




**Skiwi
Ski & Social
Club**
Winter 2014

Skiwi Website
www.skiwiskiclub.com

SKIWI General Meetings
"Always the third Thursday
of the month"
September 2013 - May 2014
we meet at Bailey's in
Troy at 7pm
1965 W. Maple Rd.,
West of Crooks Rd.
Free admission!
(Cash bar and you can enjoy a
great entree from Bailey's
menu on your own)

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Fabulous Fun Frankenmuth

November 2013

Trip Organizers

Louise D. & Carol W.

Fun was had by all. There was plenty of shopping, eating, drinking, shopping, eating & drinking. All the things Skiwi's like to do. Some of the early birds caught some good deals at Birch Run and proceeded onto the Black Forest Bar & Grill to meet up with the rest of the folks who had slept in before joining in on the fun. We all had a wonderful lunch to fortify us for more shopping. The sampler drinks at Black Forest were enjoyed by most and the sampler boys moved on to the next brewery at the Frankenmuth Brewery to continue on the sampling of more ale.



Some of us played it safe and spent most of our hard earned cash at Bronner's as we were looking for more deals to be had. We had fun jingle belling all the way through Bronner's buying lights, ornaments and wonderful decorations for the upcoming Christmas holidays. We then met up with the rest of the gang at the Frankenmuth Brewery and some of us were overjoyed that Michigan State was beating U of M. Yahoo! Michigan State won! After the brewery we all met up at the Bavarian Inn to feast on more food and drinks. There was so much food some of us were able to take home the left overs and have dinners for a week. There were plenty of laughs and fun was had by all. Looking forward to a Fabulous Fun Day at Frankenmuth again in 2014.

**From
The President
Jim Elek**



Greetings, Skiwis!

We survived Snowmageddon 2014 and the Polar Vortex!

This is the first Skiwiport of the new year and, like the snowfall, the Skiwis started it off with a bang!

As of this writing, the club ran a trip to Breckenridge, CO trip. They had TONS of fresh powder! Check out our Facebook Group for pictures and videos! The club also just returned from a trip to Interlaken Switzerland & Budapest Hungary!. Stay tuned for pictures and an article outlining all of the fun. You can also check out this Skiwiport for pictures and a recap of our one-day bus trip to Caberfae. Mother Nature was good to us and we had plenty of fresh snow for a great day on the slopes!

The Skiwi Race Team placed 3rd overall, 4th in Giant Slalom and 1st in Slalom!

Ski season may over, but March for the Skiwis also means looking toward the future. Nominations for April's elections are currently open. The elected positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Directors.

That means WE NEED YOU! Many current members of the Board of Directors plan to step down in May and we need fun, organized people to give back to the club and volunteer their time and talents to keep the club going strong! The club has grown steadily over the last few years and we've had a lot of good times. This does not happen by magic. It happens, because a few people work hard to plan and run the club, the trips, and the events. You can talk to me or any current board member for details.

For upcoming ski trips, as of this writing, the Odawa Casino is full, but you can call the casino and check for availability. You can also get on the waitlist for our trip to Interlaken, Switzerland and Budapest, Hungary! Check out the website for details.

Be sure to keep an eye on our website and Facebook Group for all the latest news, pictures, trips, and events!

"Those who stay will be champions"

One Day to Caberfae

January 2014

Trip Organizers

John M. & Shelley S.

The Skiwis have definitely taken advantage of the polar vortex in Michigan this season. Our first official ski adventure of 2014 was our One day to Caberfae bus trip. As we drove to our meeting place at Oakland mall the windshield wipers sloshed the rain away that was obstructing our view. A little rain did not dampen our spirits or stop our hearty skiers from boarding the bus with anticipation that the rain would soon become snow. Of course we were right!

Our original departure time of 7:00am was delayed due to an unfortunate flat tire involving 3 people. Since all had just joined the club for this trip, we couldn't leave without them. John and Shelley took advantage of the stationary vehicle, and the extra time allotted us to set up THE BAR. To go along with the continental breakfast of assorted bagels, cream cheese and muffins we served up Mimosas, Screwmosas and Bloody Mary's, complete with a dill pickle spear. I think that took care of all 5 food categories (Umm Healthy!?!)

