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ZeVan on Skiing

Happy New Year! 2017 will bring at least one great adventure to some Midwest skiers and 'boarders. Elan Vital members will be headed for Norway in June. Not only will June afford almost 24 hours of daylight, but will also allow some possibly very good skiing near those magnificent fjords.

My only strong connection with Norway is having had the honor, privilege and pleasure to have the late Stein Eriksen's friendship. As anyone who even remotely knows or cares about skiing, Stein was the giant of them all, even though not what some would consider "tall". Stein and I, while standing together, were almost the same height (5'8"), but his lower center of gravity allowed him to ski as strongly and gracefully as any professional or non-professional skier who ever strapped on a pair of skis.

In my opinion, Stein epitomized the Olympic champion he was, bring much-deserved recognition to his native Norway. Stein was born into the ski business, since his father owned a ski manufacturing company in Norway. Stein told me his first time on skis was at age two.

I first met Stein when he had just been named Director of Skiing at Snowmass-at-Aspen. That was in 1969. I was doing my television weather and ski show in Las Vegas at the time and was invited to go on the inaugural flight of Aspen Airways from Las Vegas to

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MSC SPRING FLING

Saturday, May 20, 2017

The MSC is again hosting this **amateur golf putting get-together party** at the Oak Marsh Golf Course in Oakdale, MN, located 9 miles east of downtown St. Paul. This event is open to members of MSC clubs and their guests, and will be held rain or shine. Socializing and cash bar start at 4:00 pm, putting green mixer contest at 5:00 pm, and the Grille Buffet at 6:30 pm. Putters provided. The admission fee pays for the food, reserved area in the clubhouse, and the putting mixer contest which includes the use of the putting green, putters and golf balls used in the contest.

Admission is \$20, by Reservation Only. Your check is your reservation.

You don't need to know how to play golf in order to have fun participating in the mixer.

Names will be drawn for the teams, with the intent to have each team made up of persons who are not members of the same club. Each team will stay together and rotate along with all the other teams, mixing and meeting with all the players on each team.

You must be pre-registered by sending a check to the MSC. We have to guarantee the number of participants, and Wednesday May 17 is the deadline for receiving your check in the mail. Reservations will not be accepted after that date.

Mail checks (payable to MSC) to: Mike Holland, 1508 Burns Avenue, St.

Paul, MN 55106. Include your phone # and email so we can contact you if necessary.

Also include your club's name for our team drawing.

For golfers who want to play 9 or 18 holes before the party begins:

Golf tee times start at noon for 9 and 18 holes. The rates are \$24 + tax for 9 holes, and \$36 + tax for 18 holes (includes golf carts). Golfers will pay their reservation fee at the golf shop on May 20th.

We would like to see all the clubs have some golfers participate. Call Mike at 651-771-1997 for pairings and to reserve a time.

The golf driving range will be available – bring your clubs.

Directions:

From the Hwy 94 & 494 junction on the east side of St. Paul, proceed 0.9 miles east on Hwy 94 to the Inwood Ave North/Radio Drive exit. Turn north onto Inwood Ave and proceed 0.6 miles to Oak Marsh Drive. Turn west onto Oak Marsh Drive and proceed 0.1 miles to the clubhouse at 526 Inwood Ave N., Oakdale, MN 55128 (651-730-8886).

MSC golf and party events are located on the golf shop level.

We look forward to seeing you on May 20th.

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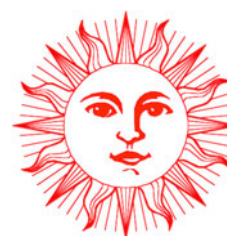
For an exciting new snow-less downhill ski opportunity, a few of us had a meet-up at Buck Hill on October 22nd to try it out. Buck Hill is the first area to install this new snowless ski product. Of course, the bright blue and green colors catch your attention from a distance.... This is where the action is! The green area is infused with a silicone to make skiing smooth; the blue does not have the silicone and is used to slow you down on the edges and at the end.

There was a silicone lubrication pad to ski over at the top of the hill, to ready your skis. Immediately you notice there is a bit of sound from the Neveplast that you don't hear with snow. But if you close your eyes, the experience is just like spring skiing! Not as much carving, but you can get some speed up and can jump into the bag or try your talent at the terrain park.

