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Activities

Oct 4-12	Canyonlands Trip
Oct 23	Member Meeting @ Noelridge
Nov 19	Member Meeting @ Shores
Dec 17	Member Meeting @ Shores
Jan 15	Chili cook off
Feb 5-12	Breckenridge Ski Trip
March 5-12	Zermatt, UT
July 30-Aug 6	MN Fishing Trip

* Watch the forum and email for upcoming impromptu meetings, biking and kayaking events!

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is October 20.

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: mem-

bers@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 November Skiddoo is October 29.

Contact **Cathy Dick**.

EISC Financials are available on request.

WWW.EastIowaSkiClub.com

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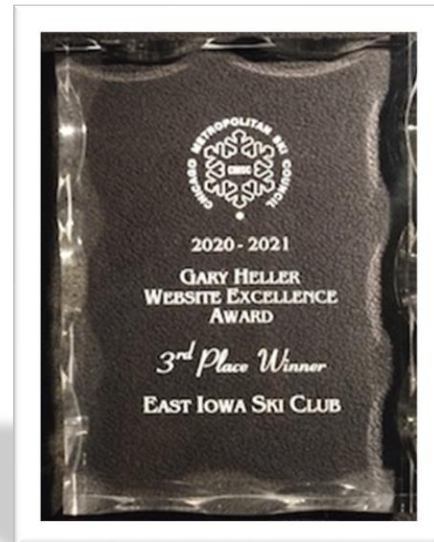
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President's Message

Fall has arrived!

I have made multiple trips to NW Iowa/SW Minnesota this spring and summer for various reasons. The most recent trip provided a lot of visual evidence that summer is over and fall is here. Soybean fields ranged in color from dark green to hints of yellow to bright yellow and then brown and dried. I saw several fields being combined.

Other evidence of fall being here was noted the evening of the Kickoff picnic. It was dark by 7:30!



With some cooler temps it will be a good time for those who enjoy biking to plan a date, time and route and post it in the Biking Forum on the web page. Maybe someone will have gotten themselves a new e-bike after getting a chance to try one at the Kickoff.

I was proud to be able to share the news at the Kickoff that the club was awarded third place with the Gary Heller Award for Website Excellence 2020-2021. The award was presented by the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council at their annual picnic in late August. Thanks to Kim Betts for her work on the website.

These fall temps mean one thing.....winter won't be far behind! Time to start getting those legs and body in shape to handle the slopes!

~Ruth Van Tol

Birthdays - October:

Dick Means (5th); Joan Gray (8th); Ruth Van Tol (11th); Morgan Elliff (19th); Christine Fowler (23rd); Connie Miller, Sandra Cummings, Sally Williams (28th); Dave Mahlke (29th); Sue Goettel (30th); Anne Michael Groom (31st)

FUTURE EVENTS

Canyonlands Trip - October 4-12

The EISC Canyonlands trip will be running from Oct. 4th through Oct. 12th. Look for a complete update on this great adventure for 24 lucky EISC members in the November newsletter.

The group will have nine days starting and ending in Las Vegas, Nevada, while exploring some of our country's greatest canyons, spectacular desert rock formations and monuments, in the majestic American Southwest.

Thanks to the EISC volunteer Trip Leaders, Cathy Dick and Lois Kabelacoates, for their work on leading this trip. We will look forward to reading about their trip in the EISC Skiddoo.



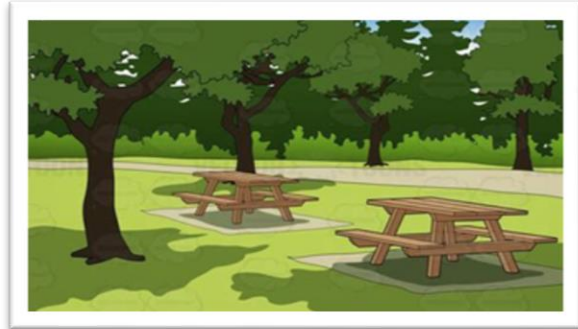
~article by **Steve Cummings**; photo from public domain

EISC October Meeting - Saturday, October 23rd - 3:00pm Noelridge Park, Cedar Rapids

Instead of the Halloween Post Party event, we **were** planning, we are going to meet outdoors for our October meeting at Noelridge Park as we did last spring. As long as our nice fall weather holds, we plan to meet at 3:00 pm.

