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Activities

Jan 15	Soup/Chili cook-off @ Red Cedar Lodge-Wanatee Park in Marion
Jan 21	Rough Riders Hockey Game
Feb 5-12	Breckenridge Ski Trip
Feb 18	Meeting @ KC Hall-1620 E Ave NE
Feb 19	XC ski @ Ellis Park – party @ Tim Gull's boathouse
March 5-12	Zermatt, UT
March 19	Meeting @ KC Hall-1620 E Ave NE
July 30-Aug 6	MN Fishing Trip



BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is January 12.

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 28.

Contact **Cathy Dick**.

EISC Financials are available on request.

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President's Message



I recall writing the January President' message a year ago. There was a sigh of relief that 2020 was in the rearview mirror and most of us had hopes that the Covid crisis would come to an end during 2021. Well, we have learned that wasn't to be the case as we have had to continue to deal with new variants of the virus. Maybe, just maybe, things will be better in 2022?

As for the club in 2021 we were fortunate that the ski trip originally scheduled for Keystone was able to happen in Crested Butte. The Angelique Sailing trip that had been cancelled in 2020 was able to occur and there was the successful trip to the Canyonlands. We had a great turnout biking on the Raccoon River trail. The extended period of nice weather from April through November allowed us to gather safely outdoors for meetings, picnics, biking, golfing, kayaking, a car trip to a winery, bell ringing for the Salvation Army and more. Virtual board meetings on Zoom when necessary and some member gatherings helped to keep folks in touch.

So, what about 2022? Your prediction is probably as good as mine. I think we have learned to still plan but expect that there might be changes or adjustments to those plans.

Whatever happens in 2022, I wish you good health and happiness.

~Ruth Van Tol

Birthdays - January:

Yvonne Duggan (3rd); Jeff Sherman (8th); Jerry Groom (18th); Robbin Rekemeyer (19th); Jane Sents (20th); Braden Langhoff (24th); Gavin Hunerdosse (29th).

FUTURE EVENTS

Future Trips Planning - We Want Your Input

At our December member meeting we briefly spoke of our challenges to get quotes for next fall's Bike and Barge trip. Your board wants to assure everyone that we are still pursuing this trip. But with our continued challenge to get quotes, we are also looking at alternative trips. Briefly, the challenge we face is the Rhine River Bike and Barge trips are very popular and the travel agencies have given priority to rebooking trips from last year that were all canceled due to COVID. If we just can't pull together this European trip for next year, we will move it to the year after and reshuffle our three-year trip plan. So... your board values your input on an alternate trip in case our planned Bike and Barge trip simply falls through for next year.



At the meeting we mentioned a US bike trip someplace or an east coast tour of the civil war grounds and museums.

Give Steve, Keven, or Marty a call or drop them a note to share your thoughts.

More to come but know your board continues to work our three-year plus plan for ski, non-ski, and adventure trips state side and internationally.

Let your board members know your trip destination interests!

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

Sundown Mountain Outing Moved to Ski Forum Notification

We had planned to have an EISC Ski Day over the Holiday Break on Thursday, Dec. 30th, however this has been postponed.

Sundown Mountain has been making snow and is working hard, but we do not believe skiing in these conditions would be a positive experience for the club. When we tried to set up the ski day, Sundown didn't have an opening day set, however they do have a few runs open now. We should probably be careful for what we wish for, but we really need colder weather and some real snow for the ski day to be worthwhile.



EISC at Sundown - 2021

The club decided to announce Ski Day outings at Sundown Mountain on the Ski Forum page of our website, when we have a group going to Sundown Mountain. If you are signed up on the Ski Forum, you will receive a notification. The colder weather and snow will come.

Sundown Mountain is a fun local ski resort that is only about an hour away and we need to try and support.

