



# THE OLDE GOAT

## Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club

Meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at:

**Crave**

1204 W. Rand Road

Arlington Heights, IL

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June Meetings  
Wednesday, June 1  
Wednesday, June 15

Location: Crave  
1204 W. Rand Road  
Arlington Heights, IL

Brews 'N Schmooze Hour: 7:00PM  
Meeting Time: 8:00 PM Promptly

## Moon's Musings

New this year at general meetings will be a Sign-up Table. Trips and Activities will have leaders sitting at one table and will take sign-up for about 15/20 minutes after the general meeting. Hopefully this will allow an easier venue for sign-ups and the collection of monies. It should also allow the various leaders time to socialize with friends after the meeting.

Last Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> was my first general meeting as President, we started at 8:04 PM and were finished by 8:20 PM. One of my goals this year is to start all meetings on time and adjourn quickly, as soon as the business is complete.

I know the first was really the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, but work kept me out of town, allowing Patrice to stand in for me.

**The Ibex New Year is starting out to be a very busy year. Saturday, May 14, Patrice, Lou, Lynne and I attended the annual CSMC Ski Seminar in Rosemont followed by ChicagoLand Cart Racing.**

While the number of providers and area representatives seem smaller than in years past, we still were able to get bids on several exciting trips. Patrice will be very busy for the next few weeks sorting out bids, flight times, costs, and other information from the providers to offer Ibex Ski and Snowboard Club another superb year of outstanding trips. Trips should be announced sometime in July, followed by the Trip Party in late August.

All of the providers at the seminar were telling us that trips are going to be priced higher than last year. The airlines are struggling with fuel and labor costs that will drive the cost of airfare higher and higher. That said, we are still going to provide club members an excellent value for vacation trips.

CSMC offers an award party (free beer) for the vendors and club participants after the seminar meetings had concluded. Ed Bendickson and his outstanding Ibex newsletter, won third place honors within the CSMC 150 member plus clubs. Great Job Ed and Patty!

The summer activities of Ibex kick in soon, Monday Volleyball, Thursday Night Bike Rides, Ravinia, Golf, Scuba Trips, and picnics, the Annual Ibex and Dennys, to mention a few of the many events Janine has planned for us.

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# Ibex 2005/2006 Ski Trips

In my inaugural article as Trip Chairperson, I pondered many approaches to this space. I could be witty and light-hearted, I could conceal secret clues to a special prize in a treasure hunt for the literate observer, or I could just get the job done.

I voted for the latter, although my more creative side will obviously have to embrace blog publishing in the future.

Therefore, I pledge to provide the information that you seek, and not much else. In these days of schedule juggling and electronic device overload, simplifying your lives is the least I can do. Those desiring more detail are welcome to e-mail me and I will try to accommodate your questions. So here goes:

**TRIP SURVEY RESULTS:** As covered in the 5/4/05 meeting, the preferences were Whistler, Europe, Taos, Telluride, or Sun Valley for a 7 day trip; Crested Butte, Big Sky, Steamboat, or Breckenridge for 5 day trips; and Granite Peak for a Midwest Trip.

**TRIPS ANNOUNCEMENT:** I hope to announce the 2006 schedule at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting barring unforeseen obstacles. Otherwise, it will be July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**TRIP PRICING:** You have no doubt observed that the U.S. airline industry is in very big trouble this year, and their struggle is our problem in the form of rising airfares. This will adversely affect Ibex trip pricing this year. We are sorry, but that is the reality. I just wanted to give you a heads-up.

**DECEMBER BUS TRIP?** Ski School pointed out that they would prefer to have a Midwest trip at the start of the season, which makes sense. If you have interest in going on a bus trip timed sometime in December (snow-willing), please let me know. Destination is likely Boyne, and this trip would be in addition to, not in place of, the February Granite Peak trip.

