

SCHUSSBOOMER

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Presidents' Message

We are looking forward to Madison Ski Club's 2012-2013 season – the Club's fiftieth year! Although some things have changed over the years – shaped skis, synthetic fibers, high-speed lifts, a couple of gray hairs – the things that make this Club special have not: easy and lasting friendships, the rich joys of shared experiences, the love of the sport that we all call “ours.”

After a summer of reunion picnics to celebrate last year's trips, we'll begin the year with three fun gatherings: the fall picnic, the fall bicycle ride, and the annual “Lift Off” dinner.

The Club has planned four ski trips for 2012-13: Snowmass in December, Taos in January, Lutsen in February, and Big Sky in March. This newsletter contains articles about each destination, prepared by the trips' leaders. As your Presidents, we look forward to leading the Taos trip and hope many of you will join us. Skier or non-skier, we hope you'll join the Club for adventure and socializing on and off the slopes, all year long.

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Presidents Bruce & Cherie Olsen

NEW MEMBER BONUS

New members of the Madison Ski Club will receive a **rebate** of the 2012-13 annual dues if they take a major trip this year. (sorry Lutsen is not included)

Madison Ski Club Picnic Sunday, September 9, 2012

4:00 pm at Lakeview Park in Middleton

Join us for the kick-off of the 2012-13 season at the annual club picnic! Get details on the season's line-up of ski trips and events. Connect with club friends and meet new (and prospective) members. Enjoy good food and cold beverages in the beautiful setting of Lakeview Park in Middleton (off Allen Blvd at 6300 Mendota Ave.).

Please bring a dish to pass, per the first letter of your last name (see below). Everything else will be provided.

A – G	Appetizers
H – R	Side dishes or salads
S – Z	Desserts

We look forward to seeing you there! Jerry and Pam Luedtke 608-798-0491

SNOWMASS, CO

**Saturday, December 8 - Friday, December 14 or
Amtrak option December 7 - December 15**

Join us for Madison Ski Club's seventh consecutive trip to Snowmass Colorado. This will be a very special trip honoring Larry and Goldie Hurley who will be leaving Madison Ski Club as our travel advisors after many years of service.

We will fly round trip Madison to Aspen with a short ride to Snowmass Village where we will again stay at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet, a ski in/ski out facility. Full breakfast and lunch is included daily. Snowmass Mountain Chalet is walking distance to Snowmass Village Mall for shopping and dining or just a short bus ride to Aspen with its many shops, galleries and dining.

Snowmass has 91 trails serviced by 21 lifts, with many wide, groomed runs perfect for those first days of the new season. Your lift pass also allows for skiing at Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk Mountains all just a short bus ride away. Aspen/Snowmass Nordic System also offers 40 miles of no fee groomed trails for individual or guided cross-country skiing or snowshoeing.

Cost of this trip is \$1,588 per person, based on double occupancy (\$400 single supplement). Save \$50 by sending your deposit of \$300 per person before September 15, 2012. Discounted price is \$1538. (Price is subject to airline fuel surcharge).

Trip includes: round trip airfare, transfer to and from Mountain Chalet, 6 nights lodging at Snowmass Mountain Chalet, hot breakfast and lunch daily, club parties, baggage handling, room attendant gratuities, and all room and air taxes.

Not included are dinners, lift tickets, and personal expenses. Special group lift ticket prices will be announced later.

An Amtrak rail option is available. Pricing is subject to availability. Please contact Larry Hurley (608 271-0457) if you are interested in this option. Space is limited and there are already several people signed up for this very special trip so don't delay. Fill out the reservation form at the end of this Schussboomer and mail along with your deposit.

Your trip hosts: George and Lavora Baird

We are looking forward to this 7th annual trip to Snowmass for the Madison Ski Club. It will be our last as trip coordinators, which is about the 88th trip we have organized for the Club.

We have 23 people under deposit as of June 30th (9 on Amtrak and 16 on United air). We have a total of 25 air seats reserved, so that means there are only 9 remaining—first to come with a \$300 deposit gets them. The trip by air is priced at \$1,588pp, which is the same as the last two years. Our Amtrak allotment was released on April 15th, however, if you would like to travel by Amtrak, then call us ASAP.

Remember the early bird discount mentioned in the SNOWMASS article above is good until Sept. 15th.

