

FOUR WINDS SKI AND SOCIAL CLUB

AUGUST 2014

FROM THE PREZ

As we roll into August, the summer is well on its way and the ski season is too far off for me to think about. That means ... random thoughts and musings.

I am always surprised how often the consensus is wrong about the economy. Most "experts" said interest rates would be headed higher this year ... yet they have barely moved. There was to be a significant rebound in home values ... that didn't happen. The stock market "correction" was coming in 2014 ... nope!

Well, at least one thing is easily predictable ... everyone thought the Chicago Cubs would be in last place in their division and that's exactly where they are. The idea that you cannot develop players while putting a competitive team on the field is utter nonsense. It's difficult to be a Cubs fan nowadays.

Who is watching the unending "reality" swill that is on TV? That is as close to reality as the Cubs are to the World Series. We've come a long way from Leave it to Beaver and Marcus Welby MD. Does TV programming reflect society or the other way around ... whichever is the case, it's not good.

Finally, now that the World Cup is over, I wonder if soccer will ever rival football, basketball, baseball and hockey in this country. And if the USA ever wins the World Cup, does that mean the rest of the world would have to start calling it "soccer"?

I could go on but I only have so much space. Take a look at the content of the newsletter for upcoming Club events and activities. Plenty planned straight through to ski season.

As always, I am available to anyone on matters related to the Club. I can be reached on my cell (708-212-3505) or via e-mail

Lance Tortorici
Club President (lmortorto999@att.net).

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS:



August 7th - Free WINGS at Real Time at 8 pm.
Join us for a discussion on Ski Trips for the 2014-2015 Ski Season. We really need people's input on what Ski Trips they'd like to see on the calendar, so important. **RSVP to Lance:** lmortorto999@att.net so we know wing amount.

August 27 – Board Mtg. Location TBD

Sept 4 - General Meeting & **PIZZA** – Join us for Pizza, 8PM @ Real Time Sports. Ski Trip line up unveiled! Pizza provided by club!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



- Aug 8-10 Camping-Biking-Kayaking
- Aug 16 CMSC Picnic
- Sept 12-14 SW Michigan Wine Trail
- Sept 27 CMSC White Sox Game
- Oct 4 ChooChoo Bar Crawl

To Join Four Winds Go to Web Site at

www.fourwindsski.org

Or go directly to this link

http://www.fourwindsski.org/FOUR_WINDS_SKI_Membership_form.pdf

General Meetings Held at:

Real Time Sports – 8:00 P.M.

1120 W. Devon Ave

Elk Grove Village

847-534-5000

1st Thursday of the Month

COME JOIN US!
FOUR WINDS CAMPING WEEKEND
AUGUST 8-10, 2014

GENESEO CAMPGROUNDS, GENESEO, IL 61254

PHONE: (309) 944-6465 E-MAIL - w6465@geneseo.net

SHARI AND CRAIG WEBER

THE INFO ABOVE IS FOR YOU TO MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS. DO THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS THE CAMPGROUND IS NOT THAT LARGE. (4-CABINS, 11-TENTS SITES, 43- R.V. SITES, (50 OR 30 AMP. SERVICES))

THE GENESEO CAMPGROUNDS: (SHORT WAY), TAKE **I-80 TO EXIT 19 (RT. 82) NORTH** ABOUT 4 MILES, THROUGH THE TOWN AND JUST OVER THE CANAL, ENTRANCE TO RIGHT. (THERE ARE BLUE SIGNS TO FOLLOW TO THE CAMPGROUNDS). DO NOT USE YOUR G.P.S. THEY SAY IT WON'T GET YOU THERE. THE DRIVE WILL TAKE APPROX. 2 1/2 TO 3 HOURS.

SCENIC ROUTE: IF YOU LEAVE EARLY THERE'S A SCENIC ROUTE TOLD TO Me: TAKE RTE. 64 (WHICH IS NORTH AVE) AND GO WEST TO RTE. 78; GO **SOUTH ON RTE. 78**. GO TO **RTE. 93 – WEST**. GO WEST TO **RTE. 82; GO SOUTH** ON RTE. 82 ABOUT 2 MILES TO THE CAMPGROUNDS ENTRANCE ON YOUR LEFT. THIS TAKES A LITTLE LONGER, BUT THEN YOU CAN SEE THE COUNTRYSIDE AND GO THROUGH THE SMALL TOWNS LIKE THE OLD DAYS.

