



# THE OLDE GOAT

## Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club

Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at:

**Crave**

1204 W. Rand Road  
Arlington Heights, IL

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December Meetings  
Wednesday, Dec 7  
Wednesday, Dec 21

Location: Crave  
1204 W. Rand Road  
Arlington Heights, IL

Brews 'N Schmooze Hour: 7:00PM  
Meeting Time: 8:00 PM Promptly

# STEAMBOAT SPRINGS



Steamboat Springs is a resort town located in northwest Colorado.

*Ibex is visiting this very famous resort from*

*Feb28-March 4<sup>th</sup> 2006.*

**For the cost of \$910.00 per person,**

this is what to expect:

- Direct flight from OHare to Hayden Airport
- 25 minute bus ride from Hayden to the Steamboat Condos
- Two to three person bedroom condos
- Condos are located within approximately 100-200 yards of the lift
- Four days of lifts with an optional one day pass for purchase
- Wine and cheese party
- Optional pub crawl and group dinner
- Nastar racing
- Free lessons from an Ibex instructor

### Mountain Facts:

Steamboat is actually a complete mountain range. The base elevation is approximately 6900 ft, and the summit of the mountain is 10,568 feet. The vertical rise is 3668 ft which makes this the second highest in Col. Steamboat has 142 trails or over 65 miles, with the longest trail being over 3 miles long. (Now that would be a thigh burner for any of us mid-westerners.)

The average snow fall is 337 inches and the average temperature in March is 33F.

### *The resort focuses on intermediates;*

56% of the trails are intermediate, 13% beginner, and the remainder of the runs is advanced. Steamboat is also known for its tree skiing, with many of the intermediate runs providing nice spaced trees for those who want to practice tree skiing in a non-intimidating environment. Steamboat also features Billy the Kid ski school, and every day Billy makes a run down one of the intermediate trails and anyone can ski with him. As all professional ski schools, the ski instructors are very good and cater to the needs of their clients. The resort also focuses on children, with special ski classes available to those of all ages. There are plenty of cross country trails and snow shoeing options available.

The Steamboat town is also very fun focusing on the cowboy image. It offers a variety of restaurants with varying ethnic delights and a variety of bars. Your trip will feature a wine and cheese party and a Nastar race pending the interest of the group. Town is located 3.5 miles from the mountain and there are free shuttles running between the mountain base and the town. The town also features spa treatments and plenty of shopping for those who want to take a day off skiing and meander.

There are plenty of spots open currently and a \$100.00 deposit secures your spot. Please e-mail Pat or Brian a [bpblome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bpblome@sbcglobal.net).

*Pat*

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# Taos



Come join 44 of your closest IBEX friends for a fun-filled spring ski week adventure to beautiful Taos, NM! Here are the details:

**44 – Spots – Sold Out (Wait List Available – contact Pam Arnold @ 847-385-1504 if interested)**

Sat., March 25<sup>th</sup> – Sat., April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
Trip Leaders: Pam Arnold & Glen Chiechi

*... the skiing!!!*

**Trip price \$1060**

**Includes:**

Air – AA – Direct Flights  
Flight AA2079S 25MAR ORDABQ  
941A 1143A  
Flight AA 772S 01APR ABQORD  
1227P 413P  
Lodging – Inn @ Snakedance – 7  
nights  
Ground Transportation  
6 Days Lifts  
Nastar  
Custom Fleece Vest with Ibex Logo  
Wine & Cheese Party – Group  
welcome party hosted by the Inn at  
Snakedance

**Option** - Ski Week Lessons: Taos Ski  
Resort is offering a 6-day lesson  
package for \$92.00 per person – What  
a deal!!!

**AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL**

305 inches

**AVERAGE DAYS OF SUNSHINE**

300+ days

**NUMBER OF TRAILS**

110 total: 24% beginner, 25% intermediate,  
51% expert

**TOTAL ACREAGE**

1,294 Acres

**NUMBER OF LIFTS**

12 total: 4 quad chair lifts; 1 triple chair lift;  
5 double chair lifts; 2 surface lifts

**BASE ELEVATION**

9,207 feet / 2805 meters

**TOP OF HIGHEST LIFT SERVED**

11,819 feet / 3602 meters

**VERTICAL DROP**

2,612 feet / 796.13 meters (lift served)  
3,244 feet / 998.22 meters (with Kachina  
Peak hike)

**KACHINA PEAK ELEVATION**

12,481 feet / 3804 meters

**HOURS OF LIFT OPERATION**

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

**UPHILL CAPACITY**

More than 15,000 skiers per hour

**SNOWMAKING CAPABILITIES**

100% of beginner and intermediate slopes

*... the accommodations!!!*

The Inn @ Snakedance - premiere slopeside property at Taos Ski Valley

FODOR'S \*\*\*\*\* 5-Star Favorite

USA TODAY 'Top 10' Places to Dine on Slope

WINE SPECTATOR AWARD OF EXCELLENCE winner every year since 1996

*Pam*

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS, IBEX!!!

**On Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** we will have our Annual Holiday Party! Come join us at our club meeting location — Crave — for an evening of festive, holiday fun!! Appetizers will be provided!

**Start thinking about holiday munchies!!!** No, not just a cookie contest — a holiday snack contest that can include cookies, but can go way beyond! And judging by some of last year's contestants, we have an extremely yummy-minded group of snackers in our midst!! Awards will be given to the best 3 snack entries as determined by a vote of all snacking Ibex!

**What to wear? What to wear?** Come dressed in your favorite holiday attire: be creative, spirited, funny – whatever makes you feel festive! All Ibex will vote to decide on the Best Dressed Holiday Ibex (with “best” to be determined by whatever mood swing hits the goats that evening!) So start rummaging through your closet or get out there and shop for a really good outfit and be prepared to have some fun!!!

**And what about the gifts???** We'll have a gift exchange again this year for all who choose to participate. (And this year we'll make sure everyone can hear!!) The gift guidelines: \$10 limit, wrapped, no white-elephants, gender-neutral.

Hard to believe it, but we are now officially in the season when I can sign off saying:

**Happy Holidays, Ibex!!!**

*Janine*

# IBEX TRIPS

Our Steamboat Springs trip still has openings, so please investigate your schedules and join us on a great trip. If you haven't tried the hot springs at Steamboat, then you need to experience first-hand how relaxing and truly back to nature it can be. Remember that this trip has direct airfare into Hayden – a great commute time of less than 20 minutes from airport to your lodging.

**Upcoming payments include:** \$230 for Jackson Hole on December 7, \$300 for Whistler and Steamboat on December 21, and \$135 for Granite Peak on January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you can't make it to the meeting, please put the payment in the mail to P O Box 1542, Palatine 60078. Thanks to all of you for making your payments promptly and keeping the club running smoothly.

**TRIP OF THE MONTH - STEAMBOAT** see the article elsewhere in this publication for a highlight on Steamboat by Pat Calabrese, Trip Leader.

## Patrice Conaway

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### SKI GEAR DISCOUNT

Winter Greetings from Skiessentials.com! We are located in Stowe, Vermont, and having fun in the snow is our specialty. Before you head to the slopes, visit us on the web at [www.skiessentials.com](http://www.skiessentials.com) for the latest selection of tech wear, award-winning skis from K2, Volkl, Nordica, Elan and Fischer. You'll find a wide variety of clothing from companies such as Marmot, Orage, Isis for Women, and CW-X, to name a few. You'll also find other key essentials such as gloves, helmets, goggles, foot warmers, and the like.