The City of Cedar Rapids doesn't take reservations for park pavilions after September so we will take our chances of getting the pavilion. Bring your lawn

chair, your own beverages and snacks. We will monitor the weather conditions and if it isn't inviting to be outdoors, we will send out an email notice the day before.



~ article written by **Marty Stimson**; clip art from public domain

Future Meetings

The November and December meetings will still be at the Shores Event Center. January's meeting will be at the Red Cedar Lodge in Wanatee Park, Marion.

But as we move on, our **NEW LOCATION for FEBRUARY AND MARCH** will be the ***Knights of Columbus 909 Hall at 1620 E Ave NE*** – just right around the corner from the Shores Event Center ~ Marty Stimson

Welch Village/Twin Cities Jan.21, 2022 ski weekend cancelled

The EISC Midwest ski trip the weekend of Jan. 21 – 23 has been canceled. We hated to cancel and tried to make this work, but at the Sept 18 Kickoff meeting it became obvious we would not be able to support this trip.

We were unable to find a bus for the weekend that was financially feasible, so we made it a drive yourself trip. We did get a good price on rooms at the Country Inn & Suites at the Mall of America. The Welch Village lift ticket fee is \$69 per day. If we could have been sure we would get 20 skiers to sign up, the group rate was \$45 per day.

The Welch lift ticket system requires everyone to buy the ticket on-line signing the release that way. This requires everyone to sign up with all name, address, email, and cell number information. For those who would have signed up for the group rate, if we would have failed to reach the 20-skier minimum, everyone would be charged the full \$69 per day amount. There were only three skiers at the meeting that were planning on going.

Thank you to Kay Hess for volunteering to lead this trip – hopefully the next Midwest weekend ski trip will work out better. Thank you to the board members who worked on a hotel contract and with Welch Village to get a good group rate, if we would have had enough Midwest skiers.

It was pointed out that many members have ordered season or weekday passes to Sundown Mountain Ski Area in Dubuque this year. The club plans to announce several ski days / trips to Sundown using the ski forum feature on the EISC website. Please watch for announcements of upcoming day ski trips this coming season.

~ Article by **Steve Cummings**

Breckenridge, CO - Feb 5-12, 2022

Trip Cost:

\$700 Land Only

Cancellation date: Oct. 16

You must purchase your own lift tickets online.

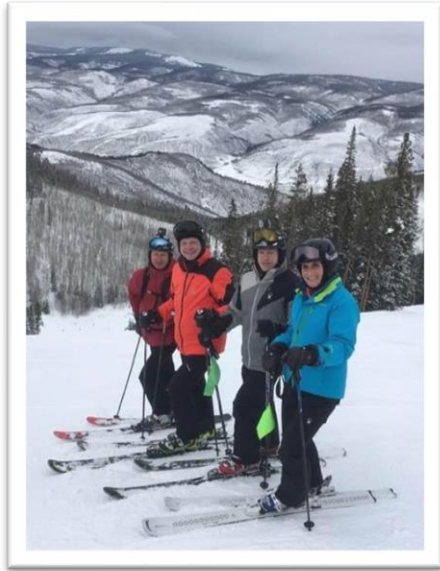
Please note that Epic pass prices will increase Oct 14th.

The first major EISC West trip of the 2022 season is back to Breckenridge! This area has activities for skiers and non-skiers. Breckenridge is a very unique town with a variety of activities available. The towns of Fisco and Silverthorn are also within a 15-minute drive.

This mountain offers fantastic skiing for all abilities and is spread out over 2,908 acres, which includes five peaks!

A new chairlift has been added this year to Peak Seven. It will make navigating the mountain much easier! As well as relieving the congestion at the base of peak Seven.





There are also groomed cross country and snow shoeing paths located along the base of the mountain.

We have 31 people registered so far, with room for 32. We will be staying in eight 2BR/2Bath suites at the Beaver Run resort. This ski in/ski out resort is one of Breckenridge's most popular.

The Beaver Run Resort offers a variety of amenities including an indoor/outdoor heated pool, a second outdoor pool, nine outdoor hot tubs, an exercise room, video arcade, retail stores, mini market/deli, bars and restaurants, ski and snowboard rental shops and complimentary in-town shuttle.

Parking is restricted during the winter to one vehicle per bedroom at a \$20 per day fee, so carpooling is suggested to keep the cost down.

