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BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is September 14th. Members and non-members are welcome. Time and location of the next board meeting can be obtained from Steve Cummings **EISC INFORMATION:** For more information about the EISC contact: members@eastiowaskiclub.com Annual Membership: Single - \$30 | Household - \$60 MOVED/MOVING: Send address change to: East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843 Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843 DEADLINE: The deadline for the October Skiddoo is September 30. Contact Cathy Dick. EISC Financials are available on request.

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President's Message

Greetings EISC members. It's September already - time for our annual Kickoff meeting and to start planning some ski or adventure trips. It was good to see folks at the Corn Roast at Sally William's farm. Many thanks to Sally for hosting the Corn Roast once again at her cool farm with the century barn. Thank you to all who did the work – buying, shucking & boiling the corn, bringing the grill out, all of the door workers who keep track of everyone, the trip leaders who



spoke on both the completed and the upcoming trips and to all members who contributed the nice variety of food, especially the desserts. There is some effort that goes into all of our meetings and activities and we are grateful to all those who make it happen.

The weather is starting to change as everyone's summer is winding down and fall activities are getting started. The club has had a busy summer with bike rides and activities almost every week. I hope everyone had a great summer and hopefully found time for a relaxing vacation. My wife Sandra & I recently returned from a Mediterranean cruise on the French and Italian Riviera. The picture is me throwing coins into the Trevi fountain. My wish hasn't come true just yet. We saw some cool cities and sites and had a great time. Thank you to EISC member & travel agent, Diane Scholl for her help in making sure everything ran smoothly. The club's Lake of the Woods fishing trip was a good time and big success. Next up is the Kentucky/Tennessee Bourbon tour leaving Sept. 5th.

The two major 2023 West Ski trips are still on schedule. The Aspen Snowmass trip sold out more quickly than anticipated, but we have a wait list in case there are some cancelations. Some people are setting up their own flights after thinking about the drive out there. The Copper Mountain trip still has a few openings left. Copper is a more drivable destination at a great price and should sell out. If you are thinking about it, sign up soon! Planning is wrapping up on the 2023 Midwest ski trip and the preparations are going well on our future ski and adventure trips. If any member has ideas for a possible future trip, please share it with the board and the trip committee will see if it can fit into the plans.

Hope to see everyone out at the September Kick Off meeting. September is a big month for membership renewals for the club. Please remember to renew your membership for the exciting 2022/23 season.

Thanks ~ Steve



September Birthdays

Sarah Wittnebel (1st); Dick Mundy (14th); Brad Langhoff (16th); Elaine Gustafson (18th); Randolph E Monk (19th); Wayne Van Gorp, Greg Wittnebel (19th); Brenda Van Gorp (23rd); James Wittnebel (29th); Linda Monroe (29th); George Gassman (30th).

Family Updates

Our sincerest condolences go out to Bill & Jill Clark on the recent death of Bill's Mother.

FUTURE EVENTS

Culinary Tour of Local Ethnic Restaurants

Another successful culinary experience! Several members of the EISC enjoyed a delicious meal at Napoli's Italian Restaurant on August 9th. Every entree looked very appetizing and the conversations were lively!



Next on the culinary tour is Thai food. We are headed to the Siamville Thai Cuisine Restaurant in the Town and Country Shopping Center on September 13th. Just RSVP to <u>lois@eastiowaskiclub.com</u> by September 11th if you would like to join us. Mealtime is at 6:00pm.

More upcoming international culinary restaurant opportunities:

October 3 - Ronneburg Restaurant | 4408 220th Trail | Amana

~article by Lois Kabela-Coates

<u>Kentucky/Tennessee Motor Coach Trip-September 5 –</u> <u>11 – A full week for only \$1495 per person (2 per</u> <u>room)</u>

There are 26 club members ready for a great fall trip to Louisville, Nashville, Memphis and St. Louis!

We are leaving Monday, September 5th from Clipper Windpower at 4601 Bowling St SW, Cedar Rapids. We are boarding the bus at 6:30 am and leaving at 7:00 am. Please be there on time for boarding.

This is an early departure so feel free to bring your pillow and coolers are welcome for adult beverages, snacks, etc.

