

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski Club

Happy Hour

**MARIAH'S
RESTAURANT**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19
4:30 PM-?**

Happy Hour Specials from 4:00 to 6:00

3317 ROBBINS RD, SPRINGFIELD, IL

✂ Dining Out ✂
January 5th

BRICKHOUSE
• Grill & Pub •

3136 W. Iles Avenue
COCKTAILS @ 5:30 | DINNER @ 6:00

The only rule in place to join the dining out group is to make your reservation on Wed. prior to the event.

The dining out group meets on the first Thursday of each month. E-mail or call Jack & Virgene Fair @ akafair@aol.com, or 217/341-2590 for your reservation by Wednesday before the Thursday of the event.



TRIVIA NIGHT
Proceeds Benefit the
ASBURY CHILDREN'S SUPPER HOUR

Friday, January 13, 2017 7:00 pm -Doors Open at 6:00pm

Knights of Columbus 2200 S. Meadowbrook Rd.

\$10 Entry Fee Per Player • OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1st, 2nd, 3rd Place Team Prizes • 50/50 Drawing
Snacks Provided - Dinner & Drinks Must Be Purchased On Site

Mulligans \$3 each-maximum of 5 per team



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JANUARY 2017

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month - akafair@aol.com

Springfield Ski Club Board meets every 2nd Thursday of the month

The SSC Happy Hour is ALWAYS the 3rd Thurs of the month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Dining Out Group Brickhouse	6	7 S.K.I. Curling
8	9	10	11	12 SSC Board Meeting	13 Trivia Night	14 <i>Winter Park Ski Trip</i>
15 <i>Winter Park Ski Trip</i>	16 <i>Winter Park Ski Trip</i>	17 <i>Winter Park Ski Trip</i>	18 <i>Winter Park Ski Trip</i>	19 <i>Winter Park Ski Trip</i> HAPPY HOUR Mariah's	20 <i>Winter Park Ski Trip</i>	21 <i>Winter Park Ski Trip</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 S.K.I. Trip to Sun Peaks, BC
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Happy Holidays Ski Club Members!

The Nominating Committee is starting to prepare for next year.

If you are a new member, joining the Ski Club Board is one way to get to know people.

If you have been a member for many years, consider volunteering to give back to the club.

We have many openings for next year, and I'd love to hear from you.

Please email Cheri Brueggemann Sloat at csloat51@gmail.com or text 847 902 1698.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy 2017! I hope you had a safe and fulfilling holiday. My wish for all is that 2017 brings you joy, adventure, fun, and satisfaction.

"Today is the First Page of a 365 page book. Write a Good one!"

Christa McLaren-Morris



WINTER PARK

January 14 - January 21, 2017

Trip includes...

- 5 day lift ticket
- 7 nights lodging at Zephyr Mountain Lodge, Winter Park's only true ski in/ski out condominium lodge, situated 110 feet from the Zephyr Express Lift
- Air travel is United Airlines out of Springfield
- Estimated cost is \$1,305

January Birthdays

Bill Atwood..... 1	Lorne Ring.....17
Virginia Smith..... 1	Jay Smith.....17
Don Stefancic 1	Pat Glenn18
Kathy Spath 4	David Foust18
Sam Maggio..... 4	Judy Lazar19
Kathy Alexander 4	Elaine Mayer20
Dianne Bishop 4	Charles Prince.....20
Karen Eickenberg 5	Nell Collins.....21
Gina Marie Fuhrmann..... 5	Terri Marbold.....22
Bob Biderman 6	Nancy Brougher.....22
Patti Winn 7	Mary Ellen Creighton23
Kathleen Dennis 9	George Michael.....23
John Nosari..... 10	Michael Thornton.....23
Linda Irlam..... 10	David Wentworth24
Lloyd Hovey 12	Bill Werner25
Paul Staab 13	Alan Kamhi26
Barbara Bitschenauer 14	Lucille Thomas.....26
Barbara Bolin 15	Christina Karins27
Tim Rogers 15	Gerald Aldrich.....29
Ken Graves 15	Shawn Fox29
Evelyn Schumacher 16	Dani Kreuznacht-Sullivan.....30
John Blazis 16	Ruth Nonneman31
Ray Donnelly..... 17	



Saturday, January 7, 2017 • 12-4 PM

Waltham Curling Club | Triumph, IL

\$35 per person

\$10 deposit required to reserve your spot.

