



*Happy
St. Patrick's
Day*

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski Club

HAPPY HOUR

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15
5:00 PM TO ?**

Route 66 Hotel

624 E. JOSEPH ST., SPRINGFIELD

Visit tables in the lobby for information about upcoming trips!!

Note about Happy Hours: They have grown, which is a good thing, but it is becoming more difficult to find locations that can host 100+ people and provide adequate parking. Also, the club rarely pays for appetizers, so we are thankful for the food provided, but we rarely have any input as to what they serve.

In the future, you may be asked to bring appetizers to share. If you have suggestions for happy hours or if you belong to a private club that would host us, or if you would like to be on the committee to plan them, please contact Karen Kuhar, 217-971-8900 or karenkuhar115@gmail.com.

✂ Dining Out ✂

March 1st

the DUBLIN PUB

1975 W. Wabash

COCKTAILS @ 5:30 | DINNER @ 6:00

Reservations should be made by Wednesday before by contacting Jack & Virgene Fair, akafair3313@gmail.com or call 217-341-2590.

Jack and Virgene are looking for a new chairman of the Dine Out, since they have organized it for four years. The only responsibilities are acquiring the place and taking reservations. A great way to volunteer!

DAY TRIPS AT A GLANCE

Details Inside

April 21 - Virginia Theater, Champaign, Illinois

June 9 - St. Louis City Museum, IKEA and new Hofbrauhaus

September 15 - Vintage Illinois, Wine Tasting, Oglesby, Illinois

Contact Mike Bloechle, VP of Day Trips for ideas or offering to be a trip leader. 217-787-1010

UPCOMING TOUR TRIP

Details Inside

November 4 - Panama Canal Cruise On The Norwegian Jade

SAVE THE DATES

Sign Up Party, Sunday, April 22

Welcome New Members

Diana McMillen
Bob and Carolyn Allen
Mary Lynnette Edwards

Jenny Barnes
Marion Lukow
Susanna Voigts
Rosemary Weistart

Janet Yates
Terry and Debbie Neathery
Dan and Sheila Ewald

J. Allen Klein
Jerilynn and Spencer Shipley

Carrie Mack
Stacie Cook
Bill and Carol Kelly

Sue Durdan

Kim Ann Griffin
Susan McClintock

Dan and Sally Petrone

MARCH 2018

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
25	26	27	28	1 DAVOS SKI TRIP <small>Dining Out Group Dublin Pub</small>	2 DAVOS SKI TRIP	3 DAVOS SKI TRIP
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month's photo is at a sidewalk café in Italy which was Dave's and my first Ski Club trip. We had just retired and loved the idea of traveling with old friends and making new ones. The sidewalk cafes are favorites of mine no matter what country.

It's the time of the year when Springfield Ski Club is looking for volunteers for elected offices.

VP of Tour Trips, Pat Dennis has volunteered to continue to work with the new person either as the VP or Assistant to the VP.

The main skill needs to be math. We're dealing with a lot of dollars. Spreadsheet experience helps, but since I teach Excel I can help train people.

Secretary, Joyce Metz has been secretary for two years and is ready to train someone to assist her. She likes to travel!

Please consider getting involved by volunteering for a committee to assist an officer or be on a committee to plan a



touring trip. The more input, the better! Susie Shackleton has done a great job of systemizing the committee process and we can use her process as a model for other touring trips.

You will get to know lots of great new people!!

NOTE! We just got back from a trip to Mexico and I lost my camera and coat, which were in a small duffle bag. I spent many hours and trips to the airport trying to locate the bag. It turns out it was misplaced at our resort front desk and ended up with Christmas decorations! Two long weeks later, we found it.

Just a reminder as we travel or attend parties, be sure to double check that you have the right piece of luggage, camera or coat! It's very easy to confuse your belongings with someone else's. And it's much harder to locate after the fact!

Cheri Brueggemann Sloat

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Chesley	1	William Harr	9	Linda Paller	22
Marty Scanlan	1	Jeannie Capranica.....	9	Marc Kinzora	22
Diane Johnston	1	Eileen LoPossa	10	Glynis Young	22
Janice Grosse	1	Sheila Sizemore.....	10	Evelyn Griminger	24
Amy Green(LT)	2	John Fisherkeller.....	10	Tom King.....	25
Chuck Costello.....	2	Miles Zamco.....	10	Jerilynn Shipley.....	26
Karl Reed	2	Lance Kidd	11	Kelly Griffin.....	26
Jeff Foust	3	Sharon Chrans	11	Jim Crum	26
Pat Nosari	4	Randall Speck.....	12	Ellie Tjelmeland.....	27
Philip Lynch	4	Lori Waltrip	12	Jeffrey Engel.....	28
Richard Bergt	5	Linda Stout	13	Gina Clouser	28
Tetyana Webster.....	5	Joyce Prince	14	Rachel Griminger	29
Pat Dennis	5	Mary "Melissa" Cornell.....	15	Roseann Hopwood.....	30
Connie Lynch.....	6	Debra Nance.....	15	Joel Tjelmeland	30
Larry Richardson.....	6	Chas Blythe.....	15	Bill Nonneman.....	30
Beth M. Beasley	6	Dakota Greer.....	15	Christa McLaren-Morris	30
Jackie O'Brien.....	6	Jim Frank	17	David Schumacher	31
Jan Johnson	7	Cynthia Johnson	18	Shiela Ewald	31