EISC members will have to order their own Epic passes online. The EISC recommends using the [SKI.com](https://epicikon.events.ski.com/) link <https://epicikon.events.ski.com/> to buy your pass as [SKI.com](https://epicikon.events.ski.com/) offers a credit of \$30 on all Epic (except the Epic Day) Passes, when used on one of the EISC ski trips.

Epic passes are currently 20% off last year's prices. The price will increase on October 14.

Epic local - \$583 Epic Summit - \$471

Epic day passes: 3 day \$249 / 4 day \$323 / 5 day \$392

If you'd like to join us, please contact us and we'll get you signed up!!

This is sure to be a fantastic EISC ski trip! We look forward to a great year of skiing!

Kathy Takes [\(563\) 599-2819](tel:5635992819) **Steve Simmen**(319) [929-1494](tel:9291494)

~article/photos by **Kathy Takes**

Zermatt, UT Ski Trip - March 5-12, 2022

Destination: Zermatt Utah Resort, Midway, UT

Dates: March 5-12, 2022

Address: Zermatt Utah Resort and Spa, 784 W Resort Dr, Midway, UT 94049

Website: Zermatt [resort.com](https://zermattresort.com)

Trip cost:

\$1369 Land/Air, \$456 sign up, \$456 Sept 18, \$457 Oct 16

\$920 Land only, \$460 sign up, \$460 Sept 18

Cancellation date: Oct 29, 2021

Flight schedule (as of now):

Round trip CID-PHX-SLC (updated flight information will be listed closer to departure)

Located in Heber Valley, in the heart of the Wasatch Mountains, you will find the Zermatt Resort and Spa.

This is a specially designed European styled vacation offering, featuring lodging in a Swiss inspired village which offers many great amenities.

The property is a luxury 4 star, 4 diamond, full-service resort. You will enjoy the on-property indoor/outdoor swimming pools and hot-tubs, wellness center, full-service day spa, pub, two restaurants, a Swiss bakery and complimentary shuttle service to Deer Valley, Park City, Midway and Heber Valley. Our accommodations will feature 2 bedroom/2 bathroom, 1200 sq ft Villas, including full-kitchens, fireplaces, decks/patios and Alphorns.



To date, our uniquely Euro-inspired experience has 24 Adventure-Nauts on the roster, we have room for 4 more adventure-minded participants.

Besides the outstanding alpine skiing opportunities offered at nearby Park City/Canyons and Deer Valley, our group can participate in many fascinating outdoor activities. Cross country skiing and snow shoeing is available at Soldier Hollow Nordic Center (prime 2002 Olympic venue), Wasatch State Park and Sundance Resort Nordic Center. Snow tubing, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, ice skating, fishing and hiking, are but a few of the alternate offerings. Also, explore the historic village of Midway and quaint offerings of Heber City, to experience great eats, shopping, cool history and cultural influences without the escalated cost of admission compared to Park City.

Something everyone in our group should consider is a “dip your toes” experience at “The Crater”, a geothermal, crystal-blue, spring hidden within a 55 foot high, bee-hive shaped limestone dome located at the Homestead Resort, nearby the Zermatt Resort.

Another highly anticipated, whole group experience, will be a day trip to the Sundance Resort. There will be live participation activities in addition to the alpine, Nordic skiing and snow shoeing, these hands-on experiences include, silver-smithing, cheese and candle making, plus, Steve personally requested goat-Macrame and “vegetables are our friends” sessions. Scenes from “Butch Cassidy and The Sundance Kid” were filmed here, a visit to the Owl Bar will revive memories.

Lift tickets are not included in the trip package. Park City/Canyons is affiliated with the Epic Pass family and Deer Valley is an Ikon affiliate. Visit the SKI.com link - <https://epicikon.events.ski.com/> to buy your desired pass options. Deer Valley also sells daily lift tickets online, visit their website - deervalley.com

Zermatt Resort and Spa is the perfect accommodation hub for all the adventure and recreation we can pack into a week!

The importance of protecting your travel investment with trip insurance is a worthwhile consideration. Contact Diane for further information.

We look forward to this opportunity as your trip leaders in this Euro-Plan themed experience.

