

# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



## DINING OUT



**Thursday, February 2, 2023**  
**Cocktails at 5:30 | Dinner at 6:00**  
Sangamo Brewing Co. | 109 E Mulberry St. | Chatham, IL

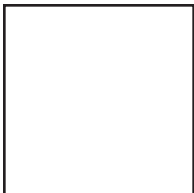
Reservations are required by noon on  
Monday, January 30, 2023  
Don Broughton, Dining Out Chairman  
Brought617@gmail.com

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# Save the Date

## HAPPY HOUR

Legacy Pointe Eatery (formerly Fox Run)  
February 16, 2023  
Motorheads - March 16, 2023

## Dining Out

March 2, 2023 - TBD

SPRING SIGN-UP PARTY - April 22, 2023

## "ICELAND - Land of Fire and Ice"

March 17-25, 2023

Nancy Chesley - 217-415-0656  
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## Enchanting Peru Tour

October 5-16, 2023

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## 13-Day Northern Italy Tour

May 2-14, 2024

Mike Bloechle - 217-787-1010  
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# February Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date
Anne King	9	Geri Zamco	18
Jan Joyce	10	Aleta Sunley	19
Angie Ramsey	10	Pam Walters	20
Mary Mucciante	11	Michael Blair	20
Patricia K. Pace-Halpin	11	Donna Burke	20
Barbara Tanzyus	11	Julie McQuality	21
Kent Trexler	12	John Hawkins	22
Sandy Goodner	12	Andrea Trexler	22
Julie Hubbard	12	RoyceAnne Scoville	22
Lynn Bierma	13	Norma Brantley	22
Gary Stockton	13	Patti Baird	22
Dinah Willard	13	Karen L. Kuhar	23
Brenda Stimac	14	David R. Young	25
Lindsay S. Hahn	14	Karen O'Beirne	25
Michael Sherman	15	Kristi Katcher	25
Michael S Bohn	17	Steve Wright	25
David Scoville	17	Jake Rettberg	27
Mary Valasek	17	Diane Urbanckas	27
Deb Philo	18		

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Dining Out Sangamo Brewing	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Superbowl	13	14	15	16 Happy Hour Legacy Pointe Eatery	17	18
19	20 President's Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

February is the month that has a focus on LOVE. Look at the picture of my front yard. I have red strands of lights outlining the edge of the roof, and a large and loving red heart which centers on a tree, which focuses on a pair of skis. I love to ski, but don't ski anymore, like many of us. Instead, I love the activities and people of the Springfield Ski & Travel Club.

There are many opportunities to get together with friends and new acquaintances at the SSTC in February. At the beginning of the month, some of us will be skiing at Whitefish, Montana. Dining Out is February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sangamo Brewing Company in Chatham--a good way to start off the month. Many members will be in Florida during February, getting together for the Superbowl with other Springfieldites.

Here at home, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Superbowl Sunday, I hope you have the chance to get together with some ski club members and enjoy the game with family and friends, as I will. Better yet, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum is free that day. Enjoy the afternoon at the museum, and then watch the game later on television. That's what I plan to do. I will be at the museum from 2:00 to 4:00.

Happy Hour is Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at Legacy Pointe Eatery (formerly Fox Run). Hope to see you there. When football season is over, what can you do on a Sunday afternoon? On February 26<sup>th</sup>, meet the president (me) at Harvest Market from 4:00 to 6:00. Bring a deck of cards or a game to play and enjoy the afternoon with other club members. Please also share your ideas with me for activities and goals as the club plans for the future. I am interested in sharing your ideas with our board members and committees.

WOW! I thought February was going to be a boring month. There are so many opportunities to get together. Looks like I'm going to have to get a dog-sitter for my best friend--Stax, the dog!

**Richard Bergt**  
President



### [A Message from the VP - Membership](#)

New member membership dues will be ½ price if paid by April 30, 2023. **This means \$25 for a family or \$20 for an individual. If they join now, they will enjoy membership status from the date they join until the expiration of April 30, 2024. Tell your friends!!**

### SPRING SIGN-UP PARTY

The Spring Sign-Up Party is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at the Aqua Club, 1 Club Area Lane, Springfield, IL. Sign-up for the Northern Italy Trip will open at 5:00pm. A cash bar will be available at that time followed by food served at 6:00pm. There will be no need to eat prior to attending as pulled pork sliders, smoked chicken wings, a dessert, and other sides will be served. DJ Dennis Reed will provide music until 9:00 pm. Service hours can be earned by assisting with setup, serving food and clean up.