Limited to first 36 registrations (9 per Club)

S.K.I. (Bloomington, Champaign, Peoria, Springfield Ski Clubs) is offering an outing to the Waltham Curling Club. No curling experience is required. All necessary equipment is provided. Experienced curling instructors will provide training and players will then participate in actual game play. Learn to curl, meet people from other Clubs and experience a great afternoon of fun.

Optional dinner afterwards (not included in price).

Contact: Dave Durdel | skidurd@sbcglobal.net | 309-256-5880

Napa Valley Trip

By Nila Riggs

The weather was great! The scenery and wine were excellent!

While a couple enjoyed a day at the spa others thoroughly enjoyed a hot air balloon ride which took them to much greater heights than I personally would ever care to experience. However I hear the views from up above were truly breathtaking.

A couple of us decided to take an early morning ferry into San Francisco

to enjoy Fisherman's Wharf, cable cars and of course the fresh seafood.

There were numerous wine tours several enjoyed like the famous Napa Wine train, limousine and trolley tours. Each winery was typically very different than the next.

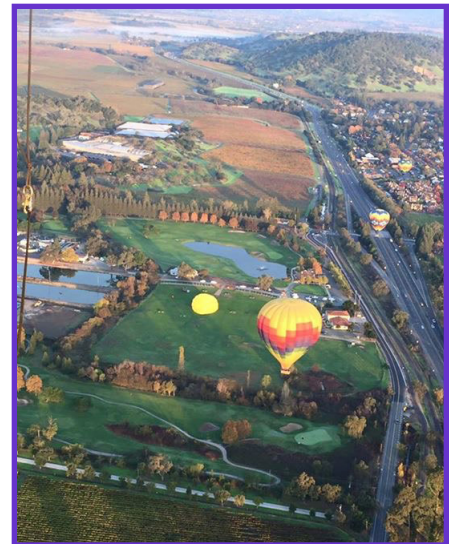
Of course there was shopping at the Oxbow Market and downtown. We were very fortunate to have our hotel the River Terrace Inn within easy

walking distance of almost everything we wanted to try.

If you have not been to the Napa and Sonoma Valley wine region you really must give it a try.

There are numerous activities with many varying price ranges to satisfy everyone's taste and pocket book.

SSC Trip Leader, Nila Riggs



MORE NAPA VALLEY TRIP PHOTOS



EUROPEAN TRIP TO IRELAND

March 17-30, 2017

TRIP PRICE: \$2,750/person based on between 30 and 42 participants. The price goes down if we book closer to 42. 42 is the maximum we can book. 8 single supplements available – \$500 added to the price of the trip

CANCELLATION DATE: 9/16/2016

CANCELLATION FEE: \$325 Prior to December 17, but increases thereafter according to the Trip Brochure.

TRIP LEADER: David Sloat



Embark on an Irish adventure with your Springfield Ski Club friends on St. Patrick's Day! Our trip will begin in Dublin with stopovers in Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney and Galway. We will explore the rich Irish history, learn about Irish sheep farming and have a traditional lunch with a local family. We will visit sites such as the Guinness Storehouse, Kilkenny Castle and its gardens, the Waterford Crystal Factory, Blarney Castle, Killarney National Park, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry and the Burren.

Learn the technique behind pouring a perfect glass of Guinness, witness a glass-blowing demonstration, see Ireland's finest Border Collies in action and visit with the

Avoca Handweavers. While in Cork, visit the seaport of Cobh (pronounced Cove) from which many Irish emigrated during the Potato Famine. It was also the port of call for luxury ships such as The Titanic and Lusitania.

After kissing the Blarney Stone and receiving the gift of gab, visit Killarney, one of Springfield's Sister Cities. This stop will include a jaunting car ride through the Killarney National Park and a visit to the Kenmare Estate. While there we will have the option of a free day in Killarney or a visit to the Dingle Peninsula (extra fee). Another included day trip from Killarney is a drive through the Ring of Kerry which traces the coastline of the Iveragh Penin-

sula, offers breathtaking views and goes through the picturesque villages of Sneem and Ladies View.

