

Foxtales

March, 2017



Monthly Meetings are held the first & third Wednesday of the month at THE BAR on Lyndale in Appleton.

Upstairs - Social 7 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

Next Meetings:

March 1st

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March 15th

Check out our web site:

www.slyfoxskiclub.org

PLEASE JOIN US

Sly Fox Ski Club was incorporated in 1967. We are planning our 50th Anniversary Party for late summer or early fall, the date to be determined. We would like to welcome early members of our club. Nancy Smith will be organizing the celebration. Want to help and join the committee?

Contact Nancy Smith:

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or 920-960-0534

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President's Column *Fontaine of Knowledge*

The lion's share of the ski season is complete and it is only the end of February. Our Winter Park trip is our last trip of the season and with 44 going, it is buttoned up. Of course, Gelandesprung has a week at Steamboat coming up on March 4, and their Lutsen Trip on March 17 to 19 still has openings.

On February 1, we returned from Madonna di Campiglio and Amsterdam. See the article on page 5, 6 & 7 in this newsletter for my detailed report on Madonna. Amsterdam will have to wait until April.

We also completed our Big Snow II trip on February 12. The report for that trip is included in this newsletter as well on page 2.

So now it is time to plan our season ending banquet! It will be held on Friday, April 21 at High Cliff Golf and Supper Club. The cost will be \$15 for members and their guests. See the flyer and sign-up sheet in this newsletter.

Finally, planning for next season has to get under way. The Sly Fox Ski Club is finishing up their 50th season this year. Technically our 50th birthday is in December 2017. Nancy Smith has starting planning our birthday party for this Fall. She will need help on her committee, so step up and get involved with the celebration.

As part of the transition, we began the formal nomination process at our February 15 meeting. Nancy Smith was nominated for Secretary, Julie Buechner for Treasurer, Gary Herwig for Vice President, and Bruce Kettner for President. We will have another round of nominations at the March 1 meeting. The election of officers will take place on March 15 at our last regular meeting of the season and also the Winter Park pre-trip meeting.

Tips Up,

Sam Fontaine



Meet up @ Happy Hour
Start the weekend with the Sly Foxes
FUN BEGINS at 5:30

This is not an official club function but rather just an informal gathering of members for Happy Hour at different locations throughout the month.

- **March 3 - Osorio's Latin Fusion**
1910 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton
920-955-3766
- **March 10 - Beefeaters British Grille & Pub**
2331 E. Evergreen Drive, Appleton
920-730-8300
- **March 17 - McGinness Irish Pub**
201 S. Walnut Street, Appleton
920-830-7616
- **March 24 - Solea Mexican Gril - Appleton**
1104 Mutual Way, Appleton
920-831-9590
- **March 31 - Buffalo Wild Wings (West)**
4601 W. College Avenue, Appleton
920-830-4169
- **April 7 - Stone Yard (Greenville)**
N1739 Lily of the Valley Drive, Greenville
920-750-6960

Do You have a Happy Hour location that you would like to see the Sly Foxes meet at? Please e-mail: newsletter@slyfoxskiclub.org

Birthdays

March

- 1 - Vicki Martinek
- 1 - Deb Matz
- 3 - Timothy Reich
- 6 - Angela Nasset
- 8 - John Heiberger
- 9 - Mark Delveaux
- 9 - Harley Priebe
- 13 - Kathy Sager
- 15 - Michael Weber
- 18 - Kyle Balda
- 25 - Jay Curtiss
- 28 - Lisa Belau
- 28 - Gerald Kimiecik
- 31 - Sandy McMonagle

April

- 1 - Joni Conrad
- 3 - Carol Johnson
- 4 - Jamie LeCloux
- 4 - Mark Nelsen
- 4 - Terry Rentmeester
- 6 - Bonita Jordan
- 14 - Kathy Thielke
- 22 - David Johnson
- 24 - Pete Thielen
- 28 - Jane Tennant