At this time, the bunny hill, terrain park, ski jump, one run and the tubing area are set up with Neveplast.

One word of caution, older or non-"sintered" skis could become damaged on the surface. Then it's best to rent. Only one person in our group had problems. It definitely is a new, fun experience worth trying!!

Julie Bromley



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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings Midwest Sportster Readers:

Our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Learn to Ski/Snowboard Program began in December, with Hyland Hills Ski Area Instructor training clinics.

The amateur golf putting get-together party will be held on Saturday May 20, 2017. The attendees last year had a lot of fun at this event. See the ad and article located in this issue.

Our MSC Winter Carnival ski season kickoff last month at Giants Ridge was more streamlined, thanks to co-chairs’ Chris Mickman and Gary Heaser. The new chalet is very nice. Early this year we will again decide on next December’s location. Those attending last month filled out a survey as to their preference. If you weren’t



on the trip and are interested in attending next December, you can still send your preference to: MSCWinterCarnival@Midwestfun.org

MSC Board elections will be held in March. Election information will be sent out in late February to the Member Club Presidents and Club Representatives. We currently have vacancies in three positions, Directors of Marketing, Membership and Social.

Our new website went online last fall, and is still a work in progress.

Enjoy the ski season which is well underway, unfortunately rain and temperatures above freezing haven’t been helping the snow conditions.

Jerry Schuster, MSC President



TWOs enjoying the snow and skiing at the 2016 MSC Winter Carnival. Photo courtesy of Colleen Belgium.

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ALICE’S ALLEY

All good things must come to an end sometime! And my more than 30 years of producing this newspaper is approaching that time. I have many other things to do and a zillion places to go. Plus, approaching 83 in April, I am aware that I will NOT live forever; or some catastrophe could hit at any time! Although the way I’m going, I figure I’m good for over 100 at this point!!!

It is absolutely amazing that I am NOT burned out after 30+ years, but I AM getting tired of being tied to it every few months. I still really enjoy the challenge, but enough is enough! What this means is that there better be somebody, or some bodies, ready to put on their thinking caps and start



noodling a plan for the Sportster (or an equivalent) to go on without me.

Dave and I are leaving January 5 for an extended camping trip southward. On this trip, we will be scouting for a winter place to live, in order to escape Minnesota’s bitter cold. If we do, the change will be happening during the coming summer.

If you wish to talk to me about it, my numbers are to the left above. Carol and I have been talking about some alternatives to pass on to anyone interested. I’m supposed to be retired, and it’s about time I really am!

Anyone out there??? If so, please speak up???

Alice Williamson, Editor

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ZeVan, Cont'd from page 1.

Aspen and to meet and ski with Stein. It was a two day trip that morphed into four because of bad weather. Stein had a bad cold while we were there, thus my first meeting with him involved a photo op, some grins and goodbye.

When I moved to be on television in the Twin Cities, I continued doing my ski program in addition to the weather. One of my guests on the show in 1970 was a fellow named Don Urban who owned the Minneapolis Ski Show at that time, and for many years afterward. He told me I could have as many of his star skiers on my program who were participating in his vendor-heavy show. One of them was Stein. He remembered our time at Snowmass and that resurrected an almost 50-year friendship.

Over the years we kept in touch, a lot. He once told listeners to my ski program on WJR in Detroit (where I had moved in 1978) that I had done more for the ski industry than any other media person he could name. That was quite an honor, coming from him.

Stein had a strong Detroit connection, as it was a former Detroit Studebaker dealer name Everett Kircher who bought and developed Boyne Mountain and enticed Stein to come to the U.S. shortly after Stein's Olympic victories. In addition to offering the Director of Skiing position at Boyne, Kircher also offered him a free Studebaker. Stein told me that car offer was the clincher, and he moved to the U.S.

