

The Liftline

Newsletter of the Champaign Ski Club

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What's new

The holiday season is upon us, and we have no less than three social events on tap this month: our usual happy hour, a house party at the Briscoe's, and our annual holiday party at Crystal Lake Park. This year, we will be contributing to A Woman's Fund. To end 2004, the New Year's trip will also take off, with more than 80 skiers on board.

New club members may be interested in how our trips are typically run, and new skiers may wonder what to pack on a trip. Inside are descriptions of both. A new book about the ski culture in the Rockies, and particularly Colorado, was published in October, by a fellow Midwesterner. And Scott Dahman explains how to track your NASTAR results on the web. ♦♦

Most trips are full But waiting lists are a good bet

The New Year's trip has doubled in size, and other trips have maxed out their capacity to make for a very popular set of trips that winter trip coordinator Phil Johnson has put together this season. The Granite Peak trip, in early February, still has room, and a few spots remain on the Spring Break trip to Big White.

If you would like to go on a trip that's full but aren't signed up yet, do not despair. Waiting lists are being kept for all our trips, and based on past years, there is a very good chance that waiting list people will get to go. Also, there might be a creative way to go on a particular trip. For instance, if the bus is filled, perhaps you can buy the ground package and provide your own transportation. But chances are, this won't be necessary.

If you're considering a particular trip, contact the trip leader as soon as you can. He or she will do their best to accommodate you. ♦♦





Holiday Party

POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday
December 14
6 to 9 pm

Crystal Lake
Boat House
Urbana

*Special visitor arrives
at 7 pm*

Share the holiday

We will be collecting items and monetary donations for A Woman's Fund.

Much needed items are listed on page 11. In the spirit of the snowy nature of our club, winter wear is also appreciated (hats, gloves, coats, boots, etc.)

Party time: ho ho ho!

The annual Holiday Party is always one of the best of the year. It will be held on Tuesday, December 14, at the Boat House in Crystal Lake Park, Urbana. Festivities go from 6 to 9 pm, with a special visitor arriving at 7 pm.

Bring your best dish for the potluck. Beer, wine, pop, and table service will be provided.



This year, we will share the holiday with A Woman's Fund by contributing some much needed items to this community organization. A Woman's Fund is a regional organization that provides free services for women and children who are victims of domestic violence (see www.awomansfund.org). A list of needed items is on p. 11. If you cannot attend the party, you can bring donations to either Happy Hour or House Party in December (see club calendar on p. 12).

To get to Crystal Lake Boat House, take University Avenue to Broadway. Turn north on Broadway, then left onto Kerr. Turn right into Crystal Lake Park.

It's a great time to meet new members and toast old friends. We hope Santa finds us again this year and brings his best elves to help with the presents. See you there! ♦♦

Last call to join or renew membership

If you have not already renewed your membership by the time you read this, you might not be listed in the new membership directory. Please, either download the membership form from our website and send it to me at PO Box 3724, Champaign, IL 61826-3724, or call me at 217.344.9091 and I will get you a form. I plan to send directories out before the end of the year.

—Joyce Goggin, membership

Winter trips

Waiting lists await

Marquette and Brule, Michigan

December 30–January 2, Thursday–Sunday | New Year's

- 3 days of lift tickets (2 Marquette, 1 Brule), 3 nights lodging in downtown Marquette (pool and hot tub), breakfasts and dinners
- NASTAR race
- Apre ski party, New Year's Eve celebration
- Transportation by bus, with food and drink

Cost: Double \$375, triple \$345, quad \$325 | Deposit \$50
Trip leader: Sheryl DeBarr, 359.3837, debarr_s@yahoo.com

Status: Full. Waiting list open.



Shanty Creek, Michigan

January 7–9, Friday–Sunday | Instructional Clinics

- 2 days lift tickets, 2 nights lodging, breakfast buffet and dinner
- 8 hours of instruction by PSIA certified instructors, video analysis
- Day care for non-skiing children
- NASTAR race with awards
- Saturday night banquet and party, prizes
- Transportation by bus

Cost: \$308 | Deposit \$50
Trip leader: Milt Forsberg, miltf@uiuc.edu, 352.5075

Status: Full. Waiting list open.



