



**IBEX SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**

# THE OLDE GOAT



MEETS THE 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT:  
**GRAVE**  
 1204 W. RAND RD. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL.

**JULY 2008**

**MEETINGS**

**7:00 PM BOOZE & SCHMOOZE**

**8:00 PM MEETING**

- > JULY 2
- > JULY 16

**EVENTS**

- > VOLLEYBALL - MONDAYS
- > TRAIN CRAWL - JULY 12
- > IBEX PICNIC - JULY 19
- > INLINE SKATE - JULY 26

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## METRA TRAIN PUB CRAWL

**P**lease join us **Saturday, July 12** as we ride the rails, enjoy some great Ibex company, and hoist a beverage or two or more in memory

of Craig Moon – this event's previous fearless leader. We will be departing the **Palatine train station**, 137 W. Wood St. at **12:25pm** heading to our first destination, Edison Park. If you miss the 12:25, the next train departs at 2:25pm and you can join us at our second stop in Des Plaines. A \$5 Metra Weekend Pass will get you on and off the train as many times as you like all weekend long. The tentative

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## IBEX & DENNY'S PICNIC

**D**enny Gawlik has been holding his annual picnic for 32 years! This year, Denny and Ibex are teaming up to bring all his clients and all our membership a FREE picnic in Busse Woods.

**When:** Saturday, July 19  
**Where:** Busse Woods, Grove 17, just east of 53 on Higgins to first entrance, south to Grove 17

**Cost:** FREE!  
**Time:** 11:00am till dusk  
**Highlights:**

**Food:** Hamburgers, Italian Sausage, German Brats & hotdogs

**Drinks:** Water, soda (reg/diet) & Beer (reg/lite)

**Games:** Volleyball & Ibex party games



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## METRA TRAIN PUB CRAWL -CONTINUED



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schedule has us spending 2 hours at our first stop in Edison Park for lunch and then 1 hour at stops in Des Plaines, Mount Prospect, and Arlington Heights before finishing back in Palatine for dinner.

There are no rules to this event. Feel free to stay longer at any of the stops or even skip one. Metra is

even going along with the no rules theme - alcohol is allowed on the train! You can enjoy your first beverage of the crawl while riding to our first stop. Your cost is the \$5 pass and whatever you choose to eat and drink along the way. Bring your friends, this event is open to everyone.

*-Patty and Stu*

## LETS GET READY TO ROLL



On Saturday morning, **July 26** Team Rainbo and inlineware-house.com are presenting the second annual Chicagoland inline skating marathon and half marathon in Hoffman Estates, IL. The event is open to all skill levels and includes a full marathon, a half marathon, a 2 mile youth race (12 and under), and a fun sprint for kids 8 and under. There will also be age group awards

and a raffle for all of those in attendance.

For more information please visit [www.chicagolandinlinemarathon.com](http://www.chicagolandinlinemarathon.com) or contact me at 847-202-5676 or [rdrashqueen1@yahoo.com](mailto:rdrashqueen1@yahoo.com)

What better way to stay in shape for ski season than to inline skate!?

*-Doris*

## IBEX & DENNY'S PICNIC -CONTINUED

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**Annual Dance Contest:** Best Music of the past Millennium & Beyond!

**Attire:** Casual Summer clothing with your patriotic RED, WHITE and Blue colors and a #32 pasted somewhere? On your anatomy! Old Ibox shirts are also acceptable.

**BYOB:** Bring your own BOOZE if you prefer something stronger than Beer. Preferably in cans or plastic containers. Plenty of ice and coolers will be provided.

**NO GLASS IS ALLOWED AT ALL!**

**Children & Pets** are welcome, just keep them supervised.

**Donations** of Salads, Cakes & Munchies are most appreciated.

**Questions?**

Call me at 847-275-8778 or email me at [dgawlikremax007@comcast.net](mailto:dgawlikremax007@comcast.net)

*-Denny*

# LOU'S LOG

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

More summer Ibex events are coming soon as you can see from Chris's busy activity calendar. I fully encourage you to take advantage and join in with the Ibex group for some summertime fun: maybe for an upcoming Monday Night Volleyball, a Bar of The Month, general meeting night, a train pub crawl, or the Ibex Picnic. The picnic is on July 19 this year; and best of all, the price is right: FREE...can't beat that for free food, drinks and Ibex partying! Of course, don't forget Ravinia coming up soon in August, and our annual fall golf outing that Wayne Jacquie, and Dan Casey are stepping up to lead, that is sure to be great fun.

Pam should be announcing the details for the trips at the first meeting in July, as the behind scenes negotiating, cajoling, and maneuvering goes on, to make sure all you Ibex members have great choices for the up coming 2008-09 ski season. The airlines certainly are challenging Pam and the trip providers with ever increasing fees and fares, but I am sure Pam will find the best deals out there for us. Ibex is committed to doing the best it can for the members on these trips, in spite of airline turmoil, as evidenced by our recent

offer to folks who could commit early to a spring week in Aspen in 2009 to save a few dollars there.

