



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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January Meetings
Wednesday, Jan 4
Wednesday, Jan 18

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 4th 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.

Pat

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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 25th – Sat., April 1st, 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):

"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!

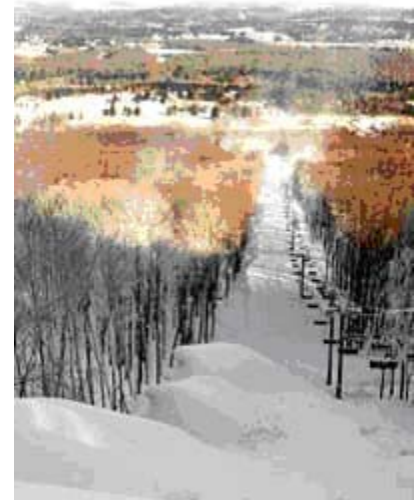
German Fest February 11-12, 2006

- § 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.

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Sarah

IBEX TRIPS

JACKSON HOLE: hopefully the write-up on what a great time was had by all on the Jackson Hole trip over New Year's made it into this mailer – if not, look for it in February. Thank you to Mark Westlund for leading the trip – back-to-back New Year's Trip leader honors go to him! Tell Mark what a great job he did.

Upcoming payments include:

\$135 for Granite Peak on January 4th,

\$300 for Taos on January 4th, and

\$210 for Steamboat on January 18th.

If you can't make it to the meeting, please put the payment in the mail to P O Box 1542, Palatine 60078.

TRIPS ANNOUNCEMENT: See the brochure in this mailer for the trip details.

Spots are still available at this writing for our Steamboat Springs trip - contact Pat Calabrese if interested.

Patrice Conaway

ibextrips@skiibex.com

IBEX SKI CLUB
2006 TRIP PAYMENTS Jan 2005

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

IBEX TRIPS 2006

JACKSON HOLE

Already enjoyed it!

SOLD
OUT

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/

GRANITE PEAK

SPOTS AVAILABLE!!

FRI 2-10 thru SUN 2-12

\$185

Marriott Courtyard , 2 day Lift

DRIVE UP TO WAUSAU WISCONSIN

SOLD
OUT

STEAMBOAT

SPOTS AVAILABLE!!

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



SAT 3-25 thru SAT 4-1

TAOS

\$1020

Inn at Snakedance Condos

6 day Lift, Ground Transfers

Ski Week lessons only \$92 extra

NON STOP AIR on AMERICAN

OUT 932A 1131A/ RETURN 225P 609P

ACTIVITIES CORNER: Things to Do!!!

Greetings, Ibex! Hard to believe that the holidays are over already!! (or is that finally?!) Come on out and join us in some post-holiday gatherings and share your holiday stories!

If you have any questions, you can contact me at j9west@comcast.net.

Date

Wednesday, Jan 4th
Saturday, Jan 7th
Friday, Jan 13th
TBD (February)
Friday, March 3rd
Saturday, March 18th

Event

Games Night
Wilmot Family Night
BOM
Wine Tasting/Dinner
BOM
Chili Night

GAMES NIGHT: 1ST 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.

Wilmot Family Night: January 7th see related article for more information.

BAR OF THE MONTH:

Our first BOM of 2006 will be at The Yardhouse in the Glenview Town Center. Kick off the new year by trying a beer you've never had before. Who knows? Maybe you'll find a new favorite!!!

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

Janine

IbexActivities@SkiIbex.com

Whistler



About one month 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

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 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 2nd 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

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Christmas and New Years are past, although I see there are only 360 shopping days until next Christmas. Hopefully everyone had a Merry Christmas with friends and family, and a Happy New Year. The holiday season is always busy for everybody, and sometimes we forget to think about what a great group of friends we have in Ibox. So for those friends we missed at the December meetings, Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

The holiday party on the 7th was the best party I have attended in years, with several members making a special effort to join us.

Thanks, Janine for all your efforts to make the party one of the best ever.

The winter trip season has kicked off with Jackson Hole leaving on the 28th. There are still spots available on Steamboat if you feel the need to ski with Ibox this year. Contact either Pat or Brian at bpbome@sbcglobal.net. for more information. Granite Peak is a drive up trip, staying in Wausau, Wisconsin, February 10-12, 2006 if you need a touch up before Steamboat or Taos.

I still have not finished my Christmas shopping (the stores are still open on the 24th, right?)

So I have to get moving, think snow, keep warm, and I'll catch you at the next Ibox meeting or event.

Craig

Ibox Ski and Snowboard School

The Ibox Ski and Snowboard school has a plan to help you. We have lessons on every trip. To start off the season on the right foot, Jean will be giving ski lessons on the Jackson Hole trip. We are also having the Family Night early in January 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 & Jean Bagel (ski)

Steamboat – Chuck Binzel (Snowboarding)

Taos - Bob Kimicata (ski)

Wilmot Family Night – January 7th (Ski and Snowboard lessons)

John Brandt, Debbie Dukes, Bill Haussmann and Chuck Binzel.

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.

Debbie

IboxSkiSchool@SkiIbox.com



The Cold Facts about Windchill

It takes more than reading the temperature to know how cold it's going to feel outside. That's why we have a Windchill Index. The Index was created using a complicated formula that takes wind speed – measured at the height of 5 feet (the height of an average person's face) – then incorporates heat-transfer theories to determine the rate of body heat loss. Bottom line: With just a 15-mph wind, a 35° day can become a bone-chilling 25°F day. At lower temperatures, the difference becomes even greater.

- REI's Trailhead News Dec 05

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Membership Matters

Membership for 2005-2006 (thru December): 128

Membership for 2004-2005 (thru Demember) 141

Final Membership for 2004-2005: 165

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

Trish & Charlie Bantle
Michael & Gail Hunter
Vince Thomas

January birthday wishes to:

Chuck Lemke	01
Bill West	01
Jacqueline Wodach	01
Mark Westlund	03
Dennis Baren	06
Greg Kujawinski	08
Carolyn Lepsi	11
Mary Harder	14
Barbara Peterson	22
Chuck Binzel	30

Dave

IbexMembership@SkiIbex.com

SCUBA NEWS

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.

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

Check Out:

www.skiibex.com

January 2006

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

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 **January 7th**. 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 **the first January 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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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

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

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