Innsbruck, Austria

January 14–22, Friday –Saturday

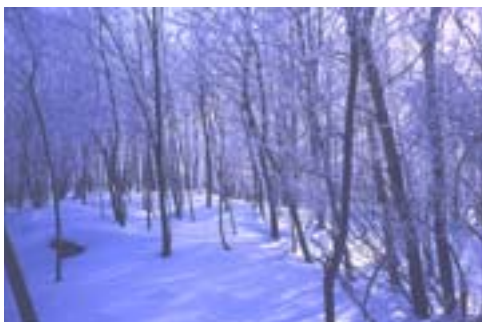
- 7 nights lodging, breakfasts and dinners
- Does not include lift tickets
- Transportation, including to and from Chicago by bus.

Cost: \$1,060 | Deposit \$100
Trip leader: Denny Coleman, coleman@isotechlabs.com, 352.8011

Status: Full. Waiting list open.



Winter trips



Granite Peak, Wisconsin

February 4–6, Friday–Sunday

- 2 days lift tickets, 2 nights lodging with continental breakfast
- Rooms are a set price, and some of them are quite large, so a larger family or group can fit in the same room
- Family-oriented trip, with special prices for children
- Transportation by bus

Cost: Double \$244, triple \$207, quad \$189 | Deposit \$50

Trip leader Chris Haydel, skigranitepeaks@hotmail.com, 398.5114

Status: 23 of 50 slots taken



Copper Mountain, Colorado

February 17–21, Thursday–Monday | President's Weekend

- Beeline Pass: 3 days special lift tickets (no waiting in liftlines), 4 nights lodging
- Does not include transportation to and from Indianapolis, where we'll be flying from

Cost: \$689 | Deposit \$200

Trip leader Mike Henry, mndhenry@yahoo.com, 586.1773

Status: Full. Waiting list open.



Big White, British Columbia, Canada

March 20–27, Sunday–Sunday | Spring Break

- 5 days lift ticket, 7 nights lodging
- Transportation, including to and from Chicago by bus

Cost \$1,097 | Deposit \$200

Trip leader: Mike Sargent, msargent@isgs.uiuc.edu, 367.5925

Status: 27 of 30 slots taken

Winter trips

Things I bring on a trip

Anyone one who has traveled with me knows that I am an extremely light packer. I usually have the least amount of luggage in any group. I'm also a list maker. If it's not on my list, I'll forget it, no matter how obvious. Last year, "ski pants" somehow got deleted from my list, and I had to buy a pair at the hill.

I bring one small suitcase, a ski bag, and a bootbag. No purse. The bootbag is the only item I carry on. I can live without everything else, but not my boots. The air is usually extremely dry where you stay, so bring stuff to stay moist. I bring allergy stuff because you never know what you'll be allergic to in a condo. Clothes? It's all about layering.

I suggest bringing one book for the plane and then visiting a local bookstore when you're in ski country, where you can find interesting books related to where you are. Plus bookstores are nice hangouts.

Here is my actual packing list for one week of skiing, to which I just added a helmet. On my wishlist is a backpack.



—Judy Tolliver

Carry-on

- ___book
- ___cell phone & charger
- ___camera & charger
- ___pen
- ___tickets, lift pass, directions, phone numbers, etc.
- ___wallet (ID, credit cards, cash card, \$150 cash)
- ___kleenex
- ___watch
- ___sunglasses (to ski in)
- ___glasses (for reading)
- ___stretching exercises (photocopy of ski-specific exercises from Bob Anderson's book *Stretching*)
- ___wine
- ___keys

Toiletry bag

- ___toothbrush
- ___toothpaste
- ___floss
- ___deodorant
- ___hairbrush
- ___shampoo, conditioner
- ___soap
- ___nailfile, clippers
- ___dry skin cream

- ___sunscreen
- ___lip balm (with sunscreen)
- ___hair rubberband
- ___tampax etc. (if unlucky)

Footwear

- ___Merrill jungle mocs (for outside)
- ___slippers (for inside and trips to the hot tub)

Medicine

- ___antihistamine
- ___nose spray (antihistamine)
- ___ibuprofen (vitamin I)
- ___altitude pills (Diamox)
- ___bandaids
- ___cutips
- ___Ocean (saline spray for dry nose)

