

SCHUSSBOOMER

Summer 2014 MSC Co-Presidents Msg.

August 2014

It is hard to believe that we are mid-way through July! It is time to make sure our calendars are marked for our upcoming events.

On August 17, 2014 (Thursday), Bob and Susan Titus are hosting the Club's Annual Picnic at Garner Park. The cost of the main course, salads, and beverages will be paid from the Club's treasury; the rest will be pot luck. At the picnic, we will gather together to celebrate ski club friendships, and the dates and destinations for the Club's upcoming 2014-15 season will be announced. The date is a little earlier than has been traditional, because air carriers require irrevocable group airfare commitments at least 90 prior to departure.

On October 12, 2014 (Sunday), Pat Bruden is hosting a slightly revised version of the Club's Lift-Off Party at the Avenue Bar — an all-appetizer event in the late afternoon. You won't leave hungry; we promise! The Club's treasury will cover the cost of the food and non-alcoholic beverages; a cash bar will be available and one drink ticket provided. Join other ski club members for socializing — especially for our Snowbirds who will be heading to warmer places.

This past ski season, the Club had two trips — one to Snowmass Colorado and one to Whitefish Montana. Snow reports were good from folks at Snowmass, and all went well. Thanks to Joan and Ernie Horinek for helping with the after ski gatherings. Whitefish participants experienced sun, snow, and a blizzard while we were there, and train travelers had delays due to avalanches, etc. Things like that always add excitement (and anxiety!) to group travel. In spite of a few glitches, the trip was lots of fun, and some of us even got in some dog sledding! Thanks to Rick and Peggy Daluge and Daluge Travel for being on board quickly and helping the Club's train travelers secure flights needed at the last minute. This is an important reason to have a travel company personally connected

with the Club's trips! We also thank Dan Schuette for organizing three ski days at Devils Head for those who signed up for his email list. The groups were small but they were all good ski days.

The Club's Board of Directors has met many times since our last Schussboomer, and has come to accept four hard truths. **First**, we have struggled with declining membership during the past several years (e.g., 124 in 2006-07; 89 in 2012-13; 66 in 2013-14). Last year's membership was slightly more than half of the membership seven years earlier. **Second**, an increasing percentage of the Club's members have stopped skiing. **Third**, the Club has been generally unable to attract younger members and families. **Fourth**, the Board has been unable to find people who can serve in leadership positions. Still, we remain encouraged that a handful of new (and some younger) skiers have joined the Club on both of last year's trips. Skiers are a social group, and enjoy the company of others during the trip out and back, in the ride up, and the slide down. Clearly, a place remains for group ski travel; but the reality is that the Madison Ski Club no longer has the membership or the leadership to plan and host ski trips. As a result, the Club can no longer maintain its current organizational structure. (continued page 2)



Bruce & Cherie Olsen

Peggy & Rick Daluge

Summer 2014 Co-Pres Msg contd:

The Club's Board of Directors has decided to honor those who have shared their time and talent during the Club's long history by hosting a Past-President's dinner in May 2015. Larry Hurley and several other past presidents have volunteered to organize that event, which will be the Madison Ski Club's final event.

If funds remain in the MSC treasury after payment of all Club expenses, the Board will look for ways to reduce the treasury balance to zero so that the Board of Directors can dissolve. One suggestion that has been made so far is the Shelley Glover Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded in 2004 after the accidental death of Madison-area skier Shelley Glover, to support athletic opportunities for youth of all ages through community partnerships that expand access to Shelley's favorite sports: skiing, swimming, and soccer. www.shelleygloverfoundation.org.

Following the dissolution of the MSC Board of Directors, **there will no longer be an "official" Madison Ski Club. There will no longer be a Board of Directors, or trip leaders, a Schussboomer, a website or MSC dues. Leadership for planning ski trips will be turned over to Daluge Travel. The Board of Directors will turn over the 2013-14 membership list**

contact information to Daluge Travel. A small group (perhaps 3 or 4) of MSC skiers will help to advise Rick and Peggy about Daluge Travel ski trips that MSC members might be interested in.

As the Madison Ski Club's co-presidents for the past two years, we are saddened to have to communicate the Board's dissolution plan. We have tried very hard to figure out a way for the Club to go on, but the reality is the Club is nearing the end of its life as a formal organization. The Board has worked very hard to brainstorm all possibilities for continuing, but has not found a viable solution.

We are confident that the Club's remaining skiers for 2014-15 and beyond will find great ski opportunities with Daluge Travel. On behalf of the current Board of Directors, we thank all of you—the members of the Madison Ski Club—for the support you have given the Club during its 50+ year history, and for the support and kindnesses you have extended to us during the period of our service. We thank the current Board of Directors—Pat Bruden, Shirley Haidinger, Jerry and Carol McAdow, John Olsen, Cindy Stiles, and Rick and Peggy Daluge—for their positive energy and focus on the welfare of all Club members.

