



# 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

VOL. XLIII NO. X

February 2006

February Meetings  
Wednesday, Feb 4  
Wednesday, Feb 15

Location: Crave  
1204 W. Rand Road  
Arlington Heights, IL  
Brews 'N Schmooze Hour: 7:00PM  
Meeting Time: 8:00 PM Promptly

# Ibex Annual Banquet

In the interest of trying something really different, your EB has decided to pursue some changes to the typical banquet. For starters, we've secured a casual venue for our Annual Banquet. Not only that, but we're trying a different evening as well!

On **Saturday, April 22 at 6:00p: Hackney's in Lake Zurich** will proudly host our 2006 Banquet! And with our focus on "fiduciary responsibility", instead of determining a price right now, we will wait until we have a better-than-average estimate of our budgetary performance over this year to determine how much of the fee we are able to subsidize. Therefore, banquet pricing will be promoted at the first March meeting as well as published in the March newsletter.

And in case that's not enough change for you: we're going to have a themed evening as well! (The theme will be promoted along with the pricing)

So let's summarize the plethora of modifications your EB is making in the hopes of stimulating your interest and encouraging your attendance:

- ◆ Change in locale
- ◆ Change in the evening
- ◆ Change in the pricing
- ◆ Change in the attire

So what other changes are there, you say? EXCELLENT QUESTION!!

The one thing that won't change will be the fun that will be had by all! **Since our fun is often had at the expense of our humorous brethren — we need the pictures and/or stories to illustrate the laughs you had so we can publicly share the funny incident at the banquet. Therefore, get those pictures and stories to me (or any other EB member) as soon as possible!!! We need pictures and stories relating some unusual (or unusually funny) antic in which a fellow Ibex member unwittingly participated. If you laughed at him/her, odds are that your fellow Ibex would share in that laugh ten-fold if it were shared at the banquet! And who knows? It might be eligible for a Goatie: our illustrious award recognizing the "best" (?) behaviors of our fellow members! Now as of this writing, we've only had one trip under our belts — but the majority of the opportunities to stupify ourselves are yet to come!**

SO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE COMICALLY STUPIFYING OPPORTUNITIES!!!!  
YOU KNOW THEY WILL OCCUR!!

So mark your calendars and look for more information in the next mailer!

Meanwhile: BE ON THE LOOKOUT AND GET THOSE STORIES TO AN EB MEMBER BEFORE YOU FORGET THEM!!!

## Janine

February 15 meeting - Ski Tuning - See page 6

## In This Issue

Banquet	1
Taos	2
Granite Peak	2
Ibex Trips	3
Steamboat	3
Activities Corner	4
Culinary Experience	4
Games Night	4
Elections	5
Membership Matters	6
Tubing	6
Ski Tuning Meeting	6
Moon's Mussions	6
Jackson Hole Recap	7
Leason Procedures	8
Shaped Skis	8
Scuba News	8
Location Info	9
Ibex Calendar	11

# Taos

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

**Trip price \$1020**

**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 Ibx 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

Sat., March 25<sup>th</sup> – Sat., April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006  
Trip Leaders: Pam Arnold & Glen Chiechi  
Come join 44 of your closest IBEX friends for a fun-filled spring ski week adventure to beautiful Taos, NM! Here are the details:

**... *the skiing!!!***

**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*

# Granite Peak

## Lots of REAL SNOW

The drive-up trip to Granite Peak in Wausau, WI will take place on February 11 and 12, 2006. The drive up to Wausau takes anywhere from 3 ½ to 4 hours (depending on how fast you drive – driving directions will be sent out a couple of weeks prior to the trip.

We will be staying at the Courtyard (same hotel as last year). The Courtyard has recently gone completely non-smoking. So smoke 'em if you got 'em but do it outside (or at the bar next door).

The Courtyard has a great pool and hot tub. It is adjacent to a restaurant/brew pub. Breakfast vouchers are included in the hotel costs.

Family pricing is available and is as follows: Children under 5 ski free, non-skier package is \$122.75 (double occupancy), children under 13 with one adult in the room is \$176.75, children under 13 staying with two adults pays \$45 for a lift ticket. Bob Kimicata and Jean Bagel will be teaching skiing lessons. Final payment is due January 4.