If you have any questions, you can contact Becky Gordon 319-389-0315

~ Article by **Diane Reinertson**

<u>Sept 17 meeting – 3pm at Meadowlark Shelter –</u> <u>Wanatee Park</u>

Come to the "kick-off" and enjoy a Saturday afternoon/evening with your EISC friends at the Meadowlark Shelter. Wanatee Park is in Linn County at the SE edge of Marion at the corner of Highway 13 and Highway 100. The entrance to the park is on Highway 100. Watch for the EISC signs that will direct you to the shelter.

Bring your friends to check out the club. The "doors open" at 3:00 p.m. Bring a dish or a side to share and your own beverages. We will provide bottled water and pop. We also will provide beef burgers grilled on site starting at 5:30 along with buns and condiments, plates, and utensils.

There will be updates and info on upcoming trips and socializing. If you have not renewed your membership before the meeting, we will have forms for your convenience. Hope to see all of you there!!!

~ article by Marty Stimson

Cedar Valley Nature Trail Bike Ride Sept 24, 2022

Let's celebrate the arrival of fall by riding the CVNT from Hiawatha to Urbana on Saturday, September 24. Meet at the trailhead on Boyson Road and be ready to roll at 10 AM. The 19-mile trip can be broken up into three segments: Hiawatha to Lafayette is seven miles, Lafayette to Center Point is six miles and it's another six miles to Urbana. If you want to shave three miles off you can start at County Home Road at 10:15 or you join the group at the Depot in Center Point about 11:30-11:45 for the ride to Urbana.

Several EISC members have ridden to Urbana on a couple of occasions. That segment of the trail has less shade with broader open spaces of prairie and wetlands. Perhaps we will be treated to seeing the four Sandhill Cranes that some riders got a chance to see and hear on August 22nd about a mile north of Center Point. That was an awesome, exciting experience.

The destination in Urbana will be Jams Coffee Bar at the end of the trail. That business will be celebrating their first anniversary on that day. A variety of snacks and beverages can be enjoyed on their large patio.

The ride back to Center Point is very enjoyable since nearly half of it is coasting downhill. The group can congregate at Bully's for brews and burgers.

Hope there will be a good representation of riders for this event.

~ Article by **Ruth Van Tol**

<u>EISC Fall Golf Outing – Saturday, Oct 15th at</u> <u>Kernoustie Golf Club</u>

The EISC Board requested we move the summer golf outing from mid-July to the late Sept, early Oct timeframe. Unfortunately, the EISC calendar is full until mid-Oct. Weather permitting, we decided to try to golf at Kernoustie, the nine-hole

course (formerly Hillcrest GC) outside of Mt Vernon/Lisbon <u>https://kernousti-egolf.com/</u>. We still need an event leader – currently, the board is planning on running it as the usual 4-person best shot. We are planning to get started at 10:00am and go around the course twice. The rates are \$35 per person (\$20 for 18 holes and \$15 for a cart for 18) payable at the course. This is a fun, shorter, but very hilly course with some blind shots, so bring extra golf balls. We are estimating 20 golfers or five teams of four, but can always take more. We are looking into options for a lunch after the golf. Get your team together and we hope to see you out there. Fall golf is always fun if the weather works out. We are hoping for good weather and a great time!

~ Article by Steve Cumming

Snowmass/Aspen Trip, Jan 21 – 28, 2023

The Snowmass trip is priced at:

Adult full pkg: \$1607 or \$507 @ sign up | Sept \$550 | Oct \$550

Senior (65+) full pkg: \$1407 or \$507 @ sign up | Sept \$465 | Oct \$465 Condo only package: \$1087 or \$507 @ sign up | Sept \$290 | Oct \$290

The East Iowa Ski Club is headed for the Snowmass/Aspen ski areas, Jan 21 - 28,



2023. 24 fortunate EISC members will be staying at the Top of the Village complex in four 3br/3bth ski-in/ski-out condos went quickly. The trip sold out quickly and a Wait List has been created. The great skiing at Snowmass is always enjoyable and the convenient, free shuttle service to the 3 other mountains Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk make this a special destination. This trip has been priced as a drive yourself/carpool trip like other Colorado destinations. The club

has worked out a round trip airline ticket option into the Aspen airport at an extra cost, for those who would prefer to fly instead of drive. Some members are finding scheduling their own flights to Aspen to be more cost effective. The Trip Leader has pricing and additional details. For those who are signed up for the trip, please

remember the 2nd payment is due at the EISC Fall Kick-Off Meeting, September 17th.