After Stein's years at Snowmass, he eventually was tapped to become Director of Skiing at Deer Valley, Utah. Two years before Deer Valley opened, Stein invited me to test the runs there, being transported to the top of the mountain on a snow-cat. Deer Valley used a pre-opening publicity shot of me raising my hands in the air with a thumbs-up on the back of the snow-cat. That photo was on pre-opening postcards sent to potential visitors to the new area. We repeated that the next year, one year before Deer Valley

opened. One morning, he and I went to the top of the mountain alone and he skied through deep powder in front of me. Like playing tennis with a better tennis player improves one's game, Stein had me skiing almost like him when I followed him down the mountain. He knew I'd never skied deep powder well, or at all, and when we paused to get our breath, he asked, "What is this crap about not being able to ski deep powder? What IS it? See, you DID it!" He then skied off at about 70 miles an hour down the hill and I just stood there petrified because I knew I couldn't replicate what he'd just had me experience a few minutes earlier. I eventually made it down the remainder of the mountain but I'll never forget that unique time with the world's great skier as my tutor.

I was Stein's guest at the opening and later stayed, as his guest, at his Stein Eriksen Lodge. I've been one very lucky boy.

Stein spent his summers at a ranch he owned near Ennis, Montana. We often talked on the phone, not only there, but also in Deer Valley. About four years ago, very sadly, nice person he was, he tried to avoid hitting a little girl on one of Deer Valley's runs and was seriously injured enough that he could ski no more. When Stein passed away last year the ski world lost its most wonderful role model and I definitely feel a void in MY life, too. I hope the Elan Vital's visitors to Norway will be able to find and visit Stein's birthplace this June. I've written about Stein and other ski experiences in my book, *Barry ZeVan – My Life Among The Giants, A Memoir*, and subtitled *Thank you, Jerry Stiller...for urging me to write this book* (which he did). It's available on Amazon with half the sales proceeds going to a different charity each month.

Barry ZeVan
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Our first snowshoe gathering started in December and continues through the winter. If not enough snow, we will

hike. Wednesday weekly skiing at Welch Village is ongoing all winter. In addition, we will be skiing at Afton Alps. From January 31 to February 2 a trip is planned for Granite Peak in Wausau, WI. Our western trip will be to Park City February 26 to March 4.

Hiking will begin again in earnest in April. And then we will soon be on our bikes. The annual four-day trip to Nisswa is the beginning of June and is a great way to start off the summer.

In between these physical outdoor activities, card parties, social/cultural events, and dining out happenings occur. Find out more at www.ullr.org or come to our monthly meetings at the KC Hall, 1114 American Blvd. W in Bloomington. The next one is Thursday January 19th.

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steps away. If you chose the less expensive coach option, you have a reclining seat with electrical outlets and restroom steps away. Remember the seats are like first class size in a plane and there are no middle seats. Coach or sleeper you could chose to stay up all night in the Sightseer Lounge that never closes with friends or meet new people.

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We sincerely hope you will join the 36 people who have signed up by December 20th- we have room for 4 more skiers. The first class nostalgia of a train ride with friends outbound, World class skiing, possible visit to our Northern neighbors, and a jet flight for a quick return can be yours. Our contact info is in our ad in the Sportster - please don't hesitate to email or call us with any questions you have.

Jerry Ratliff



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2016 WINTER CARNIVAL RECAP

Many of the “usual suspects” made the scene at the Winter Carnival at Giant’s Ridge in mid-December. Although the weather leading up to the weekend was unseasonably warm, we had plenty of snow on two runs and a good time was had by all participants.

Because the Giants Ridge staff said they would prefer that we hold the wine and cheese party somewhere else than on the main slope because of limited space, we decided to have the wine and cheese party and the turtle races right outside the Giants Ridge Lodge.

As it turned out, it was a perfect spot because there was a fire pit right outside the large great-room.

The turtle race course was 100 feet away and was a perfect venue:

4 inches of snow over a 50 foot sloped runway was a perfect track for the races. 2016 was the best turnout yet for the races with almost 40 people competing. Winner of the turtle men’s division races was Greg Parker, and the Woman’s race winner was Gayle Whiting. Winners of the couples’ race were Brad Rosenberger and Gail W. also who barely held on for the win because Brad was a Turtle Maniac! As it turned out, all the winners were from the Ski Hawks Ski Club, so the other clubs need to step up next year! Congratulations also to the winners of the T-Shirt Contest, featuring Bryan Stadler as grand champion.