**In the spirit of the season, we would like to extend to you and your club members a special invitation to save on new gear. Shop our site, then enter the code "powder" at checkout along with the name of your Club and receive an additional 15% discount on your total purchase.** This special benefit is by invitation only, and is something that every member of your Club should take advantage of. We're also extending this special offer not for just a few weeks, but **through February 15, 2006.**

## IBEX TRIPS 2006

### JACKSON HOLE

WED 12-28 thru MON 1-2  
\$930  
49er Hotel, 4 day Lift,  
Ground Transfers  
NON STOP AIR on AMERICAN:  
OUT 11:14A 1:23P/  
RETURN 2:18P 6:11P

### WHISTLER

SAT 1-28 thru SAT 2-4  
\$1100  
Blackcomb Lodge  
5 day Lift, Ground Transfers  
UNITED AIR: OUT 8:00A 1:14P via SFO/  
RETURN 1:55P 9:47P via

### GRANITE PEAK

FRI 2-10 thru SUN 2-12  
\$185  
Marriott Courtyard, 2 day Lift  
DRIVE UP TO WAUSAU WISCONSIN  
APRES SKI PARTY

### STEAMBOAT

TUES 2-28 thru SUN 3-5  
\$910  
The Lodge at Steamboat condos,  
4 day Lift, Ground Transfers,  
Wine & Cheese reception  
NON STOP AIR on AMERICAN  
OUT 12:30P 2:18P/  
RETURN 3:07P 6:45P



### TAOS

SAT 3-25 thru SAT 4-1  
\$1020  
Inn at Snakedance Condos  
6 day Lift, Ground Transfers  
Ski Week lessons only \$92 extra  
*FYI—no snowboards in Taos*  
NON STOP AIR on AMERICAN

# ACTIVITIES CORNER: Things to Do!!!

Greetings, Ibex! Winter is almost here and that means our focus will soon turn to skiing!! With the holidays just around the corner, we run out of available weekends that aren't already committed to gatherings of one sort or another. However we do have a few activities that will hopefully get you to come out and join us in the fun!!! If you have any questions, you can contact me at [j9west@comcast.net](mailto:j9west@comcast.net).

## Date

Tuesday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>

## Event

Activities Planning Meeting/Dinner

## **Holiday Party**

Wilmot Family Night

**GAMES NIGHT:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of Every Month (until further notice)

Back by popular demand: Mark is hosting Games Night starting on the first Wednesday of each month (which happens to coincide with our club meetings!) He'll run these every first meeting of the month until the weather improves — see related article for more information.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS TEMPORARILY REPLACED IN DECEMBER WITH THE HOLIDAY PARTY  
GAMES NIGHT WILL RESUME AGAIN IN JANUARY**

## **BAR OF THE MONTH**

Since pretty much everything you do this month will involve beveraging, we'll skip the BOM this month. I'm only looking out for your best interests here!

**ACTIVITIES PLANNING: WE NEED YOU!!!** Tuesday, December 6th

We've had a lot of fun this past year and that is largely due to the generous nature of our volunteer coordinators! It's time to plan the 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ of the year for fun in between ski trips next year, so come on out and join us at Chili's (on Willow and Rand) Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p for our 2006 Activities Planning Meeting. I'm looking for fun things to do and fun people to run them — so come on out, get involved and have some fun!!! This meeting is not limited to long-time members — new members are more than welcomed! The “seasoned” Ibex can help with any coordination efforts that may be new, so don't be shy! Any and all coordination efforts are greatly appreciated!!

## **IBEX ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY:**

The Annual Holiday Party will be on Wednesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at Crave. Come out and get festive with Ibex!! See article in this newsletter for more details.

*Lot's of things to look forward to — and the holidays should be a lot of fun as well!!!*

*Come on out, get involved and have some fun with some fun people!!!*

*Janine*

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## **Our Condolences**

To Debbie Dukes on the passing of her mother.  
*Ibex Ski Club*

## **It is a BOY!!!**

Benjamin Hilmer Kolseth was born Oct 26.  
Weighing in at 9lbs 5oz.  
Both Sandy and Benjamin are doing well.

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## **Hold'em-Fold'em Night!! (aka: Games Night)**

It's that time of year! With the weather getting cooler and the sun setting earlier, we move indoors and start up our Games Nights! They will be held the first meeting of each month starting at 6:30pm at Crave. There will be one round of instruction from 6:30p to 6:50p for whatever card game will be played that evening. We'll start the games promptly at 6:50pm. This will strictly be for fun, no money is required. Everyone will receive the equivalent of \$100 dollars of chips when you walk in the door. There will be two rounds of play. The 1st round will determine table assignments for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round. (The ski club meeting will be held between rounds from 8:00pm until around 8:20pm.)