Diane Scholl (319) 270-3765 and Chip Scholl (319) 329-3253

~ Article by **Chip Scholl**, clip art from public domain

Fishing trip to Lake of the Woods: July 30 - August 6, **2022 Sportsman's Lodge-Baudette, Minnesota** **\$1580/person double occupancy**

First payment: \$553 due at sign up-October 23, 2021 at Noelridge Meeting
Second payment: \$553 due December 18, 2021
Final payment: \$474 due March 18, 2022



Sportsman's Lodge



This all-inclusive (lodging, meals, and fishing) but drive yourself there trip, may be the easiest and best trip you could come across to fish and explore one of the most scenic lakes in northern Minnesota – Lake of the Woods.

All you need to do is pack a suitcase and “drive” to Baudette, Minnesota – an easy 500-mile day trip. This all-inclusive trip includes a double occupancy room in their spacious lodge, all your meals, and four full days of fishing in a guided boat.

The lodge has a total of 30 standard lodge rooms. Each room has two queen beds, a full bathroom, and television with HBO, Wi-Fi, writing table, chairs and a freezer for your daily catch. All rooms are air conditioned; towels are provided and maid service is provided daily.

The meal plan included with this trip, includes three meals each full day starting with dinner on the day you arrive and breakfast on the day you leave.

Dinner includes a full salad bar and soup, bread, a nonalcoholic beverage, and your choice from a large selection of steaks, seafood, walleye, chicken or ribs. They also offer a wide selection of wine, spirits, and deserts which can be enjoyed for an extra charge. For breakfast, you can choose from a large selection of egg dishes, omelets, pancakes and more. Lunch is a choice of a box lunch or shore lunch. The “Sandbar” overlooking the water is open from noon until late evening to relax in on your off days from fishing.

You can feel comfortable fishing from a 27’ Sportcraft with onboard restroom, cabin cuddy and covered top. Boats will take six people per boat. No equipment or experience is required. You just need to purchase your own fishing license.

Your Coast Guard Licensed guide will take care of all your fishing needs including putting you on the fish. With over 14,500 islands, 65,000 miles of shoreline, and nearly one million acres of water you will appreciate the 200 years of guide experience between all our guides.

You can either carpool, or drive yourselves to Baudette, Minnesota leaving Saturday, July 30th. Check in time is 3:00 pm. You will just want to get there in time for dinner. You will depart for home on the next Saturday, August 6th.

Sign up will start at the fall September meeting once we have final pricing. Any questions, contact Marty Stimson at 319-389-4156.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**, photos by **Marty Stimson** with permission from the resort

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

CSMC Picnic – August 28

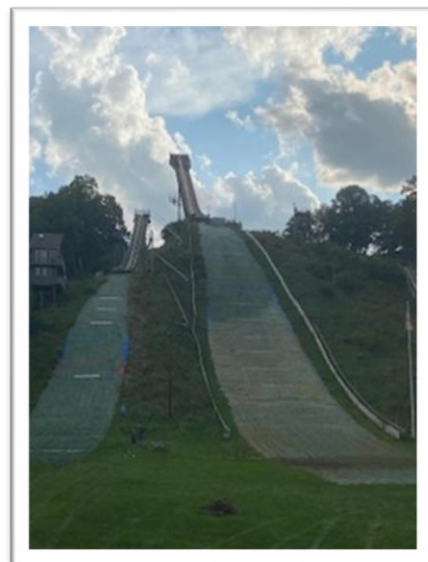
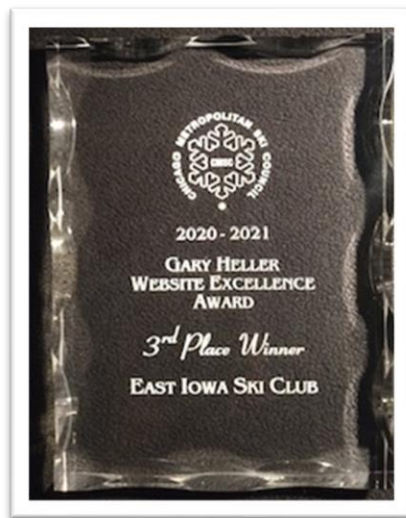
Denise Houlihan and I went on a weekend road trip to attend the CMSC annual picnic that was held at the Norge Ski Club in Fox River Grove, IL on August 28.

It was a hot afternoon but fortunately there was a good breeze and plenty of shade near the club house. Twenty-two clubs were represented with 153 people attending.

