



Cold Tales

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May 2011

Greetings From the Prez

President, Lori Kushar

The new Executive Board for April 2011-13:

Lori Kushar: President

Jeanne Leone: Vice-President

Dawn Ahlgren: Secretary

Keith Schniering: Treasurer

I am looking forward to my next 2 years as your new President (again) and have some new ideas to help generate growth for new members and stimulate renewals among our long-lost members. Jeanne will continue the weekly updates you have been receiving from our previous VP, **Susan**, who did a marvelous job staying on top of it all. We held our annual Post Party Planning Picnic at Keith's home on Sunday, May 1st, where we decided on many fun activities to keep us busy during the "off-season" with room for more. Contact **Jeanne** if you have a fun idea for a trip, event or a suggestion for a Barhop location. **Keith**, our past-president, will take over Treasurer duties from a very grateful Paul Papineau. You did a great job **Paul**. **Dawn** will continue her duties as Secretary and will also take over as Ski Mistress (a.k.a. Trip Chairperson). Speaking of skiing, there will be a 5-day ski trip this December along with a Midwest trip in 2012. If anyone is interested in assisting or leading a winter trip, contact Dawn and me.

Thanks to the following members who have graciously volunteered themselves for Committee positions. Without our slaves...err...I mean volunteers, our club would dissolve.

Glen Betlinski: Membership

Carol Janssen: Webmaster

Susan Peterson: Newsletter

We will still need more members to fill a few other "open" committee positions. Those positions will be announced at our next meeting on June 1st as well as in a weekly update. Think about getting involved with Sitzmark. Any help is greatly appreciated.

For now, dig out the camping gear, golf clubs, bug spray, shorts and sandals for some fun in the sun with friends old and new while we wait for winter to return for our favorite past time.



Annual Chicago Wolves Outing

March 19, 2011: Sitzmarkers Once Again Howl with the Wolf Pack

We started the evening off with a fantastic pre-party of pizza and spirits. Of course we had to add to the good time by celebrating **Karl's** birthday with some hilarious cards and song. The pre-game Wolf raffle resulted in **Charlotte** winning a T-shirt (surprise), **Laurie W** an umbrella, and **Keith** a hat.

A huge thanks to **Al & Aloïuse** who graciously host the pre- & post-party year-after-year. Next it was off the *Allstate Arena* where just under 20 of us joined up with **Keith & Dawn's** son and little ones and the rest of 14,533 fans to cheer on the *Chicago Wolves*. The laser light show as always didn't disappoint however, although the *Wolves* had a 2-1 lead early on, the *Oklahoma City Barons* went on to win it 4-3. Why would OK have a hockey team anyway? Who knows! After the game some brave souls (**Cameron & Erik** but no **Lori K** meow) ventured out onto the ice for a post game skate. Even with the *Wolves* loss a great time was had by all, see you next year!



Sitzmarkers Enjoy Annual Banquet at Moretti's, Fox Lake

Susan Peterson, Outgoing VP

35 Sitzmarkers and guest attended this year's Sitzmark Banquet. We were promised last year "the construction on the parking lot will be completed and there will be plenty of parking next year!" Not! There happened to be a fishing tournament. So not only were there excess cars, but lots of boats taking up most of the parking spots! Everyone eventually found their way into Moretti's to enjoy delicious food and grand merriment throughout the evening. We gave out awards, shared hilarious stories, and viewed a wonderful slide show created by Dawn!

Awards Presented

Keith Schniering: President, Planning Picnic, Boating on the Chain

Susan Peterson: Vice President, Designer/Editor Newsletter, Weekly Updates, Monthly Bar Hops, Holiday Party, Banquet

Dawn Ahlgren: Secretary, FUNdraiser, Boating on the Chain, New Glarus Oktoberfest/Bike Trip, Jackson Hole Trip, Telluride Trip, Photos, Slide Show

Carol Janssen: Membership Coordinator, Website, Beach Party Picnic

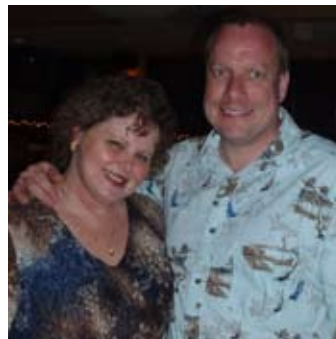


Lori Kushar: Skimistress, Fundraising, Promotions/ Publicity, Jim Jake's Open House/Kenoshka Pub Crawl, Williams Ski Haus Special Meeting, Winter Carnival Trip, Bye Bye Liver