~article by **Steve Cummings** | Photo by **Kathy Takes**

Cross Country Skiing/Snow Shoeing/Winter Hiking 2021/2022



We all need to get out more this winter. We were all cooped up too much last year and we had a very low turnout. Let's all get out there and enjoy our Iowa winters. This is what we all need, Cross Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing and if we are short on snow just a good winter hike with other EISC members.

We need to thank Gary Dalecky as a first contact 319-366-1204 and Brian Keller as a second contact 319-213-0309 (Brian will be in Wisconsin part of the winter) for coordinating these activities this year. Also check the Cross-Country Skiing Forum on the date of the activity for any updates.

These dates are all on a Saturday and we will meet at 1:00 pm:

January 1 - Kent Park	January 29 - Morgan Creek Park
January 8 - Morgan Creek	February 5 - Matsell Bridge
January 15 - Wanatee Park	February 12 - Kent Park
January 22 - Wickiup Hill Park	February 19 - Ellis Golf Course
February 26 - Wanatee Park	
March 12 - Wickiup Hill Park	
March 19 - Morgan Creek	
March 26 - Ellis Golf Course	

Also, Tim Gull will host a WARMING Event February 19th at his boat house in Ellis Boat Harbor #2410 Boathouse Court around 3:00 pm. This is all pending snow conditions; stay tuned for a notice in the Cross-Country Ski Forum.

~article by **Keven Lubben** | Photos by **Keven Lubben** and **Kim Betts**

Chili & Soup Cookoff & Meeting - Sat Jan 15 at Wanatee Park

We've missed the annual chili & soup cookoff event for the last couple of years, so dust off those favorite recipes and bring your crockpots of soup to share, or bring a good snack or dessert to share. Prizes will be awarded for your efforts.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Red Cedar Lodge at Wanatee Park, Marion on Saturday, January 15th for our monthly meeting. Invite your friends and introduce them to EISC. The lodge will be open for us from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. If there is snow, there will be opportunities for sledding, cross country skiing or snowshoeing. If there is no snow maybe take a walk on the park trails. Bring your card games, dominos, or any other indoor activities for more fun. We will eat about 6:00 pm with our regular meeting to follow. Bring your own festive beverages. We will provide the pop, water, soup bowls, and tableware.

Join us at Wanatee Park, Red Cedar Lodge for fun and friends!

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**

Roughriders Hockey

It's back! The Roughriders are hitting the ice again. Join your friends from EISC to cheer them on against the Dubuque Fighting Saints on January 21 at the Imon Ice Arena, Cedar Rapids. The puck drops at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$15. Contact Steve Simmen at 319-929-1494 with any questions.

Breckenridge, CO - Feb 5-12, 2022

In a little over four weeks, 32 lucky ski club members will arrive in Breckenridge, Colorado to enjoy a week of skiing and relaxation.



A welcome party is being set up tentatively for Saturday evening around 7:30 or 8:00 more information will be sent via email when we set the time and place.

Rooming assignments were sent out last week via a group email. If you did not receive it, please send Kathy a text.

If you have not purchased your lift tickets, make sure you do before heading west!

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

We will be staying at the Beaver Run resort right at the base of the mountain. It's a ski-in/ski-out resort with a variety of amenities including indoor/outdoor heated pool, nine outdoor hot tubs, an exercise room, video arcade, retail stores, mini market/deli, bars, restaurants, ski 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.

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

We'll see you in Breckenridge!!

Kathy Takes (563) 599-2819

Kari Wheeler (515) 444-7442

~article/photo 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

Trip cost:

\$1369 Land/Air | \$456 due at sign up | \$456 due Sept 18 | \$457 due Oct 16

\$920 Land only | \$460 due at sign up | \$460 due Sept 18

Cancellation date: Was Oct 29, 2021

The trip roster is filled

Flight schedule (as of now):

Round trip CID-PHX-SLC (updated flight information will be listed closer to departure). **Those with American Airlines' Frequent Flier numbers, or Known Traveler Numbers, please submit them to Diane as soon as possible, inspired2explorellc@gmail.com**



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 Alp-horns.

