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January 2011

Presidents' Message

We hope you all enjoyed a joyous holiday season, whether it was with family, friends, or a quiet, peaceful time at home - in warm places or, maybe, on the slopes. Now it's time to ring in a New Year - have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? We hope that joining us on the ski club trips & social events are high on the list.

The ski club's first trip of the season in December was a great success. Snowmass, again, delivered with perfect conditions, and a perfect location. Be sure to read the summary inside the newsletter.

Our upcoming trips still have openings, so don't put off any longer the chance to join our groups going on the week trips to Canyons at Park City (Feb 5 - 11) and Northstar at Lake Tahoe (March 5 - 11), and the weekend trip to Lutsen Mountain (Feb 24 - 27). Our trip hosts have planned fun and entertaining trips and promise that conditions will be ideal! Unfortunately, the Upper Peninsula trip scheduled for Jan 14 - 16 had to be cancelled due to not reaching the minimum number of participants needed to run the trip

Our ski club ambassadors, John Newman, Marty Deignan, and Betty Ragotzkie are looking forward to greeting you for skiing at Devils Head starting in January. They would love to have you join them, and other ski club members, on Tuesdays and Thursdays

A new year also means starting to plan trips for the 2011 - 2012 ski season. The continued popularity of the Snowmass trip in December (5 years and running!) has led us to schedule a return in December 2011. Any suggestions you may have as to other destinations would be greatly appreciated - contact any board member.

We wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year - and many days of great skiing!

Steven and Ellen Wickland, Presidents



LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR SKI TRIPS THIS YEAR

Check out the 3 reservation forms on page 7. You need to act now to get in on any of these 3 trips. Call the contacts on each form and see if you can be included.

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A special thank you to Tom & Mary Schmitt for trying to get a UP trip going for the past two years. Although the trip has had to be cancelled for two years in a row, this does not negate their hard work of planning and organization. Sadly, they have decided not to do it another year. Many members have skied with them since January 2007. Well done!

Snowmass - another great trip

Snowmass welcomed us with the best early season ski conditions they have had in years. Thirty eight members of the ski club, from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, California, and England, traveled by plane and train to enjoy a week of skiing and fun times. Our group included a number of newer faces: Mike and Bobbie Peters; newlyweds, Ted Finman and Jean Azemove; Tom Bakke's daughter, Laura Sowinski; Richard Wilberg's daughter, Elizabeth Fitzsimmons; Mary Forseth; Jean Finkelmeyer; and a group of guys from Rochester, MN, Barry Knapp, Forrest Sargent, and Larry Tarnow. It was also great to have the Wencels, Richard Wilberg, and, Heidi Kunsch rejoining our Snowmass family.

Weather was outstanding, but did present a problem to the four guys traveling from Minnesota, where a blizzard stranded them for 2 days. They finally arrived on Monday and were on the slopes that afternoon – making up for lost time. Clouds made for a bit of flat conditions our first day, but sun and temps in the upper 30's spoiled us on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday – John Olsen remarked Thursday's conditions were just about the best he had experienced. That was after a snowy Wednesday that brought several inches of fresh powder. The snow didn't stop a group of about 15 skiing at Buttermilk with Tom Fox, a former ski club member and now an ambassador at Buttermilk. His guidance helped us navigate the snowy slopes, with a break at mid-day for a delicious lunch at the lodge.

Every afternoon, around 3:30, the most popular place to be was the hot tub. Soothing tired muscles and sharing stories was a nice respite before the evening's

activities begun. Saturday night was a free night and many called it an early night, after a long day of traveling. Sunday and Monday nights were cocktail parties hosted by the Mountain Chalet, Tuesday night was the trip hosts' cocktail party, and the remainder of the week, we continued the wining and dining and socializing until the wine and food ran out. Dinnertime found groups scattering in different directions for different cuisine – bar food to gourmet.

Those who ventured into Aspen came across great finds: besides a few who went to ski Aspen, others discovered the Peter Lik gallery (amazing photography), the Pizmo gallery (included works by Chihuly), thrift shops, book stores, and wonderful little dining choices. Ted and Jean visited the Anderson Ranch Arts Center and enjoyed the artists and their works, as they were setting up the galleries.