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

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

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

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

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

Hope to see you at an activity or meeting real soon.

Play and party safe!

-Lou



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

**I need a membership assistant!**

# MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

**T**his season we will be having a membership drive!!! The top three members that refer the most new members will receive lbex merchandise (exact prizes are yet to be determined). All you have to do is to convince a new member to sign up and have them list your name on the membership form. So lets try to boost our membership and win some prizes!!!

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

Also due to increased processing time and higher printing and mailing costs we are encouraging members to sign up for e-mail membership instead of paper and postal based membership.

-Doris

### Renew your membership:

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

June Birthdays	
Debbie Kuby	07--03
Andrew Trampisch	07--07
Adolph Ciringione	07--14
Michael Akutagawa	07--19
Mike Psaras	07--19
Lisa Neyhart	07--26
Mike Sarykowicz	07--28
Rich Schuler	07--28
Larry Gordon	07--30
Steve Meyers	07--30

# RAVINIA NIGHTS



**W**e have lawn tickets again this season for Ravinia! Shows this year are:

**Bodeans, August 9  
\$18.00**

**Donna Summer, August 30  
\$23.00**

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



# AUGUST BIKE RIDE

Everybody should have their bikes all dusted off and in TIP-TOP shape. The weather gods should cooperate, and give us good weather at this time of the year and keep the heat down. We will be doing the Illinois Prairie Path section through parts of Elmhurst, Villa Park, Glen Ellyn and Lombard. There are numerous beverage stops along the way. The trail is relatively

flat so everybody can participate. The date for this fun filled day is **August 23**, we will be leaving at **10:00am**. The exact departure spot is still being decided, depending on the time spent at the watering holes and lunch we should finish up about 3:00-4:00. More details will be coming in the next newsletter so mark your calendar for this date and start getting in shape!

-Carl



# FALL COLORS GOLF OUTING

Continuing the tradition of our IbeX Fall Colors Weekend Golf, we have secured rooms and tee-times at Devil's Head Resort and Conference Center in Merrimac Wisconsin. This is a 3 hour drive from Chicago, so will be less for most of us depending on where you live. The dates are **Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>** (Friday to Sunday). All Packages below are based on double occupancy. We have reserved 10 rooms for Friday and 20 rooms for Saturday with check-in at 4:00 PM. All rooms have 2-double beds.

**Package 1** Golfer – 2 Nights room & tax, 3 Days Golf, 2 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts = \$276

**Package 2** Non-Golfer – 2 Nights room & tax, 2 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts = \$170

**Package 3** Golfer – 1 Night room & tax, 2 Days Golf, 1 Dinner, 1 Breakfast = \$170

**Package 4** Non-Golfer – 1 Night room & tax, 1 Dinner, 1 Breakfast = \$95

NOTE: Meal tickets will be given out which apply for a set menu with numerous choices. If you desire to

upgrade your meal, there will be an up-charge. All tax on FULL meal cost and 17% gratuity will be charged at the time of your meal. Dinner meals include an entrée, salad, 1 side, and a non-alcoholic beverage. Friday make reservations on your own for Cornucopia Room. Saturday (Group Dinner) in Cornucopia Room.

## Tee Times:

Friday: Regular Golf starts at 12:00 PM

Saturday: Scramble Golf starts at 11:28 AM

Sunday: Regular Golf starts at 8.32 AM

Sunday after golf PARTY....will provide Appetizers (snacks) and prizes in the Bar area. Drinks on your own.

Sign-up Sheets, brochures, and directions will be available at the next meeting. Let's talk it up and get a big group of IBEX out to Wisconsin for some great golf in a beautiful setting.

E-Mail any questions to [n8090a@yahoo.com](mailto:n8090a@yahoo.com).

Wayne Wodach (and Jacquie) and Dan Casey



## TRIP CONNECTIONS



**Whitefish, MT.**



**Bad Hofgastein, Austria**

The rising costs that you've noticed at the fuel pump and heating / cooling your homes have impacted airline costs this year too. Most of the major airlines have reacted by implementing their version of the dreaded fuel surcharge. We have worked diligently to keep costs as low as possible while still offering exciting ski destinations. We also worked with our trip provider on the Aspen trip to ticket early in order to avoid the fuel surcharge and 11 members took advantage of this option. The last of the trips was just finalized and I am still working on the pricing details and expect to be able to announce pricing in the very near future. Although pricing is not yet available, the line up along with some basic details on trips for next year is ...

