



October 2016 Newsletter

Beaver Creek 2016 Ski Trip

By Dick Marx

The Beaver Creek ski trip adventure started when all 37 people met at Metro Airport, when Delta's slow check-in process led to most of us just making the plane. Unfortunately, Jack and JD Shattuck and Wayne Albrecht were too late, and had to take a later flight.

We arrived at Beaver Creek and checked in to our condos at the



Centennial. They were magnificent! Huge living and dining rooms, state of the art kitchens, 20' ceilings. We found a listing for one at \$1,950,000. Speaking for myself, the best condominium I've ever had on a ski trip.

Some skis were delayed, so Sunday morning was a flurry of finding skis or renting replacements. As usual, everything worked out, and we got to the slopes to find ...



18" OF FRESH SNOW!



What a start to the week!

Monday night we had a meet and greet with FREE FOOD at the Dusty Boot restaurant. Everybody on the trip showed up, and hung around until late in the evening. The restaurant manager was worried we wouldn't meet the drink minimum. No problem, we are the Skiwis!

Most days we had lunch on the mountain at the Yurt (come on a ski trip



and you'll know what a yurt is!) with Debby Roger, Gerwald Meilen, Dr. Don Taylor and his son David, and many more.

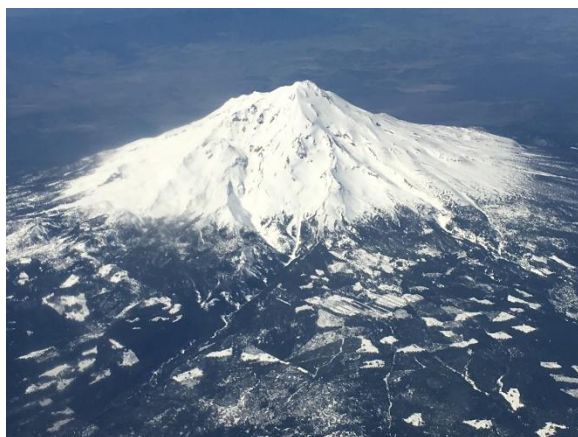
The skiing continued to be excellent. Gary Marx, Peggy O'Donnell, and I

spent a windy day at Breckenridge. Ken and Peggy McLaughlin, Andrew Kerbrat, and I went to Vail's Blue Sky Basin.



Mt. Bachelor Oregon 2016

By Dick Marx



Thanks to Ken for not leading me astray.

By the way, if you rent a car from Enterprise in Avon, Colorado, THEY DON'T PICK YOU UP!

On Friday night, Ken and Peggy McLaughlin and their condo mates hosted a "clean out the refrigerator" potluck in their condo. No one left hungry (or thirsty).

Thanks to Debby Roger for organizing a great trip, and to everybody who went for making it fun. Can't wait until 2017!

Picture a dormant volcano standing all by itself, surrounded by a Ponderosa pine forest, and you've got Mt Bachelor.

We lodged in Bend, Oregon (population 80,000) as there were



no accommodations at the mountain. We had a beautiful location right on the Deschutes River. A private 30 minute shuttle got us to the slopes each day.

Mt Bachelor averages 462" of snow per year.



There was A LOT of snow.

Skiing was available on all sides of the mountain, lots of great snow. Weather was variable: clear skies the first day, fog and rain one day, snow another day.



A typical ski trip.

Skiing was great with friends Dean, Jenny, Debby and Debbie, Gary, Peggy, Ronald, Rick, and many more!



Bend is home to one microbrewery for every 4,500 residents. Skiing and beer, what could be better! Several of us took a brewpub tour, sampling brews at each



stop. Chip was nice enough to finish

what we couldn't drink (long night for Chip). Informative, and lots of fun!

Sometimes there are parts of a trip that are not exactly highlights. Take our tour of the volcanic cave, for example. The general consensus was interesting, but wouldn't do it again. The highlight (or lowlight depending on your point of view), was me stumbling and cracking my chin on the ground (yes, I saw

Barrel Bike Bar

By Linda Hughes and Julie Dimambro

September 11 was a memorable day for many reasons. Skiwis added to the 9/11



tribute by wearing red, white and blue to our biking event where 16 members participated in moving 1 "bicycle" through the streets of Mt. Clemens. Needless to say it was great fun as we

Skiwi's Summer of 2016

By Julie Dimambro

Well it has been a great summer for Skiwis- there has been an activity every week to keep our members active and having fun!

stars), and having to stop at the clinic for 24 stitches. The good news is the doctor was great, and now I have my own ski trip scar 😊

Most of us thought Bend and Mt Bachelor were great, and we would like to visit again in the summer.

served up beer, wine and munchies as we rode through the streets enjoying the beautiful summer evening.



