

Foxtales

April, 2019



President's Column Bruce's Blurbs

Monthly Meetings are usually held the first & third Wednesday of the month at

THE BAR

2435 W. Nordale Dr.
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Upstairs in the Skybox

Social 7 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

NO Meeting April 3
April 13 - BANQUET
NO Meeting April 17

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PLEASE JOIN US

**Don't Forget
the Spring
Banquet**

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**Saturday,
April 13, 2019**

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Sign-up on page 4

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At the time of reading this blurb our club will be heading out on its last trip of the year to Breckenridge, CO. DUE TO A LOT OF MEMBERS BEING OUT OF TOWN, there will be NO MEETING Wednesday, April 3rd. Sorry for this inconvenience. See you at the banquet. SIGN UP NOW....Deadline for the Spring Banquet is April 3rd. The Banquet will be Saturday, April 13th at Hollander's Pub and Grill in Little Chute. Tenderloin Tips and Chicken with all the fixings. Live music after dinner, raffles and Induction of Officers are some of the highlights of the evening. Be sure to bring non-perishable food item and get into a special drawing. This will be a fun night out to celebrate the close of another great ski season. Mark put in his request for "no blizzard" that night. See you there.

C.M.S.C. - Trip Seminar is next on the list. It will be Saturday, May 18th at the Sheraton Chicago O'Hare Airport Hotel in Rosemont, IL. Registration fee is \$25 per person if the club gets it sent in by April 4th. Send to: Sly Fox Ski Club, PO Box 1613, Appleton, WI 54912-1613. They will take late sign-ups until April 12th but the price increases to \$30. Fee includes educational sessions, club bag, lunch and beer party. The club will reimburse your registration fee if you attend. Transportation and lodging is on your own.

The officers for the 2019-2020 ski season will be:

- President – Bruce Kettner
- Vice-President – Jacob Belke
- Treasurer – Julie Buechner
- Secretary – Micca Belke

Thank you for all the nominations and the individuals who accepted the positions on the board. We look forward to another great year of skiing and record breaking snow fall.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP – our membership year starts May 1st. Be sure to renew and get your friends signed up as well. You know how fast summer goes..... soon it will be October and we will be signing up for those trips.

Share the enjoyment of the past year. PHOTOS...on the slopes, buses, airplanes, restaurants, happy hours, group photos. SEND photos to marketing@slyfoxskiclub.org. Remember to add a few words, where you were, fun with friends, 30,000 feet of vertical. You get the idea. We want to add these to our website and try to keep things looking current and inviting.

SUMMER EVENTS....biking, golfing, rafting, kayaking, you get the idea. Get involved, get things started, let the officers know so we can help out as needed to make this a fun fill summer.

See you at the banquet!

Bruce

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 5 - Stone Yard (Greenville)**
N1739 Lily of the Valley Drive, Greenville
920-750-6960
- **April 12 - Milwaukee Burger Co.**
421 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton
920-202-3558
- **April 19 - Fratellos Riverfront Restaurant**
501 W. Water Street, Appleton
920-993-9087
- **April 26 - Mr. Brews Taphouse**
201 RiverHeath Way, Appleton
920 815-3516
- **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

PLEASE JOIN US

Birthdays

APRIL

- 1 - Joni Conrad
- 6 - Matt Hodkiewicz
- 6 - Bonita Jordan
- 7 - Mark Nelsen
- 24 - Tony Groeschl

MAY

- 1 - Jane Degler
- 4 - Sarka Evans
- 8 - Jim Berven
- 19 - Jennifer Schreiter-Pethan
- 22 - Jill Kriese
- 25 - Deb Bramschreiber
- 26 - Kristi Henning
- 26 - Zachary Henning
- 26 - Colleen Huth
- 29 - Lisa Breu



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FOR SALE CORNER

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:
Sandy McMonagle @ newsletter@slyfoxskiclub.org.



2018 - 2019 SLY FOX TRIP LIST



BIG SNOW - Indianhead & Blackjack
JANUARY 11 - 13, 2019
COST \$285 Trip opens for sign up Oct. 3, 2018
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 (The Woods GC, 530 Erie Rd.), 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. **Interested in being a trip leader contact: Sam Fontaine, trips@slyfoxskiclub.org**



ISCHGL AUSTRIA, & BUDAPEST HUNGARY
Friday, January 18 – Tuesday, January 29, 2019
Cost - \$3099 Trip is OPEN for sign up on June 11, 2018
\$50 non-refundable for any reason



