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IBEX SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

THE OLDE GOAT

MEETS THE 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT:
GATSBY'S SPORTS PUB
 427 E. RAND RD. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL.

FEBRUARY 2009

MEETINGS

7:00 PM BOOZE
& SCHMOOZE

8:00 PM MEETING

> FEB 4

> FEB 18

EVENTS

> BOM
- FEB 6

> WINE STYLES
- FEB 20

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SPRING SKIING IN ASPEN

This is the last ski trip of the season. We are sold out! For those of you signed up on the trip, it should prove to be a great experience, Spring time in Aspen cannot be matched!

Coffee-table magazines might have you believe that a tollgate outside **ASPEN** only admits film stars and the super-rich. This elite **ski resort**, two hundred miles west of Denver via Leadville, is indeed home to the likes of Cher, Jack Nicholson and Goldie Hawn, but it can be an affordable and very appealing place for anyone. From inauspicious beginnings in 1879, this pristine mountain-locked town developed slowly,



Aspen Snowmass

thanks to its remote location, to become one of the world's top silver producers. By the time the silver market crashed fourteen years later,

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IBEX WINE TASTING

Don't know the difference between a Sauvignon Blanc and a Cabernet Sauvignon?

Here's your chance to have a great time wine tasting and learning about different types of wine and food pairings. 30 spots are available

When: Fri., Feb. 20th 7 – 9 pm

Where: Wine Styles
741 E. Dundee Road Palatine, IL

How much: \$5.00 per person



See Pam Arnold or Joan Heater to sign up

-Pam

ASPEN SKI TRIP—CONTINUED

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it had acquired tasteful residential palaces, grand hotels and an opera house. In the 1930s, when the population slumped below seven hundred, it was, ironically, the anti-poverty WPA program that gave the struggling community the cash to build its first crude ski lift in 1936. Entrepreneurs seized the opportunity presented by the varied terrain and plentiful snow, and the first chairlift was dedicated on Aspen Mountain (now known as **Ajax**) in 1947. Skiing has since spread to three more mountains – Aspen Highlands, Snowmass and Buttermilk Mountain, and the jet set arrived in force during the 1960s. This is the main reason we love Aspen. It is a real town with a ski resort developed around it.



Ajax Mountain

We are staying at the Gant of Aspen. The Gant is located on 5 beautifully landscaped acres just a short stroll from exhilarating skiing, shopping, dining and cultural enticements. Each condo is equipped with a full kitchen, private balconies, fireplace, pool, hot tubs, tennis courts, high-speed wireless internet and daily housekeeping. The Gant provides complimentary in-town and



Aspen airport transportation.

Upon our arrival we will be greeted with a complimentary Welcome party at the Gant. This will offer you an opportunity to hear from the local ski school and activity representatives.

We, John and Debbie are your trip leaders. We are actively pursuing other activities we can all enjoy, group dinners, pub crawls and maybe even a tour of a local silver mine.

Payment schedule – Please make sure your payments are up to date. We'd hate to give your spot away...

-John & Deb



CHILI COOK-OFF

Save the date!
Saturday, March 14

Joe Davis' annual Chili Cook-off Fabulous prizes will be awarded in different categories of Chili. Originality and spices are encouraged!

The event is **FREE** to cooks but will cost \$ 8 in advance and \$ 10 at the

door for just the eaters. Any appetizers or deserts will be welcome. Please let Joe know if you plan on bringing over your favorite chili recipe. Further details will come later. Contact Joe at: joehawkeye@hotmail.com

It's Hot! **HOT! HOT!**

LOU'S LOG

Well here we are in February, and two of our Ibex Ski trips are in the books already. Jean and her group experienced phenomenal snow conditions for New Years in Whitefish (see her recap) and the Europe BH trip participants are on their way back (Or to Munich for a few day extension) as I write this, so I am sure we will here of the she-nanigans in Europe very soon. Next up for Ibex is our local trip to Granite Peak where I can personally finally get the rust off my ski edges, in preparation for Jackson Hole, I can't wait, sure to be another Ibex adventure, hope to see you out there on the slopes too.