Enjoying each other's company and the pubs in the area we rode for 2 fun hours. Many continued the evening at Clancy's for more visiting and eating enjoyment. This was an event that will definitely need repeating!

We started June with a weekend bike trip to Ohio riding down the Erie Canal Trail. Starting the day was a train ride to Akron to begin the journey. Great history and biking was found once we got our directions straight! LOL Ask a Skiwi to fill you in.

A scavenger hunt at the Detroit Historical Museum in June was probably the most unique event we did this

summer and one of the most memorable. Skiwi members were challenged to unravel clues and collect items of Detroit history. Great time enjoying the 150th Anniversary of Vernors!

We walked at Nelson Park on Wednesdays enjoying the gorgeous evening weather while talking about our summer adventures.

We played tennis at Mott High School enjoying fun competition while getting fit and working off the calories from those great summer recipes. We met at Vivio's after to discuss our play and enjoy some much needed refreshments.

The summer events also included biking both the new trail from Heritage Park up to 22 and Ryan as well as Dodge Park on 3 weekday evenings. The biking events were well received especially the afterglow following at a local pub. Other Skiwis met up with the bike riders to enjoy the social aspect.

Annual Skiwi Picnic- Pool Party 8/27/16

By Julie Dimambro

We closed our summer with the annual membership party which was a Pool Party to remember!

Due to the generous use of Linda's pool the annual Skiwi Picnic was a fabulous POOL PARTY. On August 27 our current and NEW members enjoyed great food, games AND the pool. We had a bit of rain to start the party but

Biking was also the activity of choice on the Saturday Cantina Rides. Longer and more challenging than the weekday event but all the more fun. Lunch was the meal meet up and again other Skiwis joined in to share the meal and learn about the challenge of the bike trail. Rain or shine the group still met!

Skiwis tried golfing this summer - meeting up at a golf range in June and meeting for a Putt Putt challenge in July. Great events with more fun to be had after golfing as trivia and pizza completed the activities.

The annual canoe event was held at the end of July where over 20 members paddled down the "mighty" Clinton River. It was a day to remember as the river got the best of two of our paddlers but the warm summer day found it to be a refreshing dip in the water. LOL

that did not dampen anyone's great time. Games were played indoors as people socialized and caught up on the upcoming events as well as the 2017 ski trips. Hamburgers and hotdogs were grilled under a shade tent as the rain started to let up. The sun came out in time for eating chili dogs, burgers and salads outside. We also enjoyed the wonderful additional food made by members.

After eating, the pool was filled with Skiwis enjoying the afternoon summer weather while others played YARDZEE- giant dice were tossed creating excitement and competition. Euchre was the card game of the day before

socializing around the bon fire drew us all back together to talk about our summer activities. A few enjoyed a late night swim before the party broke up in the wee hours of the morning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 15 – Cantina Ride



Polly Ann Trail – see flyer for details
Lunch at Casa Real in Oxford.

October 15- EUCHRE PARTY



\$10 entry fee provides pizza and salad as well as prize money! Bring a dish to pass and your own beverages.

Fun to be had starting at 6:30

Location 36645 Park Place Sterling Heights (Club house at the Park Place Condo Complex)

Participation LIMITED- sign up
Email: juliemd03@yahoo.com

Check the calendar for new events – always being planned!

It will be a party to remember At least until the August 2017 party tries to top it!

October 16 Skiwis at the Range



12:00 high noon!

Time to practice your shooting skills!
Detroit Sportsman Congress
49800 Dequindre
South of Avon (23 Mile Rd) north of Auburn.

Cost: \$18 for 50 targets. See flyer for what to bring and details.

Skiwi Meeting – October 20

Crash Landing

October 29 Mystery Haunted House and dinner

Meet at 6:00 sharp for drinks/appetizers (your cost) at Hamlin Pub 1988 Rochester Rd S, Rochester Hills for the disclosure of the evenings mystery spots for fun and excitement!

Too afraid to attend? Meet us at 8:30 back at the Hamlin Pub for dinner and dancing.





SKIWI ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 3, 2016
7:00 pm Social Cocktail Hour
8:00 pm Family Style Dinner
Dancing & Social Gathering
Raffle & Door Prizes

American Polish Cultural Center
2975 E Maple Rd (at Dequindre)
Troy, MI 48083

Toys for Tots
Marine Corp Reserves
Bring a toy for a deserving child

Early bird tickets \$45 payable to Skiwi Ski Club
Reserve a table for 8-10 people
(See diagram for reservations)
Tickets \$50 after November 1, 2016
No tickets sold at the door.
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