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The Prez Sez...

Your Fearless Leader, Lori Kushar

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful time ringing in 2012. Some of our members enjoyed celebrating it by going up to Marquette, Michigan. Check out the re-cap in this issue. Other events we had since our last newsletter was our Special Meeting at Williams Ski Haus, Holiday Party, Winter Park trip, and trip to Indianhead, MI. (latter 2 trip re-caps in next month's newsletter)

Special Meeting Night: We had about 15 to 20 people attend on November 30. All of us took advantage of the personal one-on-one service and special Sitzmark discounts provided by Steve, our host with the most. We had a few appetizers, beer and wine to help us while we shopped and signed up for trips. I would like to thank our good friend Steve for again, hosting this event.

Thanks once again to Tari and Gary Sedlacko for hosting our annual Holiday Party. Not as many attended as last year due to the Winter Park trip coinciding during the weekend of December 17. But all who came had fun. Read more on the following pages in this issue.

Newly added to our winter trips this year is the X-Country/ Snowshoe weekend trip to nearby Elkhorn, WI. Dates are February 10-13. Spots are going fast! So far we have signed up. Read more in this issue and on our website.

Please remember, this club is for everyone to enjoy. If there is an idea, suggestion or comment you want to express, please feel free to contact me or anyone on the Board. We are here to keep Sitzmark alive and growing for all of you and the next generation of winter lovers.

Sitzmark Board

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Bar Hop TONIGHT! Jan. 27

The Vine • 101 Center St., Grayslake, IL 60030 847.543.0900 • www.thevineofgrayslake.com

We will meet around 6pm-ish. Please let me know if you are planning on attending (make sure big enough table). See website for further information about the place. **Contact Jeanne:** 847.287.4899

- Steamboat CMSC Chicago
- Week: February 25 March 3.
- Due to an injury, we have an
- opening for 1 male on the trip. If
- you are interested, please contact
- Dawn Ahlgren at deahlgren@
- comcast.net. Dawn needs to know
- as soon as possible.

Travel and Adventure Show

Join CMSC at booth 1328 at the Travel and Adventure Show at the Stevens Convention Center in Rosemont, Jan. 28, 10am-5pm and Jan 29 11am-4pm. Events include speakers Travel Channel Host Samantha Brown and 1000 Places to See Before You Die author Patricia Schultz, Fiery Foods Challenge with host Mark DeCarlo, Photo Clinic with Ralph Valasco, and Cultural preformances. You can also try SCUBA diving, rock wall climbing and ride a camel. Use following link and promo code for free admission:

www.adventureexpo.com/tickets • Select Chicago Registration



Please join the Sitzmark Ski Club Group (click to link) on Facebook! You can RSVP for events, share events with friends, view pics, and see updates of the Club!

Note: The names of Sitzmark Members are bold in each story - first instance only.

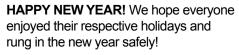


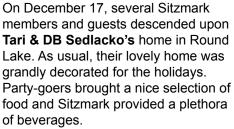


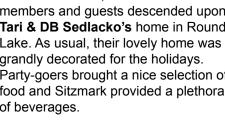




2011 Sitzmark **Holiday Party**

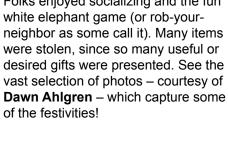






















































New Year's Weekend Trip - Ringing in 2012

Alouise Gredell, Trip Leader

An unseasonably warm early winter made us skeptical as to how much skiing we would be doing at *Marquette Mountain*, but 22 diligent Sitzmarkers made the trek anyway. The **Gredells** and the **Hansens** were 7 each, the **Holters** were 4, and **Mike Serzynski** brought **Emialija Andrulyte**. **Sharon Person** and **Martin Kultermann** made up our group.

Friday's drive was uneventful which is always nice. Marta made our reservation at the *Verling* where we enjoyed some good beers. Afterward, some went out on the town, while the families swam or played games in the lobby area.

Saturday was off to the ski hill, leaving behind Greg H, Tyler H and Brook because of a intestinal bug that was making its way through Marquette.

After getting rental equipment and lessons for Josh, Khrystyna, Greg Jr, Hawley, Faith, and Emilija we were pleasantly surprised to find that most of the hill did have enough snow. Oh yeah, one problem, the Gredells forgot to bring Steve's bindings for his new custom snowboard, AGAIN. The

people at *Marquette Mountain* are so nice that they allowed us to rent bindings at *no charge*. I love the staff.

Once the lessons were done, we helped all the beginners make their way up their first chairlift - so we could go to our mountain lunch at the Boarder Shack. Lynda H and I were on the chair behind them when the lift stopped at the top. Oh God, was it one of beginners that fell? We heard snowmobiles and and really started to worry. Thank God it was mechanical and no one was hurt. What seemed to be a 1/2 hour delay, we made it to the Boarder Shack, only to find out that it was Sitzmark Milwaukee's lunch spot. Our lunch was at Snowfield, so the poor beginners had to make their way down and go back up. Another 1/2 hour later (just kidding), we were eating brats, hot dogs, drinking cold beer and wine. All was good except Jackie G warmed her mittens by the fire a little too much - roasting them through to the stuffing. Oops!

