

FOUR WINDS SKI AND SOCIAL CLUB

SEPT 2014

FROM THE PREZ

I was going to write about important stuff this month – the coming ski trip calendar, the social events on tap – but I'll let the rest of the newsletter deal with all that. The Little League World Series came on TV, and I've been captivated by the ESPN broadcast. Media packaging aside, the authenticity of the 11- to 13-year old boys and one amazing girl has lifted this annual event from relative obscurity to center stage.

A million years ago, I played Little League baseball but my teams could not have challenged these kids. They are focused, athletic and skillful players yet they are still unpolished enough to relate to.

Most of the hype surrounds 5'4" Mo'ne Davis, the female star of the Philadelphia team. She is superbly athletic, intelligent, the best pitcher on her team, she has a plan for her future and, despite all the attention, she seems to remain humble and more focused on her team's success than her own. She has moxie and a remarkable calmness even though she has been put on the cover of Sports Illustrated magazine. Big Leaguers take note ... this is the way we want our sports heroes to act!

Jackie Robinson West, the Little League team from the south side of Chicago, has excited the Windy City in a year when both the Cubs and the White Sox are pathetic. For a short time we are talking about a cohesive group of young boys, coached by their fathers, rather than rampant gang violence and random shootings. I saw one of the boys from the Chicago team "high five" an opposing player to congratulate him on a home run he just hit. I heard one player from the Chicago team apologize to the manager from the New England team because the Chicago player thought he got too excited about a homer he had just hit. Amazing!

(See more of Lance's letter on page 2)

NEXT CLUB MEETINGS:



Sept 4th - Free PIZZA PARTY
at Real Time at 8 pm.

**Join us for the unveiling
of Ski Trips
for the 2014-2015 Ski Season!!**

Sept. 18 – Board Meeting. *Location TBD*

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



- Sept 12-14 SW Michigan Wine Trail
- Sept 27 CMSC White Sox Game
- Oct 4 ChooChoo Bar Crawl
- Oct 18 Halloween Party

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](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

(The Prez Letter continued...)

This year's annual Little League World Series has struck a national nerve. 34,000 people were in attendance to watch Mo'ne Davis pitch against a team from Las Vegas. The television ratings for that game were seven times that of the ESPN broadcast of the first-place LA Dodgers and the Boston Red Sox on the same night.

The baseball in the Little League is not as artistic as the Big Leagues but the energy, passion and uninhibited fun makes up for it. The kids really care. They cry after losses. Chubby kids with glasses hit home runs. Shrimpy kids make terrific plays in the outfield. Coaches really coach and comfort devastated young boys who have just lost a game or made a bad play.

I'm a sucker for a good story. I understand that a Mo'ne Davis autographed baseball is going for \$500 on eBay. And here's the best part ... she couldn't care less!!

I promise to try to control myself next month.

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 (lmorto999@att.net).

From Social Chair Margaret Polovchak

Come join me at the "Fall Into Fitness - 5K" at 8 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28 in Chicago's Portage Park to support Resurrection Medical Center!

More info at:
http://www.reshealth.org/sub_olr/programs/5k_ru_n/default.cfm

Contact Margaret at: mpolovchak@gmail.com

FOUR WINDS HAS A NEW WEB SITE DESIGN

One of our very talented club members is working hard to re-design and make our club website better than ever. Much thanks to Phil Wegrzen!

With new and updated information in the works, and plans for an Intranet that will be accessible only to members, much more will soon be available to you.

Check it out at:

www.fourwindsski.org



Holiday Parties:

Club Halloween Party

Matt Rakowski & Karen Holderreith in Arlington Heights offered to host it **on Sat., Oct. 18. Yay!** Save the date. More info in October newsletter, or contact keholder1@gmail.com

Time: 7 pm

Costume Contest: Yes!

Appetizer Contest: Yes!

BYOB: Yes!

Christmas Party Host - ??

The club is looking for a volunteer host. Club provides some reimbursement. Please contact Social Chair to discuss: mpolovchak@gmail.com

SKI TRIPS 2015

GRANITE PEAK-FAMILY FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Wausau, WI – January 9th – 11th

4th ANNUAL - ABSF SKI-A-THON
DEVIL'S HEAD - February 6th – 8th

INDIANHEAD BUS TRIP
Iron River, MI – February 20th – 21ST

CMSC CHICAGO WEEK
Mt. Bachelor, OR - February 21ST – 28TH

SHANTY CREEK WINTER CARNIVAL
Bellaire, MI - March 6th – 8th

OAK PARK BREW-SKI FESTIVAL
Boyne Highlands, MI – March 13th – 15th

CMSC SPRING FLING
Location TBD - April Dates -TBD

SW MICHIGAN WINE TOUR

Wineries include 6-8 of the following: **Baroda Founders, Lemon Creek, Domaine Berrien Cellers, 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 - Rooms now starting at \$169

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.

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

Recap: Four Winds Geneseo Camping Trip

August 8-10, 2014



Friday, August 8, 2014 was drive day. In about 2 ½ hours, Four Winders were at Geneseo Campgrounds. Nice, clean, and quiet until the Four Winds group arrived throughout afternoon. The set up was great: 3 cabins in a row (*the cabins were rustic, really rustic: queen bed and one set of bunk beds. No bathroom or kitchen area. Had to bring you own linens, towels. The bath and toilets were approx. 150 feet from the cabins, very clean.*) The R.V. Campers were right across the road and our one tent camping family approx. 150 feet to the west of the group on a nice grass spot. A campfire started around 6:00 p.m. at a small area by the cabins. At the campfire, we talked, roasted marshmallows and made delicious campfire pies (VERY good. Thank you Ken and Fran!) To bed around 11 p.m..

