



Battle Creek Ski Club



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- Tuesday
- December 8th
- Miller's Time Out
- 13260 S. Helmer Rd.
- (at the corner of I-94 & Helmer)
- Social Hour and Trip Sign Up - 6:30PM
- General Meeting starts at 7:30PM



COMEDY TONIGHT! OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU!

Get into the Christmas spirit with the Battle Creek Ski Club. After the December General Meeting at Miller's Time Out we will provide a professional comedian for your entertainment. Stay after the comedian's performance for an evening of dancing to tunes provided by Gary Linke. Learn about the trips we offer this year through song (not professional)! Just one more way your Battle Creek Ski Club finds fun and different ways to showcase talent within Southwest Michigan's best Ski Club. Come and join the fun!

MORE GREAT MEETINGS TO COME!

Don't forget to mark your calendar dates for all the rest of this year's General Meetings. We have some good stuff coming up. January we will be tubing or skiing at Timber Ridge on our meeting night with a short meeting in the lodge and a great price on lift tickets. February we will have a rematch of the Wii championships, come and watch or play. The theme will be Mardi Gras. Come get your beads! March will be a patriotic night, wear your red, white and blue. Special Olympic coach Mike Bielski will present our program for the evening. You will learn a lot! In April, WE HAVE A DEAL FOR YOU! We have been conservative over the past year and saved money on our parties for the Ski Club participants. We have decided to have a MEGA end of season drawing at our April meeting.

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Expand Your Winter Fun with X-C and Luge at Muskegon Winter Sports Complex—Jan 15 & 16



Interested in trying your hand at luge? Muskegon Winter Sports complex has the only walk on luge track in the country. We'll head over to Muskegon Winter Sports Complex, Friday night, Jan. 15 for the evening Dine and Glide. This cross country ski event is easy skiing on lighted trails with gourmet food stops along the way. You can snow shoe too. The evening will conclude with musical entertainment in the warming hut. We'll spend the night nearby at a 3 generation family run inn in Whitehall, the Lakeside Inn. Next morning at 8:30 we'll head back to the sports complex to get signed up for our 9-11:30 luge lesson. If you're not into luge you can enjoy cross country skiing and ice skating at the sports complex (various rentals and fees are available) and head home at your own leisure on Saturday. Dine and glide: \$40 (ski rental additional) pp; luge: \$40 pp; accommodation: \$30 pp. You'll also need a state park pass (\$6 daily/\$24 annual). For more info on the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex, go to www.msports.org Club member, Brian Jacob, and I (Val) did the dine and glide & luge last year and had a great time. To see a clip of my luge run go to youtube and search "luge val bridge." If you are interested in going contact Val Rossman, vfrossman@aol.com, 269-986-2573.

We guarantee a purse of \$150.00 and plus we will add that night's 50/50 dollars to it! Along with that, we will have a "South Sea Beach" theme. Our own Barb Hibiski will help us get ready for swim suit season. Casual resort wear is the uniform of the night. Soft lights and palm trees will welcome you. You will also hear about summer events this year round club has to offer.

How do I get tickets to this April mega drawing you say? One way is to buy 50/50 drawing tickets that night. Another way, each person who signs up for a trip with us this year will get a ticket. Put your name on that and it goes into the draw. However, you must be present to win! If you are not there and your ticket is drawn and your name is read, ouch, you miss out

President's Corner

A big thank you to all who donated items and services to the auction and to those who purchased items at the auction. I won't forget those of you who encouraged bidders to keep the bid going. You too helped in the success of our only money making event that allows us to hire the comedian for the Christmas party, buy food and drink and anything else we need for the uprising party, pay for the printing and mailing of our award winning newsletter and any other fun events we do during the year. THANK YOU. By the time this reaches your homes some of our members will have traveled to CO. to start the ski season. Hard to believe since it is blue skies and sunshine as I am writing this. I offer a reminder to keep your trip payments up to date. It won't be long before our first trip of the season heads to Boyne. Let the season and fun begin. I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and now I get to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Betsy Watson, BCSC President

*Boyne Slope Side
Club Weekend
& Championship Race
January 8-10*



Great Value for Your Money. Openings Still Available! Saturday Nastar Race!

Includes:

- 2 nights lodging
- Welcome party on Friday night & Saturday race awards
- Friday skiing after 4:30, Saturday and Sunday lift tickets (one lift ticket may be used for Boyne Mtn.)
- Saturday & Sunday breakfast buffet, Saturday dinner
- On slope lunch on Saturday—with some of your favorite foods from past years.
- Hot tub, giant heated pool, Zoo Bar & dancing
- Nastar Race on Saturday (additional cost)
- Many other activities available through Boyne Highlands.