Our tire change pit crew arrived safely, and by 7:30, we were on our way to Caberfae. The bus was full, the chatter ensued. There were multiple games of Catch Phrase, Bop It and cards. In the back of the bus, where the trouble makers congregate, Dale and Bill instigated "You can't get out of the bathroom until you sing a song game". We heard everything from 70's and 80's Rock, to Country Crooners coming from that tiny room (and laughter on the other side of the door). It's funny how you can't think of one song to sing when you're under that kind of pressure.

By 11:00 we arrived at Caberfae. A big thank you to Pam and Mike Murphy, who were already there to welcome us. Our ski club banner hung proudly from the rafters over the 3 picnic tables that they were able to save for us. The Day Lodge at Caberfae is set up so you can make yourselves at home. Club members were encouraged to bring bag lunches and adult beverages. Pam had her crock pot bubbling with sloppy Joes. Lena and Mark shared some great elk sausages with us. A variety of salsa, dips, chips, brownies, cookies and chocolate kisses were placed on the table to share by all of us!

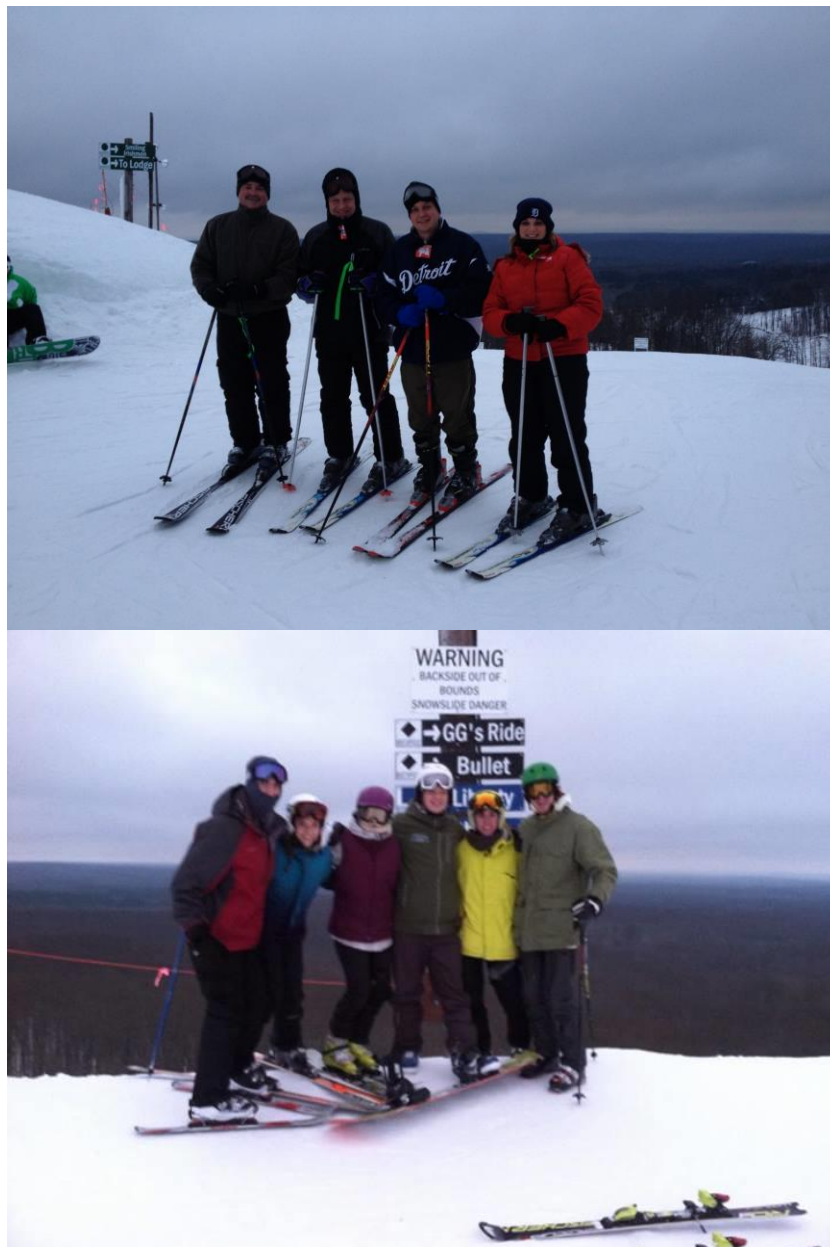
We had plenty of fresh snow to begin skiing and riding right away. Big fluffy flakes were falling now! Caberfae is a small ski area. It's amazing that you can ski all afternoon and not even see anyone you know, even when you come with a group of 43! I guess we spread out and conquered it! The conditions were great for a first downhill of the year. No injuries!! What a great "local" venue to wet our appetites for more fun in the snow.

