



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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October Meetings
Wednesday, Oct 5
Wednesday, Oct 19

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

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

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Steamboat Springs is a resort town located in northwest Colorado.
Ibex is visiting this very famous resort from Feb28-March 4th 2006.

For the cost of \$910.00 per person,

this is what to expect:

- Direct flight from OHare to Hayden Airport
- 25 minute bus ride from Hayden to the Steamboat Condos
- Two to three person bedroom condos
- Condos are located within approximately 100-200 yards of the lift
- Four days of lifts with an optional one day pass for purchase
- Wine and cheese party
- Optional pub crawl and group dinner
- Nastar racing
- Free lessons from an Ibex instructor

Mountain Facts:

Steamboat is actually a complete mountain range. The base elevation is approximately 6900 ft, and the summit of the mountain is 10,568 feet. The vertical rise is 3668 ft which makes this the second highest in Col. Steamboat has 142 trails or over 65 miles, with the longest trail being over 3 miles long. (Now that would be a thigh burner for any of us mid-westerners.)

The average snow fall is 337 inches and the average temperature in March is 33F.

The resort focuses on intermediates;

56% of the trails are intermediate, 13% beginner, and the remainder of the runs is advanced. Steamboat is also known for its tree skiing, with many of the intermediate runs providing nice spaced trees for those who want to practice tree skiing in a non-intimidating environment. Steamboat also features Billy the Kid ski school, and every day Billy makes a run down one of the intermediate trails and anyone can ski with him. As all professional ski schools, the ski instructors are very good and cater to the needs of their clients. The resort also focuses on children, with special ski classes available to those of all ages. There are plenty of cross country trails and snow shoeing options available.

The Steamboat town is also very fun focusing on the cowboy image. It offers a variety of restaurants with varying ethnic delights and a variety of bars. Your trip will feature a wine and cheese party and a Nastar race pending the interest of the group. Town is located 3.5 miles from the mountain and there are free shuttles running between the mountain base and the town. The town also features spa treatments and plenty of shopping for those who want to take a day off skiing and meander.

There are plenty of spots open currently and a \$100.00 deposit secures your spot. Please e-mail Pat or Brian a bplome@sbcglobal.net.

Pat

Deadline for Jackson Hole is October 19th

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**HEY!!!
TIME'S A
WASTIN'!!!**

Whistler



Hurry up and sign up, there are two spots available at \$1,100! (Possibly more with a small price increase) With a mile of vertical feet (5,280) and over 8,000 acres there is a place on this mountain for everyone.

Ski Magazine just ranked this #3 best overall mountain.

There is a great night life in Whistler Village, and we are staying so close to mountains it is scary.

The large mountain offers various terrain and conditions with multiple terrain parks for those feeling a little wild.

The Ibex Ski and Snowboard school will be giving lessons.

And if that wasn't enough already, we will be hosting a Nastar race, wine and cheese party, plus a pub crawl. So sign up now!

Please give me a call if you have any questions 847-895-5962.



This could be
YOU!!!
But only if you sign
up SOON!!!

Deadline for Jackson Hole is October 19th

So git yer registration in so you don't miss out on the last tram ride ever!!!

(Not to mention the best New Year's Party ever!!!)

Mark Westlund

Bill Haussmann

IBEX TRIPS

Planning is key. How many times have you heard that? For those of you working in corporate careers to those of you trying to just get the right equipment in the car to do a multi-tasking trip such as taking the children to a recreational park combined with the weekly trek to Target, you know that planning is always the important part. Even more important is involving those actually doing the work in the planning, so that they are part of the process.

So consider yourselves part of the process. As I've stated before, in this post-September 11th world, everything is earlier when it comes to airlines and their penalties. So the earlier you sign up for a trip, the easier our planning falls into place. On that note, our **Jackson Hole trip** needs your commitment by the **October 19th** meeting. We have to do the delicate balance of keeping the trip open while cutting spots to reduce penalties. If you are thinking of going on this trip, but haven't followed through – either haven't called that friend of yours to see what their plans are or haven't taken a look at the holiday schedule to see what else needs to be moved to make the time free for this trip, then the time to do that is now. You will be glad you did, and we will be glad you did. Jackson Hole is a beautiful place and is not to be missed.

TRIPS ANNOUNCEMENT: See the brochure in this mailer for the trip details.

TRIP TALLY: Spots remaining in our trips are listed in Spots chart on page 3.

TRIP OF THE MONTH - STEAMBOAT: See article elsewhere highlighting the February trip to Steamboat Springs.