AMENITIES AT CAMPGROUNDS: CONVENIENT STORE, CLUB OR MEETING ROOM, WIFI, INTERNET ACCESS,
CANOE/KAYAK RENTAL, BIKE TRAIL JUST OUTSIDE THE CAMPGROUNDS ENTRANCE.

BIKE TRAIL: I & M CANAL AND OLD PLANK RAIL LINE. TRAIL GOING WEST TO MOLINE IS MOSTLY PAVED APROX. 15 MILES TO MOLINE AND OVER THE ROCK RIVER. GOING EAST THE TRAIL IS 70 MILES LONG. CAN GO OFF TRAIL INTO THE AREA TOWNS. IT IS ADVISED TO TAKE WATER AND SNACKS WITH YOU TO EAT ON THE TRAIL. **RUMOR HAS IT THAT THERE IS A WINERY NOT TOO FAR OFF BIKE TRAIL, LESS THAN 10 MILES FROM CAMPSITE**. SEEK MORE INFO AT OFFICE.

CANOE AND KAYAK: YOU WILL BE ON THE HENNEPIN CANAL. THAT IS THE CANAL YOU DROVE OVER FROM I-80, AND BIKING ALONG. RENTALS INCLUDE PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES AND PADDLES. (IF A YOUNG ADULT OR CHILD IS IN THE CANOE THE OTHER PASSENGER MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER).

FIRE PITS AT EACH SITE: MUST BUY LOCAL WOOD OR BRING CONSTRUCTION LUMBER PIECES, NO OUTSIDE TREE WOOD.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ARE: CANAL BOAT RIDE, IN MOLINE; JOHN DEERE PROVILLION WITH JOHN DEERE EQUIPMENT MUSEUM - A HANDS-ON OR SIT-IN THE MACHINERY EXHIBIT; BISHOP HILLS SWEDISH SETTLEMENT OF SWEDISH CULTURE (FOOD, CRAFTS, HOUSING - THE WAY THEY LIVE AND DRESS).

<u>COST:</u> R.V.CAMPSITE WITH ELECTRIC (30 OR 50 AMP.), WATER:	\$24.00/ DAY
TENT SITE WITH ELECTRIC (120 VOLT), WATER.	\$22.00/ DAY
CABIN, WITH ELECTRIC /LINENS (SLEEPS 4, BRING PILLOWS)	\$60.00/ DAY
YURT CABIN (ROUND TENT CABIN, SLEEPS 8, BRING PILLOWS)	\$90.10/ DAY

CONTACT: RICH STASCH, IF INTERESTED. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW COUNT.
PHONES: (630) 250-7424 OR (630) 421-7424 E-MAIL: rhstasch48@att.net

2014 Annual Picnic



COME OUT FOR THE GAMES
ENJOY THE FREE FOOD



AUGUST 16th

(Free Camping sites on the 15th & 16th)

For more details:
Visit SkiCMSC.com
or
email [Pat Clark](mailto:Pat.Clark@gmail.com) at
PatrickSkiClark@gmail.com

REGISTER ONLINE • IT'S
FREE!

Gates open at Noon!

Food at 2:30pm
(BYOB)

Ski jumping at 5 pm

Giant Bonfire!



100 Ski Hill Rd.

@ Norge Ski Club - Fox River Grove



SW MICHIGAN WINE TOUR

Wineries include 6-8 of the following: **Baroda Founders, Lemon Creek, Domaine Berrien Cellars, Free Run, Gravity, Hickory Creek, Tablor Hill, Round Barn** dependent on tasting service speed and ability to move the wind'ers.



