



THE OLDE GOAT

Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club

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Crave

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<p>March Meetings Wednesday, March 2 Wednesday, March 16</p>	<p>Location: Crave 1204 W. Rand Road Arlington Heights, IL</p> <p>Brews 'N Schmooze Hour: 7:00PM Meeting Time: 8:00 PM Promptly</p>
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Ibex Annual Banquet

Mark your calendars!!!

We're breaking new ground with a beautiful new venue this year that I think you're really going to enjoy!!!

Location: European Crystal Restaurant & Conference Center

519 W. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights 60005

Date: Friday, April 22nd Time: 6:00p – 11:30p

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Cost: \$52 per person (due no later than Thurs, April 14th); includes the following:

- Hot & Cold Hors d' Oeuvres
- Four hours Premium Brand Bar
- Four Course Dinner with wine service
- Fun Stories and Award Distribution (aka: "Goaties") for the year's best/funniest antics
- Relax, unwind and then let loose to tunes provided by a carefully-selected DJ
- Dancing the night away on a beautiful Brazilian Mahogany Dance Floor

The room is beautiful and the food is exquisite!! I'm really looking forward to the European Crystal hosting our annual tradition this year and I'm hoping to see you all there!!!

NEEDED: PICTURES AND STORIES

PICTURES: Dick Homan has graciously agreed to pull together an electronic slide show illustrating pictures of our events. However he needs one thing: PICTURES! Please forward any pictures you may have taken (or have yet to take) to Dick at dickandjackie@mac.com. JPEG files are preferred — if you have another format, we will do our best to help Dick convert the file first.

GOATIES: One of the fun traditions we have is nominating our fellow Ibex for awards reflecting some unusual antic in which they unwittingly participated. We call these awards "Goaties" and we need your help to tell us the funny stories you have witnessed so we can pick the best and award the unsuspecting! So think back to any of our trips you were on or any club activities you joined (or pay attention at upcoming

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Bagel's Chips

Happy belated President's Day! It's President's Day, evening, and I'm getting this article in, "just under the wire".

Today was a nice break from work, but mostly I had to recoup from the busy Ibex schedule of late: Granite Peak, the EB pre-meeting, the General meeting, and the BOM at Bacchus Nibbles.

Granite Peak was a "rocking good Ibex time"! Sue did a great job implementing and enhancing the trip Patrice set-up for Granite Peak. This trip provided a great time for all Ibex, and the "Minnesota Bowlers" whose "Cheddar Head" experience was enhanced by meeting the Ibex crowd. Granite Peak featured: great weather, spring skiing in Wisconsin, adequate snow, a fun Apres Ski Party, and a great hotel with a great hot tub and pool. Fun time!

Bacchus Nibbles continued to be "Ibex's Favorite BOM", excellent "featured special Cabernet", trust me I did numerous tests of the wine to check the consistency of quality. Plus, the food was great, the Phyllo-encrusted Seafood Special was extraordinaire. This was a great break from the dreary weather.

I cannot believe I have to be at O'Hare in less than 48 hours to get on a plane to Big Mountain. I better accelerate!

No time to relax if you are in Ibex Land. Chili-Cookoff, BOM at Curragh, BOM at Yardhouse, Indoor Racing, Kid's events, and the Aspen Trip all lead up to the Year End Party at European Crystal Friday, April 22nd.

Being at European Crystal April 22nd, it will be "more fun than human beings deserve"!

I believe I heard J9 state, at Bacchus Nibbles: This will be the BEST Year End Ibex Party Ever!! Be there to check it out!

Remember to send any pictures you want included in the slide show (plus, the one's others don't want to remember) to Dick Homan, richardd@mc.net. Who knows the Slide Show itself may be worth the value priced admission cost, \$52.00 for everything.

Do you like Ibex and want to see it continue to be a strong viable club? Do you see a need for improvement in the way Ibex is run? Do you want something more in life in your free time than: doing laundry, staring at the walls, or staring at a TV on a wall?