So it is time for change in Ibex, as many of you who attended the meetings in December and January probably know, Craves decided to allow a Biker group to have our upstairs room for the first Wednesdays of the month, because that group came forth with a larger group size and more business for Craves. Between the lack of parking and the noise in the non-private meeting area on the nights when our meeting was on the same night as the bikers, the meetings just were not effective, and probably kept some of you away. The owner claimed he wanted to work out something for both groups, but clearly it was not going to work out for us, so it is time to move on. We politely thanked the Craves management for 4 years of hosting us, and told them we needed to move on. They thanked us for our business and told us we could come back anytime.

Fortunately, right down the street we found that Gatsby's Pub was willing to take us in, and it even turns out to be an upgrade. The management of Gatsby's is looking forward to our

regular business two Wednesdays a month, and they have given us their rear room for the privacy we need to conduct our meetings. We are looking forward to the extensive beer selection, great menu, the gazillion big screen TV's, and the pizza specials on Wednesday nights. We in the leadership of Ibex feel this is a great location for our meetings going forward.

I encourage you to come out to Gatsby's the 1st Wednesday in February for our inaugural meeting there, and help us show the Gatsby's management how much we appreciate being given the space to meet. The best way we can do that is by eating and drinking, giving them some business. If you haven't been to Gatsby's yet, I think if you come out and try it, you will see it is a great place to come for a casual dinner or appetizer and drink, while you are catching up with the latest Ibex news and seeing your Ibex friends.

Right around the corner we have elections and Annual Ibex Banquet. There are articles for both in this mailer, and will be more news on March as the nominations for Ibex offices come up.

As for the banquet, Chris and the EB are excited to say we were able to get a bit of an upgrade for our banquet location and we are looking forward to the Banquet on April 18th at Chandlers in Schaumburg. As always at this time of the year we go through the Ibex books in great detail to see how we are doing with our finances, since Ibex is a not for profit club, we really just try to break even each year and when we have made a few extra dollars profit we give it back to the members through

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“...come out to Gatsby's the 1st Wednesday in February for our inaugural meeting...”

February Birthdays	
Karen Stanton	02--02
Marijean Concannon	02--06
Todd Wood	02--06
Susan Starykowicz	02--08
Jerry Gagliano	02--12
Faulds Orchard	02--13
Jerry Dvoracek	02--13
Vicki Bednar	02--14
Kent Lessen	02--17
Debbie Dukes	02--20
Horacio Baggio	02--20
Jeff Smith	02--22
John Kadlec	02--22
Ed Masopust	02--23
Michelle Moran	02--27
Glen Chiechi	02--29
Pat (Blome) Calabrese	02--29

2008/2009 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Trip	Deposit/Trip sign up 9/3	Payment 10/1	Payment 11/5	Payment 12/3	Payment 1/7	Payment 2/4	Total trip price
Whitefish	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$515.00				\$1,215.00
Bad Hofgastein	\$200.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$433.00			\$1,733.00
Munich extension				\$225.00			\$225.00
Granite Peak	\$50.00				\$130.00		\$180.00
Jackson Hole	\$200.00	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$237.00		\$1,037.00
Aspen	\$200.00	\$400.00		\$200.00	\$200.00	\$289.00	\$1,299.00

Stop by the meetings to drop off a payment or mail them to:
Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club, PO Box 1542, Palatine, IL. 60078

Excellent Trip Leaders

Whitefish

Jean Bagel

Bad Hofgastein

Sarah Schmeichel

Granite Peak

Michael & Carolyn Lepsi

Jackson Hole

Bill & Bridget

Hausmann

Aspen

Debbie Dukes

& John Brandt

JACKSON HOLE SKI TRIP

With two distinct mountains and a cowboy town in the heart of the Tetons, Jackson Hole offers something for everyone. The mountain boasts a skiing history from the 1930s but has today's technology including the new tram set to open this season. The town's character is apparent by the saddles used as bar seats and its residents exude western hospitality.