Patrice Conaway

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IBEX TRIPS 2006

JACKSON HOLE

WED 12-28 thru MON 1-2
 \$930
 49er Hotel, 4 day Lift,
 Ground Transfers
 NON STOP AIR on AMERICAN:
 OUT 11:14A 1:23P/
 RETURN 2:18P 6:11P

WHISTLER

SAT 1-28 thru SAT 2-4
 \$1100
 Blackcomb Lodge
 5 day Lift, Ground Transfers
 UNITED AIR: OUT 8:00A 1:14P via SFO/
 RETURN 1:55P 9:47P via

GRANITE PEAK

FRI 2-10 thru SUN 2-12
 \$185
 Marriott Courtyard , 2 day Lift
 DRIVE UP TO WAUSAU WISCONSIN
 APRES SKI PARTY

STEAMBOAT

TUES 2-28 thru SUN 3-5
 \$910
 The Lodge at Steamboat condos,
 4 day Lift, Ground Transfers,
 Wine & Cheese reception
 NON STOP AIR on AMERICAN
 OUT 12:30P 2:18P/
 RETURN 3:07P 6:45P



TAOS

SAT 3-25 thru SAT 4-1
 \$1020
 Inn at Snakedance Condos
 6 day Lift, Ground Transfers
 Ski Week lessons only \$92 extra
FYI—no snowboards in Taos
 NON STOP AIR on AMERICAN

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TRIP	Spots filled	Spots remaining	Comments
Jackson	6	20	
Whistler	30	2	Waitlists will be taken, but filled in as blocks of 2
Granite Peak	9	23	
Steamboat	6	22	
Taos	42	0	Waitlists will be taken, but filled in as blocks of 4

IBEX SKI CLUB 2005 TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

	jackson hole		whistler		granite peak		steamboat		taos	
	Amount	Date due	Amount	Date due	Amount	Date due	Amount	Date due	Amount	Date due
payment 1	\$ 100	8/27/2005	\$ 100	8/27/2005	\$ 50	8/27/2005	\$ 100	8/27/2005	\$ 100	8/27/2005
payment 2	\$ 300	9/21/2005	\$ 350	9/21/2005	\$ 135	1/4/2006	\$ 300	11/16/2005	\$ 300	11/16/2005
payment 3	\$ 300	11/2/2005	\$ 350	10/19/2005			\$ 300	12/21/2005	\$ 300	1/4/2006
payment 4	\$ 230	12/7/2005	\$ 300	12/21/2005			\$ 210	1/18/2006	\$ 320	2/15/2006
total	\$ 930		\$ 1,100		\$ 185		\$ 910		\$ 1,020	

Ibex Ski and Snowboard School

Fall is in the air. The leaves are turning colors and are crisp under our feet. Thoughts turn to fall activities and the upcoming winter season. What could be more fun than skiing with your friends in Ibex? Did you think about how well you skied last season, was there anything you wanted to work on but didn't find the time for a lesson? Fear not!

The Ibex Ski and Snowboard school is putting their plans together for the upcoming season. We plan to have lessons on every trip. To start off the season on the right foot we are planning to have the Family Night skiing in December this year. See separate article on Family Night.

Lessons:

The following instructors have volunteered to teach on the trips this year. A \$10 refundable deposit for each trip holds your spot for lessons. Your instructors are:

Instructors signed up to teach on the following trips:

Jackson Hole - Jean Bagel (ski)

Whistler - Bill Haussmann (ski)

Granite Peak - Bob Kimicata (ski)

Steamboat - Chuck Binzel (Snowboarding)

Taos - Bob Kimicata (ski)

Wilmot Family Night - December 10th (Ski and Snowboard lessons) John Brandt, Debbie Dukes, Bill Haussmann, Chuck Binzel and Bob Kimicata

Sign up for lessons on these trips with the Ski School. An instructor will be at each meeting beginning in November and continuing through February.

Special Program scheduled for November 2nd

Guest Speaker - Dr. Keith Schroeder, MD will address the members at the first meeting in November. Dr. Schroeder will be discussing the prevention of sports injuries, particularly skiing. He will discuss the prevention of injuries through conditioning and proper post injury treatment.