Results of the bus surveys is always one of the most important activity of the weekend: 99% of the respondents said that the trip either met or exceeded their expectations. 59% said they wanted to return to Giants Ridge. 17% said they wanted to go to Indianhead and 9% said they would go to Indianhead if they offered one other nearby resort. 15% said that Lutsen would be their first choice. The question was asked whether you would like to move the Winter Carnival one week later to the weekend closer to Christmas. The majority said no, and because of the extra expense of moving to trip to New Year’s Eve or January, the majority said to keep the weekend when it is currently held-although next December that weekend falls on December 9-11th. But I always said sooner or later we would get an average snow year because of the law of averages-this didn’t happen to be one of those years!

The Winter Carnival venue will be up to the new leaders of the trip. I would like to personally thank Gary Heaser from 3M club for doing extensive work on the trip, and Gary has agreed to be the co-leader of the trip in 2017. We are now looking for another Trip Leader to help Gary put on a great show. Thanks for all your support and enjoyment of the Winter Carnival and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Chris Mickman

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TUESDAY WIPE-OUTS

Winter is here! And so is the SNOW!!! Yay!

I was lucky enough to attend the MSC’s Winter Carnival December 9-11, skiing at Giants Ridge with five of my Tuesday Wipe-outs buddies. We enjoyed the skiing, the new chalet just a short walk from the bottom of the lift, great food at the Burnt Onion Restaurant (in the new chalet) and at the banquet in the Lodge. We had fun with members of the other clubs at group activities, and bonded with our TWO pals...hanging out in our condo, the hot tub, working a jigsaw puzzle, etc. Fun, fun, fun! And then we were off to Afton the day after we returned from Giants Ridge! Oh, how I love to ski!

Fall activities this year...Since I work for a Segway tour company, I set up a Magical History Tour for the Tuesday Wipeouts in early September. Seventeen of us enjoyed a morning of riding Segways, and learning the history of the Mississippi river-front with lunch at a nearby restaurant



afterwards.

Our Lanesboro trip was another good one...thanks, Rose, for setting it up for us. Our Wipe-outs again brought wonderful potluck food, and we biked many miles on the beautiful trails.

Gloria hosted a hike and lunch at the Landscape Arboretum this fall. It was fun to see the variety of Fall/Halloween inspired scarecrows that were scattered around the grounds.

Regina’s Halloween Costume Party/Potluck was lots of fun again this year! We had several witches, a jellyfish, Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, and even Hillary Clinton showed up for lunch.

Coming up this winter...Lots of SKIING!...Tuesdays at Afton, Welch, and Wild....a 3-day trip to Giants Ridge in February....and our big week-long jaunt to Park City, February 4-11.

Go to www.tuesday-wipeouts.com for our schedule on the MSC website. See you on the slopes!

Colleen Belgium

NORWAY

February 26-March 4, 2017 with Elan Vital

National Geographic has rated Norway, “the most beautiful landscape in the world.” Norway gives one the anticipation of experiencing something new, something different, something beautiful and unknown. From cosmopolitan Oslo, to the crashing waves in the south signaling the arrival of summer, and to the world famous fjords of Western Norway, the land of the “Midnight Sun” provides an anticipation of experiencing something different, something beautiful and the unknown.

Norway has many scenic railways, two of which we’ll be taking called the Flam and Bergen. From your window you will see mighty mountain ranges, river valleys, waterfalls, lakes, glaciers

and fjords. You will travel through authentic and charming rural communities. From the variation in altitude, in a single trip you might experience both snow and glaciers and the green fields of summer.

We’ll be going to Oslo, Lillehammer, Bergen, Voss and Flam on this ten day trip. Fjords, mountains, waterfalls, lakes and trains will make this one of the most exciting trips you’ll ever take. Norway is ideal for outdoor activities – the country is made for expeditions on foot, by bicycle and for fishing. Not to mention, for the most amazing summer holiday in the world. Contact Sue Miller 612-280-5618 or grassylakeiii@aol.com for more information.

TRAVERSKI
Ski, Sports & Social Club

Hello from down south! We are alive and well. Our Farewell to Summer Camp-out was in September at Hidden Meadows RV Park. Check out our picture in the Sportster this issue. Traverskis have long been known for their tie dyed clothing, so the group made tie dyed shirts as an activity during the campout, along with great conversation, food, and spirits.