**TRIP SIGNUP PARTY** Please save **Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM for the Trip Sign-Up Party.**

*Patrice Conaway*

[ibextrips@skiibex.com](mailto:ibextrips@skiibex.com)



## Highland Woods Golf - June 18<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am

Back by popular demand is an Ibex golf outing run by Carl Berg and his helper Uncle Hank. It will be held at one of Cook County's finest golf establishments, Highland Woods in Hoffman Estates. (2775 N. Ela Road, 847.359.5850)

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

The date is Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tee times will start at 9:00am sharp, so get there early and don't stay out too late on Friday night unless you plan on going right to the course.

You will play individual (real) golf on the front nine and golf a best ball scramble for one score for your foursome on the back.

After golf we will head to the Carl Berg estate (a quick 15 minutes north of the course) for a cook out, some adult beverages (Jagermeister is optional), volleyball, socializing, buffoonery and just hanging out. We might even have some valuable prizes. (21300 Bobwhite Lane, Deer Park)

The price will be no different than 3 years ago, no inflation, no gas surcharge, no cost of living increase, just a rock bottom cost of only \$66.00 U. S. dollars. If you can't golf with us you can still come to the cook out for \$15 bucks.

Sign ups start at the May 04<sup>th</sup> meeting. See Carl then or call him at 847-438-0840 with any questions. Maps will be available at the meetings.

*Your Golf Pimps*

*Carl and Hank*

# ACTIVITIES CORNER:

## Things to Do!!!

Greetings, Ibex! Following are the latest activities that are going on for the next month. Come on out and join us in the fun!!! If you have any questions, you can contact me at [j9west@comcast.net](mailto:j9west@comcast.net).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Saturday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, June 18 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Golf Outing: Highland Woods
Friday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	BOM: Onion Pub & Brewery

**GAMES NIGHT:** The games nights are usually 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. PLEASE NOTE THAT GAMES NIGHT WILL NOT BE HELD IN JUNE. Our next games night will be Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SCAVENGER HUNT:** Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

We're going to have a photo scavenger hunt around scenic Lake Glenview!! Bring your digital camera (or bring someone who has one); we'll pass out pictures of objects that you need to find and snap a picture of it to confirm you found it. This is going to be a team sport: we'll break out the scavengers into a few teams to get your competitive juices flowing. And to keep your salivary juices moist, we'll have a small bar stop mid-hunt! Prizes will be awarded for various categories such as Fastest Team to Locate All Items, Most Original Picture, Funniest Picture, etc.

We'll meet at The Yardhouse (a former BOM in the Town Center in The Glen) at 3:30p and will start the Hunt at 4:00p. After the hunt, we'll take all digital cameras to Casa d'Westlund for a viewing and judging of the pictures.

**\$15 per person** will give you access to the mid-scavenge bar stop, post-scavenge pizza, post-scavenge libations as well as a few hours of good giggles. Please send an email to me at [j9west@comcast.net](mailto:j9west@comcast.net) by **Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** to make sure enough beverages are available!!

**BAR OF THE MONTH:** Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

The Onion Pub Restaurant & Brewery features a variety of microbrews along with good food and comfortable surroundings. As you may know, the word "Chicago" comes from "che cau gau" which translated loosely means "land where the wild onion grows". This microbrewery was so named to honor the history of the area. We've visited this locale once before, and the offerings are anything but stinky!!

Located at 22n221 Pepper Lake Road in Lake Barrington (847.381.7308), The Onion has a great outside deck if the weather cooperates, and a beautiful spacious indoor bar if it doesn't. Check it out at <http://www.onionpub.com/>.

**GOLF: HIGHLAND WOODS:** Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

A fine Ibex tradition, Carl Berg is hosting our annual golf outing at Highland Woods this year. The outing starts at 9:00a and will have a variety of golfing alternatives for those who may not be potential Tigers. The \$66 fee includes golfing and post-golf food and libations. Please contact Carl for more information (847.438.0840) or [ufolno1@aol.com](mailto:ufolno1@aol.com).