Jeanne Leone: Budget, Cubs vs. Brewers Game, FUNdraiser, August Ravinia, Telluride Trip

Al & Alouise Gredell: Bears Game, Wolves Game Pre-party Hosts, Indianhead, FUNdraiser

Karen Westlake: Camping/Tubing Trip, Germanfest, Pigfest, Wautoma Trip





Laurie Wohlfeil: Wautoma Trip

Cindy Collins & Bill Westlake: Maifest, Germanfest Co-Hosts

Gary & Tari Sedlacko: Pigfest, Holiday Party, Horseback Riding, FUNdraiser

Dave & Betty Barboro: Horseback Riding, Summer FUNdraiser



Dan & Marlo: Weekend Bike Trip to Waupun

Not in Attendance

They will receive an award at the next meeting or event they attend.

Paul Papineau: Treasurer

Maxine Sheinin: Website, Credit Card Set-up on Web

Marta Hoelter: Wolves Game, Halloween Party

Barb Mueller: Ravinia Outings

Armondo Arebalo: Weekly Meetings and Newcomers Night

Rick Olson: Green County Cheese Days Festival, Bike Outings, New Glarus Oktoberfest/Bike Trip



Some of the Interesting Awards

Betty Barboro: *Graceful Landing in the Drink Award*, presented by **Tari Sedlacko** and **Alouise Gredell**. Betty received a lovely recycled trophy and lots of laughs as they shared the story of her "falling" (or being pulled by Tari) into her own creek during the Duck Races at the Sitzmark Summer FUNdraiser!

Rich Blattner: *Clutz Award*, **Dawn** awarded Rich with a first aid kit in honor of his fall on the ice and resulting head-injury, and slip into the whirlpool tub that evening during the Jackson Hole trip.

Tom Justus: *Trip Planner Award*, **Dawn** presented Tom with a giant calendar with all the dates filled-in so he can be sure to sign-up and make it on the Steamboat trip!

Dawn: *Never Run Out of Wine Award* and *Break a Nail Award*. Karen presented her with a sweet bottle of MD 20/20 and package of press on nails – to cover both emergencies.

Several other awards were presented which escape my memory, but are also pictured here. Below is our new Board!



2011 Telluride Trip Recap

Dawn and Jeanne, Trip Leaders

In February, twenty-three Sitzmarkers joined about 250 members of other ski clubs in Telluride for CMSC Chicago Week. Our group consisted of **Keith and I (Dawn), Jeanne, Charlotte, Teri and Mark K, Judy and Bob, Henry, Stash, Paul P, Tall Paul, Kathy and Bruce, Maureen, Peggy, Sharon and Martin,** Joe K, the President of CMSC – Keith F, the CMSC photographer – Rick D, and the CMSC Trip Leaders - Sue and Glen. **Tom and Al** decided to join the trip after we had already closed out spots, so they signed up with other clubs. Our friend **Rick O** drove up from Arizona to ski with the group for a few days as well.

The theme for the week was Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. There were bowler hats and cowboy boots everywhere. Each club was also given bandanas to attach to ski poles. Each club had their own color. This really helped to find members of the group while skiing.

If you have ever been on a Chicago Week, you know that there are many activities planned during the week to keep you busy....besides skiing. Read on to learn more...

We checked into Bear Creek on Saturday afternoon. I think everyone

agreed that the condos were beautiful. This is probably one of the nicest lodging properties we have stayed at. It was rated as Ski Out, Gondola in. The ski out was only possible because the property boasted a Funicular. This was a 'baby' gondola-type contraption that could be used to transport about 4 skiers between the run and the property. Very few of us actually used it for various reasons. At times it was not functional, at others there was too long of a line. We did have a shuttle that would take us just down the road to a 'real' gondola, so that was the typical way we went out each morning.

On Saturday evening, Jeanne and I hosted the Sitzmark welcome party in our condo. Beer, wine, and assorted snacks were served. Afterwards, we took the Gondola to town to attend the CMSC Meet and Greet gathering. Unfortunately, the bar we were supposed to meet at was closed. That was OK. We made the best of it at another bar in town.

