



The Ibex Ski And Snowboard Club

THE OLD GOAT

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month

Gatsby's Sports Pub

427 East Rand Road - Arlington Heights, (847) 253-7200

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KEYSTONE - NEW YEARS TRIP

Keystone: Sign up soon – Spots will go fast!

We have 26 available spots for the New Year's trip to Keystone. Not only is a ton of fun guaranteed on this trip – but so is the chance that spots will go fast. **The cut off date for signing up is Wednesday, September 16.** So sign up for this trip as soon as you can!

We depart on Wednesday, December 30 at 6:30 PM on United Airlines from O'Hare to Denver. Since Friday is New Year's Day (and assuming that you workplace includes this as a holiday) you may have to take only one day off

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L.G.B.T.

"Long, Boring Golf Tees?"
"Legally Big Great marTini's"

No, Silly ---- it's the Lake Geneva Bike Tour and if you've never been on it before, talk to an reasonably active member of our club and you're bound to receive an earful of the fun we have on this trip. No need for serious physical fitness here (unless, of course, you're riding up from home) --- if you can ride 5 miles without supplemental oxygen, then you can do this ride!!

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Special points of interest:

- See our Ski Trip Schedule
- BOM—A chance to have a brew and schmooze at Emmett's in Palatine
- LGBT—Just do it!
- Fall Colors Golf Info
- Read Pam O's Summer Activity recap to see what you enjoyed or missed
- MEMBERSHIP RE-NEWAL TIME—Sign up early, sign up often! After all this is Chicago.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED!

As August quickly comes to an end and we kick-off the upcoming ski season next week, I started to think about all the fun we've had this summer.

Thinking back to June and The Lake-moor Country Club certainly lived up to its name being more lake than golf course after a torrential downpour the morning of the event! Does any-

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FALL COLORS GOLF

Fall Colors Golf - Sept. 25-26-27 (15 Spots Available)

The Hampton Hotel has extended our block to "Hold" rooms through the first meeting in September! Sign-up ASAP to secure your room. Don't wait till the last meeting. Otherwise you may need to look for your own hotel. Contact Jacquie Wodach at 847-223-7932 if you cannot make it to the meeting. Last Day to Sign up for this outing is 2nd meeting in Sept. (Sept. 16th). See Page 2 of this mailer for every thing you need to know.

FALL COLORS 2009 SEPT. 25-26-27

Ibex Ski &
Snowboard
Club

EVERGREEN GOLF CLUB

N6246 US HWY 12
ELKHORN WI 53121
PHONE: 262-723-5722



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- FRIDAY: Golf tee times start at 1:00 PM
Dinner on own (Fish Fry available at Club)
- SATURDAY: Golf tee times start at 10:00 AM
Lunch on own at Bunker Bar & Grill after 9th hole
Group Dinner 7:00 PM Evergreen Golf Club
- SUNDAY: Golf tee times start at 8:00 AM
Lunch on own at Bunker Bar & Grill after 9th hole
After golf party (appetizers) & awards

SIGN UP EARLY!

The Hampton has extended our room block through the 1st meeting in September. Call Jacquie Wodach 847-223-7932 if you are planning to attend and cannot be at the meetings.

LODGING—HAMPTON INN (1.6 mi South of Evergreen)

40 West Hidden Trail
Elkhorn, WI 53121

PACKAGE PRICES

- Package #1 - \$310.00**
3 Days Golf, 2 Nights Hotel
- Package #2 - \$166.00**
No Golf, 2 Nights Hotel
- Package #3 - \$208.00**
2 Days Golf, 1 Night Hotel
- Package # 4 - \$105.00**
No Golf, 1 Night Hotel

DIRECTIONS TO EVERGREEN

Take US12 North past Hwy 50 in Lake Geneva, past Hwy 43 to Elkhorn WI. Evergreen is 3 miles north of Elkhorn on Hwys12W/67N on the east side of the street.

Note: All Packages include Hot Breakfast next morning at Hampton Inn, Saturday Dinner and Sunday Party at Evergreen Golf Club.



IBEX TRIP CONNECTIONS

Ibex Rocks 2010

Mark your calendars ! The 2009 / 2010 Trip Sign Up Party will be held on Fri., Aug. 28th @ 7 pm.