Our Ibex trip departs on Feb. 26th where we will fly out west and then take a bus over the 49er Inn and Suites. The 49er is in town and close to all the sites and shopping. On the first night of five, we will enjoy a nice wine & cheese party and possibly retreat to the 35 person hot tub for the night. After the first night of rest, our four day lift will give us access to the best skiing the Tetons have to offer.

Make sure to fill up on the 49er's continental breakfast which has been included for Ibex.

On the hill take any of the 14 lifts up to 116 name trails or back country areas to transform into a powder pig. Or perhaps Jackson's lure is in its 100,000 Vertical Feet Club. Our stay also includes a complementary Elk Dinner in the lodge. Jackson has numerous winter activities beyond skiing available. Shopping is available in town for all those who wish to partake or maybe a message and a day at the spa; which is highly recommended for anyone attempting the 100,000 vertical foot club.

The Ibex Jackson Hole trip is sold out, however it is a bargain at only \$1037 for everything. If you have any questions, please come see us at the meetings. Mail any remaining payments to the PO box.

-Bill & Bridget Hausmann



DISCOUNTS AT WILMOT

Wilmot Mountain is having Friends of CMSC Thursday nights this season. Bring as many friends as you can and proof of CMSC club membership to the Ski School desk on a Thursday night, and get \$15 (half the normal rate) lift tickets. For friends who have never skied or snowboarded before, they are offering a \$25 ski package or \$35 snowboard package with lift ticket, rental and lesson. On Thursday nights

Wilmot is also having a new Race Series, offering two timed runs on a modified Giant Slalom Course for \$5, and additional runs for \$1 each.

See Jacquie Wodach, membership, at an Ibex meeting at Gatsby's for your proof of membership.

lbexmembership2008@skiibex.com

-Jean

WHITEFISH RE-CAP

Whitefish, Montana Kicks Off the Ibex Ski Season! New Year greeted with Epic Snow!

Ibex Snoozers definitely lose and miss a great trip. New Year's resolution: sign up early and often for Ibex trips and activities! Tuesday, 12/30/08 four Ibex left on an awesome trip. After receiving their complimentary SPF30 lip balm with carabiner, our flight to SLC took off 40 minutes late. We just made the connecting flight to Kalispell. Due to the small, 48 passenger, plane we were 8% of the flight. Landed on time with the driver waiting and all of our luggage and ski gear.

Weather was sunny and provided beautiful views of Big Mountain and the Flathead Valley on the way to Grouse Mountain Lodge (GML). Donna Jacobsen won the ETA pool. Driver Ray took just slightly over 20 minutes to get to the lodge, "I bet long, he looked a little slow". The group met in the bar for cocktails and an afternoon snack. Jan O. reports the buffalo wings are better than ever. The first of many

bowls of the Three Onion Soup were consumed. French onion soup topped with plenty of cheese and a mound of shoestring fried onions.

This was my third trip to GML. The lodge service and amenities were better than ever. We conducted a raffle of GML apparel that the resort gave us. Ann Bagel won a GML hat (yes, Ann is my little sister). Donna won an embroidered GML neck gator. Jan O. was not lucky, but the chicken wings soothed her disappointment.

The snow had started falling by the time Jan O. and the Bagel sisters went into town. Donna stayed back to try to get rid of a cold that proved to be very persistent and dogged her the entire trip. GML transportation was great. Never had to wait more than 5 minutes for a shuttle to town.

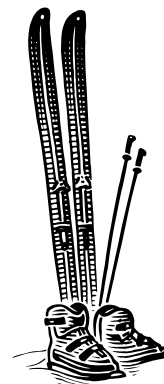
Dinner was at the Great Northern Bar typical bar food. Band was great! Hang Dynasty Band featuring 2 guitarists from the original Steve Miller Band.