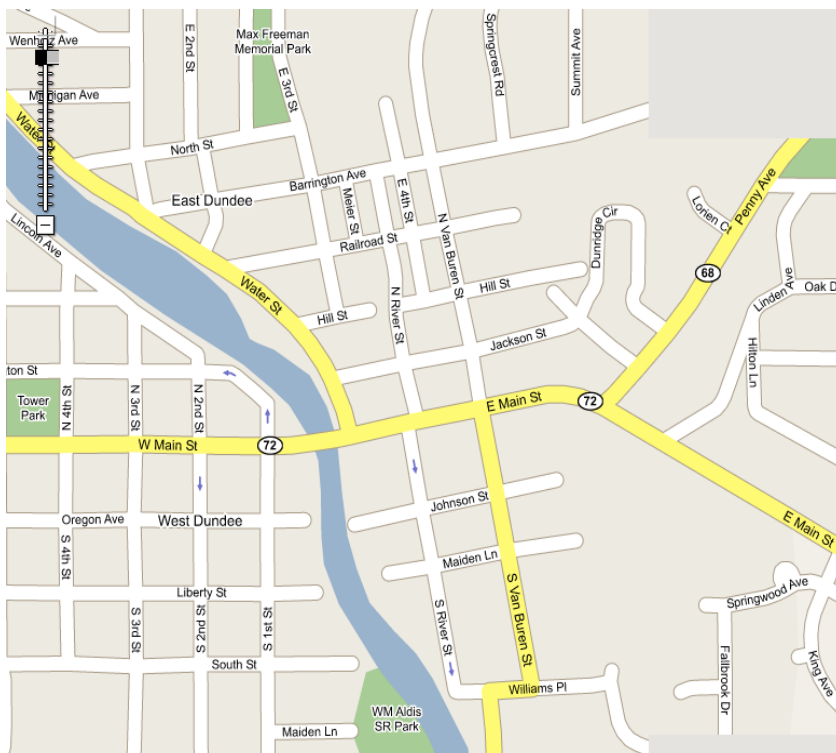
Dr. Schroeder is the founder of Barrington Orthopedic Specialists. He has been in practice since 1977. He completed his pediatric orthopedic fellowship at Childrens Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He specializes in pediatric and adult orthopedics, joint revision and reconstruction, sports medicine, arthroscopic surgery, fracture care and minimally invasive outpatient partial knee replacement surgery. Dr. Schroeder is an avid skier!

Debbie

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Fox River Trail Ride

Well it's fall again and time for the Fox River Trail bike ride. This is a great opportunity for those who don't care to ride on the roads of Cook and Lake County to join your friends on a trail ride and avoid vehicles normally found on roads, you know, like cars, pickups and semi-trailers. On this trail, all you have to watch out for is the errant biker not paying attention.



Here are the details in question and answer form.

When is the ride? Saturday, October 8th

Where do we start? Bandito Barneys at the corner of Jackson and North River Streets in East Dundee.

What time does the ride start? 10:00 AM

How far is the ride and what is our destination? The distance from East Dundee to St. Charles is 14.5 miles.

What if I want to ride a bit further? Geneva is 2 miles further south and on to Batavia will add an additional 2.5 miles.

Will we be riding on any roads? The last mile into the center of St. Charles will be on city streets.

What will we do in St. Charles? As with most rides, our destination will be an adult beverage establishment that also serves some grub.

On our return, we will gather at Bandito Barneys to swap stories, quench our thirst with a beer or margarita before heading home. So x-out October 8th on your calendar and join your fellow "goats" on a fun trip down the Fox.

Joe Heater

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.

Date

Wednesday, Oct 5th

Saturday, Oct 8th

Friday, Oct 14th

Saturday, Oct 15

Sunday, Oct 16

Saturday, November 5th

Event

Games Night

Fox River Bike Ride

BOM: Moretti's

LGE: Trolley Museum/Pumpkin Patch

NBC chile bike ride

Chicago Indoor Racing

GAMES NIGHT: 1ST Wednesday of Every Month (until further notice)

Back by popular demand: Mark is hosting Games Night starting with the first meeting in October. He'll run these every first meeting of the month — see related article for more information.

FOX RIVER BIKE RIDE: Saturday, October 8th

Joe Heater is hosting a ride out in his neck of the woods – please see related article for details.

BAR OF THE MONTH Friday, Oct 14th Moretti's (formerly "Pizzazz!")

Website info: <http://www.247club.net/morettis/schaumburg/index.php>

Moretti's is located on Algonquin Road just west of 53. It's the establishment formerly known as "Pizzazz". The weather's getting cooler so come on over and join us in the warm, dry indoors for a tall cold one while we anxiously talk about our outstanding upcoming ski trips!!!

NBC Chile Bike Ride: Sunday Oct 16

Binzel's Annual ChileBike Ride. See related article in this mailer.

Little Goats Event: - Trolley Museum/Pumpkin Patch: Saturday Oct 15

See related article in this mailer.

CHICAGO INDOOR RACING: Saturday, November 5th

Also back by popular demand, Ibex is hitting the race tracks to show their Mario Andretti-like skills (or maybe "Super Mario"?). The electronic invitation was sent out — please respond soon. If you're not yet signed up: what's taking you so long? If you're already signed up, get your friends (members and otherwise) to sign up soon!! See related article for details.

It's another exciting, activity-filled month for Ibex!!

Come on out, get involved and have some fun with some fun people!!!

Janine

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Hold'em-Fold'em Night!! (aka: Games Night)

It's that time of year! With the weather getting cooler and the sun setting earlier, we move indoors and start up our Games Nights! They will be held the first meeting of each month starting at 6:30pm at Crave. There will be one round of instruction from 6:30p to 6:50p from whatever card game will be played that evening. We'll start the games promptly at 6:50pm.