Big Snow II Wrap-Up

We loaded the bus in Green Bay & picked up in Appleton. We had a total of 31 on the trip. Those on the bus enjoyed specialty subs of herb roasted chicken, roasted salmon salad, Italian ham subs & pesto pasta salad on our way up to Indianhead Resort. We finished off the trip with cool beverages & cookies. The week prior to our trip blessed us with fresh snow, about 13 inches so skiing between Indianhead & Blackjack was great. German fest was the theme of the weekend with Blackjack having many contests Saturday with the same theme. A BIG kudos to our fraulein Nancy Smith getting into the German theme winning the contest sporting her dirndl. On Sunday, we skied at Big Powderhorn & it was great to be back there. The morning was a little windy and the snow in some areas was a little crunchy. Keeping with the German theme, we enjoyed a big lunch of German potato salad, sauerkraut, roast pork sandwiches & Gluhwein, hot spiced wine at the Wine Hut. By the time we finished lunch, the sun came out & warmed up the snow and really improved skiing conditions. Our host, Bruce, at Powderhorn, was very gracious and bid us a farewell hoping he will see us again next year. I can't forget to mention our Lunar award presented to Mary Kay Kettner for trying to take a childs ski poles home while mom searched our loading area. She was presented with her very own "Braunschweiger" sausage that may have ended up to be Bruces lunch the following week. As the trip leader, I want to thank everyone for joining in the fun. I had a great time too.

Debbie Bramschreiber, Trip Leader





2016 - 2017 SLY FOX TRIP LIST



BIG SNOW - Indianhead & Blackjack
JANUARY 6 - 8, 2017
COST \$275 Trip opens for sign up Oct. 5, 2016
 Initial Deposit: \$100



Includes Lamers motor coach, subs & beverages on the bus up to Wakefield, 2 nights lodging Indianhead Lodge, 2 breakfasts, dinner included Sat. night, 2 lift passes, Sat. & Sun. Indianhead & Blackjack Mts. A shuttle is available between Indianhead & Blackjack. Bus departure at 5:30PM Green Bay (East Town Mall), ALSO 6:00PM The Bar on Lynndale, Appleton. Return trip, beverages with food stop in Minocqua (on your own) with arrival approx. 10:30PM Sunday. Sign up & complete info to follow in Newsletter & Website. **Trip leader: TBA, interested in being a trip leader contact: Sam Fontaine, president@slyfoxskiclub.org**



MADONNA di COMPIGLIO, ITALY & AMSTERDAM
JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 1, 2017
Cost - \$2720 Trip is open for sign up - Initial deposit \$500.
 \$50 non-refundable for any reason

Includes Lamers motor coach transfer from Green Bay & Appleton to/from Chicago O'Hare Airport. Flight on KLM to Venice, arriving Jan. 22 & Motor Coach transfer to Madonna di Campiglio, Italy. 7 nights lodging at 3-Star Hotel San Raphael, including daily breakfast & dinner nightly. 6 day lift pass for all areas, Madonna di Campiglio, Pinzolo, Adamello. Motor Coach transfer to Venice Airport & KLM flight to Amsterdam, Sun. Jan. 29. Motor Coach transfer to central Amsterdam with 3 nights lodging at the 4-Star Hotel NH Barbison Palace, including daily breakfast. Motor Coach transfer to Amsterdam Airport & KLM flight to Chicago, Wed. Chicago, Wed. Feb 1. See Newsletter & Website for sign up form. **Trip Leader: Sam Fontaine, president@slyfoxskiclub.org**

BIG SNOW II, Indianhead/Blackjack & Powderhorn
FEBRUARY 10 - 12, 2017
COST - \$285 Trip opens for sign up Oct. 5, 2016
 Initial deposit \$100

Round trip Lamers coach to Wakefield, MI. with subs, snacks & beverages. 2 night lodging Indianhead Lodge (with hot tub & pool), 2 breakfasts with dinner Sat. night. 2 lift passes: Sat., Indianhead/Blackjack & Sun. Powderhorn. Shuttle is available between Indianhead & Blackjack. Bus departure at 5:30PM Green Bay (East Town Mall), ALSO 6:00PM at The Bar on Lynndale, Appleton. Return trip, food stop in Minocqua (on your own) with arrival approx. 10:30PM Sunday. **Trip Leader: TBA, interested in being a trip leader, contact Sam Fontaine, president@slyfoxskiclub.org**



WINTER PARK COLORADO
APRIL 1 - 5, 2017
Cost - \$760 Trip opens for sign up Oct. 5, 2016
 40 Spots Available Initial deposit \$360

Round trip Lamers coach to Milwaukee with round trip air via United to Denver. Also included: All motor coach transfers to/from Milwaukee and Denver to/from Winter Park, loading in Appleton & Green Bay (East Town Mall). Four nights lodging at Beaver Village Condos. Two bedroom condos, full kitchens, laundry, hot tub & pool on premises located 4 blocks from main lift. 3 day lift pass for Winter Park. Great transportation system to the mountain with the "gondola on wheels", busing at your condo to the Mountain runs every 30 min. and busy times every 15 min.. Farewell dinner with departure instructions. See Website/Newsletter for complete details. **Trip leader: Sam Fontaine, president@slyfoxskiclub.org**

TRIP IS FULL



GELANDESPRUNG SKI CLUB 2016-2017 Trip List

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September 30th is the first day to sign up for all Mid-west trips.



