

# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



JOIN US FOR

## Happy Hour



January 18, 2024 | 5:00pm - ???

**St. Nicholas Hotel**

400 E Jefferson St | Springfield, IL

Appetizers & Drink Specials

## Dining Out

### TOP CAT'S CHILL & GRILL

3211 East Sangamon Ave

**Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024**

**Cocktails at 5:30**

**Dinner at 6:00**

Reservations are required by noon on  
Monday, January 1, 2024

Don Broughton, Dining Out Chairman  
Brought617@gmail.com

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## 2023 – Year in Review

The Springfield Ski & Travel Club membership numbers exploded in 2023 ending the year with a total of 72 new members. Word is spreading throughout the Springfield area that SSTC is offering an opportunity to join in the fun we offer with social gatherings, day trips, international trips, ski trips, sport activities, holiday parties, picnics, and a wonderful place to find and renew friendships.

The SSTC day trips offered in 2023 were all sold out events. The trips included Fairmount Park/Fast Eddie's, Missouri Botanical Garden's Chihuly Show/Favazza's on the Hill/ St. Louis Basilica, Illinois Vintage Wine Festival in Utica, Horseracing at the Illinois State Fair, yoga and wine at Sheedy Shores Winery, Illini Homecoming Football Tailgating and Game, Tina the Musical at the St. Louis Fox Theatre, and Christmas in St. Charles, Mo. What a wonderful slate of day trips/events for the membership!

Sold out international trips to Iceland and Peru were both trips of a lifetime. Iceland's views of spectacular waterfalls, flowing lava, active geysers, a storm with 100 mph winds, the famous Blue Lagoon and seeing the Northern Lights could not be beat. Visiting Peru's Machu Picchu/Floating Islands of Uros/Colca Canyon and touring the Andes Mountains among the wandering alpacas, llamas, and vicuna were simply mind blowing.

The annual summer picnic on Lake Springfield at Larry Michaud's house had the highest attendance on record with 130 members attending.

The 45th annual Oktoberfest at Roger Schnelten's offered Ski Club members two bands, two bike rides, five kegs, one hundred brats, one hundred burgers, 20 lb. Mike's famous fish, and one huge bonfire.

The monthly Happy Hours and Dining Out events have seen huge growth in attendance this past year.

Members were introduced to Bocce Ball at Obed and Isaac's with instruction offered by the "Pros" in our club. The walking and bicycling groups continued to meet once a week throughout the summer and a golf outing was held at Bergen golf course. The Pool League was a tremendous success this fall.

The Events Committee really pulled out all of the stops in providing both a Spring and Fall Sign-Up party. The attendance at the Holiday Party at Panther Creek Country Club broke a record and we maxed out our capacity.

As an all-volunteer club, the willingness and delivery of all board members, committee chairs, and trip leaders was outstanding in 2023! Many thanks to all for their contributions to the club.

At your service,

**Debi Barr-Holquist**

President

Springfield Ski & Travel Club

SAVE THE DATE

### Dining Out

January 4, 2024  
Top Cats Grill

*Happy Hour*  
February 15, 2024  
Socavon  
(on Wabash near Roots)

### OCEAN MAYA ROYALE

Riviera Maya, Mexico  
February 16 - 22, 2024  
**Deon Bishop** - 217-891-9669  
bishopd576@gmail.com

### 13-Day Northern Italy Tour

May 1-14, 2024  
**Mike Bloechle** - 217-787-1010  
m.bloechle@comcast.net

### DON'T MISS THESE DAY TRIPS!

#### JOSEPHINE'S TEA ROOM

March 5, 2024  
**Trip Leader:** Mary Lou Jackson - (217) 891-0738

### Prague, Dresden & Berlin Tour

September 27 - October 8, 2024  
**Mary Harney** - 217-725-1443  
**Bill Bernard** - 217-741-4149  
wrb2154@gmail.com