*Come on out, get involved and have some fun!!!*

*Janine*

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*Heard at Emmett's at the Bar of the Month:*

*"What's with the salad bowls in the men's room? Who knew?"*

*Steve Lenius*

# DENNY'S 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BI-CENTENNIAL PICNIC

**WHEN:** SATURDAY – JULY 2, 2005

**WHERE:** BUSSE WOODS – GROVE #26 ( NW Tollway to Arlington Heights Rd

Exit, go south on Arlington Heights Rd past Higgins Rd (Rt 72) approx. 1 mile to the “Busse Forest Main Dam” Entrance, west to Grove #26)

**COST:** “FREE” – COURTESY OF DENNY!

**TIME:** 11:00 AM – ‘TILL DUSK

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

\*\*\* **FOOD PROVIDED:** HAMBURGERS, ITALIAN SAUSAGE, GERMAN BRATS, & HOT DOGS !!

\*\*\* **DRINKS PROVIDED:** DIET & REGULAR SODA POP!!

\*\*\* **GAMES:** VOLLEYBALL & “WHIFFLE” BASEBALL!!

\*\*\* **ANNUAL DANCE CONTEST:** BEST MUSIC OF THE PAST “MILLENIUM” & BEYOND!!!

**ATTIRE:** CASUAL “SUMMER” CLOTHING WITH YOUR PATRIOTIC “RED, WHITE, & BLUE” COLORS & A #29 PASTED SOMEWHERE (?) ON YOUR ANATOMY!!

\*\*\* **B.Y.O.B. :** “BRING-YOUR-OWN-BOOZE”! ( PREFERABLE IN CANS OR PLASTIC CONTAINERS; PLENTY OF ICE & COOLERS WILL BE PROVIDED )

\*\*\* **Children & Pets** are “Welcome” too – provided that you supervise them!!

\*\*\* **Eatables:** Donations of Salads, Cakes, & Munchies etc. are most appreciated!

**QUESTIONS ???** CALL DENNY GAWLIK @ 847-272-7070 x6704 (work/voice mail) or 847-275-8778 (cell)

## **"LET'S PARTY!"**

### *Moon's Musings*

Last Tuesday, Janine scheduled her second activities planning meeting, as last year more than a dozen Ibex attended offering fresh ideas, suggestions, and volunteering to move from ideas to actual events.

The Bar of Month, Emmetts in Palatine, proved to be a popular place to be last Friday night. Twenty or so turned out to sample the new brew pub in downtown Palatine. The pub offers a delicious and creative menu in addition to several unique brews.

There is plenty to keep us busy all summer, so bring a friend, meet a friend, get involved in your club. If you have an idea for a fun activity, just mention it to any of the EB members, we will pass it on to Janine.

Enjoy the summer!

*Craig*

## **SCUBA NEWS**

### **WARM WEATHER TRIPS**

#### **AMBERGRIS CAYE, BELIZE – May 28 to June 4**

A group of us will be enjoying Belize about the time you receive this mailer. Look at next mailer for all the stories.

#### **TURKS & CAICOS – November 5 to 12**

Enjoy a week of diving off the Turks & Caicos Explorer II for around \$2499. Only 2 spots left.

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Any suggestions for next February?

#### **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC – May**

See next mailer for more info.

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

*Cindy Warta*

847-394-8805 [mgwarta@msn.com](mailto:mgwarta@msn.com)

# Do You Like Collecting Money ??

Hey Fellow Ibex Members,

I am still looking for a volunteer to be my official assistant this year. Who ever would volunteer to fill this role would fill in for me when I can't make meetings and hopefully, seriously consider taking on this role in the future.

Of course, basic accounting and computer skills would be helpful (Ibex has a computer for the treasurer and we are using QuickBooks (looks a lot like Quicken)).

If you are interested in working with me as an assistant, please drop me an email, or catch me at the next meeting and I will be happy to talk about the details.

Thanks again for your support, and I look forward to another great year of Ibex trips and activities.

*Ibex Treasurer 2005-06*

**Lou DiFrancisco**

## Membership Matters

Final Membership for 2004-2005: **165**

As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, it's time to renew your membership! Current members will continue to receive the newsletter and other club benefits throughout the summer, but please try to renew early (and often, if you so desire) to help us administratively.