This will strictly be for fun, no money is required. Everyone will receive the equivalent of \$100 dollars of chips when you walk in the door. There will be two rounds of play. The 1st round will determine table assignments for the 2nd round. (The ski club meeting will be held between rounds from 8:00pm until around 8:20pm.)

Come on out and try your hand!

Mark

Moon's Musings

Ibex Ski Club always strives to offer a value for trips and activities to our members. I read an article in the September issue of Ski Magazine discussing profit within the manufacturing side of the ski industry. If you have already read the article, just pass on this paragraph. *Reprinted in part from Ski Magazine, September 2005*

Think back to the first pair of skis you purchased, somewhere around \$100-\$200, thirty years or so ago, maybe closer to \$600 ten years ago. Today one of the new ski/binding systems could set you back \$1,000.00 or more. Factors as diverse as foreign exchange rates and the price of oil have the potential to send prices higher.

The largest chunk of the ski dollar goes to the retailer. Across the industry the retail markup is about 42 percent of the cost of a pair of skis or board. The balance is divided between the distributor and the manufacturer, about 19% to the distributor and the balance of 39% to the manufacturer.

Where does all that money go? Trips for the distributor principal? New Buildings? New SUV? A tank of gas for the new SUV? No, the money covers everything from distribution to advertising, marketing, and promotional costs. You know, Bode Miller posters on the wall to actually paying Mr. Miller to ski on your skis. From the retail side, **Viking Ski Shop** comes to mind, having Denny donate merchandise for giveaways at club functions for one, are costs that the retailer absorbs in the name of growing their business.

The news improves for club members, however, if the analysis is confined to more recent years. From 1990 to 2005, for instance, the average wholesale price of a ski has increase only about 15%, compared to a nearly 50% boost in prices of other goods over the same period.

We are half way through the Ibex year with the best part just around the corner, skiing. As we approach the second half of the year, your club leaders, both on the EB and the BOD must decide if they want to continue offering their services to the club for another year or take a break. Being a leader in the club, whether its President, EB, BOD member, or leading a trip or activity, it is a fun and positive experience.

The club has changed over the last few years, the obvious change is we are getting older, slower, and remember past events through different filters.

I came across a copy of the "Rules of the Road" for Ibex dated 1999, what the previous boards expected of the incoming board and thought some of the comment were, in fact dated, and wanted to share one or two of the really choice enlightenments from yesteryear @ Ibex

And I quote "Avoid trying radically new ideas and/or methods." Just after 25 years of different people lending their individual approaches, there arent many things that we havent already tried." Shopping list for Midwest Trips "Beer, 10 cases, 6 regular, 4 light, Wine, 5 liter wine boxes, no mention of red or white."

Im not making light toward any past leadership of Ibex, after all if they had not stepped up, the club you know today would not be here. So thing have changed, so what? Even Marshall Fields is changing to Macys. Your club, as any volunteer organization, needs good leaders. Please consider offering your time, experience, and expertise in becoming a leader in Ibex.

Elections will be here before we know it.

Janine is always looking for members to lead an activity and trips can always use a helping hand, leading a pub-crawl, or just getting involved.

Its easy and fun, not to mention fulfilling to lead a group, after all then you get to do more or less what you want to do.

OK, OK, Enough of the soapbox....

Partly personal, I will be on a vacation October 15-30, 2005. Three of my friends from Iowa and the motorcycle racing years have decided to view Central America up close and personal. We are driving a van from Waterloo, Iowa south through Mexico to a goal of Costa Rica.

We may not make the goal, but we do need one. We plan to drive through Mexico, visit Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua , and try to make Costa Rica. We may not make the goal, but there is always next year. You have to be half nuts to be friends with these guys.

So, because of business and the Central America Odyssey, I will miss the next two meetings. I will be available by cell phone until Saturday October 15th.

Patrice will be the headliner in my absence.

Thanks so much for understanding my absence.

Craig

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Chicago Indoor Racing



WE HAD SO MUCH FUN WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN!!!

Saturday, November 5th

This seems like a long time off, but this will be the only newsletter promoting this activity! Please secure your spot soon so appropriate reservations can be made!!!

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

Every racer will experience the following:

*** A Pre-Race Driver's Meeting featuring private detailed instruction on the track, the karts and safety information.

*** Three time trials starting from different grid positions.

*** Points will be awarded based on finishing positions in each grid.

*** Top Drivers will progress to the Final Championship Race, with grid order being determined by the points scored during the heats.

The schedule is as follows:

5:15p - 5:30p Driver check-in/registration

5:30p - 6:30p Group Briefing with Track Manager

6:30p - 7:30-ish RACING

7:45p Reservations at Stewart's Bar & Grill (onsite)

PRICE: \$80

Payment will be collected at club meetings or you can send your check payable to Ibex Ski & Snowboard Club, PO Box 1542, Palatine 60078.

