

IBEX SKI & ADVENTURE CLUB



FEBRUARY 2020

MEETINGS:

FEBRUARY 5

FEBRUARY 19

7:00PM

BOOZE & SCHMOOZE

8:00PM

MEETING

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Ponderings from "Da Prez"

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

As you read this article the New Year's and the Val Gardena ski trips have been completed and those who signed up for the Val Gardena trip extension will be on their way to Krakow, Poland. Be sure to read Jean's New Year's trip recap article.

On to the upcoming February trips... Besides the Krakow extension, Crested Butte, Boyne and Vail promise to be fun-filled trips as well and I believe Boyne still has spots available. Please check out Lynn's article for more information regarding open spots for all of our upcoming

trips.



Speaking of Trips, be sure to complete the Trip Survey – our Trip Chair and Executive Board need your input for next year's ski trips and future adventure trips.

See Joe's article for information regarding upcoming activities.

See you at an upcoming meeting

Think snow!

Pam Chiechi, President

happy Valentine's day

TRIP EDITION—2019/2020

Hi,

Greetings from Italy! We are having an amazing time in Val Gardena - great people, skiing, lodging, and food. Look for the trip recap in next month's newsletter.

We still have openings on the Boyne, MI bus trip - please let Maggie and Joey Kelley know if you are interested.

We also have one spot open on the Breckenridge trip - let Lou and Lucy DiFrancisco know if you are interested.

Please remember to fill out the 2021 trip survey. The email went out last week and we'd like to hear from you - your voice counts.

Thank you,
Lynn Dean, Trip Chair

NOTE:

Also, please consider trip insurance. Here are a few companies to check out (no particular order and Ibex does not endorse any).

- Berkshire Hathaway Travel Protection: <https://www.bhttp.com>
- Travel Protectors, LLC: <http://www.travelprotectors.com>
- Travel Guard: <http://travelguard.com>
- Travel Insured: <https://www.travelinsured.com>

I've also heard there are annual plans that can cover all your trips for a year – you may want to look for one of those if you are doing multiple trips.

TRIP EDITION—2019/2020

If you are thinking about lessons before the big trip or while you are on one of the fantastic trips Ibex offers, please contact Chuck Binzel—Ibex Ski School Director.

Sign up for the first Ibex lesson at Wilmot of the season and get ready for those upcoming ski trips.

Lesson will be Friday February 7 @ 11AM Ibex Time! Spots are limited.

~Chuck Binzel, Ibex Ski School Director
cbinzel80@gmail.com

Trip	Lead Instructor	Instructors
Park City, Utah	Ed	Ed, Jean
Selva Val Gardena	Jim	Jim, Ed
Crested Butte, CO	Chuck	Chuck, Jean
Boyne Mt, MI	Jean	Jean, (Chuck?)
Vail, CO	Jean	Jean, Chuck, Ed, Suzanne
Breckenridge, CO	Bill	Bill, Jim, (Bob)
Wilmot	Bob	Jean, Chuck, (Bob)



ACTIVITIES

Upcoming Activities:

- 2/15: PickleBall (contact Sue Wiedes)
 3/13: Bar of the Month-TBD
 4/8: Ibex Annual Banquet—Save-the-Date
 7/18: Ibex Annual Banquet—Save-the-Date
 7/25-7/26: CMSC Cubs Game in St. Louis—See next page
 8/8: Cubs Game @ Milwaukee (see Joe, limited tickets)
 8/29: CMSC Norge Picnic—Save-the-Date
 9/19: CMSC White Sox vs. Royals @ Guaranteed Rate field—Contact Mike Thomas (mike-mike1@att.net)



March thru April, Ravinia tickets will be announced.

Joe

Joevkelly@sbcglobal.net

Opportunity to get involved

We are always looking for Ibex members to get involved. If you are thinking of getting more involved, we do have opportunities for you. I am looking for volunteers to run a couple upcoming events:

- Ravinia 2020
- Year-end Banquet on 4/8/20. The venue and DJ are already book. If interested please contact me at jovvkelly@sbcglobal.net

How to Run an Ibex Activity

If you want to be involved but not sure how. How about running an event—bar of the month is an easy way to start. Below is the process of running an Ibex event.

1. Talk to the activities chairperson about running an event.
2. Investigate the event and determine the cost.
3. Work with the Activities Chairman to set the date and sell price (if required). The chairperson will then get the Executive board approval.
4. Once approved adverstities the event to the club.
 - Set a dead line date to sign up.
 - Write an article for the newsletter.
 - Work with the Activities Chairman to get the event posted on Groupspaces.
5. Track sign ups and collect money.
6. Communicate with the group any details they need to know before the event.
7. Lastly have a fun time and enjoy the event with your fellow ibex members.

