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Activities

Feb 7	Culinary @ WaWa Caribbean--4342 16th Ave. SW
Feb 10-12	Baraboo, WI Ski Trip
Feb 17	Member Meeting KC Hall
Feb 20-26	Copper Mountain Ski Trip
Mar 7	Culinary @ Yen-Ching 2317 Mt. Vernon Rd SE
Mar 18	Member Meeting
April 15	Year End Review & Recognition Meeting
May 13-20	Niagara Falls Trip
Aug 20-29	Black Hills/Western National Parks Trip

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is February 15.
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: mem-
bers@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 March Skiddoo is February 24.
Contact **Cathy Dick**.

EISC Financials are available on request.

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President's Message



Greetings EISC members. It was great to see everyone at the Soup and Chili Cook-off meeting early in the month. There wasn't as much snow as we would have preferred, but it was still the largest crowd we have seen all season.

The contest contained some fierce competition and the desserts and snacks were exceptional! Thanks to all who entered the contest and those who brought the desserts and snacks.

The meeting covered all the current status of the upcoming trips. The 2024 ski destinations were announced and caused much excitement. More details on the trips follow.

We passed out the EISC 2023/24 Trip surveys and had 40 entertaining responses returned. The totals were accumulated the results are with the board. They are doing a careful analysis with a report out next month. This was the first survey that included sections on the Adventure trips and it generated many new ideas. There were many creative possibilities for the week long, three day or one-day adventure trips. The number of ski trip choices is smaller and easier to manage. The bicycle trip ideas were still leading the way on the one and three-day Adventure trips. One of the highlights of the surveys was the number of members who signed up as possible trip leaders. Thank you to all who signed up as trip leader volunteers. It isn't difficult and is usually a very satisfying experience. The board will be making choices on future trips from the data and will work matching up volunteers.

By the time this issue is published the Snowmass Aspen trip will be complete. I am still packing as I writing this message.

People ask about my favorite ski resort & it is usually the last place we have skied. The Snowmass Aspen area has always been one of my favorites. Snowmass is a huge mountain with a wide variety of skiing and a fun village. The Ambassador Ski Tour takes hours and can't hit everything. I remember hiking up above Elk Camp, well above 11,300 ft. to get to Burnt Mountain Glades. The shuttles take you to Aspen, Aspen Highland and Buttermilk mountains. The Ambassador Tour of Aspen Mountain was a history lesson in mining and the birth of skiing. Aspen Highlands is a challenging mountain with incredible views of the Maroon Bells Mountain range. I am sure all 24 EISC members signed up are looking forward to this trip as much as I am.

We'll get back after the article deadline, so look for the trip report in March. The next member meeting is Friday, February 17th at the KC Hall. This is the meeting where we vote for board members to serve the next two years. Please be sure and vote either at the meeting or by absentee ballot. Look forward to seeing everyone.

Thanks ~ **Steve**

February Birthdays

James Roman (1st); Brian Keller (4th); James Toothaker (7th); Tammy Keller (10th); Dave Brown (13th); Diane Scholl (14th); Elle Strickland (15th); Jan Vauthrin (18th); Teri Barnhart (23rd); Cathy Bossard (28th).

Family News



Fellow ski club member **Jerry Groom** passed away on January 15, 2023 after a long battle with Leukemia. We extend our condolences to **Anne** and offer our support to her. The story of Jerry's life is available at www.cedarmemorial.com/Obituary/2023/Jan/Gerald-R-Groom/.

Thank You From the EISC Board Nominating Committee

We would like to thank each of the candidates for volunteering. The vote for the EISC board is scheduled to take place during the February member meeting. We are grateful for the members' volunteer spirit that we enjoy in this club. Please keep in mind that the EISC needs volunteer board members to function and we hope all will consider serving in the future. An absentee ballot can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you, **Lois Kabela Coates**, chair for the EISC Board Nominating Committee.

~article by **Steve Cummings**

EISC Upcoming Elections

Mary Day: I am a long time EISC member. Currently I serve on the Board as Secretary. I also handle Memberships and Communication. The members of EISC are my mainstays. I love to travel, especially with these friends.



Bill Clark: I have been a member of the East Iowa Ski Club for two years. Since joining, my wife Jill and I have been on the Crested Butte and Breckenridge ski trips, and are looking forward to going to Copper Mountain this year. During the summer, we've enjoyed the camping and bicycling adventures, as well as the Canyonlands and walleye fishing trips. I really liked learning to play pickleball as well as trying new foods at some of the ethnic dinners. As you can see, I've benefited from many of the activities that the club offers, and feel that being a member of the board is my opportunity to give back to the group.

