

Iowa Ski Club

Newsletter

April 2015

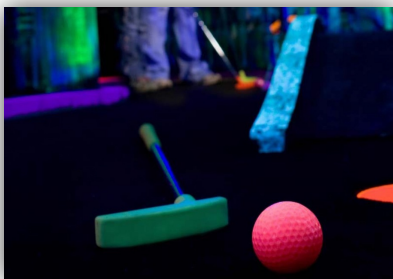
THE FINAL TWO!

**It's the final ISC party for the 2014 - 2015 ski season
and the
Final Newsletter for the Iowa Ski Club?**

Glow in the Dark Mini Golf will be Friday, April 10, 2015, at 8:00 pm and is located at 6925 Mills Civic Parkway, Suite 110, West Des Moines, Iowa.

If anyone wants to come to **Buffalo Wild Wings** at 7:00 pm prior to that they can. ISC will pay for the Mini-golf, but the food at Wild Wings is on your own. Wild Wings is at 6925 Mills Civic Parkway Suite 115, West Des Moines, Iowa in Jordan Creek Center and the Glow in the Dark Mini Golf is really close to it.

The Mini Golf is open on Friday night till 10:00 pm, so we should have two hours to do the golfing.



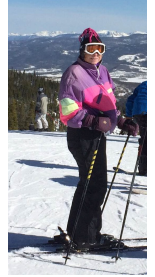
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Skip and Linda

2016 Ski Trip - Steamboat Springs, Colorado!

From Our President of the Iowa Ski Club . . .

Our beloved ISC newsletter editor extraordinaire, Pat Ratcliff, will be retiring from her editorial responsibilities effective April 1. Is it a coincidence she picked April 1st as her last day on the job? No fooling—she is really going to stop writing our newsletter.



We have depended on Pat to provide us with the latest list of birthdays for ski club members, ski club events, snow depth reports, photos of member events and a variety of other helpful information. She has volunteered her time for more than three years. Like other board members, Pat has not received any extra benefits for her duties other than your appreciation for her work as editor. We thank you, Pat, for your support of the ISC. Your editorial leadership will be missed by everyone.

We have enjoyed the regular delivery of our favorite newsletter each month from ISC. Sadly, without Pat and without a successor for her role, our newsletter will be on an indefinite hiatus until a new editor is found. If a volunteer does not step forward in the next couple months, the newsletter will be on permanent hiatus, and we will find other ways to communicate with members. We will likely begin using communication methods like Facebook, our website, word of mouth, and possibly emails. We considered carrier pigeons, but we didn't want to buy bird seed.

Change is difficult and ISC has seen a lot of change over the years. People have strong feelings about Facebook—love it or hate it. Using Facebook for ISC communication offers us an efficient and timely way to communicate events and news to our membership. Without a newsletter editor, the ISC Board had to seek new ways to communicate with members. By using Facebook, literally any ISC member can share information about events, get togethers, birthdays, ski injuries and ski pictures. To address privacy concerns, we have taken the additional step of creating a "closed group" for ISC which means we will grant permission to join our Facebook group. We will grant permission to people who are paying members of the club. We will begin piloting the use of the Facebook group "Iowa Ski Club" soon and more information will be provided to you. If you are already a Facebook user, you may request to join the group now. If you are new to Facebook, in the future, we will provide some instruction to help you get connected to our closed group.

Kim



Spring and Summer Biking . . .

April 25, 2015 - 10:30 a.m. Cumming Trail Head, heading toward Martensdale, have lunch at the Road Side Inn and ride back. This is normally a fairly easy ride so it's a good one to start out the biking season.

May 16, 2015 - 9:30 a.m. Trestle Trail, Woodward Trailhead, in Woodward heading toward Madrid, probably eating lunch at the Nite Hawk Bar and Grill near Slater.

June 13, 2015 - 8:30 a.m. Farmers Market Ride, meeting in the Greenbelt Parking Lot (Children's play area) off of 100th near the old 7 Flags Fitness Center. There are always plenty of things to eat and drink at the Farmers Market.

August 1, 2015 - Full Moon Ride, 9:00 p.m. Trestle Trail, Woodward Trailhead in Woodward. Skip and I rode this trail for the full moon ride last year and it was just spectacular.

August 8, 2015 - Adel Sweet Corn Festival Ride, Meeting at 8:30 and be ready to ride by 9:00, Adel Brickyard Trail, in Adel. You can enjoy the sweet corn afterwards and other foods they have there.

Skip & Linda Rhone solrhone@centurylink.net

Summer Birthdays . . .

April

3 Karen Creager
14 Linda Rhone
18 Glenn Carstensen
26 Mary Reeves

May

5 Karla Van Hall
18 Red Sinclair
19 Wayne Brill
27 Jerry Kuhlman



June

10 Mary Richards
11 Leslie Maach
27 Skip Rhone

July

7 Charlie Reeves
12 Mary Knueven
20 Kim Lipshutz
30 Mike Vance

August

12 Pat Knueven
12 Dan Bohner
24 Carlos Ubinas

Next ISC Board Meeting - April 20th

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Park City - Deer Valley Ski Trip - 2015



In a previous newsletter I said "I was moving on!" I really didn't mean anything other than after 3 years of doing the newsletter that I'd like to do other things at the end of the month and to let others try different ideas. But, not knowing it then, that statement is now true! With the breaking of my left arm skiing and 3 to 4 months recovery, I do need to move on to something safer. I have broken every limb on my body from my nose to my ankles. Many of those not from sports. Older members and those who also aren't skiing now know my past history. I have been with the Ski Club since 1976 and dearly love the mountains. My first place skiing was Telemark,

WI. Have always tried to figure out why people enjoy coming down the hill on boards! Must have been the wine & cheese party half way down the hill! My favorite skiing place was ToHellURide until it was taken over by the rich and very rich. I have always loved the "scenery" at Big Sky which when you go there you will then understand what I mean. Staying at the Banff Springs Hotel and skiing in the fog, Lake Tahoe / Heavenly Valley moguls and throwing huge pine cones in the fireplace, taking the train to Jackson Hole, skiing Rendezvous Bowl and falling in ski school looking like Michael Jackson doing a break dance the instructor said, then skiing NASTAR with the club winning a bronze metal and learning afterwards that I had bronchitis. Mangy Moose was always fun there. Steamboat Springs was the first place out west that I went with the club. I always blame the altitude for the mix-up in condo bldgs, but it was probably the bar. John Davis made such a good breakfast and the drinks awaiting as we came back from skiing. In Crested Butte I'd like to make sure that the tree I hit is dead, I'll let Mary Reeves verify that for me some day. Hopefully the beetle got it. The fear of death is what saved my life I have always said because I hit it from behind! What was that Red Neck band called while we were dancing on the tables in Keystone (singing See Em Ducks?) and my car door tied shut with my bandana while driving over Swan Mountain Road! These are only some of the memories I can remember - I'm retired you know! There's been a many of good stories written by the newsletter editors, trip leaders, etc (you know who you are) through the years and I've enjoyed those! Thanks for all the stories and encouragement's in the past newsletters that the trips would be and were a lot of fun!!

Vail 2014





Jackson Hole - 1996

Some of the Past!

Pat Ratcliff