



**IBEX SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB**

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

**OCTOBER 2008**

**MEETINGS**

**7:00 PM BOOZE & SCHMOOZE**

**8:00 PM MEETING**

> **OCT 1**

> **OCT 15**

**EVENTS**

> **FALL COLORS - OCT 3**

> **BOM - OCT 19**

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**BAD HOFGASTEIN SKI TRIP**

**W**here bad is good and beer is free!

This absolutely has to be the bargain ski trip of the season! For the low price of \$1,733 you get round trip air on Lufthansa (United frequent flyer miles and they actually have good food. I know good food on an airline is an oxymoron but not in this case), deluxe motor coach transfers to and from airport, accommodations at 4\*\*\*\* hotel, wine & cheese welcome party, area briefing and English-speaking guide, daily breakfast, daily dinner with **FREE BEER AND WINE**, special 7 course

gala dinner on final evening, Sunday breakfast with sparkling **WINE** and salmon buffet. What a deal!



**Bad Hofgastein, Austria**

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**JACKSON HOLE SKI TRIP**

**D**eep snow and big mountains tend to come to mind when most people think of Jackson Hole. There are two mountains at Jackson Hole; Apres Vous and Rendezvous. This includes 2,500 acres of in-bounds terrain and over 3,000 back-country acres. The Vertical drop is 4,139 feet from the 10,450 summit elevation. There are 116 named trails off of the trail map with a

breakdown of 10% beginner, 40% intermediate and 50% expert. The new tram is opening in December 08, so they will have all the bugs worked out by the time Ibex gets there. It holds 100 people and is quick. See the attached link for all of the information:

<http://www.tram-formation.com>. Ibex will be flying out of O'Hare and staying 5 nights at the 49'er and includes 4 days of lift tickets. As a frequent guest of our hotel, Ibex will be treated to a complimentary Elk dinner one night

We have a few remaining spots, however they seem to be going fast. Please see me or Bridget Haussmann to sign up or for more information.



**Jackson Hole**

*-Bill*

# BAD HOFGASTEIN SKI TRIP - CONTINUED



Germania Hotel

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While lift tickets are not included, they price at approximately \$40. That's about half of what you pay in the U.S.

Other amenities in the hotel include a swimming pool and hot tub (the area is known for their spas) and each room has a balcony. Please don't moon the Austrians.

There will be numerous side trips available such as visiting Salzburg and skiing other areas like Kitzbuhel. The Bad H area has a low degree of schlepfullness (new word), i.e., there is a free ski bus that picks you up at the hotel. Whether or not the ski bus is orange remains to be



Hot Tub!

seen. You can also take a short walk to the cable car. Now, honestly, where can you get all that for \$1733? But wait, that's not all. The two day extension to Munich is \$225, which includes lodging at the 4\*\*\* Hotel Maritim and full European breakfast daily. Ground transport to the airport is also included.

The trip departs on **January 24, 2009** and returns **January 30**. Two day Munich extension returns February 2. We currently have 14 lbex signed up for this awesome trip. Sign up now so you don't miss out on the fun, and did I mention (wait for it...)

**FREE BEER AND WINE!**

-Sarah

BAD ski area...



# OCTOBER BAR OF THE MONTH



The BOM for October will be at Goose Island Brewery in Lincoln Park at **1800 Clybourn** on **Sunday, October 19 at 3:00PM**.

This will be a brewery tour with a tasting to follow. The cost of the tour is **\$5.00** which includes a souvenir pint glass.

We have 30 spots available and the deadline to sign up is at the **October 1st meeting!**

A deposit of only \$5.00 saves your spot. No deposit no spot so please sign up early. For additional information contact me, Steve Lenius at: [slenius@sescoil.com](mailto:slenius@sescoil.com)

-Steve

# LOU'S LOG

October is in the air, the leaves are turning, the annual Ibex Fall Golf outing is only a few days away, and the trips spots are selling. Ski season must be right around the corner! Looks like we are going to have another large group going to the Fall Golf Outing, with us being on the verge of being sold out (40 spots) the last I heard. Clearly, this group likes to golf..now if we could just hit that little ball straight...but I digress. I want to thank Jacquie in advance for selling the outing, collecting the payments, and organizing all the details in advance of this outing (that technically Dan and Wayne are running). I expect the details will be in order, and Dan and Wayne will have the golf part under their control for another fun outing....yip yip yip!! Ski trip sales are off to an interesting start this year. I think we are seeing some of the effects of the economy combined with the pressure by the providers for early decisions. That said, it looks like we will get a decent size group out to Austria, Jackson is selling well, and I believe we will eventually sell out all the spots we have to Aspen (45 or so), based on current sales. I am also pretty sure that folks won't be able to resist the romantic ambience of Wausau, WI and skiing Granite Peak with our Ibex friends over Valentine's Day weekend, and that will be a fun and well attended trip as too. That leaves us with our problem child in Whitefish; it looks like we will be cancelling this trip, due to a lack of enough committed folks for the trip. The early decision deadline is definitely hurting us here, with people barely thinking of skiing with all the beautiful weather in September (aside from the few days of ridiculous rain), and already we have to fish or cut bait on this trip (pun intended). We warned the members of this ahead of time, but for what-

ever reason it looks like we are not going to make the cut to keep the trip going.