Then, we braved the 4-6 inches of fresh powder to gather provisions at the liquor and grocery stores. Snow

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Excellent Trip Summary

Whitefish
12/30/08—1/4/09
Bad Hofgastein
1/23—1/30
Granite Peak
2/13—2/15
Jackson Hole
2/26—3/3
Aspen
3/21—3/28



IBEX MEMBERSHIP



We are currently at 149 members. Please welcome Sara D'Arpa as a new member this January.

To help promote our club, we now have updated 2008-2009 Postcards which can be used to advertise IBEX at local town events.

Please see me at the next meeting if you have an event to distribute the postcards. We need everyone's help in advertising and communicating to family, friends, co-workers, etc. to grow our club.

Thanks for your help!

-Jacquie

LOU'S LOG — CONTINUED

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a subsidy to the banquet. This year has been tough for all, and even in Ibx our membership is down by a few, but unlike our friends on Wall street or Congress, we have under spent our budget and we do have a few extra dollars that will allow taking \$10 off the cost of the banquet this year, reducing the cost to you. Talk about a stimulus package, we are stimulating YOU to come to the Ibx banquet...and best part is, the

Ibx stimulus package won't cost you a penny in the future, it is already paid for, imagine if our government ran this efficiently ;-)
Please get signed up soon, and come on out for that celebration of another year of Ibx friendship, fun and laughs, especially since you are getting a great deal!

See you on the slopes or at an Ibx Activity Real Soon!

-Lou



IBEX ANNUAL BANQUET

April 18 \$49

At Chandler's Restaurant located on the picturesque grounds of the Schaumburg Golf Club.

Included is Dinner, Open Bar, Dessert with a Chocolate Fountain, Dancing with a great DJ, Awards, Goaties and Fun.

-Chris



WHITEFISH RE-CAP—CONTINUED

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continued to be a daily feature of the trip, 4 inches minimum. Fresh powder daily till the last day, a sunny groomed cruiser day. The ski conditions were great!

There is much more than a name change for the Whitefish Mountain Resort. Big Mountain is still a great mountain, but the amenities are much improved. Wonderful new base lodge. GML shuttle drops you off 25 feet from the base lodge with its new high tech unlimited entry lockers. Also new, is the overnight ski storage at the base lodge. Rentals were quick, efficient, and expert. First ski day was great! 4-6 inches of fresh snow was a perfect start to skiing. Snow continued throughout the day. It was beautiful and fun to ski in. Last run of the day the fog rolled in. We had to “connect the orange dots” to find the base. Après-ski roadies allowed for early hot tubbing.

First night was New Year’s Eve. Had a fantastic dinner at the golf course “Wisconsin Supper Club meets fine dining”. Our short wait at the bar allowed us to observe a Master Mixologist. The bartender was fun to watch and the cocktails were stupendous. Dinner and service were great.

New Year’s Day was another day of fresh snow. We hit the mountain early and had the whole place to ourselves. Just a great uncrowded day of skiing. Matter of fact we were able to get a table for lunch at the Hell Roaring Saloon. Apres ski at Mullies.

The food in Whitefish is outstanding. Dinner was at Tupelo Grille, elegant Creole fare. Then back to Great Northern to hear John Dunnagan, a one-man band, who covers Jimmy Buffet and some early 70’s music.

Seems that if you are a 20-something male in Whitefish you wear a flowered bathing cap and beachwear to see his show, great people watching.

Friday Ann and Donna took a snowmobile tour around the valley outside snow filled Glacier National Park. The views were great. Jan O. took the day off and went to the Spa. That left me alone on the mountain. So I bought a friend and took a lesson for the day. Learned a lot and had a couple great powder, tree runs on Good Medicine. Good thing my instructor was there when I “thought instead of skied” and fell into a tree well. I think I could have got out by myself, but it would have taken quite a while.

Friday night dinner at the GML Grille and then continued to hear Hang Dynasty playing in the bar. The bar was full and the crowd overflowed into the lobby by the fireplace.