Rob Roy Golf Course

**505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.
Prospect Hts., IL 60070**

This will be an event not to be missed. We have confirmed that Mike Agnew from Vail Resorts will be there to talk about and answer all of your questions regarding Keystone & Vail. Bob Rosensteel from Snow Tours, Inc will be there to present additional information about Chile and Valle Nevado and answer any questions that you may have. We have also confirmed Denny from Viking Ski Shop will be on hand to share the latest on ski and boarding equipment. Join us to sign up for your favorite trip(s) and party with your Ibex friends. Remember the incentives and special raffles & bring a friend or several .

Want to sign up but can't make it to the sign up party ? Please contact me or the respective Trip Leader to sign up. The Trip Sign Up and Membership forms can be found on the Ibex website (remember you must be a member to sign up for a trip) and you can call me to make arrangements to deliver or mail your forms and deposit.

Kicking It and Kicking Back in Keystone New Years – Keystone, CO

26 spots Price: \$1219.00

Trip Leader: Sarah Schmeichel

Dates: Departure Wed., 12/30 UA Flight 253S @ 6:30 pm, return Sun., 1/3 UA Flight 256V @ 7:00 pm

4 nights lodging @ Keystone Lodge

Your Package Includes:

- Ground transportation
- 3 day lift ticket
- 1 day lift ticket and ground transportation to Copper Mountain
- Welcome reception

Veritably Vail...Value !

Jan. Weeklong Trip – Vail, CO

32 spots Price: \$1198.00

Trip Leader: Pam Arnold

Dates : Departure Sat., 1/16 AA Flight 895 @ 12:10 pm, return Sat., 1/23 AA Flight 1280 @ 2:30pm

7 nights lodging @ Vail Spa Condominiums (in Lionhead!) each with a fully equipped kitchen, fireplace and washer/ dryer

Your Package Includes:

- Ground Transportation
- 5 day Vail_Beaver Creek interchangeable lift ticket
- Welcome reception
- Pizza Party hosted by Vail Resorts

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VOLLEY BALL MONDAYS

IBEX VOLLEYBALL

When: Every Monday Night thru Sept 21st

Time: 5:00 PM until dusk!!!

Where: Busse Woods Grove #28

Directions: Golf Rd, east of Rt. 53 to the "first & only" entrance (approximately ¼ mile on the south-side), then go to grove #28. As your "Old" Volleyball Coordinators, we welcome you & your "new goats" to come out and play some "inspiring" volleyball this year!! We predict some beautiful summer nites of fun!! Bring a volleyball friend! IBEX provides the nets & balls.



If we encounter "inclement" weather, total lack of energy, or any other lame excuse, you can always meet us at our backup plan "B": "drinking" @ "Morretti's Sports Bar"(1893 Walden Office Square, Schaumburg), located just west of Rt 53 on Algonquin Rd - around 8:30pm!!! Any questions? Call Denny Gawlik @ (847) 849-8004 (work)/(847) 275-8778 (cell) or "Sweet" Sue Lessen @ (847) 781-0943(home).

[Map Link Here](#)

ED'S PHILOSO-FEE

Though it is still August, the weather is already getting cooler. This past Saturday night at Ravinia watching the Bonnie Raitt concert, I saw everyone in the venue wearing jackets and sweaters. Global warming is nowhere to be found in the Chicagoland area. As I write this article it is raining and chilly outside, so it must be time for the Ski Trip Kick-off Party!



Pam Arnold and the rest of the Executive Board have worked extra hard on bringing you better value for your dollar. All the trips have top flight accommodations while charging you the same as the bottom of the barrel dumps. The ski trip destinations have thrown in extra parties and discounts for most our trips so as to entice our membership to get out of the house and get skiing!

This month we have Janine's famous Lake Geneva Bike Ride, or is it her Infamous Lake Geneva Bar Tour? Sometimes we forget which is more important, the drinking or the riding? Though from previous experience, it is helpful to have a few drinks before hitting the dreaded "BIG HILL" after lunch. Remember there is no shame in getting off your bike and walking up those hills, but it is better for your self-respect if you pretend not to notice the barely contained snickers and side comments as others ride up past you...

Emmett's Ale Pub in downtown Palatine is the Bar of the Month on Friday, Sept. 18th. This place has **GREAT** Margarita's, which is always an important aspect for any bar, and has an outdoor patio with a cast iron fireplace. It is al-

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IBEX MEMBERSHIP

Current membership is at 59 with an increase of 17 for the month of August. If you have not renewed, you will need to renew prior to Fall Colors or Ski Trip signup. We are looking for the end of August & September to give us a big kick in renewals during Trip Signup activities. Pre-

printed forms will be available for all past members at the Ibx meetings so you don't have to fill out new paperwork. Simply make any changes to the information, write a check, and hand it in at the meeting. Blank forms are posted on the Website for downloading in case you can't make it to the meetings. Please submit the form and payment to the PO Box on the form.