While disappointing, we have to do what is right for the club and not risk substantial losses by keeping a trip going that does not seem to be generating interest. Of course, we will look at the reasons that contributed to us ending up in this position and try to avoid that happening again with next year's trip schedule. We haven't had this happen in about 6 or 7 years, and we will try not to let it happen again soon.

I want to thank Jean Bagel for doing her best to try and sell this trip, it wasn't for her lack of enthusiasm that this didn't work, and we all appreciate her efforts.

How about some activities? Got an idea for an activity? Speak with Chris Smith, she is working on some fall and early winter activities right now. Maybe you know of an entertaining show to see, or a great restaurant to sample, or something new, let Chris know and she can get it on the calendar!

It is now October; have you started getting your body in shape for skiing? What are you waiting for? We all know the benefits of showing up to the mountain in good fitness: we can ski better and longer, and we don't fall asleep at dinner (or god forbid, during Après Ski).

The best part of showing up in shape for skiing is you greatly reduce the risk of injury! (Ok it is also pretty cool that you are not too tired to go on the Pub crawl as well ;- ) ) So get to it, hit the gym and maybe you too can ski as well as Mike Edens. After all, the only way to ski that well, when you are older than dirt, is by preparing your body, and besides most of you have the advantage of being younger than him....get to it folks!!

-Lou



**“...it looks like we will be cancelling <Whitefish ski> trip...”**

## 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
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

#### Bad Hofgastein

Sarah Schmeichel

#### Granite Peak

Michael & Carolyn Lepsi

#### Jackson Hole

Bill Haussmann

#### Aspen

Debbie Dukes  
& John Brandt



Aspen

## SPRING BREAK IN ASPEN

For those diehard skiers that want not only a great place to ski but a fun town to go along with it, Aspen is the answer. You could ask for more than a beautiful spring trip to cap off your ski season. Aspen has a lot to offer. There are 4 ski resorts that you can visit with your 5 or of 6 day ski pass. They are: Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass. The town of Aspen has a wonderful bus transit system that will carry you and your equipment safely to any of these areas by catching the bus at Ruby Park.

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.

We will be flying American airlines

leaving from O'Hare airport.

Ground transportation is included from Denver to Aspen and back. 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.



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. Stay tuned for details at upcoming meetings.

Don't be left behind!

-John & Deb

# WARM UP YOUR XMAS LIST

Everyone is not yet thinking of skiing and winter because it is still warm outside. So if you need to get some good equipment (skies, boots, pole, etc) and want to find some deals; now is the time! So get out there before the crowds and get some deals.

There are three spots to check for some great deals: Ski shops, Ski swaps and E-bay.



The ski shops are starting to dust off their equipment and see what they didn't get rid of from last year's stock. Most of them put it in the back corner of the store or slap some discount stickers on them hoping to get rid of them. The secret to finding these deals are to ask about any clearance items and go look at them first. The retailers want you to go past all of the new models, colorful graphic displays and even movies to try to put you in new equipment. The discounts will be good (plus), but selection will be limited to off sizes and last years models (minus).

The other place to look would be ski swaps. Chestnut, Sundown, and Rib Mountain all have these around this time to attract skiers and get them to buy season tickets or tour

the mountain in hopes of selling them a few night stay. Please note these sales do not take place in the main lodges ski shop, usually in the cafeteria. The selection for models, age of equipment and size depends on how people come to the area selling items. The larger the show is, the better the selection it will have. Local ski shops even sell last years left over equipment at these swaps (plus). The Chicago ski show also has a ski swap. Please keep in mind many of these are picked over the first day so be early (minus). Plus some of the equipment is used, so make sure to look it over well.

The last place to find a good deal is the internet. EBay and other similar sites have a global market were equipment is available for shopping even at any time of the day. The site is great for finding bargains and there are so many choices (plus). Ebay is a great place to get accessories as well. Make sure to ask plenty of questions and use a seller with good feed back and at least 50+ sales if possible. Do the homework before a purchase. There may be some hidden cost if you buy skies and bindings separate, remember that you will want a ski shop to install them (minus).

In summary, while everyone else is enjoying the last few days of summer there are still some deals to be had on some new skiing equipment from last year for this season new snow. Ski shops, Resort swaps and EBay are great places to look. So get the discounted gear now because in a few months everyone will be looking and it won't last.

