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Newsletter of the Elmhurst Ski Club

August 2007

PREZ SEZ:

For those of you who missed Elmhurst Ski Club's 50th anniversary party, you missed a really good time. There were attendees who started the club 50 years ago. People came from Washington State, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Florida for a total of 90 current and previous members attending. Many people brought old pictures and the evening was spent reminiscing about "the good old days". Several members put on a "skit" talking about silly and hysterical happenings on past ski trips. Several members got together and sang about ESC to the tune of the Chicago Bears Super bowl Shuffle. Trophies for racing were passed out. And a special thanks was given to Debbie Clegg for her many years of support and dedication to ESC. She's held just about every Board position, has been active in the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council, provides a lot of input and information on our winter trips, and has been a tremendous asset to ESC. Thanks again, Debbie.

The evening ended with everyone singing the ESC song. Anyway, a good time was had by all with GREAT conversation and camaraderie.

A couple years ago Lester Hampton took over the ESC web site. When he took over, our site was in its infancy with not a lot of information. This was a real learning experience for Lester as he had never developed a web site before. He not only learned ----- he excelled! Today we have a great site with many pictures and recaps of our past events and information on future events. Lester is stepping down from our Webmaster position. I would like to give him a HUGE thank-you. What an exceptional job he did, and his efforts are sincerely appreciated.

Taking over the web site are Stefanie Hampton and Brian Hallacker. Brian is a new member this year who has become very active, attending all our activities. Stefanie is the member who hosts many of our social get-togethers. You two have big shoes to fill but we are confident you can make the site even bigger and better.

RAY LUCAS

President

PS – A BIG thank-you to Bob Savini

PPS – Hi Mike and Pamela.

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President -	Ray Lucas		(847) 487-2371
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Visit our website at: "elmhurstskiclub.com"

IMPORTANT DATES

2007

Aug. 11,	ESC Picnic and early trip sign-up at Homa's	
Sept. 4, 7:30 PM Meeting		ESC
Sept. 8	Bike ride & BBQ	
Oct. 2, 7:30 PM Meeting		ESC
Oct. 20 Wirth's	Chili Party at the	
Nov. 1 - 4	CMSC Ski Show	
Nov. 6, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting	
Dec. 4, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting	
Dec. 15 at Hampton's	Christmas Party at Stefanie	

2008

Jan. 5 Trip	Cascade Drive-Up	
Jan. 15, 7:30 PM Meeting		ESC
Jan. 19 - Jan. 26 CO, Trip	Snow mass,	
Feb. 5, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting	
Feb. 16	Cross Country Skiing	
March 4, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting	
March 7-9	CMSC Winter Carnival (Shanty Creek, MI)	
March 29 to April 9 Week	CMSC Chicago (Breckenridge,	



Chicago Metropolitan
Ski Council

An association of Ski & snowboard clubs

Trips

Europe 2008 – Les Trois Valles (Meribel, Courchevel, & Val Thorens) France

January 18-26, 2008 Price to be announced

- Round Trip Air Chicago to Paris to Geneva
- Ground Transfers
- 7 nights in Meribel/Mottaret
- Hotel Mottaret, Ski-in/ Ski-out accommodations
- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 Dinners
- Welcome party

Lift ticket, insurance, and 4-night side trip options are available

27th Annual Chicago Week- Breckenridge, Colorado

March 29 – April 5, 2008 \$1150

- Round Trip Air and airport transfers
- 7 nights in condo or hotel
- 6 day lift ticket
- Parties and events all week

Events

- Aug 29, 2007 Cubs Game 7:05PM Start
- Sept 21 -23 Golf Outing Bucks Barn Golf Resort,

Thomson, IL, Contact Scott Schmid scottschmid@comcast.net or 630-530-0889

- Ski Dazzel – Ski Show – Rosemont, IL Nov 1-4 Annual

CMCS Auction

CMSC general meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month – 8:00 PM
Oak Meadows Country Club
900 North Wood Dale Road Addison, IL
CMSC Rep: Rick Burke Phone 847-299-1325

Aug 14, 2007	Sept 11, 2007	Oct 9, 2007
Nov 13, 2007	Dec 18, 2007– Holiday Party	Jan 8, 2008
Feb 12, 2008	Mar 11, 2008	Apr 8, 2008
May 13, 2008	Jun 10, 2008	Jul 8, 2008

