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Activities

Jan 23-30	Crested Butte Ski Trip
Aug 29-Sep 5	Sailing Maine Trip

* Watch the forum and email for upcoming impromptu meetings, ski trips and cross-country events!



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BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is **January 13**.
Members and non-members are welcome.
Time and location of the next board
Meeting can be obtained from **Ruth Van Tol**

EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact:
members@eastiowaskiclub.com
Annual Membership fees: 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 **February** Skiddoo is **January 29**.
Contact **Mary Jean Blaisdell**.
EISC Financials are available on request.

WWW.EastIowaSkiClub.com

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President's Message

So long, farewell! Sayonara! Bon Voyage! Hit the road Jack and don't ya come back! Good riddance! Don't ever want to see anything like 2020 again!

When 2020 began, I don't think any of us had an inkling of what was ahead of us. With both Covid and the derecho, it seemed we just couldn't get a break. Now that 2021 is here we are all looking forward to some better times. The great news is that a vaccine has been approved and released but there will still be some time before most of us will be able to benefit. We will still need to be cautious for the next several months but I am hoping that by early summer we can have the biggest and best outdoor bash the club has had in a number of years.

The Keystone trip has been affected by the Covid restrictions in Summit County, CO and the trip has been changed to ski at Crested Butte. It will be a different kind of ski season with limited access to chalets, fewer riders on gondolas and lifts, and mask wearing at all times except when actually skiing. We wish them a safe trip.

In April the board will have an opportunity to hear presentations from various travel organizations and will be looking to find a European ski/adventure trip for early 2022.

Just because there hasn't been a lot of in-person activities, it doesn't mean your board isn't working or thinking about you and the club. We continue to plan for the future and have every hope that we can get together soon.

Cheers to a better 2021!

Ruth



Birthdays-January: Linda Monroe (2nd); Yvonne Duggan (3rd); Jeff Sherman (8th); Jerry Groom (18th); Jane Sents (20th); Alison Monroe (23rd); Laura Simmonds (25th); Don Gray (26th); Gavin Hunerdosse (29th).

January Meeting: Chili Cookoff Canceled

Unfortunately, the continued Covid virus does not allow us to meet for our annual Chili Cookoff Meeting. All Linn County Park buildings/lodges remain closed. With everything “meeting” we will have to wait and see as to when we can safely gather again. While we wait, your board is exploring Zoom Meetings as a way for us all to socially converse. See the article on “Zoom” for more details.

ZOOM

The EISC board has set up a ZOOM account online, that will allow you to visit with your ski club friends through the Internet, much like school children meet with their teachers. With Covid-19, several members are not willing to gather in groups either inside or outside. ZOOM will allow us to have meetings up to 100 members for 25 hours a month.

Members can join by computer, tablet or smart phone. If you have tablet or phone, download the ZOOM app (example: Play Store or Apple Store). You can create a free account to use for meetings. When you join the meeting, you can decide whether to use the camera or talk only. ZOOM technology gives better voice quality while visually seeing someone and bringing people closer.



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Below is a link to learn more about ZOOM and how to use it.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzXhxejHG_s

You can reach out to Kim Jacoby with any questions or assistance. Her email address is communications@easterniowaskiclub.com.

We are interested to hear what you think. Email one of the board members by using one of the email addresses near the front of the Skiddoo or fill out the Send Us an Email under the Contact Us tab of the EISC website.

~ article by **Kim Jacoby**

FUTURE EVENTS

Cross Country Skiing/Snow Shoeing/Winter Hiking



Are you ready to enjoy winter, get out of the house, forget about the virus and breathe in a little fresh air? If you think we have been cooped up far too long, then this is what we all need: Cross Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing or a good winter hike with fellow EISC members.

We need to thank **Brian Keller** for coordinating these activities again this year. If you have any questions call or text him at 319-213-0309 Also check the Cross Country Skiing Forum on the date of the activity.

Theses dates are all on Saturdays; with meet up at 1pm.