*Bruce & Cherie Olsen
Co-Presidents*

The current Board of Directors for the Madison Ski Club, wants to acknowledge our co-presidents Bruce and Cherie Olsen who have hung on to the reins of leadership for two years past their scheduled term. Their service and commitment to the Club has been stellar and above and beyond all reasonable expectations. As we go through this year of lasts do remember that they have held steady and prevented us from collapsing into oblivion. Bruce & Cherie are taking us out on the high road. Thank you Bruce & Cherie for your positive leadership!


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Don't miss the Madison Ski Club Picnic on Sunday August 17th at 4:00 pm at Garner Park.

The park is at 333 Rosa Rd, Madison (at the corner of Mineral Pt Rd and Rosa Rd). The website is www.cityofmadison.com/parks

All food and drink are provided by the Madison Ski Club at no cost to attendees. Please RSVP to Susan Titus at 608-332-1265 or answer the evite if you received one through your email.

Bring chairs if you have them. There will be information on the ski trips for this year. Bring your questions and sign up for a trip.

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Madison Ski Club Annual Lift-Off Party on Sunday, October 12th at 4:00 pm. The format is different this year (an hors d'oeuvres party on a Sunday afternoon) but there will still be camaraderie with your ski friends, door prizes, and information on ski trips, and of course plenty of food and drink.

Meet at the Avenue Bar, 1128 E Washington Ave, Madison 53703 at 4 pm ready to enjoy an early evening of fun.

WHAT A PARTY!

RSVP using the form on page 7

Snowmass
December 10 -16, 2014
\$1585 pp/dbl - (Save \$100 if your deposit is received by August 17)
(Single Supplement: +\$450)

We had such great snow last year that we've decided to give it a try one more time. Also good news is that the cost is similar to last year...lift tickets are actually a bit less!

We fly out of Madison to Aspen via Denver on United, Wed, Dec 10, at 1:04 pm and return to Madison Tues, Dec 16, around 3:58 pm with a stop in Denver. Dates were dictated by availability of the Mt Chalet and also before the Holiday lift ticket prices begin.

Train travelers using VanGalder to travel to the Chicago Amtrak station...and at current prices...it looks like your cost is \$225 less; and if you want a roomette, it is about \$200 more than the air pricing. By busing to Chicago, you will be able to check your bags and hopefully all have seats close to each other. The Princeton stop is still available, but given the cost of getting there and inability to check bags or pre-select seats, we are highly recommending taking the bus to Chicago. Princeton travelers would see a reduction of about \$300 with it costing about \$100 more for a roomette. This is based on rates as this is written. Train travelers leave Dec 9th and return the 17th.

Our favorite lodge, Snowmass Mountain Chalet, is looking forward to our arrival. They will again have their morning breakfast and soup lunch available for us each day. Monday night there is an Après Ski Party put on by the hotel. We will also plan a couple after skiing parties for you before you go to dinner at night.

A non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person must be received by September 1, 2014. **If you make that deposit before August 17th, you will receive a \$100 per person early bird discount .** Final payment will need to be made no later than October 15, 2014.

Great news regarding lift ticket cost...it has gone down...can you believe it...to \$45 per day for seniors, if we have a minimum of 20 skiers. And...you can ski Snowmass as well at Aspen and Aspen Highlands on this lift ticket.

Just as an additional benefit...we've included all tips for wait staff, maids, and van drivers. You'll have no concerns on this trip...relax and have a wonderful time skiing. All you need to do is decide when and where to ski!

Go to page 7 for reservation form.

Or come to the picnic with your questions and reservation form.

In Gratitude,

I can't begin to thank each of you for your concern for us after my recent fall and injuries. I am uplifted by your inspiring prayers, cheery visits, kind gifts and flowers.

After ten weeks, I am returning home to further recuperate. Thankfully, I can walk with a walker, and I am out of the neck and back braces I had to wear 24 hrs. a day.

I am so fortunate to have the love and care of my family and friends, and I am encouraged by all of your thoughtful messages.

In gratitude, Goldie Hurley

Winter Park
March 1 -7, 2015
\$1800 pp/dbl - (Save \$100 if your deposit is received by October 1)
(Single supplement: +\$325)

We're going back to a place the Madison Ski Club hasn't skied for years...Winter Park. This looks like a great adventure for all...moguls and black runs at Mary Jane with lots of blues and greens at Winter Park.