For detailed additional information on CMSC social events and ski trips, visit their website “www.skicmsc.org”

ELMHURST SKI CLUB

2007-2008 SEASON TRIP SCHEDULE



<u>DATE/ LOCATION</u>	<u>TRIP LEADER/ PHONE</u>	<u>TRIP PRICE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>PRICE INCLUDES</u>
January 5 , 2008 Cascade Mtn, WI	Bob Savini 815-254-2303	Last years prices. \$40 adult (12 & under free)	N/A	Drive up. Purchase your own lift tickets.
Jan. 19-26, 2008 Snowmass, CO	tbd	\$1225.00* * plus any airline surcharges	\$500.00	Direct air (Aspen), and ground transportation, Lodging @ Tamarack Condominiums. 5 day lift ticket
Mar. 29 to Apr. 5, 2008 Breckenridge, CO	CSMC Trip See CMSC Website www.skicmsc.org	\$1150* *plus any airline surcharges	tbd	Round trip air fare, and ground transportation. Seven nights lodging, condo or hotel. 6 day lift ticket. Includes: Parties and events all week

*tbd – to be determined

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**Elmhurst Ski Club
Presents:**



**CASCADE
MOUNTAIN,
Wisconsin**

Drive Up Trip

Lift ticket price – Last Year
\$40 Adult
(12 & under)

**Saturday,
January 5, 2008**

TRIP LEADER:

Bob Savini

For More Information Contact
Jackie Homa @ 815-344-7788
Email: Jackiehoma@comcast.net or
Bob Savini @ 815-254-2303

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**Elmhurst Ski Club
Presents:**



SNOWMASS, COLORADO

Trip Includes:

Round trip direct flight airfare (Aspen) and ground transportation.

Welcome wine and cheese party.

Lodging at Tamarack Condominiums.

5 day lift ticket.

**January 19 thru
January 26, 2008**

Price: \$1225.00 * per person
* plus any airline surcharges

For More Information Contact
Jackie Homa @ 815-344-7788
Email: Jackiehoma@comcast.net

Payment Schedule

\$500.00 deposit on sign up
\$400.00 due Oct.12, 2007
\$325.00 final payment due
Nov. 30, 2007

ELMHURST SKI CLUB (WESTERN TRIP)

SNOWMASS, COLORADO

Departure: Saturday January 19, 2008
Return Date: Saturday January 26, 2008
Price per Person: \$1225.00

INCLUDES

Round Trip Airfare, United Airlines, DIRECT FLIGHT Chicago/Aspen
Airport Ground Transportation
5 Day Lift Tickets
Lodging at the Tamarack Condominiums – Two or Three bedroom, two or three bath condos
Wine and Cheese party on Saturday Evening

DESTINATION AND RESORT DETAILS

TAMARACK CONDOMINIUMS

The Tamarack Townhouses are located at the base of Fanny Hill, a few steps from the lifts. Each 2-story unit has two fireplaces, two or three baths, a full kitchen, private ground floor entrance, and ski storage. The property features outdoor heated pool and hot tub, bathhouse with showers, and attractive spruce-lined grounds. This is comfortable, well-located, affordable lodging.

Amenities:

- *- Beautifully landscaped newly renovated pool and hot tub area
- *-Full kitchens
- *-Two fireplaces
- *-Washer/dryer in each unit

Please view this property on the website: <http://www.destinationsnowmass.com/Index.cfm?PageLinkID=1009>

ASPEN SKIING DESCRIPTION

Aspen will surprise you. This acclaimed resort is a very real town, nestled among some of the most beautiful natural scenery and interesting Victorian architecture to be found anywhere. Come to ski and discover 4 world-class mountains, over 4100 acres of ski able terrain for every level of skier. Aspen Mountain and Aspen Highlands are renowned for expert and intermediate variety while Buttermilk is an entire mountain created just for beginners and intermediates. Snowboarders are welcome to enjoy wide-open runs and challenging mogul fields. Come for the outdoors and discover miles of groomed cross-country trails, dog sledding, guided snowshoe tours, snowmobiling, even hot-air ballooning. Come for more than skiing and discover Aspen's remarkable restaurants, singular shopping, fascinating art galleries, stimulating book stores, a winter concert series, and late night entertainment that goes on and on. A full range of accommodations is available in this unforgettable resort from the elegantly deluxe to the simply comfortable. Perhaps the most surprising fact about Aspen is that it can be very affordable. Let us show you how.

