



ESCapes



PREZ SEZ:

Elections were held in April and all Elmers remain in their positions except for Social. A thank-you is extended to Lee Wirth who is being replaced by Bobbie Pantel-Davis. We look forward to exciting things from Bobbie. Just as a recap, the officers (and how to reach them) are listed to the right.

Thank you, Walt for finding a new meeting place. Our prior meeting place was sold. So starting in September our meetings will be held the first Tuesdays of each month at Elmhurst Public House, 683 W. St. Charles Road in Elmhurst. They have a nice, quiet back room for our meetings and they serve food for those who want to come to the meetings early and eat.

	2008	ESC BOARD	2009
President -	Ray Lucas		(847) 487-2371
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Treasurer -	Bob Savini		(815) 254-2303
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Secretary -	Debbie Clegg		(630) 530-1107
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Ski Meister -	Betty Ashworth		(847) 288-1129
X-Country -	Walt Zelenka		(630) 510-9028
Newsletter -	Larry Homa		(815) 344-7788
Webmasters-	Stefanie Hampton		(630) 629-2818
	Brian Hallacker		(312) 282-7156

There's been some confusion about racing rules in order to receive trophies. Trophies will be awarded only for races on Elmhurst trips to the following: fastest female, fastest male, the most improve time between runs (male and female). Once you win a trophy in one category you won't get another trophy in that same category for a while. That way we can recognize and give more trophies to more people.

The Board selected a great area for next year's western trip. We considered cost, location, lodging, and difficulty of the hill (meaning whether it will accommodate all types of skiers and have enough variety for the advanced skiers). Our selection was Breckenridge, Colorado.

It is with great sadness that we lost one of our really well-liked members. Barry Myers was diagnosed with cancer and lost his fight with the disease. He was always cheerful, friendly, and was a joy to be around. He truly will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his entire family, especially Gloria.

Hope to see you soon and often at Elmhurst events.

PS – "Hi" Linda and Ray.



IMPORTANT DATES

2008

Aug. 23	ESC Picnic and early trip sign-up at the Homa's
Sept. 2, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting
Sept. 7	Bike ride & BBQ
Oct. 7, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting
Oct. 18	Chili Party at the Wirth's
Oct. 24 - 26	Chicagoland Ski & Snow Board Show
Nov. 4, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting
Nov. 7 - 9	CMSC Ski Show
Dec. 2, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting
Dec. 13	Christmas Party at Stefanie Hampton's

2009

Jan. 6, 7:30PM	ESC Meeting
Jan. 10	Cascade Drive-Up Trip
Jan. 24 - 31	Breckenridge, CO, Trip
Feb. 3, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting
Feb. 21	Cross Country Skiing
March 3, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting
March 6 - 8	CMSC Winter Carnival (Shanty Creek, MI)
March 21 - 28	CMSC Chicago Week Trip (Heavenly - South Lake Tahoe)
Apr. 7, 7:30 PM	ESC Meeting/Elections
Apr. 18	ESC Spring Banquet

Trips

Europe 2009 – Solden, Austria w/ an optional 3 day extension to Budapest. January 16-24 (or 27), 2009. Price to be announced.

- Round Trip Air. Chicago - Paris – Munich (Air France)
- Ground Transfers
- 7 nights lodging in 3 Star Hotel w/Daily Breakfast & Dinner
- Welcome party

Lift ticket, trip cancellation insurance, medical insurance, 3-night extension in Budapest in 4 Star Hotel w/Breakfast, discounted ski rental all optional.

Chicago Week 2009 – Heavenly – South Lake Tahoe. March 21-28, 2009. Price to be announced.