Also **Tim Gull** will host a WARMING Event February 13th at his boat house in Ellis Boat Harbor #2410 Boathouse Court around 3:pm. This is all pending snow conditions and the virus status, stay tuned for further notice.
~article and photos by **Keven Lubben**

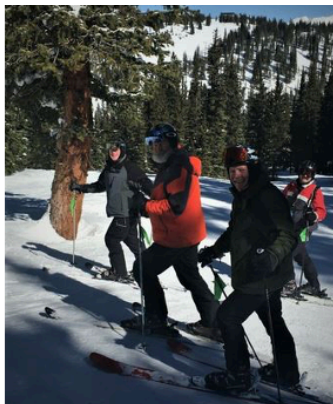


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January 16 Squaw Creek Park
January 23 Wickiup Hill Park
January 30 Morgan Creek Park
February 6 Matsell Bridge
February 13 Ellis Golf Course

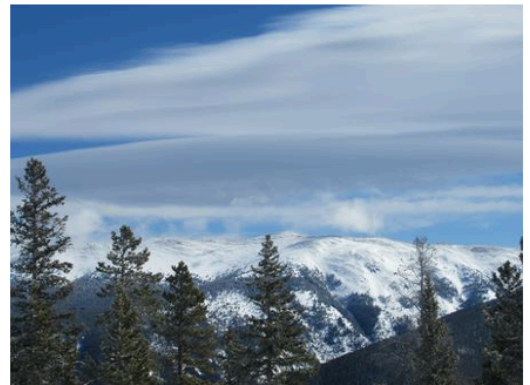
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March 27 Ellis Golf Course

Keystone Becomes Crested Butte: Jan 23-30

On Friday, Dec. 18th, we were notified by SKI.com that Summit County, CO extended the Code Red COVID restrictions through Jan. 19. Our Keystone trip was scheduled to start on Jan. 23rd. There were several tough restrictions, but the one that hit us the hardest is 1 family per condo rule, which we can't meet. We knew there were some restrictions in



EISC glade skiers at Winter Park



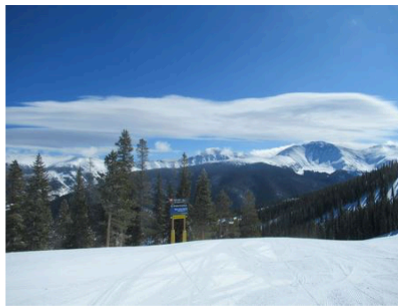
place, but these were expected to be cancelled on Dec. 17, as the virus numbers had been improving. Things got more restrictive instead. Our options were limited.

- We could wait until Jan. 19, hope for the best and see what happens. The most likely change was limiting it to 2 families per condo if the goals were met.
- We could go to Crested Butte resort on the western slope which is another Vail Resort, doesn't have restrictions and has rooms available at the Plaza – a ski-in / walk-out condo that would be an additional 3 to 4 hour drive.
- We could try to delay the Keystone trip to early March and see if conditions improve.
- We could cancel the west trip for the year and work with Vail Resorts & put in for refunds

We surveyed the members signed up for the trip for their choice and moving the trip to Crested Butte was chosen. Twenty-two EISC members of the 26 that had signed up for Keystone decided to make the switch. Crested Butte is an additional 3 to 4 hours of drive time than Keystone and is on the western slope of the mountains. The EISC had visited Crested Butte in 2014 & stayed at the Plaza condos. Only a couple of people on this trip were on the 2014 trip, remembered for the deep snow that sometimes hits Crested Butte. The resort has grown and changed some over the past 6 years, but has maintained the uncrowded, friendly & slightly crazy feeling.



EISC at the top at Winter Park



Located off the beaten path, Crested Butte is known for some of the best lift-served terrain in the nation. There are few places that can still be called a real Colorado ski town, and Crested Butte is one of them. Walking around town, you'll feel it in the unparalleled views and the

meticulously preserved false-front buildings reminiscent of its mining days. Crested Butte got its start as a mining town in the 1880s. It was once called "the town that wouldn't die" because of its ability to survive the booms and busts of Colorado's mining days. With 15 lifts serving 1,547 acres, Crested Butte has 121 trails covering over a 3000 ft. vertical drop. The runs are 18% Beginner, 29% Intermediate, 21% Advanced, and 32% Expert so there is something for everyone. There are many non-skier activities for you to enjoy as well- surrounded by 1.7 million acres of National Forest, you can snowshoe, fat bike, and cross country ski - right out your front door in any direction. For more information on Crested Butte, maps, activities and to find the Crested Butte trail map app, please go to the <https://www.skicb.com>.