MESSAGE FROM THE VP FOR MEMBERSHIP

Our Great Gatsby Party was a huge success, with 25 people taking advantage of our early signup membership drive! Please join me in welcoming our new members! Several people have

asked me when they will receive their renewal forms for the 2018-19 membership year. The membership committee hopes to have them in the mail within the first week of March, so be

looking for them soon. ***Just as a reminder all renewals are due back to the membership committee no later than April 30, 2018.***

Terri Marbold

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

We now have a nearly full slate of officers for the executive board of the Springfield Ski Club. Short bios and photos will be included in the April edition of the Snowjourner. The election will be held at our spring signup party on Sunday, April 22. If you are interested in becoming a board member of the club, please let me know ASAP. It is a fun and rewarding way to learn about the club and participate in its future success.

This year's slate:

President	Cheri Sloat
Executive VP	Richard Griminger
Treasurer	Misty Dannenberger
Secretary	Joyce Metz
VP for Membership	Pennie Stevens
VP Tour Trips	Open
VP Day Trips	Michael Bloechle
VP Winter Trips	Jim Hamrick
VP Activities	Carol Sue Johnson

In addition, our appointed members are:

Finance Chair	Terri Marbold
Publicity Chair	Karen Kuhar
Newsletter Editor	Caroline Evans
Skier Development	Gary Kindred
Community Service Chair	Rich Bergt
Sports Chair	Jan Joyce

SKI CLUB OF ILLINOIS, 2018 BANFF TRIP REPORT

Sixty-four members of the SKI group, from Champaign, Peoria, Mississippi Valley, Bloomington and Springfield Ski Clubs, descended on Banff, Canada and their three ski resorts, Lake Louise, Sunshine and Mt. Norquay. Each resort is located in the Banff National Park and part of the Canadian Rockies. We were lucky to have fresh snow almost every day.

With an abundance of snow, about every run at all three resorts was open. At Lake Louise there was a lot of first class tree skiing and steeps, as well as nice cruisers. The views were beautiful. Sunshine Village is located about 1500 feet higher than the base and is accessed by an 8 passenger Gondola. The scenery is so stunning, you don't mind the 20 minute bus ride from Banff. The Village has five ski lifts going in all directions.

At Monday's happy hour, SKI created the Pub Crawl to mix new people with more familiar faces so that by the end of the week, most everyone knew each other. Each team received a sheet with questions they needed to answer at six different pubs, all within a two-block area. The team with the most points won. It was a great way to meet new people and get familiar with the town of Banff.

On Friday, SKI hosted the pub crawl awards dinner at the Elk & Oarsman, with SKI buying the first round of beverages. A group photo was taken and the organizers of the trip were recognized. The 2019 trip was announced, with the frontrunner being Crested Butte.

Of course, there is more to Banff than skiing. Members enjoyed tubing at Norquay, relaxing at Banff Hot Springs, hiking on the ice walk to Johnson Canyon

Falls, touring the Chateaux Lake Louise Hotel and viewing ice sculptures. Also members enjoyed snowshoeing along Bow River, keeping warm on a sleigh ride and visiting the Whyte Museum.

Downtown Banff is about a 10 minutes walk from the Caribou Lodge. A town shuttle stopped at the lodge about every half hour. The Banff area has approximately 160 bars, pubs or restaurants, with varying price ranges.

To reiterate, the Canadian dollar is about \$.80 to the U.S. dollar, so everything seemed less expensive.

After a busy ski week, several people said they needed a vacation! That's when you know you had a good time, eh!

Tony Curcio, Ski Council of Illinois

THE GREAT GATSBY DINNER

Since many hands make light work, Lynda Bennett and I want to thank everyone who contributed to making our Great Gatsby Dance/ Membership Drive a huge success! Everyone had a blast, with many smiling faces and laughter. As usual, Jonathan Michael Roth of Music Source and Rock Star photo booth did an awesome job for us. Everyone loved the photo booth!