Kathy Takes and Kari Wheeler are the volunteer Trip Leaders & hosts on this great skiing adventure. If you did not get signed up before the trip sold out, please add your name to the Wait List. There is usually some cancellations and an opportunity to go on the trip. Currently there are 3 names on the Wait List.

At Snowmass we will be staying at the Top of the Village - the ultimate in ski-in skiout condo lodging. There is a network of trails directly outside of the door and can literally ski right onto the slopes. Each unit has a fully equipped kitchen, fireplace, washer-dryer, gas grill, and private balcony or patio. The TOV offers an outdoor heated pool, two outdoor hot tubs, fitness room and sauna. The other 3 mountain resorts are very accessible. The Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA) provides a FREE and extensive bus service within Aspen villages until 2 a.m. Below are some brief descriptions of the four mountains we will be skiing.

Snowmass is a massive resort with every type of terrain from serene to extreme. Aspen Mountain, with its famous black-diamond terrain, a variety of glades, bumps and steeps is always a favorite. Aspen Highlands has a 360-degree views of the Maroon Bells and an abundance of expert terrain as well as groomed cruisers and a cool European feel to the mountain. Buttermilk has the wide-open and gently rolling trails that cater to beginners and families.

Please contact Kathy Takes for more information or to have your name added to the Wait List for the Snowmass Aspen ski trip.

~ Article by Steve Cummings | photo from stock

Baraboo, WI Trip - Feb 10-12, 2023

February 10 to 12, 2023 will be a weekend trip to Baraboo, WI. We will be staying at the Clarion Hotel and Convention Center. The convenience of the restaurant/bar that was just down the hall in the Best Western, where we could eat, play pool, sing karaoke and enjoy adult beverages was really nice, but this hotel is no longer in business so we decided to change where we plan to stay.

This will be a car-pool trip. Neither Cascade Mountain or Devil's Head have set their rates for the 2022/2023 season. Once we get that information the price of the trip will be set. If you are interested in running this trip, contact Ruth Van Tol.

Copper Mountain trip, Feb 20 - 26, 2023

The Copper Mountain trip is priced at:

\$1164 | Adult full pkg. | condo and 5 of 6-day lifts (Sign-up \$582 / Sept \$582) \$750 | w/o lifts | condo only (sign up \$375 / Sept \$375) The East Iowa Ski Club's Copper Mountain trip currently has 13 of the available 32 spots left for sale. If you are interested in joining us at Copper Mountain, please



contact Dale and Rhonda Bohrer as soon as possible to reserve your place on this ski adventure. The group will be staying in Mountain Plaza complex in the Center Village. The club has eight condos, 2br/2bth in this walk-in/walkout location - across the plaza from the lifts (3-minute walk). For those already signed up, please note the 2nd payment is due at the EISC Fall Kick Off meeting, Sept. 17th.

This EISC trip is scheduled as a six night, Monday through Sunday, Feb 20 - 26; drive yourself/carpool trip. We have the option to park at the resort early Monday

(2/20/23), ski all day and check in later that afternoon. This should work out great for those who want to travel to the Denver area on Sunday, then drive into Copper Mountain early for skiing on Monday morning and avoid the weekend traffic. The club got special group pricing on the condos with this unusual schedule and five of six-day lift tickets.



Copper Mountain is a 2,507-acre resort that has an excellent variety of naturally differentiated terrain that gets more challenging from west to east, and a seriously underrated high alpine filled with adventure terrain—plus a free Snow-cat ride to maximize your time there.

The resort has a huge variety of terrain spread across this large resort, so there are plenty of options for every level. Great, long groomers in both lower-intermediate and upper-intermediate ranges. Much more and better tree skiing than most people know. For those wanting to improve their skiing, Copper is one of the best resorts to learn to ski thanks to stellar learning programs, (slightly) lower prices, and a downto-earth vibe that makes you want to hang a little longer.

The vibe at Copper is somehow simultaneously hip and refreshingly old-school: Go have some damn fun. Copper sees—and markets—itself as the rebel force to the corporate imperial army down the road. It works.