Marty Stimson: For those that may not know me, my name is Marty Stimson. I have been a member of our ski club since 1989 when I married my wife Janet as she was already a member and said it was a fun group and she was right. Probably the most enjoyable part I like about our club besides the social support and gatherings is all the many varied activities and trips the club does. Ski trips have been a big part of our vacation plans for many years but skiing isn't our only interest. To my picture, boating and fishing is my second biggest interest along with travel and sightseeing in general. I believe as a club, we definitely need to continue promoting and doing ski trips. But with our multi-interest membership, we also need to promote and offer other nonski trips. Depending on the travel location, trips can be a combination of a variety of activities. Even winter fly fishing! As a continuing board member, I would work to offer a variety of week long, weekend trips, and social outings.



~ article by **Lois Kabela-Coates**

FUTURE EVENTS

International Culinary Restaurant Adventure

We had a great turnout at the January Culinary adventure at El Bajio. Good food, tasty margaritas, cold brews and great conversation; what a fun evening! Next up, WaWa Caribbean on **Tuesday, February 7th at 6:00pm**. Please RSVP to Lois Kabelá-Coates at lois@easttowaskiclub.com by Sunday, February 5th if you would like to join us.

If you like planning ahead, put the March culinary event on your calendar at Yen Ching (2317 Mt. Vernon Rd SE). The date is Tuesday, March 7th. Bon Appetit!

~ article by **Lois Kabelá-Coates**



2022-2023 Cross Country Ski and other Outdoor Activities

To date the weather hasn't cooperated very well for those who like to cross country ski and snowshoe. Below are the dates and locations of where you can meet at 1 PM to join others if and when there are conditions for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Pat Boland is the coordinator. You can call or text her at 319-310-3420.

February 4
February 11
February 18

Morgan Creek
Ellis Park
Matsell Bridge

February 25	Wanatee
March 4	Wickiup
March 11	Morgan Creek
March 18	Matsell Bridge
March 25	Wanatee

We know that when there is a great snowfall getting out on the trails soon is important to many skiers. Please use the club's web site Forums to post your desire to get others to join you!

~ article by **Ruth Van Tol**

Baraboo, Wisconsin Trip | February 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. A block of rooms is reserved until January 10 under East Iowa Ski Club. Rates are \$99 a night for a King room and \$89 per night for a room with two queens. Call the hotel directly at 608-356-6422 to make your reservations.

Lift ticket rates have now been set at Cascade and Devil's Head. Weekend rates are \$89 daily for an adult at Cascade. The rates at Devil's Head are \$50 a day if you are a Super Senior (66+), \$68 daily or \$121 for 2 days if you are a Senior (60-65), and \$78 daily or \$141 for a 2-day ticket for adults (13-60). Both locations REQUIRE tickets to be purchased IN ADVANCE ON-LINE.

~ article by **Ruth Van Tol**

Friday February 17 Meeting at KC Hall on E Ave NE

The next EISC member meeting will be on Friday Feb 17 at the Knights of Columbus Council 909 – 1620 E Ave NE, Cedar Rapids. Guests are encouraged and welcome.

Come early (5:30) with your cards and board games and enjoy the KC Happy Hour prices. A brief club meeting will begin at 8:00. Beverages will be available to purchase from the KC Hall. Bring your snacks and appetizers to share.

This is also the month for **Elections for the Board of Directors**. The list of candidates can be found in this newsletter. If you are unable to attend for voting, an absentee ballot is also available in this newsletter.

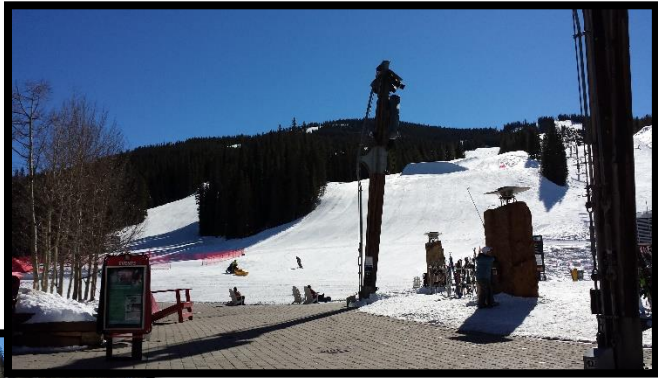
Hope to see you at the meeting.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

Copper Mountain trip | February 20 - 26, 2023

Woo Hoo! The Copper Mountain trip is full and we can't wait. We have six full condos in the Mountain Plaza. The rooming list is set and travels plans are happening. Remember this is a drive yourself/carpool or whatever mode of transportation you choose trip.

The Copper Mountain trip is scheduled as a six-night stay, Monday thru Sunday, February 20th-



26th. We have five of six days' lift tickets.

If you are looking to rent or demo some Fat skis for all the powder, here is a link to discount 25% off group members.