Weekend - Sept 12-14, 2014

Hotel Block "Four Winds Ski Social"

Holiday Inn Express- New Buffalo \$119/night - Special Rate Rate cut off date: 8-10-14
Reservation Phone: [269-469-1400](tel:269-469-1400)

Friday evening: 8-10 pm at hotel: Wine and Cheese party – bring a bottle or appetizer to share

Four Winds Casino – Shuttle from hotel

Saturday: Free Breakfast at Hotel

10 am: We will jump in several vehicles (DDs needed for tastings) and proceed to several local favorites for wine tastings (prices vary from free -\$5, often free if you make a purchase)

Picnic Lunch (see below) at Round Barn Winery for Cocktails and Cars weekend music by Dogpatch Ramblers (Bring a folding chair) http://www.roundbarnwinery.com/events_classes.php

Sat Picnic Lunch- Sign up for one or two of the following

Cheese platter (2)	Veggies	Mozz/tomato/basil appetizer	Wine from local vineyard (4)
Cracker/bread platter	Fruit Selection Melons and Other (2)	Sweets (2)	Plates, napkins, cups
Cold meat options	Humus	Olive Assort	Other (2)

6-7 PM Four Winds Casino – dinner on your own at any of the selected restaurants

Sunday: Free Breakfast at Hotel

Sunday: 2 Wine tours, Late lunch at the famous Tabor Hill Restaurant (on your own)
Additional wine tours on your own

Please RSVP to Margaret at mpolovchak@gmail.com or via text/phone 847-638-5048.

In the voice of my co-coordinator "BRING IT ON!!!"

Four Winds Cho Choooooo Pub Crawl



Saturday, October 4

For all you party people that don't like to drink 'n drive or cook dinner on Saturday night, this is for you! Come join us at one of the Metra Train Stops as outlined below! The last Eastbound stop will be for dinner at The Gale Street Inn known for their award winning ribs!

\$42pp dinner if check received **by Sept 18** (\$46pp check received on or after Sept 19/dinner not guaranteed)

Metra Union Pacific Northwest Line - **\$7pp** for unlimited on and off train privileges to be purchased at your first stop in the station. If station is closed, you can purchase on the train - EZ!

- 1:30pm - Meet at **Durty Nellie's** - 180 N Smith Palatine, IL
- 2:25pm train - Leaving Palatine Metra Station
- 2:32pm - Getting off at Arlington Heights Metra Station
- Heading to **Harrys Beer Garden** - 1 N Vail Ave Arlington Heights
- 4:32p train - Leaving Arlington Heights Metra Station
- 4:54pm - Getting off at Edison Park Metra Station
- Heading to **Firewater Saloon** - 6689 N Oliphant Ave Chicago, IL
- 6:54pm train - Leaving Edison Park Metra Station
- 6:57pm - Getting off at Norwood Park Metra Stop
- Heading to **Iron Horse Ale House Beer Garden** - 6158 N NW Hwy Chicago, IL
- 8:57pm train - Leaving Norwood Park Metra Station
- 9:01pm Getting off at Jefferson Park Metra Station at
- Heading to **Gale Street Inn** for the following:
Dinner includes tax, tip, soup, salad, bread/butter, one soft beverage, carrot cake, and one of the following entrees (no need to order in advance – order at the dinner)
 - Full Rack of their award winning ribs with baked potato
 - Grilled Salmon with Orzo Pasta and Spinach

- Breast of Chicken Rosemary with Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Marinated London Broil with Baked Potato and Grilled Vegetables

The return trip, there is a Westbound 10:48pm Metra Train that departs Jefferson Park. If you are not done gnawing on those rib bones, take the final Westbound Train departing Jefferson Park at 11:48pm

Please mail a check to Evanna Shopoff (address below) by Sept 18 to secure your spots for dinner! If you don't want dinner, join us at one of the spots for drinks specials, activities, prizes and most of all fun!!!

You have a better chance of winning a prize if you attend the whole event starting at Durty Nellies,,,, just saying!

Questions? Call Saul!

Uh, I mean Evanna cell: **773-415-6014**

+ All these stops serve food and are steps away from their respective train station
++ A final agenda will be published prior to Oct 4.

Mail checks: Evanna Shopoff 1760 N Elliott St, Park Ridge, IL 60068

FOUR WINDS VOLUNTEERS AT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

On July 24, approximately 20 Four Winders volunteered their time to pack bags of dry food for the starving children of Haiti.



In the 1 ½ hour time slot, the volunteers (including other non-Four Winders) packaged up enough food to feed 44 children for a year!



Four Winds is Invited to Join the Oak Park Ski Club At their Summer Busse Woods Outings!

Summer Volleyball Schedule

The first, second and third Mondays.