Mountain Chalet's hospitality is a key reason we keep on coming back – they are our home away from home. Their hot breakfasts and soup lunches keep us well nourished.

We departed on Friday, healthy and, with the exception of Ray from England, accident free. His fall, while skiing on Friday, resulted in a knee injury that kept him off the slopes, but didn't keep him from our parties and shopping in Aspen!

It appears, by popular demand, that we will be returning in 2011. Mark your calendars for a December Madison Ski Club Snowmass trip.

Steven and Ellen Wickland, trip hosts



December Fun in Colorado



Ted Finman, Jean Azemove (our honeymooning couple), Larry Hurley, Diane Stumpf, Pat Bruden, Kathy Hunt, Shirley Haidinger, Heidi Kunsch



George Baird, Heidi Kunsch, Lavora Baird, Pat Bruden, Kathy Hunt, Joan & Ernie Horinek



(1) *Richard Wilberg, Jerry McAdow, Mike Mollerus, Ray Bridges, Larry Tarnow*



(3) *Heidi Kunsch, Mike & Bobbie Peters, Diane Stumpf*



(2) *Larry Hurley, Richard Wilberg, Goldie Hurley, Jerry McAdow*



Snowmass Village Gondola



Our Minnesota contingency + 1

Barry Knapp, Mike Mollerus, Forrest Sargent, Larry Tarnow, John Kanvik



The Canyons Resort at Park City, Utah Saturday February 5 – Friday February 11, 2011

Last Chance..... The opportunity for participating in this great trip.

We invite you to join us for this exciting trip to Utah. This is your chance to ski at one of the largest ski resorts in the U.S. The area includes nine mountain peaks, five bowls, and has added over 300 additional acres for a total of 4000 skiable acres. We'll be flying from Madison to Salt Lake City and taking a short deluxe motor coach ride to Canyons Resort.



Our lodging will be at the Grand Summit Hotel and will include hot breakfasts, outdoor heated pool and hot tub, full service spa, and ski in/ski out access to the new Orange Bubble Lift with heated seats.

Complimentary bus transportation runs day and evening to Park City and Deer Valley for skiing, shopping and dining. **Separate lift tickets are required for these two resorts.** In addition there is also a wide range of cross country skiing available.

Don't miss out on the fun and join us by contacting Larry Hurley at 608 271-0457 to determine if space is available and the cost of the trip. Discounts on lift tickets will be available at group rates until January 15th. Larry will have ticket details in addition to trip costs and payment information.

This is an exceptional trip to a new location for The Madison Ski Club so please take this opportunity and join us.

George and Lavora Baird
608-592-5575
e-mail at glbaird@charter.net

Attention Canyons Skiers

Read carefully and if you decide to ship your skis do it on or about Jan. 26.

**Ship to: Grand Summit
4000 Canyons Resort Drive
Park City, UT 84098
\$41.74 each way**

Attention Northstar Skiers

Read carefully and if you decide to ship your skis do it on or about Feb 24.

**Ship to: Ritz Carlton at Northstar
13031 Ritz Carlton Highlands Ct
Truckee, CA 96161
\$46.86 each way**



SHIPPING YOUR SKIS?

Does it make sense? Yes, the airlines ARE continuing to charge baggage fees upon check-in, \$25 first bag and \$35 for a second bag each way, which would be \$60, total \$120 round trip for two bags. They emphasize that ski bags are for skis only -- and boot bags are for boots only. Skis and boots are considered one bag by the airlines. Remember the maximum weight is #50 per checked bag, and if it's over #50, it will cost an additional \$50.

There is an option: If you take your skis to Postal Connections at 200 E Verona Road in Verona, you can ship 2 sets of skis and poles in one bag (for example 78" X 12" X 7" which is approx. #30) at a better rate for each of our ski trips.