CMSC CUBS GAME IN ST. LOUIS

CMSC “hit one out of the park” with the 2020 baseball trip July 25 – 26, 2020. We will be going to Busch Stadium in St. Louis for an afternoon game between the Cubs and the Cardinals. This will not be your normal day at the ballpark as we will be hanging out in the all-inclusive “Party Suite” (skybox) in the 200 level with food and drink included. Cost: \$413.00 / person

We will be leaving from Suburbanite Bowl in Downers Grove via motor coach on Saturday morning (about 7:30am) and should be arriving in St. Louis in the early afternoon. You will have the afternoon and evening to explore the Ballpark Village or other sights and attractions in downtown St. Louis.

We will be staying Saturday night at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, located about 1 block from the ballpark village and 2 blocks from the ballpark.

It's a 1:15pm “First Pitch” on Sunday afternoon. Ballpark gates open at 11:15am which is when food and drink open in our “Party Suite”. We will have 4.5 hours of open bar and 3.5 hours of buffet. We will depart St. Louis after the game (around 5:00pm) and planning to be back in Chicago around 10:30pm Sunday night.

This is open to sign-ups by CMSC clubs or by individual members of clubs. Space is very limited to the capacity of the “Party Suite” and is on a first come, first served basis. Cost includes bus transportation, hotel room (double occupancy) and “Party Suite” ticket.

A \$200/person deposit is due for sign-up. Final payment of \$213/person is due on or before Saturday, May 16, 2020 (Trip Seminar).

Contact Kevin to sign-up or ask questions.

Phone: 708-906-9517

Email: Kconz1@aol.com

CMSC UPDATES



CMSC Board, Members and Clubs,

Our training center has seen an increase in new athletes. We currently have 25-30 kids on our small hills (5-25m) that's as many as I've seen in my 15 years with the club. Great problem to have and we want the trend to continue! We strive to update and maintain our facilities and equipment to the highest level, these goals go directly to the attraction, retention and safety our athletes.

We are in need of updating and adding to our equipment. We do our best to supply our junior athletes with skis, boots, and bindings. All of our equipment is sourced in Europe, and is difficult for new families to acquire on their own. It's a great benefit to our athletes and families to have quality equipment in house, without this equipment it is doubtful we would be able to attract and retain kids in the program.

With your help we will buy new equipment that is much safer for our juniors. Please consider making a donation, the CMSC board has generously agreed to match funds up to \$2500 raised from CMSC's member clubs.

Let's keep the Olympic dreams alive for the next generation.

Donation options: Go to our website www.norgeskiclub.com and use the PayPal button (can use credit card), Checks can be sent to: Norge Ski Club, PO Box 31, Fox River Grove IL 60021.

Please ad note in PayPal, or memo on check "CMSC fundraiser".

Norge is a 501c3 non for profit #36-4418213

Please reach out for any questions 847-804-6190, glarson164@gmail.com

Thanks,

Guy Larson

Chairman-Ski Training Center

Save-the-Date
CMSC Norge
Picnic

August 29th, 2020

More details to follow.

Interested, contact Patrick Clark—patrickclark@gmail.com

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Or you can bring a check and filled out form to the next meeting.

Or mail it to:
Ibex Ski Club
P.O. Box 1542
Palatine, IL 60078

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

Mike Akutagawa ~ Membership Chair

Social Media & More

Check out our social media sites. We have been busy posting pictures daily from our first three trips. Be part of the trip and post. about it. Click on the icons below to get connected with Ibex & CMSC



Welcome New Members

Michael Delaney	Steven Harmony
Natalie Hoppe	
Justin Graham	

Returning Members

Birthdays

Bryan Merrill	2/3
Karla Lammers	2/4
Elizabeth Hausmann	2/5
Todd Wood	2/6
Mason Hausmann	2/9
Robert Staber	2/9
Rahi Patel	2/12
Suzanne Nagel	2/16
Justin Coulter	2/19
Sue Weides	2/19
Debbie Dukes	2/20
Ed Masopust	2/23
Nicholas Wendt	2/25
Donna Todd	2/26
Pat Calabrese	2/29
Glenn Chiechi	2/29



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP RATES

Single	\$25.00
Couple/Family	\$45.00

We'd love to hear from you. Tell us how we are doing with the newsletter or if you have suggestions on improving our communication.

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