

December 2023

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Next Meetings:

Thurs, Dec 7, 7pm Thurs, Dec 21, 7pm

Miller's Ale House | 455 Butterfield Rd | Lombard

Email: ComeSkiWithUs@piccadillyskiclub.com

President's Message:

Happy Holidays PSC!

Merry Christmas, happy Hanukkah, happy Bodhi Day, joyous Yule, happy Saturnalia, happy Kwanzaa, and especially a very happy ski season!!! FINALLY, it's here!

December will definitely be a fun and action-packed month for us. The very first week of December we depart for Punta Cana for sun, sand, food, fun, and, um, adult beverages. Next, we have Trivia night at Bryan's American Grill on December 14th, followed by our December 21st holiday meeting. Be sure to attend this one because Santa will be on hand to hear the Christmas wishes of all good PSC boys & girls. Don't worry, he'll hear your wish too, even if you've been naughty. Remember to wear your ugly Christmas sweater, and bring a \$5.00 grab bag gift for our gift exchange. We'll have a trivia quiz also, and this could be the year I finally win...?!?

Last month PSC volunteered for a night of work at Feed My Starving Children. It really brings out holiday spirit and good cheer to do something for others. This holiday season as we enjoy the many blessings, we're lucky enough to have in our lives, let's remember those less fortunate, and let's all do something meaningful for them as well.

Let me close by giving a heartfelt thanks to all the people who contribute their time, creativity, and energy to make this Piccadilly the #1 best overall ski club in CMSC!!! Thank you very much to all our volunteers, trip leaders, club officers, and everyone who pitches in to get things done. And a special thank you as well to everyone who faithfully shows up for every meeting and supports our great club. "God bless us, everyone!"

Merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

Where in the World is Piccadilly?

Let's find out! As you travel to near and far places, bring along PSC logo gear and take a photo of you with that swag (neck wallet, jacket, facemask, business card, pin, bandana, shirt, coat, vest, backpack, koozie, etc.) Be sure to show the PSC logo in the photo, and you of course, along with your travel location as your backdrop, and email it to me, Dawn, at rockaroche3@gmail.com subject line: Where in the world... It does NOT

have to be across the world, but it would be fun if it was, and hopefully somewhere identifiable. Or, we'll have fun guessing.

with Sandy L and Dawn R.

Left: PSC Business Card walked the scary path at Morton Arboretum,

Right: Piccadilly Business Card stuck to the Gum Wall in Seattle along with Dawn R & Mom.



Left: Piccadilly Luggage Tag did a "Charlie Brown" at the Charles M Shultz Peanuts Museum, Santa Rosa, CA. Ted R supervised.

> Right: PSC Business Card relaxes on Waikiki Beach, Hawaii, with Julian's hand.





Left: Branson, MO Roy & Carol V, and Scott S & Juan A. enjoying music and moonshine.

Right: Piccadilly Ski Hat cuddled with new grandson (and future Piccadillian) Beau at the Sly Fox Taphouse, West Reading, PA with 'Papa Kev', and mama Katherine.





Left: Piccadilly Back Pack and Koozie made it to both the Dutch and French sides of St. Martin while Pam R tagged along for some beach time.

Take Piccadilly on <u>your</u> next adventure!

Social Media



Ahhh yes, we all remember a simpler time without cell phones glued to our palm. But they're here to stay and Social Media is a part of it all. Did you know Piccadilly is on Facebook, MeetUp and Instagram? Why? We are working hard to promote our club to attract and keep new members. Using Social Media is a way of reaching and introducing our

club to a new demographic. This will help ensure the vitality of Piccadilly and keep it growing into the future!

How can you help?

- You can "Like" our Facebook posts, and share them.
- You can "Follow" us on Instagram and "Like" our posts.
- You can sign up for MeetUp and use it to RSVP for events and meetings.