Larry & Goldie Hurley
271-0457 or e-mail wtaskis@tds.net

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	<u>2012</u>		<u>2013</u>
Sun Sept 9	Picnic Lakeview Park, 4-8 pm Middleton	Thurs Jan 31 - Mon Feb 4	Taos Trip
Sat Nov 3	Lift-Off Party Avenue Bar 6-10 pm Madison	Thurs Feb 21 - Sun Feb 24	Lutsen Trip
TBD	Bicycle Ride (check website or facebook for update)	Sun Mar 10 - Sat Mar 16	Big Sky Trip

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Taos 3-Day Ski Adventure
With one-day “See or Ski” extension option
January 31 to February 4, 2013 (January 31 to February 5 w/extension)

For years, the Madison Ski Club Board has talked about offering an extended weekend ski adventure for those whose schedules (or legs) are happier with three or four days on the slopes than they are with a full week – and now that opportunity has arrived! Ski legendary **Taos, New Mexico, departing Madison on Thursday, January 31, and returning on Monday, February 4, 2013.** For those choosing the one-day “see or ski” extension, the return date is Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

We’ll be staying at the **Columbine Inn & Conference Center**, a 20-room property that has been owned and operated by avid and knowledgeable Taos skiers Paul and Susie Geilenfeldt since 1999. Begin every morning with a hot and hearty buffet breakfast and a five-minute free shuttle ride to the base village shops, restaurants, and lifts. Not skiing? Take a 15 minute shuttle to Taos, to experience its many art venues, historic sites, and shops. End each day in the outdoor hot tub, or around the crackling fire in the lobby, or at the outdoor fireplace. In between, you’ll enjoy the Southwest sun (300+ days per year) on Taos’s 110 runs, spread out over nearly 1300 acres and 2600 vertical feet. With the extra 30 minutes of daylight you’ll get compared to Madison in January/February, you’ll have plenty of time to explore the area’s 26 green and 28 blue runs—and maybe even some of the 56 trails of advanced terrain. The snow? 300+ inches per year, plus 100% snowmaking coverage on all green and blue runs.

Cost (3-day option): \$1189 per person, based on double occupancy (\$400 single supplement). “**Early birds**” can reduce the trip cost by \$50, to **\$1139**, by making a \$300 deposit by **September 1**. **New members** of the Madison Ski Club will receive a **rebate** of the 2012-13 annual dues if this is their first trip.

Trip price includes: Round-trip airfare, Madison—Albuquerque—Madison; ground transfers to/from

Taos; 4 nights lodging (with fridge and microwave) at the Columbine Inn; Welcome reception and one additional Club party; 4 hot buffet breakfasts; hotel shuttle to/from mountain.

Cost (4-day option): A one-day “see or ski” extension, either to explore Santa Fe or to enjoy an extra day of skiing at Taos, is available for an **additional \$200 per person, double occupancy.** “Sightseers” will leave with the 3-day travelers from the Columbine Inn after breakfast on February 4, and remain in Santa Fe for an afternoon/evening of sightseeing, art galleries and museums (e.g., Georgia O’Keefe). “Skiers” will depart from the Columbine Inn at the conclusion of the ski day on February 4, and travel by shuttle at their own expense (per-person cost dependent on numbers) to Santa Fe to join the others. Lodging in Santa Fe’s downtown plaza area, next-day breakfast, and ground transportation to Albuquerque are included for all 4-day travelers. **NOTE:** because of group airfare pricing, the extension option can be offered only if a **minimum of 10 persons** select it.

A train travel option is available. Contact Daluge Travel (608-273-1091) for pricing details.

Pricing for all travel options includes luggage handling and room attendant and service gratuities. Not included: dinners, lunches, lift tickets, personal expenses. Special MSC ticket prices announced later. All pricing subject to availability, fuel surcharges, and/or additional air taxes.

How to sign up: Complete and return the reservation form in the Schussboomer. Send a \$300 initial deposit check by October 1, 2012, payable to Daluge Travel to 5321 Fairway Drive, Madison, WI 53711. Deadline for booking and final payment is November 10, 2012. **Early Bird deadline Sept 1!!**

Questions? Contact trip leaders Cherie & Bruce Olsen (608-274-6299), or olsenba@charter.net.