Saturday: a club breakfast was served at 8:30 a.m.: French toast, Canadian bacon, orange juice, coffee, milk, fruit, and sweet rolls.

At this time the decision was to go west on the Hennepin canal trail and end up at the Lavender Crest winery for lunch, about 12 miles. At 10:00 a.m. all were ready for the bike ride. The great 13 (that how many) started out. At about 4 miles, Judy S. had enough and turned back; at about 6 miles, three more turn back (Margaret, son and Ken P.). Up the road a bit farther, the trail turned to a sand path and all had a time with that. At about 7 miles, Kathleen S. got a flat tire, so a call went to Judy S. to pick up Kathleen and her bike. They drove to the winery and were the first to arrive. The rest continued to bike. Rich S. wasn't doing badly on the trail, but when all switched to the road, it was up and down. At 11 miles, Rich was rescued by Margaret and her son going to the winery for lunch.



Got a long table, and all sat down and ordered lunch. After lunch, came the wine tasting. Some good stuff. When done, 5 went back by car, 3 drove and 5 bikers. Mary T. let Kathleen use her bike to bike with the group. All back safely, about 5:30 / 6:00 p.m. Started the grill fires and started talking food. Pot luck dinner was assembled. All put something on the table and cook their own entrée. Thank to Tom L., Lance T. and Ron H. for making the grill fires. After eating, all sat around the fire and talked about the day we had with the wine in hand.

Sunday: a club breakfast was served at 9 a.m.: Scrambled eggs, sausage, Margaret's hash browns, coffee, milk, sweet rolls, fruit. After clean up, the group decided to do their own thing. A few hung around and relaxed at camp. Some went out bike riding again, going east this time (Kathleen got her bike fixed). Another group went kayaking. Water lilies were in bloom.



Back at camp, and after lunch, all but the R.V. campers were packed up for the drive home. Lance T. was in great shape; he must have biked about 75 miles plus on this weekend. Good going Lance. By 3 p.m., all but 4 were at the campgrounds. The 4 stayed to see the John Deere attraction the next day.

All said they had a good time. May try again next year and do the Mississippi River trail!.

Thanks again to all,

-Rich Stasch, Trip Leader

CMSC Picnic - August 16, 2014

At Norge Ski Jump

This year's Picnic turned out to be picture perfect: low 80s & lots of Sun!!

We had 21 clubs participate, with 120 people in attendance.

The format this year was a little different. We started with a **D.J.** arriving early & playing music for the occasion. The music provided a very positive & resonating atmosphere for the day's events. The Norge team expressed it was the first time jumping with music.



The Norge jumpers put on a spectacular show as usual!! Norge has mostly young flyers, 5- to 13-years old being the norm & 38 being legendary. They flew from the 25, 40 & the 70 Meter jumps & made it look easy.

The jumping was early this year. This provided some time for us to climb the 70 meter jump & enjoy the view. Well worth the effort.

The grills were fired up & a team of experts (Ron, Lance, Mary & Patrick (junior) from **The Four Winds Ski Club**. & ED from **The Duland Ski Club**) attended to the food.

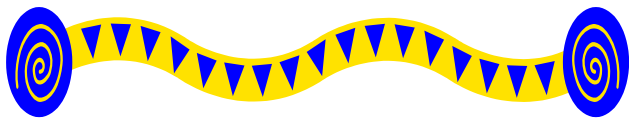
GREAT JOB! I THANK YOU & THE MANY APPETITES IN ATTENDANCE THANK YOU!!

Kirby & his wife from the Kirby Ski Club helped with the games. It was tough pulling people from their food comas, but once they were in it, they wanted to win it.

The music played into the night. We then headed for the **Campfire** to share our most memorable **slopeside stories**. A fabulous time was had by all!!

See You Next Year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Patrick Clark
CMSC Picnic Coordinator

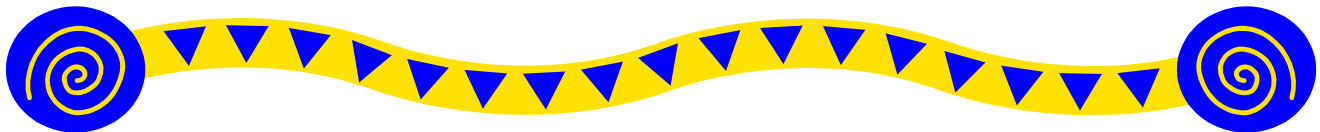


**Congrats to Pat Clark who was recently presented with an award by CMSC with a plaque that stated
“Outstanding Service for 2013-2014”**



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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Membership Corner:
Mary Tortorici

***Happy Birthday to all
 our September
 Babies!!***



MEMBERSHIP FEES

Ski Club Year = Starts June 1 – Ends May 31

**Remember September is the deadline to
 receive the CLUB MEMBERSHIP discount.**

***Now accepting payment for new year. Link here
 for form:***

***http://www.fourwindsski.org/FOUR_WINDS_SKI_MEMBERSHIP_form.pdf and send to Mary Tortorici or
 bring to a meeting.***

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
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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.

**September 7 Event - Norge Ski Jump Fundraiser
 with Pig Roast.**

For more information on any of their events and any additional happenings, you can go directly to their website at www.skicmsc.com or 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**

***Pat Clark: 630-728-0896**



Sept 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 General Meeting 8pm		6
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	14	15	16	17	18 Brd Mtg 7:30	19
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 White Sox Game
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November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Oct 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 General Meeting 8 pm	3	4 Bar Crawl via Train
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