Sunday morning we woke up to slightly overcast skies and pretty cold



temperatures. That morning most of the club took part in the Mountain Tour. This tour took us on intermediate trails all around the mountain. It was a great way to get familiar with the mountain right away. We went to the Gorrano Ranch for lunch. The inside was packed, so we ordered our food and ate outside. Fortunately my mittens unzip around the fingers to reveal gloves that were just perfect for holding a fork and keeping my hands warm!

That evening CMSC held a welcome reception at the conference center. It was a bit crowded, but it was the first opportunity to see everyone who came on the trip. Sue even showed up with her little 'pony'.

Monday turned out to be a much sunnier and warmer day. A group of us were going to try the Funicular, but the line was really long. So Stash and Henry showed us a way to get to the slopes without taking the shuttle. It



was a bit of a walk along a slippery path, but we made it....and then Al G stepped in the wrong spot to put his skis on and sunk in up to his crotch. Pretty funny for those watching! Skiing that day was great. The conditions and views were fabulous. We lunched at Gorrano Ranch again, but it was the CMSC Mountain Lunch....so everyone was there. Good food and very fun. Afterwards, Rick, the CMSC photographer, took pictures of all the clubs and any individuals or couples that wanted them. Then we hit the slopes for the rest of the afternoon, topping it off with drinks at Hopps Garden for Apres Ski. Then, Jeanne and Paul along with a few others began their daily tradition of hot tubbing after skiing. That evening was the CMSC Pub Crawl in town. We did not make it to all the bars, but had a good time. I have a bunch of pictures of different people wearing Crazy Mary's earmuffs...not sure what that is all about!

Tuesday was another beautiful day. Everyone hit the slopes early. Several of us enjoyed a fabulous (and expensive) lunch at the top of the



mountain off the See Forever run at Alpino Vino. Beautiful views! Then we hustled down to the base to take part in a Scavenger Hunt. The hunt had questions based on each area of the mountain, so the teams split up to find the answers, then most of the teams met at Hopps Garden to consolidate. Maureen, Peggy, Martin, Sharon, Judy, and Bob came in 2nd. Jeanne, me, Keith, Charlotte, Paul, Teri and Mark came in 3rd. Not bad! Next, we all went back to change and then went back to town for Apres Ski at Smugglers Brewpub. We were served



lots of food and given some drink tickets. Keith won shots in a Shotski, so he, Stash, Bruce and I indulged in shots of Jaeger. Maureen and Peggy broke out their theme costumes for the event. Peggy was a cute little cowgirl with yellow braids, and Maureen had a cute little cowboy hat on too.

Wednesday was such a beautiful day we decided not to take the day off. That evening we had our club dinner in the Village. Everyone had a great meal. We tried going out afterwards, but every bar we tried to go to was closed. So, we headed back to the condos and had a little party in Joe's room. Teri rode Sue's little pony and Sharon modeled a longhorn mask for the group.

Thursday was race day. Several in the group raced, but we only won a few medals. Medals went to Bob – silver, Judy – silver, Stash – bronze, Teri – bronze, and Sue – bronze. Those who raced and did not win a medal are: Henry, Bruce, Paul P, Paul E (Tall Paul), Glenn, Sharon, and Joe. Apres ski was held at Goronno Ranch. Many of us stayed there for a while and then moved the party down to Hopps.

On Friday some people skied, others shopped, and Keith, Tom, Paul, and I went snowmobiling. It was a snowy, overcast day. We actually had a white-out at the top of the mountain. That night was the 'Break out of Jail' Farewell Party. This included dinner, wine, drinks, music and fun. We also viewed the slide show of all the pictures Rich took during the week.

A few noteworthy points:

On Monday after having a great day of skiing, Kathy went flying down a run and ended up in some large bumps. She had a pretty good fall and injured her knee. She was unable to ski for the rest of the week. She did, however, work out each morning with her brace on. She visited a doctor upon returning home to Madison and did not need surgery. Whew!

Jeanne also injured her knee on the trip to the extent that she didn't ski the last two days. Instead, she and Kathy hung out at the Village bars and visited the Gay Ski Week tent (did I forget to mention it was also Gay Ski Week?).



Charlotte was a great roommate! Upon returning home each day she offered martinis and had snacks set out on the counter for us.