- Round Trip Air and ground transfers
- 7 nights lodging in condo or hotel
- 5 day lift ticket (3 at Heavenly and 2 at other areas)

Welcome breakfast and reception, races, parties and events all week

Events

CMSC Golf Outing, Sept 13 -14, Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI. Contact Denise Genge at 630-455-1343

CMSC Ski Show in Rosemont, IL. on Nov 7-9.
Annual CMCS Auction

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

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION NEW EVENT A SECOND SKI SHOW

Chicagoland Ski & Snow Board Show -- October 24 thru October 26, 2008

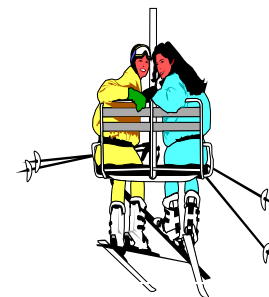
Location: Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center
1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL. 847-972-6521
Website: www.chicagolandskiansnowboardshow.com

DO NOT FORGET OUR NEW MEETING LOCATION IS "ELMHURST PUBLIC HOUSE"

Visit our website at “ www.elmhurstskiclub.com “



ELMHURST SKI CLUB 2008-2009 SEASON TRIP SCHEDULE



<u>DATE/ LOCATION</u>	<u>TRIP LEADER/ PHONE</u>	<u>TRIP PRICE</u>	<u>DEPOSIT</u>	<u>PRICE INCLUDES</u>	<u>FINAL PMT. DATE</u>
January 10, 2009 Cascade Mtn, WI	Bob Savini 815-254-2303	Last year's prices \$43 adult (12 & under free w/paid adult)	N/A	Drive up. Purchase your own lift tickets.	N/A
Jan. 24-31, 2009 Breckenridge, CO	tbd	\$1130.00* * plus any airline surcharges	\$530.00	Direct air to Denver and ground transportation, Lodging at Pine Ridge Condos. 5 day interchangeable lift ticket	2nd Pmt. - \$300.00, Oct.25, 2008. Final Pmt. - \$300.00, Nov. 22, 2008.
Mar. 21-28, 2009 Heavenly – South Lake Tahoe	CSMC Trip Debbie Clegg ¹	tbd* *plus any airline surcharges	tbd	Round trip airfare and ground transportation. Seven nights lodging, condo or hotel. 5 day lift ticket. (3 at Heavenly and 2 at other areas) Includes: Welcome reception and breakfast, races, parties and events all week	tbd

tbd – to be determined

¹ Email: Debbie@completecontrolsystem.com

52nd Season

**Elmhurst Ski Club
Presents:**



**CASCADE
MOUNTAIN,
Wisconsin**

Drive Up Trip
Purchase your own ticket

**Saturday,
January 10, 2009**

Lift ticket price – Last Year
\$43 Adult
(12 & under free w/paid
adult)

TRIP LEADER:
Bob Savini

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

52nd Season

**Elmhurst Ski Club
Presents:**



Breckenridge, Colorado

Trip Includes:

Round trip airfare (Denver) and ground transportation.

Lodging at Pine Ridge Condominiums.

5 day lift ticket.

**January 24 thru
January 31, 2009**

Price: \$1130.00 * per person
* plus any airline surcharges

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

Payment Schedule

\$530.00 deposit on sign up
\$300.00 due Oct.25, 2008
\$300.00 final payment due
Nov. 22, 2008

ELMHURST SKI CLUB (WESTERN TRIP) BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

Departure: Saturday January 24, 2009

Return Date: Saturday January 31, 2009

Price per Person: \$1130.00

INCLUDES

- Round Trip Airfare, United Airlines, Direct Chicago O'Hare/ Denver, CO
- Airport Ground Transportation
- 5 Day Interchangeable Lift Ticket (Breckenridge; ABasin; Keystone; & Vail)
- Lodging at the Pine Ridge Condominiums – Two bedroom, two bath condos

DESTINATION AND RESORT DETAILS

PINE RIDGE CONDOMINIUMS

Pine Ridge is centrally located about one block from the heart of downtown Breckenridge, on the ski area side of town. Pine Ridge Condominiums provide the ultimate in convenience. The ski – in location on Four O'clock Ski Run will put you back at home in time for a relaxing soak in one of the hot tubs, before other skiers will even reach their local accommodations.