*If you are interested in earning service hours, please contact Joyce Ludwig after March 26<sup>th</sup> by texting or calling 217-725-9125.*

# SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB ICELAND – THE LAND OF ICE AND FIRE

**WHEN:** March 17-25, 2023

**TRIP LEADERS:** Nancy Chesley, [nmchesley@comcast.net](mailto:nmchesley@comcast.net),  
(217)415-0656

Pat Chesley, [patchesley@gmail.com](mailto:patchesley@gmail.com), (217)210-1920



## PRICE:

**Air & Land: \$3,400/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare and hotel prices are finalized**

**Single Supplement: \$680**

**Land Only: \$2,750/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare and hotel prices are finalized - price adjusted on the 4<sup>th</sup> payment Minimum number of participants is 26, maximum is 40.**

## TRIP INCLUDES:



- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
  - Round trip air transportation between Chicago and Reykjavik, Iceland (fare is estimated and subject to change)
  - Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
  - Hotels for seven nights
  - Port fees and tourist taxes
  - 
  - Motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- Reykjavik**
- English speaking tour manager
  - Breakfast daily, three dinners
- Gratuities for all group activities
  - Entrance fees
  - Coach parking fees

## PAYMENTS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign up event – \$1,000.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 7/1/2022 – \$800.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 9/1/2022 – \$800.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- 4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 11/1/2022 – \$800.00 double or \$1,020.00 single
- **Mail or deliver 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> payments to the Chesleys at 2512 Wydown, Springfield, IL 62704**

**The final payment (including land only fees) may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator, airfare, hotel prices or from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.**

## PASSPORTS AND VACCINATION CARDS:

**WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT THAT SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC.**

Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel. **Also submit a copy of your COVID19 vaccination card showing dates for vaccines and boosters.**

- **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only)**

**Cancel by May 7, 2022** – Pay the SSTC \$25 processing fee.

**Cancel between May 8 and June 20, 2022** – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between June 21 and August 15, 2022** – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel after August 15, 2022** – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **Airfare Cancellation** – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

### INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:

- Follow the Golden Circle in Southern Iceland
- View Reykjavik highlights
- See Snaefellsnes Peninsula
- Hike at night to see the Northern Lights (weather permitting)
- Dip in the Blue Lagoon (Be sure to bring a bathing suit!)
- Bingvellir National Park which is a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Tour a geothermal bakery and taste warm rye bread
- View Gullfoss, a dramatic two-tiered waterfall
- Experience Geysir's bubbling mud pools and Strokkur hot spring
- Tour the Olverk Brewery with a pizza buffet provided
- See lava fields and glaciers
- And much, much more!



**Blue Lagoon**

NOTE: Tour activity is medium to high. It includes hiking and walking behind a waterfall or on a glacier. Plan to wear layers and bring as little as possible. **Be prepared to carry your own luggage from bus to hotel rooms, because Iceland's hospitality does not include portage!**

### HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Midgardur by Center Hotels, Laugavegur, Reykjavik
- Icelandair Hotel Fludir
- Icelandair Hotel Klaustur

**Trip Insurance:** The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum 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. Travelers are encouraged to purchase "Cancel for Any Reason" insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

# SPRINGFIELD SKI AND TRAVEL CLUB 13-DAY NORTHERN ITALY TOUR

**WHEN: MAY 2-14, 2024**

**TRIP LEADER: Michael Bloechle – 1-217-787-1010 OR [m.bloechle@comcast.net](mailto:m.bloechle@comcast.net)**

## PRICE:

- **Air and Land - \$5400\*/person - double occupancy**
- **Land Only - \$4300\*/person - double occupancy**
- **Single Supplement - \$1700\* (five singles available)**  
\*Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate, current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro. Each of these costs are subject to change before final purchase.
- Minimum number of participants is 30; maximum is 40

## TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport.
- Air transportation between Chicago-Munich and Milan-Chicago (Airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- Hotels for 12 nights (3 nights in Bolzano, 3 nights in Venice, 2 nights in Bologna, 2 nights in Verona, 2 nights in Como). **Actual hotels may change based on availability.**
- Airport transfer, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change.
- Full time local tour guide and whispers.
- Buffet breakfast each day.
- Four lunches.
- Italian Welcome & Farewell Dinners.
- Three-course dinner in Venice.
- Gratuities for all group activities.
- Private modern A/C coach throughout the trip.
- Private boat transfers in Venice from coach terminal to hotel and vice versa.



**VENICE**

## PAYMENTS:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up event - \$2400**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 6/23/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 8/25/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1600 for single**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 10/27/23 - \$1000 per person double or \$1500 for single**

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**PASSPORTS AND VACCINATION CARDS:** 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 and have at least 3 blank visa pages for international travel.** ALSO SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR COVID-19 VACCINATION CARD SHOWING DATES FOR VACCINES AND BOOSTERS.