Al, Martin, and Sharon got stuck in the funicular one afternoon. They got 3/4 way up to the top at the end of the day when it stopped and basically slid back down to the bottom. I believe they all got out and skied down to the Gondola.

Judy and Bob drove from their new house in Summit County. Because of this, they got to go home with all the leftover beer, wine, and snacks. They really made out!

Great trip everyone!



CMSC ANNUAL GOLF OUTING SEPTEMBER 23, 24 & 25, 2011

Devil's Head RESORT Merrimac, WISCONSIN

36 Holes of UNLIMITED Golf Saturday & Sunday
(cart included)

2 Nights Lodging (Fri & Sat)

2 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts

Order off the menu meals

Prime rib, Lobster etc. need additional \$10.00

\$255.00 per person

(Based on double occupancy)

Sign up before July 10 and save \$20.00 **only \$235.00**

Sign up early only 40 spots

Contact Denise with questions

Friday 18 holes will cost additional \$35

Unlimited Friday Golf \$45

Devils Head is going thru renovations.

We will be staying in the renovated area.

Contact: Denise Genge

Make all checks payable to CMSC

7623 Sussex Creek Dr. #410

Specify golf partners or roommate

Darien, IL 60561

Include E-Mail address with payment

gengede@sbcglobal.net



CMSC is going to Italy in 2012

January 21-29, 2012

Madonna di Campiglio is in the Dolomiti mountains in Italy, see www.campiglio.com for area info.

We'll be staying at the 4* Hotel St. Raphael, www.hotelstraphael.com, walking distance to 3 lifts.

Possible non-ski day trips to:

- Verona, dating back to 550BC, with it's Roman ruins and was the setting for Romeo and Juliet
- Trento
- Innsbruck (2hrs)
- and the local towns of S. Antonio di Mavignola and Pinzolo.

Price and additional information will be available soon. If interested contact Randy Baustert: 847.622.3968 or skiwithrandy@aol.com

White Sox Outing



Join CMSC for their Chicago White Sox Outing on June 11, 2011. Chicago White Sox vs. Oakland As. Tailgate at 4pm, game at 6pm with fireworks after the game. Upper deck box seats, with food and soft drinks at the Tailgate party, all for only \$22.00. Contact Mike Thomas at mike-mike1@att.net or 630-640-5989.

2011 Cubs vs. Brewers Event

Saturday, August 27 • Miller Park 6:10pm Game-Time

There are 3 available tickets. More can possibly be purchased – talk with Jeanne about availability and details. Current

Attendees: Gina DeJoseph (2), Max and Bruce, Dawn and Keith, Jeanne, Lori, Paul and Carol, Richard, Winnie and friends (5), Bryan and Sarah (from Jeanne's office). I was sold out, but now I have **two tickets available**. Ticket price is \$55. Contact Jeanne Leone: 847.287.4899 or jeanne.leone@trustmarkins.com



2011 Calendar of Events

Jeanne Leone, VP

Details will follow in weekly updates and the *Cold Tales* newsletters. As you can see, we have lots of fun things to do throughout the year! So mark your calendars and watch for even more events to fill-in the very few gaps!

June 1st	Meeting
June 5th	Mai Fest in Lincoln Square – Noon at the Mai Pole. Karen and Cindy. Info: http://www.mayfestchicago.com/
June 10th	Bar Hop – locale Cellar Gate in Highwood
June 16th	Ravinia – Robert Plant
June 17th	Ravinia – GoGos / B52s
June 18th	Ravinia – Deep Purple
June 19th	Ravinia – Dave Bruebeck
June 30th	Ravinia - Maroon 5 (heard on radio sold out)
July 1st	Ravinia – Marron 5
July 2nd	Fireworks on the Chain
July 5th	Ravinia – Peter Frampton
July 6th	Meeting
July 9th	Annual Pig Roast - host Sedlacko's
July 15th	Bar Hop, locale tbd
July 16th	Boat on Chain
July 22nd - 24th	Tubing Trip
August 3rd	Meeting
August 5th-7th	Bike / Camp Trip
August 10th	Ravinia – Los Lonely / Los Lobos
August 13th	August Birthday Soiree at Ravinia – Steely Dan
August 20th	Beach Party at Carol's
August 27th	Cub / Brewer game in Milwaukee – 2 Tickets Available
September 1st	Ravinia – Lynrd Skynrd
September 2nd	Ravinia – Doobie Brothers
September 7th	Meeting
September 10th	Annual Golf Outing
September 21	Meeting
September 23rd	Bar Hop, locale tbd
October 5th	Meeting – Newcomers Night
October 7th – 9th	Bike / Hotel, New Glarus
October 14th	Bar Hop, locale – Jim Jake's in Kenosha Annual Open House
October 15th	Hike Day at Mathiason (not sure of spelling)
October 19th	Meeting
October 19th	Halloween mini bonfire
November 2nd	Meeting
November 11	Bar Hop, locale tbd
November 16th	Meeting
December 7th	Meeting
December 10th	Holiday Party – host Sedlacko's
December 21st	Meeting

