



# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



## Dining Out

July 2

**HAS BEEN  
CANCELLED**

## Happy Hour

**JULY 16TH 5:00 to ?**

**VIA ZOOM**

CATCH UP WITH ALL OF YOUR SSTC FRIENDS  
FROM THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN HOME

**SAVE**

**THE**

**DATE!**

*Details Inside*

(Note from the Snowjourner editor: Please mark these dates, times and locations on your calendar for future reference.)

**September 12,**  
**Saturday, Sign Up Party, details to come**

**November 1-13,**  
**Adventure in Portugal (see flyer)**

**May 19-30, 2021,**  
**Cruise Through Croatia, see flyer**

# July 2020

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month Janice Grosse 217-725-6776  
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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
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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God bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night with the light  
from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America, my home sweet  
home.

We live in a wonderful country, but it is not perfect. When we see problems and difficulties, we are all challenged to do what we can for the benefit and welfare of all Americans. This year the 4th of July will be different in many ways. As of this writing, 21 states have a Covid-virus surge! Be wise, be safe, and practice social distancing.

Many of you have heard about the passing of Jaime Francis. She was a member since 2017 and served on the SSTC board this past year as VP for Day Trips. We all enjoyed her friendship and will miss her very much. We share our condolences with her family and friends.

I have been president of the SSTC for only two months, but I have seen what the board members are busy doing. I am amazed. Let's acknowledge what others do and do it often and in a positive way. These people are giving their time to make this a great organization. So let's thank these people for their service for this club and for you: Terri Marbold, Chris Schofield, Pennie Stevens, Joyce Metz, Gary Kindred, Sandy Schinneer, Wendy

Schluter, Patty Staab, Betsy Miller, Linda Hammer, Karen Kuhar, Jan Joyce, Deon Bishop, Caroline Porter, Janice Grosse, and Don Broughton! Thanks also to Tom and Karen Hafel for their service this past year in organizing Dining Out. (Janice Grosse and Don Broughton are now in charge of this.)

With the Covid precautions, it is difficult to make plans for our gatherings. Some activities have been cancelled such as: there will be no Dining Out until further notice, and Roger Schnelton has requested cancelling the Oktoberfest this fall because of the virus. But we are looking hopefully to the future. Patty Staab has a wonderful trip planned to Croatia in May 2021. Sign-up will be at the fall Sign-up Party on Saturday, Sept 12. More details on the place and time for

the party will be coming soon, so keep watching for information. Also in the works is a winter trip. Wendy Schluter has several day trips planned in the fall such as a train ride mystery trip in Missouri. She also is starting to make plans for trips in October and December.

Zoom Happy Hour for July will be held only on the 16th. We might be able to meet again in August, but only if conditions with state guidelines are safe to do so. The Board members agree we need to continue to be cautious and safe, and follow the guidelines, especially by wearing a mask. My motto is: "I'd rather wear a mask than a ventilator."

(Please note that several members have not paid dues for the 2020-2021 club year. The cut-off date is August 1st so that a new directory can be published. Non-payment after that date will result in losing all volunteer hours and years of membership.)

Enjoy your 4th of July. Celebrate, but practice social distancing. Check out the picture of my best friend Stax. He also celebrates the 4th. He is a true patriot who loves America and the freedoms he enjoys. Stax's breed is truly fitting for the 4th because Stax is not an English bulldog, he is an 'AMERICAN BULLDOG.'



***Rich Bergt  
President***

Happy  
4<sup>th</sup> of  
July

Stay safe while celebrating  
Independence Day!

Welcome new members

Steve & Mary Valasek



July Birthdays



Sheila O'bryen ..... 1  
Theresa Watkin ..... 2  
Ruth Hook ..... 2  
Franklin Weinkauff ..... 5  
Lisa Wentworth ..... 5  
Curtis E. Meinhardt..... 5  
Michael Bloechle ..... 5  
Tom Shearer..... 6  
Darin Werking..... 7  
Gary Heggy ..... 8  
Virgene Fair ..... 8  
Bill Hopkins..... 9  
Ernesto Eusebio ..... 9  
James Burke..... 10  
Chris Murphy ..... 11

Mark Pence ..... 11  
Greg Cox ..... 12  
Dennis Chrans..... 12  
Andrew Goleman ..... 12  
Byron Nesbitt..... 13  
Suzanne Meyer ..... 13  
Mark Kuntzi..... 13  
Donald Sutton ..... 13  
Christine Reed..... 14  
Ruth Coleman..... 14  
Dan Lilly ..... 16  
Jaylene Thicksten ..... 16  
Bernie Coleman..... 16  
Sharon Purcell ..... 17  
Dorothy Smith..... 19  
George Carver ..... 21

Erika Fuhrmann ..... 21  
Cindy Lynn ..... 21  
Suzanne Sronce..... 22  
Linda Papenburg ..... 22  
Sheila Rogers ..... 22  
Kathy Goleman..... 22  
Cynthia Jones..... 23  
Sandy Wilmot..... 23  
John Sronce..... 26  
Craig Neighbors ..... 27  
Debbie Fee ..... 27  
Mary Hanselman ..... 28  
Roger Ryan ..... 28  
Shirley Cowles ..... 31  
Debbie Fry ..... 31



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# CROATIA AND SLOVENIA TOUR WITH AN ADRIATIC CRUISE

Get ready to join your Springfield Ski and Travel Club friends on an amazing trip to Slovenia and Croatia **May 19-30, 2021**. We will begin our tour in Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia where we will learn of the historic charm of the city and stroll through pleasant streets packed with cultural heritage, artistic shops, creative restaurants and charming cafes. We will move from there to the picturesque Lake Bled and a boat ride to Bled Island and Bled Castle. Next, we will visit the capital city of Croatia – Zagreb. With its 1000 years of history, Zagreb is an inspiring historic site and a dynamic cosmopolitan city. We will also visit National Park Plitvice Lakes, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with 16 lakes interconnected with about 90 spectacular waterfalls.