Mountain Statistics

Resort Name: Aspen Mountain

Beginner Terrain: 0% Intermediate Terrain: 74% Expert Terrain: 26%

Resort Name: Snowmass

Beginner Terrain: 6% Intermediate Terrain: 62% Expert Terrain: 32%

Resort Name: Buttermilk:

Beginner Terrain: 35% Intermediate Terrain: 65% Expert Terrain: 0%

Resort Name: Aspen Highlands

Beginner Terrain: 18% Intermediate Terrain: 46% Expert Terrain: 36%

Transportation:

Aspen Resort transportation runs 24 hours a day

Optional Activities: NASTAR Racing

Dining and Entertainment: Aspen Resort has lots of dining and entertainment

Website link: www.aspensnowmass.com

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

Save Money on your Ski Trip by Signing Up Early!!!!!!!

ESC PICNIC ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2007

PICNIC and EARLY SIGN-UP for Snowmass, Colorado Trip January 19 thru January 26, 2008

SAVE MONEY - DISCOUNT PRICE

Trip Price \$1225.00 - Early Sign-Up Price \$1175.00

Sign up and pay Full Amount of \$1175.00 on or before August 11, 2007.

Pay at picnic or mail to: Jackie Homa
107 S. Emerald Drive
McHenry, IL. 60051

For info call: Jackie Homa 815-344-7788 or Email - jackiehoma@comcast.net

PICNIC

Picnic location: Jackie and Larry Homa's home
107 S. Emerald Drive
McHenry, IL 60051
Tel# 815-344-7788

Time: 2:00 pm thru ? with food served about 4:00 pm

FOOD: ESC will provide main course.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS AND DRINKS

RSVP by August 7, 2006 to Jackie Homa @ 815-344-7788

Directions to Jackie and Larry's:

Take 290 West toward Rockford. Take IL-53 North to Lake Cook Road. Take Lake Cook Road west to Rand Road/U.S. 12). Turn right. Continue north to IL Route 176/Liberty Street. Turn left (west). Continue approximately 3.3 miles to South River Road. Turn right. Continue approximately 4.1 miles past Moraine Hills State Park to the 1st stoplight (Miller Road). Go past Miller Road to the first street on your left (Sutton Court). Turn left. At the end of the street, turn right (Emerald Drive). Tan house on left near end of road (with a wrought iron fence).

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Presents:**



**BRECKENRIDGE,
COLORADO**

CMSC CHICAGO WEEK

Trip Includes:

Round trip airfare and ground transportation.

Seven nights lodging (Condominiums or hotel rooms).

6 day lift ticket.

Includes: Parties and events all week

**March 29 thru
April 5, 2008**

Price: \$1150* per person

*** plus any airline surcharges**

Payment Schedule
To be determined.

*For More Information Contact
CMSC at www.skicmsc.org*

NEWSLETTER STUFF:

Please note that this Newsletter includes important information On ESC's meeting dates, social events, and skiing dates for the 2007-2008 season. It definitely would be worthwhile to save this material until **May 2008.**

UPCOMING SOCIAL STUFF:

August 11th - Picnic & Early Trip Sign-Up. Contact: Jackie Homa 815-344-7788

September 8th - Bike Ride & Bar-B-Q. Contact: Stefanie Hampton 630-629-2818

October 20th - Chili Party. Contact: Lee Wirth 630-985-5923

December 15th - Christmas Party. Contact: Stefanie Hampton 630-629-2818

*More Details for All Events will be provided. Join The Fun. KEEP THIS CALENDAR!!!!!!!!!!