THESE AND MANY MORE REASONS ARE WHY PEOPLE VOUNTEER FOR A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN IBEX!

The Election Process for the 2005-2006 Executive Board and Board of Directors commences at the 3/2/05 General meeting. Nominations will start at this meeting.

IBEX NEEDS YOU! Please consider running for an Ibex office. Talk to any Board of Directors member or Executive Board member for more details. Or contact Jean Bagel, President Executive Board, ibexpresident@skiibex.com or Mike Warta, Chairman of the Board of Directors, mgwarta@msn.com or Becky Muir Schultz, Elections Chair, becster57@aol.com

2005 IS WHEN VOLUNTEERISM COMES ALIVE!

Have a good one. GO ILLINI! I couldn't resist.

Later,
Bagel

Banquet

events) — if you remember laughing particularly hard, **THAT'S THE STORY WE WANT TO HEAR!!** So if you hadn't included your story on a trip survey, please forward it to your favorite EB member for nomination.

You can reserve your seat for the banquet at any club meeting or you can notify me at j9west@comcast.net. **Payment must be received no later than Thursday, April 14th** so that we can secure an accurate count for our reservation.

So mark your calendars, pay attention to your club members' silly antics (and share them with an EB member!) and look forward to a fun-filled evening reminiscing the fun events of the past year over good food with good friends!!!

Janine

CHILI COOKOFF

Yet another fine tradition is coming up soon — are you ready???

Joe Davis will be hosting the Chili Cookoff again this year — he has already secured some great, unique prizes for the cooks so brush off your favorite chili recipes!!!

The event will be held at Joe's house on

Saturday, March 5th at 6:30p.

If you're bringing chili, you're a valued, no-fee attendee! If you're not culinarily inclined, then you're still a valued attendee - albeit a paying one: **\$8 for advance signup and \$10 at the door.** Signups and maps to Joe's house were available at the February meetings — if you didn't receive one and need it, please contact either Joe or Janine.

This event has always been a fun outing for all! Trip stories are shared over tasty pots of beans, chilis, beef, chicken, veggie's — all washed down with the fine beverages available that are available to you (included in your fee: beer, wine and soda).

Advance signup ensures that we have adequate supplies of side-snacks and beverages, so if you're planning on attending save yourself some money and us some planning shortages.

Come on out and plan on having a chili-good time!!!

JANINE



IBEX SKI CLUB ELECTION INFORMATION

Each year in April, the Ibx Ski Club holds elections for the six Executive Board (EB) offices and two of the four elected seats on the Board of Directors (BOD). These elections will be conducted by the Board of Directors at the first club meeting in April. We will accept nominations for these positions at the two club meetings in March.

We want the Ibx Ski Club to remain strong, active, lively, and fun-filled and a very key component is to have great leadership. We need concerned, active, involved members to think about what is in it for themselves and the Club to volunteer to run for office. If you have enjoyed Ibx here is your opportunity to give something back to the Club. If you feel you can help improve the way Ibx operates, here is your chance to get involved. If you want a challenge to make your life more rewarding, think about running for an office.

The elected offices of Ibx are usually great fun. Here is all you need to do:

1. Check your eligibility – are you an active member of the club? If you are running for President, you must be active for at least 12 months. For Board of Directors, at least 24 months.
2. Read the following descriptions and duties of each office. Ask present officers and BOD members about the offices. They can answer your questions and fill in the details.
3. Determine which offices interest you the most.
4. At one of the nomination meetings, ask at least two people to nominate you.

If you think someone in the club can do the job, encourage them to run and nominate them.

After nominations are closed at each of the two March meetings, the BOD will interview the nominated candidates to ensure they understand the responsibilities of the office, are comfortable with the type of quality and quantity of work involved and are willing to make the commitment.

Each candidate will have the opportunity to submit a statement of their qualifications and reasons for running. This statement will be published and mailed with the ballots to each member. The statements cannot exceed 100 words, will not be edited in any way, and must be in the hands of the BOD Election Chairman by the end of the second nomination meeting in March.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The EB is involved in the day to day operation of the Club and has responsibility to execute Club events and policies.
2. The BOD is involved in the long range planning, including the Club finances and has overall responsibility for the Club.
3. EB and BOD meetings are hosted in officers' homes on a rotational basis.