*Come on out and try your hand!*

*Mark*

# Moons Musings



Thank you to the First Lady of Ibex for writing last month's column.

As most of you know I returned safe and sound from the Central America Odyssey. We left Waterloo Iowa about 7:30 a. m. on Friday, October 19 in a 1998 Plymouth mini-van with 3 other guys, 100,000 mile on the van, a great expectations for the next two weeks.

The first real stop was Brownsville, TX crossing the boarder into Mexico at Matamoros, 24 hour into the trip. The entry into Mexico took about an hour to make sure we had all the correct paperwork and Mexican Insurance.

The next 3 and a half days were spent driving, sight seeing, learning how to order ham and eggs ( huevos con jamon) for breakfast, and grilled chicken (pollo a la parrilla) for dinner (cena). The beer ( la cerveza) was the easy part to order.

Tuesday we entered Belize, driving down to the small village of Placencia, at the end of a very small peninsula with no where else to go, we stayed on the beach for a couple of days. What a great place to vacation.

Thursday we continued south to the laid back village of Punta Gorda, where we found Roberto and April Echeverria, tour operator and restaurant owners that would take us to Guatemala by boat for the next three days of the trip.

Back to Belize and back in the van driving through the jungles of Belize to a Mayan Ruin, located in the Xunantunich Archaeological Reserve. I find it hard to believe this structure was built in 400BC.

North, the wrong direction I think, since we don't want the vacation to end. We drive out of Belize into Mexico traveling through the mountains crossing the 5747 meter peak de Orizaba staying in mountain villages for two nights, I told the guys my fleece vest would come in handy, the temperatures wee in the mid forties.

Continuing north to Gonzlas MX., we spent our last night in Mexico before heading into the states on Friday morning.

About 11:30 Saturday morning we pulled back into Waterloo, IA, the trip complete for Rich, Dale and Lou, I still had to drive back to Lisle.

## Whistler

Two months and counting until our group goes to Whistler, the host of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. New improvements for this year include 14.5 million in on-mountain improvements, 1,100 new acres to ski, and new lighted sections of the mountain for night skiing or boarding. We have 31 people going, and one more payment of \$300 due this month. Ibex ski school is giving lessons and will be taking sign ups at all meetings. If anyone has any recommendations for the itinerary, please let us know. Right now we have the group skiing, a club race, and a pub crawl activities. More details to come at the Ibex Xmas party. Let's wish for snow and have safe a joyous holiday season.

### *Bill Haussmann*

The trip story in a nutshell 7,000 miles, 15 days, 144 eggs, 1,500 beers, 8 shots of tequila, 4 shots of brandy, 31 gallons of bottled water, ½ gallon of DEET, a million laughs, 4 friends, and ONE GREAT TIME, and we are still friends!

I got back about 5:00 PM, having enough time to drive (again) north to Ed and Sarah's Halloween party. Lynne was attending a concert with a girl friend, so she missed the party.

The club has not changed with me leaving the country for two weeks, the New Members Party was a success on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Taos and Whistler are full, Jackson and Steamboat will go, although with fewer skiers than originally planned.

As the year of 2005 winds down, the holidays are in full swing, take a few moments to remember what a great country we live in. The ski season is approaching quickly, Jackson Hole will leave in about 28 days. Several Ibex have or will very soon get a few days of early season skiing out west. It's time to get in ski shape, if you haven't started already, get going. Your legs will thank you.

### *Craig*

#### IBEX SKI CLUB 2005 TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

	jackson hole		whistler		granite peak		steamboat		taos	
	Amount	Date due	Amount	Date due	Amount	Date due	Amount	Date due	Amount	Date due
payment 1	\$ 100	8/27/2005	\$ 100	8/27/2005	\$ 50	8/27/2005	\$ 100	8/27/2005	\$ 100	8/27/2005
payment 2	\$ 300	9/21/2005	\$ 350	9/21/2005	\$ 135	1/4/2006	\$ 300	11/16/2005	\$ 300	11/16/2005
payment 3	\$ 300	11/2/2005	\$ 350	10/19/2005			\$ 300	12/21/2005	\$ 300	1/4/2006
payment 4	\$ 230	12/7/2005	\$ 300	12/21/2005			\$ 210	1/18/2006	\$ 320	2/15/2006
total	\$ 930		\$ 1,100		\$ 185		\$ 910		\$ 1,020	

