



# FOUR WINDS SKI AND SOCIAL CLUB

## MARCH 2010

### FROM THE PREZ

Just back from Winter Park, what a great time! See inside for details. The skiing season is almost over but there's one trip left, Granite Peak. If you haven't signed up give Dave Shelton a call to see if he has any rooms left.

Over the next couple meetings we will be taking nominations for club officers. Yes, it's that time of year again. A person can hold the same office for two years in a row but they do need to be re-elected annually. Officers interested in staying on for a second year are myself as President, Pat Clark as Vice President and Phil Skultety as Treasurer. However, other nominations for these positions will be entertained. Sgt. At Arms, John Clark and Secretary, Dennis Dobosiewicz are stepping down so we will be looking for nominations for these two officer positions.

In addition to the officers above, we have several committee chair positions. They are Newsletter, Membership, Social, Ski-Meister, and Web-Master. Betsy Grandfeldt our current Membership Chair has offered to take the Social Chair position if someone will step forward to do membership. I believe Dave Shelton will continue on as Ski Meister. Other chairs have not been committed to yet so if you are interested in getting more involved please contact me and I will walk you through what's involved in each position. Perhaps one of our young adults would be interested in taking on Web-Master, we know they love the computers and probably know more about them than most of us adults. I will be happy to assist them with this position.

Help make our club all it can be!!

**To Join Four Winds** Go to Web Site at

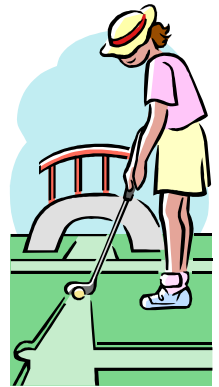
[www.fourwindsski.org](http://www.fourwindsski.org)

Or go directly to this link

[http://www.fourwindsski.org/FOUR\\_WINDS\\_SKI\\_Membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.fourwindsski.org/FOUR_WINDS_SKI_Membership_form.pdf)

### THE SOCIAL CONNECTION

- Glow in the Dark Golf March 28th – Matt Rakowski
- Early Season Bike Ride in April - **needs organizer**
- Annual Banquet in May – Betsy Grandfeldt
- Candlelight Bowl in June – Cathy Socha
- Kane County Cougars – Aug/Sep- **Needs organizer**
- Camping – Picnic – Golf - **needs organizers**
- Overnight Michigan Wine Trail Adventure in the Fall – Mary Tortoric

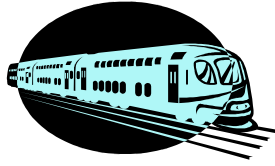


Please let me know if you'd like to organize and event!!!

Give me a call today, 847-524-4326 or send me an email at [lmporto999@att.net](mailto:lmporto999@att.net), your prez

**Meetings will continue to be held only once per month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month on an ongoing basis at Real Time Sports at 8:00 P.M in private room to the right inside the entrance. Visitors welcome!!**

## Train Trip to



# WINTER PARK, COLORADO

**February 22 through February 28, 2010**

### Saturday, February 27, 5:05PM

Eleven Four-Winders are boarding the California Zephyr in Fraser-Winter Park, Colorado after four days of skiing at Winter Park resort. As this is being written, we have stowed our gear below, gotten our seats and re-assembled in the observation car for the beautiful sights between Fraser and Denver (including 28 tunnels in 30 minutes). After the stop in Denver, we settled into some spirited card and domino's games until one by one, we retired to the coach seats or sleeper cabins for a night's rest. At least most of us did. One of us (Walter Stoneski) had no room since our trip leader took a well-earned position across two seats. No harm, Walter eventually got his spot back at about 4AM.

### Sunday, February 28, 7:00AM

After a surprisingly restful sleep, most of the group has reconvened in the observation/lounge car for socializing and story-telling. Seasoned train travelers that we have become, we have all learned the rule of "three points of contact" when moving about on a train that is in motion.

The stories covered the 142 trails, 3,078 skiable acres, 25 lifts and 4 mountains that are part of the Winter Park ski resort. The peaks of the Winter Park hill (10,700'), the Vasquez Ridge (10,700'), the Mary Jane (11,200') and the Parsenn Bowl (12,060') offered any type of skiing from long green runs to challenging mogul-studded runs that could induce heart failure. Best of all, we had 6-8 inches of velvety smooth powder for Thursday morning and slopes that were wide open. In fact, several local skiers told us we planned the trip for the best snow conditions of the year. If you didn't enjoy this skiing, then skiing is just not for you.

Unfortunately, not all of the skiing news is good. On the first day of skiing, while on a guided tour of the mountain, Lane Phillips had a bad fall on a black run and landed squarely on his shoulder. Lane toughed it out and continued to ski down the hill to the base. Later in the afternoon he went to the Fraser clinic where he was diagnosed with a type-3 shoulder separation. Lane was kept comfortable with the aid of chemistry (vicodin) which he was unwilling to share no matter how much we asked.