Besides the outstanding alpine skiing opportunities offered at nearby Park City/Canyons and Deer Valley, voted #11 and #2 respectively by Ski Magazine, 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](https://www.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

EPIC Pass / Vail Resorts Group updates summary

The EISC will be going to Breckenridge and Park City resorts this year – both are part of the Epic Pass / Vail Resorts group. Below are some of the updated guidelines that were sent out to Epic Pass holders, but will apply to everyone on the trip.

Thanks, Steve

- **No Mountain Access Reservations Needed:** Unlike last year, pass holders do not need a mountain access reservation.
- **Lifts and Gondolas Will Be Loaded at Normal Capacity:**
- **Bring a Face Covering:** Face coverings are required indoors around the resort. They are not required while you're skiing, riding, or on a chairlift or "gondola".

- **Vaccinations Required in Indoor Cafeteria-Style Restaurants:** You will be required to show proof of vaccination to dine at our indoor cafeteria-style restaurants. Guests can show a vaccination card, a photo of a vaccination card on their phone, or an authorized vaccination verification mobile app. Guests 18 and over will also need to show a government issued photo ID (or an Epic Pass).. *Vaccinations are not required at our full-service or outdoor restaurants.
- **Make Your Dining Reservation:** Many of our on-mountain restaurants are requiring reservations. You can book them the day before on the resort's dining webpage, the [EpicMix App](#) or through QR codes at the resort.

Epic Pass Holders receive 20% off at these restaurants at **Breckenridge Resort:**

- Maggie's Food Court / Overlook Restaurant / Pioneer Crossing QS / The Coop / Ski Hill Grill
- Tenmile Station (R) / Vista Haus Cafeteria

Epic Pass Holders receive 20% off at these restaurants at **Park City Resort:**

- Cloud Dine / Legacy Café / Mid-Mountain / Miner's Camp / Red Pine Lodge / Summit House
- Sun Lodge / Tombstone Grill

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 immediately

Second payment: \$553 due December 18, 2021

Final payment: \$474 due March 18, 2022 | Cancellation date: Jan. 15, 2022



How about **“Fishing – Golfing – and Biking”** all in one trip. Yes – you get four full days of fishing on this trip but on your off days, you could go golfing on the nearby 18-hole courses or bike riding on the nearby trails. Quite a bit to offer in this complete lodging, fishing, and meals included trip. The only thing you need to do is drive yourself to Baudette, Minnesota. This 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 is to 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. And if you are inclined to be a trip leader for a reduced cost trip, we still need one.

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 their 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.

Any questions, contact Marty Stimson at 319-389-4156.

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

Thank You from the EISC Board Nominating Committee

The EISC Nominating Committee, Sally Williams, Brenda Garbe and Steve Cummings want to thank all of the members we contacted for considering running for the board. We appreciate all of the positive responses, even if you were not able to volunteer for the board at this time.



Steve Cummings, Sally Williams, Brenda Garbe

Several members indicated they had to pass on running at this time, but would consider serving in the future. The nominating committee was able to identify four members to run for the club's Board of Directors. There are profiles on each candidate later in the newsletter. 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.

Thank you, Steve Cummings for the EISC Board Nominating Committee

~article by **Steve Cummings**

Board Members Up for Re-election:

Steve Cummings:



Hello, I am Steve Cummings and decided to run for re-election for the 2022 EISC board of directors. My wife Sandra and I have been members of the club for about 18 years and I have served on the board in many different capacities in the past. The club has given me an opportunity to ski at the best resorts on the greatest mountains in the world and I am grateful. The bicycle rides, golf, events and other entertaining activities with friends are another benefit we enjoy as members of the ski club. We are all fortunate to be a part of such an active, positive, fun group. Serving on the board has been a great experience and opportunity to help keep the ski club moving forward.

