



IBEX SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

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THE OLDE GOAT

MEETS THE 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT:
GRAVE

1204 W. RAND RD. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL.

AUGUST 2008

MEETINGS

**7:00 PM BOOZE
& SCHMOOZE**

8:00 PM MEETING

> **AUG 6**

> **AUG 20**

EVENTS

> **VOLLEYBALL
- MONDAYS**

> **BODINES
- AUG 9**

> **BOM
- AUG 15**

> **BIKE RIDE
- AUG 23**

> **DONNA SUMMER
- AUG 30**

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2008-09 SKI TRIPS!

Mark your calendars! The 2008 / 2009 Trip Sign Up Party will be held @ Crave on Wed., Sept. 3rd immediately following the regularly schedule meeting @ 8 :00 pm. The exciting line up which offers great variety for all interests follows – some all time favorites plus a new European destination too! Be sure to join us at the Trip Sign Up Party to socialize with your fellow Ibex and secure your spot on your destination (s) of choice.

Note the airlines are still playing havoc with the dreaded fuel surcharges and pricing – while most have been increases which are already reflected in trip pricing shown

below we were able to obtain better airfare for the Aspen trip and negate the impact of the previously announced fuel surcharge.



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AUGUST 23RD BIKE RIDE

As I indicated last month, I had to do some extensive research for this event. Especially when it comes to locating places to stop for, AHHHH- Beverages and Food, Yea! That's it!! After spending a rainy Saturday morning reconnoitering and scoping out the stops---This is the



plan! We will gather at "The Prairie Path Park," which is directly south of the Glen Ellyn train station at 10:30. We will depart heading eastward at 11:00. Going through the Villages of Lombard, Villa Park, and Elmhurst. We're shooting to have lunch at RILEYS GATHERING PLACE in Elmhurst, close to noon-ish-ish-ish.(that's 12:00) Hopefully, get back on the road about an hour or so later heading west. First stop Villa Park, nobody is going to force you to stop at the selected locations although, some appear to have definite character and classic Ibex qualities. All of these are within 2 blocks of the Path, on Ard-

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AUGUST 23RD BIKE RIDE -CONTINUED

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more and one is about 25 yards from the Path- for those of us that are PARCHED after a 4 mile ride. As we move on , next stop Lombard, only one establishment here ,unless we discover more. Then the final leg of the journey, as we return back to Glen Ellyn, there are two stops close by (1 block away) and a 3rd about two blocks away. This is not a killer event-the trail is crushed limestone and relatively flat, total distance is about 15 to 18 miles-doable for everyone-plus there are drink stops

DIRECTIONS to Glen Ellyn train station from N.W. suburbs--355 south to North Av.-West til you get to Glen Ellyn Rd.-Left (southbound) approx 4 miles to Downtown Glen Ellyn--Praire Park is on the South side of the train station, I will have trail maps, bar stops and locations on the morning of the ride or you can call me at 847-438-0840 if you need more information----Hope to see you there!

-Carl Berg

RAVINIA NIGHTS



We have lawn tickets again this season for Ravinia! Shows this year are:

Bodeans, August 9
\$18.00

Donna Summer, August 30
\$23.00

Both are on Saturday nights so sign up at meeting or mail in your monies to the PO Box listed on the back of the newsletter.



LOU'S LOG

Hope your summer is off to a great start, I know if you have taken advantage of any of the Ibex activities you surely were treated to a fun time. Most recently, John, Debbie and Greg ran a great June golf outing. We had 47 golfers and something like 55 people come out for the after party. What a great day, with plenty of laughs, golf food and drink had by all. Good times!

More summer Ibex events are coming soon as you can see from Chris's busy activity calendar. I fully encourage you to take advantage and join in with Ibex for some summertime fun: maybe for an upcoming Monday Night Volleyball, a Bar of the Month or the general meetings on Wednesday nights. Of course, don't forget Ravinia this month, and our annual fall golf outing that Wayne, Jacquie, and Dan Casey are stepping up to lead. That is sure to be great fun.

Pam is announcing the details for the trips this newsletter. The airlines certainly are challenging Pam and the trip providers with ever increasing fees and fares, but I am sure Pam will find the best deals out there for us. Ibex is committed to doing the best it can for the members on these trips, in spite of airline turmoil.

Finally, if you are looking for a way to contribute a bit of your time or ideas to the club I have a few options for you:

First: if you have an idea for an activity (maybe a bike ride, a show, or something new to Ibex that we hadn't thought of yet), by all means contact Chris, and we will try to fit it into our busy schedule.