Copper's guests enjoy steps away lodging, apres ski entertainment, naturally divided terrain, exciting events and a welcoming, knowledgeable staff. The base elevation is 9,712 feet and the summit is at 12,441 feet. There are over 140 marked trails (21% beginner, 25% intermediate, 36% advanced, 18% expert) and 24 chairlifts making Copper one of the largest ski resorts in Colorado.

The Mountain Plaza complex is known for its spacious and comfortable accommodations conveniently located at the base of the American Eagle Lift in the Center Village. On-site indoor and outdoor hot tubs, sauna, dining and a lobby warmed by its gas fireplace make Mountain Plaza a good choice to enjoy a relaxed mountain environment, while being steps away from skiing. The building, built in 1979, features complimentary wi-fi, heated underground parking and laundry facilities. One vehicle per unit with a kitchen receives garage parking. Additional vehicles may park in the free outlying lots or choose to pay for parking in the interior village lots.

Copper Mountain is on the Ikon Pass. Pass holders get unlimited access to the resort. The Copper Mountain trip currently has 16 spots left for the trip.

~ article by Steve Cummings | photos by Dale Bohrer from 2015 trip

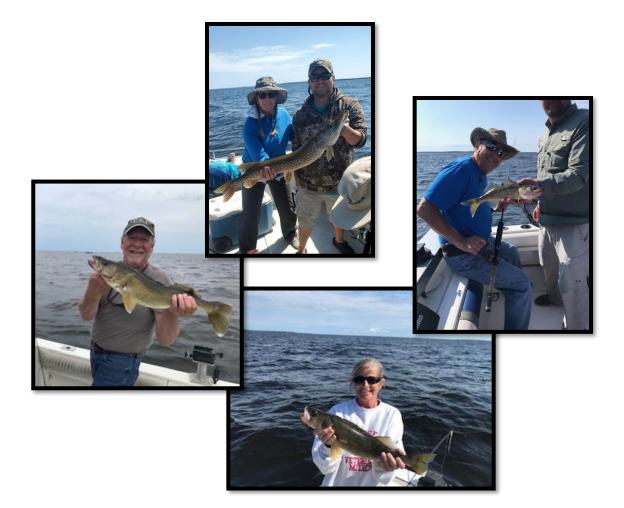
YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT ...

<u>Fishing trip to Lake of the Woods: July 30 - August 6,</u> 2022 Sportsman's Lodge-Baudette, Minnesota

Saturday was a travel day and by Saturday night we were checked into Sport's Lodge in Baudette, Minnesota.

Sunday morning came early, (not bright), and the 18 of us boarded our three charter boats and went out in search of the walleye bite. The trip was cut short by a storm moving through, but we got back on our boats late morning and went back and caught some more fish. Over the course of the day of fishing we did pretty well on the fish catching and so we had a good time swapping fish stories over dinner.

Monday was a non-fishing day, so some trip takers played golf, some rode bikes, and some explored the surrounding area.



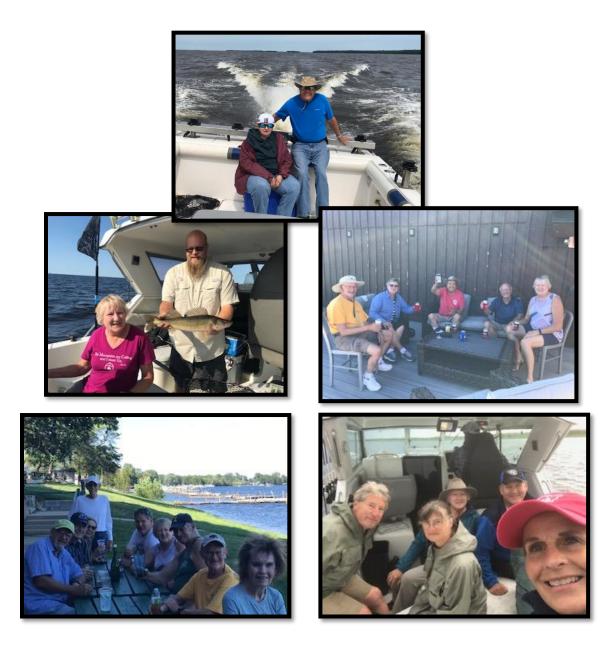
Tuesday was another fishing day to brave BIG and CHOPPY water 30 miles across the lake in search of the big ones. We did catch fish and I think a little larger fish early on, but it seemed like the fishing for some of us slowed down. The BIG waves did not, so we searched out more protected areas to fish for the rest of the day. A couple of the boats came in with limits of walleyes.