<https://www.christysports.com/learn/rent-help/daily-weekly-rental.html?src=skic23>

Copper Mountain has great skiing for everyone. Our condo being a three-minute walk to the lifts means you can make the most of your skiing day.

Some of you may also like to check out The Snow Maze. It is twice the size as last years and it's free. Don't forget about the free snow cat ride.

We are looking forward to our trip and hope everyone is too.

~ Article & Photos by **Rhonda Bohrer**

Niagara Falls by Motorcoach May 13-20, 2023

Total Trip Price | \$1,680 double occupancy

1st Payment | \$520 due at signup

2nd Payment | \$580 due January 7, 2023

3rd Payment | \$580 due March 18, 2023

Cancellation Date | January 7, 2023

Trip Chair: Kim Betts | sologal70@gmail.com

We're up to 15 registered for this trip with quite a few still interested.

We have 20 guaranteed spots so If you think you want to go, it's time to get your name on the list. This trip is packed with lots to do, plus, you will have plenty of room to stretch and relax on our 53 passenger motor coach. On May 13th, we load our Motor Coach from Cedar Rapids for a scenic tour up through Wisconsin, Michigan and into Canada on our way to Niagara Falls – with a variety of fun stops along the way. This trip includes our own private motor coach, hotel accommodations, breakfasts at each hotel stay, five dinner meals, and all ticket and entrance fees. A more detailed itinerary follows:

Day 1: we depart at 8:00 am from Cedar Rapids for our first travel day to Escanaba, Michigan. It's an easy 400-mile trip up through Madison and Green Bay so we will arrive in plenty of time to relax and have dinner. We might even find a local winery to tour.

Day 2: we're off for a short 2 ½ hour ride to Paradise, Michigan where we visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. It's only an hour ride from there down to Mackinaw City. On our way we will stop at the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie hoping to see one of the ships going through the locks. Then it's to our hotel and dinner in Mackinaw City.

Day 3: we get on the Mackinac Island Ferry for a tour of Mackinac Island and then back for a bus tour of Mackinaw City, then back to our same hotel and dinner.

Day 4: we're off to Dearborn and the Henry Ford Museum. We have a 4-hour bus ride so there is plenty of time to go through the museum before we head for our hotel and dinner for the night.

Day 5: is off to Niagara Falls through Canada. It's a 4-hour ride but it might be a little longer getting through Canada customs on our way. We will have time in the afternoon to explore some of the area before arriving at our hotel and dinner.

Day 6: will be touring more of the Niagara Falls sites, then back to our hotel again.

Day 7: is an early morning for our ride to Cleveland to tour Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum before we find our hotel and dinner.

And Day 8: we are on our way home. It's a longer day but we get home on a Saturday so those that are still working can rest up for the day before going back to work Monday.

Registration for this trip started at the November meeting so we are off to a good start at making this trip a go. We will need 20 people to make this trip work. You can send your deposit check to EISC at PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, or sign up online. We set this trip up as double occupancy so please let us know your roommate choice when signing up.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

Out West-Black Hills and National Parks Trip - August 20-29, 2023

Total Trip Price | \$2,480 double occupancy | Capacity: 20 people

1st Payment | \$620 due at signup

2nd Payment | \$620 due February 17, 2023

3rd Payment | \$620 due April 15, 2023

4th Payment | \$620 due May 19, 2023

Cancellation Date | May 19th, 2023

We have six openings left for this trip. We begin with a flight from Cedar Rapids to Rapid City, SD where a motor coach (driven by club favorite Dale Scharping) will be waiting for us. The cost for this 9-night, 10-day trip is \$2480 and it includes airfare, bus transportation, all lodging, eight breakfasts, five group dinners, the rodeo and all park entrance fees. We will travel through five states and six national parks. The first deposit is \$620 followed by three additional payments, with a cancellation date of May 19th. There are 20 spots for this trip. A detailed itinerary follows:

Day 1: Sunday – Rapid City, SD

- Flight from Cedar Rapids to Rapid City
- Board bus and travel to Badlands NP and Wall Drug
- Overnight in Rapid City – Home2Suites by Hilton

Day 2: Monday- Rapid City to Deadwood, SD

- Custer State Park
- Wind Cave NP
- Crazy Horse
- Mt. Rushmore
- Overnight in Deadwood, SD (museums and casinos) – Tru by Hilton

Day 3: Tuesday – Deadwood, SD to Cody, WY

- Buffalo Bill Museum
- Cody Nighttime Rodeo
- Overnight in Cody, WY – Cody Legacy Inn Suites

Day 4: Wednesday – Cody, WY to West Yellowstone, MT

- Yellowstone(north) - frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in West Yellowstone, MT – Yellowstone Lodge