Secondly: If you have ideas for a way to attract like-minded people who might want to be members, let Doris know, maybe we can target some advertising or brochures and a key location. Any Ideas to help attract members to help keep Ibex growing are most welcome.

Lastly: How about offering to run a ski trip? Do you consider yourself fairly organized, and can chew gum and ski at the same time; maybe you could lead one of our ski trips? Talk to Pam and she will give you the low down on how you can add your personal touch to one of our trips.

Running an activity, helping with membership, or leading a trip are great ways to meet and get to know more of your Ibex friends and have a great time while you're at it. Hope to see you at an activity or meeting real soon.

-Lou



“...If you have an idea for an activity... by all means contact Chris...”

August Birthdays	
George Kurylak	08--01
Janet Vocaire Trampisch	08--02
Arron M. Byrne	08--04
Joan Heater	08--06
Sue Lessen	08--07
Pam Oziemkowski	08--07
Gene Bader	08--11
Cynthia "CJ" Jackson	08--14
Bob Kimicata	08--14
Mary Torsiello	08--15
Janine Westlund	08--16
Mary Pat Zolna	08--17
Bridget Haussmann	08--23
Karen Stahl	08--24
Jerry Jensen	08--29
William G. Batt	08--31
Lynne Moon	08--31

IBEX MEMBERSHIP

I need a membership assistant!

It is with much pleasure that I start my second term as your humble membership chair. I have some great things planned for us this year. But first I would like to announce the Membership rates for the 2008-2009 Ski Season.

Single e-mail \$20
 Single paper \$40
 Couple e-mail \$35
 Couple paper \$55
 Family e-mail \$35
 Family paper \$55

I also have found it a necessity this year to find an assistant that would be able to cover for me when I am unable to attend a meeting and also to help welcome any potential new members. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested. Please stay tuned and think of any-

one you can recruit into the club. This season we will be having a membership drive where the top three members that refer the most new members will receive a prize (to be announced in the next newsletter) So for now start thinking about who you would like to recruit to our club!

Attention all existing members- new this year...

This year I will be bringing pre-printed renewal forms to the Ibex meetings for those of you that are like me and dislike filling out forms! Come by and see me at an upcoming meeting to pick up your form. All you will need to do is make any required changes, sign & date, the form and write a check payable to Ibex – its as simple as that!

-Doris

IBEX VOLLEYBALL



When:
Every Monday Night, until Labor Day
Time: 6:00pm until dusk
Where: Busse Woods Grove #28

Directions: Golf Rd, east of Rt 53 to the "first & only" grove entrance (approximately ¼ mile on the south-side of Golf Rd), then go south & stay to your right until you get to grove #28. As your "Old" Volleyball coordinators, we welcome you & your "new goats" to come out and play some "inspiring" volleyball this year! We predict some beautiful summer nights of fun!! Bring a volleyball friend! Ibex provides the nets & balls.

Note: If we encounter "inclement" weather, total lack of energy, or any other lame excuse, you can always meet us at our backup plan "B": "*drinking*" @ "Morretti's Sports Bar" (1893 Walden Office Square, Schaumburg), located just west of Rt 53 on Algonquin Rd - around 8:30pm!

Any questions?

Call Denny Gawlik @ (847) 849-8004 (work)/(847) 275-8778 (cell) or "Sweet" Sue Lessen @ (847) 781-0943(home) "MORE FUN THAN HUMANS CAN POSSIBLY ENCOUNTER" is our MOTTO!

-Denny

METRA TRAIN PUB CRAWL - RECAP

On Saturday, July 12 approximately 14 Ibex rode the rails and enjoyed some beverages along the way. A merry band of 8 departed the Palatine train station and we gathered additional parties at the Arlington Heights train station in-bound and at bar stops on the outbound leg.

Our first destination was Moretti's in Edison Park. This was a planned one hour stop but everyone agreed that the first stop must be 2 hours in the future. Then we headed to Park Ridge and the "Taste of Park Ridge" This festival offered a good mix of food and beverages and allowed the group to spread out. Unfortunately, the group got a little too spread out and nearly missed the next outbound train. Luckily, Ibex are masters of persuasion and convinced the officers policing the event to allow us to bypass downed crossing gates and catch the train. The brush with the law convinced all to be at the station at the scheduled time no matter how late the trains were said to be running. This led later to the sighting of several less than legal "to go" cups, but no more law enforcement encounters.

