

Foxtales

April, 2015



Monthly Meetings are held the first & third Wednesday of the month at **THE BAR** on Lynndale in Appleton. **Upstairs** - Social 7 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

- Only One Meeting in April, on the 1st
- The Spring Banquet is April 17th.

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www.slyfoxskiclub.org

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President's Column *Fontaine of Knowledge*

By the time you read this, we will have returned from Banff on March 23 and the ski season will be finished, at least as far as club trips go.

Our Season Ending banquet will be at the Mariner Supper Club in Kaukauna on April 17. See the sign-up form on page 3 in this newsletter. The March 4 meeting began the start of nomination for officers for the 2015-2016 season. Yours truly was nominated for President, but other positions are still looking for nominations for other spots. Our Treasurer and Vice President were sunning themselves in Florida, so we held off re-nominating them. We will see what goes on at the March 18 meeting.

The annual CMSC Trip Seminar is coming up on May 16. I spoke of this last month. The April 1 meeting will be the last chance to sign up for this. There will be Ski Club Leadership Educational Sessions from 8 am to 10 am. The Trip Seminar is held at the Sheraton Gateway Suites by O'Hare Airport from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. Registration is by advance notification only and the registration fee is \$20. That includes the Seminar with a chance to visit with the major ski destination reps, tour operators, and others. A lunch is included and a beer party afterward with a chance to win valuable prizes! As in the past, if you wish to go, you need to pay the \$20 registration fee to the Sly Fox Ski Club. If you attend, we will refund the registration fees afterward. No other travel expenses are covered, but we'll get together for car pooling or lodging if you want to stay in town.

Summer events are also on the horizon. We have already booked a Brewer game for August 15. It will include bus, tailgate party, game tickets in the Loge Outfield Box, and finally, a post game concert featuring the Goo Goo Dolls. The cost will be \$50. Look for the ad in the May issue of Foxtails.

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 3 - Route 15 Sports Bar**
4W6278 Greenville Drive, Greenville
920-757-9810
- **April 10 - Solea**
1104 Mutual Way, Appleton
920-831-9590
- **April 17 - The Mariner (Spring Banquet)**
1100 Hyland Avenue, Kauakuna
920-766-0899
- **April 24 - Fratellos Waterfront Restaurant**
501 W. Water Street, Appleton
920-993-9087
- **May 1 - Cleos & Cheyenne's**
203 W. College Avenue, Appleton
& 124 N. Appleton Street, Appleton
920-739-2288 & 920-731-8885

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

April

- 6 - Lauren Gilchrest
- 6 - Bonita Jordan
- 7 - Mark Nelsen
- 12 - Mary Weihing
- 14 - Kathy Thielke
- 21 - Bruce Morse

May

- 1 - Mary DeKeyser
- 5 - Daniel Tregembo
- 6 - Darlene Kramer
- 8 - Jim Bevven
- 12 - Lucia A. Moburg
- 15 - Joy Berg
- 19 - Jennifer Schreiter-Pethan
- 22 - Ellen Olmsted
- 25 - Deb Bramschreiber
- 29 - Lisa Breu

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CONTACT: SAM FONTAINE @ samfont@athenet.net



Spring Banquet

Friday, April 17th, 2015

The Mariner

1100 Hyland Avenue, Kaukauna

Cocktails: 6pm (Cash Bar)

Dinner: 7pm

Free Beer & Soda Following Dinner

Family Style Dinner | Fabulous Chicken & Haddock

Induction of Officers, Raffles & Lots of Fun!

Cost: \$20.00 per person

(Final count is due on April 10th)

Please call Julie Buechner @ 920-722-8950 if after April 10th.

SPECIAL RAFFLE

TWO NIGHT LUXURY LODGING

KANDAHAR LODGE at the Whitefish Mountain Resort

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"CARNEVALE de VENEZIA 2015"

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Poster advertising the opening of Carnevale, poster acquired in Venice.

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Appleton, WI 54912-1613

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VENICE, ITALY WRAP-UP

VENICE, CARNEVALE GRAND OPENING & ACQUA ALTA

by Sam Fontaine

We arrived at Venice Airport early Saturday afternoon on the 31st. We all took a transfer to our hotel via water taxi. Despite the 1/3 mile walk to the ferry dock, it's a great way to enter Venice. Our Hotel, the Continental, was right on the Grand Canal just a couple of blocks from SL train station with its own taxi dock and outdoor restaurant terrace on the canal. After check in, we walked to the Carnevale Grand Opening a short walk away.

Saturday night was the Grand Opening of Carnevale and the event took place on the Canale di Cannaregio between the Ponte Tre Archi and the Ponte Guglie. The first show started at 6 PM. Huge crowds were on the bridges, but we found standing room along the canal. A pretty good sound system gave announcements in both Italian and English leading up to the start, as well as music during the show.