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 1st OR YOU WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE RACING HEADCOUNT.

And now, the small print:

— All drivers must be over 18 and have a valid driver's license.

— Drivers must wear closed-toe shoes.

— Zero Tolerance Policy: "8 hours bottle to throttle" — this is strictly enforced by C.I.R.

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

COME OUT AND HAVE SOME DRIVING FUN WITH US!!!

Janine

NEW MEMBERS PARTY IS COMING!

This year's New Members Party will be held at Crave on

Wednesday, November 16, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Details are still being finalized, but expect to have fun. This is great way to introduce your friends and coworkers to the club. Next month's *Olde Goat* will have all the details in a handy invitation/flyer/poster that you can pass out to friends and/or post at your work, gym, train station, ski shop, etc., etc.

Dave

The Binzels' Annual Chili Bike Ride

Sunday, October 16
10:30 am biking, 2 pm party

Dust off those chili recipes and get cooking! The Binzels will be hosting their 8th annual NBC chili bike ride. While the ride is run under the banner of the Naperville Bike Club, the Binzels welcome their fellow Ibex to get in a late season ride, followed by the chili competition and festivities.

The ride starts at 10:30 am (a moderate ride, with 30- and 40-mile options). Helmets are required.

The chili cookoff and party start at 2 pm. If you bring chili, make sure to also bring your own crock pot and serving utensils. The winner gets – drum roll please – a six-pack of Binzel Home Brew or a bottle of wine.

Please RSVP to Susan Binzel at 262.857.7725 or sbinzel@earthlink.net (let her know if your plan to bring chili or not).

Directions: The Binzels home is located at 17001 60th St., Bristol, WI 53104 (yes, you read correctly ... Wisconsin, about 10 miles north of the state line). Call if you need directions.

Chuck

Little Goats Event – Trolley Museum/Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, October 15, 2 pm

The Little Goats will be out grazing again ... this time in South Elgin at the Trolley Museum. All are welcome to join us as we explore this small outdoor museum that contains some really cool old trolley cars, including several old CTA cars and an actual old el station. Then take a four-mile trolley ride along the scenic Fox River and look at the fall colors. At the end of the line is a pumpkin patch, where pumpkins are \$1 each. Cost: adults \$3.50 (includes one trolley ride), children \$2.00 (includes one trolley ride), additional rides \$0.50. The museum is open from 11 am – 5 pm.

If you are planning to attend, please let Dave Toy know (cell phone: 847-638.2202, e-mail: dtoy22@msn.com) so that we'll know to look for you.

Directions: The trolley museum is located at 361 S. LaFox St. (Illinois Route 31) in South Elgin. From the east, take either I-90 or US 20 west to the Elgin area, then proceed south on Route 31. Go approximately 5 miles south of US 20. After you pass the light at State Street, turn left as you start up the hill.

For more info on the museum, call 847.697.4676 or go to www.foxtrolley.org

Dave

Membership Matters

Thanks to everyone who has renewed or has joined the club so far this year.

Please remember to take a handful (or more) of our new Ibex business cards. They make it so easy to invite friends to join us at our meetings (along with a personal invitation from you!).

Also, if you have not picked up your copy of the membership directory, see me at a meeting or give me a call (847.638.2202) or send me an e-mail note.

Membership for 2005-2006(thru Sept.): 117

Membership for 2004-2005 (thru Sept.) 122

Final Membership for 2004-2005: 165

Dave

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Lesson Procedures

for members and children of members:

If you or your child, are interested in taking free lessons on any of the IBEX trips, here are the steps to follow:

- **Sign-up with the trip leader for that trip.** You will be asked to provide the following:
 - o Refundable deposit of \$10 for each lesson
 - o Determine which type of lesson you want (Ski or Snowboard)
 - o Determine what level of lesson you need
- If you are signing up a minor (under age 21), complete a waiver for the minor. Only one waiver is required for the entire season!

Deposits:

- Members signing up for lessons will need to make a \$10 refundable deposit for each lesson. This can be in the form of cash or a check.
- A deposit is required for each lesson.
- This deposit is refundable at the end of the trip, if the member or member's child attends the lesson. If attendance does not occur the refund will not be made.
- If a deposit is not given by the last meeting prior to the trip departure date, the member runs the risk of not being allowed in the lesson. It is up to the instructor's discretion to include the member based on class size and lesson planned.
- Any arrangements for private lessons are outside the scope of this policy.

Lessons:

- There will be at least 1 lesson given for every 3 "trip" days of the trip. For example a 4 day trip will have 1 lesson. A week-long trip will have 2 lessons.
- If a member is signing up for only 1 lesson on a trip with more than 1 lesson scheduled, it must be the first lesson as subsequent lessons build on the previous and are based on the skills of the particular class participants.