Create Your MeetUp Account - People need to RSVP to events on MeetUp and so it's very important to be a PSC MeetUp member. Your information is kept private, just post your facial picture so we can associate



the member with an event. We use this convenient tool to communicate with you for our events, like where to gather, last-minute event changes, or weather alerts. Please help our Event Hosts reach you for notification and help them know who to look for so we can sit together! We also use MeetUp to give a headcount to Miller's, so they can assign proper staffing, and finally, we can attract more MeetUp members, which translates to new Piccadilly memberships to keep our club thriving. www.MeetUp.com As you can see, there are many good reasons to create your account today! If you need help, see one of your board members. - *Thanks, Pam*



Follow us on Instagram - Please go to your Instagram account, search for Piccadilly Ski Club and "follow" us. That's all you have to do. Then PSC will follow you back. It's another way of promoting our club,

attracting new members and keeping our club thriving.

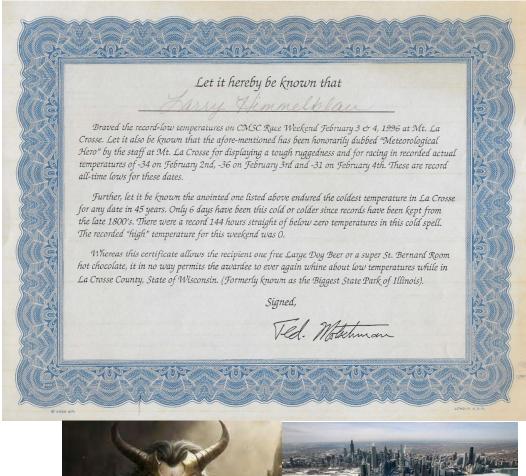
"Like us on Facebook" Help Piccadilly reach more potential members!



PSC Favorite Ski Stories & Pics

HEY PICCADILLY! Where were you 27 years ago?

It was the winter of 1996. PSC ran a February ski trip to Lacrosse Wisconsin in coordination with the CMSC racing weekend. I think most of PSC was safe and warm in the bar all weekend. Several of us were looking forward to a challenging competition of ski racing but the Norse God Loki had other plans. The challenge was not just to get the fastest time thru the gates but to simply survive the record-breaking arctic temperatures. If not for the artifact I discovered this story would have been lost to the ages. My memory of this event is a bit foggy, but I think that was due to the lack of blood flowing to my head while skiing at NEGATIVE 36°F.





Send us your stories. @ Cheers, Larry Himmelblau - Historian

Social at-a-Glance (Details below in the newsletter)

Do you have suggestions for future events, or want to host one? Contact John at ifosullivan56@att.net

- Thur 12/7 7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- Sat/Sun, 12/9, 7:30pm & 12/10, 3pm Holiday Concert Wentz Hall. Buy Tix Ahead
- Thurs, 12/14 7pm -Trivia at Bryan's American Grille, Sign Up on MeetUp
- Thur 12/21 7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount. Holiday Meeting
- Thur 1/4-7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- Sat, 1/6 4:30pm Wine Tasting at Sable Creek Winery, Plainfield. Must Rsvp & pre-pay
- Thur 1/11 10:30am Pop Up Hike, Little Red School House, Willow Springs.
- Thur 1/18 7pm General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- Date TBD Starved Rock Winter Hike



Watch for these Winter Pop-Up Events:

- Show & Go Hikers We have 3 hiking events coming to you this winter!
- Snowshoeing/XCountry Skiing get on the email list to be alerted, now.

Share Piccadilly with your friends and keep our club growing strong! Grab some more business cards for the wallet or purse at the next meeting. Carry them with you, and hand them out to prospective members.... An easy way to invite a friend to check us out!





TRAVEL INSURANCE

Tip: Explore the "Cancel for any reason" version of trip insurance, to see if that's the best fit for you, but be advised you will need to purchase that version very shortly after your first trip payment. Here are helpful links from the CMSC website for your convenience. (PSC does not endorse any insurance carrier) http://www.csatravelpro.com/WINTERSPORTTOUR http://www.travelprotectors.com https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com

Trip Updates - BRULE

We're Kicking the bus to the curb..... Carpool with your friends up to Brule.

