



**Battle Creek Ski Club**



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## General Meeting

Miller's Time Out

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

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017!!**

**Social Hour at 6pm, Meeting news at 7pm**

We will be talking in detail about the ski trips for the 2017-18 ski season. Come hear all about them in September!



WINTER PARK

## All Aboard for Winter Park, CO



WINTER PARK

WOW (Winter Outstanding Wonderland) is the first thing that comes to mind when thinking about 2017 Winter Park trip. First day we had 1 ½ inches new snow and by the next day we had 15 ½ inches of new snow to play on! There were several "seasoned" skiers that said this was their best day of skiing EVER. I know it was mine. After the snow fall we had SUN, SUN and more Fun.

We had 54 members on our trip. Green Brain Award (which is for someone who has done something "not so smart". ) was given to me the first day. I was in the train station layover in Denver waiting for something to drink when I got a call that said "where are you the train is leaving." I left the drink order and ran and ran through the station, down the train tracks to catch the train. On Wednesday we had a pizza party and gave another Green Brain award to Sally Klavinski for not knowing how to dress herself for snow skiing. She had on one pant leg, both boots, coat when she realized the other pant leg was not on. The last and best Green Brain went to Sam Oberlee. Sam had a "go pro" on his helmet for filming his skiing tricks down the hill. He went into the bathroom and later discovered he forgot to turn off the "go pro". He did not share the film with us but apparently the film was hilarious.

The best boxer short contest was won by Emma Vandezande in the junior division. The men opted out, however our women winners were Maryellen Lawrence and Sally Klavinski. Emma looked great on the hill the next day with her decorated boxers on.

We did not have a contest for best costume, but no one could have beat Bob Bieszka for his 7-8 foot snowman outfit on our last day. He could be spotted a mile away and brought many smiles to everyone. Thank you BOB.

New this year was the bus system "The Lift". This free service picked you up from your front door and took you anywhere in Winter Park or Fraser. This was not only convenient but very timely. The Lift even took Jon Bednarick from his condo to the club house hot tub.

Our train back was 3 ½ hours late due to the train hitting a cow, later hitting a tree and last having to stop because a drunk forgot to get off the train at his stop and fought with the conductor, thus the police came to take him away.

I want to thank all those that preceded me in hosting this trip. Battle Creek Ski club has a great reputation and the ski company we used, buses, condos and Amtrak were prepared for what we needed. Special thanks to Steve Thomas, Steve Terranella for help with the luggage. Joyce Ashdon for the previous trip notes, tons of suggestions, and obtaining the snacks we had on our way to Fraser.

# President's Corner

Welcome to May fellow outdoor enthusiasts,

Well, I'm disappointed.....Larry Potter is not! I did not get to draw any names, not in attendance, for the \$150.00 raffle for club trip attendees at the April General Meeting. Larry was quite happy to accept the prize. I'm sure Tanya will find some way to use it.

The Winter Park train trip was full of adventures for all of the attendees. What a fun time! Skiing was wonderful, with 14" – 16" of snow Tuesday overnight, which made for super snow conditions. Everyone could find groomed and ungroomed runs, some knee deep, to their liking. Look for Pictures of Bob "the snowman" Bieszka on our website. He was quite the towering hit on the slopes, having to pose for numerous photos. It was enjoyable to meet and see the "Families" we don't see very often at the General Meetings. All of the kids were awesome! The return train trip home even had it's own live version of the TV program "COPS" as we got to watch a scoundrel taken off the train, and escorted to some secure location for being belligerent to the conductor! I hope to see all of you again, and a few more, next year on the trip.

Tanya Potter, the trip chair, did an EXCELLENT job of organizing the trip and keeping everyone informed. Many THANKS to her, as well as Steve Thomas who organized the "human conveyor" to load and unload all the luggage at the different train stops.

I hope many of you have made and had some cherished moments from one or two of the trips that you might have been on this past ski season. And you know what.....? These trips were run by VOLUNTEERS! A special group of people. Thanks to Joyce Ashdon, Otto Naasset, Michele Mollard, KimElliot, Cheryl Dedoes, Tanya Potter, Jim Baum and Mike Needham. All of these people spent numerous hours, attended meetings, made lot of phone calls and traded emails. FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT! I COMMEND THEM ALL! Thanks again trip chairs.

Soon the process will start over again. Trip Committee meeting will be forming. Please contact Michele Mollard or any board member if you have a trip suggestion. But, of course, be prepared to "VOLUNTEER" to maybe run the trip, or assist in running. Remember, the Club runs on VOLUNTEERING!