Group versus Private lessons:

All lessons are considered Group lessons to benefit the entire membership. Arrangements CAN be made for private lessons and are outside the scope of this policy. Contact the instructor of your choice to make arrangements.

Any questions, please see any instructor.

Family Night at Wilmot

Since not everyone is going on a vacation trip we want to give everyone the opportunity to improve their skiing and snowboarding skills. For those of you who were in the club last year, you may recall the Saturday evening **Family Learn to Ski and Board** event at Wilmot. This year we will be offering the same event on **December 10th**. We will be offering both skiing and snowboarding lessons.

Cost:

Lift/lesson	\$18
Lift/ski rental*/lesson	\$28
Lift/snowboard rental**/lesson	\$38

Payment is due at the time of sign-up. Lift tickets are good until 11:00 p.m.

- We need 20 people in order to get the discounted price. ***Members and friends are welcome to come out and ski and ride with us. You don't have to sign up for a lesson to take advantage of the discounted tickets.***
- Children must at least 8 years of age and must be a relative of a member in order to take lessons.
- Waivers for minors will be available at the meetings in November and December. ***Waivers must be signed by a parent and the relative accompanying the child on the trip.***

Lessons will begin at 4:30 p.m. Plan to meet by 3:30 p.m. to pick up your rental coupons and lift tickets. If you are only picking up lift tickets, 4:00 p.m. should be fine. This should give you enough time to get ready.

Renting equipment:

- If you are renting equipment plan to arrive by 3:30 p.m. Rentals are an additional cost. *\$10 extra for skis, boots and poles and **\$20 extra for snowboards and boots. Security deposits will be required:
- Each person renting ski equipment is required to leave a \$10.00 cash deposit and I.D.
- Snowboard and Boot deposit is \$100.00 cash, *VISA, MC, AE, DIS.*
- Drivers license or photo I.D. also required for snowboard equipment rental.
- **Wilmot Ski Rental Packages include LOOK bindings, easy entry boots, and poles.**

After Lessons:

We will meet in the BAR, located in the middle of the main lodge, where we will order pizzas and snacks for dinner. (Brown bagging is acceptable!) They also have TVs in this room in case there any other sports events taking place!

Sign-ups and deposits for this event will be taken at **November meetings and the first December meeting**. If you cannot attend the club meetings or would like more information, please contact Debbie Dukes.

If you would like to arrange for a private lesson for yourself or children (including kids under age 8), please see any of the instructors.

Debbie

IbexSkiSchool@SkiIbex.com

South Side Bike Ride a Hot time

Sunday, September 11, 2005

Lisle, IL.

A change of pace, a bike ride south of I-88. Ten Ibex riders braved the warm September day to ride 28 plus miles through Dupage County. Joe Heater and Janine Westlund felt that 28 miles was way to short of a ride, so they rode down from Palatine, adding 30 some miles to the ride.

The only casualty of the day was Mike Warta's friend, Don, who shredded a tire and tube three miles from the start. All's well that ends well, Don fixed the tire and tube and rode Janine's Lake Geneva Ride on the 17th.

Anyway, we departed Pinehurst Court about 1:15 on Sunday afternoon, owing the late start for those Ibex that stayed later at Hootie Saturday night.

The ride was a fairly flat ride through the villages of Lisle, Bolingbrook, Aurora, and Naperville, new territory for most of the Thursday night riders.

Mike Warta and Patty Z cut part of the ride short to meet us at Quigleys in Naperville and secure a table. Quigleys has an outdoor patio, cold beer, and great burgers that kept us in Naperville a bit longer than planned. The ride recommenced for a short jaunt back to Pinehurst Court, where we finished the evening on the deck with snacks and brews. Not to mention a certain Golden Retriever that wanted to share in the friendship and snacks. Honest, Patty, he likes you.

Craig

Ibex welcomes these new (and one returning) members:

Rich Fontagneres
Paula Degener

Patricia & Richard Haffner
Mike Edens

SCUBA NEWS

TURKS & CAICOS – November 5 to 12

Sorry, but this trip is full.

BONAIRE ? – Mid February ?

Any suggestions for next February? I am going to wait until after hurricane season to decide.

MEXICO – April 29 to May 7

This trip offers a lot of options. Spend a few days on Cozumel & then a few days on the Riviera Maya, or spend the whole time on the mainland. Spend 3 days or 8 days or anything in between.

The highlight of the trip will be attending Ed and Sarah's wedding. Call me for more details.

Cindy Warta

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LGBT Recap: WOW What a Ride!!!

We had a GREAT day! With Joe's expert direction, Roger, Joe, David, Craig, Mark and Janine left from Palatine just after 6:30a and arrived in Lake Geneva just after 10a. The weather was perfect (no wind, dry, maybe even a bit cool), the sunrise was beautiful and the ride exhilarating! After inhaling a quick breakfast and attending to a few equipment malfunctions, the 25-person crew hit the road for the Bar Tour.