The ski jumping started with the junior division. They start as early as four years old and begin training on a five-meter jump. As they age and improve, they move up to a 10 and 25 meter jump. The older jumpers move up to a 40 and 70 meter jump.

Because it was such a hot day, the landing area had to be hosed down frequently for safety purposes so it was slippery enough. If you want to see a great video, go to the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Club Facebook page and you can see pictures of the picnic and a video of a jumper from the 70-meter jump.

The best part of the day though was that the East Iowa Ski Club was recognized and received an award! **Our club was awarded third place with the Gary Heller Award for Website Excellence for 2020-2021.** Thanks to **Kim Betts** for her work on the website. I know she is looking at the winners' sites to see what ideas she can use from their sites to improve ours.



~Article and pictures by **Ruth Van Tol**

Sailing Maine on the Angelique - Aug 29-Sep 5

Another successful trip of sailing and fun, even with many last-minute changes and surprises. After a long wait for luggage at the airport the group made it to Camden Maine for a stay at the historic Lord Camden Inn. At the end of a day of sightseeing, shopping, and beer drinking we boarded the Angelique where Tammy made sure all got laid. We had a great buffet meal with plenty to eat, if anyone went hungry it was their own fault. The next morning, we set sail with most everyone helping raise the many sails. In fact, we helped every time we sailed. In the evening we all enjoyed either rum swizzles or rum summer pool drinks.

We had great sailing all week with one day of high speed due to the winds from hurricane Ida storms.

We hunkered down in a cove behind an island with high hills avoiding Ida winds and watched the crew and Anne Robinson jumping in and making snow angles motions to cause bioluminescence to light up.



We sailed around Penobscot bay stopping at a few deserted islands and Deer Island. On Deer Island we stopped at Stonington for sight-seeing and shopping. One deserted island we hiked around enjoying nature. On another deserted Island the crew put on an all you can eat lobster boil. The record goes to Jeff Owen eating five

lobsters and another tail. The last full day we dressed as pirates and sailed to Rockland for a Regatta where all the sailing ships spent the time dodging around each other. One of the ships swooped close by us and threw biscuits at us, but we never got close enough to return the favor though.



The next morning, we set sail back to Camden where we watched the cook throw the first mate over board. The crew was wonderful and we had great appetizers and meals. The rest of the day was again spent in Camden sight-seeing, shopping, drinking, and eating in the harbor restaurants. After another night at the Lord Camden Inn, the group loaded the bus to Portland for a flight home.



Top photo in collage is Camden Harbor



~ Article/Photos by **Brian & Tammy Keller**

Kickoff @ Wanatee Recap 9/18 - Dave Meyer

Saturday, September 18th, was a super day for our annual kick-off meeting which was held at Meadow Lark Pavilion at Wanatee Park in Marion. No doubt the Iowa home game had some impact on turn out but we still had over 50 participants. In fact, dedicated member Jeff Owen even showed up at our meeting after attending the Iowa game.

A highlight of the meeting was Mike Johnson from Hall Bicycle in downtown Cedar Rapids. Mike brought two different electric bikes (e-bikes) for club members to try riding.



They were truly amazing to ride, especially up that hill. Dave Brown summed it up the best by saying "I feel like I am 16 again riding that bike". Mike gave a presentation about the background of Hall Bicycle and what they offer and then he provided more information on e-bikes. There were quite a few questions from the group in regards to the e-bikes.

We also discussed updates on upcoming trips and Ruth presented Kim Betts with a Website Excellence award that our club received at the CMSC picnic.

~ article by **Dave Meyer**, photos by **Ruth Van Tol**

EISC First Day of Fall Afternoon Bicycle Ride

On September 22, Ruth Van Tol led five EISC riders out on a cool, sunny morning and into a 10 to 15 mph North wind. The route was changed from a ride to Solon, to a ride to Center Point because of the wind direction. It was a great day – some leaves are starting to turn and the trees blocked some of the wind.

We all had a great lunch outside at Bully's, a block or two off the trail in Center Point.

It was a pretty fast ride, although one member did have a disturbingly accurate reading on the upcoming trail elevation changes.

We did the entire trip from the Boysen Trail head to the Center Point station & back in three and a half hours, including lunch and rest stops at Lafayette Station both ways. It was a fun day for a bike ride. We hope more EISC members can join the group on some future rides this fall season. It is a fun time of the year to ride a bike.

~ article by **Steve Cummings**, photo by **Ruth Van Tol**