Postcards are available and can be used to advertise IBEX at local town events. Please see me at the next meeting if you have an event that you can help distribute our information. On-line flyers were E-Blast to all members in August. PLEASE....We need everyone's help in advertising and communicating to family, friends, co-workers, etc. to grow our club. As they say...the more the merrier. Thanks for your help!

*- Jacquie Wodach
Membership Chair*



L.G.B.T. - CONTINUED

21 miles, mildly rolling hills (except for one that most of us just walk up) and 5 pub stops --- what's not to enjoy?! If you haven't made plans for Sept 12th, this is your destiny!! See Page 6, the next page actually, for details.

WHAT YOU MISSED - CONTINUED

one remember the 5th hole? But I certainly can't forget that pig roast. My compliments to the chef! Next year's menu will have serious competition with this year's.

And, if memory serves me correct, June 20th was the only dry and warm day of that month. It was a good thing too, since that was the day of our Fox River bike ride. I know everyone had a good time because Ed has the pictures to prove it! See exercising can't be a bad thing when you're having so much fun.

And speaking of exercising, Joe Cocker showed everyone at Ravinia his classic moves. Wow, that old boy still can rock! I hope he comes back to Ravinia next year because I won't want to miss his show a second time.

Check Please! Yes, that's right PBS's restaurant review show will be featuring Mint Julep in Palatine sometime this fall. But Ibex was there ahead of the lights and the camera's feasting on Miss Dee's fine Southern style food—fried green tomatoes, a 2009 version of Mint Julep's, and fried chicken. Yummy. Thanks Joe Heater for being a restaurant trend setter!

I still can't believe it could be that cold in July. But that didn't stop Ibexers from have a great day at Busse Woods. Good food, bags tournament, volleyball matches to keep the blood flow-

ing and so many munchies. I don't know about you, but I had to do a bunch of sit-ups to burn all those extra calories.

That leaves only a few events left, including the Port Clinton Bike Ride and Arts Festival. I hope to see you out at each event.

This summer would not be the great fun without the help of so many people. Too numerous to mention and I'm afraid I'm missed someone, so I'm just going to give one BIG thanks to everyone who volunteered to make this summer such a success.

Looking forward, we have a number of things coming up in September and October like the Lake Geneva Bike ride on Sept. 12th and Fall Colors. Also the Broken Oar bike ride is October 10th. Plus, I'm planning an Oktoberfest and another Top Golf event in early October. Stay tuned.

If anyone has ideas for new and fun events and/or would like to run an event, please let me know. I'm always looking for volunteers and I'm still looking for an Assistant! Hope to see you at an event or meeting soon.

- Pam Oz
Activities Chair

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Saturday - September 12, 2009	Lake Geneva Bike Tour
Friday - September 18, 209	Bar of the Month - Emmet's Palatine
Fri, Sat, Sun - September 25,26,27	Fall Colors Golf Outing
Saturday - October 10, 2009	Broken Oar Bike Ride

LAKE GENEVA BIKE TOUR



On **Saturday, September 12^h** we will meet in downtown Lake Geneva for our annual circum-navigational bike ride around the lake. Talk with anyone who's been on this ride before and they'll tell you how much fun they've had!

THIS IS AN ALL DAY EVENT STARTING AT EITHER 9AM or 11AM depending on what you want to do:

Want some

BREAKFAST before the ride? We will meet for breakfast at **Lake-Aire Restaurant** (804 W. Main Street, Lake Geneva) **around 9AM.**

I don't suggest bringing your bike to the restaurant – the sidewalk is small; but if it jeopardizes your ability to be **READY TO RIDE at 11:00AM**, then bring it along with a lock.

Just want to ride? We'll meet in the **Champs parking lot** (Champs is 747 W. Main Street) **READY TO RIDE at 11:00am.**

PARKING

There are 4-hour meters all over Lake Geneva --- try to find a spot without meters. We've had luck with a little lot at the corner of **Sage St and Geneva St.** (Look for the Starbucks on the corner of Main St – aka Hwy 50 – and Center St, turn right to first street which is Geneva and turn right again to end which is Sage)

THE RIDE

The ride is approximately **21 miles** along a **rolling landscape**: some of the landscape is gentle, a small bit of it is not, all of it makes for a fun ride.

There are **5 pubs** for us to rest our pedals – although we try to stop at them all, the total number of stops is a **fluid** evaluation of the fun had at each stop.