June 10: BAR HOP!

Don't miss this month's Bar Hop on Friday, June 10! Cellar Gate in Highwood. If weather permits, we will attempt to be outside. This is a nice quaint tapas and drinks sort of place. Time: 6-ish.



Tubing 2011!

July 22-24

Location: Wolf River Campground
New London, WI

Cost: \$21 Members
\$26 Non-members
\$4 Kids (Age 20 & Younger)

Includes: 2 Nights Camping
Group Fire, More Fun & Laughter Than a Night at the Opera

Sign-ups in Progress

See Karen or Call: 847.362.0796

Mai Fest Outing

The date for gathering at the Mai Pole in Lincoln Square for Mai Fest has been changed from Saturday June 4 to Sunday June 5. We will meet between Noon-12:45 Sunday at the Mai Pole. Contacts: Karen and Cindy. Info: <http://www.mayfestchicago.com/>

Sitzmark Board

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Sitzmark Ski Club Meetings

Join us for socializing and event information!

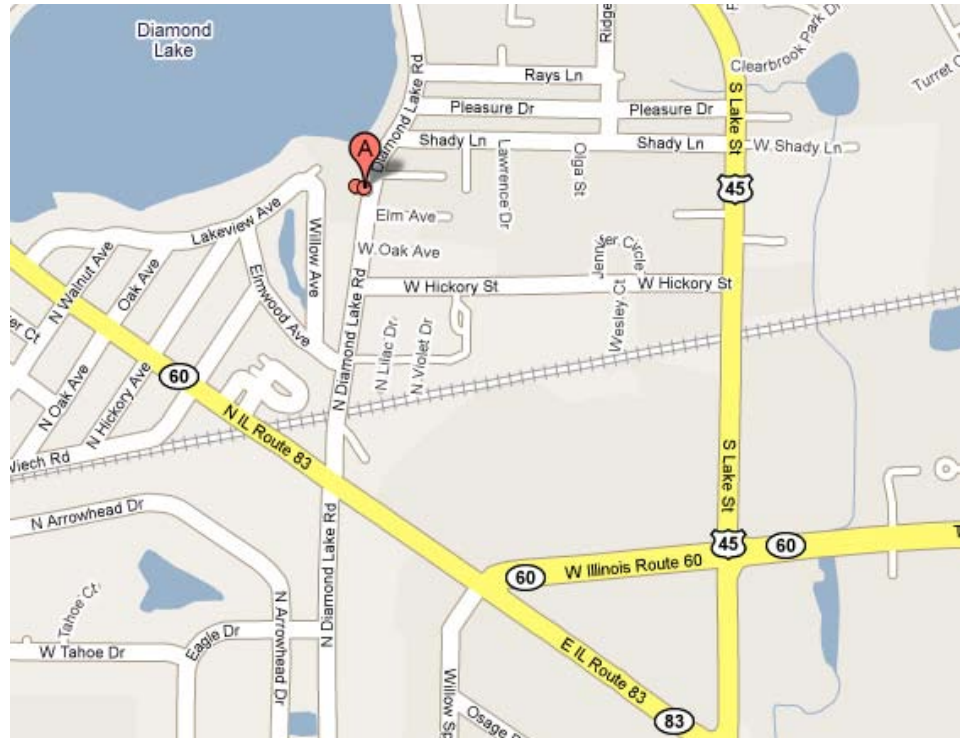
Where: El Barrio
1122 Diamond Lake Rd
Mundelein, IL 60060

Day: 1st Wednesday of each month June-August

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Web Site: www.sitzmarkskiclub.com

Contact: Jeanne Leone, VP
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