A direct quote from Granite Peak's website ([www.skigranitepeak.com](http://www.skigranitepeak.com)):

**"Superb Conditions!"**

**We have more snow than ever before! We have a 24-32" base with SUPERB CONDITIONS!**

**We received 7" of new snow in the last week and have ideal snowmaking temperatures. We will have approximately 65 runs open by December 26th!"**

The following extra special event will be taking place the same weekend!

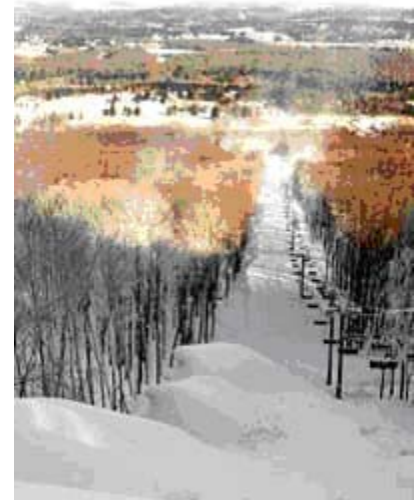
### German Fest February 11-12, 2006

- § Polka Music in our courtyard
- § Kielbasa & Sauerkraut
- § German Beer served in the Bears Den Tavern & Saloon
- § Entertainment in the Bears Den Tavern & Saloon 3-11:30p.m.

OK – I'm German. I always thought Polkas were Polish!

Sign up early and often! If you have any questions, please contact me at 847-592-7263 or [sarahsch@comcast.net](mailto:sarahsch@comcast.net).

If you have any questions please contact me at 847-592-7263 or [sarahsch@comcast.net](mailto:sarahsch@comcast.net).



*Sarah*

# IBEX TRIPS

**WHISTLER:** as you read this, the editor of your newsletter and 30 others are enjoying a great time at Whistler Blackcomb. Thanks to Bill Haussmann, your trip leader, for doing a great job getting the trip ready to go.

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS:** This trip is leaving Feb 28<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>, with direct flights from O'Hare to Hayden, lodging at condos in the Lodge at Steamboat, and 4 days of lift tickets. One female spot is still available (although airfare may be slightly higher at this late date) at this writing - contact Pat Calabrese if interested at 847 358.4807. Original package cost was \$910.

**GRANITE PEAK:** Some rooms may be available for this drive-up trip to the former Rib Mountain in Wausau WI on Feb 10 – 12th. The \$185 package includes a wine and cheese party, two days of lift tickets and two nights' lodging with breakfast at the Marriott Courtyard Wausau - contact Sarah Schmeichel if interested at 847 592-7263.

**PAYMENTS:** The last trip payment is coming up: **\$320 on 2/15/06 for Taos.** If you can't make it to the meeting, please put the payment in the mail to P O Box 1542, Palatine 60078.

**SURVEY:** Coming soon to your email boxes (mailed copies for those of you on the mailed newsletter lists) – the survey for where we want to go next year. Please fill this out and return it promptly– this is important for identifying where you want to ski in 2007.

If you want some fresh ideas – look for the information on less-traveled ski areas, such as **Schweitzer Mountain**, Idaho; **Mammoth Mountain**, California; **Red Resort**, British Columbia; and **Sun Peaks**, British Columbia, elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Patrice Conaway

[ibextrips@skiibex.com](mailto:ibextrips@skiibex.com)

---

# 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

*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 [bplome@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bplome@sbcglobal.net).

### 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.



*Pat*

# ACTIVITIES CORNER: Things to Do!!!

Wow — hard to believe we're well into 2006 already, but "into it" we are!!! And we're planning some great non-ski activities for us to have some off-the-slopes fun!!

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Looking to the future:  
Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Saturday, July 29<sup>st</sup>

Games Night  
BOM: Berghoff (Chicago)  
BOM: Bacchus Nibbles  
Little Goats: Tubing @ Villa Olivia  
Chili Cookoff  
**Annual Ibex Banquet**  
  
Denny's Annual Picnic  
Ibex Annual Picnic

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

See related article inside.

### **BOM: Berghoff** Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

It has been rumored that this long-time favorite German dining and beverage establishment will be closing its doors by the end of February. Therefore, this might be your last opportunity to enjoy one of Chicago's best ethnic establishments! (The beers, however, will still be available in your local store! VERY important to know!) So whenever "after work" might be for you, maybe you want to hop on down and join your downtown-dwelling members for a memorable beverage finale for this historic establishment!