We will have **lunch** at either pub stop 3 or 4, depending on the hunger



level of the group.

The **ANNUAL GROUP PICTURE** will be taken in front of the lake at our favorite stop

We end the day c.6:30p at **Pop-eye's for dinner** and chuckles of the day's events.

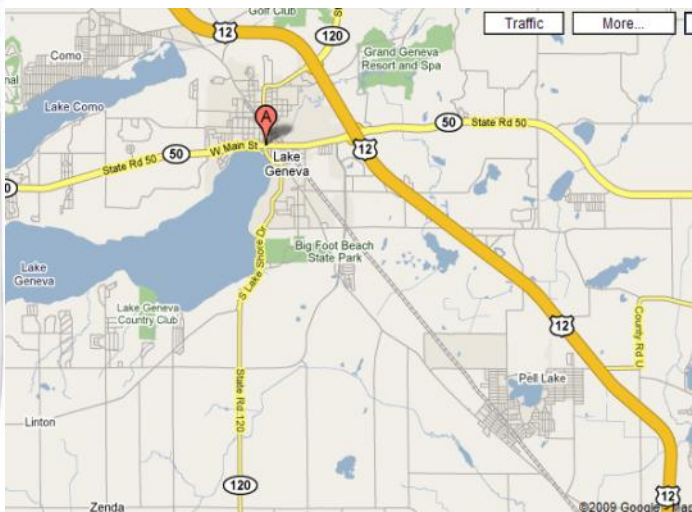
CAN'T BIKE IT BUT STILL WANT TO PARTICIPATE ? ?

There are lots of ways you can still join this group:

Bring your motorcycle --- last year we had a few members who donned leather instead of lycra and had just as much fun!

Rent a moped!! (if you can find one, let me know and I'll help promote it to others for you!)

Drive it!! If you think you can offer "sag" assistance to your biking buddies in the unlikely event that something unexpected happens, you're pretty much guaranteed that someone will buy you a beverage of your choice out of gratitude!! Let me know if you're driving and I can share the names of others who are driving as well in the event you'd like to carpool!



Vail Colorado

Veritably Vail...Value !

Join your fellow Ibex for our first weeklong trip to exiting Vail for the amazing price of \$1198 for a week of superb skiing and fun galore. Vail has it all – **outstanding skiing** with three distinct areas of the mountain, including **seven bowls and 5,289 acres** of terrain. At seven miles wide, finding fresh tracks is as easy as finding elbow room. In fact, on an average day, there are only two skiers per acre, and on a busy day, only four! Vail receives an average of **346 Inches of snow** each winter and combined with **300 days of sunshine a year** and you've got perfect conditions.

We've also booked **primo accommodations @ the Vail Spa** - located in Lionshead which is conveniently located within walking distance to Vail's

Eagle Bahn Gondola. Condos have full kitchens, living and dining areas, washers and dryers and complimentary wireless Internet access. Check out the **Spa with hot tubs, saunas, steam rooms and indoor and outdoor pools.**

There will be plenty of opportunities to party including a Welcome Reception, Group Dinner, Ibex/Louisville Ski Clubs Pizza Party—Hosted by Vail Resorts and a Pub Crawl. Our cutoff date for securing spots is the Sept. 16th meeting so we don't incur airline penalties. Sign up quickly to secure your spot to Vail @ the Trip Sign Up Party or the Sept. 2 or Sept. 16th meeting. Call me if you have questions.

Pam Arnold
Trip Leader
847-915-2887

Bar of the Month



You're invited to return to a time when a meal at the local tavern was much more than just a meal...it was an experience.

Munich Light

Light, golden straw color with a creamy white head. 4.0% ABV

1A.M. ALE

A traditional English-style ale with an American twist. 4.5% ABV

Victory Pale Ale

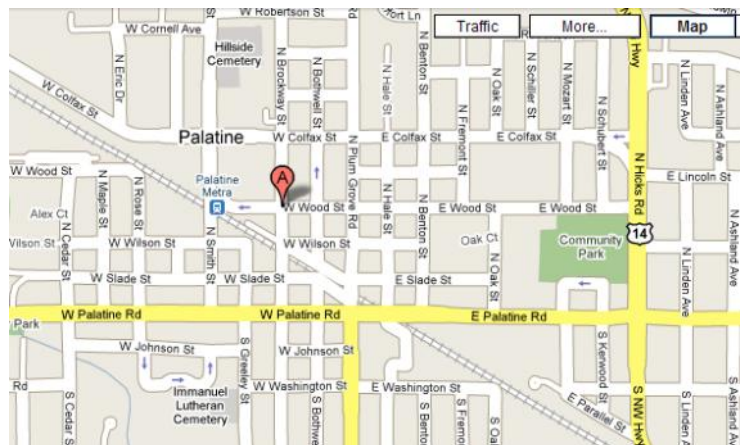
Victory Pale Ale is all about the hops. 5.6% ABV

Mccarthy Red Ale

An American classic... the McCarthy Red has it all. 5.2% ABV

Double Barrel Oatmeal Stout

Jet black in color, with a creamy tan head.