4. The EB meets about 15 times a year outside of the general Club meetings. Each EB officer can expect to spend the average of 8 hours a week on Club related tasks.
5. Each EB officer, except the President, must appoint one assistant who can act in the officer's absence on issues requiring a vote. Officers can have as many assistants as they can encourage to help out.
6. The Club has several PCs, printers, and software to aid the officers in performing their duties. Training and support of this equipment will be provided by Club members and/or BOD members.
7. The BOD meets at least 6 times a year. Some additional time to perform BOD tasks, run or assist in BOD events and help out the EB is required. BOD members are expected to attend most Club functions.
8. EB and BOD officers received priority ski trip sign-ups (ie. Exempt from the lottery).
9. Each EB officer received free lift tickets on Midwest weekend ski trips.
10. All EB officers vote on all EB decisions, and are expected to be involved in some way with all Club functions. The EB acts as a team, not individuals.

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES

SECRETARY

1. Prepares and mails the newsletter at least once a month. Each newsletter takes typically one full evening to key in and layout. One to two hours a few evening latter will be needed to label, stamp and mail.
2. Records minutes at EB meetings and at general Club meetings.
3. Must have some writing and typing ability and PC skills (or assistants who have).
4. May use the Club PC to assist in newsletter production.
5. Must have space at home for more than one person to work on the newsletter, and to set up the computer if not using own PC.

TREASURER

1. Responsible for and keeps detailed records of all the financial affairs of the EB.
2. Prepares quarterly reports.
3. Spends time on the Thursday or Friday after a general meeting to do financial paperwork.
4. Must have some financial or technical background.
5. Should be available to attend most Club functions or have assistants to do so.
6. May have use of a Club PC to assist in keeping the Club's EB books.

ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON

1. Responsible for all Club activities and general outings, including picnics.
2. Has primary responsibility for the Ibex annual banquet.
3. Prepares price proposals and keeps track of expenses for Club activities.
4. Prepares promotional and recap articles for activities in the newsletter.
5. Must have organizational skills.
6. Must have lots of ideas for Club activities.
7. May encourage others to assist with activities.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

1. Responsible for recruitment efforts such as ski shows, membership parties, promotional brochures and mailings.
2. Responsible for membership records and dues collection.
3. Verifies membership during trip sign-up.
4. Responsible for Club meeting arrangements, meeting activities, and party meetings.
5. Responsible for producing the Club directory.
6. Prepared membership related articles for the newsletter.
7. Must have good interpersonal and communication skills.
8. May have use of a Club PC to assist in keeping membership records and producing the directory.

TRIP CHAIRPERSON

1. Responsible for the operation of all ski trips.
2. Plans the ski trips, including preparation of price proposals.
3. Works closely with the BOD Trip Coordinator.
4. Will devote time on trips to trip management or appoint a trip leader to do so.
5. Must keep accurate records of trip expenses and revenues.
6. Is knowledgeable of ski areas.
7. Prepares, promotional, recaps, and informational articles about trips and ski areas.
8. Must attend one or two one-day trip planning seminars in May.

PRESIDENT

1. Coordinates all Club functions.
2. Provides guidance, aid and support to other EB officers and assistants.
3. Presides at all EB and general Club meetings.
4. Has ultimate responsibility to the BOD for annual Club operation.
5. Serves on the BOD as well as the EB.

6. Must be a paid member for at least one full year.
7. Prior EB officer or assistant experience, and prior organization leadership experience will be a plus.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Must be a paid member for at least two full years.
2. Is active in Club activities.
3. Is interested in making a long term contribution to Ibex.
4. Is willing to serve a full two year term.
5. Must have skied on at least three Club trips in the past two year.

Holding an Ibex office is fun, exciting, sometimes glamorous and incredibly satisfying. Ask some former officers.