## ELECTED/APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

President.....Debi Barr-Holquist  
 Executive VP..... Mary Schackmann  
 Treasurer.....Teresa Watkin  
 Secretary..... Ruth Kopec  
 VP for Membership .....Sue Monteyne  
 VP for Day Trips ..... Jan Freeman  
 VP for Tour Trips.....Nancy Chesley  
 VP for Ski Trips..... Rich Jachino  
 VP Events ..... Joyce Ludwig  
 Finance Chair .....Carol Johnson  
 Publicity Chair/Happy Hours Chair ..Tim Phillips  
 Dine Out Chair .....Don Broughton  
 Snowjourner Editor .....Amy Dodd  
 Skier Development..... Gary Kindred  
 Community Service..... Ed Huntley  
 Sports Director ..... Jean Courtney-Jacobs  
 Webmaster .....Lois Bloechle

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jerilynn Shipley & Spencer | Jana Kincaid  
 Karla and John Enrietto | Scott Fenstermacher

## JANUARY Birthdays

Name	Date	Name	Date	Name	Date
Virginia Smith	1	Paul Staab	13	David Wentworth	24
Linda Osborne	2	Barbara Bitschenauer	14	Candice German	24
Tom Sponsler	3	Tim Rogers	15	Kent Schluter	24
Sam Maggio	4	John Blazis	16	Bill Werner	25
Dianne Bishop	4	Ray Donnelly	17	Phil Ross	25
Karen Eickenberg	5	David Foust	18	Paula Funk	26
Barbara Burke	6	Pat Glenn	18	Alan Kamhi	26
Bob Biderman	6	Joe Donelson	19	Candace Lamkey	26
Dave Kruger	7	Charles Prince	20	Ronald Lamkey	26
Clare Rehman	7	Elaine Mayer	20	Chris Reid	28
Karen Siddens	8	Nell Collins	21	Gerald Aldrich	29
Jan Schramm	8	Nancy Brougher	22	Shawn Fox	29
John Nosari	10	Terri Marbold	22	Dani Kreuznacht Sullivan	30
Barbara Hennessy	13	Mary Ellen Creighton	23	Oliver Ross	30
Janet Nuss	13	George Michael	23		

## JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4 Dining Out Top Cats	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Happy Hour Twisted Fork	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



# SSTC'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



This year's Holiday Party was a huge success tremendously enjoyed by all. Panther Creek Country Club was beautifully decorated and table decorations created by Bobbie Cummins and helpers added the final touch for an elegant and festive evening. Dressed formally, all enjoyed an evening of dancing, goodwill and festive holiday cheer. A special thanks to my committee! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Joyce Ludwig  
VP Activities



## "Tina" at the Fox

Forty Ski Club members enjoyed *Simply the Best*, Tina Turner's story in a Broadway play, at the Fabulous Fox, in St. Louis. November 18th, they traveled by luxury coach to the theatre. Dinner was also enjoyed at the Fox, in an authentic theatre atmosphere room with a Tina themed meal. The performance was exhilarating and the story a little shocking. A great time was had by all including Apple Barn snacks on the way home.



## Be Our Guest

### Bring a guest to the next SSTC Happy Hour!

If you know someone who is interested in our amazing club, why not invite them?

As a general rule, a nonmember may attend two gatherings. Afterwards, we hope they consider membership.

Please note because reservations, event planning, cost and capacity are considerations given to major events such as the Christmas Party, participation is offered to members only.

Happy Hour is the perfect place to introduce your friends to our incredible club and there is one monthly!

Mary Schackmann  
Executive Vice President



## CLUB MEMBERS RING BELLS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Under the guidance of past president Rick Griminger, ten members of the SSTC rang bells for the Salvation Army in the lobby of the Schnucks store in Montvale on Saturday, December 2. Mary and Mark Petrilli, Kay and Roger Ryan, Jenifer and Michael Malson, Jan Joyce, Jim Russell, Curtis Meinhardt, and Rick Griminger all contributed their time to work a shift, ringing bells by the collection kettle – and, raising in excess of \$900 during their shifts from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Thanks to all for a job well done!



## CHRISTMAS IN ST. CHARLES

Thank you for a wonderful trip! Very enjoyable! “The Christmas cookies were a nice surprise” “It was a fun time”, “The Christmas Stroll was beautiful, with great actors that made you feel like you were there”.