Marquette Mountain Day Trip

Saturday, December 31, 2016

Trip Leader: Frank Wickham
920-217-1643

Trip cost: \$90/pp
Asst. Trip Leader: (to follow)

The trip includes:

- Transportation in a deluxe motor coach
- Snacks & beverages on the bus
- Lunch on the hill provided by Marquette at the Boarder Shack
- 1-day lift ticket

THEME: TBD

Board the bus at The Bar (Appleton) at 4:30am, leave at 5am. Board the bus at East Town Mall (Green Bay) at 5:30am, leave for Marquette at 6am

Final payment due
by Dec. 16, 2016



Granite Peak Day Trip

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Trip Leader: Adam Hanson
920-370-2391

Trip cost: \$90/pp
Asst. Trip Leader: (to follow)

The trip includes:

- Transportation in a deluxe motor coach
- Snacks & beverages on the bus
- 1-day lift ticket

THEME: TBD

Board the bus at The Bar (Appleton) at 6am, leave at 6:30am. Board the bus at East Town Mall (Green Bay) at 7am, leave for Granite Peak at 7:30am.

Final payment due
by Jan. 13, 2017



Mont Ripley/Porkies

Fri. Feb. 17 - Sun. Feb. 19, 2017

Trip Leader: Gary Delveaux
920-412-3954

Trip cost: \$250/pp
Asst. Trip Leader: Heidi Janowski
920-609-2031



The trip includes:

- Transportation in a deluxe motor coach
- Snacks & beverages on the bus
- 2 nights lodging at Super 8 in Houghton
- Continental breakfasts both days
- 1-day lift ticket at Mr. Ripley / 1-day lift ticket at Porkies
- Pool

THEME: TBD

Board the bus at The Bar (Appleton) at 4:30pm, leave at 5pm. Board the bus at East Town Mall (Green Bay) at 5:30pm, leave for Houghton at 6pm

Final payment due
by Feb. 3, 2017



Lutsen Mountain & Spirit Mountain

Fri. March 17 - Sun. March 19, 2017

Trip Leader: Gary Wisneski
920-309-0909

Trip cost: \$338/pp
Asst. Trip Leader: (to follow)

The trip includes:

- Transportation in a deluxe motor coach
- Snacks & beverages on the bus
- 2-nights lodging at Shoreline Inn, Grand Marais
- Continental breakfast
- 1-day lift ticket at Lutsen / 1-day lift ticket at Spirit Mountain
- No Pool

THEME: TBD

Board the bus at The Bar (Appleton) at 4:30pm, leave at 5pm. Board the bus at East Town Mall (Green Bay) at 5:30pm, leave for Grand Marais at 6pm

Final payment due
by March 3, 2017





The Madonna trip is complete, and a great time was had by all. There were 45 in all along for the trip. We were a little worried on the drive up the mountains as there did not appear to be much snow, but we turned a corner and there was a ski run, a giant white stripe on a brown mountain side with skiers taking their last run. Yes, it has been a bust as far as natural snow in the Dolomites this January. But thanks to a terrific snow making system at the resort, 95% was covered.

We arrived at our hotel in time to check in, pick up our lift passes, do our welcome party with a chat from the tourist board, then in to dinner. The Hotel St Raphael puts on a wonderful 5-course dinner every night. Appetizer bar, then salad bar, then the Primi Piatti, a choice of several types of pasta. Then the Secondi, choices of meat dishes like veal, pork, steak, chicken or seafood. Finally dessert: cake, pie, ice cream, tiramisu, crème brule.

With dinner complete, time for the main event, Packers vs Falcons for the NFC championship. After some channel-surfing, we found the game. Then it all went down hill. Having been up for 22 straight hours, by the end of the half, most of us called it a night and retired.

Monday morning gave no happy news of a miracle comeback. So to breakfast, another huge spread. Scrambled eggs perfectly done, cheese, cereal, cold cuts, 3 types of bread, rolls, fruit tarts, juices, what am I forgetting?

Next, ski rental. The hotel arranged a van to come pick us up and shuttle us to the ski shop then back to the hotel, where we could store our equipment in the ski room where we could store skis in a rack and boots in a heated rack. The whole process took about 15 minutes. We then booted up and walked across a small bridge and about 100 yards to the Pradalago gondola.