Other big contributors to the evening were Bob and Shirley Cowles, who made it possible for us to rent

the VFW for half the quoted price! The decorations, outfits and Music Sources lighting made for a lovely and elegant evening. It is people like our Springfield Ski club members who make our events so successful and fun!!

And as reported by our membership VP, we have 25 new members!!

Hey, what do you think? Do you wanna do it again next year?

Nila Rigg



Jamaica, Mon!

Jamaica is a Caribbean island nation with lush mountains, rain forests and reef-lined beaches. The capital is Kingston and Jamaica is famous as the birthplace of reggae music and home of Bob Marley, who was born, raised and put to rest in Nine Mile.

Thirty adventurous SKI club members left St. Louis on a cold January 20 to spend a warm, fun-filled week at the Jewel Dunn Rivers Beach Resort and Spa. The resort is an all-inclusive service offering casual and formal dining options, including an open-air Court Jester's fired pizza oven next to the beach.

Our group settled right away into our own unique daily activities. We explored the many fine restaurants, beach eateries and ocean side bars. Twenty-two members dined at the Jade Samurai Japanese restaurant for a formal, exciting dinner. Spectacular evening dining and entertainment included a Beach Party Buffet, Managers Cocktail party and on the last night, a six course, elegant dinner under the stars.

Twenty-three of us boarded a catamaran adventure to Dunn's River Falls, with a stop for snorkeling on the way. The highlight was to view, and for some, to climb, the Dunn River Falls, one of Jamaica's magnificent treasures. Ten members chose to climb the rocky, water-covered slopes of the 600-foot waterfall in a human chain, led by expert guides. Making it to the top were Judy Nesbit, Rich Bergt, Janice Grosse, David Hatfield, Terri Marbold, Misty Dannenberger, Patti Strader,

Greg Laun, Jan Joyce and Jim Russell. Wisely, the bar did not open until we were safely back on the catamaran, along with music and dancing.

Others chose to swim with the dolphins and play with birds and animals in the Jungle Trail at Dolphins Cove. Terri and Misty went horseback riding. We also celebrated Terri's birthday, including a cake, a false fire alarm going off, and Rich Griminger's rendition of Happy Birthday.

Many opted for open market shopping in Ocho Rios. Garret and Jan Johnson entered numerous contests at the resort, including a cross-dressing swim suit contest and won a trip to Negril white beaches. Others toured the Blue Mountain area.

Fun evenings were spent dancing at the Bling Disco, with entertainment by a local steel drum and dance ensemble. One crazy night we spent watching and betting on hermit crab races. Evelyn Griminger, David Hatfield and Greg Laun placed 1st, 2nd & 3rd in a dance contest, until the MC realized all the cheers were coming from the same large group, the SKI Club members!

A four person Hobie catamaran was available at the beach, and one day, Jen-



nifer Shrake talked the pilot into letting her steer. All survived.

Hot tub happy hours at the walkup water bar were a daily activity for many of us, with Jennifer, Evelyn and Rick leading songs.

Our 30 members partied long and laughed always, along with the Cleveland Plummers group and a Willie Nelson look-alike from St. Louis, who sang for us.

We will always remember Jamaica and the wonderful winter break. Yeah, mon! No problem! And ONE LOVE.

Judy Nesbit, trip leader



DAYTRIPSDAYTRIPSDAYTRIPS

Saturday, April 21 **20th Annual Roger Ebert Film Festival, Champaign, IL**

The festival brings together the producers, writers, actors and directors to help showcase their work. A filmmaker or scholar introduces the film, followed by an on-stage Q & A. These films have been overlooked by distributors, audiences, and/or critics and are screened in the 1920s Virginia Theatre in Champaign. The films include independent and international documentaries and musicals. There is also a street festival.

Preliminary planning is to meet at the Walmart located on South 6th St. at 8:45 a.m and the group will leave at 9:00. Please contact Karen O'Beirne, trip leader, if you have an interest in participating as there might be the possibility of carpooling.

Trip leader, Karen O'Beirne, (217) 816-4225 or obe25@sbcglobal.net



Saturday, June 9 **St. Louis City Museum, IKEA and the new Hofbrauhaus**

This trip involves visiting the St. Louis City Museum, which is housed in the former home of the 10-story International Shoe Company. The sprawling 600,000 square foot museum is possibly the most ultimate urban playground ever constructed. It is the brainchild of artist and sculptor Bob Cassilly, who opened the space in 1997 after years of renovation and construction. The classically trained sculptor set out to make a funhouse for young and old of unique, reclaimed objects found within the city's municipal borders.

