

# Foxtales

April, 2017



There are no more meetings in April  
**Spring Banquet**  
**Friday, April 21**

See sign-up on Page 5  
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Check out our web site:  
[www.slyfoxskiclub.org](http://www.slyfoxskiclub.org)

**PLEASE JOIN US**

*Happy Easter!*



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## President's Column

*Fontaine of Knowledge*

We have a new President! Bruce Kettner will be leading the Sly Fox Ski Club for the 2017-2018 season, our 51st. Gary Herwig will be his Vice President. Nancy Smith will continue to be Secretary and Julie Buechner continues as Treasurer.

As this newsletter gets released, we will be in Winter Park, Colorado on our last trip of the season.

The end of the season banquet 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 on page 5 in this newsletter.

Summer events are coming up. The first one will be our Wisconsin Timber Rattlers game on Friday, June 23. Cost will be \$22 and includes game tickets and a Brat & Burger buffet inside the stadium before the game. Stay tuned, the ad will be in the May newsletter.

If anyone has any ideas for a Summer Event, please bring it to our attention. We will probably have a golf outing in July. We are in the planning stages now.

The Sly Fox Ski Club is finishing up their 50th season this year. We are planning a picnic at Plamann Park for Saturday, September 23. This is still in planning stages, but will include a cook-out, presentations of upcoming ski trips, and we hope a reunion of past members, especially past presidents. Stay tuned for details.

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.

- **April 7 - Stone Yard (Greenville)**  
N1739 Lily of the Valley Drive, Greenville  
920-750-6960
- **April 14 - Fratellos Waterfront Restaurant**  
501 W. Water Street, Appleton  
920-993-9087
- **April 21 - Spring Banquet-High Cliff Restaurant**  
W5095 Golf Course Road, Sherwood  
920-989-1050
- **April 28 - The Appleton St. Sports Bar & Grill**  
124 N. Appleton Street, Appleton  
920-731-8885
- **May 5 - Ground Round Bar & Grill**  
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah  
920-725-1010

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

**PLEASE JOIN US**

## Birthdays

### 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

### May

- 8 - Jim Berven
- 11 - Pat Ulman
- 15 - Joy Berg
- 19 - Jennifer Schreiter-Pethan
- 22 - Jill Kriese
- 25 - Deb Bramschreiber
- 29 - Lisa Breu

## 50th Anniversary Party



The Sly Fox Ski Club was incorporated in 1967. In light of this milestone, 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 to join us in this celebration. Nancy Smith will be organizing the event. Want to help and join the committee?

**Contact Nancy Smith:**  
[secretary@slyfoxskiclub.org](mailto:secretary@slyfoxskiclub.org) or [nsmithtti@yahoo.com](mailto:nsmithtti@yahoo.com)  
or 920-960-0534

# Amsterdam Wrap-up

by Sam Fontaine



AMSTERDAM AT NIGHT



AMSTERDAM WATERWAY

*Photos by  
Jim McMonagle*

Leaving Madonna di Campiglio very early on a Sunday morning, we had early breakfast at 6 am as our bus skillfully backed up to the front door down a narrow ally. We loaded up and were on our way by 6:30. About 30 minutes later we came upon a serious accident with police and rescue vehicle's lights flashing everywhere. The police directed us to a short detour through the village, but as luck would have it, we met a milk truck coming the other way and we stood still for about 10 minutes before the police could sort out who had to back up. The milk truck lost and we were on our way.

Oops, spoke too soon. After exiting the toll booth to get on the airport access road, a collection of police cars were gathered and signaling every tour bus to pull over for inspection. The cop came over and our driver dug out and handed him a stack of paperwork, including a paper recording of exactly what his speed was since we left Madonna. After 5 minutes or so of talking on his radio, the cop came back and the driver gave him another stack of paperwork. More chatting on the radio, and finally the cop came back and gave the driver back all his paperwork and said he could proceed. It was only about 10 minutes, but not knowing what was going on, we were wondering if we might have to unload the bus and walk the last two miles to the airport. Our driver remained calm the whole time, but as we left we could tell, he was not happy about it. So we said our farewells to 3 of our group who headed back to the States and we boarded the flight and were on our way to Amsterdam.

Amsterdam is a city of canals, just like Venice, where we flew from. It took Venice's place as the richest trading city in the world after new sailing routes west to spices of the orient were discovered. So, like Venice, the canals are surrounded by magnificent palaces that were both homes and warehouses. Our hotel, the Barbizon Palace was a collection of older canal houses, but totally renovated inside and completely modern. It's location, right across a canal for the central train station and tram hub, could not have been better.

Everybody got a 3-day Amsterdam travel card so we could all get around on the very convenient tram system. From the central station, the tram lines fan out over the city so we could get where we wanted fairly quickly and saving our skied-out legs.



←THE BIKES OF  
AMSTERDAM

*Photo by  
Veronica Williquette*

Amsterdam is a city of bicycles. They are everywhere and the locals all use them to get around. We quickly learned to keep an eye out for them, and lord help you if you try to walk in a bike lane. You hear the bell behind you go ding-a-ling-a-ling, and it means get out of my way. Now! They even had a 3-story bike parking ramp by the train station.

What did we see in Amsterdam? Art. Starting with the huge Rijksmuseum, full of the Dutch Masters like the awesome “Night Watch” by Rembrandt. Elsewhere in town at the Rembrandtplein they had bronze statues of the characters in “Night Watch” gathered beneath Rembrandt’s statue in the center of the square. Then there was the Van Gogh Museum with over a hundred works of his, including Starry Night, and his self-portrait with his bandaged ear. We also took a train to nearby Haarlem to visit the Franz Hals Museum for a collection of his works.

A sobering reminder of the past was the Anne Frank House, where Anne Frank hid out from the Nazis for 3 years before they were finally caught and sent to concentration camps from which they never returned. In the center of Dam Square is a giant memorial to the Dutch resistance fighters who died fighting the Nazi’s.

OK, enough of that serious stuff. We all know about Amsterdam’s naughty reputation. They have, throughout the city, places called coffee shops, where coffee is not the main attraction. Discretion prevents me from reporting if anyone visited these establishments, and lets just leave it at that.

The other thing Amsterdam is famous for is the window girls. Some time ago, the city resident got tired of hookers walking the streets, so an agreement was made that they could still ply their trade, but get it off the streets. They knew that it was going to be futile to just pass a law against it. The deal: get it off the street, but they could still advertise their trade by standing in storefront windows, scantily clad in bikinis and negligees in the “Red Light District”. This area, not too far from the back of our hotel made for some interesting walks in the evening. Sitting in the “Old Sailor” bar over a pint of Amstel and watching all the tourists gaping at the window girls.

Wednesday morning it was time to pack up and head for home. Our bus pulled up to the hotel, we boarded, went to the airport, got on the plane and in 9 hours we were in Chicago. Our Lamers bus was there to gather us up and we were home lickety split.



# 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.

Send to:

Sly Fox Ski Club

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# **SAVE THE DATE**

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SIGN-UP COMING IN MAY NEWSLETTER

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If you are a member of the Sly Fox Ski Club, you can have your item(s) that you wish to sell or buy, placed in the newsletter at no cost. It can be anything you want to sell; not just ski or snow boarding equipment, or if you are looking for anything to purchase. To place your ad, simply e-mail the description & contact information to:

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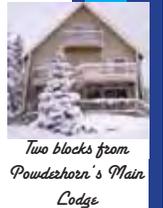
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We are looking for volunteers for the following positions: **Social Chair and Marketing**. It is a great way to get to know your fellow ski members & be in the loop for planning upcoming trips and activities.

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