By now we were having some of our catch prepared for dinner so we could continue to fish without exceeding our limits.

Wednesday was another non-fishing day, with very windy weather. We were glad to not be out there on the huge waves. There was more golf, shopping, checking out the museums, and berry picking.

Thursday was a fishing day with more fish caught, but another storm chased us in early afternoon. That gave us plenty of time to relax before dinner. By Thursday evening we were very close to or at out possession limits.

Our choice was to enjoy a bunch of our catch for dinner or not fish on Friday. What a bummer! We chose to eat fresh walleyes.



Friday was the end of our fishing days. After most of us enjoyed fresh walleyes for dinner on Thursday evening we went back out and filled out our walleye limits and most of our sauger limits. The prize bottles of wine awarded at dinner went to Rick Povey for a 25-inch walleye, the big pike bottle of wine (after a very well-played trick, for which I presented Janet with "Da Hook" at the corn roast), went to Kim Betts for a 35-inch fish.

Sportsman's Lodge treated us very well. They have a very nice facility. They have a breakfast area on the lower level, which did a great job for us every day, and very nice dining area for dinner on the main floor. The dining area overlooks the water, where we had excellent evening meals around two large tables set to seat us all. On the non-fishing days those of us that were back at the lodge for lunch ate in the bar area, also overlooking the river where they served a variety of sandwiches including very tasty cheese burgers. There also is a rooftop patio at the lodge which turned out to be a popular hangout for some of us for an afternoon beer before dinner. Very comfortable, with a great view of the river and the boats coming in and going out. On the lower level the resort had a couple of picnic tables where we often gathered to talk about our success out on the lake, over a cocktail or glass of wine.

It's hard to say enough good things about our treatment by the people at the resort. The service was great in the dining rooms, at the front desk, by the bartenders, the boat captains, the boat boys, and the cleaning staff.

Over all I think the trip was a big success! I have had several people ask me if we are going again next year, or where we are going next year.

~ article by **Dennis Boussard**

August 9 Bike Ride to Urbana

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August 9. The heat and humidity had finally passed through the area. We had a perfect late summer ride. We left the trail head in Hiawatha and proceeded north. Once we got to Center Point we agreed we were up to continue to Urbana. We enjoyed beverages and a late morning snack outdoors at Jams.

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breeze from the east kept us cool. Two purists in the group had to continue past the parking lot to turn the 38.75 miles we had ridden into 40!

Hopefully future rides will have a bit more advanced notice and more of you can join us.

~Article/Photo by Ruth Van Tol

Bike Ride to Solon on August 17th

Only four EISC members were able to make it out to enjoy a perfect day for a bicycle ride to Solon and back. We took off from the Tait Cummins trail head a little after 9:00am hoping to hit the bakery in Ely. The darn limited hours had them closed, so we pressed on into Solon. It was a nice, bright, sun shine day in the low 70's and the trail was fairly empty. We did learn a lesson about not having the guy with the ebike set the pace anymore. Our planned lunch location had to be moved as we arrived in Solon at 10:30am. After a brief rest we headed back and had a great lunch on the patio at Jersey's off C St near Kirkwood. We were back at the trail head, loading the bikes up before 1:00pm after another successful ride on a very fun trail. We had 28 miles on the odometers, but it didn't seem that far. I suspect my new, blue Italia bike jersey helped my riding some. Hopefully, we will have some riders that enjoy a slightly slower pace on our next ride. We should have plenty of opportunity for some more rides as the weather turns a bit cooler.

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~ article by Steve Cummings

Annual Corn Roast – August 20th

Another Annual Corn Roast party in the books! A great turnout of members and friends attended the event at my farm.



We even had a neat old Model A and vintage Corvette show up. A bit of a change up with rain in the forecast so the centennial barn and lawn area were utilized with shade provided by the big sycamore tree. There was one brief shower and then the sun came back out. The sweet corn was delish and the shared food and company was at its best.

Thank you to all who helped. As always thanks to the Langhoff's for use of the grill.

