skiing in years as reported at the last General membership meeting. While Tanya works to recoup monies from Amtrak I ask everyone's patience as sometimes their wheels move slow. Again, this is a volunteer spot that Tanya and Larry do for club members, and I do appreciate all of the understanding that many you have displayed!

What a fun year it has been! With the Boyne Highlands weekend (Thanks Joyce and Otto), followed by the Nubs Nob mid-week trip (chaired by Gerry Tillman) and the Mount Bachelor Trip (Thanks Julie Weighman) and the Winter Park Trip (Thanks to Tanya and Larry), with the intermingling of the Crystal and Schuss Saturday Bus Trip (Thanks Michele Mollard). It was a year of great opportunities to enjoy various ski locations. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE..THANKS TO ALL OF THE TRIP CHAIRS!! ....WE APPRECIATE YOU!!

ATTENTION-- If your name is: Mike Peters, Jackson Mendez, Dave Rusnell, Eric Metheny, Jon Jensen, or Luke Vandezande,..... your name was drawn for the \$150.00 year end raffle, that you were not present at! Dave Weighman was happy that you were unable to attend! He said to say Thanks, ...He needs gas money!

Club elections were held last month and I would like to welcome new member, Lynn Morrison, and longtime member, Karen Blanck, to Director positions. Michele Mollard is taking over the club secretary spot, and Tanya Potter will be taking over the Membership chair. Many Thanks to Roni Worden for doing secretarial duties the last several years, and Otto Naeset who has been our Membership Chair.

I would like to take this space to also give SPECIAL THANKS to Joyce Ashdon, who is stepping down from the board after many years of service. I've always considered Joyce a "spark plug" in the club, who made things happen with inexhaustible energy.

Sometimes it was her new ideas, or past club history knowledge, serving in various trip chair positions, being a party organizer, golf outing organizer, presidents column writer for Betsy, and a special person in general, That makes Joyce Special. I would like to offer much gratitude to Joyce for being such a wonderful influence on many. THANKS JOYCE ..YOU ARE AWESOME.!

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As I mentioned at the General Meeting, your Board has decided that there will be a slight increase in Club Membership dues for the 2020 ski season. Single membership will be \$30.00, and Family memberships will be \$45.00 for families. Dues help to defray some of our operating costs, i.e. mailings, website accessibility, bank and insurance costs, computer and accounting software, December general meeting entertainment, and other incidentals, including any dollar shortcomings if a trip is a little low on attendees, which might cause a shortfall.

The club will also be making it easier to pay for trip costs and membership dues using credit card to a secure pay site. We are finalizing the implementation and linking it with our website as well. Thanks to Joe Dill who is making this happen.

Hope to see many of you out biking this summer, or paddling at one of the planned summer activities. We are hoping to also have an up North camp and kayak weekend excursion, organized by Barb Starring and Bill Cole, but work schedules, are being finalized, so a date can be determined. Please keep checking our website for updated to new and upcoming summer get together opportunities.

That's all for now. Time to get out there and get those pine needles vacuumed from underneath the car hood, and finally take down those Christmas decorations, five months later. And let's not forget about the garden. Cleaning, composting, fertilizing, planting, and enjoying! Have a safe, fun, exciting summer!

*Gerry Tillman*



## May Birthday Wishes:

Jim Dickerson	02	Hugh Welsh	18
Colin McKee	03	Susan Tolles	19
Lori Smith	03	Matthew McKee	20
Shahanna Otavo	04	Mike Reisterer	21
Jacob Rewa	04	Dennis Edwards	22
Kelly Swanson	04	Jeremy Fuller	22
Cheryl Perry	05	Jack Rocco	22
Billy Smith	05	Vic Schroeder	22
Linda Breton	06	Mark Wenstrup	23
Kelly Hicks	06	Larry Potter	24
Mike Bielski	09	Carmen Gonzalez	25
Brody Fuller	09	Verne Wandell	25
Phil Hansing	14	Ann Wierengo	27
Geoffrey DeTolve	17	Jon Jensen	29

## Oh Where! Oh Where should we go for next ski season!

Please reach out to Gerry Tillmann with suggestions on resorts we should think about visiting next year. Some suggestions are:

- ⇒ Crested Butte, Colorado
  - ⇒ Telluride, Colorado
- To start the thoughts flowing.....

**Email Gerry to put your vote in;**  
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### NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We will turn over to the new Board in June, but we do not publish a Newsletter again until August so your New Board Members contact Information:

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## **Did you Know?**

The BCSC as a Club, is a member of the Chicago Metro Ski Club.

**Why am I sharing this with you?** Because it is a benefit to you!!!!

Because BCS Club is a member of Chicago, your club membership is reciprocated with other ski clubs that are Members of the Chicago Metro Ski Club.

For example, Grand Rapids Ski Club is Members of Chicago so you are able to attend their trips as a reciprocal member.

**GREAT NEWS, AH!!!!**



## **WINTER PARK SPRING BREAK RECAP**

4 days before leaving for Winter Park, we received news, Amtrak was cancelling the trains going west to Winter Park for the next 2-3 weeks due to flooding along the rails and they would give no alternate transportation! Out of the 54 people going on the trip, 48 decided to find their own transportation. Some people flew and some car pooled. The highway driving was high enough the flooding did not impact car driving but flooding was seen.

When arriving at Winter Park the snow conditions were GREAT. Comments such as Amazing, Best Snow condition in 8 years, everyday was great! Base was 86 inches and it snowed around 5 inches that week. Other comments from people were they skied runs they had never tried before, some skied so much their legs were mush. Weather was so great, some just wore sweatshirts and snow pants. Only got a little soft towards the bottom of the mountain on the last day. Levi Thomas skied 37,000 vertical feet one day, this works out to over 41 miles of skiing. People socialized over lunch at Snoasis and at the hot tub in the evenings.

Winners of the "Find Waldo" daily contest were: Barbel Mitchell, Lincoln Hoffman, Arne Uphave and Liam Troutner.

Thanks go to everyone that sent notes and pictures, and for scrambling to find your own transportation. Special thanks to Steve Thomas for doing the "Find Waldo" contest. Hope to see everyone on the train trip next year!

Thank you, Tanya and Larry Potter