Underwear

- ___undies (14)
- ___cotton socks (4)
- ___sports bras (3)
- ___ski socks (3)
- ___Capilene tops and bottoms (2 each)
- ___fleece tops (1 heavy, 1 light)
- ___pajamas

Weather clothes

- ___warm jacket for town
- ___ski shell
- ___ski pants
- ___fleece vest
- ___fleece pants

Clothes

- ___long pants (1)
- ___long sleeve shirts (2)
- ___swim suit
- ___laundry bag (pillow case)

Ski and boot bags

- ___skis
- ___ski boots
- ___poles
- ___bootdryer
- ___Camelback (hydration pack)
- ___goggles
- ___mittens and gloves
- ___hat
- ___neck gaiter
- ___ski helmet

Optional

- ___Atomic Fireballs
- ___Ginger Altoids

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What to expect on a club trip

And some photos from last season's Summit County trip



Awesome trip leader, Dana Clary, on the bus



The Buriaks enjoy lunch on the hill at Vail



Mike Metz, Steve Maloney, Steve Elkins and Kyle Tolliver at Arapahoe Basin

If you've never been on a CSC trip, you might want to know what to expect. Here is my perspective. The first interaction I had with the club was on trip sign up night in 2002. I had found out about the club at the Urbana Corn Festival. I knew no one in the club, and I really didn't know what to expect. The first club trip I took was the Instructional Clinics trip that year. I had so much fun I went on a Western trip that same year to Panorama and have been going on at least one club trip a year ever since, both solo and with a kid.

You probably already know what a fun bunch this group is, so I'll start by saying that when it comes to going on a trip, you can relax. You will be in good hands. Because it has been running trips for more than 30 years, there is a wealth of experience among trip leaders and participants. The trip itself is almost like traveling with your family.

Trips begin with the trip leaders. Ours are very competent. Those that lead the Western (or European) trips have learned the ropes from having gone on them as well as having led a Midwestern trip. In general, they are veteran travelers, detail-oriented, and good communicators. Their prime concern is the happiness and well-being of the group. They have a feel for the club and its members, and they keep them in mind when making the arrangements. Our particular club consists of outdoor-oriented, active people, mostly in their late 30s and 40s. Many are older, some are young, and some have children that also go on trips. Not all trips are the same in terms of variety of terrain or family-oriented activities. However, most intend to be affordable. The leader will keep you well informed on trip-related matters before and during the trip. They have made the lodging, lift ticket, and travel arrangements so that you can relax.

You will find a variety of people on a trip—all ages, ranges of ski ability, partiers and non-partiers, men and women. What they have in common is a love of going down a snowy mountain. Most of our members do this on skis, but some snowboard or snowblade. Some start the minute the lifts open, others sleep in. Some will ski one hour, some half a day, and some six hours until the lifts close. Some will spend most of their social time with other club members, and some you won't see much except on the way over and back. Some will partake in shopping and dining out. Some will hang around the condo and cook in. A few won't even ski at all but will treat the trip more like a winter vacation. Most love to eat, talk, joke around, and a fair number will drink, but not to excess.

A typical Western trip might go something like this. You take off from Champaign on a bus, then a plane, and then another bus to the resort. The trip leader will describe the logistics of the trip on the bus ride, and you'll receive a packet of information, which may include area maps, brochures, condo assignments, and a daily agenda. We

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often stop at a grocery store, if there's not one where we're staying, to stock up on snacks and food you can prepare in your condo (oatmeal, coffee, grainola bars, beer, fruit, sandwich stuff, etc.). We often stay in 2- or 3-bedroom suites, with two people per bedroom. If you are going as a single, be prepared to share a bed with someone (same sex).

Generally, there is a daily place on the mountain to meet for lunch. Some people buy lunch there, and some bring a sandwich that they made earlier. There is also a place to meet after skiing, usually a bar at the bottom of the hill. There may or may not be a bus to catch for home.

Before or after dinner, there is usually some hot tub soaking and happy hour activities somewhere in the lodge. Groups typically divide by dinner preferences. Some go out to something that requires dressing in something other than your ski clothes, and some will eat at the condo. There will be a couple gatherings of the entire group, usually a pizza party at the trip leader's condo and a wine and cheese party on the slopes.

