

SCHUSSBOOMER

January 2012



We have a small group of ski club members going to **Telluride** in March. Call Larry Hurley if you are interested in joining the group. 608-271-0457

March is prime ski season at Telluride, which has over 2,000 acres of terrain for all levels. Our Hotel Madeline is 5 star located right in the heart of Mid Mountain Village. It is ski in/ski out and has access to the gondola system just outside the hotel. The gondola is an exceptional transportation system used for access to the entire Telluride area. You will not need to use a bus for skiing, dining or shopping. Priced at \$1999.00 See page 5.



If you are thinking of doing **Lutsen** this year you need to act now. We will be cancelling unused rooms as of Jan 21st. Check out the article on page 2 and fill out the reservation form on page 5. Don't miss out!!



Presidents' Message

We hope you enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. Our club's first ski trip in December to Snowmass was a big success with very good ski conditions and great camaraderie. We thank Bruce and Cherie Olsen for leading this trip and making it so successful.

The next ski trips will be to Steamboat in February led by Steve and Ellen Wickland followed by Lutsen at the end of February led by Jerry and Carol McAdow with our final trip to Telluride in March which we are leading. Space may be available for Telluride. So, if you're contemplating this great trip, please contact Larry Hurley.

This season John Newman, Marty Deignan and Betty Ragotzkie have volunteered to be ambassadors for our ski club members, family and friends at Devils Head Ski Area. John and Marty will be there the 3rd Thursday of each month and Betty on Tuesdays, weather permitting. Look for the red bandannas! Lift tickets this year are \$22.00 for seniors 65+.

Soon we will be planning our trips for the 2012-2013 ski season. Suggestions for destinations are appreciated and may be emailed to us or any of our ski clubs board members. See back page for contact information.

We are looking forward to the upcoming trips and look forward to seeing everyone during the New Year. Thank you for your continued support of Madison Ski Club.

George & Lavora Baird

I will get to the “vital statistics” of this year’s ski trip momentarily. **FIRST, WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE FACT THAT THE TRIP IS IN JEOPARDY.** As we have indicated previously, we cannot do the trip financially if we do not have a minimum of 20 people. The cost of the bus simply does not allow it.

As of this date, we are short of the required 20 minimum skiers. Carol and I are making individual calls in search of “missing” skiers but we must find them by January 20, 2012 because we have to “lock” in our contracts by that date. **YOU CAN HELP US. CHECK WITH YOUR FRIENDS TO SEE IF YOU CAN GET THEM TO COMMIT.** Time is short so if you can help us (and yourself), please do so with a real sense of immediacy.

To help you in your “sales pitch”, I will restate all of the essential information. Clearly, if you have already signed on or have been on the trip, you do not need this but for others, this will hopefully help them decide that this is a really great trip.

The dates for Lutsen this year are Feb. 23 through Feb. 26, 2012. We are repeating last year’s format and we will 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 following is our cost information:

\$465.00 per adult

This 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. **The full amount must be received by January 20, 2012. We will do our final count after mail on that date and make the “go vs no go” decision that evening.**

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

The bus will leave Dutch Mill Park & Ride at 2 pm on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012. We will stop at Petro to pick up skiers there and we will stop someplace (probably Rice Lake) for an evening meal arriving at Mountain Inn before 10 pm. Carol’s cookies will come out after the Petro pickup.

Room assignments and tickets will be handed out as soon as we arrive. We have arranged for a **SHUTTLE** again and will provide details during the bus trip.

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 and share ski stories.

Ski as much or as little as you wish Sunday morning (Feb. 26) 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, looking for supper about 5 pm and making stops at Petro and then 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 now!** See the Reservation Form on page 5.

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

Jerry & Carol McAdow





Obituary for Carla Ann Fox

Carla Ann Fox, age 52, died Nov. 9, 2011, at her home in Madison. A celebration of her life will be planned at a later date.

Carla was born May 4, 1959, in Madison to Thomas and Marietta Fox. She graduated from Memorial High School in Madison and graduated from the University Of Wisconsin, earning her degree in teacher education. Carla specialized in early childhood education, teaching preschool and kindergarten in the Madison area for many years. Her students and her own family were her great joys.

Carla will be missed by her son, Jacob Seaver of Madison; her father, Tom Fox of Aspen, Colo.; her brothers, Jerry (Carol) of Girdwood, Alaska, and Doug (Sharon) of Ellington, Conn.; her aunt, Charlotte of Eau Claire; her ex-husband, Tom Seaver of Madison; and many others including members of our ski club.

Memorials may be made to the Serenity Club, Fitchburg.



Carla held many positions on the MSC Board. She and Tom Seaver were presidents for the ski year 1996-1997. We are sad to lose another of our long time members and good friend.