Due to a smaller sign up for this bus trip, it is now a DRIVE UP!
Additionally, the price will go down:
NEW PRICE \$320/PP



Included: 2 days lifts, 2 nights lodging, and now 5 meals are included (2 bfasts, 2 lunches and one dinner) And still all the **Piccadilly fun** you can muster.

Deadline to sign up is our 12/7 meeting. After that, we need to release any extra hotel rooms. So Don't Delay!

Contact Trip Leader Donna Prenta with questions: donnamprenta@gmail.com

- Jackie & Julian



Away away we go,
to another adventure of snow.
The time has come to have some fun!
Commit to Brule and Mystery Trips to get your
skiing Jone!!!!! - Donna P

Trip Payments Due this month*

12/7/23

Mystery \$Balance Beaver Creek \$Balance Banff \$300



12/21/23

Brule \$Balance Snowbird \$300

^{*} Please turn in your checks promptly, during meetings at Miller's, or mail to P.O. Box 207, Downers Grove, IL 60515. All checks are made out to Piccadilly Ski Club; please note in the memo section which trip to apply payment.

Thank you. - Julian & Jackie

Trips at-a-Glance

Trip Name	Trip Dates	Pricing**	Status	Contact Info
Panorama	1/11 - 1/16/24	\$1500	Open	Paul Fuka ebcdicffff@att.net
Mystery One Day Trip	1/20/24	\$155**	Open	Cheryl Skurkis bcskiies@aol.com
Ski Brule	2/2 - 2/4/24 New: Drive Up	\$320 New	Open	Donna Prenta donnamprenta@gmail.com
Beaver Creek	2/10 - 2/17/24	\$1670 + EPIC Day Pass	Open	Sandi Siakel ssssiakel@gmail.com
CMSC Banff	2/24 - 3/2/24	\$2335	Open	Terry Turlek turlekt@gmail.com
Snowbird	3/16 - 3/23/24	\$2400	Open	Mike Roche mikeroche417@gmail.com
-	rd Pricing in effect until e	•	the Mystery	1-Day Trip.

Note: Early Bird Pricing for out west trips has already expired.

Social Details

For questions on social events, contact John O'Sullivan at jfosullivan56@att.net



Next 2 Meetings: December 7 & December 21

Holiday Concert: Handel to Jazz, Sat., 12/9, 7:30pm & Sun., 12/10, 3pm

Get in the holiday spirit with the Naperville Choir and the **Pete Ellman Big Band** (including Piccadilly's own chanteuse - Gail Nelson). It will be a Swingin' Good Time!

Tickets \$30, \$25 senior/student at www.NapervilleChorus.org or North Central College





Plus, feel free to bring an unwrapped present for Toys for Tots collection. There is no host for this event. Enjoy on your own.

Wentz Concert Hall, North Central College, 171 Chicago Ave, Naperville.

Trivia at Bryan's American Grille, Thurs, 12/14, 7pm



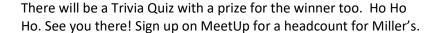
Come on out and test your trivial Knowledge and get out for a night with friends at a cozy little bar and grill in Downers Grove. They are noted for their great burgers and quaint setting. They have an expanded appetizer selection, a large assortment of sandwiches, burgers, homemade soups and chili, plus salads. Craft beers and signature drinks are featured as well. We have reservations for 12 people. **Please sign up on Meetup** and let us

know if any changes in plan due to the limited number of spots. - Johnny O

Bryan's American Grille, 2009 Ogden Ave Downers Grove.

PSC Holiday Meeting – Thursday, 12/21, 7pm

- Wear your Ugly Holiday Sweaters
- Bring a \$5 grab bag to participate in the gift exchange
- Be good little boys & girls and meet Santa!