If you have any questions concerning the offices or the election process, ask any current EB or BOD officers.

SLOPE SCOOP

Happy Spring, almost! We don't like to see the disappearance of the snow, but we also like to get involved in the spring/summer activities. IBEX Ski Club has so much to offer everyone in the way of an activity.

Now that the ski season is winding down, Patrice and I and some other members of the club will be attending the 2005 Trip Seminar in May. We are in the process of updating the trip survey that is normally sent in the March newsletter. We have decided to send it out in a e-blast format. We hope this will get more participation and response back from you, the IBEX members. It is only beneficial to you to fill this out if you want to have some say in where the club looks to go in the 05-06 ski season. We will always keep the important items in our processes such as destinations and amenities of where we stay. We know from past surveys what is most important to our members and that will always be a priority as we go forward.

As you read this newsletter, the club will be back from the Big Mountain ski trip and I am looking forward to Ann's article as this will be the first time the club has chose this destination.

I am also looking forward to the Aspen trip, as this is the largest, by number of folks from IBEX going on a ski trip this year. I am going to help Craig out this time around as his assistant so please don't hesitate to contact me if you cannot locate Craig!

Get your ski's tuned and we will see you at the next meeting.

Lynne Moon – Trip Chair
Patrice Conaway – Trip Assistant

Forty Two and Counting

By Craig Moon

Aspen Trip Leader

Aspen (the trip) is only 34 days away. We have one spot open!!

Skiing is not life and death... it's much more important!

Trip information packets will be passed out at the March 16th meeting.

If you can't attend the meeting I will have your packet at the airport.

The trip will depart O'Hare Saturday morning March 26, 2005 on American flight # 2375. The flight will board about **7:45 AM** for an 8:15 AM departure. Please be at the airport early, about 6 or 6:15, O'Hare can be very busy on Saturday morning. American Airlines web site has a ton of useful information on baggage restrictions and other tidbits @ www.aa.com.

The maximum amount of checked baggage each passenger is allowed is two pieces with a maximum weight of 50 pounds each. Since this is a ski trip, the following are the stated limits from the AA.com web site: Two pieces, Ski boot bag and one pair of skies are free in place of one 62" bag, neither weighing more than 50 pounds. Generally speaking, if you pack it, you have to carry it, so pack lighter than usual.

Since we have electronic tickets, curb check is allowed. Locking of baggage is not recommended, however, if you must lock your luggage, you will have to escort the bags to the x-ray machine and wait for the TAS employee to screen your bags and then relock your luggage. American will credit your FF account for miles, so remember to give your card to the gate agent before we depart.

The Spring Skiing Trip activities are coming together.

We start off with the Welcome Wine & Cheese Party at The Gant Saturday evening.

Sunday morning we are planning a "First Tracks" an 8 AM start of the day for the first run from the top of Ajax, either in powder or freshly groomed corduroy depending on the weather.

The group dinner is planned for Tuesday night, at The Steak Pit, A Classic American Steak House since 1960. The Entrees are priced between \$16.50 and \$ 34.95. All Entrees include salad bar, fresh bread, and choice of potato or rice.

The NASTAR Club Race is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, at 10:00 AM followed by a free mountain lunch on Snowmass Mountain at Spider Sabich cabin.

Friday we will be skiing at Aspen Highlands, and watching the mogul/bump races from the deck of the Merry-Go-Round at lunch time. A lunch voucher will be part of your trip packet.

Friday night the Grand Finale and Closing Ceremonies will cap the Spring Week with the World Famous Ibex Pub Crawl with your Pub Crawl Leaders Denny and Glen. OK! OK! It's just another thinly veiled excuse to drink and socialize with fellow Ibex members.

Debbie Dukes, Ibex Ski School Director, has four qualified ski instructors available for lessons in Aspen. If you are interested, please sign up with the trip leader with a five-dollar refundable deposit for ski lessons.

The instructors are Debbie Dukes, John Brandt, Jean Bagel, and Jerry Stein.

