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Presidents Corner

It has been a pretty good ski season so far this year with Snowmass still to come. I received real time reports from Jackson Hole through Sharon G. along with some pictures. What a great trip! What a great place!

As our season is soon coming to an end, I would like to ask everyone to help out the club by getting on board with our Meetup website and our Facebook website. The more we all participate, the easier it is for search engines to find our club. We need your online help & support to promote the club electronically. Translation: other skiers can find our great club easier.

If you haven't seen our sites please check 'em out. If you have any questions ask Pam Rocky, our webmaster, who has done a great job this season. Thanks, Ed

Trip Availability and Payments

Please see the Trip Leaders for sign-ups, payments and Trip information.

Puerto Vallarta	Completed	12/2-12/6
Mystery Trip	Completed	1/8 or 1/15
Family Fest	Completed	2/4-2/6
Jackson Hole	Completed	2/11-2/15
Afton Alps	Completed	2/25-2/27
Snowmass	Wait	3/19-3/26

Wait list means that the official spots for the trip are filled, but we are taking names of interested parties. If someone else cancels off the trip, you will get called to go on the trip. However, it may be last minute. Trips may also be expanded if there are enough names on the wait list.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

10 more Spots Available
Monday, 5/9/11
6:15-8:30pm
Aurora Location

Contact Dawn Roche for more details rockaroche@ameritech.net

Election Day March 3, 2011

Election Ballots are included in this newsletter. Please be sure to vote. If someone else desires to run, you can do so as a write-in candidate. You should be a club member in good standing for at least the past 12 months, have the skills necessary for the position desired and agree to accept the office if elected.

IMPORTANT AIRLINE LUGGAGE NOTICE

I just received a notification from one of the resorts that the checked baggage policy for ski / snowboard bags and boot bags has reverted back to the previous policy. I have also checked American's website and it has already been updated.

PLEASE NOTE one important detail (as they say, the devil is in the details). American states that the boot bag can contain ONLY boots / bindings. There does not appear to be a restriction on other items being included in the ski / snowboard bag. This could be a costly detail for club members packing clothes and such in their boot bag.

I credit American, as we all should, for listening to the collective voices of their customers and partners. For now we've won a battle, though I fully expect a future similar battle with one of the major airlines. *(PLEASE CHECK AIRLINE RULES B-4 FLYING)*

XC SKIING PERFECTION

We had a picture perfect day – soft snow, sun, no wind and 35 degrees. Arrowhead Golf course had groomed trails for skating or tracks for gliding the 4-1/2 mile perimeter, even 2 downhill sections. We had several first timers come out to strap on the boards and give it a glide. After working up an appetite, we went into the bar & grill for chili and beer to toast the perfect ski day with PSC friends. Cheryl Skurkis



Jackson Hole



Can you say Gobble?

AKA Suburbanite Bowl Recap

Harry rode the chair lift up with Lance...Ooops that's another story. Several PSCers braved the crowds to come on out and Bowl on Saturday. It was Gary, Monica, Joe Magee & family, Bruce, Dawn & family and new MeetUp member, Ronealle! All in all eleven of us spent the afternoon attempting to give those pins a good thrashing. Who would have known that we had a 'ringer' in our midst? I guess the clue was when Bruce strolled in with his own equipment. He bowled 4 strikes in a row. What's that called? A Four-Peat? Well anyway, Brucey we always knew you were a turkey.... On the kid front, Griffin Magee bowled a strike and a spare, Megan Roche beat her mom both games! Those young whipper snappers. Thanks for coming out gang. Hope you had fun, hope to see you at the next event.

Dawn Roche



JACKSON HOLE SKI TRIP

Fourteen of us left for Jackson Hole for a stay of 4 nights & 3 days of wonderful skiing. Until I received a call from Patrice to find out that her & Richard's flight on AA was going to be 3 hours late. Our flight actually landed ten minutes early but then our ground transportation wasn't expecting us until 2015! So now, we were actually four years and ten minutes early.

We did get a ride on another company's bus & I arranged for pickup for Patrice & Richard. Everything was wonderful again. We arrived in town a couple hours before check-in, we did not expect all of our rooms to be available, but the hotel had upgraded us to suites & all the rooms were ready! Life couldn't get any better than this. Most of us spent the rest of the day lunching, shopping and visiting some of the many museums and art galleries.

We woke up Saturday morning to bright sunshine & blue skies & were ready to hit the slopes. After a couple of easy runs, Bob & Aleks decided to ski some uncharted territory & Aleks managed to lose one of his poles in about ten feet of snow. After forty-five minutes of searching, he decided the day was too nice to waste in digging around in the snow and decided to get new poles. Maybe the squirrels or some other wild animal will find the pole in the spring and make good use of it.

Sunday was another day of bright blue skies but was rather windy for skiing at the top. Duane, Bob & Aleks decided after lunch to take the tram to the top to check out the conditions. After reaching the top and almost being blown backwards back up the mountain by fifty to sixty mph winds, they were finally able to make it down safe and sound. The rest of us decided to wait until tomorrow to venture up there.

