



Cold Tales

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The Prez Sez...

President, Dave Barboro

Well Spring is here but you wouldn't know it by temperature outside! But hey, maybe Wilmot will stay open longer this year. In any case we had another great ski season with a number of fun trips to the Midwest and out West as well. You can read about several of them in this month's newsletter. We also had a lot of great social events and bar hops. Thanks to all the club members who hosted and volunteered to help with them. It's our club members who make this a great club so keep up the great work!

Speaking of volunteers we are always looking for more people to get involved. There are plenty of activities that we need help with and of course we are also looking for new fun ideas and events. If you want to help out or share an idea, just let me or any of the board members know. We have a number of new members this year again and we invite all of you to get involved.

Our Annual Banquet is April 26th at Dover Straits, so RSVP now (see p4). It should be another fun filled event and a chance to recognize the many people who have helped the club over the past year. The annual Post Party Planning Picnic (PPPP) is May 3rd at Paul and Jeanne's in Round Lake. Be sure to attend because this is your chance to join us and help plan for the upcoming summer and fall events. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Thanks to all our members for your support and good skiing!

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From the Editor

Susan Peterson

Happy Spring! I had a great time on the Blackjack Trip – even with my mishap. But you'll have to wait until the next issue to find out what happened (if you don't already know). Please send me newsletter stories/pictures/upcoming events by April 10th for the next issue. And meanwhile, enjoy this one!



Submissions to: housegal7@yahoo.com

Save-the-Date: April 11

The Bar Hop for April will be on Friday the 11th at *Sharkey's at Round Lake Bowl*, in Round Lake on Rt.134. A band is playing that night (Blues). They have a good game room with bag-O, pool, darts, and arcade!

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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.

Copper Mountain



Copper Mountain January 24 – 28, 2014

Dawn Ahlgren

On Friday, January 24th, 28 Sitzmarkers flew to Colorado. Destination...Copper Mountain! Our flight was on time and once in Denver the group loaded the bus and headed for *Applejacks* to pick up libations for the ride. On the way to *Applejacks*, **Martin** realized he lost his wallet on the plane. After paying for beer, he failed to put the wallet back in his pocket. This started quite the series of phone calls that finally ended with a favorable result. The plane cleaners found his wallet and contacted our tour operator. Martin was able to pick up his wallet once we returned to Denver for the flight home (Yay!!).

After arriving in Copper Village, the group was dispersed to various lodging options. In my opinion, this was the only

bad thing about the trip. We were not situated in the same condo building, but were spread across the central village. So, after unpacking many of us met at The Incline for cocktails. As many of you know, Colorado has a new legal offering. Because of that, a few of us ran to catch a bus to Frisco to check out the



herbage. Several of us drank and dined together that evening in the village.

Saturday brought *blue bird* skies to Copper. It was a beautiful day! At 10:00 we had a special mountain tour for our group. **Keith, Dawn, Erik, Trecia, Lori, Alouise, Al, Steve G, Martin, Sharon, Stacia, Steve S, Amber, Randy, Mark, Chris, Karl, Tom, Jeff, Todd, and Karma** showed up. **Jackie, Josh, and Emilija** were taking lessons that day, and **Greg and Paula** decided to ski on their own. Unfortunately, **Maureen** forgot to pack her ski pants and didn't realize it until that morning. She and **Peggy** missed the tour because they were busy shopping! The mountain tour was really great! Only Karl and Lori were able to



Copper Mountain (cont.)

stay out as long as the guides were willing to ski with us!

Saturday night we went to the conference center for a complimentary pizza party provided by *Winter Ski and Sport*. We mingled with the members of Chicago Friars, Pine Point, and Skunks ski clubs. After that...off we were to the village for cocktails.

Sunday was cold but conditions were good. We skied all day and then went to *Casa Sanchez* for margaritas afterwards. That night, we held our club dinner at *CB Grille* in the Central Village. I think everyone agreed it was the best club dinner we have had on a ski trip in years! Thanks to Lori for doing the legwork and arranging it!

On Monday it snowed off and on, but skiing was good. I believe this was the day we had the big crash. Erik and Chris had a collision. Chris slid a long way across the mountain...I thought she was going to end up in the stream! Erik was not hurt; Chris was sore but OK. Whew! That night many of the group joined Mark and Chris for their 30th anniversary dinner at *Casa Sanchez*. Others of us went to *JJ's* in the East Village for dinner (I don't like Mexican... sorry!). We all tried to meet up later but it didn't exactly work out. On top of that, Keith's iPhone was stolen that night. (All is well, it has been replaced since.)