We'll take guided walking tours in Galway, Cobh and Kilkenny and will have time to explore many cities on our own. Our final stop will be in Galway where we can spend a leisure day on our own or take an optional tour through the Connemara region of Galway and visit the Kylemore Abbey (extra fee).

After our 14-day trip, you'll be in love with the beauty of the Emerald Isle and the charm of its people. Be prepared to want to return!



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare
- Air transportation to Dublin – arrive on March 18
- Two nights in Dublin at Ballsbridge Hotel
- Two nights in Kilkenny at Pembroke Hotel (4 star)
- Two nights in Cork at Kingsley Hotel (4 star)
- Three nights in Killarney at Killarney Towers (4 star and Killarney is Springfield's sister city)
- Three nights in Galway at Ardilaun Hotel
- Actual hotels may change based on availability
- Air transportation from Shannon Airport on March 30
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Dedicated Program Director and local tour guides
- 21 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers and luggage porters (one piece of luggage per person)



This trip is limited to the first 42 people who sign up! A wait list will be available for those signing up after the maximum number of participants is reached.

Trip insurance is available from Grand Circle Travels at \$350 but you can use other insurers as well.

Note that passports have to be valid for 6 months after the return date. If your passport expires before Sept. 30, 2017, get it renewed ASAP.

The final payment may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour company or from the Springfield Ski Club. Refunds or additional payment may be issued (required) if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment. Cutoff date is September 16, 2016, with a processing fee of \$25.00. All trips are priced double occupancy. Single supplements are available.

Ski Kouncil Illinois 2017

Sun Peaks, British Columbia

\$1,575 pp/dbl

*** January 28 - February 3 / January 29 - February 4**
Revelstoke Option \$590 pp/dbl
Thursday, February 2 - Monday, February 6



Get ready for another Ski Kouncil winter adventure. Take advantage of a stronger dollar and travel to our northern neighbor. Current exchange rate is about \$1.25 to \$1.00. Peoria Ski Club skied Sun Peaks in 2008 and really enjoyed the quaint ski town nestled in the Kootenay Rockies. Here's what the website has to say about our destination:

"Sun Peaks has evolved into one of the leading ski experiences in Canada. The resort offers surprising diversity across its three mountains. Gladed areas. Bumps. Steeps. Long cruisers. Alpine bowls. Progressive park. It's all here and the closest you'll get to another person is on the chairlift."

Sun Peaks Mountain stats:

- 4,270 acres of terrain, the second largest ski resort in Canada
- Longest Run - 5 miles
- Trails & Glades -135 including 16 gladed areas
- Terrain Type - 10% novice, 58% intermediate, and 32% expert
- 10-acre terrain park with distinct zones for all abilities
- 3 high-speed quad chairlifts, 2 quad chairlifts, 1 triple chairlift, and 6 surface lifts
- Annual Snowfall - 237" of powder
- Cross Country - 37.8km of groomed and track set and 17km of backcountry trails
- Average Temperatures in February 21°F

Check out their website for more information about a variety of winter activities offered.

<http://www.sunpeaksresort.com/winter/>

The Sun Peaks Grand Hotel will be our ski in /ski out lodging for the week. It is located in the core of the village. Amenities include a mountain-view pool, terrace and health club, on-site grocery store, boutiques, complimentary wireless internet, eateries and nightclub.

<http://www.sunpeaksgrand.com>

Trip Includes:

Air from Chicago to Kamloops	6 nights lodging at the Sun Peaks Grand Hotel
Ground Transfers in Canada	5 day lift tickets
Daily buffet breakfast	Happy hours
Competition with prizes	

Additional Resort Option to Revelstoke:

If you are interested in extending your ski trip, we are offering three days of skiing at Revelstoke, which has the greatest vertical in North America and is located about three+ hours from Sun Peaks. This option includes bus transfers, four nights lodging, breakfasts, and 3 days lifts. Dates are Thursday, February 2 - Monday, February 6. Heli-skiing is available.