Friday, September 18th

Emmett's Ale House

110 North Brockway Street
Palatine, Illinois 60067

Join your fellow Ibex any time after 6:00

Emmett's menu features more than twenty menu entrees, as well as daily specials and seasonal favorites. Those seeking more casual fare will enjoy the variety of excellent sandwiches, burgers, and appetizers.

KEYSTONE - CONTINUED

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from work or none at all! We will return on Sunday, January 3, leaving the resort at 3:30 PM arriving in Chicago around 10:20 PM. This will give you four full days of skiing.

For \$1,219 you will receive the round trip airfare on United, a direct flight from O'Hare to Denver and back plus ground transportation to and from the Denver airport. Four nights lodging at the Keystone Lodge, which is typical hotel lodging: two per room with either one king or two queen beds. Also included, is a welcome wine and cheese party, three days of lift tickets at Keystone (which is part of Vail resorts and can also be used at nearby A-Basin and Breckenridge) and one day lift ticket and transportation to ski at Copper Mountain (my personal favourite ski area in the world!).

Per our esteemed Trip Chair, Pam Arnold, the Keystone Lodge is in a great location, close to the mountain. It has restaurants and bars, a full spa, hot tubs (plural), swimming pool, and free shuttle

buses.

Additional activities will be a New Year's celebration and the usual pub crawl. Details on those will be forthcoming.

Some general information on Keystone

One of Vail's five ski resorts, Keystone stretches seven miles along the Snake River, over three mountains, 3,128 vertical feet, 3,148 acres of terrain, and three villages with shops, bars, and restaurants.

Located near Dillon in Summit County, CO, Keystone has 125 trails and 20 lifts, including two gondolas. Keystone offers the largest night skiing operation with nine trails and a designated Night Park. Keystone also offers many activities for children.

For more detailed information on the trip, the ski area, and the hotel please see the attached PDF.

Remember, the cut off date for sign-up is September 16.

- Sarah Schmeichel

Trip Leader

ED'S PHILOSO-FEE - CONT.

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ways fun to be tipping back a brew or two while sitting by a roaring fire listening to Denny expound on the good ol' days of Ibex. I encourage everyone to stop by and have a drink or two with myself and our other Ibex friends.

This year our Fall Colors Golf outing is during the last weekend in September. Here I hope to redeem myself from my miserable showing at the last golf outing at the Golf "ghetto" of Lakemoor. This time my main goal is to come back with at least one ball from my 24 pack! I don't know if I can afford to keep playing if I am averaging one lost ball per hole. You other golfers may worry about keeping your scores low, I just worry about not having to mooch golf balls from my four-some...

As the days get shorter and the sunset keeps getting earlier, Monday night volleyball at Busse Woods will begin starting at 5:00pm. So for the rest of the month plan on bringing your gym clothes to work so you can quickly change out of your work clothes and play with us until sunset. Denny, myself and the gang will keep playing throughout September until the weather finally forces us to quit. On labor day, Monday, September 7th we will be playing starting at 3:00pm for anyone interested in joining us. Don't forget that when the park rangers kick us out, we just go over to Morretti's at Rt. 53 & Algonquin for a few beverages and food. Feel free to join us there after it gets dark.

- Ed Fee

IBEX TRIP CONNECTIONS - CONT.

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- Nastar

Multiple Benefits in Mt. Bachelor - Ski & Golf

Feb. Long Weekend - Mt. Bachelor

30 spots Price: \$1085

Trip Leader: Patrice Conaway

Dates: Departure 2/24, UA Flight 949 @ 4:55 pm, return Mon., 3/1 UA Flight 464 @ 2:00 pm; 5 nights lodging @ The Riverhouse

Your Package Includes:

- Ground Transportation
- Hot breakfast daily
- 3 day lift ticket with bus shuttle daily to Mt. Bachelor
- Welcome Party
- Optional day of unlimited golf with cart @ \$48.00 additional per person

Tantalizing... Tempting Telluride

Spring Break - Telluride, CO

40 spots Price: \$1259.00

Trip Leader: Mike Psaras

Dates: Departure Sat., 3/20 AA Flight 2447 @ 9:25 am, return Sat., 3/27 AA Flight 2456 @ 12:25 PM

7 nights lodging @ Bear Creek Lodge (on mountain accommodations!)