After lunch we skied and boarded till happy hour in the *T Bar* where we found Mike, Emiljia, Sharon and Martin sharing a *Shot Ski*, and we discovered the \$1.00 *Hot Apple Pie* shots. They're soooo good.

Back at the hotel we hot-tubbed and swam until it was time to get ready for

our *New Year's Eve* events. Most of us were having a prime rib buffet, which was really good, and then going to a comedy show where they supplied hats and horns. We saw *Ron Sweet* who joked about a large black male body part, and another good comedian. Not bad for Marquette.

After the show, most of us gathered in the lobby for champagne until it was time to walk to center of town wearing our hats or tiaras, blowing our horns and ringing our noise makers all the way to the ball drop - along with a thousand or more local and visiting people. What fun people watching! I even made some friends with a few locals. What a surprise. After the ball dropped, people scattered to line up outside to get in the bars along Washington. Wow! We chose to go back to the hotel where the comedians joined us for one more drink before we called it a night.

Sunday morning came way too soon, but the skier/ boarders that we are, we dragged our butts out of bed and out to the hill. Unfortunately, Greg was not feeling any better, so Lynda took him to the emergency room for some fluids and drugs. Despite the Doc's recommendations, Greg made it out skiing.

We raced before our mountain lunch which, this time, was at the *Boarder Shack*. We did not get the results

because the race office had us in the Sitzmark Milwaukee group. Geez, we should just merge the two groups. I will send an update when I get them.

After lunch, the beginners were advancing at record speed, and so was the winter storm. Winds were blowing the snow right off the runs, exposing solid ice, so many of us decided it was time for more *Hot Apple Pie* shots and some football. Damn those shots are good. Poor Cameron, the nasty intestinal bug hit him while on the chair lift and he lost his lunch a few times going down to the lodge in order to go back to the hotel to sleep.

After the games, we went back to the hotel for more hot-tubbing.

That evening, Marta arranged for us to eat at Casa Calabria. It is now going to be a must-go-to every time we visit Marquette. They have the most divine garlic bread. Who cares how much fat it contained? I don't think anyone had a bad meal. The many types of ravioli, lasagna, pizza, crab bisque, antipasto salad, and linguini with clam sauce were fabulous. The wine was flowing while I raffled off a glass mug that Marquette Mountain gave me, and Hunkey Dorey that I never opened for sharing. Khrystyna won the mug, and left it on



the table. Martin and Mike won the *Hunkey Dorey*.

After dinner we tried to stop at the local establishment for a drink, and even though it was a holiday, they were closed. The New Year's crowd must have been too much for them.

As predicted, we woke up Monday morning to a blizzard. Of course, not bad enough to close the roads, so we HAD to start home at a blazing speed of 30 miles an hour. At least it was only along the lake, and once we

neared *Iron Mountain* the sun came out and the roads cleared.

I want to thank Marta for all her help, wish her a Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary to her and Todd.

I also want to welcome Mike to the club. I think we will be seeing more of him.

As always, it is our wonderful Sitzmarkers who make a trip so enjoyable. I'm sure everyone will agree that the trip was a great way to start a new year. Happy New Year!



X-Country/Snowshoe Weekend Trip

11 are people joining the festivities at Elkhart Lake the weekend of Feb 10-12. To make it easier for everyone to choose what they want for lunch - we will not be collecting the \$15 dollars as originally noted for the trip. Everyone will be responsible for their own lunch. There is a Subway sandwich shop a couple of blocks from our lodging and we will stop Saturday AM before we head to the trails or you can bring your lunch with you. There are several condos that have refrigerators and ice is available if needed. We will provide water, soda and some beer for Saturday.

You are on your own for breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. *The Osthoff Resort* (next door to *Siebkins*) has *Otto's* restaurant that is open from 7am on weekends and also has a Sunday brunch starting at 8am.

As the trip gets closer we will send out a basic itinerary and where we will meet up on Friday once you arrive and check in.

Snow shoe rentals and sales are available at *REI* or contact Steve at *William's Ski Haus*. We have folks that will X-country ski as well as snow shoe. Bring your hiking boots also, as we will go out even if there is a lack of snow.

Current Adventurers

Karen Westlake, Laurie Wohlfeil, Gina DeJoseph, Carol Janssen, Lori Kushar Michelle Anderberg (Smrt) and her friend Danya, Charlotte Bader, Cindy Collins, Bill Westlake, Barb Mueller

Your Trip Leaders

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SNOWSHOEING WALK-ON ADVENTURE, \$15

See how fun and easy it is to snowshoe, and find a new way to enjoy your favorite trails all winter. Our friendly, expert guides will teach you all you need to know and lead you on a short, guided trek. All gear provided.