Caberfae Lodge has the quintessential floor to ceiling stone roaring fireplace. The Adirondack chairs form a half moon circle in front of it. If you aren't skiing maybe you could nab one to sleep or read in. Après ski, several of us gathered in front of the fire with our craft beers and hot chocolate to thaw out. Some made their way upstairs to belly up to the bar to reunite with ski buddies. All too soon it was time to board the bus again.

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The ride home was an icy one and our driver cautiously proceeded. We made one stop near Claire for a fast food experience....but we lingered. It was very late by the time we were dropped off at our cars. Thankfully, not one person complained about the time. John and I were happy to hear what a good time people had as they left the bus. It was great fun meeting and socializing with all the new people. We thank everyone for helping make this trip a great time, and welcome the 19 guests, many of whom became new members for this trip! It's the people, camaraderie and enthusiasm, that make us a great club. Hope we see you all soon, at the next fun event!

John & Shelley



Skiwi Stars On Ice 2014

March 1, 2014

Event Organizer

Debbie Cooke

What were you doing on March 1? After viewing all of the skating in the Olympics this year, a group of Skiwis decided to do some skating themselves! It was a very snowy night, and if you were one of a group of about 15 Skiwis, you were at the Troy Sports Center enjoying a night of ice skating! There were a few beginners as well as some seasoned skaters. Afterwards, everyone headed over to Joe Kool's for appetizers and a drink. Thanks to Debbie for organizing the outing!



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They say a picture is worth a 1,000 words...



Skiwi Whistler Ski Trip 2013

An early morning exodus from Michigan initiated an excursion of anxious Skiwis, forty in all, into the scenic beauty of our Pacific Northwest neighbor. After maneuvering ourselves and our baggage through customs [where we almost lost Rob to the authorities], our journey carried us from Vancouver, British Columbia - paralleling the Howe Sound which provided unprecedented views around every bend – to our final destination in Whistler Village. Our private motor coach driver added interesting and historical facts en-route.



After settling into our condos at the Tantalus Lodge, we explored the village and prepared for the following mornings' adventures. With two huge mountains to conquer, we set out to do this daunting task. The evening after our first exhilarating day of skiing, we were treated to Daredevil skiers & riders, performing synchronized jumps and stunts with pyrotechnics and music. This (free) legendary Fire and Ice show has been put on by the Whistler resort every Sunday night for many years.



Paul and Rachael, our newest skiers, win most improved after completing their series of lessons. Watch out next season, they will be right on our tails! Carol F, our adventure leader, hung up the boards for a day and ziplined above the canyon connecting Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. On a clear day you can view the Fitzgerald River running through the canyon's base and the Olympic bobsled run with the Russian National Team practicing, who were, by the way, our fellow residents at the Tantalus Lodge. We needed to brush up on that Russian and vodka drinking. While on the bobsledding topic, Shelley S became a human bobsled, falling at the top of the glacier and sliding all the way to the bottom. Chip just happened to capture some of the event on his Go-Pro video. Most of the group, with Neil and Jeff leading the way, took advantage of the First Tracks complimentary breakfast by boarding the gondola in the dark and hitting the mountain with filled bellies. Ronald did battle with his goggles, his eye coming out {his eye came out?!?!} the loser with a couple of stitches. Fortunately, it did not slow him down for long. Midweek we had a full crew for our Après ski party, sponsored by our travel agent, at the popular Garibaldi Lift Company. We were served an overabundance of a wide variety of appetizers and drinks – nobody left hungry.