-Bill

## Excellent Trip Summary

### Bad Hofgastein

1/24—1/30

### Granite Peak

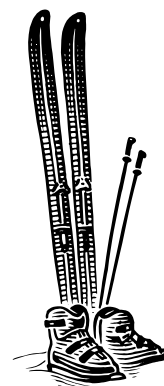
2/13—2/15

### Jackson Hole

2/26—3/3

### Aspen

3/21—3/28





# TRIP SIGNUP FORM 2008-2009

Trip <input type="checkbox"/> Whitefish, MT	Name (1) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
	Name (2) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Trip <input type="checkbox"/> Bad Hofgastein, AT	Name (1) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
	Name (2) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Trip <input type="checkbox"/> Granite Peak, WI	Name (1) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
	Name (2) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Trip <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson Hole, WY	Name (1) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
	Name (2) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Trip <input type="checkbox"/> Aspen, CO	Name (1) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
	Name (2) _____	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>

**NOTE: NAME MUST MATCH YOUR PASSPORT (FOR INTERNATIONAL TRIPS) OR DRIVER'S LICENCE (DOMESTIC TRIPS)**

**Contact Information:**

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference(s) Please list for each trip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you object to rooming with a smoker? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

**IBEX SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITY AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the opportunity to participate and/or my participation in any trips, events, activities, or lessons of the IBEX SKI CLUB, I, for myself and for my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators hereby agree that IBEX SKI CLUB and its officers, directors, trip and event leaders, instructors, members, representatives and any other persons acting on its' behalf, shall not be held liable for any injuries, damages, expenses, or inconveniences to my person or property, howsoever caused by the negligence of the above parties. I also agree to indemnify and hold the above parties harmless from and against any and all actions, claims, demands, liability, loss, damage and expense of any kind, including attorney's fees, arising from such claims.

I am aware of and familiar with the inherent risks involved in the sport of skiing, trips, events, activities, lessons and any sport or social activities, and I understand that I am assuming those risks.

IBEX SKI CLUB reserves the right to withdraw an activity or trip, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a member or an activity or trip at any time, or to make changes in the published itinerary, whenever, in its sole judgment, conditions warrant or if it deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the passengers.

If accepted to the membership of IBEX SKI CLUB, I will abide by the Constitution and By-Laws, support its activities, and pay the established dues. I have read and agree to the above.

**SIGNATURE (1):** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE (2):** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

# OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

October 3-5  
October 19

Fall Colors Golf Outing  
Goose Island Brewery Tour

Dan & Wayne  
Steve Lenius



November 26  
**Looking Ahead**  
Milrose Brewery

Chris Smith

On August 30th, twenty star-struck IBEX members gathered at Ravinia for a once-in-a-lifetime experience: a live performance by the incomparable Miss Donna Summer! On the final leg of a whirlwind tour of North America that included stops in such fabulous cities as New Orleans, Key West, and San Francisco, the positively Divine Miss Summers packed the house with one of the most diverse crowds one could ever imagine. In fact, not since Richard Simmons toured in the Ice Capades production of "Liberace on Ice" has such a diverse collection of fine folks gathered in one spot. There was something for everyone and someone for everything. But "Miss S" sure did put on a fabulous show. Definitely "three-snaps-in-a-circle" quality. She performed many of her greatest hits including the great classic: Someone left the cake out in the rain. Over half of our members knew the words to the song (the female half).

However, there was a price to be paid. One of our members was overcome by fabulousness and had to be taken home early by his adoring wife. As luck would have it, though, he had just recently purchased Michael Jackson's old hyperbaric chamber on ebay. After three days in the chamber he was completely back to normal. Though he is no longer able to attend Donna Summer sing-alongs. Thanks again go to Jeff and Lou for securing a great spot - now known as the Ibex spot.  
-Chris

**BOM**  
Bar of the  
Month  
**Goose Island  
Brewery**

**Sunday  
Oct. 19**

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Ibex news &  
information**

## WWW.SKIIBEX.COM

**P**lease check out the Ibex website. 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:

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### 2008-09 MEMBERSHIP RATES

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

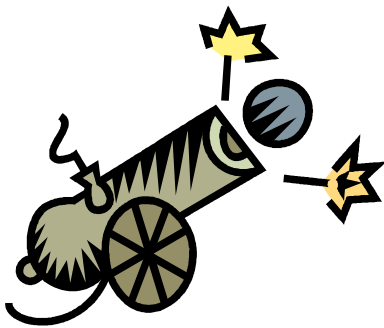
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### Silly lines to make you smile. Part two of two:

- ◆ Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- ◆ Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
- ◆ Wrinkled Was Not One of the Things I Wanted to Be When I Grew up!!!!
- ◆ Procrastinate Now!
- ◆ I Have a Degree in Liberal Arts; Do You Want Fries With That?
- ◆ A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- ◆ A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- ◆ Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
- ◆ They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken
- ◆ He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
- ◆ A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
- ◆ Ham and eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
- ◆ The trouble with life is there's no background music.
- ◆ The original point and click interface was a Smith & Wesson.
- ◆ I smile because I don't know what the hell is going on.



### PARTING SHOTS