Prices:

\$287 per person – double occupancy;
\$257 per person – multiple occupancy;
\$165 kids 9-12 sharing with 2 adults;
\$96 kids 0-8

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Professional and Personal Wellness Invites BCSC Members on Crystal Mountain Ski Trip



Professional and Personal Wellness has organized a ski trip to Crystal Mountain that includes:

- o All transportation
- o All meals
- o Lift tickets (downhill) or trail passes (cross-country)

When: Saturday, January 23, 2010 (Registration deadline is Friday, January 8, 2010)

Cost: \$65 per ticket per person for travel & food + applicable lift ticket/trail pass (see below)

Travel: via motor coach with:

- o Air Conditioned
- o Rest room
- o Free Wi-Fi access
- o DVD player/ color monitors (movie provided during the ride)
- o non-smoking

Travel Itinerary:

- o Depart Professional and Personal Wellness Office, located at 26 ½ W. Michigan Ave in Battle Creek from the State Street parking lot at 5:00 am. (Behind Jack Pearl's Sporting Goods, located off Capital Ave.)
- o Return late Saturday night by 9:00 pm

Lift Ticket Costs:

Adult 16+ \$37; Junior (9-15) \$32; Child 8 & Under FREE

Trail Pass Costs:

Adult 16+ \$15; Junior (9-15) \$12; Child 8 & Under FREE

Note: ski rentals available onsite for both downhill and cross-country

Professional and Personal Wellness
26 ½ W. Michigan Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49017
www.properwell.com
269-660-2568

Banff, Canada

February 27-March 6, 2010



Dust off your passport and join us on a fun filled week in

Banff, Canada. Banff has some of the best skiing and most beautiful landscape you have ever seen. Space on this trip is limited. The Ptarmigan Inn is where we will be staying. Two people to a room. You will be in the downtown area with restaurants, shopping and night life right out your door. Three resorts to ski: Banff/Lake Louise, Norquay and Sunshine Village.

Includes:

- Round trip air, Grand Rapids to Calgary
- Round trip ground transfers
- 7 nights lodging in town
- 5/6 day lift tickets
- Welcome Reception
- Baggage Handling

Cost: \$1300

Payment Schedule:

September: \$400.00

October: \$250.00

November: \$250.00

December \$150.00

January \$250.00

Trip Chair:

Betsy Watson 269-321-2079

shastawat@sbcglobal.net



Club members, Kim Ameluxen and Kathy Hybel, enjoyed a little Mexican fiesta fun at the November meeting.

20th

Annual Spring

Break

Winter Park, Colorado



You can't ski west for less!

April 4-11 2010

www.winterparktraintrip.com

Ski Colorado's favorite Winter Park and Mary Jane resorts during Spring Break.

Includes:

- Roundtrip Amtrak from BC or Kzoo
 - 4 out of 5 day lift ticket
 - 5 nights condo (1, 2, 3 & 4 br available)
 - Pizza party
 - Transfers and tips
 - Experienced trip leaders
- (sleepers and ski lockers available at additional cost)

Prices: 1br/2 people/\$791 pp; 2br/4 people/\$700pp;
3br/6 people/\$693pp; 4br/8 people/\$682pp

Sleeper Upgrades: \$366 for 2 people one way. Deluxe units (sleep 3 snug) \$487 one way.

Trip Chairs:

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Joyce Ashdon 269-963-1086: j.ashdon@prodigy.net

Mike Bielski 269-377-8635: mickeybiel@comcast.net

Consider Your Own Trip Insurance

Trip Chairs and the BCSC Board recommend that members look into their own travel insurance when it comes to BCSC trips. Travel insurance is not included in BCSC trip fees and is up to individual members to purchase. Travel insurance can help cover you in case of sickness, trip delay, bankruptcy/default, employment termination, weather, and a variety of other reasons. As with most insurances there is a variety of levels of coverage based on the cost of the premium. Board member and long time travel agent, Gertie Visel, has recommended Travel Max and members can contact them directly. For questions, quotes or to enroll check out www.travelexinsurace.com or call 1-800-228-9728.

Battle Creek Ski Club

Membership Application and Club Release

The Battle Creek Ski Club needs you. Your membership supports your club. The membership includes a monthly newsletter, various club related activities during the year, the annual Christmas party, and most importantly gives you access to very reasonable priced club sponsored ski trips. The club's membership fees are still one of the lowest in the area.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: The Battle Creek Ski Club reserves the right to cancel the trip, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member of the trip at any time, or to make changes in the transportation, lodging, or published itinerary, whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant such action. The Battle Creek Ski Club is not liable for lost or damaged baggage. The owner assumes the risk. The Battle Creek Ski Club acts only in the capacity of agent for trip participants and has no assumption of duty. As such, the Battle Creek Ski Club, its officers and directors shall not be liable for any death, illness, personal injury, property damage or loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may be occasioned, either by reason of any defect in any vehicle, through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the participant or in carrying out the arrangements of this trip. The price of this trip is based on approximate prices, and if, prior to departure time, the price is higher or lower, the trip price may be adjusted accordingly. The Battle Creek Ski Club and the accommodation and transport companies are not to be held responsible for lack of snow or non-operation of lifts at the ski resorts or for closure of access routes to or from resorts due to weather conditions, nor are they to be held liable for any additional expenses or consequences arising there from. Similarly, they are not to be held responsible for the late arrival of participants due to inclement weather or road conditions, or for any reason beyond their control. We want to ensure that you have a great trip. If you have any significant medical condition(s) and are willing to share with the trip chair to give you a great trip experience (e.g. heart problems, precious altitude sickness, allergies diabetes, etc), please do so. This will be held in strictest confidence. The Battle Creek Ski club assumes neither liability, responsibility nor undertakes duty to act with regard to any medical condition you may wish to identify.