The show consisted of a series of "floats" on barges moving slowly up and down the canal with costumed performers. Many of the floats had large balloons attached, not quite Macy's Parade size, and a themed tableau taking place. My favorite was a female diver who repeatedly swan-dove into a giant clear cup of "coffee", generously splashing her costumed spotter as well as the canal-side audience. The water was obviously heated so that it steamed, as well as provided some warmth for the diver in the 40 deg F ambient air. She then climbed out, making sure the onlookers got a soaking and remounted her platform, displaying her physique and setting up for the next coffee dive..

One float had a girl wriggling around on a huge fish hook dangling from a fishing rod held by a "fish". Another had a satyr doing acrobatic somersaults in a mock drunken manner between big slugs from a "wine" jug. All in all, it was a very Cirque du Soleil experience. The following day was the boat parade at the same location. This time, it was all groups and organizations rowing every type of Venetian water craft. Each team wore theme costumes and it seemed that there must have been a competition for best costumes, themes, etc. The teams could also be seen on the Grand Canal rowing to their staging points and waving to the onlookers riding the vaporettos. Again, there was a wide assortment of costumes, many in elaborate Carnevale get-ups, others as Holstein cows (On Wisconsin!), and monks and priests with appendages that were borderline obscene. The Pink Lionesses were great. Their boat displayed the logo of the Mestre Ladies Lions Club.

There were a lot of people also wandering the streets of Venice in the full Carnevale regalia. At the end of the parade there was another surprise, free food! Food stands were set up on both sides of the canal and the crowds lined up to get a plastic plate of whatever was being served. We got a plate of bean and carrot stew, others got spaghetti carbonare. The food was apparently prepared and donated by local service organizations.

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When we checked into the hotel, we were handed a note with the following message: “Dear Sirs, Due to high tide we suggest you to have breakfast tomorrow 1st February at 6:50 am. Our Staff remain at your disposal for any further information.”

Hmmm. At 6:30 am, what sounded like a tornado warning siren went off outside the hotel. With no need for a wake-up call, we headed down to breakfast. A nice breakfast buffet which besides the usual items included scrambled eggs and bacon was provided. After chowing down, someone with a canal side table stood up and announced “Hey! There’s water all over the floor!”. Sure enough, high tide was indeed coming in, and now, the somewhat cryptic message became crystal clear. The staff immediately hustled in to start clearing tables, tucking the table clothes up, stacking the chairs on the tables, and encouraging the remaining guests to grab a to-go cup and get out of the way. Doors were removed from the lobby rest rooms and other precautions that nothing made of wood would contact the water. The elevator was set to go no lower than the 1st floor. Fortunately, the lobby, check in desk, and stairway were a few steps above the restaurant level and apparently safe.

Outside the hotel on the Lista di Spagna, the raised walkways were set up and the street vendors protected their stands and brought out their latest wares, plastic below-the-knee walking overshoes. 5 euro, get'em while they're hot. The water began bubbling up out of the street drains, slowly inundating the street in front of the hotel. The Lista di Spagna is a main walking route between the train station and right bank of the Grand Canal, by 9 am with the water near max the walkway was a solid line of bodies, many hauling roller boards to and from the station. Interesting situation when two people with over sized suitcases met going opposite directions on the meter wide walkway. Add in baby carriages, large dogs, and children and it was quite the show. Venetians with stylish rubber boots and tourists with the 5 euro specials nonchalantly splashed alongside the walkways, by-passing the traffic jam.

By 11 am, it was all over, the water was down, the walkways were disassembled, and the hotel staff was cleaning up the dining room, hosing down the floor, then mopping up with bleach water before putting everything back in its place. Just another day in the life of Venice. This happened the other 2 mornings in Venice, each time one hour later than the previous high tide.

We had a great time in Venice seeing all the sights, the Palazzo Ducale, Basilica San Marco, riding the vaporettos (city buses are boats here). A Bar tour with a local guide. We also got to stay up to 5 am to watch the Superbowl at a local bar. They were going to close until the owner saw how many Americans were there and how much beer they were drinking. A good time had by all. Another morning water taxi ride to the airport and then home without incident, if you don't count the snow storm that met us in Chicago.



TIMBER RATTTLERS TAILGATE & GAME



FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2015

**TAILGATE APPROXIMATELY 5:35 PM
(90 Minutes prior to the game)**

GAME TIME 7:05 PM (Reserved Seating)

POST-GAME FIREWORKS

**ADULTS - INCLUDING GAME TICKET: \$21
KIDS 10 YRS. & UNDER - INCLUDING GAME TICKET: \$17
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 12TH, 2015**

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FOOD SERVICE CONCLUDES AT GAME TIME.

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