If this makes sense to you and you want to ship your skis and poles and save \$\$\$, you should send them out about **10 days before the trip,** and they will be waiting for you. Combine your equipment with a friend's in a double bag, and save even more. **THINK ABOUT IT!** You can pre-purchase your return tags and bring them along to tag your equipment for shipping back. Postal Connections will call you when they arrive.

If you have any questions, call Larry Hurley at 608-271-0457 or e-mail wtaskis@tds.net

Northstar at N. Lake Tahoe, California Saturday Mar. 5 - Friday March 11, 2011

Currently we have 34 skiers heading for Lake Tahoe, California to enjoy spring skiing at Northstar. The dates are Sat. Mar. 5 – Friday, Mar. 11. We have rooms available if you were thinking of going but have not signed up yet. Call Larry Hurley directly if you are interested in this ski trip...

Last call for the Club Floor of the recently opened \$350 million dollar Ritz Carleton (world class 5 star hotel). The price is \$2,198/person includes round trip airfare from Madison to Sacramento & chartered bus to Northstar (104 miles) or Amtrak train to Truckee (6 miles), & lodging, food & drinks at the Ritz.

4 food presentations/day & complimentary beverages (wine, beer, cocktails, cordials, & soda.

-a hot breakfast

-lunch of soup, salads, sandwiches & desserts

-hors d'oeuvres & cocktail hour

-chocolates and cordials.

There is a 20,000 sq. ft. spa. with indoor & outdoor heated pools. The single supplement is \$1245 but we have a woman looking for a roommate.

Everyone is invited to Russ & Heidi Wilbert's home on Tues. March 8 after skiing. There will be food, drinks & a fun evening, & sing-along music with Heidi at the piano. Russ & Heidi have skied all over the world & highly recommend Northstar as the best. They look forward to showing you their mountain.

Sierra Mountains & Northstar have over 17ft. of powder snow. California has been deluged with rain since Dec. Treat yourself to a sophisticated mountain retreat unlike any other. Ski in, ski out is an understatement - we are located mid mountain.

Madison Ski Club group lift ticket rates are very reasonable. Super senior lift tickets are only \$17 /day. We offer discounted multi-day tickets for others. There is plentiful powder, corduroy groomed runs, wide tree-lined slopes, lots of California sunshine & mild temperatures.

Unbelievable that we are able to offer this trip for \$150 less than last year. No need to go out for dinner unless you want to try some of the excellent local restaurants. We are returning for our second consecutive year because the scenery, the groomed corduroy powdered runs, & the new expert area called Lookout Mountain has doubled the expert ski areas.

There are activities planned for our 8 non- skiers. We offer a bus tour of North Lake Tahoe to the nearby towns of Truckee & Incline. We will stop at a nice restaurant for lunch & recommend restaurants, shopping, art exhibits, museums, casinos & photo opportunities of shimmering Lake Tahoe & the snow covered mountains. You will be able to explore later on your own.

Wisconsin Travel Advisors- trip coordinator

Larry Hurley 608-271-0457 or wtaskis@tds.net

Joan & Ernie Horinek – trip leaders

608-235-3550 or joanhorinek@sbcglobal.net



•In the Nov Schussboomer, you will find a list of all the vendors that contributed to making our Lift-
•Off Party such a success this year. Please visit these vendors and as you do business with them,
•thank them for their contribution to the Madison Ski Club.



Ski Lutsen Mountain
Feb. 24 - 27, 2011



**JOIN US AS WE SKI LAKE SUPERIOR'S
 NORTH SHORE —**

Our skiing dates for Lutsen this year are Feb. 24 through Feb. 27, 2011. Join us for a new experience when we ski Lutsen for 2 and ½ days with no stop at Spirit Mt. in Duluth. We have also arranged for a late checkout at Mountain Inn (our lodging) so you can ski half a day on Sunday, return to your room and change clothes and clean up for a comfortable ride home on the bus.