### Sunday, February 28, 11:00AM

If anyone wonders if there is anything but urban congestion in our country, they should take a long train trip. What you see for miles and miles is unspoiled prairie and forested areas. Oh yeah, there is some farmland, as well. And, my friends, there is just no better way to travel with a group of people than a train. We played games and laughed and laughed as the miles flew by. In the family-friendly environment of a train, the losers were frequently heard to say "Dag-nab-it!!" rather than the more colorful expressions they really wanted to say. Hint to all, never play a game with Mary Tortorici when she's the only person who knows the rules. You're going to lose ... every time.

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WINTER PARK TRIP (Continued)

Sunday, February 28, 2:00PM

We're nearly home and everyone can hear Kristi Clark saying, "No more food!" Snacking is really big on a long train ride. Speaking of food, the meals were another highlight of the trip. From the arranged dinner at Dino's (Winter Park's finest dining) to the spaghetti dinner at the Tortorici/Stoneski condo (guess which family made the spaghetti) to the pizza and leftover spaghetti night at the Clark/Westrich condo. Despite all the exercise, there is NO WAY anyone lost weight!

Sunday, February 28, 4:00PM

Nearing Union Station in Chicago, it is unreal how quickly a 22-hour train trip can go. What a relaxing and fun way to travel!!

It feels woefully inadequate to just say thank you to Kathleen Stoneski for all of the work and preparation she put in to make this a VERY SUCCESSFUL trip. It's safe to say that all members had a terrific time on Four Wind's first Western trip in three years. Thanks a lot, Kath!!

**FOUR WINDS SKI CLUB'S  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
FAMILY VALUES WEEKEND  
MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup>, & 14<sup>TH</sup> 2010  
GRANITE PEAK @ RIB MOUNTAIN STATE PARK  
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN**

**2 Day Ski Trip Price includes:**

- \* Club Pot Luck Wine & Cheese Party by the pool upon arrival.**
- \* 2 Nights lodging at Best Western Midway with Continental Breakfasts**
- \* Lift Tickets for Sat & Sun. / Ski rentals for Sat. & Sun.**
- \* Looking down at Fireworks from the top of the mountain then skiing down and sitting around the bonfire at the base on Sat Night.**
- \* Horse drawn sleigh rides. \*Wisconsin Brats and Beer on the hill.**

**ALL THIS FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR \$525 \* includes taxes & local fees.  
(see Alternative package prices on the second page)**

As the MasterCard commercial would put it "PRICELESS"

**ALL THIS AND IT'S ONLY \*\$525.00**

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# **The Four Winds Ski and Social Club's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Values Weekend**

Now open to members. Granite Peak has a wonderful Beginners Area with magic carpets, T-bars, slower ski lifts and mid mountain drop off points for beginners. They have a High Speed 6 pack Detachable Lift to whisk the more adventurous skiers up to the top of the mountain in record breaking time and some of the best skiing within 4 hours of Chicago. **They have a total number of 72 trails with 100% Snow Making Capability.** The lodges have spacious areas to relax and a wonderful attached restaurant for a bite to eat. Price shown above is for quad occupancy consisting of 2 Adults and 2 Children 12 and under. Children under 5 are FREE, Additional Adult (13+) adds \$105 and Additional Child (12 & under) adds \$80 sharing a two bed hotel room. (Some accommodations do vary). **Accommodations at this location are reserved for Four Winds and are limited. When they are gone that's it, so please act quickly. The rooms here go fast. A TRIP DEPOSIT of \$225.00 is due at sign-up to reserve your spot and the balance is due by February 4, 2010.**

**This trip is open to members of Four Winds. A membership Fee of \$40 per Family or \$30 per Single is required. Cancellations are nonrefundable within 30 days of the trip.**

**NEW THIS YEAR!!!!** We are also offering Group Packages for different combinations of Adults and Kids with their Own Ski & Snowboard Equipment. These packages don't include the beer & brat on the hill, but all the other fun is included along with the Club Instructions for Newbies and those needing a brush up. Anyone 13 + at the time of the trip is an Adult.

**Group Packages with NO RENTALS for Single Adult \$295.00. Two Adults \$371.00. Three Adults \$448.00. Four Adults \$525.00**

**One Adult +1Kid (under12) \$350.00. One Adult+2Kids (Under 12) \$406.00. One Adult 3kids (under12) \$462.00. Two Adults +1Kid (Under 12) \$427.00. Two Adults+ 2 Kids (under 12) \$483.00. Additional Adult in the same room with No Rental Package adds \$78.00. Additional Kid (under 12) with No Rental package adds \$58.00. Additional Non Skiing Adult or Kid under 5 FREE.**

**Group Packages WITH RENTALS for Single Adult \$347.00. Two Adults \$471.00. One Adult +1Kid (under12) \$442.00. One Adult+2Kids (Under 12) \*\$525.00. One Adult 3kids (under12) \*\$525.00. Two Adults +1Kid (Under 12) \*\$525.00. Two Adults+ 2 Kids (under 12) \*\$525.00. Additional Adult in same room With Rental Package adds \$130.00. Additional Kid (under 12) With Rental Package adds \$95.00. Additional Non Skiing Adult or Kid under 5 FREE.**