The trip is priced at \$ 1,050.00. The trip is less than the cost of a first run movie ticket with popcorn and a large coke. The price includes air into Vail/Eagle, ground transfers from Vail/Eagle to Aspen, about 1 ½ hour bus ride, lodging at The Gant, and five of six-day interchangeable lift tickets. Also included a Club NASTAR Race, mountain lunch, lunch voucher good at Aspen Highlands Friday 4/1, and a welcome wine and cheese party.

Based on Chuck Binzel's unfortunate accident in Winter Park, I would like to add emergency contact numbers to your trip sign-up sheet. My thought is someone at home or close to you, in addition to someone with you in Aspen. Please Email the numbers to me @ craig_moon@msn.com

For more information or to sign up call Craig Moon at (630) 579-8661

Craig



Chicago Indoor Racing



***** NOTE DATE CHANGE *****

The original eblast referred to this event being held on April 16th — this has been changed. The date is now Saturday, May 14th. Here's the information-scoop again for those of you who may not have read the original eblast:

From the information provided to me:

Two professionally-designed Indoor European Kart Racing Tracks (don't ask me what makes them "European" — it's on the brochure). Drivers over the age of eighteen will be able to race wheel to wheel in specially designed Indoor Racing Karts that are able to provide a real sense of the thrill and excitement experienced by professional racing drivers.

From my personal experience: this is a blast!!! The cars can reach up to 35 mph; doesn't sound fast, but when you're sitting inches above the ground you feel like you're flying! A racing suit and helmet are provided. The facility also houses Stewards Bar & Grill which overlooks both tracks; so if you're not feeling like you're racing material, come on out, have a beverage and cheer on your fellow Ibex!!!

Now, here's the nitty gritty:

Date: Saturday, May 14th

Location: 301 Hastings Drive, Buffalo Grove (just off Lake Cood Road about 3/4 mile west of Milwaukee Road)

Time: we're shooting for very late afternoon, say 4p or 5p.

Race info: 2-hour event (approx 1 hr for orientation/preparation, 1 hour on the track)

Cost: \$70pp

Want to see more info? check out their website: www.chicagoindoorracing.com

I need email confirmation from you no later than April 13th. You can pay me in advance or the night of, but I can't book these reservations more than 30 days in advance. If I get a sizeable number of people, I might be able to negotiate our own track and/or a group discount.

So mark your calendars and send me a note (j9west@comcast.net) telling me you're ready to drive!!!!

Janine

Membership Matters

Current Membership for 2004-2005: **157**

Welcome to the following new members

Pam Bessler
Jeff Pribil
Ann Radcliffe
Traci Timmons
Donna & Jim Todd

February birthday wishes to:

Joe Heater	03
Lorna Ballam	08
Robert Coles	11
Maria Mau	12
Julie Zimmerman	15
Susan Linzing	18
Paul Nearing	24
Barb Kimicata	29
Kurt Kolseth	29
Karen Fruh	30

Membership categories:

Single (e-mail) \$ 20
Single (paper) \$ 28
Couple/Family (e-mail) \$ 35
Couple/Family (paper) \$ 43

Dave

IbexMembership@SkiIbex.com

ACTIVITIES CORNER: Things to Do!!!

Greetings, Ibex! Following are the non-trip activities that are going on for the next few months. Come on out and join us in the fun!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Weds, March 2 nd	Games Night	Mark Westlund
Saturday, March 5 th	Chili Cookoff	Joe Davis
Weds, March 9 th	Wilmot Outing	Mark Westlund (see below)
Friday, March 11 th	BOM: Curraugh	(see below)
Wednesday, March 16 th	SPEAKER: Gary from Viking "Tuning Your Skis"	Janine Westlund
Sunday, March 20 th	Kids Event: Water Works	Bob Kimicata (see below)
Weds, March 23 rd	Wilmot Outing	Mark Westlund (see below)
Friday, April 8 th	BOM: The Yardhouse	-----
Friday, April 22 nd	<i>Ibex Annual Banquet</i>	Janine Westlund
Saturday, May 14 th	Chicago Indoor Racing	Janine Westlund (see below)

GAMES NIGHT: The games will be held at the first Wednesday meeting of each month starting at 6:30p and breaking for the meeting minutes at 8:00p before resuming play. Everyone's been having a good time improving their "poker faces" in multiple rounds of Texas Hold'em. Chips only: no money's exchanged; so it's easy to bet huge!! Come on out and show your hand!!