### **Chili Cookoff** Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

Joe Davis has once again graciously agreed to host the annual Chili Cookoff at his home! So brush off your favorite chili recipe (or try to find a new, unique recipe) and come join us for some hot-n-spicy fun! As in the past, if you're bringing chili, then you're a valued, no-fee attendee!! If you're not culinarily inclined, then you're still a valued participant; albeit a paying one: \$8 if paying in advance and \$10 at the door. Included in your fee: beer, wine, soda and some of the best, hair-raising chili concoctions this side o' the mesa!

Advance signups help Joe to ensure that he has enough beverages to accommodate all, so please signup as soon as possible. Signups and maps to Joe's house will be available at the February meetings. If you need further information, contact either Joe or Janine.

### **Annual Ibex Banquet**

See article inside — and plan on a good time!!!

*Janine*

*IbexActivities@SkiIbex.com*

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

Take the chill out of the season by playing some indoor games. **Games Night is held the first meeting of each month starting at 6:30pm at Crave.** There is one round of instruction from 6:30p to 6:50p for whatever card game will be played that evening. The games start promptly at 6:50pm.

*This is strictly 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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*

## **French Culinary Experience**

If you like good food complimented by good wine stay tuned for an epicurean experience. Ibex will be participating in a dinner prepared by Chef Patrick.

**Date** will be forthcoming as Patrick is presently studying in France.

**Cost** is still to be determined, plan on @\$60.00. Five course meal with wine.

**Specific details** will be e-blasted as plans are confirmed. It would be very nice to know the number of people who will be interested in attending this event. One, numbers talk when negotiating a price. Two, I want to reserve ample space. So please email or call me if you would consider attending this event.

[Jean.bagel@d214.org](mailto:Jean.bagel@d214.org) 847.749.1932

Bagel rating on food= 4.5 stars! Ibex chatter= 5 stars. You want to be a part of this!

*Jean*

# Hey Ho Let's Go!

## Ibex Elections are coming!

Contact Jean Bagel for any information regarding elections. [Jean.bagel@d214.org](mailto:Jean.bagel@d214.org) 847.749.1932

I think you like the Ibex Ski/Snowboard Club; you are receiving and reading this. The club has been structured to virtually run itself, thanks to our predecessors. However, we still need people like you to get things done.

I have been a member for 10 years. I chose to get involved and it has been great. My involvement in Ibex has afforded me at least 20 new, great friends. Not acquaintances, friends, we have skied, partied, worked on club matters, and laughed more than human beings deserve!

This club is over 40 years old. Ibex provides great trips and activities at good prices and with great amenities. Face it, all the trip/activity participant has to do is write a check and show up for a great time.

However, people need to step up and volunteer to keep things rolling. I have talked to most all of you. Great bunch of people. Everyone has a ton to offer in leadership to your Club.

Now is the time to take the leap and get involved with the Club's future.

The Ibex year commences May 1<sup>st</sup>. Elections are April 5<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for positions will be at the 3/1 & 3/15 meetings.

In this publication there are job descriptions and prerequisites for all of the elected positions, and the description of the election process from the Ibex Constitution.

See our website [www.skiibex.com](http://www.skiibex.com) for the entire Constitution.

Trip Chairman is a 2-year position. Patrice is completing her first year. Positions to be elected are: President, Activities, Membership, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Board of Director positions.

Everyone has something to offer. Things are great now, but fresh ideas will keep things great in the future. Go for it, take the leap to become more involved and make a difference.

Please contact me with your intent to seek a position or any questions.

Later,

**Bagel**

### ARTICLE III – Officers, Duties and Term of Office of the Executive Board

#### Section 1: Duties

- A. Plans and executes all skiing, snowboarding and social activities.
- B. May create or eliminate appointed position(s) to meet operating requirements that are beyond the scope of elected officers and will establish a Policy describing the duties, responsibilities and accountabilities of any appointed position(s) and remove any policies for appointed positions that are eliminated.

#### Section 2: Composition

- A. Comprised of members elected from the general membership and shall have the following Officers;
  - a) President
  - b) First Vice-President - Trips
  - c) Second Vice-President – Membership
  - d) Third Vice-President – Activities
  - e) Treasurer
  - f) Secretary

#### Section 3: Term of Office

- A. The President, the Second Vice-President (Membership), Third Vice-President (Activities), Treasurer and Secretary shall serve one year.
- B. First Vice-President (Trips) shall serve two years.
- C. Any elected official may run for office.