Your Package Includes:

- Ground transportation
- 5 day lift ticket
- Wine & Cheese Party
- Nastar

Cosmopolitan, Cultured, Captivating Chile - All Ways Surprising !!!

Sept. 2010 - Valle Nevado, Chile

24 spots Price: \$2675.00

Trip Leader: Glen Chiechi

Dates: Departure Fri., Sept. 10 from Chicago, O'Hare to Santiago. Return on Sept. 19 Flights to be confirmed 330 days prior to departure

4 nights lodging @ Bonaparte Hotel

Your Package Includes:

- Breakfast daily
- Airport ground transfers
- Airport meet and greet
- Half day City Tour with English speaking guide, trip to Los Dominicos

- Full day tour to Maipo Valley and Conch y Tora and lunch
- Full day tour to Valparaiso Villa del Mar tour and lunch

- Transfers to Valle Nevado

4 nights lodging @ Puerta Del Sol @ Valle Nevado, 80 feet from slopes

Your Package Includes:

- Breakfast and dinner daily at the hotel
- Round trip bus transfers
- Outdoor heated pool
- Ski lockers
- 5 ski days with unlimited access to ski lifts
- Welcome drink
- Daily après ski
- Access to fitness center, sauna, exercise room

Important Note: Price above based upon estimated air of \$1100, subject to change upon confirmation by airlines 330 days prior to departure. Based upon discussions with provider, air estimate should be within \$50 (+-).

Optional Extension Buenos Aires

Land package only \$529, air and flights to be priced and confirmed 330 days prior to departure 4 nights lodging at the Hotel Helia

Your Package Includes:

- Airport transfers
- Airport meet and greet
- Breakfast daily
- ½ day city tour Buenos Aires
- Tango show with dinner and wine

Additional Options that will be available at additional cost include:

- Lunch and horse back riding
- Uruguay tour

Pam Arnold Chiechi

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Patty Blades

Trip Assistant

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TELLURIDE—SPRING SKIING

We depart on March 20, 2010 from Chicago O'Hare on American Airlines Flight AA-2447 at 9:25: AM and arrive in Montrose, CO at 11:30 AM. From there it is a 65 mile bus ride to Telluride.

The Town of Telluride is located in the southwest corner of Colorado in the spectacular San Juan Range of the Rocky Mountains. The town is situated in a dramatic box canyon and is surrounded by the twelve and thirteen thousand foot peaks of the Uncompahgre National Forest. Telluride a more out of the way, full-service ski resort with exceedingly short lift lines.

We'll be staying in the Mountain Village at the Bear Creek Lodge. The Bear Creek Lodge is ski in/ ski out and located near the gondola. All condominiums include a generous size living room with a gas fireplace, furnished in a warm and inviting mountain decor; a spacious dining area, full gourmet kitchen, jetted tub, mountain views, plush robes, luxurious bedding, washer/dryer, wireless internet, DVD/VCR entertainment center, in room safe, hair dryers, ironing board/iron, daily housekeeping, and premium coffee. Luxury amenities at the Bear Creek Lodge include three hot tubs, sauna and a heated pool.

Telluride has over 1,700 acres of skiable terrain serviced by 18 lifts including, 2 gondolas, 8 quad express lifts, 2 triple chairs, 2 double chairs, and 4 surface lifts. This uphill capacity gives skiers and boarders access to 92 separate runs rated as 24% beginner, 38% intermediate, and 38% advanced/expert. The longest run, *Galloping Goose*, is 4.6 miles long. Gold Hill's Lift #14 provides access to the highest skiable point at 12,255ft. Although most of the runs descending from the top of Lift #14 are double black, there is an easy descent from this lift, coming down the *See Forever* ski run on top of the ridge is among the best alpine vistas in the world.

Some of the Ibx group activities include a wine and cheese welcome party, group dinner and pub crawl.

We return to Chicago on March 27, 2010 departing Montrose Airport on American Airlines Flight AA-2456 at 12: 25 PM arriving at Chicago O'Hare at 4:05 PM.

All of this for \$1259. I'll be taking signups at the trip signup party on August 28. Be sure to reserve your spot on this trip because it will fill up fast.