Thanks to all of you who went on this trip! It was a great time. Hope you'll join us again next year!



Additional comments the group noted are:

Maureen and Peggy gifted Dawn with a great travel wine glass!

Al had a yard sale on the *Oh No* run.

Alouise slipped getting out of the hot tub after she warned everyone it was slippery. She only hurt her pride!

Lori did a *snow angel* in her bathing suit and then jumped back into the hot tub.

Tom left his ski boots in the room.

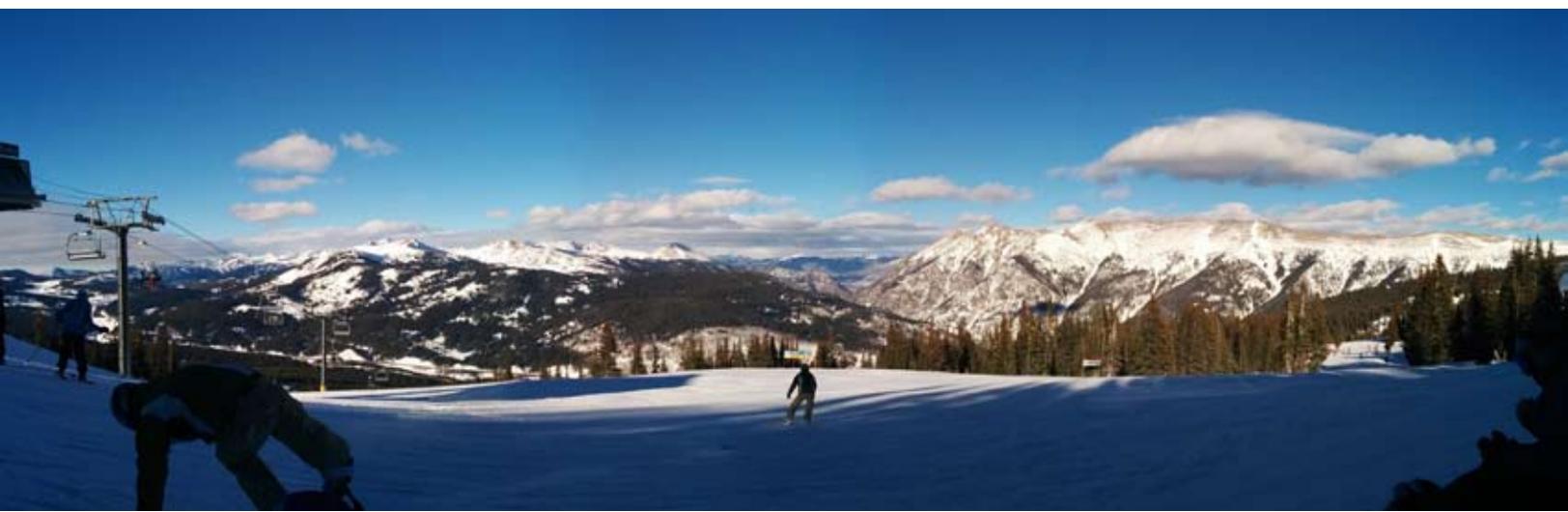
Steve had a big fall but was OK.

Todd and Karma racked up 37,000 vertical in one day.

Lori gave everyone complimentary *Sugar Lips* mini donuts. We had trouble getting them because their machine broke down. On top of that the owner was rude to Josh. In the end all was well. They were really good.

Copper had giant human-size hamster balls at the base...that humans ran inside. I don't think any of us did it... but we were considering.

Cool fire pit at the center of the village.





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Annual Banquet



Saturday, April 26, 2014

Come enjoy an evening of great food and fun at our annual banquet at Dover Straits. The cost, including tax & tip, is only \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Cash bar. Doors open at 6:30, dinner served at 8:00.