*Please Note: Because Kamloops is a small airport with limited air access there will be two departure and return dates to accommodate our group. The first group is scheduled for Saturday, January 28 to Friday, February 3. The second group is scheduled for Sunday, January 29 to Saturday, February 4. Both flights depart O'Hare at 7:30 AM.

Trip Leader: Tony Curcio
coachtony14@msn.com | 309-378-4510

SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB

Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events

Ski Trip
 Tour Trip
 Day Trip
 Sporting Event
 (golf, bowling, tennis, billiards, etc.)

Trip/Sporting Event: _____ Date of Application: _____

Name*: _____ Member Number: _____

Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Cell #: _____ Work#: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Do you have any significant medical problems or do you require any special medications which your trip leader should be aware of? If yes, describe:

Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:

Male: __ Female: __ DOB: _____ DL #: _____ DL State: _____

Passport # (if international trip): _____ Passport Exp Date: _____

Roommate Preference: _____ Other Request: _____

Are you interested in: NASTAR racing? __ Lessons? __ Are you a skier? Yes __ No __

The Springfield Ski Club in good faith makes every effort to complete a scheduled activity or trip as advertised, and to accommodate the requests of its members. However, the Club will not be held responsible if arrangements are changed beyond our control or if specific requests cannot be honored. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in our itineraries, airline arrangements or schedules, hotel or condo reservations, destinations, and emergencies requiring a modification of any scheduled activity or trip. Your signature below warrants you have read and understand this statement.

I agree to make the appropriate published trip payments on the scheduled due dates.

I have also read and understand the trip policy statements on page two of this form and agree to abide by them.

As a participant of the trip described above: I voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Board of Directors, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

* For trips involving airline travel or overseas travel, your name must be written exactly as it appears on your passport or drivers license. Do NOT use nick-names.

For trip leader use only

App. No. _____

Wait List: _____

Full Trip Price: \$ _____

Partial Trip Price: \$ _____

Notes: _____

1st Deposit: \$ _____

Due: ____/____/____

Paid: ____/____/____

2nd Deposit: \$ _____

Due: ____/____/____

Paid: ____/____/____

Final Payment: \$ _____

Due: ____/____/____

Paid: ____/____/____

Approved Refund: \$ _____

Total Paid: \$ _____

STANDING RULE #2

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY (11/14/96), (Amended 5/13/99, 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

“Cutoff” dates and non-refundable deposits for trips and activities may vary according to transportation, lodging or other associated deposits. Cutoff dates for trips and activities will be established for each trip or activity by the Executive Board and published in the monthly newsletter. All cancellations must be made to the Trip Leader in writing or via e-mail. Refunds will be made as follows:

1. For cancellations before the published cutoff date, a full refund of all monies paid will be issued in a timely manner, less any Executive Board-approved cancellation processing fee established and published in conjunction with the trip or activity advertisement in the monthly newsletter.
2. For cancellations after the cutoff date, refunds will be as follows:
 - a. For any trip or activity where the allotted number of spaces are completely reserved and a replacement can be found, a cancellation may be made and a full refund issued, less any processing fees, as described in paragraph 1, above, any time prior to the departure of the trip or the start of the activity, provided the replacement person pays the full amount due, in accordance with the payment schedule for the trip or activity.
 - b. If a replacement cannot be found, the member canceling the trip or activity may submit, in person, in writing, or via email, a request for a refund. This request must be sent to either the trip leader, the appropriate VP or directly to the Executive Board. The request must be submitted within 15 days after the scheduled start date of the trip or activity and shall state the reason for the cancellation and the amount of refund requested. Requests will only be considered by the Executive Board, and refunds will only be made, once the trip or activity is completed and the full financial statement has been submitted for review and approval, as described in Standing Rule #13. Any refund approved by the Executive Board will come from recoverable expenditures derived from the specific trip or activity and not from the Club’s general fund.
 - c. Refunds will be distributed no later than 180 days after the first scheduled day of the trip or activity.