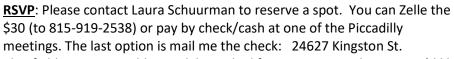


Wine Tasting, Sable Creek Winery, Sat., 1/6/24, 5pm



Come join us at Sable Creek Winery in Plainfield, IL on Saturday, January 6th for a wine tasting. Taste 6 different wines, along with an explanation of the wines and the winery. In addition, charcuterie trays will be available. As a bonus, stay for live music after, from 6:30p- 9:30p. There is a 30-person limit. The cost is

\$30 pp. All bottles purchased will receive a 10% discount. There is a small food menu to choose from if you like (at your cost).



Plainfield, IL 60544. Sable Creek has asked for payment in advance, so I'd like to have the funds before the event along with the head count.

Date: Saturday January 6th. Doors open at 4:30 - event/winetasting starts at 5PM.

Location: 14912 S. Eastern Ave. #103, Plainfield, IL 60544

Optional After Party / More Wine Tasting: Laura and John's house. We will provide lasagna and salad. Please let me know if you will join. Please bring your favorite beverage to share. Website: www.sablecreekwinery.com Laura Schuurman, schuurmanlaura860@gmail.com

POP-UP WINTER EVENTS:

There will be some winter hiking this year, but handled a little differently. Look for updates as to upcoming hikes. So far 3 hikes are in the offing: Little Red Schoolhouse, Starved Rock, and Herrick Lake. Check back for details.



First Winter Pop Up Hike, Little Red School House, Thurs., 1/11, 10:30am



Start at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center, 9800 Willow Springs Rd., in Willow Springs. We will meet at the Nature Center and see what there is inside. When we have our fill, we will venture out to the Black Oak Trail and see nature outdoors. The trail length is 1.3 miles, plus in and around the nature center. The Irish Legend Pub is nearby in Willow Springs for those up for a lunch break after our hike. More details with maps will be on Meetup. Since this is weather dependent, please sign up on Meetup where

you can receive updated information as the date nears. Wear good hiking shoes and maybe even crampons, and remember to bring those binoculars, you never know what you may see. Hope to see many of you there. Your hike leader - *Janice*.

Snowshoeing/Cross Country Skiing—When The Snow Gods Smile



As in years past, Cheryl Skurkis will maintain a list of those who would like to be notified when conditions are conducive to snowshoeing or cross-country skiing.

Please email her at <u>BCSKIIES@aol.com</u> to be added to the list. Be sure to let her know if you have your own equipment or need to rent. 4 venues plan to open when there's enough snow. Details:

- Blackwell Forest Preserve, Warrenville, 630-933-7200: Need a 3" base and they will only rent snowshoes when Mt. Hoy (the sledding hill) is open, Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is \$10 for 2 hours or \$15 all day.
- Fullersburg Woods, Hinsdale, 630-850-8110: Need a 3" base to rent snowshoes. Cost is \$10 for 2 hours, \$15 all day.
- Arrowhead Golf Course, Wheaton, 630-653-5800: Need a 6" base and you must call to reserve cross country ski equipment in advance, \$25.
- Camp Sagawau, Lemont, 630-257-2045: Need a 4" base. Bathrooms are open; you must bring your own drinking water. Cross country ski rental is \$15/ Senior rental price \$10



PREP FOR THE SLOPES YOGA STYLE

This 18-minute video will take you there; Centered, Balanced & Strong.

Click here for recording, Passcode is Passcode: 6Ajz^=hR

Skiing takes balance and presence.
Our pop-up Yoga Class is in support
of our athleticism. In the event you missed
this gem there will be a recording for the month of
December. Thank you, Donna! This recording
available until 1/12/23 Ski Meister, Donna Prenta





*CMSC General Meetings - Typically held on 2nd Tuesday of each month at Sawa's Old Warsaw, 9200 W. Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL

CMSC SEEKING:

*ABSF is looking for volunteers to become guides and/or guide assistants. Their on-snow training day is tentatively set for Saturday, December 30, 2023. Contact Rose Cammarata at r.cammarata@absf.org.