Just a few of the comments that I heard from our Christmas in St. Charles Day Trip! Our afternoon started with cool and sunny weather. The bus was able to park at the Visitors Center so we were right in the heart of shopping and restaurants. Members of the club scattered to do their last-minute shopping or maybe even a little stuffing their own stocking. There were plenty of restaurants, bars, and specialty food shops to grab dinner (or just a snack) and quench your thirst!

At the end of the day there was a “Christmas Carol Stroll”, where Victorian carolers, roasting chestnuts, and period dressed actors brought Charles Dickens to life.

Be sure to check out SSTC future day trips! It is a great way to get to know members while enjoying a getaway for the day excursion!

Janice Broughton,  
*Christmas in St. Charles Trip Leader*





## 2023 Pool League Wraps Up at Starship Billiards

Getting the pool league together in September for the first time since 2019 was a blast. With 9 new members and 11 returning members (roughly 50/50 men and women), we were able to create 5 teams that played on a rotating schedule, with one team taking a bye each week.

Introducing new players to the league rules (official Billiards Congress of America rules) was reminiscent of the learning curve for all of us back in 2009 when Roger Ryan first convened the league. These are not your typical



basement or bar rules, but by following them, we are always on the same page -- not that there was any worry of bar fights breaking out. The most bizarre of these rules is "ball in hand". Normally when you scratch or foul, your opponent would take the cue ball and place it back at the head of the table to shoot. But in BCA rules, your opponent can place the cue ball *anywhere on the table*. That sure adds a new dimension to the game. We also took advantage of score handicapping to level the playing field, accommodating all levels of experience.

What was most impressive is the camaraderie among players. And despite pool being a competitive sport with everyone wanting to do their best, it's heartwarming to see how willing the players are to help each other learn the ropes and improve their technique.

We would gladly welcome more players into the fold next season. Watch for info in the Snowjournaler and sign up at the September sign-up party. Then come on out and join the fun.

*Special thanks to Peggy Kunz, who handled the league behind the scenes: scheduling, handicapping/scoring, ranking, banquet prep, and taking the "odd man" slot in the tourney to give us an even number of players.*



### League Awards

**1<sup>st</sup> Place: Scratch It:** Andrea Trexler, Kent Trexler, Lynn Burger, Roger Schnelten

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 8-Ballers:** Carol Johnson, Larry Michaud, Cindy Moreno, Norma Van Valkenburg

**MVP:** Lynn Burger

**Most 40's:**

1<sup>st</sup> place Lynn Burger

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Ed Thomas

**Scotch Doubles Tournament:**

**First place:** Leesa Beenenga and Peggy Kunz

**Second Place:** Andrea Trexler and Deon Bishop

## CONTACT US

**Do you have questions? We have answers.**

SSTC has a new email address;  
SSTCquestions@springfieldskiclub.org.

It is now linked directly with our website, Springfield Ski and Travel Club. [www.springfieldskiclub.org](http://www.springfieldskiclub.org)  
Thank you Lois Bloechle for all your detailed work in keeping this valuable resource up-to-date.  
Check this site first to see what is happening.

The Snowjournaler link is added the first of each month. This link also appears on Facebook the first of each month. Mailed Snowjournalers are experiencing snail mail which is beyond our control. We understand your frustration but cannot remedy this situation. Our best advice is to familiarize yourself with our website.

Add the email address to your contacts. Bookmark the website on your technology. Your inquiries will be monitored daily. Your question will be directed to the exact board member qualified to answer your question.

Please note, questions asked through Facebook may go unnoticed as this source is not monitored 24/7.  
SSTC Facebook page is reserved exclusively for promoting club events and activities.



# **DON'T MISS OUT**

***The current board's goal is to make sure you are in the know!***

## **How do I find out what is scheduled?**

- First, an eblast is sent alerting you to an event or activity. An eblast is an email sent to all members. All eblast have SSTC in the subject line.
- Next, the event is promoted on Facebook. Follow us on Facebook. Facebook is used to promote events and is not monitored daily. If you have a question, please contact the board member or trip leader directly. Their contact information is in the eblast or our directory.
- In addition, it is on your website's calendar. [www.springfieldskiclub.org](http://www.springfieldskiclub.org). Your newsletter, the Snowjourner, also provides you with events and activities. The Snowjourner is published online at the beginning of each month. An eblast, along with a notice on Facebook lets you know of its availability. If you paid for a mailed copy, it is always sent at the first of the month, and is subject to the priorities of the postal system. Usually there is a delay, and events may have already happened. My advice is be proactive, check other sources.