~ article by Sally Williams

GUIDELINES FOR EAST IOWA SKI CLUB

Whether you are a skier – downhill or X-C, snowboarder, bicyclist, kayaker, golfer, fisherman, hiker, or enjoy adventure/leisure tours, <u>you</u> will find exciting activities and tours geared to your interests and abilities with the East Iowa Ski Club. Join us and enjoy the camaraderie of some of the greatest people in this state. We guarantee a good time or double your efforts back!

BECOMING A MEMBER: To be member of the East Iowa Ski Club requires a completed membership form and the payment of annual dues. Our website is <u>eastiowaskiclub.com</u> and mailing address is <u>East Iowa Ski Club</u>, PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52506-3162. Annual dues are good for 12 months from the date you joined or renewed:

- \$30 for an individual 18 years and over
- \$60 for a household (everyone living in one household, including under 18)

• \$5 for a one-time Trial membership, good for 3 months to new members only There are some events where membership is not necessary, however you are required to register. All guests sign in at every meeting.

TO SIGN UP FOR AN ACTIVITY:

1. Talk with the trip chairperson, sign up and arrange payment.

2. On the website, log-in, select the activity from the event calendar and register. You can send a check to the PO Box or pay with a credit card online.

* A full deposit or first payment must be made for your position to be held on the list of trip takers.

* If the activity/trip chairperson takes your name but no money, you are on the waiting list only. The trip could sell out before you are contacted.

WAITING LIST: As trips fill, activity chairpersons accumulate additional names for a waiting list. The names are kept in order of receipt, and members are notified in that order when a vacancy occurs on the trip. We cannot guarantee spaces for people on the waiting list so get your money in early. You can accept a position that opens or decline, you are not under obligation.

EVENT PRICES AND ROOM ARRANGEMENTS: Your EISC works diligently to offer you the lowest trip rates obtainable. Please remember that all trip prices are subject to change. Sleeping arrangements in condos or hotels are normally one queen or 2 twins, we attempt to match up beds to couples/singles. For this reason, we advise you to come prepared with your roommate.

In the event you don't we will attempt to place you with a same sex roommate; however, it is not guaranteed. If you would prefer to room by yourself or don't have a roommate in mind, you have the option to pay the single supplement charge. All trip takers look forward to their vacations and pay a lot of money to participate, SO in consideration of others, only paid trip participants are eligible to stay overnight in a condo/hotel.

TRIP INSURANCE: Insurance is recommended and available to purchase via the travel agency that design our ski trips, or it is also available from travel insurance websites.

<u>CROSS COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING</u>: Trip chairpersons try to indicate the availability of cross country and snowshoeing trails. Please let the trip chairperson know if you intend to cross country and/or snowshoe.

REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY:

*Authorized cancellation: If a trip taker notifies the trip chairperson of intent to cancel before the deadline established for that trip, all monies paid will be refunded.

*Late cancellation – If a trip taker cancels after the established cancellation date for the trip <u>and</u> notifies the trip chairperson, a refund MAY be eligible provided a fully paid replacement is found. If no replacement is found, the cancelling trip taker is responsible for unrecoverable costs.

*Unauthorized cancellation – A person who does not notify the trip chairperson forfeits the cost of the trip.

RESPECTABILITY: An obligation for EISC membership – the EISC has members from all attitudes and ages of life. The Board therefore, feels it is important that considerations of respectability be given to all concerned when in travel or otherwise attending an event sponsored by the EISC. Others in attendance, though not members of our organization, also witness us as a group. When the activities of an individual infringe on the rights of the group as a whole, said actions are considered unacceptable. It is not out of the realm of possibility that your actions could prompt the board to revoke your membership.

Summary:

AS A MEMBER of the East Iowa Ski Club you will be entitled to a multitude of activities and advantages. Naturally, there are opportunities for friendship, places to go and people to see, but there is much more. Via our monthly newsletter, the Skiddoo, you will receive notices of all trips, parties, and other numerous events. You will know about what's happening in the club, who's doing what, with whom. Chances to buy, sell or trade, tips on clothing and exercises can be found via our website forums. You're eligible to attend all monthly meetings and events, summer activities such as kayak/canoe trips, bike rides, car cruises, etc. We've done them all!!!

Volunteers are valued and essential to the club's success. We're always looking for folks willing to get involved and engaged. Keep a positive attitude and become involved in your club. Attitude is the difference between an ordeal and an adventure.

~article by Steve Cummings (September 2021)