The second stop on this day trip is a visit to the St. Louis IKEA. For those who do not want to shop at IKEA, a trip to a nearby Irish bar may be an option.

The third stop is for dinner (with German beer available) at the new Hofbrauhaus, which recently opened in Belleville, IL.

Trip price: \$50.00 | Cancellation fee: \$12.50

Contact Mike Bloelchle at 787-1010 or m.bloechle@comcast.net for further information.

Saturday, September 15 - Vintage Illinois-2018

The largest and most beautiful fall wine tasting event is at Matthiessen State Park in Oglesby, Illinois. Twenty-six wineries are represented and there will be five or six food vendors and two or three entertainment groups. Each person will receive a souvenir glass and seven free tastes.

Trip price: \$80.00 | Cancellation fee: \$20.00

Lois Bloechle is the trip leader and can be contacted at (217) 638-9000 or bloechle3@gmail.com.



PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

November 4 - 16, 2018

PRICE

\$2370/person (double occupancy) inside cabin \$2790/person (double occupancy) oceanview cabin
 \$2680/person (double occupancy) porthole cabin \$3450/person (double occupancy) balcony cabin
 Maximum number of participants is 32. No Single Supplements are available.

TRIP LEADER:
Karen Kuhar

TRIP INCLUDES

- Round trip air transportation between Springfield and Miami
- One night of lodging at the Miami Hampton Inn & Suites on November 4
- Shuttle to and from PortMiami
- Eleven nights on the Norwegian Jade
- Balcony, oceanview, porthole or inside cabin (price based on category of cabin)
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Beverage package (includes MOST alcoholic beverages)
- Specialty restaurants available for an additional fee
- Onboard and beverage gratuities (Spa & salon services and specialty restaurants will have an additional 18% gratuity charge.)



PORT SPECIFICS

- **11/8 Cartagena** – a fascinating city, nearly surrounded by lagoons, bays and the Caribbean Sea.
- **11/9 The Panama Canal** – an engineering masterpiece that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The ship will enter the first set of locks, then turn around in Gatun Lake and exit the canal the way it entered.
- **11/9 Colon** – an international trade city, most notable for the Colon Free Zone, an import/export hub and a good place to shop.
- **11/10 Puerto Limon** – a gateway to the capital city of San Jose which is known for its coffee plantations and many beautiful theaters.
- **11/12 Roatán** – an island floating 30 miles off the Caribbean coastline of Honduras. The idyllic beaches are surrounded by reefs teeming with marine life.
- **11/13 Harvest Caye** – A Norwegian exclusive port in Belize with seven acres of pristine white sand beach and crystal clear waters. Also home to Fliighthouse, a 130-foot tall jumping point for various aerial activities.
- **11/14 Costa Maya** – an incredible section of the Southern Yucatan coast that is home to mysterious ruins, monkeys, rare birds and a magnificent coral reef.



SHIP AMENITIES

- Hair dryer & safe in room
- 3 swimming pools • Water slide
- Spa • 4 hot tubs • Library
- WIFI in some areas • Video Arcade
- Cell phone service • Shops
- Fitness Center • Jogging Track
- Tennis court • Basketball court
- 3 bars/lounges
- Disco/dancing
- Night life in the Bliss Ultra Lounge
- Broadway-style shows
- Casino

Trip Insurance: The Springfield Ski Club strongly recommends the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

PAYMENTS

Deposit at sign-up: \$600
 AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.

2nd Payment due 5/15/2018
 \$590/694/730/950 (based on cabin choice)
3rd Payment due 6/10/2018
 \$590/694/730/950 (based on cabin choice)
4th Payment due 7/10/2018
 \$590/694/730/950 (based on cabin choice)

The final payment may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator or from the Springfield Ski Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

CANCELLATION DATES/FEE

*Cutoff date is April 27, 2018, with SSC \$25 processing fee. Cancel more than 90 days prior to departure, fee is \$325; 60-89 days prior to departure – 10% of the cost of the trip; 30-59 days prior to departure, fee is 65%; less than 30 days prior to departure, fee is 100%. Passenger substitutions within 45 days of departure are treated as cancellations. **Any cancellation will result in a \$25 SSC processing fee.***

Optional Shore Excursions will be offered by Norwegian – Link to descriptions of the excursions:
<https://www.shoreexcursionsgroup.com/results/?line=162&shipId=2431&arrival=2018-11-05&nights=11>

SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB
Membership Application
May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019

Amount \$ _____
Date: _____
ID# _____ <i>(Club Use Only)</i>

(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

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.

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 ✓))
 - Bloomington
 - Champaign
 - Peoria
- Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

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)
- Are you a skier?
- 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 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 12 and 13 of the 2017 - 2018 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.

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

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.”