

Community Service

A good turnout for Adopt a Street.

Chaired by Ed Huntley, the Nov. 21 Adopt a Street was successful.

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Ed Thomas, Jim Maggio, Sam Maggio, Debi Barr-Holquist, John Keith, Greg Cox, Don Broughton, Janice Broughton and Ed Huntley.





January 30-Feb. 6, 2021 Ski trip to Zermatt, Utah Deer Valley & Sundance Ski Resorts Has been CANCELLED

> **February 2-7, 2021** San Diego, California Trip CANCELLED

October 31-November 12, 2021

Adventures in Portugal New Dates, October 31-Nov. 12, 2021 see flyer for details. Mike Bloechle, trip leader m.bloechle@comast.net

May 18-29, 2022

Cruise Through Croatia, See flyer for details. Patty Staab, trip leader, 217-836-4406 or patstaab@comcast.net

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month Janice Broughton 217-725-6776 janice_abundant_faith@yahoo.com Don Broughton 217-971-8900 Springfield Ski and Travel 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
29	30	1	2	3 Dine Out CANCELLED	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 ZOOM BOARD MEETING	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 HAPPY HOUR CANCELLED	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we all know, this has been a difficult and unusual year for all of us. We have mentioned before that activities have been cancelled, not only by our club, but by many other organizations as well, because of the pandemic. The Ski Club Christmas party we were hoping for will not happen this year. So, from the Springfield Ski and Travel Club board and myself, we hope you "Have a Merry Little Christmas" and a Happy New Year.

By now you probably have "Decked the Halls with Boughs of Holly." When all the decorating is finished and you have had a "Silent Night" of rest, we hope you can say each morning "O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree" how lovely are your branches.

Undoubtedly this year you'll

be "Home for Christmas." You may not hear the "Jingle (Door) Bells" ringing as much or have family and children around that are "Dreaming of a White Christmas." But if you like living in a "Winter Wonderland," I say, "Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!"

Now I want to share with you a new verse for 2020, which uses an old familiar tune:

All I want for Christmas is a vaccine shot.

No gifts for me! Just Covid-free!

All I want is joining friends and fam-i-ly

In spreading JOY around the Christmas tree!

My friend Stax says, "I have



everything I want: a warm fireplace, crunchy kibble, at home with my family. Have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year."

> Rich Bergt President

December Birthdays

Linda Hammer	2
Pamela Tisckos	
Gary Philo	4
Joan Gardner	
Roger Schnelten	5
Helen Leanard	
Larry Michaud	6
Lynda Kovarik	
Tom Hafel	
Carol Maggio	9
Jim Disney	
Barry J. Erlandson	
Tim Phillips	
Paul Robertson	

Barbara Carney12
Jenifer J. Malson12
Rosemary Bellaire13
Jack Hook15
Lynda Bennett15
Tina Biderman15
Cathy Mellendorf16
Gloria Lamb16
Gary Telford17
Nancy Short19
Gail Frank20
Colleen Pinto20
John Mellendorf21
Rick Millard21

Timothy Shrake	22
John Norris	
Mary Reed	23
Debi Barr-Holquist	
Mark A. McQuality	
Barb Graves	
Patti Bassett	25
Joseph O'Beirne	
Sandy Colborn	
Sandra Ransdell	
Janet Elder	
Marie L Wheeler	
Joyce Metz	
Dan Ewald	31

ADVENTURES IN PORTUGAL October 31-November 12 2021

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 Evora 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

HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Three nights in Porto at Carris Porto Riberia Class 4*
- Two nights in Coimbra at Tivoli Coimbra Hotel Class 4^{\ast}
- Two nights in 'Evora at Vila Galé 'Evora 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)

- 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, Evora and Porto
- Visit to 12th century settlement built by the Knights Templar in Tomar

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.