#### Section 4: Duties of the President

- A. Responsible for the successful execution of all Club skiing, snowboarding and social activities through the Officers of the Executive Board.
- B. Responsible for issuing an annual operating budget within 45 days of the beginning of each fiscal year that shall begin May 1.
- C. Presides at all meetings of the general membership and the Executive Board.
- D. Authorized signature on the Club checking and savings accounts.

#### Section 5: Duties of the First Vice-President (Trips)

- A. Responsible for the research, planning, pricing, marketing, execution, and profitability of all ski trips.
- B. Responsible for recruiting, selecting and training of trip leaders.
- C. Appoint an assistant.
- D. Presides at General Meetings in the absence of the President.
- E. Authorized signature on the Club checking account.

#### Section 6: Duties of the Second Vice-President (Membership)

- A. Responsible for collection of dues.
- B. Maintains Club membership files.
- C. Responsible for planning and execution of all member recruitment and retention activities.
- D. Appoint an assistant.
- E. Presides at General Meetings in the absence of the President and the First Vice-President.

#### Section 7: Duties of the Third Vice-President (Activities)

- A. Responsible for the research, planning, pricing, marketing, execution and profitability of all social activities.
- B. Will assure that all equipment used in social activities is maintained and accounted for.
- C. Appoint an assistant.

#### Section 8: Duties of the Treasurer

- A. Will maintain the Club checking and savings accounts.
- B. Will assure timely deposit of all monies received.
- C. Issue checks to service providers and Club members for expenses incurred in performing duties for the Club according to Policy.
- D. Will prepare quarterly reports on the financial status of the Club for distribution to the Executive Board, the Board of Directors and to the General Body upon request.
- E. Is an authorized signatory on the Club checking and savings accounts.
- F. Appoint an assistant.

#### Section 9: Duties of the Secretary

- A. Will record minutes at all Executive Board and General Meetings and maintain a file of said minutes.
- B. Responsible for the publication of the Club newsletter.
- C. Appoint an assistant.

### ARTICLE IV – Executive Board Election Procedures

#### Section 1: Qualifications for Executive Board Officer

- A. Must be an active member of the Club.
- B. Each candidate for President must be an active member for a minimum of two years.

#### Section 2: Elections

- A. Nominations will be held during the two General meetings prior to the election.
- B. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the general meeting.
- C. Elections will be held the first meeting in April.
- D. Officers shall be elected by the majority of members who vote an official ballot.

#### Section 3: Vacancies

- A. Vacancies on the Executive Board will be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. All such appointments shall require a 2/3 majority of the entire Board of Directors.

# Membership Matters

Membership for 2005-2006 (thru January): 135

Membership for 2004-2005 (thru December) 150

Final Membership for 2004-2005: 165

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

Jerry Dvoracek  
Marshall Fletcher

### February birthday wishes to:

Jerry Dvoracek	13	Jeff Smith	22
Faulds Orchard	13	Ed Masopust	23
Kent Lessen	17	Pat Calabrese	29
Debbie Dukes	20	Glen Chiechi	29

## Tubing or Not Tubing, That Is the Question

All Ibex and friends, including all Little Goats, are invited to participate in an afternoon of tubing at **Villa Olivia** ski hill in Bartlett (yes, a ski hill in Illinois!) on **Sunday, March 12 at 2 pm**. The hill has a rope tow so you don't even have to climb up the hill.

Snowtubing rates are \$17.75 per person for two hours of tubing. Children 5 and younger or under 42" tall can share a tube with an adult for an additional \$3.25

Alternate plans: In case of poor snow or weather conditions, we will go to Schaumburg Waterworks. More details will follow in the March newsletter.

## Want to Learn a New Tune?

Ski tune that is. Have you ever been mystified by the sometimes confusing task of ski tuning? Learn the benefits of properly tuned skis and snowboards at the

### **Ibex meeting on February 15.**

#### **Rick Pasturzak of Alpine Accessories**

will give a short presentation and answer many of the questions you probably have, including:

*Why does my gear need tuning and how will I benefit from it?*

*How often do I need to tune my equipment?*

*How can I tell when my equipment needs to be tuned?*

*What are some tuning basics that I can do myself?*

For those so inclined, Rick conducts more extensive ski tuning clinics at his shop, Alpine Accessories, in Lake in the Hills.