STANDING RULE #5

TRIP MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT (11/14/96), (Amended 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)

1. All Trip Leaders shall be at least 21 years of age.
2. Trips shall be run as advertised, unless ski conditions, safety or wellbeing of trip participants dictate otherwise, in which case, the decision for an alternate plan rests with the Vice President of Ski Trips, Day Trips, or Tour Trips (as appropriate) or the President prior to departure. After departure, this authority rests with the trip leader.
3. Conduct by any individual which is offensive or hazardous to others or that does not project a good image of the Club could result in expulsion from the trip at the nearest place of public lodging or transportation by the authority of the trip leader. The trip leader will provide a review of the circumstances at the next Executive Board meeting with a board decision to maintain or cancel the individual’s Club membership.
4. Individuals will be held responsible for any damage to personal or real property of others.
5. Club arranged accommodations cannot be shared with non-trip participants.

STANDING RULE #7

GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)

1. Smoking will only be allowed during scheduled stops approximately every two hours of travel, if requested. NO smoking inside the travel vehicle is allowed.
2. Trips under two hours in duration will be classified as “non-smoking trips.”

STANDING RULE #8

PARTIAL SKI TRIP PACKAGES (11/14/96) (amended 4/9/05)

1. For trips involving a request to delete air (or other packaged form of transportation) service, only the actual cost of the ticket will be deducted from the trip price. The participant’s portion of the club’s overhead cost, including ground transportation to the airport or rail station used for the trip, will be included in the partial trip price.
2. All requests for partial trip packages will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop reserved seats without penalty from the tour operator and/or the carrier.
3. If a request for a partial trip participation is made and honored, the participant must make payment in the full amount within 5 days of the approval notification. A “partial” trip payment is not refundable unless the trip is canceled. CANCELLATION CUT-OFF DATES DO NOT APPLY. The club will not refund or attempt to “resell” partial trip packages should the participant drop from the trip any time after payment is made.
4. Requests to exclude lift tickets from a trip package must be made at the time of sign up. Requests for partial trip packages, including lift tickets, will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop such tickets, or other items, without penalty or loss of income (including any comp). Unless otherwise approved by the Vice President of Ski Trips, the member requesting “no lifts” will pay the full trip price. After the trip is completed, the unused lift ticket will be returned by the Club to the tour operator or the ski area for possible refund. Any refund will then be made to the member by Club check. Refunds may not be possible if purchase and use of a lift ticket by all trip participants is required for the Club to receive a discounted “group rate.”

SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB
Membership Application
May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017

Amount \$ _____

Date: _____

ID# _____

(Club Use Only)

(Mail the completed form along with your check to Springfield Ski Club, P.O. Box 1146, Springfield, IL. 62705)

Membership and Directory Information

Full Name _____ Category Individual Family S.K.I.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Home Phone (____) ____ - ____ Cell Phone (____) ____ - ____

Email Address _____

Type New Renewal Early Signup

Check for listing in Club Directory Home Address Email Address Home Phone Cell Phone

All members will receive two printed full Snowjourners each year, and 10 electronically. To receive a printed copy of the 2 page version for the other 10 months, check the box here:

Primary Membership Information

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Membership and Dues – Non-Refundable

- \$40 Individual (over age 21)
- \$50 Family (Spouses and Children under age 21)
- \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be member of one of the following clubs (Indicate with a \checkmark)
 - Bloomington
 - Champaign
 - Peoria

Club Interests (Check all that interest you):

- Board Member
- Activities (Party Chairperson, Volunteer at Parties)
- Membership (Volunteer at Sign Up Parties)
- Community Service (Volunteer at Charity Events)
- Trip Leader for Ski and/or Day Trips
- Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Tennis)
- Skier Development
- Other _____

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., Friend, Website, Radio Ad, Club event) _____

Membership and Family Data:

Name of Each Individual (include yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Sex	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age and older, after 2013 - 2014 Directory, is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children. (See Bylaws, Article IV, pages 15 and 16 of 2013 - 2014 Directory. This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Council of Illinois (S.K.I.)

In applying for Springfield Ski Club Membership, I (We) intend to participate in meetings and activities, uphold the constitution and by-laws, and abide by the decisions of the Executive Board. I (We) voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board or members liable for any accident or injury to myself or for any loss of damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.