**Dave**

IbexMembership@SkiIbex.com

### June birthday wishes to:

Ed Bendickson	02	Diane Douglas	21
Kathy Brownfield	02	Susan Prust	21
Brent Bauer	04	Beth Siela	21
Diane Schuler	05	Bill Darman	23
Roger Kasch	06	Michael Lepsi	25
Bill Childress	08	Eric Steege	25
Laura McGroarty	12	Bill Haussmann	26
Paul Mezyolo	13	Ann Bass	28
Ginny Johnson	16	Michele Robbins	29
John Brandt	21	David Toy	30
Cindy Donmyer	21		

### Membership categories:

Single (e-mail)	\$ 20
Single (paper)	\$ 30
Couple/Family (e-mail)	\$ 35
Couple/Family (paper)	\$ 45



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# It's time to ... renew your membership!

June is here and we have begun accepting memberships for the upcoming year. You see, here at Ibex, we always seem to run on a different clock and calendar. Officially, the Ibex year starts on May 1, but membership renewals are generally accepted over the summer months.

Be sure to renew your membership and continue receiving your award-winning **Olde Goat** newsletter.

- Stay informed about all of the fun summertime Ibex activities.
- Learn about the exciting new trips for the upcoming ski season (remember, you must be a member to sign up for these trips).
- And many more we just don't have space to print.

Renew early and avoid the rush. Complete the attached membership application and either bring it to an Ibex general meeting or mail it (with payment) to the address listed.

**If possible, please choose the e-mail option. This will ensure that you get your newsletters and important (and sometimes last-minute) announcements quickly. It also saves the club in printing and mailing costs, so that money can be put to better uses. We can even help you get set up using the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software needed to view the newsletter electronically.**

# ibex Cycling Adventures for 2005

Lube your chains, pump up your tires, and wipe the dust off of your trusty two-wheeler. If you don't have one, then you better drive on over to your nearest bike shop and see what they have to offer. Today's bikes offer a great value for your entertainment and recreational dollar. In other words you can purchase pretty good bike for not to many dollars, and it will provide you with years of fun and exercise.

Now on to this years schedule for biking. We don't yet have the summer schedule set, so look in next months newsletter for specific dates and time. However, here are some of the ideas for rides we are working on. Please note that these are social rides and all levels of experience are welcome.

First, we have **Thursday Night Rides** that go off, well, every Thursday night, weather permitting. Departure is from Deer Grove Forest Preserve, Dundee Road parking lot ½ mile West of Hicks Road, at 6:00 PM. This ride usually lasts for about an hour and a half. No sign up is necessary, just show and go.

Next, we will be planning on several traditional Saturday or Sunday Rides. The first of these adventures is the Broken Oar Ride that departs from Palatine and winds 18 miles on Lake County roads to fine little pub on the Fox River. Here we partake of a few brews, a hamburger or hot dog in a pleasant outdoor setting.

The Fox River Ride usually departs from East. Dundee and takes us south to St. Charles along the Fox River bike trail. This ride has the advantage of being 95% car free. It also offers the advantage of access to several pubs along the route where those who desire can replenish their liquid levels. But what Ibex activity doesn't offer adult beverage replenishment opportunities?

We will also be looking at several new routes this year including the Green Bay Trail riding north and exploring Lake County for brewpubs and forest preserves. Another possibility is reviving the St. Charles to Sycamore ride. The Great Western Trail offers some possibilities as well.

So stay tuned for exact time and locations and while you are waiting, get in a few rides on your own. We will have a good time, burn a few calories, and stay in shape for skiing next year.

*Joe*

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## IBEX VOLLEYBALL

**When:** Every Monday Nite, starting June 6<sup>th</sup> to Labor Day      **Time:** 5:30pm until dusk!!!

**Where:** Busse Woods Grove #28

**Directions:** Golf Rd, east of Rt 53 to the "first & only" grove entrance (approximately ¼ mile on the south-side of Golf Rd), then go south & stay to your right until you get to grove #28.