**Dave**

IbexMembership@SkiIbex.com

# MOON'S MUSINGS

## *TOP TEN REASONS TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD*

10. No 18 hour Senate confirmation hearings to sit through
9. Ted Kennedy will not ask you any questions
8. The term is for one year, not life
7. You won't have to worry where to spend your Ibex pension, there isn't one
6. Ibex Ski and Snowboard Club doesn't have a Hired Truck Program, chances are you won't get indicted by the Feds.
5. You won't have to stay home to watch all of the Law and Order reruns
4. You have developed a boot bag of skills and talents during your life, now you can use them somewhere other than your day job
3. You are exempt from the "Full Trip Lottery"
2. You get to plan club events and activities you want to attend
1. It is a fun, rewarding way to become more involved with your ski club

All the kidding aside, please consider volunteering for the EB or BOD position of your choice, the club needs you. If, for whatever reason, you don't feel you have the energy or time to run for an office, think about being an assistant, you can learn the position and run next year.

You know, we are all friends at Ibex, so don't feel that if you are not comfortable being in front of a group that you cannot run for an office, we've all made minor mistakes in speaking in front of groups.

I have been fortunate to hold several different positions with Ibex Ski Club. I have found them very interesting, rewarding, challenging, not to mention just plain fun. Jean Bagel is the election chair this year and is a wealth of information concerning running for an office.

Feel free to talk to any EB or BOD member if you have any questions about any office or position.

The Olympics start February 10<sup>th</sup>. We can all sit by the flat screen and watch Bode Miller, Daron Rahlves, Lindsey Kildow and their friends clean up on medals. By the way, what is Curling? Why is it an Olympic Sport? **USA! USA! USA!**  
Enjoy the weather, winter is coming back.

**CRAIG**

IbexMembership@SkiIbex.com

# Jackson Hole, Snow, Snow = Major Fun!

Recap submitted by Bagel, thank you very much to ghost writer Patrice for the bulk of the article! By the way it was New Years, events recapped are not necessarily in chronological order, you try to remember days after skiing 4"-12" of fresh snow every day! We arrived in Jackson Hole in late afternoon, allowing enough time to unpack, explore the town and (literally) catch our breath. We then walked over to the Wild Elk Barbeque sponsored by the hotel. A little-known fact is that it is not legal to sell wild elk for consumption. The elk you get on restaurant menus is from a game farm. If wild elk are indeed those strange brotherhood men in funny hats, they certainly do cook up nicely.

The barbeque was held for Pentagon Ski Club, Indianapolis Ski Club, and Ibex. Both Pentagon and Ibex got a welcoming cake for dessert, but Pentagon's was twice the size of Ibex'. We decided not to say anything, because Pentagon had 3 times the people there, and at least we weren't ignored like poor Indianapolis.

We missed the opportunity to ask the Indy club anything about a former member, Craig Moon. Figure we have enough stories about him anyway. . . they say people get more interesting as they age, and he was just a pup when he was in Indy.

The next morning we were graced with NEW SNOW – inches and inches of it. We experienced 60" of snow during the trip. Epic! The dedicated bus from the hotel to the ski hill was standing room only, with no visibility from inside the bus. Bill West kept asking, "Are we there yet?" peering through the condensation on the windows.

In Patrice's excitement to get to the hill, she exited the bus, picked up her skis and promptly swung them around to club Janine in the head. Janine learned the valuable lesson that wearing her helmet at all times is important, especially around Ibex members. The act was reversed in the airport on the return trip, with Jan smacking Patrice with her skis. Patrice suggested that Janine then smack Jan to make it all even, but Janine refused.

Dan Casey loved the first day's snow so much that he wallowed in the powder for awhile. Description by trip participant was that Dan had to **extricate** himself from the powder. Sounds painful!

The first night, we had dinner at the local brew pub, and who should appear but Jerry Stein in his latest attempt to overtake Kevin Bacon's 6 degrees of separation. It isn't an Ibex trip unless Jerry shows up somewhere. In fact Jerry, or was it his clone, kept popping in throughout the trip. A half-day of skiing with Bill West, CJ, and Dan. Then, Jerry claimed he put up a Welcome Ibex Sign at the Rancher.