PAST SOCIAL STUFF:

REVIEW OF BIKE RIDE ON MAY 21, 2007

The turnout was 38 people split between Elmhurst Ski Club, Four Winds Ski Club and the Nomads Ski Club. Trip leaders, Rick and Christy Burke, arrived early and the other 36 came in around the announced start time of 11:00 AM. The weather was, well, dreary and 44 degrees! It did warm up to 56 that day but most of our riders never took off their jackets, sweaters, hats and helmets! Some even begged for more. Jerry from the Nomads had the bike pump and it was well used. About 25 of the crew headed out at 11:30 AM with Christy Burke staying behind to watch the cars and shelter.

The ride to the gardens was only a little bit cold and drizzly but not all the time. Unfortunately the clouds never did move on their way so the gardens were not as glowing as in past years where we had bright sunshine. Roughly 1:30 PM various members of the group rolled back in. They were greeted by a special guest, Victor Starykowicz, who had arrived in the meantime. Bill Dennis of the Four Winds got the first grill going and it was hot and ready for a whole lot of brats and dogs. Tom Long from Four Winds and Nomads, got the other grill going at just the right time for the second group. Everyone was gathering there not just for food but for warmth. The sharing table was a big hit. We had fruit salad, potato and pasta salad (2 kinds) cake, deviled eggs, cookies even homemade ones and pretty much any kind of mustard you might want. This sharing thing really works!

At 4:00 PM the clean up began and the packing up. We vacated the grove at about 5:00 PM leaving it super clean.

Thanks for coming out everyone!
Christy

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA:

A little water never hurt anyone – except, perhaps, for the Wicked Witch of the West. And those of us who ran the risk of getting wet were in for quite a show at The Great Cardboard Boat Race. Luckily, despite predictions to the contrary, the weather held, and everyone who went was in for day filled with side-splitting laughter as we watched people attempt to stay afloat in boats made out of cardboard.

The race consisted of three categories: cardboard only, cardboard with metal propellers such as bicycle pedals, and “instant boats” which were designed and built on the spot. The most popular boats were made in the shape of canoes or quasi-kayaks. But one of the more original boats was designed to hold up to approximately 12 people. Can you imagine, a cardboard boat, floating in the water, holding that many people? Well, it didn't. Tragically, the boat sank just before reaching the finish line.

The awards (named by me) included, among others, the “Vogue Award” for the prettiest boat, the “Pride of the Race” for the most creative design, and, of course the “Titanic Award” for the most spectacular sinking. Competition was fierce. First prize for originality went to the *Grave Digger*, a boat modeled after the infamous monster truck in celebration of its 25th anniversary. The boat was so immense that it took more than a handful of people to carry down to the water. In the opposite category, first prize for ugliest went to a raft designed to look like a junk yard. Or perhaps a bedroom floor? The raft was, after all, designed by kids...

Entry in the Race was open to anyone and everyone. The captains and crews ranged from age 3 through 60, and consisted of family members, friends, and drinking buddies, all challenging each other in every category of competition imaginable. It truly was an event like no other!

Stefanie

FOURTH OF JULY PARTY:

We want to thank Stefanie for hosting an excellent party at her house. We had a great night for a cook out, and ate out on her deck. The hamburgers and the corn were especially good. We enjoyed the many salads. After it got dark, we all headed over to the park to watch the spectacular fire works. We had a very nice walk about a mile to the park. We needed that to work off all the food we had for dinner. Stefanie went earlier to the park to save us a place, and we had front row seats to see the fireworks. Nice job!!!

Brian said the fireworks were better than the ones he saw in Chicago the night before. They were very loud and very exciting to watch the grand finality. There were lots of people in attendances. We got to hike on the Prairie Path on the walk back to Stefanie's

We could have been offered a ride in Pete's convertible. Ops! It only has two seats. Nice red car! We all had a great time. Good to see a good turn out.

Lee

TAKEME OUT TO THE OLD BALLGAME!

On July 21, Elmers got to see the Kane County Cougars vs. Dayton Dragons game. It was a very enjoyable game, but the Cougars came up short in the score due to all the errors they made. They did make a come back, but then they shot themselves in the toe with errors. The weather was perfect, and our group sat on the grassy area down by the first base line. I was not aware, that sitting down on the first base line we had to battle the sun in your eyes. The fireworks were very good and the marching band performance was excellent. We all had a good time.