Amenities:

Completely Equipped Kitchen
Microwave Oven and Coffee Maker
Washer and Dryer in Each Unit
Cable Television
Telephone with Voice Mail
Private Balconies
Spacious and Relaxing Hot Tubs
View the property at www.pineridge.com/

BRECKENRIDGE

Mountain Statistics:

Beginner Terrain: 15%

Intermediate Terrain: 53%

Expert Terrain: 32%

Base Elevation: 9,600 feet

Top Elevation: 12,998 feet

Vertical Feet: 3,398

Ski-able Acres: 2208 acres

Total Lifts: 28

The Victorian mining town of Breckenridge is located in the heart of the Colorado Rockies. Adults will have an infinite selection of rustic pubs, lively taverns, and elegant dining options. The historical beauty of the Victorian district will captivate kids of all ages. Breckenridge Ski Resort is home to diverse assortments of ski runs for skiers and snowboarders of all levels. Sixteen interconnected ski lifts and four high-speed lifts combine to ensure you'll spend more time on the slopes and less time in line for the lifts. Breckenridge Ski Resort also features a celebrated snowboard park that offers activities for boarders of all skill levels.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Nordic Skiing and Snowshoe Center – Offers a wide variety of cross-country and snowshoe terrain for leisure adventure or high-energy exploration. Located on Ski Hill Road.
- Snowmobile & Dog Sledding Tours – Convenient tours in the Summit County backcountry.
- Good Times Adventures www.snowmobilecolorado.com
- Breckenridge Ice Rink – Open year-round for public skating, hockey and figure skating activities. Skate rental, skate sharpening, four changing rooms, restrooms and retail sales. Location 0189 Boreas Pass Rd.
- Backstage Theater – Enjoy an evening of LIVE theater. With more than 27 years of award-winning performances, from Shakespeare to today’s most well-known playwrights. The Backstage Theater offers shows designed for all ages and interests. www.backstagetheatre.org
- Breckenridge Dinner Sleigh Rides – Imagine being swept along a picturesque snow covered valley nestled under warm blankets in a cozy horse drawn sleigh. Gaze up at the brilliant star filled sky and the dramatic panorama of towering snow capped peaks. THEN...Slip on a pair of sheep skin slippers and enjoy a drink by a rustic stone fireplace. Indulge in a true western buffet with prime rib and chicken and all the tasty fixings, while some of the countries finest musicians make a most memorable evening for you and your family.

For additional Breckenridge information, visit their website at “www.breckenridge.snow.com”

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

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

ESC PICNIC ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2008

PICNIC and EARLY SIGN-UP for Breckenridge Colorado Trip January 24 thru January 31, 2009

SAVE MONEY - DISCOUNT PRICE: Trip Price \$1130.00 - Early Sign-Up Price \$1080.00

Sign up and pay Full Amount of \$1080.00 on or before August 23, 2008.

Pay at picnic or mail to: Jackie Homa
107 S. Emerald Drive
McHenry, IL. 60051
Tel # 815-344-7788
jackiehoma@comcast.net

PICNIC

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 YOUR DRINKS

RSVP by August 18, 2008 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).

52nd Season

**Elmhurst Ski Club
Presents:**



HEAVENLY – SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

CMSC CHICAGO WEEK

Trip Includes:

Round trip airfare and ground transportation.

Seven nights lodging (Condominiums or hotel rooms).

5 day lift ticket (3 at Heavenly and 2 at other areas)

Includes:

Welcome Reception and Breakfast, Races, Mountain Picnic,
Parties and events all week. Including Banquet Dance

March 21 - 28, 2009

Price: To be determined

Payment Schedule to be Determined

**For More Information, Contact
Debbie Clegg at Email:
Debbie@completecontrolsystem.com**

CMSC ALPINE RACING

CSMC Alpine Racing is a series of 14 recreational races for all skiers and boarders. When I say all, I mean all ages, abilities, sizes, shapes, skiers and boarders. Under 18 needs a parent, under 12 is free with a parent racing. It's a class based system, so novices don't race against experts, and kids don't race against the veterans. This is one of the many great things that CMSC does.

We just finished another great year of racing. We were very lucky, with some of the best weather in years. Good snow, lots of sunshine, great parties. What more can you want.

Like all CMSC activities, racing is an all volunteer group. We, the race committee, are a friendly group that enjoys putting on one of the best parties you can imagine. But we always need more friends. If you would like to help, please drop us a line. You can contact us on the web at www.skiCMSC-racing.com.

