

Battle Creek Ski Club



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GENERAL MEETING

Happy Holidays!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

LOCATION: Miller's Time Out 13261 Helmer Road, Battle Creek, MI Social Time begins at 6:30pm

Meeting begins at 7:00pm SHARP!

Please feel free to wear a mask to this indoor event. We will social distance where needed.

COME HEAR GREAT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT at this Month's General Meeting!
Oh and bring your dancing shoes!!!!



Steve Spees grew up in East Lansing, Michigan and started playing the saxophone at a very young age. He performs a wide variety of music, including Smooth Jazz, Blues, Easy Listening, Country, Classic Rock, Reggae, and more. He is a very interactive performer and enjoys involving his audience in the show as much as possible.



December's General Meeting:

Renew your membership.

Thank you for a successful and fun Auction in early November!

Trips are filling up fast and approaching cut off dates.

Bittersweet Resort Club Discount card is available-see later in the newsletter.

Thank you Trip Chairs for your hard work to organize the trips for members!

President's Corner

Greetings Fellow Ski Clubbers,

Let me start by saying THANK YOU to all the people who donated wonderful edibles, and items of interest, and the generous bidders who came out for our annual club auction last month. This helps to offset our December program and also other costs associated with running the club. Also, the generous bidders who made the evening fun, exciting and filled with merriment.

This month at the General Meeting we will be entertained by a very talented musician, Steve Spees, who has played in many venues, adding his comedic wit and hilarity, with wide array of musical selections, that he can perform. Come and have an enjoyable night out as we enter the Holiday Season!---- Millers Time Out, December 14th. See ya there, hopefully!

As I write this, here in the middle of November, I am looking outside at the 3" of very heavy wet snow that accumulated overnight! A sure sign that it's time to get signed up for those ski trips you've been thinking about. Just think... how much more fun it will be to look forward to the adventure, after making those decisions, and have it confirmed. Get those dates on your calendar, and get ready to have some well-deserved fun on those dates!

We're getting closer to the beginning of a new year, and the club sponsored trips and activities will start in earnest. The trip chairs will need to start finalizing arrangements and confirmations, so please help them out by booking in a timely manner. The Boyne Highlands ski weekend still has some availability, with lodging at the beautiful Crooked River Lodge! Contact Cheryl Dedoes to get your name on the list! New Board director Gretchen Neeser, with Michele Mollard playing support, as needed, have made arrangements for a Club Get-Together ski afternoon/evening on FRIDAY, Jan. 14TH, 2022 at Swiss Valley in Jones, MI.

Early lift ticket for late afternoon- evening skiing for BCSC member applied at 2:00 instead of 4:00 p.m. The Crystal Mtn. Saturday Bus trip is getting close to allowed capacity, so don't delay in letting Brett Dodds know you want to go have fun up north. Nubs Nob almost has all the rooms booked and is nearing early January cutoff date. Contact Gerry Tillmann if interested in skiing great groomed runs and no lift lines. The Snowmass Aspen trip is nearing cutoff date this month as well. According to Michele Mollard, 26 have signed on so far. Michele has decided to squeeze in a March 5-6 weekend or day trip (your option) Cadillac Caberfae- Crystal ski trip, now accepting signups. Winter Park train and ski trip is starting to see signups progressing nicely. It sounds like the new accommodations this year, have beautiful scenic views, and still just a short walk to town! Contact trip chairs Deborah Harsha or Steve Terranella to get started. Sign up Now!

Okay, so with all that being covered, time to get those ski edges derusted (hopefully very little) and sharpened for the upcoming season. Give Matt Brooks at Milham Park Ski Shop a call to drop off your skis for a tune-up. I'm sure he likes to keep his staff busy!

Hope to see you at MTO on the 14th.

Happy Holidays To All!!

Gerry Tillmann – BCSC President

Chicago Metro

Your BCSC is a member of the Chicago Metro Ski Council! What does that mean for you?

ACCESS TO OVER 97 SKI TRIPS!!!!

Go to the following website: http://www.skicmsc.com/_Report_TripsEventsPublic.cfm



Mid-week Nubs Nob Ski Event JAN 31 - FEB 4, 2022

SENIORS 70+ SKI FREE...YES, FREE!!!!

We will be staying at the Best Western Motel in Harbor Springs, just a short drive to the Nub's Nob ski area, or other fun places to visit, such as Petoskey, Mackinac Bridge and local wineries. Boyne Highlands is also across the valley from Nubs for those who like to mix it up.

Most of the restrictions that we encountered last year have been removed or greatly scaled back.

Continental breakfast is included in pricing. There is a hot tub and a pool on site, to refresh your body and soul after a day on the slopes, and to relive the days memories!

Also included with your room rate is a pizza party one of the evenings. There will also be a get acquainted welcome reception with snacks provided. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in another "Finer Dinner" with that cost to be attendees' responsibility. Location to be determined by Trip Chair.