# Ibex Ski and Snowboard School

Well the ski show is behind us now and folks are seriously thinking about their winter activities plans. Trips are filling up for the upcoming ski season. What could be more fun than sliding down mountains and enjoying the beautiful vistas with your friends in Ibex? Did you think about how well you skied or rode last season, was there anything you wanted to work on but didn't find the time for a lesson? Fear not!

The Ibex Ski and Snowboard school has a plan to help you. We plan to have lessons on every trip. To start off the season on the right foot we are planning to have the Family Night skiing in December this year. (See separate article on Family Night.)

## Lessons:

The following instructors have volunteered to teach on the trips this year. A \$10 refundable deposit for each trip holds your spot for lessons.

## Your instructors are:

Instructors signed up to teach on the following trips:

**Jackson Hole** - Jean Bagel (ski)

**Whistler** - Bill Haussmann (ski)

**Granite Peak** – Bob Kimicata (ski) & Jean Bagel (ski)

**Steamboat** – Chuck Binzel (Snowboarding)

**Taos** - Bob Kimicata (ski)

**Wilmot Family Night – December 10<sup>th</sup>** (Ski and Snowboard lessons) John Brandt, Debbie Dukes, Bill Haussmann, Chuck Binzel and Bob Kimicata

Sign up for lessons on these trips with the Ski School. An instructor will be at each meeting beginning in November and continuing through February.

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## Lessons – “To take or not to take”

That is the question. Whether you're a beginner or advanced skier, it's worth pondering the question for taking, or for avoiding, lessons.

First, what motivates us to ski &/or ride:

- Activity to share with friends (especially Ibex)
- Gets us out of the house during winter
- Outdoor physical activity
- Social interaction, with Ibex (sometimes it's OK to ski with others)
- Perfecting or refining movements
- Fewer measured performance standards than most sports
- Après ski socializing

After looking these over, few have anything to do with performance. So, if you are satisfied with your skiing at a certain level, and you don't care about skiing the whole mountain, you probably are not likely to take lessons.

Then, why do we take lessons:

- Improve
- Ski more difficult terrain
- Spend more skiing time with your partner & friends
- Better control with less effort
- Not too tired at the end of the day for some Après skiing

Also, why do we avoid lessons:

- Fear of the unknown
- Hesitant to perform in front of others
- Tried it once – didn't help
- I'm as good a skier as the instructor
- Lessons are only for beginners
- Cost too much

As an average, in the U.S., the largest percentage of lessons is taught to beginners. Only 15% of beginners return for further lessons.

Because the Ibex Ski Club is not average (we are waaay above average). We give most of our lessons to intermediate, intermediate/advanced skiers that keep returning for further lessons.

Our Ski School numbers for last year:

We gave 49 lessons to 25 students, with an average level of 4.5 (level 9 is as high as you can go)

So what makes our club and Ski School different? What does our Ski School do that puts us above the average?

- Adjust lessons to the needs of the students
- Have fun
- Ski with our friends
- Low cost (How about free)
- Increase knowledge to reduce fear

As instructors we strive to understand what motivates our students. We also attend instructor clinics, which keep us abreast of the constant changes to equipment and the best ways to teach students to ski with this new gear. Our focus is always safety, fun & learning and our goal is to give lessons that are unforgettable.

With the new season upon us, we already have two instructors taking a five-day instructor clinic at Copper Mt., CO. The more knowledge & experience we have the better we can meet the needs of our students.

So remember, no matter what level you ski, you can always learn something new. We have instructors at all levels of PSIA, which service your Ibex Ski School. If you are on a trip and skiing with an instructor, don't be shy and just ask for the instructor ski along with you and give you one pointer. Yes, we want to ski and have some of our own time but we enjoy sharing our knowledge with others especially if they are members of Ibex. Stay balanced, and have a safe and fun ski season!