As your "New/Old" Volleyball Co-ordinators, we welcome you & your "old goats" to come out and play some "inspiring" volleyball this year!! I predict some beautiful summer nites of fun!!

Bring a volleyball friend! IBEX provides the nets & balls.

**Note:** 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" @ the "Pizazz Kitchen & Cocktails" (1893 Walden Office Square, Schaumburg) or the "Stadium Sports Club" (4015 Algonquin Rd, Rolling Mdws) both just east of Rt53 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)

\*\*\* **"MORE FUN THAN HUMANS CAN POSSIBLY ENCOUNTER" is our MOTTO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*Denny*



# 2005-2006 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club

mail to: **Membership Chairman, Ibex**  
**P.O. Box 1542**  
**Palatine, IL 60078**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership type:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Single e-mail \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Couple e-mail \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Family e-mail \$35
<input type="checkbox"/> Single paper \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Couple paper \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> Family paper \$45
<input type="checkbox"/> New membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	

*Make checks payable to Ibex Ski Club*

Name (1): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F Street address: _____ City, state, zip: _____ E-mail (1): _____ Home phone (1): _____ Work phone (1): _____ Cell phone (1): _____ Birth date (1): ____/____/____	Name (2): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F E-mail (2): _____ Home phone (2): _____ Work phone (2): _____ Cell phone (2): _____ Birth date (2): ____/____/____ <b>For family memberships, List names and ages of children:</b> _____ _____
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I am a/an: <i>(check all that apply)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Alpine skier <input type="checkbox"/> Non skier <input type="checkbox"/> Snowboarder <input type="checkbox"/> X-country skier <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	I am a/an:	<input type="checkbox"/> Alpine skier <input type="checkbox"/> Non skier <input type="checkbox"/> Snowboarder <input type="checkbox"/> X-country skier <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
I prefer to ski: <i>(check all that apply)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Midwest <input type="checkbox"/> West <input type="checkbox"/> East <input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> 7 day trips <input type="checkbox"/> weekend trips <input type="checkbox"/> 4 to 5 day trips <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	I prefer to ski:	<input type="checkbox"/> Midwest <input type="checkbox"/> West <input type="checkbox"/> East <input type="checkbox"/> International <input type="checkbox"/> 7 day trips <input type="checkbox"/> weekend trips <input type="checkbox"/> 4 to 5 day trips <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
Ibex Ski & Snowboard School	<input type="checkbox"/> I have taken a lesson in the past <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to take a lesson this year	Ibex Ski & Snowboard School	<input type="checkbox"/> I have taken a lesson in the past <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to take a lesson this year
I would like to help with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Racing	I would like to help with:	<input type="checkbox"/> Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Trips <input type="checkbox"/> Racing

How did you learn about Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club? \_\_\_\_\_

**IBEX SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the opportunity to participate and/or my participation in any trips, events, activities or lessons of the IBEX SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB, I, for myself and for my heirs, assigns, executors and administrators hereby agree that IBEX SKI & SNOWBOARD 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 & SNOWBOARD 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 & SNOWBOARD 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

### President

Craig Moon (630) 579-8670

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Patrice Conaway (847) 749-1946

### Membership Chairman

David Toy (847) 638-2202

### Activities Chairwoman

Janine Westlund (847) 998-1495

### Secretary

Ed Bendickson (847) 223-2871

Assistant Patty Zastawny (630) 893-7751

### Treasurer

Lou DiFrancisco (847) 341-4583

## When life brings changes ...

Help us keep our records up to date. When life brings changes to your life, please fill out this form and either bring it to a meeting or mail it to:

**Membership Chairman**  
**Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club**  
**P.O. Box 1542, Palatine, IL 60078**

Or e-mail the information to:

IbexMembership@SkiIbex.com

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

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your help with this mailer:

Cindy, David, Patty, Janine, Patrice, Craig,

Denny, Mark, Lou, Carl, Hank, Joe, Steve

**Ed Bendickson**

Secretary [IbexNewsletter@SkiIbex.com](mailto:IbexNewsletter@SkiIbex.com)

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