All-in-all, it was a great week of skiing, with most of the days basked in sunlight combined with a couple fresh snow days. The evenings were filled with hot tubing, and plenty of restaurants and bar visits, all within walking distance in the village. Our last evening in Whistler Village, the Skiwis took control of the dance floor in grand fashion at Wild Bill's Saloon. Sylvia was spotted tearing up the dance floor, and not to be outdone, Joe's moves made him the girls' choice.



The next morning we boarded our bus, marking the end of a wonderful week in Whistler. However, it didn't mean our trip excitement was over yet. We still had a final afternoon and evening in the stunning city of Vancouver. A diversified field of whirlwind, non-ski, activities took place during this last leg of our trip. We got very lucky with the Vancouver weather, as it was sunny and 50 degrees - making for a great day to enjoy the island city both by land and water. Aqua buses made for a great way to view the scenery while comfortably getting to your next destination. Their transit system also made getting around on land quick and easy. However, some (John Z, Mary, Chip) decided that bicycling was the best option. All that running around can sure make you thirsty. Carl, Tess, Shawn, Terry, and I bet many more Skiwis, found a solution with beer tasting at Grandville Island Brewery. After a long day of exploring, the very fresh seafood and sushi were also well appreciated. Alas, a bittersweet departure with a beautiful city and beckoning peaks inviting memories of future adventures.



Tavern Nights

The Skiwi's first Tavern Night of 2014 was held at Crash Landing in Warren and was hosted by Debbie Cook. There were 25+ Skiwis in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the location, and it was also suggested that we look into this location for possible future meetings.

WE NEED A TAVERN NIGHT HOST!!!

Do you enjoy checking out some of the Detroit area's best watering holes? Are you a friendly sort of person? Would you like to "host" some or all of the Tavern Nights for 2014? The club is looking for someone to represent us at each Tavern Night. We have a sign/poster board for display and it is a pretty easy job that gives you great exposure to other member's in the club.

Some ideas that have been recently suggested are:

- 1) Change the night to Friday or ?
- 2) Move the time slot up to "happy hour"
- 3) Your ideas??? :)

Some locations that we visited in 2013 included:

- Joe Kool's in Troy
- Doc's Sports Retreat in Livonia
- Great Barboo Brewing Company in Clinton Township
- 51 North Brewing Company in Lake Orion
- Orleans Billiards Cafe` in Mt. Clemens
- Tin Fish - St. Clair Shores
- Dragonmead Microbrewery in Warren

So if you would like to see the Tavern Nights continue and could host them, please contact Jim Elik!



Skiwi Events

[Detroit Institute of Arts with Tour! Sunday March 23rd 1:45pm](#)

Skiwi's have arranged a tour for only \$5!
Museum Admission is FREE! Parking only \$5
Traffic Jam & Snug afterward to enjoy some food and drink
(TJ's was Michigan's first micro brewery!)
Contact Carol Wacht (H) 586-412-5620, (C) 586-292-1508
email wacht@sbcglobal.net

[Billiards Night at Hall of Fame Billiards Tuesday April 1st 6pm](#)

Contact Debbie Cooke sunsetcar@aol.com for Info

[Roller Derby! Saturday April 12th at the Masonic Theater Detroit 5pm](#)

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[It's All Happening At The Zoo!](#)

Discount Tickets Available!
Saturday April 26th - Detroit Zoo
(there is a "rain date" check the flyer)
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Want to help fill the calendar?

Ever thought... why don't they do this event or run that trip?
Or would you like to help run an event? If so, please join us!
Fun people are needed to plan and run Skiwi social events.
All members are welcome.

Contact our Social Chairperson Luise D. -skiwiskiclub@gmail.com



More Frankenmuth Fun!



NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Do you have an article, photos or other content you would like to see published in the next newsletter? Email to Skiwiskiclub@gmail.com Please put NEWSLETTER in the subject.

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