*SEWASP (South East Wisconsin Adaptive Ski Program), which conducts both adaptive ski and snowboard lessons for persons with disabilities, will be holding lessons at Alpine Valley on Thursday nights (6:30pm to 9:00pm) at from January 4th to March 7th. If you know anyone interested in taking an adaptive ski or snowboarding lesson, contact Terri Henderson at sewaspemail2@gmail.com.

*CMSC is looking for an individual to serve on the Finance and Audit committee. Contact Kevin Conlon at kconz1@aol.com for information.

*CMSC Ski Racing schedule is on the CMSC website. The season begins with an optional clinic on Friday December 9, 2023 and racing on Saturday (12/10) and Sunday (12/11).

CMSC EVENT SCHEDULE

*Dec 12, 2023 - CMSC General Meeting. Christmas Party. 8:00pm at Sawa's Old Warsaw, 9200 W. Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL

*Jan 13 – 14, 2024 - CORRECTION – Travel and Adventure Show at Donald E. Stevens Convention Center in Rosemont. This event was previously advertised as Jan 12-14 (Friday – Sunday). It's actually Sat & Sun., Jan 13th-14th, not on Friday (1/12). CMSC has sent out a link to all ski clubs with info for a limited number of free tickets and discounted tickets.

- *Jan 26 27, 2024 Norge January Ski Jump **Save the Date** More info to follow. Guy Larson at glarson164@gmail.com
- *Jan 26 Feb 7, 2024 CMSC Europe Zermatt Switzerland and Milan Italy. Trip packages starting at \$3,997. 70 people are currently signed up from 19 clubs. Info is available on CMSC website at www.skicmsc.com or contact Steve Patzer at scpatzer@hotmail.com
- *Feb 24 March 2, 2024 CMSC Chicago Week Banff, Canada. 13 clubs with 210 people will be attending. See PSC trips.
- *April 7 April 12, 2024 CMSC Spring Fling Mammoth Mountain, CA. Trip packages starting at \$1,239/pp + air. Includes 5 nights lodging at Mammoth Mountain Inn, choice of QQ room, K room or 2br/2ba + loft condo lodging options (4/5ppl), 4-day lift ticket (IKON accepted), ground transportation and \$100 resort voucher. Optional side trip to June Mountain. Contact Kevin Conlon at kconz1@aol.com or 708-906-9517 for more info.
- *Sept 27 29, 2024 Windy City Ski and Snowboard Show, Schaumburg Convention Center **Save the Dates** More info to follow.
- *Feb 22 March 1, 2025- CMSC Chicago Week Jackson Hole, WY **Save the Date**
 *The "Real ID" deadline has been further delayed until 5/7/25.

For more information on CMSC https://www.skicmsc.com/

Social Recaps, Ski Stories & Photo Gallery...

King Keyser Shop & Save - Rhyming Recap

Wine & good cheer, to kick off winters near. Tune-ups, sweaters, t-shirts & boots with a surprise 20% savings on our ski loot!

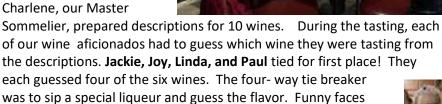


Vicki's Halloween WINE Event - On October 27th, 28 wine aficionados joined in the fun at

Cellar 406 in Downers Grove. There were lots of fun costumes: We saw a Princess, a grossly overweight Navy Seal (with Johnny 7 OMA), a Cowboy, a Pineapple, the Riddler, Barbie & Ken, pumpkins, witches, a few hippies, and many in Halloween-wear.



There were 6 bottles in the wine tasting covered in witches' hats to make it a blind tasting. We had 1 sparkling, 2 whites, 3 reds. Charlene, our Master



were made won the grand Wine Glass 😊

The next prize was for the costume. votes, and there were no (drum roll....) Princess Dawn, who using her princess wand! We some bought additional bottles to share.