Includes Lamers motor coach transfer from Green Bay & Appleton to/from Chicago O'Hare Airport. Flight on Swiss Air to Zurich, arriving Jan. 19 & Motor Coach transfer to Ischgl, Austria. 7 nights lodging at 4-Star Hotel Yscla & Albona, including daily breakfast & dinner nightly. 6 day lift pass for Ischgl, Austria & Samnaun, Switzerland - 45 lifts, 150 miles of trails. Motor Coach transfer to Zurich Airport & Swiss Air flight to Budapest, Sat., Jan. 26th. Motor Coach transfer to central Budapest. 3 nights lodging at the 4-Star Hotel Opera, including daily breakfast. Motor Coach transfer to Budapest Airport & Lufthansa flight to Chicago, Tues. Jan. 29th. See Newsletter & Website for sign up form. **Trip Leader: Sam Fontaine, trips@slyfoxskiclub.org**



BIG SNOW II
Indianhead/Blackjack & Powderhorn Mts.
February 8-10, 2019 COST - \$285
Trip opens for sign up Oct. 3, 2018 Initial deposit: \$100

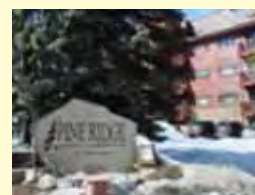


Round trip Lamers Motor Coach to Wakefield, MI. with subs, snacks & beverages. 2 night lodging Indianhead Lodge (with hot tub & pool), 2 breakfasts with dinner Sat. night. 2 lift passes: Sat., Indianhead/Blackjack & Sun. Powderhorn. Shuttle is available between Indianhead & Blackjack. Bus loading 5pm departure at 5:30pm Green Bay (The Woods GC, 530 Erie Rd.), 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 Leaders: Micca & Jacob Questions: contact Sam Fontaine, trips@slyfoxskiclub.org

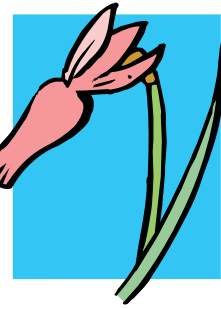
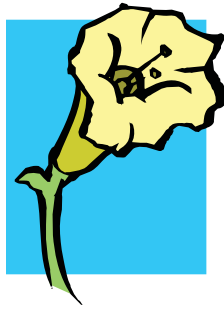
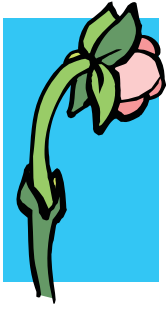


BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO
Wed., April 3 Sun., April 7, 2019
Cost - \$995 Trip opens for sign up Oct. 3, 2018
40 Spots Available Initial deposit \$250



Round trip Lamers coach to Milwaukee with round trip air to Denver. Also Included: All motor coach transfer transfers to/from Milwaukee & Denver to/from Breckenridge, loading at The Bar on Lynndale, Appleton & Green Bay (The Woods GC, 530 Erie Rd.) Four night lodging Pine Ridge Condos, 2 bed 2 bath, full kitchens, washer/dryer, hot tubs on site. On site Christy Sports Rental shop & free town shuttle stop. Ski in on 4 O'Clock run alongside condos & 4 minute walk to nearest ski lift. Interchangeable lift pass, 3 of 5 days at Breckenridge, Vail, Beaver Creek, or Keystone.

Trip leader: Sam Fontaine, trips@slyfoxskiclub.org.



SLY FOX SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB
2019 Annual Spring Banquet
Saturday - April 13th
Hollander's Pub & Grill

1820 E. Main St, Little Chute (Lower Level)
 Cocktails: 6pm (Cash Bar)

Dinner: 7pm

Cost : \$20 per person

• **INDUCTION OF 2019/2020 CLUB OFFICERS**

• **RAFFLE PRIZES!**

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Please send check by April 3rd to:
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 PO Box 1613
 Appleton, WI 54912-1613



Name: _____

Name: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

(Final Count is due by April 3rd)
 Please contact Mark Nelson: 920-716-6087, if after April 3.



Ischgl Trip Report

By: Sam Fontaine

We are back from our Ischgl, Austria ski trip. 62 people went on this junket and we got 6 days of clear blue skies and temperatures in the mid 20's for our skiing. We started with 52 on the bus to O'Hare Airport, where we met 6 more who drove or flew in on their own.

Then we took our nonstop Swiss Air flight to Zurich, where we met 4 more who flew in from elsewhere. After a bit of a delay for people who did not exit the luggage area quickly, our bus drivers were waiting for us in the airport. They brought the two buses up to the curb and we loaded up and were on our way.

It was about a 4 hour bus ride to Ischgl. Once in Austria, we stopped at a roadside rest area for a potty stop. Now these roadside stops in Europe charge 50 cents to go to the bathroom, and I suddenly realized that we had no Euros to pay. Since our flight landed in Switzerland and they don't use Euros there (Swiss Francs), we were in a bit of a spot. Fortunately, we had a few people with some Euros and after getting change, they handed out 50 cent pieces so we could all find relief. Thanks anonymous people (but Carol Beck was one of them)! We were in 2 separate hotels in Ischgl as there were no hotels in town big enough for all of us. The group was split between the Albona Hotel and the Hotel Yscla, both walking distance of the main lift. We started with a get together at the Yscla before dinner with drinks and gab. Dinner was included with our hotel packages which were multi-course affairs.