On Sunday night we had our group pizza party, where we recognized our four new members, Patrice Conaway, Richard Fontagneres, Audrey Samuelson and Aleksandr Pavlenko with official Piccadilly pins. I told them the story that when I joined the club I had to ski down the mountain naked and eat a raw live chicken. After seeing the looks on their faces, I decided to break with tradition and just hand them their pins and welcome them to join us on another trip someday or attend one of our other great social events throughout the year.

On our final day of skiing, the weather was definitely better to head to the top of the mountain by the tram. While most of us made it to the top and back down without difficulty, a few spectacular spills were taken this day by Eileen, Patrice and Diana. On Rendezvous Bowl at the top, Eileen slid quite a ways down before Duane maneuvered himself in front of her to stop her fall. On the same run, Patrice started off with what appeared to be a complete yard sale, but she managed to hang on to her poles after completing a couple of somersaults. Later in the day on a bump run, Diana managed to slide about 50 yards head first on her back with her skis in the air like a turtle on its back. Thank God there were no serious injuries among them, just a few bumps and bruises.

Overall this was another fun and successful Piccadilly trip and I want to thank everyone that was involved in making this trip happen, with special thanks to Sharon Guest for the group picture. When I skied at Jackson Hole for the first time, this mountain kicked my butt. Twenty years later it still kicks a**! Your Jackson Hole Trip Leader, Dan Gifford

**Annual Banquet, Saturday, April 16
Goin' Retro!**

Join us as we celebrate the end of another groovy ski season. **Banquet is held at the Holiday Inn, Willowbrook. Includes:** Four course dinner, open bar, DJ & dancing. Roll back prices, **Only \$48 pp!** Rooms are reserved under our name at a group rate! Once again, **we will** feature an opportunity to raise funds for our friends at American Blind Skiing Foundation. (ABSF) **Check them out at www.absf.org.** We will have a split the pot cash raffle in their honor. Come try your luck!

So get dolled up and come on out for a highball at the Banquet, Saturday, April 16th. **All guests are welcome.** Make sure we have your current address and the addresses of your friends that you invite.

Details, Contact: Dawn Roche 630-420-0040
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St. Pat's Parade

Forest Park

**Meet at Noon at Duffy's Tavern
7513 Madison St., Forest Park Parade at
1:00pm. Details Contact Ed Carroll
630-964-3500**

PSC Upcoming Social Events 2010

Tues - March - 8th - Pappadeaux Fat Tuesday 921
Pasquinelli Drive, Westmont 5:00pm

Fri - March - 25th - Happy Hour Bavarian Lodge
1800 Ogden Ave Lisle 5:00 pm

Fri- April - 8th - Happy Hour Pete & Johnny's
2901 Ogden Ave. Lisle 5:00pm

April - 16th - Saturday Piccadilly Banquet Holiday
Inn Willowbrook

May - 9th - Monday Feed My Starving Children
20 spots 5pm Aurora See Dawn Roche

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**Check us out at the Downers Grove
Patch, our local Newspaper!** Link Below 

**Friends of CMSC Thursday Nights
Wilmont Mountain 3:30pm-11:00pm***

Package Rates: Lift Ticket Only \$22, Lift/Ski Rental \$32, Lift/Snowboard Rental \$42,
*Rates do not include Ski School lessons (extra fee)
Program not valid Holiday dates (12/23 & 12/30)
Refundable \$10 cash deposit required on rental equip. Check in no later than 7pm

**Pappadeaux - Fat Tuesday
March 8th, 2011**

**Be there early for ½ price appetizers
from 3-6pm.**

Seats go fast on Fat Tuesday!

Attention PSC Members

If you have not already signed up, please join us on our two newest websites: **Meetup** and **Facebook**. We hope to get new members with our advertising on these sites.

If you have pictures you would like to share, send them to Pam Rockey at prockey@sbcglobal.net. We want you and your Pictures!



New Meetup Group!

<http://www.meetup.com/Piccadilly-Ski-Social-Club/>



www.DownersGrovePatch.com

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

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**Next meeting is March 3rd
 and March 17th at 7:30 pm
 Emmett's Ale House
 5200 Main St. Downers Grove
 (630)434-8500**

Thanks for contributing to the newsletter: Ed Carroll, Jan Lord, Rory Perkins, Dawn Roche, Pam Rocky, Sandy Siakel, Cheryl Skurkis, Jim Cornelious

DEADLINE FOR April 2011 Newsletter: Fri. March 25th
 Send Articles/info to Marie Esposito-Lust: Bunnyski2010@hotmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
March		1	2	3 Meeting 7:30pm	4	5 St Pat's Parade
6	7	8 Pappa- deaux 5pm	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time	14	15	16	17 Meeting 7:30pm St Pat Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Happy Hour 5:00pm	26
27	28	29	30	31		
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
APRIL					1 April Fool's Day!	2
3	4	5	6	7 Meeting 7:30pm	8 Happy Hour 5:00pm	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Banquet Aka Prom
17	18	19	20	21 Meeting 7:30pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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