### **New Years – Whitefish, MT (formerly known as Big Mountain)**

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

Jan. 4th

Lodging 5 nights @ Grouse Mountain Lodges

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

### **Europe – Bad Hofgastein, Austria**

Depart Sat., Jan. 23, return Sat.

Jan. 31 with 2 day extension to Munich available

Lodging 7 nights @ 4\*\*\*\* Hotel Germania

Includes Deluxe motor coach transfers from/to airport and between the hotels, Wine & Cheese Welcome Party with area briefing, full European Breakfast daily, dinners (including beer & wine!), Sunday breakfast with sparkling wine and salmon buffet, and one special 7 course gala dinner Weeklong English speaking representative while in Bad Hofgastein

Various side trips available

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



**Bad Hofgastein, Austria**

# TRIP CONNECTIONS -CONTINUED

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Breakfast

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

**At an altitude of over 3,000 feet, this famous health spa, casino and ski area enjoys reliable annual snowfall, fresh mountain air, and free from fog. A jewel in the Salzburg holiday area, Gastein Valley dates back to the 1500s and is set in the spectacular Gastein Valley. Then afterwards it's off to refined Après ski in the traditional original Huts and comfortable lounges.**

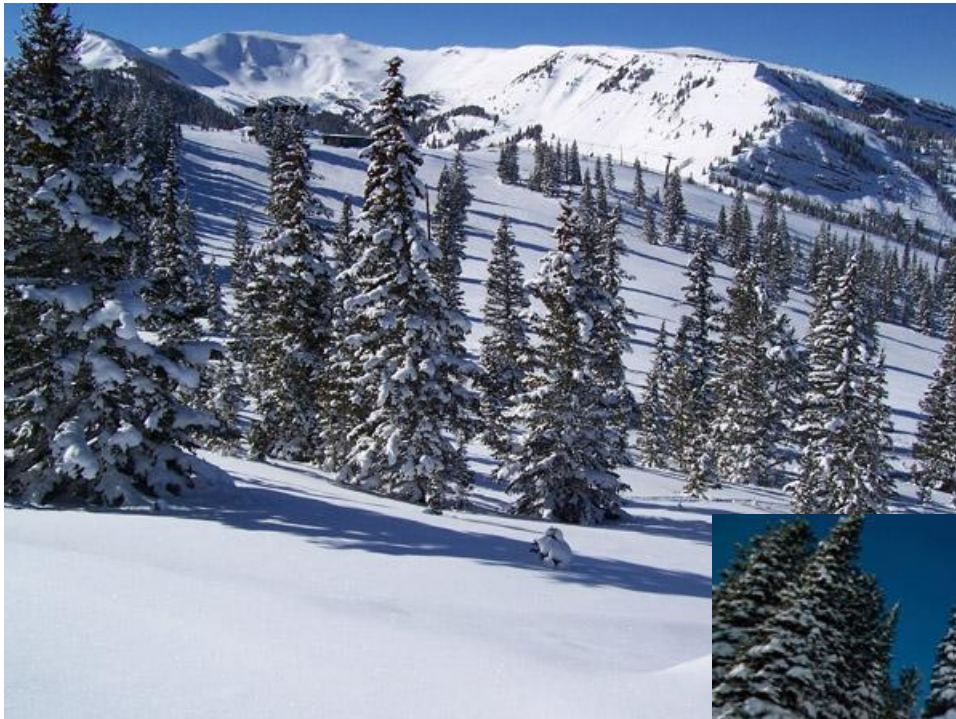
Wine & Cheese Party

**Spring Break — Aspen**  
Depart Sat., Mar. 21, return Sat., Mar. 28  
Lodging 7 nights @ The Gant  
Includes ground transportation, 5 day lift, Welcome Reception

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



**Snowmass village at night**



**Snowmass, CO.**

**Feb – Jackshole Hole, WY**  
Depart Thurs., Feb. 26, return Tues., Mar. 3  
Lodging 5 nights @ 49er  
Includes ground transportation, 4 day lift , Continental Breakfast and

Enjoy the summer !

-Pam



**Jackson Hole, WY.**

# JUNE GOLF OUTING -RECAP

“Rain-rain go away, come again some other day”. I don’t know how, it had been raining for weeks and the morning of our golf outing it stopped. The first of 12 four-somes teed-off at 9:00 AM and were at the party by 2:00 PM. We played a best ball format (scrambles) which kept everyone moving at a good pace. Chapel Hill golf course was a good place to have this type of outing, not to

many hazards or heavy rough so we didn’t spend a lot of time looking for stray balls. The only thing that was different this year is that Carl was in control, just a few yips. Jean did say she saw a flying monkey on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole – no other monkey sightings.