CHILI COOKOFF: Joe has graciously agreed to once again host this annual tradition. Block your calendars and get your best chili recipes ready to try to stump your fellow Ibex! Contact Joe to sign up. Advance signup saves you \$2 — *see related article in this newsletter for details.*

WILMOT OUTINGS

If you're not on the mailing list for this and want to be, make sure you shoot an email message to Mark (markwestlund@comcast.net) and tell him to keep you informed about when the weather permits for them to be hitting the Wilmot slopes. This is a great way to practice (or develop) your technique!!!

BAR OF THE MONTH: Friday, March 11th

To warm you up for any hearty St Pat's Day festivities in which you may partake the following week, we will be kicking off the Season O' the Green at The Curraugh on Woodfield Road in Schaumburg.

NEXT MONTH → The Yardhouse in Glenview. Like beer? You'll want to be there!!!

KIDS EVENTS: Got kids? They'll love Bob's latest outing to the Water Works Indoor Water Park in Schaumburg. *See inside for more details.*

Ibex Annual Banquet

It's just next month, so mark your calendars! The Banquet is on the horizon!! *See related article inside this newsletter.*

CHICAGO INDOOR RACING: Due to a scheduling conflict, this event is being rescheduled to May 14th. For those of you closet-Mario Andretti's out there, you're going to love this outing!!! *See related article in this newsletter for details.*

AND FINALLY: A NOTE ON THE SURVEYS:

We had 20 total respondents so you wouldn't think it would take long to tally a summary. But 20 only equates to something like 14% of the membership, so the singular concerns were difficult to address. There were two somewhat common takeaways that we noticed:

- **Try to make the meetings shorter:** For those of you who have been attending meetings this year, you have hopefully noticed that the EB has been trying to make a conscientious effort to keep the meetings on track and moving along. We had a record 21-minute meeting last month!!!
- **Bring in speakers:** We are hosting our first learning opportunity at the March 16th meeting. Gary from Viking Ski will be giving us a brief education on tuning our skis. If this meeting is well-attended and the speaker well-received, we will certainly try to have more topics addressed in future meetings.

Other than that, the comments were so varied that, with limited exceptions, there didn't appear to be a common theme to any requested modifications that would appear to serve the majority of the club's interests. So although the formal feedback volume wasn't as I had hoped, do know that informal feedback is just as valuable. Direct your thoughts/comments/concerns/suggestions to your favorite EB member and your feedback will be addressed at a subsequent EB meeting.

Janine

Recap – Granite Peak

I wanted to start off by extending a heartfelt thanks to Patrice Conway and Lynn Moon for planning and organizing this trip. A job well done! You made my tasks easy and the room upgrade was an added bonus – thanks!!

31 adults and 9 children made the trip north to Wausau. “Speed Racer Lou” made it in 3 hrs, 45 min, including a 20 min baby stop. All arrived safely, Ed & Sarah bringing up the rear at midnight and David & Elizabeth joining us Sat. eve. We were happy to have some new members along, as well as Jan’s family from Madison. After checking in Fri, some headed next door for microbrews and relaxation.

We enjoyed a good buffet breakfast at the hotel before hitting the slopes. Lessons were slightly delayed, some getting a slow start. Weather was awesome, hit 50, lots of sun and all runs open. Jim Miller apparently rented two left boots for himself, also packed his wife Sue two left boots. A few minor incidents – Sarah got an ice cream headache from a major wipeout. New member Mike Borowiak was at the top of a black diamond run repeating out loud, “concentrate, concentrate” when he started a turn, skis crossed, and within seconds wiped out. We enjoyed cheese curds, “the one man polka band” on the outside deck, and an Illini victory during our lunch break. Did anyone see the old dude skiing & singing a Beatles song at the top of his lungs?! Micky Vigil got “big air” at the terrain park, wiped out, visited the Ski Patrol Office & after a look from Dr. Bagel was up and about in good spirits. Those radios came in handy – highly recommended for emergencies and fun.