Menu choices

Broiled New York Strip Steak

Served with béarnaise sauce

Atlantic Salmon Filet

Topped with lemon-butter Sauce

Pan-Fried Golden Tilapia Filet

Topped with mushrooms, garlic & Lemon-butter sauce

Jumbo French Fried Shrimp

Served with a tangy cocktail sauce

White Sea Bass Filet Savoy

Broiled & served over sautéed vegetables,
Topped with lemon-butter sauce

Breast of Chicken Marsala

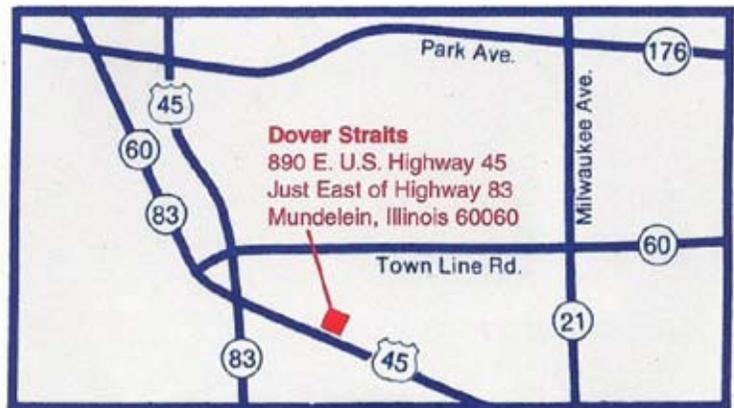
Sauteed with mushrooms, garlic & Marsala red wine sauce

Tournedos of Beef

Medallions of tenderloin, sautéed & topped
With asparagus spears & béarnaise sauce

All entrees include a Cup of Soup,
Tossed Green Salad, Potato,
Vegetables, Dessert, Coffee, Hot or
Iced Tea, Bread and Butter

Location



R.S.V.P. : We need to know by

April 16 if you're going to be there.

Reply to: cwjanssen@aol.com

Payment must be received by April 16.

Make payment at regular meeting or
send to:

Attn: Banquet
Sitzmark Ski Club
PO Box 386

Libertyville, ILL. 60048

Do things really happen in Threes?

7 adventurous snow seeking snowshoers headed to Elkhart Lake for the Third Annual adventure. Friday festivities began with cocktails and munchies. With full bellies we ventured down the street to the Lake Street Café which was alive with dinner goers of all ages (some being carried out sleeping on Dad's shoulder). Did you really think something else? Beverages from many of the local breweries complemented the entries the most popular of which was the Lobster Bisque and the Bacon/Brussel Sprout Pizza. The evening was highlighted with the Olympic Opening Ceremonies, great beverages and Lori and Karen's condo with no heat. Temps of 62 were good for overnight sleeping but could it be fixed on Saturday?

Saturday Cindy started our day by preparing an Eggcellent breakfast. We headed to the Northern Kettle Moraine area where we found a full parking lot of X-Country skiers, tubers, Snowbikers, and Snowshoers. The Snowbikes were quite interesting coming up behind us with their little bells. We weren't sure what we were hearing the first time but then became used to them in future laps.

The shelter has been updated with a wood burning stove that heats the entire space. Quite comfy for a lunch break. The snow trails had a wonderful crunch and the snow was plentiful (not to northern Illinois amounts but good none the less). We ventured out to the 3 and 2 mile loops. Differences between the maps and the trail markings brought the group onto the X-Country trails for a longer distance than anticipated. All trails led back to the shelter so "no harm no Foul" to the X-Country skiers. After lunch, the hardy snowshoers headed back out for another round on the trails while Carol was the only one to take on the X-Country trails legally. She said the trail was great and they are now groomed for either Classic or Skating. A nice dusting of snow started as we headed back to the condos for some relaxing after our adventure. Upon return, Karen and Lori still didn't have heat above 62 in their condo. Not to fear since they would be spending time in other condos for the Olympics, they didn't need to pack up and move to another condo.

Saturday evening festivities started with an early celebration of Lori's 50th birthday with Champagne and gifts. Dinner at the Back Porch Bistro didn't disappoint anyone. Short Ribs with crispy Brussel Sprout leaves was the popular choice. Anyone see a pattern here? With very full and satiated stomachs, we headed back to the condos for the Olympics, a few beverages and some comatose brains.

Sunshine, a group breakfast of homemade French Toast and Karen's Irish dancing completed the weekend. Arriving home, Laurie found no heat in her house and the temperature down to 45 degrees. Ok so that was two, will there be a Third? Let's hope not.