-Mike Psaras, Trip Leader



MOUNT BACHELOR

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

Ski with us this coming February in Mount Bachelor, Oregon. Ibex hasn't been there in recent (maybe never) memory so the vast majority of us need to check this mountain off our "life lists". 2010 is your opportunity to get to another resort in the Cascades! This mountain is no slouch, either: First of all, it's a VOLCANO with a summit at 9000 feet with 3365 feet of vertical drop for skiing. Their average base is 200 inches of snow, and it's that drier "whipped cream" Cascade snow. More on the mountain will be reported in next month's newsletter.

The trip includes roundtrip airfare on United Air to Portland, transportation to the Riverhouse Resort in Bend, OR, (pictured here), 3 days of lift tickets with an option for a 4th day, 5 nights in hotel rooms at the Riverhouse, HOT BREAKFAST every morning, and shuttle service to/ from the mountain. And for even more adventure: on your day off, you can play UNLIMITED golf with cart for \$48. (Can YOU play 54 holes in one day? It could be the new Ibex challenge.) Not many ski trips can offer golf in the same week, but we are in 2010.



Our flight leaves around 5 PM on Wednesday February 24, and returns Monday March 1, so with a little creative scheduling, you may need only 3 days of vacation to join us. That's a pretty good return on your investment.

So come on to the signup party and join Ibex for SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT in Oregon. A \$200 deposit will reserve your spot. Contact me, Patrice C, at ibexpatrice@yahoo.com with any questions.



CHILE - SANTIAGO & VALLEE NEVADO

Cosmopolitan, Cultured, Captivating Chile - All Ways Surprising !!!

Adventure, Wine Tasting, Skiing & Fun – don't miss out on your chance to participate in the 1st ever IbeX trip to the Southern Hemisphere. We will depart on Fri., Sept. 10, 2010 to Santiago, Chile with skiing @ Valle Nevado and an optional excursion to Buenos Aires. Tango anyone? Hey, it takes 2 to tango! It's important to sign up early for this one in case we need to work with our trip provider to add more spots. Please let me know if you require information regarding payment by credit card option for the Chile trip (after the initial sign up deposit). Don't miss out – sign up today!

Santiago City Tour

You will visit the most important historical sites of Santiago including the downtown area surrounding the **Plaza de Armas** and the **Presidential Palace**. You will also pass by the **Mercado Central**, one of Chile's largest fresh seafood markets and take a stroll by the many bustling stalls to see the tremendous variety



available from Chile's bountiful sea. You will visit some of the lesser known barrios of Santiago including, **Republica** and **Concha y Toro**. Initially constituting the outskirts of the city, the capital's constant growth transformed the area into a privileged neighborhood and home of Santiago's high society. There will be time to walk around and take photos of the many styles of architecture from dating back to the 19th and early 20th century. Continuing through the **Las-**

tarrias neighborhood you will walk through the **Parque Forestal** passing by the **Bellas Artes Museum**. For a scenic vista of the city, you will visit the top of **Cerro San Cristobal** hill 600 feet above the city. Your final stop will be the picturesque **Los Dominicos Craft Market** with over 150 Chilean artists where you can enjoy a stroll through the pleasant atmosphere of the artisan village or have lunch independently.

Maipo Valley Wine Tour

Departing Santiago, you will drive south along the foothills of the Andes to the **Maipo Valley**.



The valley, the oldest and most famous of Chile's wine valleys, is home to many of Chile's famous wineries. You will travel back in time to 1883 when Don Melchor **Concha y Toro** brought grapevines from Bordeaux to Chile and established one of Chile's most important wineries. You will see how the new merges with the old, including a visit to the Casillero del Diablo, the "devils corner" in the ancient part of the cellars. Next stop, one of the jewels of Chile, **Viña Santa Rita**, founded in 1880. You will visit the winery and cellars before our lunch in the winery's Doña Paula Restaurant, which is a certified national monument.

Concha y Toro Vinyards

There are few places in the world where nature has favored a territory as much as in the Chilean Central Valley, where rich sun shines on the vineyards about 300 days a year. The soft ocean breezes, impressive Andes mountains, perfectly balanced soil components and clean mountain rivers create an ideal micro-climate for cultivating the noblest of French stock: Cabernet Sauvi-

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gnon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Carménère, and Sauvignon Blanc, among others..