The cost is **\$455.00 per adult** and covers:

- Bus transportation
- 3 nights of lodging
- 3 continental breakfasts
- 2 and ½ days of lift tickets
- Saturday night dinner

for each adult in a room with double occupancy. This cost is actually less than last year. We must receive your check for the full amount not later than Jan. 18, 2010 because shortly after that we have to release any of our reserved rooms which will not be used.

Remember that we strongly encourage children on this trip and we will provide cost information (reduced as compared with adult costs) upon request as soon as we know the age of the children.

The bus will leave Dutch Mill Park & Ride at 2 pm on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011. We will stop at Petro to pick up skiers there and we will also stop about half way to Lutsen (probably Rice Lake) for an

evening meal arriving at Mountain Inn before 10 pm. **Bring jokes + a favorite movie (both clean) to share on the bus.**

Room assignments and tickets will be handed out shortly after we arrive so you can get a good night of sleep and decide for yourself when you want to hit the slopes Friday morning.

Dinner Friday night is on your own and most of us go to Lutsen Resort at the bottom of the hill on the main highway. We will provide transportation for all who want to go to the Resort for dinner.

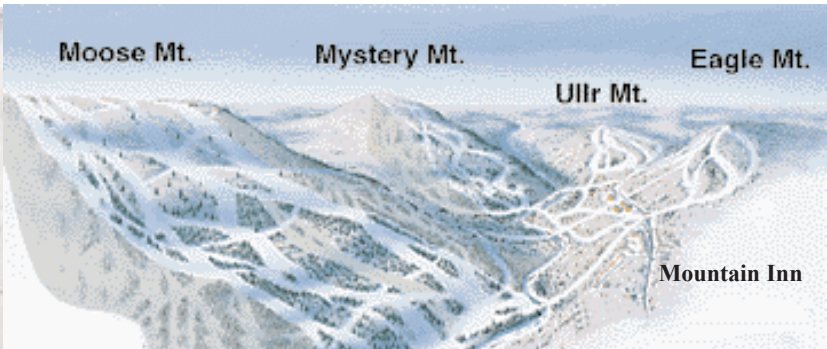
Dinner Saturday night is a covered cost and we will arrange for that in a large room so we can all eat together Saturday night where we will tell ski stories to each other.

Ski as much or as little as you wish Sunday morning (Feb. 27) at Lutsen. You will need to leave the hill by noon so you can clean up, change clothes and be ready to leave with the bus not later than 2 pm Sunday afternoon.

We simply reverse our course on the way home, making a stop for supper, a stop at Petro and Dutch Mill Park & Ride before 10 pm Sunday night.

This is a fun trip ... relaxed ... easy on your nerves with excellent (usually) Midwest skiing (**almost 1000' of vertical drop on Moose Mt.**). Sign up and join us.

For more information, contact Carol or Jerry at: 608-271-2378 or abyquilts@charter.net



Do you know your MSC Board members?

**Vice-
Presidents
Lavora &
George
Baird**



**Treasurer
John Olsen**



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**Reservation Form: Canyons, UT (Hosts George & Lavora Baird) 02/05-02/11, 2011
Send reservation form and \$800 per person deposit to WTA, Larry Hurley, 5009 Barton Rd,
Madison 53711. Checks should be made out to WTA. **Call Larry for availability first!!****

Name must be legal name that appears on passport/drivers license

608-271-0457

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **email** _____

Birthdate(s) _____

**Reservation Form: Northstar/Lake Tahoe (Hosts Ernie & Joan Horinek) 03/05-03/11, 2011
Send reservation form and \$800 per person deposit to WTA, Larry Hurley, 5009 Barton Rd,
Madison 53711. Checks should be made out to WTA. **Call Larry for availability first!!****

Name must be legal name that appears on passport/drivers license

608-271-0457

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **email** _____

Check here for Amtrak option: _____ **Birthdate(s)** _____

**Reservation Form: Lutsen Mt (Hosts Jerry & Carol McAdow) 2/24-2/27, 2011
Send reservation form to Jerry & Carol McAdow, 5518 Dorsett Dr, Madison 53711. Checks
should be made out to Madison Ski Club. **Call McAdows for availability first! (271-2378)****

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **email** _____