



Battle Creek Ski Club



# Ben Zee Neez Nooze

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## GENERAL MEETING

### Millers Time Out

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

Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Social Hour - 6:00PM

General Meeting starts at 7:00PM

## DO YOU LIKE THE WATER..DO YOU SCUBA OR SNORKEL OR WOULD LIKE TO??

Our February general meeting will cover everything you ever wanted to know on this subject. Kim, from Sub Aquatic Sports will give us lots of information. Where you can learn...where they offer trips....equipment.....etc. Even if you are not a water person, I'm sure she will have some interesting stories about the years they have been traveling the world and exploring oceans. So join us for an exciting evening of scuba diving!

### 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!

### BCSC Monthly Quotes:

"I can change any situation in the moment by the way I respond to it."

"Challenges provide an opportunity for you to show yourself what you've become."

## Breckenridge, CO

*Here We Come!*

*February 23-March 2, 2014*

Trip is full and closed. Pre trip meeting; 2:00PM  
February 9, 2014 at 7087 Sparrow Ridge, Portage, MI,  
the home of Betsy Watson.

Trip Chairperson:

**Betsy Watson** ph: 269-870-0676

email: [shastawat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shastawat@sbcglobal.net)

## Crystal Mountain Bus Trip

**March 8, 2014**



Join us for a day bus  
trip to Crystal  
Mountain Ski Resort,

Thompsonville, MI. The bus will leave from the Oakland and I-94 park and ride at 6:00 am. Muffins, fruit, and juice will be served for breakfast on the way up. Arrival at Crystal will be approximately 9:30 am. Departure from Crystal will be at 5:00 pm with pizza and pop serviced on the way back. Cost will be approximately **\$52** 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](mailto:mmollard13@gmail.com) or  
**269-998-3331**. Space will be limited so sign-up early!



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### Monthly Trivia Question?

Winter Park, CO is a favorite club trip destination and is the home to the National Sports Center for the Disabled. What is the number of sit-skis available for ski school students at the Center?

(Find the answer on page 5)

# President's Corner

*From the Pres.:*

Winter is under way and we have already had 5 Ski Club meetings. Only 3 to go. When you stop and think about it, ski season is quite short. So, get out to the slopes. Reading this in the February newsletter means the only trips remaining are Breckenridge and Winter Park. Remember you can go to Timber Ridge on Thursday nights when the race team will be there... there will always be someone to ski with.

Elections coming up....think about joining our board. All executive positions are voted on each year and there are always 3 director positions that are up for grabs.

Sub Aquatic Sports will be speaking at the February General Meeting....find out about diving and snorkeling...where to learn...their trips and have all your questions answered. We like to offer the opportunity for all kinds of adventures to our members.

If you have any suggestions for summer events...or speakers we may not think of...let someone on the board know. If you want to help out in any way....tell us that as well.

Your President,

*Betsy Watson*



## All Aboard for Winter Park, CO

*April 6-13, 2014*

*Space still available but must sign-up soon!*

*Final payment due end of January!*

Contact trip chairs or visit [battlecreekskiclub.com](http://battlecreekskiclub.com) for this years pricing! Options available. You must be a paid member of the Battle Creek Ski Club to attend this trip!! CONTACT:

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## Boyne Highlands

Another successful Boyne Highlands ski trip. After all the beautiful snow we had in Southern Michigan, it was sad to hear a weather report about rain with Boyne coming up.

After skiing on great snow Friday night, Barb and Bill hosted a wine and cheese party.

We had veggies, cheese and crackers and LOTS of wine!

Wine bottles stayed in their paper bags and when all the voting was done, we found out the favorite and

how much it cost. We had the famous Boyne breakfast on Sat morning. There was some rain but the rain let up before noon and the skiing was still good.