We want to thank all our sponsors, and extend many thanks to VIKING SKI SHOP, for their continuing support of the program.

2008/2009 Alpine Race Schedule

Location	Dates	Time	Race Type	
Ski Brule, MI	Friday, Dec. 12 th		Optional Clinic	
	Saturday, Dec. 13 th	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
	Sunday, Dec. 14 th	10:00 am	Slalom	
Wilmot, WI	Saturday, Jan. 3 rd	11:00 am	Slalom	
	Sunday, Jan. 4 th	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
Wilmot, WI	Saturday, Jan. 10 th	11:00 am	Slalom	
	Sunday, Jan. 11 th	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
Marquette, MI	Friday, Jan. 30 th		Optional Clinic	
	Saturday, Jan. 31 st	11:00 am	Slalom	
	Saturday, Jan. 31 st	TBA	Super G Run by Marquette Mtn	
	Sunday, Feb. 1 st	10:00 am	Giant Slalom	
Wilmot, WI	Saturday, Feb. 7 th	11:00 am	Slalom	
	Sunday, Feb. 8 th	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
Wilmot, WI	Saturday, Feb. 21 st	11:00 am	Slalom	
	Sunday, Feb. 22 nd	11:00 am	Giant Slalom	
Granite Peak, WI	Saturday, Feb. 28 th	TBA	Slalom	
	Sunday, March 1 st	TBA	Giant Slalom	



Snowboarder Race Day



Junior Race Day (under 12 yrs old)

*The Super G race run by Marquette Mtn is independent of CMSC Alpine Racing and does 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 visit us at www.skicmsc-race.com.

X-COUNTRY SKIING

Hello ESC Friends,

Yes, it's that time of year again. As summer draws to a close our thoughts start turning toward X-country skiing. Our x-country outing is planned for Feb. 21, 2009. It will be at Moraine Hills State Park again because that location seems to work out well.

Look forward to seeing you all out there. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Your x-country leader,
Walt Zelenka

YOUR UPCOMING ESC 2008 SOCIAL EVENTS

August 23 - Picnic & Early Western Trip Sign-Up
Contact: Jackie Homa 815-344-7788

September 7 - Bike Ride & Bar-B-Q
Contact: Stefanie Hampton 630-629-2818

October 18 - Chili Party
Contact: Lee Wirth 630-985-5923

December 13 - Christmas Party
Contact: Stefanie Hampton 630-629-2818

More Details For All Events Will Be Provided Prior To The Event. Join The Fun. KEEP THIS CALENDAR!!!!!!!!!!

Visit the ESC Website at “www.elmhurstskiclub.com”

Hello Elmers!

Loved reading about our Snowmass trip in the last news letter. You guys are so fun to hang & play with. We've had some other memorable outings since then to share with you.

First – Brother – Rob is skiing again! We got him to escort Erin on one of her ski days (while we were in Snowmass) and he got the bug back. You should see his “ancient” equipment! Mile long skis, cracked rear-entry boots & a new hat. He still rips it with the best tho. He & his wife, Judy & Pat took a long weekend to Whistler in late March. Conditions were boiler-plate, but they had fun. They checked out the work the ski area is doing on the new lift connecting the two mountains.

The first week of April Rob & I had the powder ski day of our lives at our home hill – Steven's Pass. We had an excellent snow year and that particular day gave us knee deep fluff & some spectacular tree lines. Yes, we swam in it, too. Rod had a particularly notable wipe out on the flats that kept him busy for a while.

The next week Craig finally made it out to ski with us. Four days of decent snow & especially exciting terrain. Craig's cousin & his girlfriend joined Pat, Craig, Rob & I and showed us some new & frightening terrain and, yes, some more snow baths for Rob & I. Craig, of course, is fazed by nothing & ripped up our hill in his new boots & rented fat skis. Ask him about it! We had a ball & would love to host more Elmers here in WA.. No resort setting, but it could be a great trip – Think about it.....