A Midwestern trip is a mini-version of what I've just described. In a nutshell, most people go on a club trip for the friendship, convenience, economy, and fun. You can expect all of these. ♦♦



A lively game of Euchre among condomates Ann Pollok, Joyce Goggin, Charlie and Ann Helm, and Kyle Tolliver at home in Breckenridge



Randy Haydel and David Morse take a break in the glades of Vail's Blue Sky Basin



Happy Hour at the Last Lift Bar in Keystone

New book

Ski Style—the short version

by Annie Gilbert Coleman



Ski Style: Sport and Culture in the Rockies
by Annie Gilbert Coleman
University Press of Kansas (2004)



Annie Gilbert Coleman

grew up in Hanover, New Hampshire, and skied at various times for the Ford Sayre Ski Program, the Killington Freestyle Ski Team, the

U.S. Freestyle Ski Team, and the Williams College Ski Team. Her article “The Unbearable Whiteness of Skiing” in the *Pacific Historical Review* won the W. Turrentine Jackson Prize. She is assistant professor of history and adjunct assistant professor of American Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis.

Colorado has become known as the center of a billion-dollar industry that encompasses ski areas, real estate development, restaurants, hotels, and stores. At the root of the ski industry—and at the heart of Colorado’s tourist economy—is the sport of skiing itself. Since the nineteenth century skiers have described the experience as exhilarating and thrilling. They have also described it as personal, and creating a physical relationship with the mountain beyond mere enjoyment of the scenery. Colorado’s destination ski resorts have prided themselves on their ability to provide this kind of experience to millions of skiers a year, and to do so in a compelling landscape that is at once safe and adventuresome, wild and comfortable, visually pristine and fully developed.

Ski Style traces how the meaning of skiing has changed and grown throughout the 20th century, but it also seeks to explain how skiing is tied up with questions of place and identity. It connects the history of a physical act (skiing down a mountain) with stories of economic development (the rise of the ski industry) and cultural change (the identity formation of skiers and ski towns). Examining the connections between skiing, its practitioners, and Colorado’s very real mountains offers a view into the larger issues of how cultural meanings become inscribed upon the landscape and how landscapes in turn influence culture. In selling the experience of skiing and combining recreation with a powerful consumer culture, Colorado’s ski industry had a big impact on individual skiers, destination resorts, and the American West.

By the late 20th century, consumption had become the vehicle through which Americans could get closer to Nature, the West, and the type of person they would like to be without leaving the reality of their sedentary and suburban lifestyle. Colorado’s ski industry made this possible for all sorts of people, no matter what their skiing ability, by offering a myriad of experiences, landscapes, images, and identities for sale. Buying a vacation, a ski jacket, or even watching MTV’s *Extreme Games* opened a world of possibilities to the consumer, and Americans have reached the point where they take this ability for granted. *Ski Style* recounts how skiing’s boosters created appealing images for consumers to participate in—of nature and wilderness, of the Alps and the Wild West, of an elite, white, and fashionable identity—how it sanitized and homogenized mountain landscapes of leisure and separated these images from the less glamorous local history, labor relations, and environmental impact of ski areas’ development. Skiing transformed leisure in America after World War II, creating a now common situation where people spend money to participate in some authentic activity or place that is actually a carefully crafted product—not really “real” at all. In linking a recreational sport with hip, sexy people wearing high tech gear, real old timers living in the past as well as the present, and extreme wilderness adventures accessible by I-70 and a chairlift, members of the ski industry placed themselves at the forefront of that transformation. ♦♦

NASTAR on the web

Did you know that NASTAR has a great website where you can view and manage your racing results over the season? If you don't have an account on the website, here's what you do:

- Go to the NASTAR homepage at www.nastar.com.
- Type your last name in the box labeled "Last Name:" and click ">Search Names."
- If you find your name and hometown, click on the corresponding record.
- Click ">This Competitor is Me."
- If you don't find your name, click on "Register to Race" to create your account and enter the required information (gender, birthday, address, etc.).
- Make sure you select "Champaign Ski Club" for your club affiliation. You can also create or join a "Family/Friends" team. Jennifer, Faith, and I are the "Dahmanators" (though I am the only one to have actually raced so far).