STARLIGHT SNOWSHOE TOUR, \$29

There's nothing quite as magical as traveling a snowy trail by night. Bring your family for this special snowshoe tour, led by our friendly, experienced instructors. Hot cocoa, snacks, headlamps and all other gear provided.

2012 Calendar of Events

Jeanne Leone, VP

Note: All events subject to change. Please confirm dates with the contact person or VP (Jeanne Leone) Some trips and/or events can be paid for via VISA or MC from our website: www.sitzmarkskiclub.com

JANUARY					
Jan 27 (Fri)	Bar Hop – THE VINE, Grayslake: thevineofgrayslake.com				
Jan 28-29 (Sat/Sun)	Travel and Adventure Show – Stevens Convention Center: www.adventureexpo.com/tickets Select Chicago Registration				
FEBRUARY					
Feb 1 (Wed)	SITZMARK MEETING – 8:00 pm at El Barrio lounge				
Feb 10-12	X-country/Snowshoe Weekend Trip – Elkhart Lake				
Feb 15 (Wed)	SITZMARK MEETING – 8:00 pm at El Barrio lounge				
Feb 24 (Fri)	Bar Hop – Location TBD				

WANTED: Leaders

We need volunteers to lead and organize trips or outings. Here are some ideas and we are open to your input for things not listed!

- cross-country/hike/snowshoe
- bar hop
- party
- sporting event outing or party
- ice skating
- bowling
- whirlyball
- concert
- movie or theater
- midwest or other trip



To submit your ideas and/or volunteer, please contact **Jeanne Leone:** 847.287.4899 or ieannel812@att.net

Links

Chicago Events www.explorechicago.org/city/en.html
Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) www.skicmsc.org
El Barrio Restaurant www.elbarriorestaurant.com
Jim Jake's Ski & Sports Chalet www.skiandsportschalet.net

Lake County Forest Preserves www.lcfpd.org

REI www.REI.com

Ski & Sports Chalet www.skiandsportschalet.com Williams Ski & Patio www.williamsskiandpatio.com Winter Ski & Sport www.skitherockies.com

CMSC CORNER

Charlotte Bader, Regional VP

Wilmot Mountain is offering discounted prices for Tuesday and Thursday nights this season for members of CMSC Clubs (which includes Sitzmark!). You must call or email 24 hours in advance 262.862.2301 ask for Kari or Ryan; or email name(s) and club affiliation (Sitzmark Ski Club, part of CMSC) to groupsales@wilmotmountain.net Pick up your discount voucher at the Group Sales office. Use it to get your discount at the rental payment desk.

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Detailed Pricing:

\$23 lift and group lesson (optional)

\$10 ski pkg rental (boots, skis, poles) \$20 snow board rental \$10 helmet rental \$10 deposit required (refunded if present rental receipt to sales clerk)

Donations of gently used ski clothing still being accepted, please bring to next CMSC Board or General Meeting or send with representative attending.

Jan 28-29: Ski Jump Tournaments at Norge in Fox River Grove. Noon-4pm both days. Saturday is Junior National Championship Qualifier and Sunday is International. Entrance buttons on sale at local merchants and thru CMSC \$10. \$15. at gate. 12 & under free. Food & drinks available, free parking. Bring blankets & lawn chairs, no carry-ins allowed, no dogs allowed. Additional info call 847.639.9718 or visit www.norgeskiclub.com

Feb 25- Mar 3: Chicago Week at SteamBoat Springs. Contact Sue 708.203.3831 or Rick 708.430.5070. As of now we have 14 member clubs signed up with 314 members scheduled to attend.

Mar 16-18: Winter Carnival at Brule (bus trip) \$270. contact Pat Banik patricabanik@att.net. Theme is Down On The Farm. As of now 125 members scheduled to attend and spots available.

Any questions or additional info contact: **Charlotte Bader** at 773.327.1713 or skinana@rcn.com

Sitzmark Ski Club Meetings

Join us for socializing and event information!

Where: El Barrio

1122 Diamond Lake Rd Mundelein, IL 60060

Day: 1st & 3rd Wednesday

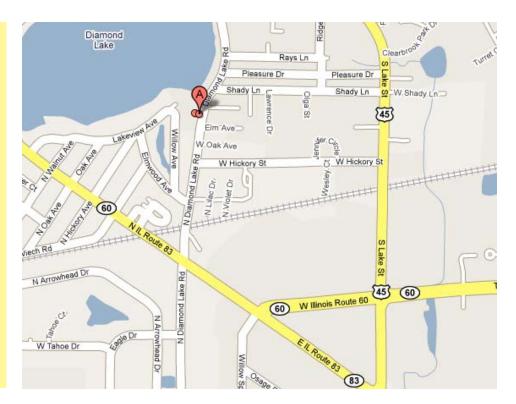
of each month

Time: 8:00 p.m.

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