Since the pass closed on April 15, there has been several more feet of snow, a foot fell on June 12! I've hiked, snow shoed & cross country skied for the last 2 months. On Memorial Day, carried my downhill equipment up the mountain and skied one of my favorite runs all the way down to the car. Whee! Ultimate spring corn! There are still skiable lines on the mountain today (6/19)! Ah – so much snow – so little time..... It may be summer in IL., but there is still a good 8 feet of snow in our mountains & its been chilly down by us – but really green.

That's it for the WA, contingent. We are doing a BC road trip soon and will check out ski areas along the Canadian Rockies. Thinking of you all & looking forward to our next adventure with you. Think Snow!!!

Karen Sample

NEWS ABOUT OUR SENIOR MEMBER – “VICTOR”

From Skier News by Dave Leonardi (Spring 2006) Meet “Victor” Starykowicz

One person who keeps his edges sharp no matter where he skis is our friend Witold “Victor” Starykowicz. We first met this Illinois resident at the Chicago Ski Show in 1988. We met him again a few years later at Jackson Hole, where he was being awarded a gold belt buckle for skiing one million vertical feet at the resort (skiing with ESC) He was 69 at the time. We ran a photo of that ceremony in a 1992 issue of SKIER NEWS. Every year at the Chicago show we look forward to seeing him.

He is now 84 and enjoying every minute of it. He has skied more than 30 resorts in the Midwest. Last season, for at least four to five hours each visit, he skied at Wilmot 25 times and twice at Alpine Valley. He has skied at 32 resorts in the West, four in Canada and six in the Eastern U.S. All the trips made possible by the three Ski Clubs he belongs to and the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council.

Victor meticulously documents each trip and seems to have saved all his skis. Sporting his “HA! 80” tee-shirt, given to him on his 80th birthday, he can be seen with ten pairs of his oldest to newest skis, his RV, motorcycle, Mountain Bike and scooter. (We hope to publish that photo in an issue early next season) Missing in the photo is his jet ski and his boat, which he takes to a nearby lake. All of these he uses when he is not roller-blading!

Victor is retired from his job as an industrial electrician, so he has come by his lifestyle through hard work and good genes. He is truly an inspiration.

SPRING BANQUET

This year's spring banquet was held at Bailey's. We were there two years ago, and everyone seemed to have a good time. Again we had a very nice meal with steak, chicken, or fish as the main entrée with a baked potato. We also had a cup of soup or dinner salad, rolls and butter, with ice cream as the dessert. After the meal, Ray handed out trophies to some of the club. Bob Engle and Betty Ashworth got a trophy for the best time in the Nastar Racing. Manny and Karen got a trophy for the most improve time for their race. Way to go Gang! Our Bob Savini got an award for the many, many, many, years of services for being our treasurer for the club. We all appreciate your work all these years. This year, we expect you to go skiing with us. We missed you last year.

Lee

PS: The Banquet was also a fun surprise Birthday party, with decorations and a great cake for our Prez Ray Lucas.

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

Guess, what happens in August? Yes the Elmhurst Ski Club picnic, the 2009 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 2nd 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-second !!!!!!!

Membership Chairperson: Christy Burke 847-299-1325

mcsburke@aol.com

KUDOS

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

Visit our website at "www.elmhurstskiclub.com"



Elmhurst Ski Club - Membership Profile 2008-2009

Dues Paid: \$20 _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Ski Ability (Circle One):	Never 0	Novice 1 2 3	Intermediate 4 5 6	Expert 7 8 9
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I am interested in helping the Elmhurst Ski Club for the following;

_____ Membership	_____ Trips	_____ Publicity
_____ Special Events	_____ Newsletter	_____ Other

How did you hear about the Elmhurst Ski Club? _____

Agreement: I agree to maintain the standards and reputation of the Elmhurst Ski Club and to follow the directions of its leaders. I hereby release the Elmhurst Ski Club and its agents and officers of any and all responsibilities or liability of any nature whatsoever for any loss of property or personal injury occurring on any trip under its management or with any activity or function related to the Elmhurst Ski Club. I certify that I have read and understood this agreement. _____ initial here.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Optional Information:

Birthday _____ Month Day	Anniversary _____ Month Day Year
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**Return this form to Christy Burke
280 Springfield Terrace
Des Plaines, IL 60018-1128**