Saturday the sun came out and the mountain was groomed. It was nice as my legs were tired after 4 days of skiing. Jan O and I went all over the mountain. Jan’s legs were fresh after hitting the spa. We had the video camera with us. It was fun watching the tape. Our filming skills are a work in progress.

Dinner was at McGarry’s roadhouse an excellent suggestion from the concierge. Marvelous dinner was finished with chocolate martinis and apple pie ala-mode with carmel sauce. The dessert was outstanding and plenty for four people. Return flight was uneventful and actually landed early. A great trip, but we did miss having more of our Ibex Buddies with us. However, Jan O. and Jean Bagel did keep thinking we saw people on the mountain. Patrice, Lorna, Mark your coats are popular.



-Jean

GREETINGS FROM BAD HOFGASTEIN!



The "Two Horned Goat" greetings from all of us at Bad Hofgastein. Sarah will write a recap after she returns from Munich



THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS

As you may remember, the Board of Directors (BOD) sent out a survey inquiring as to the reasons that might preclude a member from participating in the leadership of our club. From prior surveys and social interactions, we were aware of many of the reasons, however we were trying to pare them down to the most important to see what/if we could do about them.

On behalf of the BOD, I'd like to thank those of you who responded to that survey. 31 respondents provided meaningful feedback that has helped us determine how to focus our efforts to clarify/adjust the understanding of the leadership positions as we near the upcoming elections.

Quick refresher: we asked what were the driving reasons for your choosing to not participate in activity-based and Executive Board-level leadership. The primary reasons for not participating were consistent between both questions:

- +Cannot attend multiple meetings
- +Time commitment/busy personal schedules

So the primary issues boil down to time. Not surprising --- it's one of the most dominant resources that you all balance every waking day. Yet that balancing act need not discourage you from considering further participation in lbex. Let me offer a few insights that may help reduce the time-commitment concern.

Know that you aren't assuming a role that you have to create yourself. Our club has been around a very long time (just ask Denny J) In that time, we've had the benefit of prior leadership having established and documented both job descriptions and policies that provide the guidelines for each of our positions and management of the club. All posi-

tions and activities benefit from new, fresh ideas/enhancements as new members assume these roles; however the fundamentals have already been determined so that if new ideas aren't readily available, you will benefit from the experiences of the past.

Share the position with an assistant. This alleviates the burden of attending all meetings and taking on the entire responsibility yourself. Plus it's more fun!

Each Executive Board position has a liaison position within the BOD --- if you or your assistant cannot attend a meeting, consider asking the BOD liaison to attend the meeting in your absence.

At the end of the day, the BOD and EB are a team. We work together to keep the club active, fun and sustainable without unduly overburdening any single team member. And if we can increase the variety of members involved in the club and it's future, everyone benefits.

Do read Jean's article on the upcoming elections in this newsletter; and if you have any questions or other concerns about the responsibilities of any position, don't hesitate to ask any Board member. Many of us have been involved in the leadership for multiple years and I guarantee you All have other outside responsibilities for which we all respect and through which we try to help each other out.

Please consider stepping up and making your mark in lbex --- we are only successful because of the volunteers that are currently and have been involved in the ongoing management. We only get better and stronger with the input and participation of new leaders. So come on and be a part of the organization you've enjoyed and help to make us even better than we are now.

-Janine



“Share the position with an assistant...”

IBEX ELECTIONS



Ibex Elections are coming! Elections will be held April 1st, 2009. Nominations will be March 4th and March 18th. Ibex needs you! The club has been structured to virtually run by its self, thanks to our predecessors. However, we still need people like you to get things done. The good news is that being an Ibex Officer is much more fun than reading about the process! The Executive Board (EB) is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Club. This group decides the trip locations and the other activities the club offers. EB officers lead other club members as they run the actual club events.

Executive Board: President, Secretary, Membership, and Activities. All of these Executive Board positions are one-year positions.