Your Ibex Ski & Snowboard School

*Debbie*

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# Lesson Procedures

for members and children of members:

If you or your child, are interested in taking free lessons on any of the IBEX trips, here are the steps to follow:

- **Sign-up with the trip leader for that trip.** You will be asked to provide the following:
  - o Refundable deposit of \$10 for each lesson
  - o Determine which type of lesson you want (Ski or Snowboard)
  - o Determine what level of lesson you need
- If you are signing up a minor (under age 21), complete a waiver for the minor. Only one waiver is required for the entire season!

## Deposits:

- Members signing up for lessons will need to make a \$10 refundable deposit for each lesson. This can be in the form of cash or a check.
- A deposit is required for each lesson.
- This deposit is refundable at the end of the trip, if the member or member's child attends the lesson. If attendance does not occur the refund will not be made.
- If a deposit is not given by the last meeting prior to the trip departure date, the member runs the risk of not being allowed in the lesson. It is up to the instructor's discretion to include the member based on class size and lesson planned.
- Any arrangements for private lessons are outside the scope of this policy.

## Lessons:

- There will be at least 1 lesson given for every 3 "trip" days of the trip. For example a 4 day trip will have 1 lesson. A week-long trip will have 2 lessons.
- If a member is signing up for only 1 lesson on a trip with more than 1 lesson scheduled, it must be the first lesson as subsequent lessons build on the previous and are based on the skills of the particular class participants.

## Group versus Private lessons:

All lessons are considered Group lessons to benefit the entire membership. Arrangements CAN be made for private lessons and are outside the scope of this policy. Contact the instructor of your choice to make arrangements.

*Any questions, please see any instructor.*

# Family Night at Wilmot

Since not everyone is going on a vacation trip we want to give everyone the opportunity to improve their skiing and snowboarding skills. For those of you who were in the club last year, you may recall the Saturday evening **Family Learn to Ski and Board** event at Wilmot. This year we will be offering the same event on **December 10th**. We will be offering both skiing and snowboarding lessons.

## **Cost:**

Lift/lesson	\$18
Lift/ski rental*/lesson	\$28
Lift/snowboard rental**/lesson	\$38

**Payment is due at the time of sign-up.**

**Lift tickets are good until 11:00 p.m.**

- We need 20 people in order to get the discounted price. ***Members and friends are welcome to come out and ski and ride with us. You don't have to sign up for a lesson to take advantage of the discounted tickets.***
- Children must at least 8 years of age and must be a relative of a member in order to take lessons.
- Waivers for minors will be available at the meetings in November and December. ***Waivers must be signed by a parent and the relative accompanying the child on the trip.***

**Lessons will begin at 4:30 p.m.** Plan to meet by 3:30 p.m. to pick up your rental coupons and lift tickets. If you are only picking up lift tickets, 4:00 p.m. should be fine. This should give you enough time to get ready.

## **Renting equipment:**

- If you are renting equipment plan to arrive by 3:30 p.m. Rentals are an additional cost. \*\$10 extra for skis, boots and poles and \*\*\$20 extra for snowboards and boots. Security deposits will be required:
- Each person renting ski equipment is required to leave a \$10.00 cash deposit and I.D.
- Snowboard and Boot deposit is \$100.00 cash, *VISA, MC, AE, DIS.*
- Drivers license or photo I.D. also required for snowboard equipment rental.
- **Wilmot Ski Rental Packages include LOOK bindings, easy entry boots, and poles.**

## **After Lessons:**

We will meet in the BAR, located in the middle of the main lodge, where we will order pizzas and snacks for dinner. (Brown bagging is acceptable!) They also have TVs in this room in case there any other sports events taking place!

Sign-ups and deposits for this event will be taken at **November meetings and the first December meeting**. If you cannot attend the club meetings or would like more information, please contact Debbie Dukes.

If you would like to arrange for a private lesson for yourself or children (including kids under age 8), please see any of the instructors.