The Nastar race had limited participants, but all had fun. We gathered for lunch in the Heather warming hut. Hot soup and sandwiches were welcome as we



regrouped and planned for the afternoon. No long lift lines was a plus. Some took the opportunity for a dog sled ride...what a treat. A musher, nine dogs, snow coming down and a half hour ride around the perimeter of the golf course. Off to the

pool....then to the Zoo Bar for some. Dinner and race awards to follow. After dinner we took advantage of the band in the downstairs bar and danced the night away. We were glad the



trip had been moved forward a week...everything was hopping at Boyne...lots of people and music.



No "big" injuries... Michael jumped over a barrel one too many times and took a tumble on his last jump. He missed dinner with sore ribs and other parts.

Some stayed at the Highlands after breakfast and some were off to the Mountain for ski-

ing on their way home.

It has been discussed that maybe we would not allow Otto to run another Boyne trip. Many years ago when he was in charge of a Boyne trip for the Ski Club..... staying at the Terrace Inn...it rained cats and dogs... nobody skied at Boyne....some went over to Nubs and skied in the pouring rain or stayed in the lounge and played cards.....now this year we "again" had rain. Some voted to give him another chance...time will tell!

## "GREAT MEMBER OF A GREAT CLUB"

### *Betsy Watson*

Battle Creek Ski Club is very fortunate to have the leadership of Betsy Watson, but then she is no stranger sharing her guidance. She has been the BCSC president at least four terms, often filling in when no one else will. Thanks Betsy. She shares her leadership skills with her sorority Psi Iota Xi, a philanthropic sorority dedicated to speech and hearing. She held the office of president four times as well as other leadership roles. As a young person at Creston High School she was involved in many clubs and activities and held offices as well.



Besides leadership Betsy has volunteered with her church and community. She has traveled to Guatemala six times with a

mission group to build tin homes for people living in remote areas.

In four days they built 20 to 25 homes. The group also distributed food and clothing and lots of love. In the community Betsy has volunteered for the Red Cross participating in blood drives and taking photos of newborns at Bronson Hospital. Her new love comes in threes. Betsy is a surrogate grandma for a set of triplets. She has been involved since they came home from the hospital where they lost their mother. She shares a half a day with them weekly and now stays for sleepovers. Betsy has enjoyed watching them grow.

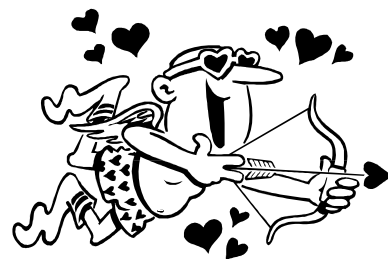
This busy lady enjoys cross-country and alpine skiing, golf, cycling, dancing, sailing, water sports, zip lining, and pickle ball. She would like to add more to that list!

Betsy was born in Carlisle, PA where her father was in officers training. In Carlisle there was an American Indian school where Olympian Jim Thorpe went to school and played football. Later her family moved to Grand Rapids where her father set up his medical practice. She graduated from CMU with a degree in Physical Education, Health and Recreation. In summers she worked as a camp counselor. Later was hired as a PE teacher in Portage. She worked several years then stayed home to raise her son. While home she worked on her MA at WMU and UL. She lost her husband just short of their 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Her son is married and lives in Texas with her many grandchildren.



Betsy would like to be remembered as a positive difference in other's lives. We are fortunate that she has touched ours.

Barb Starring  
Joyce Ashdon





## Annual Meeting - Changes to the Club's by-laws.

We are proposing two changes to the club's by-laws for clarification. In accordance with the club's by-laws, these proposed changes need to be presented in the club's newsletter two months before the annual club meeting in March.

The first is to lock the board's year with the fiscal year and membership year to be from July 1st to June 30th and will read as follows.

Article I Section 9: The Board's Year, the fiscal year and the membership year shall run from July 1st through June 30th.