CJ, Dan, Jan O. and Bagel revisited the Rancher "Crime Scene" one evening. There was no Ibex Welcome sign. However, **this time** we got to drink our drinks and left freely and under our own power. Non-pierced bartenders are much more customer oriented!

In the hot tub, we made friends with some of the Pentagoners, out of Washington DC. They run at least 8 trips every year and have about 1000 members. Due to the fact that many of them work for the government, about half their membership is on assignment around the world at any time. Two of them on the Jackson Hole trip, Hank and Bernie, are going to be on Pentagon's Taos trip in March, staying at the Snakedance with

Ibex, so we are looking forward to seeing them again very soon. Bill Moore proved his mettle at pub crawling, venturing out most of the nights and locating which bands were free, which bands were good, and which bars were mostly of local character. No tourist hangouts for Bill. Of course, we did make a pilgrimage to the Millionaire Cowboy Bar. Dan and CJ were doing the obligatory pose perched on the saddle bar stools, and some plaid-clad tourist geek walked right in front of the shot. Patrice now has a beautiful photographic study of the plaid shirt on her camera.

Bill Moore also reported that his second worst fall (no details on worst fall!) was when Ed Fee pushed Bill towards the woods getting off a lift. Bill face planted. Ed also went down and must have looked needy, as the lift operator came to help him.

This trip provided everything! Riding the lifts provided comic relief by "Jeff the radio dude and his wife". Unfortunately, this blissful couple selected the same channel Ibex did. Dan Casey summed it up after the first transmission when he advised Jeff to RUN! A very dysfunctional couple. Second day Bagel had to tell Jeff to "get off our channel, we are tired of listening to you and your wife". Cheers from Ibex group down the run and no further word from Jeff and the wife. I hope he is still running!!

On New Year's Eve, Jean selected a very nice restaurant, Off Broadway, for dinner, and Jan arrived early to make some friends. When the rest of Ibex was seated, Jan stayed with her new California buddies. We thought it was their magnetic personalities, but it turned out to be the very nice bottle of cabernet they ordered and offered to share with Jan. She tore herself away from them in time to order dinner.

After New Year's Eve dinner, we went for drinks and dancing at the Silver Dollar Saloon. One of the more pleasant surprises around Jackson Hole is that several of the bars and restaurants have gone non-smoking. We kept wondering why some of the people kept going outside in the snow without their coats. The band was pretty good for no cover charge, although the dance floor was small. That didn't deter Janine, however, and her powers of persuasion in getting people on the dance floor is unequalled. You would be amazed at whom she got to dance with her – check with us personally for names of the persuaded. The evening ended with some very strange balloon dancing – you had to be there.

Janine started early on the resolutions, "My plan is not to do anything stupid". She was later dancing on Bagel's bed, with Bagel pretending to be asleep. Possibly not Janine's first intent.

Did you know Ed Fee is a former Thespian? He was Mayor of the Munchkins in his high school musical. He still remembered his lines the last night of the trip. Nice rendition between card games!

Jackson Hole, New Years a Good Time was had by All!! By the way I've never been on a New Year's trip that was not great! FYI Final note: New Year's Day Patrice, CJ, and Ed hit the Tram first thing. In light of the closing of the Jackson Hole Tram these 3 maybe the last Ibex to ride the Tram.

*Jean - Patrice*

# 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.*

# SCUBA NEWS

## **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.

## **CURACAO – November**

We are staying in town so not only good diving, but good restaurants, shopping and gambling near by.

## **????? – 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*

847-394-8805 [IbexScuba@SkiIbex.com](mailto:IbexScuba@SkiIbex.com)

---

## Shaped Skis

**Have you been a victim of skiing your new shaped skis like your old straight skis?**

Have you recently been on a ski slope where you tried out those new skis but couldn't see any different or thought your old straight skis were more stable? You are not alone.

The predominate movement style of skiers who have skied longer boards is a strong "up" movement to begin or release and a displacement of the ski tails to redirect the ski. This turn is usually followed by a strong edge set to stop the tails from skidding, which is a direct result of the "up" movement. Skiers have difficulty achieving a carved short radius turn that assures speed control on their own.

The skier needs to learn a balance between the upper and lower body movements. The most critical part of learning this balance is at turn initiation. The reason shaped skis make a smooth controllable "C" shaped short radius turn is due to the side cut of the ski as it interacts with the surface of the snow. The difference between the width at the tip and the waist of the ski creates grip that brings the ski into a high arc that saves us from falling during the turn.