### **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only):**

Cancel by April 29, 2023 – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between April 29, 2023, and June 23, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between June 24, 2023, and July 24, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after July 24, 2023 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Airfare Cancellation** – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.

**No refunds will be given for unused portion of the package.**

**All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.**

**ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

### **Activities:**

- Arrive in Munich, cross the beautiful alpine landscape of Bavaria and Austria to reach Bolzano with a stop in Innsbruck for lunch.
- Visit the Dolomite landscape.
- Travel the south Tyrolean wine road to Venice.
- Guided tour of Venice – Doge’s Palace, St. Mark Square and the Rialto Bridge.
- Private boat excursions to Murano and Burano Islands.
- Visit to a glass blowing factory in Murano.
- Half-day guided tours in Bolzano, Venice, Bologna, Sirmione, Verona and Como.
- Visit to a Parmesan Cheese factory with tasting in Modena/Bologna area.
- Guided tour of Bologna – see the porticos, monuments and towers of what UNESCO has defined as the best-preserved medieval center in the world.
- Visit the Scaligero Castle and the ancient thermal baths in Sirmione.
- Visit Juliet’s house with the famous balcony in Verona.
- Full-day guided tour in Lake Como.
- Cruise Lake Como to Bellagio.
- And a little time to explore this area on your own!!!



**LAKE COMO**

### **HOTELS: (Subject to change based on availability)**

- Bolzano – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Stadt
- Venice – 3 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo Sant-Elena
- Bologna – 2 nights at the 4-star Starhotels Majestic
- Verona – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Indigo des Arts
- Como – 2 nights at the 4-star Hotel Metropole and Suisse

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# SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB ENCHANTING PERU TOUR

**WHEN:** October 5-16, 2023

**TRIP LEADERS:**

DiAnn Trapp ([diannaroo@gmail.com](mailto:diannaroo@gmail.com)) or 217-415-8055

Patty Staab ([patstaab@comcast.net](mailto:patstaab@comcast.net)) or 217-836-4406

**PRICE:**

**Air & Land: \$3,850/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare is finalized**

**Single Supplement: \$450 (four singles available)**

**Land Only: \$2,760**

**Maximum number of participants is 28.**

**Due to the high elevation, travel in the Peruvian highlands may cause some passengers to experience the temporary effects of altitude sickness. If you have any concerns about traveling to higher than your accustomed elevation, please consult your healthcare provider.**



**TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round trip air transportation between St. Louis and Lima (fare is estimated and subject to change)
- Airport transfers in Peru for those flying with the group
- Two in-country flights for **ALL** travelers (including Land-Only travelers): Lima to Cuzco and Arequipa to Lima
- Government taxes, fees and airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change



- Twenty-eight passenger bus transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking guide
- Three full-day tours and five half/partial day tours
- Breakfast daily, five included lunches and three included dinners
- Welcome and farewell dinners – both in Lima but at different venues
- Gratuity for guide and bus driver while in Peru (not for optional tours)

**Machu Picchu** • Gratuity for hotel porter

- Gratuities for serving staff at provided meals

**PAYMENTS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due 9/24/2022 – \$1,000 due at sign up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 11/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 12/1/2022 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single
- 4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 1/6/2023 – \$950.00 for double or \$1,100 for single

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- **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only)**

**Cancel by October 1, 2022** – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between October 2 and November 2, 2022** – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between November 3 and December 3, 2022** – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel after December 3, 2022** – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **Airfare Cancellation** – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

### **SPECIAL FEATURES:**

- Tour of Colonial Lima, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Discover Cuzco, ancient capital of the Inca Empire
- Discover the astonishing ancient citadel of Machu Picchu via the PeruRail Expedition (train and walking tour)
- Drive through the Andean Plains to pristine Lake Titicaca
- Excursion by boat to the fascinating Uros Floating Islands
- Journey to the Colca Canyon, the deepest canyon in the world
- See the exquisite shimmering architecture of the “White City” of Arequipa
- Optional Half-Day Tours with prices:
  - Day 5, Morning – Visit Ancient Cuzco Ruins - \$59/person
  - Day 5, Afternoon – Tour Cuzco “Behind the Scenes” - \$59/person
  
  - Day 7, Afternoon – See the Sillustani Tombs - \$49/person



**Lake Titicaca**

### **HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):**

- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4\* - (2 nights at beginning of trip)
- Cuzco – Jose Antonio Cuzco Hotel – 4\* - (3 nights)
- Puno – Casa Andina Standard Puno – 4\* - (2 nights)
- Colca – Aranwa Pueblito Encantado del Colca – 4.5\* - (2 nights)
- Arequipa – Casa Andina Select Arequipa Plaza – 4.5\* - (1 night)
- Lima – Jose Antonio Executive Hotel – 4\* - (1 night at end of trip)

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