Tom Fox, long time member of Madison Ski Club, led this Snowmass group on a tour of Buttermilk. What a gracious host. We all wish him the best as he copes with the loss of his daughter, Carla.

SHIP YOUR SKIS (Ship 2 sets of skis in 1 bag for the following rates for each of our ski trips:
TAKE THEM TO POSTAL CONNECTIONS, 200 E VERONA RD, VERONA, WI

(example A - 78" X 12" X 7" approximately 30#), (example B - 65" x 12" x 6" approximately 28#)

December Ski Trip

Mountain Chalet
115 Daly Lane
Snowmass Village, CO 81615

A- \$44 each way

B- \$33 each way

February Ski Trip

Ptarmigan Inn
2304 Apres Ski Way
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

\$44 each way

\$33 each way

March Ski Trip

Hotel Madeline
518 Mountain Village Blvd.
Telluride, CO 81935

\$51 each way

\$38 each way

If this makes sense to you and you want to ship your skis and boots 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.

SNOWMASS RECAP

see the pictures at madisonskiclub.com

Sunny skies and temperatures in the 30's were the order of the days for Madison Ski Club's sixth annual December trip to Snowmass. The glorious consistency was interrupted only by a mid-week squall that brought six inches of welcome fresh powder to the runs of the Aspen area's four mountains. Thirty-eight members of the club, from Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and England traveled by plane and train to enjoy the season's first tracks, fellowship, and fun.

Many who traveled by plane arrived at the ski-in, ski-out Mountain Chalet just in time for the Chalet's soup lunch on Saturday, and had the opportunity to check out the shops and surroundings during the afternoon. Train travelers arrived a bit later in the day, but still in time to get unpacked and acclimated before dinner. In the late afternoon, members gathered to socialize in the Mountain Chalet's comfy lounge, to trade traveling stories, start a jigsaw puzzle, ease into the altitude, make dinner plans, and prepare for the ski day ahead.

After our delicious hot breakfast on Sunday, most skied sunny Snowmass, though a handful took the area's free and efficient public transportation system to Aspen Mountain or Aspen Highlands. Most of the club's favorite runs from previous years – Scooper, Sneaky's, Funnel – were open, groomed and hazard-free, thanks to Snowmass's snowmaking capacity. Fresh adventures were never hard to find; there was always something new to talk about at the hot tub in the late afternoons.

The Mountain Chalet hosted parties for us on Sunday and Monday evenings. We sponsored Tuesday's après-ski cocktail party. The fare was supplemented with many delicious donations from others – including a surprise birthday cake and birthday banner to celebrate Butch Dennison's 70th birthday. Joan Horinek also celebrated a birthday during the trip. The parties continued on

Wednesday and Thursday as folks contributed "leftovers" to the gatherings. The socializing continued into the evening as groups scattered in different directions for different cuisine, from bar food to gourmet fare.

Tuesday evening's snow brought Wednesday's powder day. Eleven members reprised last year's visit to Buttermilk, led by Buttermilk ambassador and former club member Tom Fox. Tom and his colleague Sam helped us to navigate the snowy slopes and – with greater or lesser success – rediscover our powder technique.

Those who left Snowmass Village on non-ski "rest" days found art and photography galleries just down the hill in the Anderson Ranch Arts Center and in Aspen. Aspen-goers found exclusive shops and thrift stores and restaurants and dining spots to suit every taste and budget. We gave the ACES environmental tours a try – some by ski, others by snowshoe. Others traveled to Glenwood Springs to soak in the natural hot springs there.

Wednesday's snow brought Thursday's sunshine and a whole new group of freshly groomed runs covered with forgiving soft snow. Well, mostly forgiving. Club president George Baird took a tumble on Thursday that left him with a back injury, a trip to the hospital, and a brace to immobilize the injury site from the front and the back until he could see his doctor in Wisconsin. George is recovering at home; he and Lavora are looking forward to leading the Telluride trip.

All things considered, Snowmass was a great start to the 2011-12 ski season! What's more, the club will be returning to Snowmass in December 2012 – so watch for the summer 2012 Schussboomer to reserve your place!

Thanks, everyone,
for a great trip!!
***Cherie & Bruce
Olsen***





Reservation Form: Lutsen, MN (Hosts Jerry & Carol Mc Adow) 2/23-26/2012
Send reservation form and \$465 per person payment to McAdows, 5518 Dorsett Dr, Madison 53711. Checks should be made out to Madison Ski Club.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Birthdate(s) of children _____

Roommate(s) _____ indicate if you need one _____

Reservation Form: Telluride, CO (Hosts George & Lavora Baird) 03/03-09/2012
Contact for availability: 271-0457 Larry Hurley, 5009 Barton Rd, Madison 53711.
Checks should be made out to WTA.

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

Name(s) _____

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