## **I'm not getting eblasts. Who should I contact?**

- First, check your junk mail. Sometimes, depending on your email system, email is automatically routed there.
- Next, if your email has changed, or you would like an email added, notify the VP of membership. (The email used is the one listed on the membership application)

## **I have a family membership. Can more than one email be used to receive the eblast?**

- Absolutely, just send the additional email addresses to the VP of membership.

*Remember, to watch for Eblast, Facebook post, and the website to stay In the Know!*

## SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL 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: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **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."
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## SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

**DAY TRIPPIN.....WE'RE DAY TRIPPIN!**

**TITLE:** Josephine's Tea Room/Aerie's Winery in Grafton

**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 leaving Meijer at 8:30 AM and returning approximately 5:30 PM

**TRIP LEADER:** Mary Lou Jackson, 217-891-0738

**PRICE:** \$61.00

We need a minimum of 30 participants (maximum 40 participants)

**TRIP INCLUDES:** Private chartered bus and shuttle van up to the winery

**ACTIVITIES:** We have reservations at 10:45 at Josephine's Tea Room. There will be plenty of time for shopping prior to the visit to the Winery. The price of your meal is not included.

**SOLD OUT Join the Wait List**



### **CANCELLATION DATES, FEES, AND REFUNDS:**

- Cancel by September 23, 2023 – A refund will be promptly paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after September 23, 2023 and a replacement is found – a refund will be paid minus a \$25 processing fee.
- \*Cancel after September 23, 2023 and no replacement is found – Executive Board approval is required to issue any refund.
- \***Refunds** are made after the trip is completed.



## **2025 Ski Kouncil Illinois Goes Italian**

**February 28 to March 8, 2025**

The Ski Kouncil is going to Northern Italy to the largest skiing district in the Alps. Directly linked with the Sella Ronda Ski Tour, it is part of the Dolomiti Superski. Lodging is in the Hotel Azola in the town of Canazei in the Val di Fassa.

Package includes:

7 nights of double occupancy

Breakfast and dinner at the Hotel

Air from O'Hare to Venice

Round trip hotel transfer

Lift tickets not included (approx. \$400 for 5 days)

Estimated price is \$2,500. Based on double occupancy. Additional days in Venice are an option.

**We will be accepting sign-ups for this trip beginning Dec. 6, 2023. To hold our hotel rooms we need a \$400 per person deposit payable to the Ski Kouncil IL. Contact Gary Kindred 217-494-1956 or [garykindred55@gmail.com](mailto:garykindred55@gmail.com) to sign up and follow up with a deposit check.**

Canazei in Val di Fassa is in the province of Trento; a town of just under 2,000 inhabitants, located amongst important Dolomite groups and surrounded by the peaks of the Marmolada, Gruppo del Sella, and Sassolungo. A renowned tourist destination in summer and winter, it offers a variety of activities.

In Canazei you can ski and snowboard, in the beautiful ski areas of Alba Ciampac and Canazei Belvedere, all surrounded by the Dolomites: you can reach important passes like the Pordoi or the Sella, or you can enjoy a spectacular view of the Marmolada glacier. Non-skiers can reach the Sass Pordoi by cableway, walking from the centre of the town. It is known as the Terrace of the Dolomites because of its 9,600 ft. elevation.

The family run Azola Hotel is a 5 minute walk from the center in a quiet and sunny area away from the main road. The buffet breakfast is served with savory foods and home-made cakes. The dinner has a choice menu with a buffet of appetizers, vegetables and salads and a long list of desserts. The Azola hotel also offers themed dinners throughout the week.

Elevation in Canazei is 4,800 ft. The majority of the ski runs are rated as intermediate. The highest ski elevation is around 8,000 ft.