Transportation to Harbor Springs and ski area is on your own. The Club has reserved a block of 10 rooms, with double occupancy. Cutoff date for reservations is January 16th, 2022. After that date pricing is no longer guaranteed.

Pricing: \$228.00/person (double occupancy) for the 4 nights of lodging only. Please note, lift tickets are responsibility of attendees to purchase as needed.

Contact Trip Chair: Gerry Tillmann at 616-318-9554, or email him



Day Bus Trip!!!

Crystal Mountain SATURDAY, JAN. 22, 2022



Ski from 9:30am to 4:30pm without a worry!!!

We have contracted a bus again this year to take us to the great Crystal Mountain of Thompsonville, MI. Bus will leave from I-94 and Oakland Drive park-n-ride at 6am and take us to Crystal Mountain. We will arrive, get ready and should be hitting the slopes by 9:30am We will then depart for Crystal Mountain around 4:30, make a quick stop to get our dinner (pizza) and then let the driving, eating and story tell from the day begin.

Bus Fare: (payable online or by check)

\$65/person, payable online at battlecreekskiclub.com

Lift Tickets (pay the day of trip): Adult (18-64) \$45 Jr. (7-17) and

Sr. (65-79) \$25

Trip Chair: Brett Dodds, 269-271-3650, brett.d.dodds@gmail.com

This trip is open for non club members so please invite your friends and family!

This trip is also the club's Nastar Race Event!! So come to enjoy the fun there too!



FEBRUARY 12-19, 2022

We have **ONE** spot open for a Male skier.

We will be flying from Kalamazoo, MI to Aspen with a 15 minute bus ride to the Crestwood Condo. These are (if the snow is plentiful) ski-in/ski-out. The Crestwood offers slope side ski/board and boot check. Also available at the condos are locked lockers for skis/board. Besides your flights and

condo, included in the package, 5 days of skiing. The tickets are good for all 4 resorts within 10-15 minute bus ride. We will have a pizza party one night and a few nights of Happy Hours (BYOB) at the Trip Chair's condo!!

Email the trip chair below to get yourself on the list or visit Battlecreekskiclub.com.

Package Price: \$2067/person double occupancy, includes flights, condo and lift tickets stated above.

Payment Schedule: Sept. 14 \$200.00 deposit, Oct. 12 \$500.00, Nov. 09 \$500.00, Dec. 14 \$700.00

Jan. 11 - Balance Due (final balance will vary based on selected options.)

Trip Chair; Michele Mollard, mmollard13@gmail.com, 269-998-3331

Boyne Weekend Overnight Trip January 7-9, 2022

Cut Off Date is December 2nd. Don't wait another minute!!!

The beautiful lodge is located in Alanson, MI which is only 12 miles from Boyne Highlands Resort. Your Friday and Saturday stay include breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. They have an indoor pool and hot tub as well. Woo Hoo!!

Package Price:

\$335/person double occupancy. Contact Trip Chair for details on 3 or 4 to a room. There is also different pricing for kids (6-17) and senior(70-79) lift ticket pricing.

80+ ski free!

Non Skier/Season Pass or IKON pass holder, the package rate is \$155 double occupancy.

<u>Payment Schedule:</u> Sept. 8 \$50.00 deposit, Oct. 13 \$100.00, Nov. 10 \$100.00, Nov. 29 - Balance Due Contact Trip Chair: Cheryl DeDoes, cheryl.dd@sbcglobal.net, or 269-254-1444



Day Bus Trip to Schuss Mountain and Short's Brewery Saturday, January 23, 2021



We are hoping that this year's trip will be a go, so **DO NOT WAIT!!.** One of Michigan's most diverse terrain, with nice steep runs on the front face and beautiful and quiet runs off the Red Chair in the back.

SHANTY CREEK RESORTS The bus will leave from the Oakland and I-94 park and ride at 6:00 am and leave the mountain around 4:30pm. Muffins, fruit, yogurt and such, will be served for breakfast on the way up.

Lunch is on your own. Dinner is a stop at Short's Brewery in beautiful Bellaire, MI. We will depart there around 7pm and be back at the park-n-ride around 9:30pm. Breakfast is included in your bus fare.

Cost for bus: \$67/person

Lift Tickets: Adult: \$61/pp, 13-17y.o.\$54/pp, 9-12y.o.\$\$49/pp

Trip Chair: Brett Dodds, brett.d.dodds@gmail.com, 269-271-3650Michele Mollard is his cochair, that we are sure he will not need! Thank you so much for stepping up to help run this trip,

Brett!

DAY TRIP TO SWISS VALLEY FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Yes that is right!!! We are hosting a Friday, late afternoon into the evening ski adventure.