For a skier who is pushing the tails around to learn carved short radius turns, the skis should have a turn radius of 13 meters (15 feet) or less. Any ski with a sidecut that produces a radius larger than 14 meters (18 feet) makes it difficult for the skier to complete a carved short radius turn. The skier will continue his/her previous ingrained techniques, which is brushing out the tails of the ski.

*Debbie*

[IbexSkiSchool@SkiIbex.com](mailto:IbexSkiSchool@SkiIbex.com)

## IBEX POTENTIAL TRIP INFO FOR 2007

RESORTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW NOW  
(BUT MAY WANT TO GET TO KNOW NEXT YEAR)

### *MAMMOTH MTN, California*

Mammoth Mountain opens early and some years doesn't close until the Fourth of July. Mammoth has snowmaking to the top of its highest peak (more than 11,000 feet) and down the Cor-nice Run. Mammoth is exactly what its name implies: BIG. OK, so how big is it? 3,500 acres to play on, a vertical drop of 3,100 feet, access to lift skiing at 11,053 feet, 156 trails and 27 lifts (9 of which are high-speed zappers). There is an average of 300 days of sunshine a year here.

 **Easiest:** 25%  **More Difficult:** 40%  **Most Difficult:** 20%   **Experts Only:** 15%





Base Elevation: 7,953 ft (2,424 m)	Types of Lifts: 2 Poma Lift
Summit Elevation: 11,053 ft (3,369 m)	5 Double Chairs
Vertical Drop: 3,100 ft (945 m)	7 Triple Chairs
Skiable Area: 3,500 acres (1,417 hectares)	1 Quad Chair
Annual Snowfall: 384 in (975 cm)	8 Hi-Speed Quads
Snowmaking: 33 %	1 Hi-Speed Six-pack
Number of Lifts: 28	3 Gondolas
Uphill Lift Capacity: 50,000 per hour	Number of Trails: 150
Longest Run: 15,840 ft (4,828 m)	

---

### *SUN PEAKS, British Columbia*

- Centrally located in southern British Columbia, 45 minutes drive from Kamloops
- Two airport gateways – Kamloops and Kelowna. Daily direct flights from Vancouver, Calgary and Seattle to Kamloops.
- Ski-in ski-out -- the charming ski-through alpine village at the base of all three mountains gives you access to chairlifts, hotels, eateries, shopping, snow school, the spa and a variety of activities
- Each chairlift gives you access to blue, green and black diamond runs.

<b>Base Elevation:</b>	3,933 ft	(1,199 m)
<b>Summit Elevation:</b>	6,824 ft	(2,080 m)
<b>Vertical Drop:</b>	2,891 ft	(881 m)
<b>Skiable Area:</b>	3,678 acres	
<b>Annual Snowfall:</b>	208 in	(528 cm)
<b>Snowmaking:</b>	8 %	
<b>Number of Lifts:</b>	10	
<b>Uphill Lift Capacity:</b>	9,000 per hour	
<b>Types of Lifts:</b>	5 Surface Lifts	
	1 Triple Chair	
	1 Quad Chair	
	3 Hi-Speed Quads	
<b>Number of Trails:</b>	117 (12 gladed areas)	
<b>Longest Run:</b>	26,400 ft	(8,047 m)

 **Easiest:** 22%  
 **More Difficult:** 56%  
  **Experts Only:** 22%

## IBEX POTENTIAL TRIP INFO FOR 2007

RESORTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW NOW  
(BUT MAY WANT TO GET TO KNOW NEXT YEAR)




### **RED RESORT, British Columbia**

Red Mountain is actually two mountains -- Red Mountain and Granite Mountain. Red Mountain is a conical mountain that is as steep as it looks. The Back Trail offers groomed cruising for intermediates, but the rest of the mountain is designated diamond or double black diamond.

Paradise Basin, on the sunny side of Granite Mountain, is another ski area onto itself. And with beginner runs, groomed cruisers, bumps and tree skiing, you'll find the terrain right for you. The rest of the mountain is a powder-hound's dream, with a mixture of powder and trees, trees and powder.

The town of Rossland, just 3 km from Red Mountain, has accommodations to suit almost any need - from quiet bed and breakfasts to full convention facilities.