Trip insurance is available. If interested, I will give you the tour operator's recommendations.



**SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB  
OCEAN MAYA ROYALE  
RIVIERA MAYA, MEXICO**

**WHEN:** February 16-22, 2024

**TRIP LEADER:** Deon Bishop  
217/891-9669  
bishopd576@gmail.com

**PRICE:** **\$1,800.00 per person (double occupancy)**  
Minimum number of participants is 21,  
maximum is 30.  
Minimum age is 18.  
One Single Supplement is available at an  
additional \$180.



Ocean Maya Royale  
Riviera Maya, Mexico

**TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round trip air transportation between St. Louis and Cancun
- Government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change.
- Ground transportation to and from the resort.
- Six nights in a Maya Deluxe room at the ADULTS ONLY, all-inclusive Ocean Maya Royale resort.

**PAYMENTS:**

Deposit at sign-up: \$600.00, plus additional \$60 for single supplement.

2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due October 15, 2023 – \$600.00, plus additional \$60 for single supplement.

3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due November 15, 2023 – \$600.00, plus additional \$60 for single supplement.

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

**PASSPORTS:**

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT YOUR TRIP APPLICATION AND A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. YOUR TRIP APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED TO EXACTLY MATCH YOUR PASSPORT INFORMATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.

**Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land portion only):**

Cancel by September 29, 2023 – pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between September 30, 2023, and October 31, 2023 – 30% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel between November 1, 2023, and December 1, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

After December 1, 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 portions of the package.**

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

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

## **RESORT FEATURES:**

Oceanfront resort  
2 outdoor pools  
3 themed restaurants plus buffet and sports bar  
3 bars including swim-up bar  
Mike's Coffee  
Despacio Spa Centre at your cost  
Evening entertainment and themed nights  
Room Service – limited hours: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.  
Free Wi-Fi  
In-room safe  
Tour desk



## **ACTIVITIES:**

Gym  
Non-motorized sports  
Motorized sports and dive center for a fee  
Beach and pool volleyball  
Water aerobics  
Tennis courts  
Mini market  
Boutique

**Trip Insurance:** The Springfield Ski & Travel 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. 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.) 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 1-14, 2024 (Updated)**

**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**

**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 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:** 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 AND TRAVEL CLUB PRAGUE, DRESDEN & BERLIN TOUR

**WHEN:** September 27 – October 9, 2024

**TRIP LEADER:** Mary Harney, 217-725-1443  
Bill Bernard, 217-741-4149  
Email: wrb2154@gmail.com

### PRICE:

- Air and Land - \$4,750\*/person - double occupancy
- Land Only - \$3,650\*/person - double occupancy
- Single Supplement - \$850\*/person (six singles available)

*\*Special Note: Prices are based on Vendor's best estimate of current airfare/fuel charges and the current exchange rate of the Euro (1 EUR = \$1.11). Each of these costs is subject to change before final purchase.*

- Minimum number of participants is 21; maximum number of participants is 40.

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- \* Bus transportation to and from Lambert Airport, St. Louis, MO
- \* Air transportation between St. Louis – Prague and Berlin – St. Louis (airfare is estimated and subject to change.)
- \* Deluxe motorcoach throughout as per itinerary including all necessary fees, all taxes and charges for ground services
- \* English speaking tour escort throughout from Prague airport to arrival in Berlin on October 5 (7 days)
- \* Hotel for 11 nights including portorage of luggage in/out (4 nights in Prague, 3 nights in Dresden, 4 nights in Berlin)
- \* Daily European breakfast buffet at hotels
- \* Welcome dinner, 3-course dinner or buffet dinner at hotel
- \* Bohemian Folklore dinner at local restaurant in Prague including beverages
- \* Vltava Dinner Cruise for 2 ½ hours including buffet and welcome drink
- \* 3-course dinner at local restaurant in Dresden
- \* 3-course lunch including 1 glass of wine at Restaurant Vincenz Richter in Meissen, Germany
- \* Farewell dinner at a typical German local restaurant in Berlin
- \* Entrance fees and tours to all listed activities
- \* Audio headsets for all city tours



PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

### PAYMENTS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due at sign-up event on 9/9/23 - \$1200
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 11/9/23 - \$1200 per person double or \$1500 for single
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 01/9/24 - \$1200 per person double or \$1450 for single
- 4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 03/09/24 - \$1150 per person double or \$1450 for single

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*Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date.*

### Activities:

- Arrive in Prague and enjoy a private motor coach drive to our hotel where we will enjoy a welcome dinner.
- Full-day tour of Prague including the Historic Center, Old Town and Republic Square, Powder Tower, Tyn Church, Royal Way, Clam-Gallas and Kinsky Palaces and more. In the evening enjoy a marvelous cruise on the Vltava River which includes dinner.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> day – tour of Prague visiting many famous places on the left bank of the Vltava River including Hradčany Castle, Church of St. Nicholas, Lennon Peace Wall and the Charles Bridge. Dinner at the hotel.
- Optional half-day tour in Prague.
- While traveling from Prague to Dresden tour Terezin including a tour of Terezin Concentration Camp led by an expert guide. Also stop in the picturesque valley of České středohoří highlands in Zubrnice where we will enjoy an open-air museum and the Church of St. Mari Magdalena.
- Half-day guided tour of Dresden. Enjoy a drive through the romantic river landscape of the Elbe, past three palaces and vineyards. Cross over the historic bridge, “The Blue Wonder.” Stop at Pfund’s Dairy. Experience a walk through the city seeing the famous Semper Opera House and Bruhl’s Terrace, also known as the “Balcony of Europe.”
- Explore Meissen with our local guide. Discover porcelain manufacturing and the artisan district. Experience a special lunch at the famous wine-restaurant Vincenz Richter.
- Take a walking tour of the city of Luther, Wittenberg, on our way to the historic German city of Berlin.
- Guided sightseeing and orientation of Berlin including Charlottenburg Palace, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, remains of the Berlin Wall, Museum Island, Brandenburg Gate and more.
- Excursion to Potsdam to visit the famous Cecilienhof Palace and other sights.
- Visit Sachsenhausen memorial camp followed by a free afternoon in Berlin.
- Farewell dinner in one of Berlin’s beer hall restaurants.

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

Prague – Hotel Adria, 4\* (Wenceslas Square), Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2024

Dresden – Hotel Amedia Plaza, 4\*, Oct. 2-5, 2024

Berlin – B&B Hotel Alexanderplatz, 4\*, October 5-9, 2024



DRESDEN, GERMANY

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Cancel between November 1, 2023, and December 1, 2023 – 50% of trip cost is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after December 1, 2023 – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

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# SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

## Membership Application May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

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 (s): \_\_\_\_\_ Category: ☐ Individual ☐ Family ☐ Lifetime

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (s): ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

**Check for listing in Club Directory:** ☐ Home Address ☐ E-Mail Address ☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

The Snowjourner, the club's monthly news letter is available online at [www.springfieldskiclub.org](http://www.springfieldskiclub.org). If you wish a copy to be mailed monthly, mark Yes \_\_\_\_\_. **There will be a \$20 fee for monthly mailing.**

### Primary Membership Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership and Dues - Non-Refundable:

- ☐ \$20 Monthly newsletter  
☐ \$40 Individual (over age 21)  
☐ \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)  
☐ \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one of the following clubs (indicate with a ✓):  
☐ Bloomington ☐ Peoria ☐ Champaign  
☐ Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

### Volunteer Hours ( check at least one box)

- ☐ Board Member committee - (help plan events)  
☐ Activities (volunteer at club events)  
☐ Membership (volunteer at events, mailings)  
☐ Community Service (approved events)  
☐ Trip Leader for Ski, Day Trips, or Extended Travel  
☐ 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 Data: (this information will never be published except to wish you happy birthday in the newsletter)

Name of <b>Each</b> Individual member (include yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Male/Female	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV, Bylaws and Constitution are available at [www.springfieldskiclub.org](http://www.springfieldskiclub.org)). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Kouncil of Illinois (S.K.I.).

In applying for Springfield Ski and Travel 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 and Travel Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board, 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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_