Although we all made it to the first bar, Mike Warta took Alice (a hopeful new member-to-be), Barb and two of his friends on a slightly scenic tour that landed them at — not the second, but — the third bar. Who reading this could believe our Mike missed a bar?!?! Well — there are firsts for everything and this was one of them!

I'm pleased to say this ride is expanding its participation while still retaining the spirit of the event: Mike Psaras and Ed Bendickson rode up to Lake Geneva and participated in the ride as well. But they did so on their motorcycles! Way to go guys!!!

The group split up for lunch at the third bar: the early arrivals (ie. Mike's group) went to Chuck's (which was exactly what the map indicated) while the rest, including Yours Truly, went to Gordy's (which is what the map meant – time to get a new cartographer!) In anticipation of *THE HILL*, everyone departed at various times depending on individual comfort levels (or the completion of a beverage, not sure which). Everyone made it up one way or another; no one rolled backwards (at least not that I was told). Since the weather was so incredibly cooperative, we felt obliged to remain at Mars (the last bar with the best outdoor patio right on the water) for a few extra beverages. That made the last leg of the ride back to our starting point all that more challenging. And who said we aren't up for challenges (even those we create for ourselves)?

We had almost everyone remain for dinner and left Lake Geneva sometime around 10p (I think). Many thanks to Ed Fee for getting Mark & I back home since we were without car.

All in all, it sounded like a good time was had by all — a great way to say hats-off to summer. For those of you who couldn't join us this year, keep this ride in mind for next year. It will be our 10th — you won't want to miss it!!!

And now: let's forward to FALL!!! Have fun!

Janine

October birthday wishes to:

Richard Homan	03
Wayne Wodach	05
Kent Peterson	08
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Cheri Mezdylo	30

October 2005

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Hootie and the Blowfish/Ravinia Recap

Eighteen Ibexer's and guests joined 5,000 of their Chicagoland neighbors last Saturday for the Hootie and the Blowfish concert at Ravinia Park in Highland Park. The evening got off to a great start with the Heater's and the Westland's claiming squatters rights, stage right, just two minutes after the gates opened. Because this was a sold out event that timing was important. They only glitch in claiming our quarter acre was J9 seemed to be "screw challenged" apparently having trouble screwing the legs in her portable table. (Editors note: I didn't personally observe this, but the story was related to me by some one who did, so don't shoot the messenger.)

With in a half hour or so the rest of the group showed up, that is except the DiFrancisco's. A later departure than planned put them in a remote parking lot. Lou was later heard to say that unless he left a day ahead of time, he wasn't going to do another Ravinia event. Ok, not a day but at least 3 hours early. Seems as though the travel time from Elk Grove Village is a tad longer than it is from Palatine. Both the Smiths and DiFrancisco's managed to place their progeny with relatives so they could enjoy some adult conversation, adult drink and food.

As usual, the food and libation was first class and was shared by all. Several styles of Buffalo Wings, French Pâté, French Bread, Chocolate Cake, Guacamole, Gourmet Corn Chips and multiple bottles of fine wine were to be found in the Ibex compound. Suffice it to say, no one went away hungry or thirsty.

This outing could have been called, "Shaking your Booty with Hootie" since a number of Ibex ladies, and they are ladies, were seen dancing on the tarmac late into the evening. There were a couple of "guys" shaking as well but who looks at their booty?

Concerts end found us hanging out, finishing the wine or having that last bottle of beer until the parking lots were almost empty, and the crowd police came around in their golf carts to shoo us out of the park. But not to worry, we will return next year. Like all of our events, a great time was had by all! For those of you who were unable to attend, we hope you can make it next year. Hope to see you then!

Joe & Joan

2005 Fall Colors a Wash

Fall Colors came in several iterations this year, early arrival golf on Friday, golf scrambles on Saturday, a dinner/party Saturday night/Sunday morning, and the monsoon on Sunday.

Twenty-six of thirty-four drove to Wisconsin on Friday for golf at Trappers Turn, or just checking out the Wisconsin countryside on a beautiful September day.

The golfers returned to the cabins about eight o'clock after playing until dark.

The five bedroom cabins turned out to be much more than just cabins in the woods. 3,500 square feet of outstanding decorations, furniture, media room, with 70" projection TV, so there could be a movie screening on Friday night, a huge great room with plenty of room for the entire group on Saturday night.

Pizza was ordered (Janine must be near) for the guests in cabin eleven, the site of the Saturday party. Other Friday arrivals traveled into town for dinner, gambling, or going to a bar of questionable repute.

Our friend from Boston, David, "Im a victim" Lee awakened Saturday morning with a large hangover, maybe from the half bottle of Jim Beam he consumed. You think?

After some confusion at the front desk about deposits, cabin numbers, and if IbeX was really registered, we took off for breakfast. All is well that ends well! Sorry for the mix-up.

