



Battle Creek Ski Club



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GENERAL MEETING

Social
Time @
6pm

Miller's Time Out
13260 S. Helmer Rd. (at the corner of I-94 & Helmer)
Tuesday, March 12, 2019!!
Social Hour at 6pm,
Program starts at 7pm

Learn @
all trips we
are offering
this year



WINTER PARK

All Aboard for Winter Park, CO



WINTER PARK

Spring Break, March 30-April 6, 2019

This trip has been changed to a Saturday to Saturday trip this year!!!

It is the late-season TRAIN TRIP TO WINTER PARK COLORADO! This is an amazing trip, especially for families.

Enjoy 4+ days of skiing at one of Rocky Mountains greatest ski areas. Price includes train trip, skiing, accommodations, and pizza party with your fellow club members. Make a couple of Nastar runs with other club members if you wish...or not! Dine in at your condo or venture out into town and sample some local cuisine. Lodging at Beaver Village and includes hot tubs and swimming pool, always a hit with the kids after a day on the slopes!

Get signed up early. There are limited spots available. Don't wait! This is the real-deal and a "family-gem-of-a-trip". Contact the trip Chairs or come to the General Meetings or view the website for more details

We are approximating \$890.00 per person this year!

Contact Trip Chair and Co-Chair:

Tanya and Larry Potter

Call: 269-330-1584

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President's Corner

March has arrived and Winter is fleeing by. Hope you have had a chance to get out in the beautiful Michigan outdoors, or some out west destination!

It was my decision last month to cancel the General Membership meeting due to terrible driving conditions expected for the evening. I hope those 5 people who didn't get the message, will forgive me if I caused them some inconvenience. Especially you Jim Baum... who hobbled in with a broken/cracked patella! There are a good amount of people who attend our membership meetings from Kalamazoo and beyond, (Michele Mollard comes from S. Haven), and I didn't want to have them in anticipated treacherous conditions, especially getting through the concrete Galesburg I-94 corridor! Thanks to Barb Starring and Bill Cole for hanging out and letting that handful of adventurous souls know of the cancellation. Thanks to Julie Weighman and Joe Dill for getting the info onto Facebook and the e-blast on our website.

If you are looking to squeeze in a super up north day trip to Crystal Mountain, contact Michele Mollard. The date is March 2 !! Crystal Mountain also has a Mardi Gras party atmosphere that day with plenty of side music entertainment, and specialty Cajun style food selections.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you should find the recap for the midweek Nubs Nob trip that took place mid January. It sure was a terrific week of skiing for the 18 people who attended! There were a couple of days that were so cold that I saw some politicians with their hands in their own pockets!

I'm getting excited about the upcoming Winter Park Spring Break train trip, happening at the end of this month, into April!! Many, many THANKS to Tanya and Larry Potter, trip chairs, who have really done a terrific job getting everything organized, with all of the different rooming configurations.

I have received a couple of trip suggestions for next year by email, and a couple by ski conversations with members. I hope that we can organize a trip committee soon, and start planning for next year. So, if you have suggestions please mention them to a Board member or contact me. Yes,... these trips take time and organization. From numerous emails and conversations, acquiring contracts, and getting the ball rolling, "the early bird gets the worm". Thanks to all of the people who step up and Volunteer to chair a trip or event.

We had a nice group of 24 early in February fly out west and spend a week skiing Mount Bachelor in Oregon. I'm looking forward to hearing some stories from that adventure from those of you can attend the General Meeting on March 12th. Thanks to Julie Weighman for chairing the trip!

Looking forward.... I don't want to sound like a broken record, but your club is looking for people who could step forward and spend a couple of hours a month, as a Board Member. We meet the first Wednesday of each month from 7:00 pm to approx. 8:15 p.m. If you have some time please contact me, or another Board member, to discuss. Elections are coming up and we will have several new spots that need to be filled, due to terms expiring.

Hope you can make it to the March 12th General Meeting. The program for the evening will be very interesting, especially to those of you who like to get into the outdoors hiking and exercising. Our presenters will inform us about the "North Country Trail", which runs through Michigan and some of our neighboring communities. Should be very interesting!

Hope to see all of you at the General Meeting.

Gerry Tillman



NUBS NOB MIDWEEK TRIP RECAP

Where in Michigan can you find 302 snowmaking guns, each capable of consuming 100 gallons of water PER MINUTE!? The water pipe, that handles water supply to all of these snowmaking machines, can run at a maximum of 6,000 gallons PER MINUTE! Your guess?.....If you thought Nubs Nob, you are correct!

Additionally, the longest chair lift, (orange chair) has 19 towers handling 104 chairs for people moving. However, the nineteen attendees that were on the Nubs Nob trip from January 21 – 25, didn't have to ever wait in lift lines, due to it being midweek. This produced runs galore all over the ski resort area. I saw many smiling, happy faces in the evening, fighting off the tiredness that comes with the fun day that was had, whether cross country or downhill!

MONDAY afternoon arrivals took advantage of the bright sunny afternoon, with temps in the single digits, to get a few runs in. Excellent ski conditions were reported. Then we gathered for a late afternoon get acquainted, get together, with some mulled wine, cheese and crackers, and venison salami. It was fun to learn more about each other, in a short game, that made for interesting conversations during the week.

TUESDAY the weather was in the mid-teens with groomed runs galore under the 2" of fresh snow in the early morning hours. Snow stayed light and fluffy all day. A bunch of us gathered at Vernale's Italian Restaurant for a very delicious evening meal. I think all 14 of us, ordered the same meal, filet medallions, with all the sides! It was quite delicious!