The club will be staying in 2 and 3 bedroom condos in The Plaza – a ski-in / walk-out complex about 100 yards from the Silver Queen and Red Lady Express Lifts. The Plaza is one of Crested Butte Mountain Resort's premier lodging accommodations and offers more amenities than other condominiums in Crested Butte. For more information on The Plaza please go to the <https://www.skicb.com/Plan-Your-Trip/stay/details/Plaza-Condominiums?location=380620> website.

This is the first time the club has tried a drive yourself trip to Colorado and now the COVID restrictions have forced us to change our resort and condo location a month from the start of the trip. This is quite an accomplishment in schedule & travel flexibility for the intrepid members of the EISC. We were fortunate to retain Kathy Takes, as the Trip Leader and added her daughter, Kari Wheeler as the Assistant Trip Leader for this adventure. Kathy has worked hard on the communication aspects of the location switch process on this trip. The attitudes have been great & this has all the makings of an excellent ski trip to Crested Butte, Colorado!

Kathy Takes 563-599-2819

~ article and photos provided by **Steve Cummings**

Guidelines For East Iowa Ski Club

Whether you are a novice skier, an expert skier, snowboarder, cross-country skier, snow-shoer, or never wanted to be on a ski slope, you will find skiing and non-ski activities geared to your interests and abilities. 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 a member of the East Iowa Ski Club requires a completed membership form and the payment of annual dues. Our website is eastiowaskiclub.com and mailing address is East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52506-3162. Annual dues are good for 12 months from the date you joined.

- \$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.



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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 on-line.

*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 designs our ski trips, or it is also available from travel insurance websites.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING SNOWSHOEING...

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 and notifies the trip chairperson, a refund MAY be granted, 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...

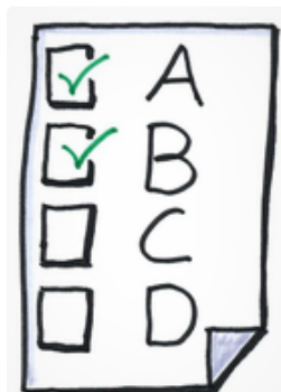
An obligation for EISC membership – the EISC has members from all attitudes and ages of life. The Board therefore, feels it is important that considerations of respectability be given to all concerned when in travel or otherwise attending an event sponsored by the EISC. Others in attendance, though not 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.

IN 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'll receive notices of all trips, parties and other numerous events. You'll know about what's happening in the club, who's doing what and with whom. Chances to buy, sell or trade as well as 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 essential. 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. ENJOY THE ADVENTURE.

~article provided by **Steve Cummings**



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"Sailing Maine on the Angelique" Aug 29 - Sept 5, 2021

\$2160 - Ship, Air and Hotel

\$1540 - Ship and Hotel

\$1230 - Ship only

Trip Chairs: Brian & Tammy Keller



We are headed to sail around the islands off the shores of Maine on the tall ship '**Angelique.**' The trip will be Sunday, August 29 through Sunday, September 5, 2021, sailing for 5 nights/days on the Windjammer with the last day in the tall ship regatta of the **Camden Windjammer Festival**. We start with a one night stay in a Camden harbor hotel the night before sailing and another night stay in the hotel after to enjoy the weekend festival. Check out the ship on their website at <https://www.sailangelique.com/welcome-aboard/>.

We are full with three people on the waiting list.

Brian Keller 319-213-0309 **Tammy Keller** 319-651-6514

~article by **Brian Keller**; photo courtesy of Sail Windjammer

Board Election

Every year, your East Iowa Ski Club board holds elections. There are four open seats for the board and six excellent candidates!