Day 5: Thursday – West Yellowstone, MT to Moran, WY

- Yellowstone(south) – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in Moran, WY – Dude Ranch – Heart 6 Ranch

Day 6: Friday- Moran, WY to Salt Lake City, UT

- Grand Tetons – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Optional Excursions – horseback riding or raft trip
- Overnight in Salt Lake City – Country Inn Suites

Day 7: Saturday – Salt Lake City, UT to Moab, UT

- Capital Reef NP – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in Moab, UT – Wingate by Wyndym

Day 8: Sunday- Moab, UT

- Canyonlands NP – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in Moab, UT -Wingate by Wyndym

Day 9: Monday – Moab, UT

- Arches NP – frequent stops for photos and hiking
- Overnight in Moab, UT – Wingate by Wyndym
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- Colorado National Monument – Grand Junction
- Flight from Grand Junction to Cedar Rapids

~ article by **Lois Kabela-Coates**

Chili/Soup Cookoff | Saturday, Jan 7 at
Wanatee Park | 3:00 to 10:00 pm

1ST place - **Tim Gull** (44 votes) "BOUGIE CHILI"
2ND place – **Rhonda Bohrer** (36 votes) "CHILI"
3rd place – **Jeff Sherman** (15 votes) "CHILI" & **Rick Baker** (15 votes) "CHILI"

1st place – **Denny Bossard** (59 votes) for “AWARD WINNING CHICKEN NOODLE”
 2nd place – **Sandra Cummings** (50 votes) for “CLAM CHOWDER”
 3RD place – **Madonna Hough** (33 votes) for “POTATO”
 Special thanks to **Kay Hess** for helping set up and counting the votes.

~ article by **Sandra Cummings** | photos by **Cathy Dick**



EISC Sundown Mountain Ski Day, Jan 11, 2023

On Wednesday, January 11th, the East Iowa Ski Club was out in force at Sundown Mountain resort. We had 10 members and a friend of **George Gassman's** from Marshalltown there in the morning & had a new member, **Todd Eadie** from Solon join us in the afternoon. The day was supposed to be warm and there wasn't much snow on the ground, so the outlook wasn't good.

However, the snow at Sundown was really great in the morning. As the day progressed it did get much softer in the afternoon. We had a great time skiing until our legs got tired.

I got to Sundown at 9:00 am, and was surprised to see the lot was almost empty. Apparently, they moved the weekday start time back to 10:00 this year. I wondered why no one was skiing, but hit it anyway. I found myself riding the lift up with the Ski Patrol at 9:20 – they said it is too early, however they were ready so they let me on. Guess I have that confused, older guy act down pretty well. The entire mountain was groomed perfectly. I made figure 8's by myself & tracked up almost every run before 10:00 am when the others started arriving.

Many of the EISC crew there are signed up for the Snowmass Aspen trip & were warming up their skis. We had a wide range of skiers from us 'first time this year' guys to two Sundown Instructors that ski a lot & were getting ready for the Wednesday night races. Wednesdays might be a good day to go because the open the lift on Andrews run up in the afternoon to get it ready for the evening races. My ski tracker said I got 10.5 miles in and it was fun day. We need more snow and cooler temps and we will be back.

The food & refreshments in the lodge hit the spot. We talked with the Manager, Mark who is excited about some of the changes this year. It feels good to support our local ski hill as much as we can and it is even better when you can have such a good time with friends.

~ article by **Steve Cummins**

Snowmass/Aspen Trip | January 21 - 28, 2023

On January 21-28, 24 members of the East Iowa Ski Club had a fantastic time on the Snowmass Aspen ski trip. We stayed at the Top of the Village condo complex in Snowmass village where we had a Wine & Cheese Welcome party when we arrived.

Some of the group drove out and some flew. Thank you to **Kathy Takes** and **Kari Wheeler** for all of your hard work as our trip leaders. The snow was plentiful and the hot tub was enjoyed by many!

Article by **Cathy Dick** | Photos by **Kathy Takes & Jeff Barnes**





Annual Election will take place at the February monthly meeting. A mail-in absentee ballot is available below.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Following is the **ABSENTEE BALLOT** to be used if you cannot attend the February meeting. Absentee ballots must be received at the EISC Post Office Box by noon, February 17, 2023.

Follow these instructions carefully for a valid absentee vote.

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Absentee Ballot: Vote for up to **three (3)** candidates:

____ Mary Day
____ Bill Clark
____ Marty Stimson
____ (write-in) _____

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Put the above Absentee Ballot in a separate, sealed envelope

Verification Form: Complete this verification form (so we can verify no one votes more than once).

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Put this verification form along with the envelope containing the absentee ballot in **ANOTHER** envelope. Send to: East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843