In the morning, we purchased our lift passes and rented our skis and headed up the mountain. We took the Silvrettabahn, a 16-passenger gondola supported by 2 cables, to Idalp, a huge bowl with 5 chairlifts spreading out in all directions. All of these lifts were either 6 or 8 passenger high-speed lifts, so there were virtually no lift lines. The newer lifts even had heated seats.

Like I said, it was a blue bird day. At the top of one of the lifts, you skied down the other side and you were in Switzerland. About half of the ski area is in Switzerland but the lodges on that side accepted Euros or Swiss Francs, Other than that, you could never really tell what country you were in, except for who manufactured the ski lifts, Doppelmayr on the Austrian side and Garaventa on the Swiss side.

Because of its location, Ischgl got its start as a post war smuggling route when things like American cigarettes and nylon stockings were in short supply in Austria. Enterprising locals made a living hiking and skiing over the mountains with 100 lb packs of these goodies. They took Austrian cheese to trade. Carrying cheese to Switzerland, go figure. It is said that the smugglers profits financed the first ski lifts, making the journey easier for the smugglers. They were in good shape and apparently had no trouble outrunning and out-skiing the revenuers. Anyway, they have now instituted "Smuggler's Routes" where you download the app, ski the route, and enter to win prizes.

Speaking of "Smugglers Routes", we did have one mishap during the week. Greg Buss talked Angie Callahan to follow him on the long run down to Samnaun, Switzerland. It is a red run (intermediate) on the trail map, but there were some very steep sections along the way. Angie broke her leg, and after a sled ride down to Samnaun, x-rays, and an isolation boot, it was a very long taxi ride back to Ischgl. She was in good spirits, and did not murder Greg. He was later seen pushing her all over Budapest in a wheelchair.



Tuesday, we had a gourmet lunch at the Pardorama Restaurant on the mountain. The Pardorama can be got to directly from another ski lift in another part of Ischgl, so nonskiers were able to make it. We had soup and pork loin cutlets, desert and a bottomless glass of Austrian white wine. Afterward, we all went outside to the big "Ischgl" sign for a group photo.

Although the writer did not sample it much, Ischgl has a reputation for wild night life, and few of our participants sampled the après ski, which continues on through the night. One thing to be aware of, European rules about being smoke-free are completely ignored in Ischgl and it seems like everyone in Europe knows that so it seems to attract chain smokers. Hotels were smoke-free, but the bar owners all complained that people standing outside and smoking was costing them money as they weren't spending money in the bar outside. So if drinking and smoking is your thing, this is the place to do it.

Now I said we had 6 bluebird days and did not get any new snow while we were there. Luckily, there was some very big snow dumps just before we arrived, so there was plenty of snow cover. They don't use salt on the city streets, so walking around town could be tricky, especially with ski boots. I took at least one good tumble before I learned the drill.

Friday night, we had another get together at the Hotel Yscla. Final departure announcements and then, Lunar Awards. Not many goofs on this trip. Ellie Pappendieck won when she mistook Jim McMonagle for her husband Dino. She handed Jim her key and said "see you up in the room, Honey."

Saturday morning, we loaded up the buses and headed back to Zurich for our flight to Budapest. Spot of bother at the airport when we learned that they booked us on Swiss "Lite", meaning we each had to pay \$45 luggage fee. The trip leader paid for everybody and will take it with our tour operator.

That done, it was off to Budapest. Again charter buses picked us up and took us to our hotel, the K+K Opera. Big hotel, so we were all together now. A couple of people paid to upgrade to single rooms. Snoring seems to have been an issue. Anyway, people scattered for dinner at various spots in the neighborhood.

Budapest is a beautiful city with lots to see and do. We toured the palaces and old fortresses on the hill across the Danube in Buda overlooking the city. Yeah, it got its name from two cities on opposite sides of the Danube, Buda on the west side of the river, which is quite hilly, and Pest on the east side of the river, which is flat. The city has a great, easy to use transportation system with subways, buses and streetcars. A day pass was less than \$6. Beer was also cheap, about \$3 for a 20 oz glass. Food was reasonable too.

Many of us took dinner cruises on the Danube that night. Wonderful evening with strolling gypsy musicians. Another attraction is the baths, huge indoor/outdoor water parks, with massages, steam rooms, giant hot tubs, etc. We also saw a lot of people at the 2-story market building where they sold all kinds of Hungarian goodies, food, paprika, souvenirs, and yes, T-shirts. Hungarian money took getting used to. 280 Hungarian Forints = \$1. So the smallest bill was a 500 Ft note. If something was marked 1000, you had to stop a minute to realize it was only \$3.50.

So Tuesday morning, we picked up our charter buses in front of the opera house to the airport and home to -25° in Wisconsin. Another European adventure in the books. Next time, France.



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