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Normally, election night is held at our February Member Meeting, but there was nothing normal about the year 2020 lingering into 2021. We've always offered the mail-in paper ballot option for those who can't make the February Member Meeting. This year, that will be everyone. So, read the candidate profiles and select four. Most of you are receiving this Skiddoo electronically. If you have a printer, you can just print off the last page that has the ballot on it and mail that in. Since it is possible that some may not have printers, we are also allowing people to create their own ballots on any piece of writing paper and send that in. **The mailing envelope must have a legible name and return address so a record can be kept of who has voted.** (Multiple members within a single household can place ballots in the same envelope, but then they would have to be signed or contained within an additional privacy envelope that is signed.)

Be sure to have your ballots mailed in time to be post-marked no later than February 19.

The address is:
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Any questions, contact the club or me:
319-535-3646 (EISC Phone Number)
Or 319-389-6055 (Mike Buckman)
OR mike@eastiowaskiclub.com

Mary Day



It's been a pleasure to be a member of EISC since 1994. I have chaired trips and served on the board from 2004-2008. I just retired for the second time. After numerous joint replacements, I no longer ski, but love to travel and experience great fun with fellow club members.
~bio and photo provided by **Mary Day**

Ann Delaney

I've been a member of the EISC for about 5 years. I joined the club to meet new people and get more involved in outdoor activities. I had never skied before and thought it would be fun to learn. I've gone skiing twice and while I enjoyed the experience and am glad I tried, I'm definitely more into the non-skiing activities such as biking, kayaking and hiking. I've really enjoyed making friends with people who like traveling, seeing new places, and experiencing new things. It's so important to enjoy and embrace the outdoors, especially this year. I hope to help the club continue in that tradition.



~bio and photo provided by **Ann Delaney**

David Meyer



My name is **David Meyer**. My wife Joanie and I joined the ski club in 2014 and have enjoyed our time. I have too many hobbies including skiing, sailing, and working on my vintage cars. We enjoy socializing with other members at our meetings and events and of course very much enjoy our trips. I have been a Board member the last couple years and would like to continue. I am looking forward to helping implement some of the new concepts regarding future travel destinations that the Board has recently proposed to the members. My favorite

quote from Warren Miller is, " If you don't do it this year you will be one year older when you do."

~bio and photo provided by **David Meyer**

Jeff Sherman



After 6 years with the club, I have agreed to run for the board. My main interest is in skiing, and I would like to see more short Midwest trips, those accessible to folks that work and don't have vacation time for longer adventures. I have been introduced to many bike trails in the area as a result of EISC trips, and have purchased a new bike to keep up with my speedy peers. I especially like those that involve overnight stays, and camping with friends. While skiing is the link that holds us together, I think we all realize the club is much more than that. Sharing in a variety of outdoor activities with adventurous people is what it is all about. From skiing and biking to picnics, corn roasts, kayaking, hiking, chili cook offs, ballgames, and camping, I enjoy hanging out with the outdoor fun people! ~bio and photo provided by **Jeff Sherman**

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. 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 with the club 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 non-ski trips and activities such as past trips to Europe, or even some US and Canada destinations. 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. ~bio and photo provided by **Marty Stimson**



Ruth Van Tol



I would like the opportunity to serve another 2 years on the board of directors of the EISC. I have been a member of the club since I moved to Cedar Rapids in 2013 and have been a member of the board for the past 2 years. The club has provided a number of great ski trips that I have been able to go on and I have coordinated several trips. I enjoy almost any other outdoor activity, especially biking during the summer. Using the club's web site forum page was a great tool to schedule bike rides during the summer. 2021 has posed some challenges in trying to find a balance in getting together for activities and socialization but still staying safe. The future looks brighter and I would like to serve you for another 2 years and would appreciate your vote.

~bio and photo provided by **Ruth Van Tol**

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Please select no more than four:

- ☐ Mary Day
- ☐ Ann Delaney
- ☐ David Meyer
- ☐ Jeff Sherman
- ☐ Martin Stimson
- ☐ Ruth Van Tol

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