CROATIA AND SLOVENIA TOUR WITH AN ADRIATIC CRUISE

WHEN: May 18-29, 2022 Payment amounts may change. Cancellation dates will be adjusted for the revised tour dates.

TRIP LEADER: Patty Staab - patstaab@comcast.net or 217.836.4406

PRICE:

Air & Land: \$3,950/person (double occupancy) Land Only: Price adjusted on the 4th payment Maximum number of participants is 40.

TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- Round trip air transportation between Chicago and Slovenia/Croatia (fare is estimated and subject to change)
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Port fees and tourist taxes
- Motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking tour leader/cruise manager
- Six days on our own private yacht cruising the Croatian Islands in the Adriatic Sea with stops on the islands of Brac, Hvar, Vis, Korcula and Mljet (MS Bella)





- Additional time in Ljubljana (capital of Slovenia), Bled (Lake Bled), Zagreb (capital of Croatia), National Park Plitvice Lakes, Split and Dubrovnik
- Daily tours (no add-on costs for tours) with free time for exploring, shopping or simply relaxing
- Guided walking tours of Ljubljana, Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Split, Hvar Town, Korcula and Dubrovnik
- Breakfast daily, seven lunches and six dinners (including dinner at Fodor's recommended Roki's on the Island of Vis)
- Welcome dinner in Ljubljana and Farewell dinner in Dubrovnik

Ljubljana, Slovenia

- Olive oil and wine tastings
- Gratuities for bus drivers (Chicago and Croatia), tour director and yacht crew

PAYMENTS:

Deposit at sign-up: \$1,000.00

- 2nd Payment due 10/2/2020 \$1,000.00
- 3rd Payment due 11/2/2020 \$1,000.00
- 4th Payment due 12/2/2020 \$950.00
- Land-only payments will be adjusted on the 4th payment

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 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 A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR <u>PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION</u>. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.

Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only)

Cutoff Date – Cancel by September 21, 2020 and pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee. Cancel between September 21 and October 1, 2020, \$500 is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee

Cancel between October 2, 2020, and March 8, 2021, \$1,000 is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

Cancel after March 8, 2021, your obligation is the full price of the trip <u>plus</u> \$25 SSTC processing fee. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

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

- Airfare Cancellation Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy.
- ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:

- Entrance fees included for the Olive Oil Museum on Brac, Plitvice Lakes National Park and Mljet National Park
- Wine tastings
- Olive oil tastings
- Boat ride on Lake Bled
- Hike Vidova Gora while in Brac
- Boat ride to St. Mary Isle to visit an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and a church dating back to the 12th century
- Visit salt lakes in the Mljet National Park
- Visit Skrip, Brac Island, which is the oldest settlement on the islands, and its Museum of Olive Oil
- Explore Hvar Island which is known for lush lavender fields, breathtaking beauty and the oldest community theatre in Europe founded in 1612
- Rent kayaks, bikes, scooters or convertible cars on your own to roam around Mljet Island
- Visit Korcula Island (birthplace of Marco Polo) and participate in a tasting of local red and white wines
- Tour Old Town Dubrovnik, it's famous main street of Stradun, the Rector's Palace and City Walls which are a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- And much, much more!

HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Ljubljana Grand Hotel Union 1 night Class 4*
- Zagreb Hotel Amadria Park Capital 1 night Class 4*
- MS Bella 6 nights 4.5* on Trip Advisor
- Dubrovnik Hotel Neptun 2 nights Class 4*
- Vienna, Austria NH Vienna Airport Hotel 1 night Class 4*



Plitvice Lakes National Park

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.

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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:							
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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 <u>springfieldskiclub.org</u>							
Primary Membership Information:							
First Name: MI Last Name:							
Membership and Dues Non-Refundable:	Club Interests (check all that interest you):						
 \$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 following clubs (indicate with a ✓): Bloomington □ Peoria □ Champaign □ Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive year) 	Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Tennis) Are you a skier?						

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 Kouncil 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: _