Thanks to the group for such a great time and to many more trips like this.

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Wilmot Tuesday/Thursday Deals Thru March 31st!

Wilmot Mountain is providing Tuesday and Thursday night deals starting at 3:30 p.m. – for all of our CMSC clubs (which Sitzmark is). Here are the rates:

\$24 Lift Ticket/Lesson

\$35 Lift Ticket/Lesson/Ski Rental

\$45 Lift Ticket/Lesson/Snowboard Rental

Boots are included with rentals. Anyone renting equipment will be charged an additional \$10 up-front refundable deposit.

In order to receive the discount, simply notify Ryan Church by email at rchurch@skiwilmot.net

Tell him how many people will be coming on that particular night, their names, and mention you are with Sitzmark Ski Club. The voucher(s) will be at the front office for pick-up when you arrive. www.wilmotmountain.com

2014 Calendar of Events

Carol Janssen, VP

Apr 2 (Wed)	Sitzmark Meeting – 8 pm at El Barrio
Apr 11 (Fri)	Barhop – <i>Sharkey's</i> at <i>Round Lake Bowl</i>
Apr 16 (Wed)	Sitzmark Meeting – 8 pm at El Barrio
Apr 26 (Sat)	Annual Banquet – 6:30 pm at Dover Straits
May 3 (Sat)	PPPP – 3 pm at Paul + Jeanne's, Round Lake
May 7 (Wed)	Sitzmark Meeting – 8 pm at El Barrio
May 18 (Sun)	Coasters for a Cause – Great America
May 21 (Wed)	Sitzmark Meeting – 8 pm at El Barrio

Membership Update

79 total current members

76 paid,

41 males

38 females

21 family memberships



Sitzmark Ski Club Meetings

Join us for socializing and event information!

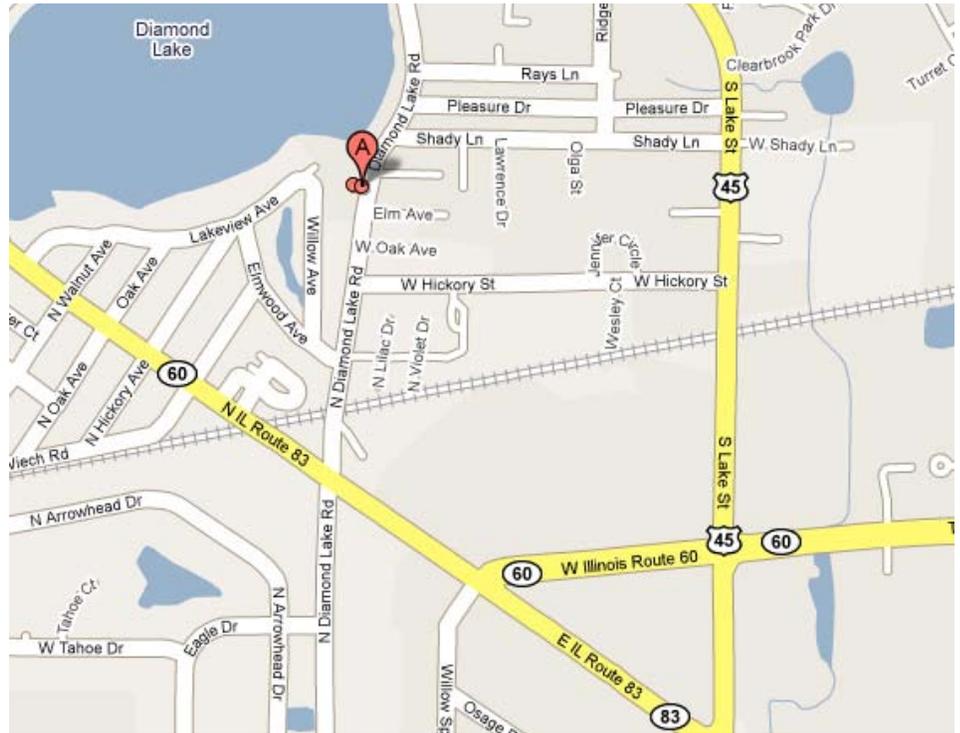
Where: El Barrio
1122 Diamond Lake Rd
Mundelein, IL 60060

Day: 1st & 3rd Wednesday
of each month

Time: 8:00 p.m.

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