BCSC is recommending members participating on club trips, look into and potentially obtain trip insurance to cover any travel related problems, including bankruptcy of the tour agent.

I have read this agreement, fully understand its terms, and acknowledge that I am acting on my behalf or in the capacity of agent for my family. By signing the membership / waiver and have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature, am waving my liability to act, agree to the terms and conditions, and agree that if any portion of this agreement is held to be invalid, the balance, notwithstanding, shall continue in full force and effect.

Membership is from July 2009 – June 2010

Date: ___/___/___

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$40.00 **

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$25.00

**** A family membership is parents and the minors living at home**

_____ **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

_____ **RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP**

Name: _____

Birthday M ___ **D** ___ **Y** ___

Spouse: _____

Birthday M ___ **D** ___ **Y** ___

Child: _____

Birthday M ___ **D** ___ **Y** ___

Child: _____

Birthday M ___ **D** ___ **Y** ___

Child: _____

Birthday M ___ **D** ___ **Y** ___

Child: _____

Birthday M ___ **D** ___ **Y** ___

Address: _____ **Apt:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ **Work or cell Phone:** (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Would you like to receive your news letter via e-mail? **Yes** **No**

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION SHARED, PLEASE INITIAL HERE _____

Signature _____

Spouse _____

Please mail your Application with payment to:
Battle Creek Ski Club Membership Chair

Julie Dill
1809 S. Crooked Lake Drive
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Birthdays
December

12/01 Simon Lorence	12/15 Kay Vanden Elst
12/01 Jana Turpin	12/17 David Christman
12/2 Nathan Merritt	12/18 Leroy Rocco
12/03 Kelly Hamlin	12/18 Mike Vanden Heuvel
12/05 Karen Blanck	12/18 Ashly Worden
12/05 Stevie Noles	12/19 Mike McHugh
12/06 Patrick Dillon	12/20 Joe Dill
12/06 Steven Leverage	12/21 Gerald Tillmann
12/06 Julie Dill	12/22 Michael Holtzhauser
12/06 Tamara Yates	12/23 Andrew Busch
12/10 Loralee Trinkle	12/24 Jon P Kaufmann, Jr.
12/11 Patricia Bromberk	12/25 David Thornton
12/12 Larry Serven	12/26 Charles Zimmerman
12/12 Don Anderson	12/30 Alyssa Worden
12/14 Mitch VanKruinigen	

Our Thanks to:



Mary Anne Terry for filling in at the membership table in November.
Bill Walbeck for November, 50/50.
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Val Rossman and Betsy Watson as auctioneers.
Joyce Ashdon for running the auction.
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Gary Linke for audio at meetings.
Jeanne Winters for welcome table at Nov. meeting.
Val Rossman for writing articles in BC Enquirer & Shopper.
BCSC Members who donated items to the auction and a BIG THANK YOU to all who bid on and purchased items at the auction.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Dec. 8, Tues.: General Meeting & Christmas Party
Dec 15, Tues.: Board Meeting & Christmas Party @ Ralph Wharry's.
Jan. 8-10, Fri-Sun.: Boyne Highlands Weekend.
Jan. 12, Tues.: General Meeting AT TIMBER RIDGE
Jan 15 & 16, Fri-Sat: Muskegon Luge and X-C ski weekend.
Jan. 19, Tues.: Board Meeting TBD
Jan. 23, Sat.: Personal and Professional Wellness Crystal Mtn. Bus Trip.



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Board Briefs

Nov 17- Dan Christian's Place


- Trips-all still open
- Board to promote Doug Grosso's Crystal Mtn trip Jan 23
- Sylvia sent letter resigning an secretary-Board appointed Barb as Secretary
- Dec. general meeting-volunteers, board to bring centerpieces, trip chairs trip song or skit
- Dec. Board meeting-15th \$20 gift exchange
- Discussion on embroidered clothing order.



December



2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 General Meeting & Party	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Board Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day 	26
27	28	29	30	31		



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January 12 meeting at
Timber Ridge

Battle Creek Ski Club

Good for Tuesday, January 12, 2009 only

Brief meeting in the Upper Lounge
 at 7:30 p.m.

So head out after work and join your ski club
 friends on the slopes.

(Coupon is valid only on Jan.12th after 2:00
 p.m. & maybe copied for other club and family
 members)