Rossland is 8 hours drive from Vancouver & Calgary, 2.5 hours from Spokane, Wash.

		<b>Base Elevation:</b>	3,888 ft	(1,185 m)
		<b>Summit Elevation:</b>	6,800 ft	(2,073 m)
		<b>Vertical Drop:</b>	2,900 ft	(884 m)
	<b>Easiest:</b>	10 %	<b>Skiable Area:</b>	1,585 acres (642 hectares)
	<b>More Difficult:</b>	45 %	<b>Annual Snowfall:</b>	300 in (762 cm)
	<b>Most Difficult:</b>	45 %	<b>Number of Lifts:</b>	6
		<b>Uphill Lift Capacity:</b>	7,500 per hour	
		<b>Types of Lifts:</b>	1 Magic Carpet/ 1 Surface Lift 1 Double Chair /3 Triple Chairs	
		<b>Number of Trails:</b>	83	
		<b>Longest Run:</b>	23,760 ft	(7,242 m)

### **SCHWEITZER MOUNTAIN, Idaho**

Schweitzer Mountain Resort is nestled at the base of the Selkirk Mountains, in the Idaho panhandle, and overlooks Lake Pend Oreille - one of the largest freshwater lakes in the West. The resort is 86 miles outside of Spokane, Washington and about 45 miles south of the Canadian border. The town of Sandpoint, Idaho is just 11 miles away.

Stand at the top and stare at three mountain ranges, Canada and three states. Enjoy a variety of terrain from smooth corduroy groomers to wide open bowls and gladed runs. T

 **Easiest:** 20%  **More Difficult:** 40%  **Most Difficult:** 35%  **Experts Only:** 5%

Base Elevation: 4,000 ft (1,219 m)	Types of Lifts: 1 Surface Lift
Summit Elevation: 6,400 ft (1,951 m)	1 Handle Tows
Vertical Drop: 2,900 ft (884 m)	2 T-Bar
Skiable Area: 2,900 acres (1,174 hectares)	4 Double Chairs
Annual Snowfall: 300 in (762 cm)	1 HiSpeed Quad
Number of Lifts: 8	1 HiSpeed 6 Passenger
Uphill Lift Capacity: 9,267 per hour	Number of Trails: 67
Longest Run: 14,256 ft (4,345 m)	

## February 2006

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

## March 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Steamboat Games Night Ibex Meeting	2  Steamboat	3 Steamboat BOM Bacchus Nibbles	4  Steamboat
5  Steamboat	6	7	8	9	10	11
12  Tubing	13	14	15  Ibex Meeting	16	17	18  Chilli Cookoff
19	20	21	22	23	24	25  Taos
26  Taos	27  Taos	28  Taos	29  Taos	30  Taos	31  Taos	

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

### President

Craig Moon (630) 579-8670

### Trip Chairperson

Patrice Conaway (847) 749-1946

Assistant Sarah Schmeichel (847) 592-7263

### Membership Chairman

David Toy (847) 638-2202

### Activities Chairwoman

Janine Westlund (847) 998-1495

### Secretary

Ed Bendickson (847) 223-2871

Assistant Patty Zastawny (630) 893-7751

### Treasurer

Lou DiFrancisco (847) 341-4583

Assistant Joe Davis (847) 985-1699

Thank you for your help with this mailer:  
Pat, Cindy, David, Patty, Janine, Patrice, Sarah,  
Pam, Bill, Mark, Craig, Debbie, Lynn, Jean  
**Ed Bendickson**  
Secretary [IbexNewsletter@Skilbex.com](mailto:IbexNewsletter@Skilbex.com)

## When life brings changes ...

Help us keep our records up to date. When life brings changes to your life, please fill out this form and either bring it to a meeting or mail it to:

**Membership Chairman** Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club  
**P.O. Box 1542, Palatine, IL 60078**

Or e-mail the information to:

[IbexMembership@Skilbex.com](mailto:IbexMembership@Skilbex.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2005-06 Membership Rates

	E-mail	Paper
Single	\$20	\$30
Couple/Family	\$35	\$45

## IBEX Ski & Snowboard Club

P.O. Box 1542

Palatine, IL 60078

*First Class Mail*

Check out the IBEX web site

[www.Skilbex.com](http://www.Skilbex.com)

Email: [IbexMembership@Skilbex.com](mailto:IbexMembership@Skilbex.com)