The resort itself consists of four separate interconnected mountains, Pradalago, Cinque Laghi (5 Lakes), Spinale, and Groste. There are also ski runs and lifts connecting to Maraleva and Folgarida to the north, and a 2-mile gondola to Pinzolo to the south. All runs were covered by snow-making and well groomed in the morning. First day spent exploring these connections.

Every day of the week was the same, clear blue skies, no wind, and temperatures in the mid 20's. The top of Groste sits in a gap between towering dolomite pinnacles, with a view to the valley on the far side and the distant main dolomite mountains. Towards town were two wide open groomed runs down to a hi-speed quad for a ride back up or the gondola mid-station.

Tuesday, more skiing, but about 20 non-skiers and skiers taking a break took a day trip to the beautiful city of Verona. That's where Romeo and Juliet got it on, as well as an ancient Roman arena that is still in use for outdoor music concerts and operas.

Wednesday we had a group luncheon at Rifugio Stoppani at the top of the Groste gondola. At 1 pm we gathered in the upstairs dining room with panoramic views of the mountains. They started with plates of local sausage and speck for an appetizer, then they started bringing out the main course. The food just kept on coming, sauerkraut, sausage, venison tips, polenta, fried local cheese, mushrooms. With that it was time to ski home (or ride the gondola for the non-skiers) and head to dinner.

Thursday, another day trip for many to the South Tyrolean city of Bolzano (Bozen). Unfortunately, the museum housing the iceman, Oetzi, a 5000 year old mummy found in the high mountains 25 years ago, was closed for renovations. But the mix of Italian and Austrian cultures was worth the trip.

Friday, 13 of us chartered a van to take a 1 hour to Paso Tonale to ski the pass and the Presena Glacier. Exactly 100 years earlier, this was the front line of the "White War" of WW I. There was even a small museum in one of the bunkers carved out of the solid rock next to the first gondola station. This gave us the opportunity to ski a steep glacier on natural snow and breathtaking views of the surrounding glaciers.

Saturday was the last day to ski. On returning to the hotel, we only had to leave our equipment in the ski rack in the ski room. The shop picked it up on their own. The hotel put on an outdoor Gluhwein reception in front of the hotel. We took the occasion for a group photo, thanks to Nancy Whitfield. Next, our Farewell Party, with departure information and then, LUNAR NOMINATIONS!

Winner, Diane Lovegren for taking Tim Reich's skis for the day, even though they were a different color and all skis had a sticker with the renter's name on it. Side note: Six years ago in Soelden, Tim's brother Todd took Diane's skis and even took them to a shop to have the bindings readjusted to fit his boots. Runner Up: Mike Komoroske also took Jim McMonagle's skis after lunch. Jim skied up to him and asked how he liked the skis. "There great! Suddenly I'm turning a lot better. You should try them." Jim: "I have. I'm been skiing them all morning." Side note, Komo accidentally hit his camera shutter taking a beautiful picture of his ski tips with Jim's name clearly visible. Talk about photographic evidence. Group Entry: About 9 people who downloaded after Wednesday's lunch hopped on what they thought was the bus back to the hotel, but instead of boarding the No 2 Bus, they got on the No 3 bus and ended up in Pinzolo, 10 miles away. After waiting for the return trip, they were just back where they started, although Susan Gaastra was able to retrieve a set of gloves she dropped getting on the bus the first time around and were still there when they got back an hour later. They then talked the driver into taking them directly to the St Raphael.

So, the next morning after an early breakfast, it was off to Venice Airport for our flight to Amsterdam. A very special thank-you to Deb Bramschreiber, unofficial Assistant, and to all the helpers along the way, unloading bus luggage and shooting the gap in various situations. It was a great group to travel and ski with.



Group in front of the Hotel St. Raphael

Photo by Nancet Whitfield

Wrap-up Article Submitted by:

Sam Fontaine



Spring Banquet

Friday, April 21st 2017

High Cliff Restaurant

205095 Golf Course Road, Sherwood

Cocktails: 6pm (Cash Bar)

Dinner: 7pm

Members & Friends, Enjoy Good Food and Fun!

Family Style Dinner:

BROASTED CHICKEN, TENDERLOIN TIPS, & HADDOCK

Cost: \$15.00 per person

(Final count is due on April 11th)

Please call Julie Buechner @ 920-722-8950 if after April 11th.

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Contact Sam Fontaine, samfont@athenet.net