The Spider Sabich Race Arena on Snowmass Mountain, Colorado

- Go race!
- Check back periodically to follow your progress and rankings at each hill, the state, and the nation. You can also follow the results and rankings for the Champaign Ski Club.

Tip: Write down your NASTAR registration number from your online race record or commit it to memory.

When you register to race at a hill, just write the registration number on the top of the form and sign the waiver—no need to fill out your address, birthday, etc. every time.

If you already have an account, make sure the club affiliation (Champaign Ski Club) is entered with your record. Also, check if there is more than one record that refers to you. Sometimes NASTAR will create multiple racer IDs for the same person, with variations in the name such as misspellings or inclusion or exclusion of the middle initial. It all depends on how your name was entered into the database by the staff working each event you raced. The website allows you to combine such multiple records into a single account.

—Racemaster Scott



Scott Dahman

is originally from St. Louis, Missouri (Cubs suck) and lives in St. Joseph with his wife Jennifer

and daughter Faith, and their pets Otis and Phoebe (cats) and Cody (smelly dog). He has been skiing for 16 years, four with the club. He doesn't really have a favorite ski area as he likes to explore new ones, but Lake Tahoe is a family favorite for a variety of non-skiing activities (Jennifer doesn't like to ski as hard as he does). His favorite bands to get pumped for skiing are Jimi Hendrix (old school) and the Red Hot Chili Peppers and P.O.D. (new school). His favorite food after skiing is pizza and a tall draft beer, preferably both local to the area in which he's skiing. He works in Champaign as an engineer and salesman for a software company. When he's not skiing, he likes to play golf. What he likes most about the ski club is the opportunity to ski with friends.

Race weekends

Ski Brule	Dec 10
Wilmot	Jan 8
Wilmot	Jan 15
Marquette	Feb 4
Wilmot	Feb 12
Wilmot	Feb 19
Mt. LaCrosse	Feb 25

Online snow reports



Fabien Lefebvre, 6 foot 2, stands in more than 10 feet of snowpack in the Selkirk Mountains, British Columbia

There are lots of websites for snow reports, including

- www.snocountry.com,
- www.onthesnow.com,
- www.snow-forecast.com,
- www.rsn.com,
- www.nohrsc.noaa.gov (NOAA's new snowsite), and
- www.johndee.com (Midwest).

But the most comprehensive may be

- <http://members.aol.com/crockeraf>,

the website of skier, writer, and statistical fanatic Tony Crocker. In addition to his own information, there are numerous links to resort information and a plethora of snow-related material, past and present. Warning: this can be a serious, but informative, time kill. ♦♦

Welcome new members

The following people are new members of the Champaign Ski Club. We welcome you and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Susan Westgate and Curt Stacey, Elmhurst

Don Charlton, Champaign

Chet and Diane Fall, and children CJ and Jennifer, Mahomet

Eric Gertner, Champaign

Jack and Meg Pittman, and children Troy (15) and Katie (12), Mahomet

Matt and Katie Warren, Bondville

Ray and Cathy Twesten, and children Kate (8) and Robby (6), Champaign

Susan Nash, Springfield

Mirela Cara, Toronto, Canada

Cassidy Farwell (8), Joan Sargent's granddaughter

LeAnn and Andrew Nash, and children Thomas (3) and Benjamin (1), Tulsa, Oklahoma

A Woman's Fund wishlist

Below is a list of much needed items for A Woman's Fund. This holiday season, we will be collecting donations for this vital organization. Bring items to either the Holiday Party, or December's Happy Hour or House Party. To make a monetary contribution, write your tax deductible check to A Woman's Fund and get it to Judy Haydel. For information on A Woman's Fund, see www.awomansfund.org.