Dennys, not the one you are thinking of, was the place of choice for breakfast, not only with IbeX but most of the Dells visitors.

David, Dan, Wayne, and Barry Wood all thought 18 holes wasn't enough golf for one day, so they went over to Trappers Turn for a 7:33 AM tee time.

The Saturday scrambles teed off at 11:30 AM. with 32 of the 34 taking part this year. While rain threatened most of the day we were able to get the complete round in and stay dry.

The course was under a bit of stress, since they will close the course Sunday night for a two year reconstruction project. It just looked like they started a bit ahead of schedule with several dozen trees down, and hole 17 completely changed because of construction. It gave us some idea of what the Gulf Coast looks like.

By the way, did John Brandt really have the shortest drive twice on the same hole???

The Low Gross team score was won by Wayne Wodach, Diane Douglas, Mike Psaras, and Mary Harder with a score of 71, one over par.

The proximity awards were:

Long Drive, Men, Wayne Wodach

Long Drive, Women, Jacquie Wodach

Long Putt, Men, Barry Wood

Long Putt, Women, Debbie Dukes

Closest to the Pin, Men, Larry Gordon

Closest to the pin, Women, Jacquie Wodach

The last of the foursomes came in about 5:30 or 6:00, caught a cocktail at the bar or took advantage of the discounted merchandise in the pro shop.

Dinner was provided as part of the weekend package starting about 6:30 in our cabin. Janine surprised all of us with fresh baked cookies, chocolate chip no less. The menu consisted of strip steak, pork loin steaks, and chicken breast, baked potatoes, cole slaw, and refreshments IbeX style.

Many thanks to all that helped with dinner, especially, Joe Davis for helping me with the grill duties, Janine, Patrice, and Lynne setting up and keeping everything moving, Carl Berg cleaning up, and Larry Gordon for keeping me in cold beer while cooking.

After dinner, Mark Westlund set up a Texas Holdem game that went on till at least 2:30PM. Mike, "The Colonel" Warta, was the big winner. No wonder he was smiling on Sunday.

While the game was going on, the rest of the party were talking, laughing, listening to music, dancing, and having a great time in general.

The party was officially named a party at 2:31 AM Sunday morning when Lynne fell off her bar stool.

One of the advantages of having a party at your place is that its fun to have everyone at your place, but the disadvantage is when its time to go to bed, the party is still going on.

While in separate bedrooms, Patrice, Craig, Pam Oz, and Dan Casey all tried to get some extra sleep for Sunday, well it is Sunday already, I guess.

There were, I heard, ideas floating around that a conga line should be assembled to parade through our rooms, thereby waking us up, 'cause we were missing way to much of the party.

Thankfully saner minds prevailed and we were, well most, allowed to sleep. Its very hard to sleep with "Thriller" and "Sweet Home Chicago" blaring on the CD player.

Enough about the party, we awoke to rain showers on Sunday morning and after much discussion with the ten hardy souls that even bothered to drive over to the pro shop, we decided to cancel the Sunday game. Maybe the Bears should have done the same thing.

The balance of the morning was taken up by the Saturday Golf Awards Victory Celebration back in our cabin. OK, OK we had to drag Mark, Janine, David, Diane, among others out of the movie, wait for Greg and Hank, Carl and Patrice, to have a true ceremony, but we did pass out the awards. Uncle Hank did an outstanding job with the plaques. I still think the room was very quiet because of the hangovers.

Why does Carl Berg carry "Crime Scene" tape in his car? Did it come in handy this weekend?

Was there a crime committed? If so, has it been solved?

Websters New World Dictionary Defines

Beaver n 1. a) any of a genus of a large rodents with soft brown fur, chisel like teeth, webbed hind feet, and a flat broad tail, that are equally at home on land or water, where they build dams of mud and twigs. b) its fur **2.** a mans high silk hat, originally made of this fur **3.** a heavy cloth of felted wool, used for overcoats **4.** [Colloq.] a hard-working, conscientious person

Beaver n 1. a moveable piece of armor on the lower part of a medieval helmet, for protecting the mouth and chin **2.** later, the visor of a helmet
Ask Patrice, Sue or Sarah why we even care about the above.

Wilderness Resort Golf Course closed this weekend for a two year rebuilding of the course and club house/pro shop. While we could return to the resort next year we would have to golf at Trappers Turn and Christmas Mountain or another course in the area.

I have a tentative hold on the same cabins for the weekend of September 29-October 1, 2006.

While we certainly do not have to return to Wilderness in 2006, I have found very few courses and lodging facilities that match where we have been the past two years. Based on quality of the course, overall price and quality of the lodging, front desk issues notwithstanding, I think The Wilderness Resort offers IbeX a great value.

Thanks to everyone that participated in the 2005 Fall Colors. The fun is not mine, but yours.

Craig

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