Lee

WALT'S FAVORITE SUBJECT – X-COUNTRY SKIING

Hi ESC Members,

We'll believe it or not, it's that time of year again to start planning our cross-country schedule. As of right now we have a day outing planned for Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008. Location ????. We'll probably meet at about 11:00A.M. More details will be provided at a later time.

Hope to see you all there. We always have a lot of fun.

Have a great summer.

Your Cross-Country Leader,
Walt Zelenka

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Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council **2007 – 2008 Alpine Race Schedule**

Listed below is the racing schedule as of print time! Something different this year, the last race of the season will be at Shanty Creek, MI, the same weekend as Cmsc's Winter Carnival. If all goes as planned you should be able to participate in both the Cmsc's Carnival fun and Alpine Racing. Please keep checking www.ski-cmscracing.com for further updates. Also in previous years Pine Point and Chicago Friars Ski Clubs have run a combined bus to Ski Brule, Marquette Mtn if interested in riding a bus see the clubs websites, www.chicagofriars.com or www.pinepointskiclub.com . For more information on special Cmsc lodging packages for Ski Brule or Shanty Creek see their websites www.skibrule.com or www.shantycreek.com .

Location	Dates	Time	Race Type	
Ski Brule, MI	Friday, Dec. 7 th		Optional Clinic	
	Saturday, Dec. 8 th	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
	Sunday, Dec. 9 th	10:00 am	Slalom	
Wilmot, WI	Saturday, Jan. 5 th	11:00 am	Slalom	
	Sunday, Jan. 6 th	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
Wilmot, WI	Saturday, Jan. 12 th	11:00 am	Slalom	
	Sunday, Jan. 13 th	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
Marquette, MI	Friday, Feb. 1 st		Optional Clinic	
	Saturday, Feb. 2 nd	11:00 am	Slalom	
	<i>Saturday, Feb. 2nd</i>	TBA	Super G <i>Run by Marquette Mtn</i>	
	Sunday, Feb. 3 rd	10:30 am	Giant Slalom	
Wilmot, WI	Saturday, Feb, 9 th	11:00 am	Slalom	
	Sunday, Feb. 10 th	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
Wilmot, WI	Saturday, Feb, 23 rd	11:00 am	Slalom	
	Sunday, Feb. 24 th	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
Shanty Cr, MI	Friday, March 7 th		Optional Clinic	
	Saturday, March 8 th	10:00 am	Slalom	
	Sunday, March 9 th	10:30 am	Giant Slalom	



Snowboarder Race Day



Junior Race Day (under 12 yrs old)

*The Super G race is run by Marquette Mtn is independent of CMSC Alpine Racing and do not count toward overall point results. Super G's require on-hill sign-ups, ability qualifications and helmets. For clinic information please contact the ski area for more details. Schedule is subject to change, so PLEASE SIGN UP FOR RACER ALERTS or any Questions vist us at www.skicmsc-race.com.

MEMBERSHIP IN ELMHURST SKI CLUB A BARGAIN – STILL \$20

Guess, what happens in August? Yes the Elmhurst Ski Club picnic, the 2008 ski trip sign up and your opportunity to join a great club. This year again we are holding our rate at \$20 and you only need to attend a couple events to know you will earn this back in fun and activities.

If you are a current member we will print a copy of our current information and you can review it at the picnic and pay for next year's membership at the same time. If you can't make the picnic, we will bring the current member copies to the September 4th meeting. After that we will mail it to anyone we haven't seen yet.

An alternative is to complete the membership copy enclosed in this newsletter and if you are a current member, you can send it to Christy Burke 280 Springfield Ter, Des Plaines, IL 60018-1128 and just write out the information or write "same" across it.

If you are not a current member and joining or re-joining then please complete the copy in this newsletter and bring it to the picnic. If you leave it at home, don't fret, we will have blank copies at the picnic.

PS. If you are signing up for the ski trip and include your membership dues in that payment, please still make sure to review the membership form or fill-out a new one. You can write "paid with trip payment" on the form so I will know.

Looking forward to another fun year! Our fifty-first!

Membership Chairperson: Christy Burke 847-299-1325
mcsburke@aol.com

KUDOS

Special thanks to Christy Burke, Debbie Clegg, Stefanie Hampton, Jackie Homa, Ray Lucas, Lee Wirth and Walt Zalenka for contributing to this issue of the ESC Newsletter.

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