Have you ever wanted to cruise on your own private yacht? Now is your opportunity! We will board our own luxury yacht and spend six days cruising from Split to Dubrovnik through the Croatia Islands (located in the Adriatic Sea)! We will tour Brac Island, the jet-set island of Hvar, the island of Vis (dinner provided at the famous Restaurant Rokis), Korcula Island (birthplace of Marco Polo) and Island Mljet. During our island tours, we will visit Skrip (the oldest settlement on the islands) and its Olive Oil Museum (with an olive-oil tasting), participate in a wine tasting of local red and/or white wines on Korcula, and walk through pine woods and across natural water reserves to a shepherd village with dry stone huts on Brac Island. Our cruise will end in Dubrovnik – The Pearl of the Adriatic – where we will spend time in Old Town Dubrovnik with an expert guide. Our final day on the trip will be at leisure in Dubrovnik sightseeing, shopping or just relaxing.

For further information, contact Patty Staab at [vptourtrips@springfieldskiclub.org](mailto:vptourtrips@springfieldskiclub.org)



Ljubljana, Slovenia



Bled and Bled Island, Slovenia



Zagreb, Croatia



National Park Plitvice

# ADVENTURES IN PORTUGAL

**NEW DATES: NOVEMBER 1-13TH**

**TRIP LEADER:** Mike Bloechle – 217/787-1010 or m.bloechle@comcast.net

**PRICE:** \$3,060.00 (land and air) – based on a minimum of 30 and maximum of 45 travelers

**Single Supplement** - \$699 added to the price of the trip – limit of 5

**Land only** – Price will be adjusted on the 3rd and 4th payments.

## TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- Air transportation to Porto and from Lisbon
- Airfare taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking guide throughout the trip
- Three nights in Porto, two nights in Coimbra, two nights in Évora and four nights in Lisbon
- Four full-day and four partial-day tours
- Breakfast daily, one lunch and two dinners – welcome
- Welcome dinner in Porto and farewell dinner with Fado show in Lisbon
- Gratuities for guide in Portugal, bus drivers (Chicago and Portugal), hotel porters (one piece of luggage per person), and serving staff at included meals

## PAYMENTS:

- Deposit at sign-up: Land & Air = \$765; Single Supplement = \$940
- 2nd Payment due 10/4/2019: \$765; single supplement = \$940
- 3rd Payment due 11/4/2019: \$765; single supplement = \$940
- 4th Payment due 12/4/2019: \$765; single supplement = \$939

The final payment (including land only and single supplement fees) 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 and 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.

## INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: (entry fees included for these activities):

- Applicable entry fees are included for these activities.
- Walking tour of Porto
- Visits to Aveiro, Guarda, Tomar, Fatima, Obidos, Marvão
- Full-day excursion to Lamengo and the Quinta da Pacheca Winery (wine tasting and three-course lunch)
- University of Coimbra and Royal Palace (Coimbra)
- Marvão Medieval Village
- Cathedral and Cloisters of Évora
- Wine and olive tasting in Évora
- Capela dos Ossos (Chapel of Bones)/Royal Church of St. Francis (Évora)
- Belém Riverside District (Lisbon), 16th century Monastery of Jeronimos and Belem Tower
- Obidos Medieval Fortress
- Fado show with dinner
- Free time for shopping in Lisbon, Coimbra, Évora and Porto
- Visit to 12th century settlement built by the Knights Templar in Tomar

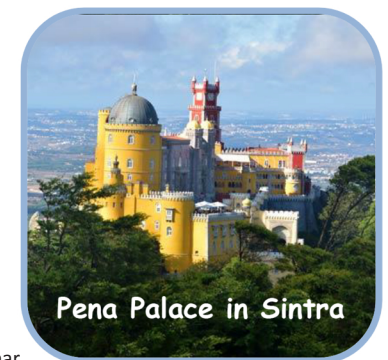
## HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Three nights in Porto at Carris Porto Iberia – Class 4\*
- Two nights in Coimbra at Tivoli Coimbra Hotel - Class 4\*
- Two nights in Évora at Vila Galé Évora - Class 4\*
- Four nights in Lisbon at Mundial or Tivoli Oriente - Class 4\*

## OPTIONAL TOURS

(Prices are in Euros and are approximations):

- Half-day excursion to Guimaraes (35€ per person)
- Douro River Cruise with wine/cheese tasting (40€ per person)
- Half-day excursion to the Conimbriga Ruins (18€ per person)
- Half-day Baixa District tour in Lisbon (26€ per person)
- Sintra excursion (60€ per person)



## Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cutoff date – **September 13, 2019**, there is a \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Between **September 14, 2019 and November 3, 2019** - \$300 per person.
- November 4, 2019 or after, YOUR OBLIGATION IS THE FULL PRICE OF THE TRIP.
- If a replacement is found by November 4, an adjustment may be possible.
- No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package and all cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

**Trip Insurance:** The Springfield Ski and 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. Trip insurance is available from SmarTours for \$179 (<http://www.tripmate.com/wpf394H>), but you can use other insurers as well. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

## 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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## **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, 2020 through April 30, 2021

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: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

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

All members will receive two printed full Snowjourners each year and 10 electronically. If you want to continue to receive monthly, mark Yes \_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_. There will be a \$20 fee for monthly mailing. It is also available online at [springfieldskiclub.org](http://springfieldskiclub.org)

### 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)

### 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 or 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 & 13 of 2018-2019 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 or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

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