Skiing will start at 2pm (normal night skiing starts at 4pm) until 10pm. There is no coordinated transportation on this trip. We will meet for dinner in the chalet (lower lodge) at 6pm. Dinner is on your own dine. Swiss offers 11 trails, 5 lifts and 2 terrain parks. 100% snowmaking on the entire hill and PSIS/AASI Snowsports school.

Lift Tickets: Adult: \$30/person College ID \$25/person Jr (6-12): \$26/person 5 and under ski free with **PAID Adult**

Purchase own lift ticket upon arrival. They do not offer a special group rate for night skiing as it is already discounted. Open to Members and NON Members, bring friends for a fun night of skiing, food and more!

SWISS VALLEY RESORT 13421 Mann Street Jones, MI 49061

Trip Chairs: Gretchen Neeser: 574-215-4631,

ugogirlgkn@gmail.com, Michele Mollard, 269-998-3331,

mmollard13@gmail.com









Winter Park Train Trip, Spring Break

March 26-April 2, 2022 ALL ABOARD!!!

We will be hosting our 32nd annual ski trip to Winter Park over Spring Break in 2022 via the train to beautiful Winter Park Ski Resort in Colorado.

We will be staying at Hi Country Haus in Winter Park Village this year. Condominium complex located on the northeast end of town is approximately 3 miles from Winter Park Resort, and 2 block walk to the Town of Winter Park's restaurants, shops, and nightlife. It is directly on the free local shuttle route to Winter Park Resort. Surrounded by forest with the Fraser River meandering through the neighborhood with easy access to scenic hiking, biking, and cross country ski trails. On property clubhouse with heated indoor pool, hot tubs, coin operated laundry, and sauna.

Skiing for 4 days is included with 3 or 5 days of skiing as an option.

Amtrak, coach seats are included from Battle Creek, MI to Frazier, CO and back. Transportation from Frazier to Country Hi Haus is included.

For more details see the trip chair or go to battlecreekskiclub.com

Package Price: \$1200/person double occupancy, includes train, condo and lift tickets stated above.

Trip Chairs:

Deborah Harsha, 269-330-1657, or deborah.b.harsha@gmail.com

December Birthday Wishes:



Robert Mitchell Karen Blanck Julie Dill Gabby Bastian Lyle Mcilvain Hunter Ambrosen Hunter Hoskin	02 05 06 06 06 09
Gary Miller	12

Lisa Solomons 12 Melinda Kiplinger 12 Bryann Boswell 12 Glenn Kowalske 14 Ryan Blue 18 Joe Dill 20 Gerry Tillmann 21

IF we missed your Birthday, we are sorry, but PLEASE let us know!

Welcome New Members: Ryan Blue and Jodie Bastian and Family!!!

BITTERSWEET RESORT – BCSC DISCOUNT CARD

Bittersweet Resort, in Otsego, wants to partner with our club, and is offering PAID MEMBERS of the Battle Creek Ski Club, discounted lift tickets and equipment rental pricing. The Ski Club Card costs \$27.00 per person no matter the age, which entitles you to a \$31.00 lift ticket and/or a \$31.00 rental (See Times below) (Regular lift ticket pricing is \$50 on weekdays and \$65 weekends and Holidays). If you are getting one for a child, please let Gerry know as he will need to send an additional form to you for your child.

If interested, please fill out form to the right and return with your \$27.00/person payment (payable to Bittersweet Resort) to Gerry Tillmann, 1428 Blakeslee St. Kalamazoo, MI 49006. Please include Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) so he can mail you your club discount cards back to you.

Ski Club cards offer discounted lift tickets and rental equipment during the following times: Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays* 3 pm – Close,

*Holidays include 12/20/21 thru 1/02/22, 1/17/22; 2/21/22,

Monday – Friday (Non Holiday) 10am – 10pm.







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Don't miss the 72nd annual film Sunday December 5, 7:00 pm at the State Theatre, Kalamazoo, MI!









CADILLAC AREA DAY OR WEEKENDER!!

Option ONE

Drive up for the day. Ski at Caberfae Resort. Drive home that day

18-64 \$59/p 65+ \$39/p 13-17 \$49/p 9-12 \$39/p 8 & under \$5/person

Option TWO

Drive up Fri. night or Saturday morning Ski at Caberfae Resort on Saturday. Stay Fri. and/or Sat. night at Days Inn in Cadillac..... Ski at Crystal Mtn. on Sunday.... Drive home Sunday

Option THREE

Drive up for the day.... Ski at Crystal Mountain... Drive home that day LIFT TICKETS: 18-64 \$25/person 65+ or 7-17 \$15/person

You will contact the Days Inn directly to confirm your hotel stay and arrange payment with the hotel. Lift ticket payment is due the day that you are skiing to Michele Mollard, your Trip Chair. We need 15 people each day to get the group lift ticket discount. **Trip Chair:** Michele Mollard, mmollard13@gmail.com, 269-998-3331