On to Des Plaines and Cheeseburger in Paradise where mini cheeseburgers, fun drinks, and mini sunglasses were all the rage. The



next stop was the perennial favorite Mrs P and Me in Mount Prospect. The bartender there convinced the group that Harry's was more our style than Peggy Kinnane's so a change of venue was made for Arlington Heights.

Then it was back to Palatine and dinner at Lamplighters. A great time was had by all. No names have been given to protect the innocent and the not so innocent. And besides if you really wanted to know who did what, you should have joined us! Oh well, there's always next year.

-Patty and Stu

LAKE GENEVA BIKE RIDE



On **Saturday, September 13th** we will meet in downtown Lake Geneva for our annual circum-navigational bike ride around the lake. Talk with anyone who's been on this ride before and they'll tell you how much fun they've had! Here are just the facts: **THIS IS AN ALL DAY EVENT: Want some BREAKFAST before the ride?** We will meet for breakfast at **Lake-Aire Restaurant** (804 W. Main Street, Lake Geneva) **around 9a.** I don't suggest bringing your bike to the restaurant – the sidewalk is small; but if it jeopardizes your ability to be ready to ride at 11:00a, then bring it along with a lock.



Just want to ride? We'll meet in the parking lot behind **Champs** (Champs is at 747 W. Main Street) **READY TO RIDE at 11:00am.** **PARKING:** There are 4-hour meters all over Lake Geneva --- try to find a spot without meters. We've had luck with a little lot at the corner of Sage St and Geneva St. (Look for the Starbucks on the corner of Main St – aka Hwy 50 – and Center St, turn right to first street which is Ge-

neva and turn right again to end which is Sage)

THE RIDE

The ride is approximately 21 miles along a rolling landscape: some of the landscape is gentle, a small bit of it is not, all of it makes for a fun ride.

There are **5 pubs** for us to rest our pedals – although we try to stop at them all, the total number of stops is a *fluid* evaluation of the fun had at each stop.

We will have **lunch** at either pub stop 3 or 4, depending on the hunger level of the group.

The **ANNUAL GROUP PICTURE** will be taken in front of the lake at our favorite stop.

We end the day ~ 6:30p at **Pop-eye's for dinner** and chuckles of the day's events.

CAN'T BIKE IT BUT STILL WANT TO BE A PART OF THE FUN?

Bring your motorcycle --- last year we had a few members who donned leather instead of lycra and had just as much fun!

Rent a moped!! (if you can find one, let me know and I'll help promote it to others for you!)

Drive!! Drivers are always welcome – and If you think you can offer “sag” assistance to your biking buddies in the unlikely event that something unexpected happens, you're pretty much guaranteed that someone will buy you a beverage of your choice out of gratitude!!

I'M IN!!! WHERE DO I SIGN?

An **electronic invitation** will go out mid-August. It's **important that you reply to that message** so we don't leave without you. If you are an email member and did not receive the invitation, or you're a paper member and need more details, give me a call: 847.998.1495 or 847.732.4804.

Come join us to celebrate the end of summer and welcome in the fall fun!!!

-Janine



IBEX & DENNY'S PICNIC -RECAP

Despite the early rain, as the weather improved, numbers of people came out and had some fun. Folks were playing bags, volleyball and balloon games. Folks were also consuming massive amounts of beer, soda and munchies at an astonishing rate. Thanks to all the people who volunteered to make sure everyone had a good time. Here are some pictures of the event.
-Ed



2008-09 SKI TRIPS -CONTINUED

“Trip leaders needed for Granite Peak and Jackson Hole...”

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New Years – Whitefish, MT

(formerly known as Big Mountain)

22 spots - \$1215.00

Trip Leader – Jean Bagel

Depart Tues., Dec. 30, return Sun., Jan. 4

Lodging 5 nights @ Grouse Mountain Lodges

Includes ground transportation, 4 days lift, Welcome Reception, and New Year's Eve Party

Europe – Bad Hofgastein, Austria

20 spots - \$1733

Trip Leader – Sarah Schmeichel

Depart Sat., Jan. 23, return Sat.

Jan. 31 with 2 day extension to Munich available

Lodging 7 nights @ 4**** Hotel Germania

Includes Deluxe motor coach transfers from/to airport and between the hotels, Wine & Cheese Welcome Party with area briefing, full European Breakfast daily, dinners

(including beer & wine!), Sunday breakfast with sparkling wine and salmon buffet, and one special 7 course gala dinner. Weeklong English speaking representative while in Bad Hofgastein

Various side trips available

Extension: 2 nights at 4*** Hotel Maritim Munich, European Buffet Breakfast

fast - \$225 additional

Since this is a new destination for Ibex, here is a little more detail to pique your interest :

At an altitude of over 3,000 feet, this famous health spa, casino and ski area enjoys reliable annual snowfall, fresh mountain air, and free from

fog. A jewel in the Salzburg holiday area, Gastein Valley dates back to the 1500s and is set in the spectacular Gastein Valley. Then afterwards it's off to refined Après ski in the traditional original Huts and comfortable lounges.