Everyone submitted their tiebreakers. Our winner was was having a great time polished off all of the wines, and

during this taste, but Joy

prize - a beautiful Halloween



From there, 22 gathered at Vicki's house for chili, and some of our aficionados brought appys and wine. Two pots of chili were quickly consumed, and I wish I had made more.....sorry, all. We enjoyed great conversation and dancing until it was time to say good night. Thanks to everyone for joining the fun and for bringing such great food and wine! We had a great time!! - *Vicki*

<u>Chicken/Veggies/Soy/Rice – Recap</u> Well, what a fun night. First off, 10 of us started by grabbing a meal at Mission BBQ, a veteran-owned chain of restaurants. This was a perfect gathering where we were close to our FMSC assignment and got a chance to kibbitz ahead of time over some pulled pork, yummy brisket, a myriad of sauce options and the requisite cheesy potatoes.

Next up: Head over and meet up with the rest of the gang to pack meals for underprivileged families all over the world. Since we were 20 strong,



we got our own packing station, and did our best to make as many meals as possible while listening to some great music. Of course, we were dancing and packing and singing and packing, making this

a fun adventure for us Piccadillians. Vicki and Dawn changed the words to the Sister Sledge song:

We are Piccadilly... I got all my skiers with me.... We are Piccadilly... everybody get up and ski. *FYI, watch for the new album to 'drop' next week*. And I have to say is that we can really "rock" the hairnets!



After a slower start to our packing session, we built up steam, refined and honed our craft, and ended up packing 25 boxes, just us PSCers. This is really good!!! Hooray for the "seasoned professionals" In total, the whole group of packers for the evening made 31,000+ meals and fed 86 kids for an entire year in our little 1.5 hours of volunteering. Such a good feeling!



Afterwards, 8 energetic PSCers found Solemn Oath Brewery close by and sampled some of their delicious brews. One was called October – how fitting – and we topped it all off with some Halloween treats that Sandi brought. No need to do any tricks, however, thank goodness. We ended up closing up the brewery, and all headed home for the night. Note to JOJO Social: Solemn Oath has a cute outdoor seating area we could explore for a happy hour next spring/summer!

Thx to all who see the heart of this charity the same way we do..... a fun, yet truly rewarding experience. We hope to run more of these in the future! - **Dawn**



John Hussar I &M Canal and Imperial Oak Hike and Brew

Recap We couldn't have had better weather for the hike! A beautiful sunny day with very little wind was just fine for the 21 eager hikers and 1 non-human, Millie the dog.

The hike was 4- 4½ miles total and brought us back to the follow up portion of this "two-fer" event, The Brewery! The gang was now thirsty and looking for a nice cold brew.

Snacks were abundant including chips and dips, big pretzels and wonderful popcorn, my Southwestern deviled eggs went over very well also. The snacks held us over till the "Tamale Spaceship" opened.... A variety of Tacos and Tamales. Some people also

enjoyed the wood fired pizza from Pizza 750 just a door or two over to the east.

We had a few new members join in, Nancy and Brad, and new attendees, Danny and Mary, who picked up on our hike that day from Meetup. About 30 people were there ready to take on the world's problems but I think we just shot the sh— instead, LOL . A great afternoon was had with old and new friends to be, on the trail and in the brewery.

See you on the trail for our next adventure! – *Johnny O*





PSC 2023 – 2024 Board & Appointed Positions

President: Paul Fuka Vice President: Sandy Liedtke Secretary: Nancy Goins John Schuurman Treasurer: Trip Chair: Julian Franklin Asst. Trip Chair: Jackie Dudek Membrshp/Historian: Larry Himmelblau Social: John O'Sullivan **Publicity: Dawn Roche** Webmaster: **Pam Rockey** Sgt @ Arms/CMSC: **Kevin Conlon** Ski Meister: **Donna Prenta**

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Facebook at: http://www.facebook.com











Email all articles and high-res photos for next newsletter to Dawn Roche.

Deadline: 20th of month prior **Rockaroche3@gmail.com**

Also, email all high-resolution photos to Pam Rockey for our website at prockey@sbcglobal.net





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