WEDNESDAY we awoke to a snowy morning. The snow would continue all day at different intensities (total of 4"), but still very light and fluffy and temps in the teens. Later that evening, we all gathered at the Sassy Loon Restaurant for FIVE Gi-Normous pizzas, that received rave reviews from the group. New member, Tona Ambrosen from Schoolcraft, and "old" member Mike Needham, from Augusta, were celebrated for the birthdays that were also happening this week.

THURSDAY another 2" of fresh snow greeted us. After some breakfast at the hotels breakfast area, which was nice to have so convenient every morning, we hit the slopes for the final day. A couple of folks trekked over to Boyne Highlands for some afternoon and evening skiing. Conditions were also reported as very nice. Later that night, many of gathered at Teddy Griffins Roadhouse for a scrumptious pre "going home" meal.

FRIDAY morning came with temps in the low single digits, and blowing snow. Most of us decided to pack up and head for home, since we all knew it was going to take longer than the drive up. At least we were able to think of the fun days and ski memories we had just finished.

Thankfully, there were no injuries,.... a few sore muscles, but those were usually covered by big smiles at the end of the day. We also welcomed three NEW MEMBERS on their first trip with the club. Thanks to all of the members for making them feel welcome. Those "red flags" sure are eye catching, and help people get joined up on the slopes.

If you couldn't make it this year, hopefully we will get a few more attendees next year. This was a wonderful way to spend the midweek and enjoy the beautiful northern Michigan country.



Mt. Bachelor Ski Trip Report - 2019



The Mt. Bachelor ski trip was a great time! The Saturday flight out of Detroit was a bit early in the morning, but everything went smoothly. When we arrived in Portland, our reserved bus to Bend was waiting for us. We arrived at The Riverhouse –a very cool hotel on the Deschutes river- in plenty of time to unpack and organize before our Welcome Reception.

The reception included appetizers and drinks while we listened to overview presentations by Mt. Bachelor, the hotel, and Wanderlust Tours. Wanderlust presented optional tours to Crater Lake and lava caves – and most of the group took advantage of the opportunities throughout the week. The Mt. Bachelor reps were great – helping our group get acquainted with the trails and amenities. And they even outlined the XC options!

Every morning, the group met for a very well prepared (and included!) breakfast at the hotel. If there was a negative on our trip, it was that our group overwhelmed the kitchen – service was on the slow side. After breakfast, the skiers got to choose either the 8 or 10 am private bus service to Bachelor. We also had two daily private bus return options. Arriving at the mountain on Sunday, the group was greeted by Bachelor Dream Team guides who took great care of us. The group split up and the guides gave everyone a thorough ski tour of the mountain. Mt. Bachelor reps really understood customer service.

Some other highlights:

Monday – late afternoon Apres Party hosted by Mt. Bachelor, with drinks and pizza!

Thursday – group meeting at the hotel pool for snacks and wine (provided by hosts).

Friday – group lunch on the mountain, hosted by Mt. Bachelor.

The log cabin from the Rooster Cogburn movie located at our hotel!!

Dinner runs to local restaurants and breweries. Bend has a LOT of fun options! And excellent beer.

Ski Report: The skiers I talked with reported some great powder as well as some windy days with lower visibility. The skiers that “dropped in” to challenge the trees had better visibility and snow. There were plenty of groomed and ungroomed terrain and runs for every skier. This trip reported no injuries! YaYa!!!! The cross country ski experience was wonderful – very well maintained trails thru the beautiful woods.

Overheard quote: “The only thing that would make this trip better would be to stay another week!”



March Birthday Wishes:

Jim Williams	01	Vincent Rogers	23
Gary VanHorn	02	Tammi Smith	23
Pam Weagley	03	Steve Manta	24
Bernard Dillon	04	TJ Worden	24
Peter Zorich	04	Margi Brown	25
Andrew Lenczycki	05	Teri Bussler	27
Alaina Smith	05	Ted Savard	27
Kathy Bauer	06	Mark Zanotti	29
Julie Lenczcki	11	Sarah Debiak	30
Jennifer Angel	11	Jeanette Holm	31
Kalman Perjesi Jr.	12	Nancy Lechota	31
Brock Hansing	15	Sean Scott	31
Jon Hogarth	15		
Ralph Wharry	15		
Anthony Miller	16		
Katharine Wray	16		
Mike Ormstead	17		
Leonard Peirce	17		
Charles Yates	19		
Cindy Debiak	23		
Eric Metheny	23		

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
 - ⇒ Switzerland, yes a European Trip!
- To start the thoughts flowing.....

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March Presentation!!

Do not miss the presentation about the North Country Trail. It will be presented by Chief Noonday Chapter.

Always good to have knowledge of the many opportunities available to you!!



CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN & IRON FISH DISTILLERY

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

THERE IS PLENTY OF SNOW UP NORTH WITH A 4' BASE!!!

The bus will leave from the Oakland and I-94 park and ride at 6:00am and leave mountains around 4:00pm. Muffins, fruit, yogurt and such, will be served for breakfast on the way up. Lunch is on your own. Dinner is a stop at our great pizza joint just south of Crystal and enjoyed at Iron Fish Distillery as we partake in so fun adult drinks. Breakfast and pizza is included in your bus fare. Drinks at Iron Fish are on your own.

Cost for bus is \$57pp, plus lift ticket

Lift Tickets PRICING

Adult (18-69) \$19/person
70+ and 7-17 \$15/person
6 and younger ski FREE

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