We've selected a hotel right across the street from the lifts...the Mountain Lodge. However, the hotel advises taking the shuttle or their van to get to the resort because of traffic. Safety is our concern... the ride will be quick. A hot buffet breakfast is included each morning for you. This facility is also home to a brew pub and is open for evening meals. There will be a welcome party provided by the Mountain Lodge...plus the club will have some après ski get-togethers during our stay.

Skiers have two opportunities for travel to Winter Park...

Air in and out of Madison to Denver and then a shuttle to Winter Park... or if you wish to do your own air, please indicate this to receive a travel allowance.

Train out of Chicago on Sat, Feb 28, stops right in Frazer at Winter Park where the hotel van picks you up on Sunday...you leave on Sat, Mar 7 with arrival home on Sunday afternoon.

You can deduct \$300 if you travel by train assuming that your ticket is just for the seat...or get a roomette to share and it is the same price as with air. These are current rates as this is written. Getting on the train at Princeton, IL is also possible at a slightly reduced rate, but luggage is not checked and you might not be seated with the group. This ski trip is ideal for train travel and looks to be a lot of fun!

A non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person must be received by November 15, 2014. **If you make that deposit before October 1, you will receive a \$100 per person early bird discount** . Final payment will not be due until January 1, 2015.

Other activities around Winter Park include snowmobiling up to the Great Divide and cross-country skiing which can be booked at the hotel. Some snowshoeing can be done too as well as spending some time in Frazer.

Ski lift ticket rates have not been set, but last year a Four day-Pass was just \$199. An up-date will be shared when the '14-'15 rates are provided to us.

No need to worry about tipping...it is included in your cost. Just relax and enjoy your ski week!

Go to page 7 for reservation form.

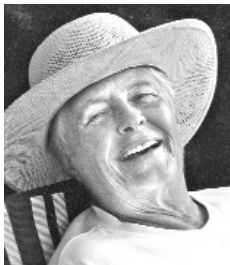
Or come to the picnic with your questions and reservation form.

Interested in future ski trips with Rick and Peggy Daluge. Let them know at the picnic or lift-off party. Or contact them through their email ricknpeg@dalugetravel.com. This is not the end of skiing with a group of friends. But it is the end of the organization called The Madison Ski Club. It has been a good run.

Since our last publication, we have lost 5 ski friends.



Peg Stiles died in November, 2013. She has been a long time friend of the Madison Ski Club. Her daughter Cindy is active on the MSC Board. Donations can be made to the Margaret G Stiles Scholarship Fund in support of the Arts, Monroe, WI.



Pat Healy, another longtime member of the Madison Ski Club, died at age 88. She was preceded in death by her husband John. Pat asked that remembrances be given to the Nature Conservancy.



Ray Tomlinson, age 91, passed away in March 2014. Ray and his wife Marion are well known in the Madison Ski Club. Donations can be made to Agrace Hospice Care.



Don Webb, from Janesville, WI and Laughlin, NV, passed away in April 2014. He is survived by his wife Ruth and many friends in the Madison Ski Club. Remembrances can be made to Agrace Hospital in Janesville or Trinity Episcopal Church in Janesville.

Judy Wencel, age 83, left her husband Bruce and many friends in the Madison Ski Club in April of 2014. Please send memorials in Judy's name to St. Mary's Care Center, Madison, WI or "In Memory of Judy Wencel" to Hillsdale College, 33 College St, Hillsdale, MI 49242



We did have some good times.

(Please complete all the information for your trip and mail with your check.)

2014 - 2015

Madison Ski Club Trip Reservation Form

Name: _____
(As it appears on your identification)

Name: _____
(As it appears on your identification)

Birthdate: _____

Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ **Zip:** _____

City/State: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Reservation Information:

___ **Snowmass (Dec 10 - 16)**
___ **Airplane** ___ **Amtrak:**
___ **Chicago** ___ **Princeton**
___ **Number of days for lift tickets**
___ **I want a single hotel room**

___ **Winter Park (March 1 - 7)**
___ **Airplane** ___ **Amtrak:**
___ **Chicago** ___ **Princeton**
(Lift tickets to be determined later)
___ **I want a single hotel room**

Initial Deposit Due: September 1
Early Bird Deposit Date August 17

Initial Deposit Due: November 15
Early Bird Deposit Date October 1

Make check payable to: Daluge Travel, LLC
Mail to: 5321 Fairway Dr., Madison, WI 53711

I want to be part of the Madison Ski Club Lift-Off Party
October 12, 2014 at 4:00 pm

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ **email** _____

Mail this reservation form to Pat Bruden, 87 Golf Parkway #A, Madison 53704
or call 608-246-1813

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