# Debbie

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# New Members Party Recap

Thanks to all who came to the New Members Party on November 16, especially to all those who helped, including Mike and Carolyn Lepsi, Lynne Moon and the entire Executive Board.

Thanks also to the following sponsors for their donations to help make our door prize raffles a hit:

**Alpine Accessories**

9219 S. Route 31, Lake in the Hills, 847.854.4754

**Vertical Drop Ski Shop**

116 W. Main St., St. Charles, 630.584.1250

**Viking Ski Shop**

3422 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, 773.276.1222

**Alpine Valley Resort**, East Troy, Wis.

**Cascade Mountain**, Portage, Wis.

**Chestnut Mountain Resort**, Galena

**Crave**, Arlington Heights

**Devils Head**, Merrimac, Wis.

**Grand Geneva Resort**, Lake Geneva, Wis.

**Granite Peak ski area**, Wausau, Wis.

**Jackson Hole ski resort**, Wyo.

**Ski Brule**, Iron River, Mich.

**Steamboat Springs ski resort**, Colo.

**Sundown**, Dubuque, Iowa

**Taos ski resort**, N.M.

**Tyrol Basin**, Mt. Horeb, Wis.

**Villa Olivia**, Bartlett, Ill.

**Wilmot Mountain**, Wilmot, Wis.

Please remember their generosity and patronize these sponsors.

Membership for 2005-2006(thru Nov):	123
Membership for 2004-2005 (thru Nov.)	137
Final Membership for 2004-2005:	165

**Ibex welcomes these new  
(and a few returning) members:**

Diana Clarke	Hal Stein
Patty Dehoff	William Moore
Lucyna Kanaszyc	

**December birthday wishes to:**

Pam Arnold	05	Uncle Hank Kyas	15
Doris Hoffie	06	Steve Lenius	21
Frank Soyka	08	Mike Warta	21
Joe Johnston	12	Denny Gawlik	31

*Dave*

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# SCUBA NEWS

**TURKS & CAICOS – November 5 to 12**

Wayne & Jacquie Wodach, and Mike & Cindy Warta had a great week of diving off the Explorer II. We had beautiful weather, calm seas, a fun group of divers, and a fantastic boat and crew. We saw sharks, eels, lobsters and lots of fish up close and personal. Wayne, what was that you were putting on your mustache to seal that scuba mask?

**CAYMAN BRAC – February 12 to 18**

Fantastic deal! Air, hotel, diving, food and some drinks for \$1700. This is some great diving with one day of diving the famous Bloody Bay Wall on Little Cayman!

**MEXICO – April 29 to May 7**

This trip offers a lot of options. Spend a few days on Cozumel & then a few days on the Riviera Maya, or spend the whole time on the mainland. Spend 3 days or 8 days or anything in between. The highlight of the trip will be attending Ed and Sarah's wedding. Call me for more details.

**????? – summer**

One of our teachers has asked for a summer trip. If anyone is interested, please let me know and I will put you in contact with the others.

*Cindy Warta*

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## Web Sites

- [www.utahlinks.net](http://www.utahlinks.net)
- [www.nevadalinks.net](http://www.nevadalinks.net)
- [www.arizonalinks.net](http://www.arizonalinks.net)
- [www.wyominglinks.net](http://www.wyominglinks.net)
- [www.montanalinks.us](http://www.montanalinks.us)
- [www.skigranitepeak.com](http://www.skigranitepeak.com)
- [www.skitaos.org](http://www.skitaos.org)
- [www.innsnakedance.com](http://www.innsnakedance.com)
- [www.whistlerblackcomb.com](http://www.whistlerblackcomb.com)
- [www.whistler.com](http://www.whistler.com)
- [www.steamboat.com](http://www.steamboat.com)
- [www.jacksonhole.com](http://www.jacksonhole.com)



## December 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Activities Planning	7 Ibex Holiday Party	8	9	10 Wilmot Family Night
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Ibex Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Jackson Hole	29 Jackson Hole	30 Jackson Hole	31 Jackson Hole

## January 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Jackson Hole	2 Jackson Hole	3	4 Games Night Ibex Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Ibex Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Whistler
29 Whistler	30 Whistler	31 Whistler				

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