With no golf injuries reported, almost everyone headed to the after golf party at John and Debbie’s house. There were lots for appetizers and drinks available. Everyone found a place to sit and mingle for a while, then about 5:30 Greg awarded the golf prizes.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Bernie Ebeling, Peggy Sue Wilson, Patrice Conaway, Jim Davis

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Mike Edens, Debbie Dukes  
Ken Fruh, Mark Westland

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Dan Casey, Lou DiFrancisco  
Kathy Burns, Sarah Schmeichel  
Most Honest Team (highest score)  
Karen Staton, Sue Linzing  
Judy McAndrews, Diane Schuler

## Long Drive – women

Ann Bagel

## Long Drive – men

Mike Kish



## Closest to the pin – women

Jacquie Wodach

## Closest to the pin – men

Uncle Hank

It should be noted that everyone that golfed received a prize. If you didn’t go to the party and didn’t get a prize, than someone is holding out on you!

Debbie brought out a lot of food after the awards were finished, (shrimp, salads, fruit plates, chicken, roast beef, beans, rolls, and cookies & brownies). Everyone seemed to have a full plate.

Timing is everything, an hour or so after eating a big dark cloud appeared. The winds picked-up one umbrella, knocked over a table and broke a couple of small glasses. Ed and Karen decided to get on their motorcycle and beat the storm – which they did. The rains came and everyone got under the tent (the old pig fest tent). Mike and Dave Lenius carried the cooler of beer to the tent, which make it very tolerable to be outside in the rain. It only rained for an hour the skies cleared and then a lot of Ibex headed home. We lit a fire by the river and a few Ibex sat around the fire and talked until 11:00.

I want to thank everyone that participated in the golf and party, you made it a fun day.

-John & Deb



Mmmm Beer...

# JUNE ACTIVITIES

July 12  
July 19  
July 26

Metra Train Pub Crawl  
IBEX & Denny's Picnic  
Inline Skating Marathon

Patty & Stu Blades  
Denny Gawlik  
Doris Hoffie



## LOOKING AHEAD

Aug 1-3  
Aug 9  
Aug 23  
Aug 30  
Sept 6  
Sept 13  
Oct 2-5

Camping & Tubing  
Ravinia – Bodeans  
Bike Ride  
Ravinia – Donna Summer  
Ski Trip Sign Up Party  
Lake Geneva Bike Ride  
Fall Colors Golf

Paula Hiller  
Chris Smith-tickets  
Carl Berg  
Chris Smith-tickets  
Pam Arnold  
Janine Westlund  
Wayne & Jacquie

**BOM**  
Bar of the  
Month  
Train Pub  
Crawl

**Saturday  
July 12**

I'm Chris your Activities Director, here with something for everyone. This summer is going to be filled with plenty to do. Volley Ball, Golf, Kayaking, Train Rides, Picnic, Skating, Camping, Tubing, Music, & Bike rides - Oh - and for those who partake, some alcohol will be involved.

**PICNIC:** Volunteers are always welcome and wanted for all types of duties. Help comes in all forms: Getting somewhere early, Picking up Supplies, Running a Game, Cooking some Food, Helping Set Up / Pack Up!

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

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

## IBEX WEB SITE!

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

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

## NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR IBEX

Ibex Newsletter 2008  
Ibex Trips 2008  
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**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](mailto:lbexMembership2008@Skilbex.com)

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

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Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2008-09 MEMBERSHIP RATES

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

**CHECK OUT THE IBEX WEBSITE!**

**WWW.SKIBEX.COM**

**E-MAIL: [lbexMembership2008@Skilbex.com](mailto:lbexMembership2008@Skilbex.com)**

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

- Under no circumstances may two men share an umbrella
- It is OK for a man to cry ONLY under the following circumstances
  - =When a heroic dog dies to save its master
  - =The moment Angelina Jolie starts unbuttoning her blouse.
  - =After wrecking your boss's car
- Any man who brings a camera to a stag night may be legally killed and eaten by his friends.
- If you've known a guy for more than 24 hours, his sister is off limits forever unless you actually marry her.
- Moaning about the brand of free beer in a mate's fridge is forbidden. However complain at will if the temperature is unsuitable.
- No man shall ever be required to buy a birthday present for another man. In fact, even remembering your buddy's birthday is strictly optional. At that point, you must celebrate at a strip bar of the birthday boy's choice.
- In the mini-bus, the strongest bladder determines pit stops not the weakest.
- When stumbling upon other blokes watching a sporting event, you may ask the score of the game in progress, but you may never ask who's playing.
- It is permissible to drink a fruity alcohol drink only when you're sunning on a tropical beach ... and it's delivered by a topless model and only when it's free.
- Only in situations of moral and/or physical peril are you allowed to kick another guy in the nuts.
- Unless you're in prison, never fight naked.
- Friends don't let friends wear Speedos. Ever. Issue closed.
- If a man's fly is down, that's his problem, you didn't see anything.



### PARTING SHOTS