The second change is to re-align the External Vice Presidents term start two months earlier, from May 1st to April 30th. This change will allow one External Vice President to set the slate of trips, work with the chair people and close out the slate of trips. Today, our trip process is handled by two different external Vice Presidents, causing a disconnect in the process. The changes should read as follows:

Article III Section 6: The External Vice President's term of office will be from May 01 through April 30 of each year. This ensures that the responsibility to set the slate of trips for the year, work with the trip chair-people, review contracts, present the slate of trips to the board and work with the Trip chairs to close the trips. The responsibility of the ski trips falls in the term of the same External Vice President.

**Thanks and regards**

**Joe Dill**

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## BATTLE CREEK SKI CLUB RACING TEAM

**Calling all Racers! 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.

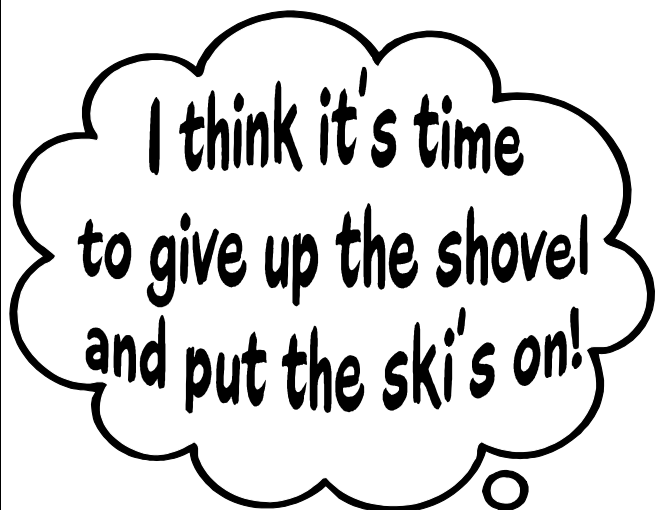
Come out and join your ski buddies, and cheer each other on to excellence!

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.

Contact **Gerry Tillmann** if interested.

Ph.: 616-318-9554 or [gtillmann@signartinc.com](mailto:gtillmann@signartinc.com)





## February Birthday Wishes:

Claire Coscarelli	01	Corey Siwula	13
Ken Stastny	01	Carter Cole	14
Neil Smith	03	Michael Collins	14
Bill Rhodes	03	Timothy Reed	16
Otto Naeset	05	Deborah Ulrich	16
Jeffrey Swanson	05	Tracy Tibbitts	16
Debbie Bartels	06	Barb Hibiske	17
A. J. Maynard	07	Carol Bouabbdellaoui	17
Sheri Wegner	09	Lucky Smith	23
Hope Swanson	09	Patrick Herzog	24
Ronnie Rogers	10	Susan Riker	26
Terry Worden	13	Lauren Rogers	26
Gary Kuite	13		

**Ralph and Laurene Wharry** - greeters

**Ralph Wharry** - 50/50 tickets

**Kimberly Thomas** - general meeting guest speaker

**Mary Anne Terry** - Board Meeting hostess

**Julie Dill** - Membership

**Trip Chairs** - for the work they are doing.

**Joyce Ashdon & Julie Dill** - Newsletter mailing

**Joe Dill** - Website and electronic newsletter.



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Q. Winter Park, CO is a favorite club trip destination and is the home to the National Sports Center for the Disabled. What is the number of sit-skis available for ski school students at the Center?

A. **55 sit-skis!** (From The New York Time, Travel Section, The Fact, Ski Trivia, Dec 9, 2011)



### Use your Credit and Debit Cards!

Battle Creek Ski Club now accepts Master Card, Visa, American Express and Discover Credit and Debit cards. A handling fee of 2.85% of the total transaction will be added for those members wishing to use their plastic. This will allow us to keep our prices for the trips and membership at their low pricing. As always, we will still be accepting cash and checks. We leave the choice up to you, our members.

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## 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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# Happy Valentine's Day

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9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13	14  Valentine's Day	15
16	17  President's Day	18 Board Meeting	19	20	21	22
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