Trips Chairman is a 2-year position. Pam Arnold will be fulfilling her second year of the position during the 2009-2010 year.

Qualifications: Interested Member of Ibex. President needs to have been an active member for two years.

Following is a basic overview of the Executive Board positions.

President- helps coordinate efforts of other EB members, and conducts meetings.

Membership- maintains membership database and helps market the club.

Activities- facilitates other members running of all non-skiing activities of the club.

Treasurer- maintains the club checking account, deposits payments, and pays club bills.

Secretary- Edits and composes the monthly newsletter and E-mails im-

portant information to membership when needed.

Board of Directors: Two positions, each is a two-year term. Board of Directors (BOD) candidates need to have been an active member for 24 months prior to the election. The Board of Directors oversees year-to-year continuity and long range planning for the club. The role of the BOD is to help the EB in any way that is needed. The BOD is an experienced team that works with the EB to make the EB roles easier. The BOD is comprised of a minimum of 4 elected members (2 elected yearly for 2 year term), Ibex President, immediate Past Executive Board Officers (one year term), and Past Presidents.

Second year BOD members for 2009-2010 will be Lynne Moon, Joe Davis, and Ed Bendickson. Plus, Jean Bagel and Lou DiFrancisco as Past Presidents along with any past EB officers.

Formal job descriptions for all of the elected positions, are on the website www.skiibex.com. Click on the Officers link to view the Ibex Constitution and see the job descriptions. Thanks for your interest and for reading this far. Everyone has something to offer. Things are great now, but fresh ideas will keep things great in the future.

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

Thanks.

Jean Bagel, Chairman of Elections
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 847.436.6876



FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Feb 6
Feb 20

BOM @ Bacchus Nibbles
Wine Tasting

Chris Smith
Pam Cheichi

LOOKING AHEAD

Mar 14
Apr 18

Chili Cook-off
Annual Ibex Banquet

Joe Davis
Chris Smith



BAR OF THE MONTH

Friday, February 6, at Bacchus Nibbles - Rand & Quentin in Lake Zurich
Phone: 847-438-3212.

An Ibex tradition where all the wine aficionados get together to instruct all the beer guzzlers all about the nectar of the gods.

BOM
Bar of the
Month
**Bacchus
Nibbles**

Friday
Feb 6



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**THE place to go
for the latest
Ibex news &
information**

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*

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR IBEX

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President	Lou DiFrancisco	(847) 341-4583
Trip Chairperson	Pam Arnold	(847) 358-1504
Assistant	Patty Blades	(847) 289-0956
Membership Chairperson	Jacquie Wodach	(847) 223-7932
Activities Chairperson	Chris Smith	(847) 524-4364
Assistant	Lucy DiFrancisco	(847) 341-4583
Secretary	Ed Fee	(847) 496-7457
Treasurer	Bill Haussmann	(847) 781-8699
Assistant	Joe Davis	(847) 985-1699

When life bring changes...

Help us keep our records up to date.

When your information changes please fill out this form and bring it to a meeting, or mail your new information to:

lbexMembership2008@Skilbex.com

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

2008-09 MEMBERSHIP RATES

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

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And then the fight started... Part One of Three

A man and a woman were asleep like two innocent babies.

Suddenly, at 3 o'clock in the morning, a loud noise came from outside.

The woman, bewildered, jumped up from the bed and yelled at the man "Holy crap. That must be my husband!"

So the man jumped out of the bed; scared and naked jumped out the window. He smashed himself on the ground, ran through a thorn bush and to his car as fast as he could go.

A few minutes later he returned and went up to the bedroom and screamed at the woman, 'I AM your husband!'

The woman yelled back, "Yeah, then why were you running?"

And then the fight started.....

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, grabbed the dog, and slipped quietly into the garage.

I hooked up the boat up to the truck, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour.

The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed.

I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, 'The weather out there is terrible.'

My loving wife of 10 years replied, 'Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?'

And then the fight started ...



PARTING SHOTS