Children's items

African-American dolls
Barbie dolls and accessories
Basketballs
Baby powder, baby wash and baby wipes
Bibs, pacifiers, teething rings and bottles
Footballs
Jump ropes
Child-size armchairs and couch
Infant clothing
Christmas presents (wrapped with note about child's age and sex)

Household items

Aluminum foil
Dinner plates, bowls and drinking glasses
Flour, sugar, coffee, creamer and filters

Fresh fruit, vegetables and meat
Milk, eggs and butter

Medical supplies

Advil
Diaper rash cream
Imodium AD
Money for prescriptions
Orajel

Miscellaneous items

Batteries (AA, AAA)
Blank CD-RW disks
Bookshelves
Copy paper
Dustbuster
Lawn bags
Light bulbs
Locking filing cabinets
Phone cards (60 min or less)

Socks and slippers (women's and children's)

New underwear (women's and children's)

Print cartridges (call for details)

Shop vacuum & vacuum cleaner (12 amp or larger)

Tickets to children's events

Personal care items

African-American hair care products

Antibacterial hand soap

Deodorant

Cutips

Sanitary supplies

Shaving cream



A Woman's Fund
Ending Violence Every Day

Club calendar

First Friday Happy Hours

Dec 3 Buffalo Wild Wings, 907 W. Marketview,
Champaign (off N. Prospect)

Jan 9 Tang Dynasty, inside Lincoln Square, Urbana

House Parties

Dec 4 7 pm at Bonnie and Dave Briscoe's house, 3410
Clayton Rd., Champaign

Jan 28 Chili cook-off and party. 7 pm at Mark Monnin's
house, 1810 Trails Dr., Urbana. Bring chili or
cheese, bread, snacks, or dessert, and a beverage.

Special Events

Dec 14 Holiday party and potluck dinner, 6 to 9 pm,
Crystal Lake Boat House, Urbana

Winter trips

Dec 20-Jan 2 Marquette trip

Jan 7-9 Shanty Creek trip

Jan 14-22 Innsbruck trip



House Party

**Saturday
December 4
7 pm**

*Your hosts:
Bonnie and Dave Briscoe*

**3410 Clayton
(west off Duncan Road)
Champaign**

***Please bring your favorite
beverage and snack***

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The board meets at 7 pm the
Tuesday following the second
Monday of every month at The Bread
Company in Urbana.

Thanks for all the great times this summer

Due to the tireless efforts of Mike Metz and Judy Haydel, summer was never lacking for fun things to do.

Mike arranged outdoor adventures all over the Midwest, from one-day bike and rollerblading trips, to canoe trips and weekend-long camping extravaganzas. Special thanks to Kelli Morris, who assisted Mike.

Judy was responsible for all the Fun Fridays. This was the first year for Fun Fridays, and it was a great success. What a variety of activities we had! From bocce to horseshoes, volleyball, shuffleboard, rollerblading, and golf—both frisbee and putt putt. These were held all over Champaign and Urbana, followed by dinner at nearby restaurants. And she did all this along with her responsibilities as social chair. Special thanks to Randy Haydel, Judy's assistant.

Mike will be arranging some winter excursions, like cross-country skiing, so stay tuned or get on the email list by sending email to nowimptrips5@aol.com.

Until next summer, let's go skiing! ♦♦



Judy Haydel



Mike Metz



Ski & snowboard rental rates

Trip	Dates	Shaped ski pkg	Demo ski pkg	Demo w/o boots
Marquette	Dec 30–Jan 2	\$60	\$75	\$45
Shanty Creek	Jan 7–9	\$44	\$55	\$35
Innsbruck	Jan 14–22	\$80	\$100	\$65
Granite Peak	Feb 4–6	\$44	\$55	\$35
Copper	Feb 17–21	\$60	\$75	\$45
Big White	Mar 20–27	\$100	\$125	\$75

WildCountry • 109 West John Street, Champaign
217.351.ISKI (4754) • www.wildcountry4fun.com



Ski Summit County, Colorado

Accommodations available:
Rent entire 4-bedroom house
or stay as an individual for
\$50 a night in convenient
Silverthorne location.

Call Don Kennen,
775.224.3582.

YANNIS KARLOS



Ymir yurt in the South Kootenay mountains, outside Nelson, British Columbia

The Back Page

This season's skiing is about to start, unless you're one of the lucky ones who got out early. Time to pore over weather maps and mountain web cams. Kick back and start dreaming. Pray for snow. It won't be long until you're in the mountains . . .

Happy Holidays!

—*Judy Tolliver, Editor*
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