**Call Dave Shelton (Trip Leader) at (630) 529-1931 or e-mail [ccriccet@aol.com](mailto:ccriccet@aol.com) to have a trip application sent to you or come to a club meeting at Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove Village**

# Super Bowl Sunday

Sunday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>  
at Bob & Pat Gergen's  
was a spectacular event with one of  
the most exiting Super Bowls in history.  
About 20 members gathered at the  
Gergen's home and dined on a  
wonderful spread of hors d'oeuvres  
and Mary T's world famous Chili. The  
Norlan Saints proved to be the better  
team that day much to the delight of  
many faithful followers. Thanks to Bob  
and Pat for hosting such a fun evening.



## CMSC

New CMSC Meeting Location – Wausau Inn  
in Broadview. Board meetings – 7:30 pm  
and General meetings – 8 pm, held the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday of each month.

## C.M.S.C. Representatives:

- \* Phil Skultety
- \* Patrick Clark

## Membership Corner:

by: Betsy Granfeldt, Chair

(\*\* Need a copy of our club constitution?  
Need some luggage tags,  
neck wallets, ski pole  
flags? SEE ME !! )



## HAPPY March B-DAY TO:

3/1 Jim Niemuth  
3/2 Gordon Farrell  
3/9 Judy Stasch  
3/9 Gina Morgan  
3/20 Walt Stoneski  
3/21 John Granfeldt  
3/30 Lane Phillips

## Welcome ABOARD to:

David & Michelle Gasinski & family  
Cynthia Ward  
Jenifer Perkins

## Four Winds Officers and Chairpersons

Pres:	Mary Tortorici	847-524-4326
Vice Pres:	Pat Clark	630-307-8974
Sec.:	Dennis Dobosiewicz	630-665-9663
Treas:	Phil Skultety	847-767-0471
Sgt. At Arms:	John Clark	630-488-9249
Ski Meister	Dave Shelton	630-529-1931
Membership:	Betsy Granfeldt	630-351-9597
Website		
Articles &		
Photos	Mary Tortorici	847-524-4326
Newsletter:	Mary Scharringhausen	847-593-1534

Come Join us for some **GLOW** in the **DARK Mini Golf**  
4 PM- Sunday March 28<sup>th</sup>



**At :** **Hoffman Estates**  
Hoffman Village Shopping Center, 2535 Golf rd. Hoffman Estates IL  
(Corner of Golf Rd and Barrington Rd)

**Adults \$11.95 Kids \$10.95 = 12 and under**

**Includes:** 18 Holes of Glow in the Dark Mini Golf  
Glow Bracelet  
Soft Drinks and 2 Slices of Pizza  
And, Snack Basket to Share  
LOTS of Fun!!!

**Send me an E-mail to reserve your spot.**

“ [mrski3or5@yahoo.com](mailto:mrski3or5@yahoo.com) “ Matt Rakowski 765-315-9199

**New this month** Famous Cooks Recipes Corner

This month's special is Mary's WORLD FAMOUS CHILI

Ingredients

- 2 cans (15.5 oz) kidney beans, dark red -- Drained
- 2 cans (14.5 oz) whole tomatoes, **not** drained
- 2 pds of meat (1/2 pd each, ground beef, diced pork, diced veal, diced chicken
- 2 medium onions -- coarsely chopped
- 3 stalks celery -- coarsely chopped
- 1 green pepper -- coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 packet chili powder
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 jar (12 oz) salsa -- mild & chunky
- 1 jar (12 oz) salsa -- hot & chunky
- 1 tsp each salt, pepper & cumin

brown the meat; sauté the onions, celery, green pepper and garlic  
Combine all and simmer – you can add additional water if too thick

Optional: Serve with crackers, elbow macaroni and or shredded cheddar  
Also great served with corn bread

NOTES : Cut all ingredients in half for crock pot.

**MARCH 2010**

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	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Club Mtg. Real Time Sports 8p</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9 CMSC Mtg. 7:30p</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Granite Peak</b>	<b>13 Granite Peak</b>
<b>14 Granite Peak</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Board Mtg. 7:30p</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Glow in the dark mini golf 4pm</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

**APRIL 2010**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
				<b>1 Club Mtg. Real Time Sports 8p</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Happy Easter</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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Check out Four Winds on the Web:

[www.fourwindsski.org](http://www.fourwindsski.org)

**Four Winds Ski and Social Club**

**M. Scharringhausen**  
**379 Maple Lane**  
**Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**

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Meeting Place  
**Real Time Sports Bar & Grill**  
1120 W. Devon Ave.  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
847-534-5000

General Meetings are held once a month, on the first Thursday of the month. Board Meetings are held on the third Thursday, place to be determined (all are welcome.)

Contact Betsy Granfeldt for membership:

New Member	Current Member Renewal	
	Before Sept. 30	After Sept. 30
Individual \$30	\$25	\$30
Family \$40	\$35	\$40