Granite Peak – \$180

Trip Leader – Open – Could be you!

Drive Up trip – Lodging 2 nights @ Midway Best Western

Includes 2 day lift ticket & Wine & Cheese Party

Jackson Hole, WY

36 spots - \$1037

Trip Leader – Open – Could be you!

Depart Thurs., Feb. 26, return Tues., Mar. 3

Lodging 5 nights @ 49er

Includes ground transportation, 4 day lift, Continental Breakfast, Wine & Cheese Party

Spring Break Trip Aspen, CO

46 spots - \$1289

Depart Sat., Mar. 21, return Sat., Mar. 28

Lodging 7 nights @ The Gant

Includes ground transportation, 5 day lift, Welcome Reception

Trip leaders are needed for Granite Peak and Jackson Hole – if you are interested in running one of these trips, please let me know ASAP. We also welcome those who haven't run a trip before to pair up with an experienced trip leader as a trip assistant. It's a great way to become more involved in the club and get to know some really great people too.

-Pam Arnold Chiechi



AUGUST ACTIVITIES

August 1-3	Camping	Paula Hiller
August 9	Bodeans @ Ravinia	Chris Smith
August 15	BOM @ Flatlanders	Chris Smith
August 23	Bike Ride	Carl Berg
August 30	Donna Summer @ Ravinia	Chris Smith



LOOKING AHEAD		
Sept 3	Ski Trip Sign Up Party	Pam Arnold
Sept 6	Urban Race	Janine Westlund
Sept 13	Lake Geneva Bike Ride	Janine Westlund
October 3-5	Fall Colors Golf Outing	Wayne & Dan

The Ibex/Denny Picnic started slow due to some weather issues, but the skies cleared and everyone had a great time. A great big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who helped to set up, haul food or drinks, cook, lead a game and especially clean up. I think we may need a third set-up for the Bags Tournament next year.

Ibex activities for August have something for everyone. Camping, Concerts & Biking to name a few. The BOM this month will be on Friday, August 15th at Flatlanders Restaurant & Brewery - 200 Village Green, Lincolnshire - near Milwaukee and Half Day Rd - (847) 821-1234.

Bodeans tickets are going fast - only 6 left - contact Chris Smith if you want one. There are only 5 tickets left for Donna Summer. Have a good August and try to stay cool.

-Chris

BOM
Bar of the
Month
Flatlanders

Friday
August 15

IBEX WEB SITE!

Please check out the Ibex web-site. Webmaster **Cindy McElligott** has done a spectacular job updating and modernizing it. This is **THE**

place to go to for the latest news on activities and events. More improvements are planned for the future so keep coming back often. -Ed

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2008-09 MEMBERSHIP RATES

	E-Mail	Paper
Single	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
Couple/Family	\$ 35.00	\$ 55.00

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The International Council of Man Laws, Part two of two:

—Never talk to a man in a bathroom unless you are on equal footing i.e., both urinating, both waiting in line, etc. For all other situations, an almost imperceptible nod is all the conversation you need

—The girl who replies to the question 'What do you want for Christmas?' with 'If you loved me, you'd know what I want!' gets an Xbox 360. End of story.

—There is no reason for guys to watch Ice Skating or Men's Gymnastics. Ever.

—Never hesitate to reach for the last beer or the last slice of pizza, but not both, that's just greedy.

—If you compliment a guy on his six-pack, you'd better be talking about his choice of beer.

—It is acceptable for you to drive her car. It is not acceptable for her to drive yours.

—Thou shall not buy a car in the colors of brown, pink, lime, green, orange or sky blue.

—We've all heard about people having guts or balls. But do you really know the difference between them? In an effort to keep you informed, the definition of each is listed below:

* 'GUTS' is arriving home late after a night out with the guys, or being assaulted by your wife with a broom, and having the guts to say, 'are you still cleaning or are you flying somewhere?'

* 'BALLS' is coming home late after a night out with the guys smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife square on the ass and having the balls to say, 'You're next fatty!'

So is there a council of women laws? Maybe next month we will find out...



PARTING SHOTS