Great turnout for the Happy Hour at Hereford & Hops. Hope all had a chance to socialize and eat more cheese curds. After hottubbing & swimming, Mark motivated the crew to gather in the hotel lobby for Texas Hold Em & partying with the Minn Bowlers. Tom and Michele Robbins, Ellen & Bagel entertained us dancing to Bagel’s boom box. “The Doctor” was in. Quote from Tia, hotel manager, in regards to partying in the lobby past 11pm – “I don’t give a shi_, party on down”. A little schmoozing by Jean and a glance at the Innkeepers Handbook allowed us to stay till 1 am. Tom kindly escorted Jean to her room & got a second wind, playing Euker with the bowlers till 5 am.

Bob hoped to begin lessons on Sun at “the real 9:30 not the pretend 9:30” but Jean was running late – go figure, a little hung? Temps were mid 30’s, cloudy but a heck of a lot better than the Chicago rain. Brian Kimicata had a problem on the trip – “Dad told me what to do every single day”. Most booked early and those who stayed experienced a little sleet late in the day. More cheese curds before heading home!

All in all, the hotel was terrific, decent skiing, tons of laughs, and a great group of people to hang with. If you’re thinking you can’t have a good time on a Midwest Trip – think again!!!!!!!

Sue Linzing

Water Works

March 20 - Family Outing to Water Works Indoor Water Park

Time: Noon to 5:00 PM

Place: Water Works, Schaumburg:

Cost: \$6.50 for Youths (17 and under) \$8.50 for adults (\$2 less for Schaumburg Residents).

There is a 3 for 2 coupon in the Oaklees Guide. Click here for locations where this is available.

Suggested Ages: All Ages

If you behave we can go to a local spot for dinner!

Questions call Bob Kimicata @ 847-394-4105

This is a fun water park with lots for all ages including a zero depth, Sprays, kiddy and big slides, high dive, Lazy River, and really warm water. And...a chance to check out those Ibex hunks in their Speedo’s! Sorry, no outside food permitted.

Bob Kimicata

SCUBA NEWS

WARM WEATHER TRIPS

AMBERGRIS CAYE, BELIZE – May 28 to June 4

Banyan Bay is a beautiful resort that is a short walk to town. This destination has a lot of activities for non-divers, but also some very good diving. The cost of the suite is \$350 per person. The airfare is around \$750.

TURKS & CAICOS – November 5 to 12

Enjoy a week of diving off the Caribbean Explorer II. Check the next newsletter for more details.

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Any suggestions for next February?

If you would be interested in any of these trips or have other suggestions, please let Cindy Warta know at mgwarta@msn.com or at 847-394-8805.

Cindy Warta

847-394-8805 mgwarta@msn.com

SKI at Wilmot

Join us at Wilmot on non-Ski club Wednesday nights.

Weather permitting, we plan to ski between **5:00pm to 9:00pm on March 9th and 23rd**.

An e-mail group will be created and sent out to all interested members the day of the event, indicating if the ski conditions/weather is favorable for a night of skiing. We will simply meet in the lift line directly in front of the main doors at Wilmot Mountain.

If you’re interested joining us, please send e-mail to Mark Westlund. See you on the slopes!

Mark

markwestlund@comcast.net

March 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Games Night Ibex Meeting	3	4	5 Chili Cookoff
6	7	8	9 Wilmot Outing	10	11 BOM Curraugh	12
13	14	15	16 Ibex Meeting	17	18	19
20 Kids Event	21	22	23 Wilmot Outing	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Ibex Meeting	7	8 12:00a BOM Yardhouse	9
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17	18	19	20 Ibex Meeting	21	22 Ibex Banquet	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

President

Jean Bagel (847) 749-1932

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