BIG SKY, MT
Sunday, March 10 – Saturday, March 16, 2013

Enjoy big time skiing at the big time destination resort of Big Sky, Montana! Located about an hour south of Bozeman, Big Sky offers 5500 skiable acres over three inter-connected mountains with endless views of the Spanish Peaks area. The signature peak, Lone Mountain, rises to a summit elevation of 11,166 and has a vertical drop of 4,350 ft. There is something to delight every skier on Big Sky's 220 named runs (20% expert, 40% advanced, 25% intermediate, 15% beginner). And boasting an average of 400 inches of dry powder snow and lift lines which have been dubbed "short or non-existent", this promises to be a skiing experience not to be missed!

We plan to stay at the well-known Huntley Lodge in the heart of Big Sky's Mountain Village

(elevation 7500 ft) with ski-in, ski-out access. This three-story lodge was part of the vision of the late newscaster Chet Huntley for the development of Big Sky, Montana's first alpine ski area. The town also has a diverse selection of restaurants, pubs, and shops.

Planned dates for the Big Sky trip are Sunday, March 10 through Saturday, March 16 (subject to final confirmation). Stay tuned for further details and pricing. . . we will post this information on the website as soon as it is available. You are also welcome to call or e-mail us. We are excited to host this trip and would love to have you join us!

Jerry and Pam Luedtke
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We say good-bye at the end of 2012 to our long-time travel planners, Larry and Goldie Hurley. Their service to the Club has taken us to memorable ski destinations across Europe and throughout North America. We welcome Peggy and Rick Daluge and Daluge Travel, who will take over as our new travel advisors.

Thanks to all who made the 2011-12 season great! The Club traveled to the beautiful ski areas of

Snowmass, Lutsen, Steamboat and Telluride. We especially thank George and Lavora Baird, who led the Board through the transition in travel leadership and hosted the Telluride trip. We appreciate Steve and Ellen Wickland, who will be leaving the Board as past presidents and leaders of the Steamboat trip. And we welcome the Club's new vice-presidents, Pam and Jerry Luedtke. It truly takes many volunteers to keep Madison Ski Club strong. Thanks, everyone!

Bruce & Cherie Olsen



Daluge Travel is owned and operated by Rick and Peggy Daluge of Madison, WI. ricknpeg@dalugetravel.com 608-273-1091

Rick and Peggy Daluge are long-time Madison residents and seasoned travelers. They have hosted group travel to all four corners of the globe. Peggy and Rick also know the unique challenges involved in equipment-intensive ski travel to snow-covered destinations. Welcome aboard!

A word from our past-presidents... It does not seem like an entire year has gone by since we became presidents but that is what has occurred. We want to thank everyone, the board members, ski club members and especially all trip participants for making our year as presidents very special. By your supporting the club and by your participation, whether it involved being part of the administration or traveling to any of our ski destinations, it helped to make our year as presidents enjoyable and satisfying. The Madison Ski Club Board has approved a special discount for new club members signing up for any of our major trips. If anyone is new to our club, never been a member before, they will be granted free membership in Madison Ski Club for the 2012-2013 season. If any of you know anyone that could take advantage of this membership offer please encourage them to join us on one of our major trips. This offer is in addition to any early reservation and deposit discounts being offered. *George & Lavora Baird*

Reservation Form: Snowmass, CO 12/8-14/2012 hosts: George & Lavora Baird 608-592-5575
Send this reservation form and \$300 per person deposit to WTA, Larry Hurley, 5009 Barton Rd,
Madison 53711. *Limited availability both air and train! See article page 2. \$50 pp discount*
if check is received by Sept 15th. Name must be legal name that appears on passport/drivers license

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Amtrak option _____ *YES to the train. Call Larry today! 271-0457*

Reservation Form: Taos, NM 1/31-2/4/2013 hosts: Bruce & Cherie Olsen 608-274-6299
Send this reservation form and \$300 per person deposit to Daluge Travel, 5321 Fairway Dr,
Madison 53711. *\$50 pp discount if check is received by Sept 1st. See article page 3.*
Name must be legal name that appears on passport/drivers license

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

I/We are interested in the one day extension. Y _____ N _____

Reservation Form: Big Sky, MT 3/10 -16/2013 hosts: Jerry & Pam Luedtke 608-798-0491
Send this reservation form and \$300 per person deposit to Daluge Travel, 5321 Fairway Dr,
Madison 53711. See article page 4 and check website for updates.
Name must be legal name that appears on passport/drivers license

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

MADISON SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2012 - 2013

Name(s) _____ SINGLE (\$30) _____

Address _____ FAMILY (\$40) _____

Phone _____ cell phone _____

email _____ *Send my newsletter via email* Y N

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