If there is interest, we will try the first half hour of every night playing badminton our until more people show up.

- August 4, 11
- Ending picnic – August 18

Biking on the 4th Mondays

- August 25

Hosted by Oak Park Ski Meister – Caroline Knoff

Contact: 630-222-0606

Email: carscience33@hotmail.com



"A" Marks the Volleyball Location, same



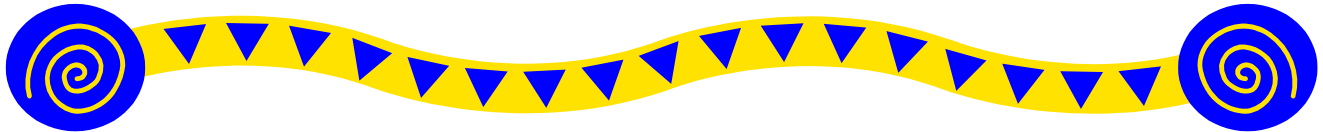
**COME TO AUGUST 7 CLUB
MEETING AT REAL TIME
SPORTS AT 8 PM!**

**FREE JUMBO WINGS
PROVIDED BY CLUB!**



**Four Winds is now
accepting Credit Card
Payments for all of our
Trips and Memberships.**

**The charges can be made at any of our
meetings. The actual Credit Card is
required. There will be a 2.7% Service Fee
added to all charges.**



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Two Seasons is the proud sponsor of the 4-Winds Ski & Social Club. Please frequent them whenever you get a chance and be sure to mention that you are a member of the club to receive a discount.

Membership Corner:
Mary Tortorici

***Happy Birthday to all
those August Babies!!***



Diane Wojciechowski 1
Kathleen Stoneski 5
Pat Clark 12

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Ski Club Year = Starts June 1 – Ends May 31

Remember September is the deadline to receive the **CLUB MEMBERSHIP** discount so plan on paying your membership fee at the August or September General Meeting.

Now accepting payment for new year. Contact Mary for form/payment – Lmtorto999@att.net

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

Celebrating an Anniversary, Graduation, Wedding Announcement, Birth Announcement, etc. we'd like to know! Let Kathleen Stoneski know kstoneski@att.net

Visit Us at:
www.fourwindsski.org

Four Winds Officers and Chairpersons

President:	Lance Tortorici	847-524-4326
Past President:	Pat Clark	630-728-0896
Vice President:	Phil Skultety	847-767-0471
Secretary:	Bobbi Mickow	630-529-4347
Treasurer:	Candace Skultety	847-987-0471
Sgt.-At-Arms:	Ron Herrmann	847-514-9429
Membership:	Mary Tortorici	708-828-3258
Website:	Mary Tortorici	708-828-3258
Newsletter:	Kathleen Stoneski	847-963-6888
Promotions Ch:	Dave Shelton	847-561-7893
Social Director	Margaret Polovchak	847-638-5048

CMSC

Four Winds is a member of CMSC, Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council. As a member any of our club members (this means you) are eligible to attend any event the CMSC has, as an individual.

For more information on any of their events and any additional happenings you can go directly to their website at www.skicmsc.com. If you are having trouble finding information on anything you might be interested in please contact one of our representatives below.

CMSC Meeting Location
Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant
9200 W Cermak Rd
Broadview IL 60155

General meetings
8:00 PM, held the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

C.M.S.C. Representatives:

*Phil Skultety: 847-767-0471
*Matt Rakowski: 765-315-9199

Check out the new CMSC web <http://www.skicmsc.com>



The site has a complete refresh including access with mobile devices.

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 OP Volley Ball		6	7 General Meeting 8pm	8 - 10 Biking/ Camping/ Kayaking	
10 B/C/K	11 OP Volley Ball	2	13	14	15	16 CMSC Picnic
17	18 OP Ending Picnic	9	20	21 Brd Mtg 7:30p	2	23

Sept 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 General Meeting 8pm		6
7	8	9	10	11	12	12 - 14 SW Mich Wine Trail
14 Mich Wine Trail	15	16	17	18 Brd Mtg 7:30	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 White Sox Game
28	29	30				

Oct 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 General Meetin	3	4 Bar Crawl via Train
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Brd Mtg 7:30p	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	