SUMMER EVENTS – If you would like to participate in any of the summer event activities, biking, camping, kayaking, canoeing, possible golfing, or Julie and Joe's great brunch event, please check the BCSC website, that Joe Dill has VOLUNTEERED to maintain and keep updated. Thanks Joe! Also send photos of events to him for inclusion on the website.

Well, that's it for now. I hope to see many of you at one or more of the summer activities. Stay in touch and enjoy the change of seasons.

Your President,

*Gerry Tillman*

*For those who keep trying, ...Failure is temporary*

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# Ski Club Golf Outing



Want to get together and swing a few golf clubs with your ski pals?

We are hosting a Ski Club Golf Outing on Sunday, August 6th

12:30pm at Cedar Creek Golf Course, 14000 Renton Road, Battle Creek, MI

\$30.00 per person for 18 holes with cart. Pay at the course when you arrive. We have some great events planned on some of the holes and prizes will be awarded!

Contact Joyce Ashdon [j.ashdon@prodigy.net](mailto:j.ashdon@prodigy.net) so tee times can be set up ahead of time.

## 2017-2018 Ski Trip Planning Meeting

We are hosting our ski trip planning meeting on;

**Tuesday, May 9 @ 6:15pm**

at Grand Traverse Pie Company on Westnedge Ave. just north of I-94.

We will be discussing;

- ⇒ Potential locations for the out west trip
- ⇒ Condo options for Winter Park, dates and trip Chair
- ⇒ Nub Nob trip, trip chair and dates
- ⇒ Boyne Highlands, trip chairs and dates
- ⇒ Any other discussions that need to take place for ski trips in the 2017-18 season

Please ATTEND if you wish to offer input or email Michele Mollard at [mmollard13@gmail.com](mailto:mmollard13@gmail.com) with your thoughts.

**Second Meeting will be June 13th, same time and location!!**

# Kayak, Canoe and Mingle



Come paddle Crooked Lake on July 22nd

Come to Joe and Julie's home on Crooked Lake off Q Ave for a morning of Canoeing and Kayaking. You will need to bring your own canoe or Kayak. The Dill's do have a few Kayaks but make sure to contact them to communicate your need.

Water festivities will begin around 9am until whenever you want to finish up.

Bring a dish to pass for a brunch around 10:30am  
1809 S. Crooked Lake Drive

Contact: Joe Dill, 269-806-8322, [joedill2004@ameritech.net](mailto:joedill2004@ameritech.net)

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## Trivia

1. The one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends?
2. North American landmark constantly moving backward?
3. Only two vegetables that can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons?
4. The fruit with its seeds on the outside?
5. How did the pear get inside the brandy bottle?
6. Three English words beginning with dw?
8. The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form but fresh?



## May Birthday Wishes:

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



## June Birthday Wishes:

Ruth Smiley	01	Betsy Watson	23
Darren Wenger	02	Richard Mah	24
Angie Miller	03	Barbara Cockrell	25
Ned Malcolm	05	James Coss	25
Katilee Bensley	06	Patrick O'Conner	26
Frank Mason	06	James Schauer	26
Harvey Franklin	07	Michael Elderkin	27
Vera Tiani	07	Chuck Erway	27
Rita Broekema	08	Tim Graves	27
Abigail Debiak	09	Eric Straley	27
Colleen Wyman	09	Don Nelson	28
Baerbel Mitchell	11	Steve Smiley	28
Jeff Elderkin	12	John Walters	28
Diane Sweeney	13	Tonja Iocca	29
Carol Tedrow	13	Aimee Khaled	30
Wendy Davis	14	Vincent Odenwalle	30
Keith McCreery	16		
Karen Mertz	20		
Kim Elliott	23		

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## Answers for Trivia

1. Boxing
2. Niagara Falls (The rim is worn down about two and a half feet each year because of the millions of gallons of water that rush over it every minute.)
3. Asparagus and rhubarb.
4. Strawberries
5. It grew inside the bottle. The bottles are placed over pear buds when they are small, and are wired in place on the tree. The bottle is left in place for the entire growing season. When the pears are ripe, they are snipped off at the stems.
6. Dwarf, dwell and dwindle
7. Lettuce



Keep an eye on the website and future newsletters for  
Summer and Fall trip updates and new trips  
that this great club will be rolling out in the next few months!!



If you are on Facebook, you should like us. MANY of our members that attend the trips post regularly on our page immediately from their adventures with the club.