The Port City of Valparaiso and Viña del Mar (full day)

You will drive west approximately one hour and a half in the direction of the coast and pass through the lush agricultural valley of **Curacavi** and the now famous **Casablanca** wine valley. Our coastal tour will begin in **Valparaiso**, one of the first cities founded by the Spanish, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. You will begin your tour in the downtown sector of the port learning about the history of Valparaiso and its importance in South American trade and commerce. Spread along spectacular steep hills and splendid aging buildings you will ride the century old hillside ascensors (elevators) and walk through the **Concepcion** and **Alegre** neighborhoods. Your lunch in Valparaiso will be at **Coco Loco**. Located on the 22nd floor of the prestigious Costanera building it has magnificent views of the Pacific coastline. After lunch, our destination will be the resort city of **Viña del Mar**, also known as "ciudad jardin" (city of gardens) because of its lush gardens and palm-lined boulevards.

Valle Nevado

Located in the heart of the Andes, 1-1/2 hours from Santiago, Valle Nevado Resort is the largest winter resort in the Southern Hemisphere and is probably the most modern in Chile. Nested in a wonderful natural setting, it is a world apart, offering more than 22,000 acres (34 square miles) of skiable terrain. Valle Nevado Resort is famous for powder skiing and phenomenal views of the Andes Mountain Range. With modern lifts, you can enjoy more than 25 diverse, fully-groomed runs; the terrain is immense and all above tree line.

Valle Nevado Resort Stats:

- 278 inches of annual snowfall
- 22,236 acres, 12 lifts
- Top elevation: 12,038 ft.
- Lowest elevation: 9,381 ft.
- 14% beginner, 30% intermediate, 56% advanced / expert



Optional Extension Buenos Aires

Land package only \$529, air and flights to be priced and confirmed 330 days prior to departure

4 nights lodging at the Hotel Helia

Includes:

- Airport transfers
- Airport meet and greet
- Breakfast daily
- ½ day city tour Buenos Aires
- Tango show with dinner and wine

Options available for lunch and horse back riding
Option available to take tour to Uruguay

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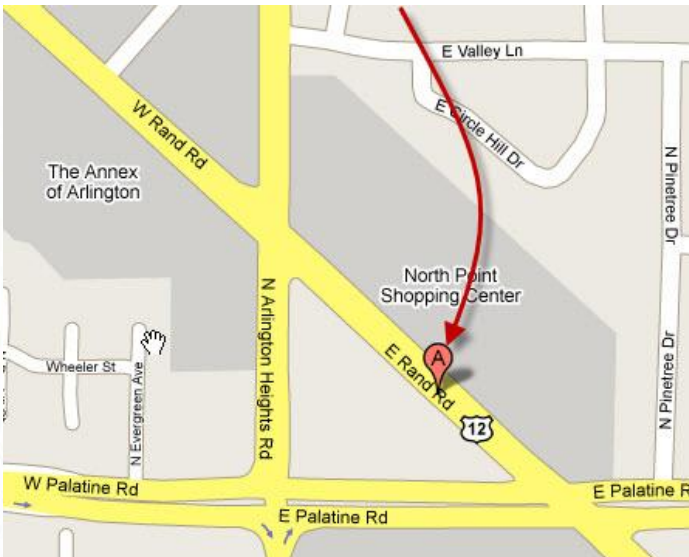
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Michael Borowiah	09--06
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Agnes Maciejak	09--16
Peggy Sue Wilson	09--17
Susan Binzel	09--17
Don Starzyk	09--22
Jean Bagel	09--23
Tom Zolna	09--23
Jennine Mroczenski	09--28

PARTING SHOTS

Did you hear about the constipated composer? He couldn't finish the last movement.

Moronic Instructions

On a hairdryer:
'Do not use while sleeping.'

On a bag of chips:
'You could be a winner! No purchase necessary. Details inside.'

On a Swedish chainsaw:
'Do not attempt to stop chain with your hands or genitals.'

Bada Bing, Bada Boom-"That's all Folks!"



Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Club Meeting at Gatsby's</i>	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Volleyball</i>	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Lake Geneva Bike Tour</i>
13	14 <i>Volleyball</i>	15	16 <i>Club Meeting at Gatsby's</i>	17	18 <i>Bar of the Month Emmett's in Palatine</i>	19
20	21 <i>Volleyball</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Fall Colors Golf Outing</i>	26 <i>Fall Colors Golf Outing</i>
27 <i>Fall Colors Golf Outing</i>	28	29	30			

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 <i>Club Meeting at Gatsby's</i>	8	9	10 <i>Broken Oar Bike Ride Palatine to the Fox River</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 <i>Club Meeting at Gatsby's</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31