Board Members Up for Election:

James Toothaker:

Hello - I have been a member of EISC since 2019 (I realize that is not very long ago, but moving right along). I live in Cedar Rapids where I work for Collins Aerospace. I was introduced to the club with zero skiing experience, and in the short time I have been a member I have gotten the opportunity to learn to ski from its incredible members and to travel to some of the most beautiful places I have ever been. It is quite obviously in my best interest to help the club prosper in any way that I can, and my first step is to run for the board of directors. I hope that I can help to grow the club and to ensure that we continue to enable the group to enjoy many new adventures.



Lois Kabela-Coates:

When Brenda first called me and asked me to consider running for the EISC Board, my first reaction was "Wait, what?". But after pondering it for a bit I thought, why not? I first joined the EISC in the late 80's. I served on the Board from approximately 1992-94. But shortly after that, we got busy with kids and I dropped out of the club. Now the kids are out of college and we are retired so we have more time to spare.



Tim Gull:



HAPPY NEW YEAR! A new year is a time of hope that the coming year will exceed all expectations. This was my attitude when I joined the ski club in the early 90's when I came to Cedar Rapids to start a business.

The ski club helped my social life and yes, I met my share of characters. That describes most everyone in the club; a bunch of characters.

The experiences I have had with the ski club could fill a book:

Walking into the sauna in our hotel in our hotel in Innsbruck, Austria only to be greeted by naked female teachers telling me “No clothes.” When with Germans do as the Germans, so I sat butt naked in the sauna like the shrinkage scene from a Sienfeld show just having gotten out of a cold pool.

I could go on and on about the gondola at Kitzbuhel, Austria. It goes up in the clouds with no upright supports with the cable strung from mountain top to mountain top.

Then there was the time in Big Sky, Montana skiing on corduroy early on a crisp morning with Tork and Jim skiing a consistent 70 miles an hour. It was exhilarating.

Then there was a time of hang gliding off the top of the mountain at Jackson Hole, Wyoming or the time we helicopter skied at Sun Valley, Idaho.

The ski club has provided fun and affordable adventures for a lot of years. I hope to continue that tradition by spreading the word to get new members to join the fun.

Vote for the other guy!

The 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 18, 2022**. Follow these instructions carefully for a valid absentee vote.

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Absentee Ballot: Vote for up to four candidates:

_____ Steve Cummings

_____ James Toothaker

_____ Lois Kabelá-Coates

_____ Tim Gull

_____ (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

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

A big thank you to Diane Anderson, Teri Barnhart, Kim Betts, Don Boland, Pat Boland, Denny Bossard, Diane Cerveney, Gary Dalecky, Mary Day, Brenda Garbe, Darryl Hokanson, Denise Houlahan, Wayne Van Gorp, Ruth Van Tol, Bob & Brenda Warner and Sarah Wittnebel for volunteering to participate in the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing 2021!

The Thursday and Friday crews had warm, and sunny weather, working on our face tans! The Saturday crew had the cloudy, colder day but with the location they could be out of the wind and stay warm.

At the end of each day the kettles were FULL!





We noticed people seem to be especially generous this year and greeted us with kindness, smiles, and “thank you” for our time ringing the bells.

The Salvation Army reported that our club participants raised \$1,345! The Salvation Army is very appreciative of our help each year. If they do not get enough volunteers, they have to hire people to ring the bells. Let’s keep up with this EISC tradition to help those in need in our community. We are a club that is like an extended family, always there to help others. Thank you again for your support!

~ Article by **Pat Boland** | photos by **Pat Boland**

December Meeting – Friday December 17th

December is always a busy month so we had a smaller but nice turnout for our monthly meeting.

Your “House and Special Activities” Board member was a little remiss this time in taking pictures so unfortunately, I can’t share some of the neat sweaters. I do want to mention the special sweater Tim Gull wore, and the great elf outfits of Diane and Chip Sholl. Our new board member candidates were also introduced.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next month for our annual Chili and Soup Cookoff at Wanatee Park, Red Cedar Lodge.

~ Article by **Marty Stimson**