On October 20th, The Traverski Ski Sport and Social Club celebrated their annual Membership Party. Eight new members signed up, and there were some interesting door prizes along with free memberships to one new member and one returning member. The night was very well attended with both returning and new members! The evening was filled with good conversation, trip information updates, door prizes and excellent food from Charlie’s Eatery Restaurant. Here’s to another fantastic, fun-filled year with the Traverskis!

Almost twenty people are headed for Steamboat Springs, along with a few Ullrs, for a fun filled week. The



trip is February 24 through March 4, with lodging at Canyon Creek in Eagle Ridge Condos.

Meet & Ski events this winter: Sitzmark has three planned, so Trish Reilly will be coordinating a few in between the Sitzmark dates. Watch for updates from your local clubs.

Along with our numerous monthly Happy Hour gatherings, members also participated in Color Me Mine, and Canvas and Chardonnay; both painting adventures. Our annual Christmas party was December 2nd with our ever-popular white elephant gifts.

Volunteerism; quarterly Channel One Food Bank, coordinated by Wendy Hickey, and highway cleanup organized by Jennifer Hansen. Once again, Ann Vail organized and collected cash for our Adopt-a-Family, for Christmas. One mom and her two children will be recipients of Traverskis’ generosity.

T = Travel with us to Steamboat Springs, Colorado this year for our annual Winter Ski trip!

Connie Sherman

ELAN VITAL

Over the summer, our group was hosted by the McCarthys at their summer place near Clearwater (chowed down at a scrumptious chicken and corn feed), and enjoyed a house warming at the Aros' gorgeous new home. We invaded Alice's place in September for our Fall Membership Party.

Now that winter has finally decided to grace us with snow and bone-chilling cold, the perfect fix is to get out there on skis, boards or snowshoes to warm us up and remember why we have chosen to live in this frozen northland...because playing in the snow is so much fun!

To test out that theory, in January, a group of Élan Vital members are going to Giants Ridge in January. I don't think our club has missed a winter's trip to Giants Ridge as long as there has been a Giants Ridge. This year is no exception. We're going mid-

week; the dates are Sunday, January 29th to Wednesday, February 1st, staying at the Villas. If you're interested in going along, contact Florence G. at iqa6016@umn.edu.

Sue Miller is planning another exciting European trip, this time to Norway! It seems that Norway is a popular destination this year, helped by a strong dollar, so Sue's timing is right. But forget the winter gear; enjoy. The dates are June 24-July 5, 2017, when the sun shines day and night. The price is \$2,399. For all the details, see the ad and an article elsewhere in this paper.

Élan Vital is a small ski and social club, but while quite a few members have reached the non-skiing age, we still enjoy our socials. Club dues are a bargain at \$10. Our activities will be posted on the **new MSC website**, <http://midwestfun.org>.

Carol DeVore

SKI HAWKS

The Meet & Ski events are being scheduled! This is a great opportunity to meet or catch up with people from all the local ski clubs. Even if you don't ski, come out and enjoy the day and a BBQ. We have a great social team that keeps adding get-togethers to the calendar. The calendar of events can be found at mnskihawks.org or meetup.com/MN-Ski-Hawks.

Ski Hawks are headed for Telluride, CO in February. Before it was a great ski destination, Telluride was home to the Ute Indians, experienced the mining boom in 1800s, and almost became a ghost town. The mining years left behind 350 miles of mining tunnels running beneath the mountains of Telluride. Wilson Peak is the iconic mountain featured on the Coors beer bottles. In the 1970s, Telluride Ski Resort opened. Today, Telluride is



known as one of the top ski areas in country.

In April, the Ski Hawks head back out west for spring skiing at Keystone, CO, another resort that got its start in the 1970s. This resort was founded by Max Dercum and his wife, Edna. Keystone was also once a mining and logging town and today the chairlifts and trails are named after the people who lived there and in the surrounding towns; Jack Whacker, Saw Whiskers, the Wild Irishman. I think there was some serious fun being had by all!

MSC – Midwest Sport/Ski Council launched a new website and the clubs hosting Meet & Skis will be listed – check it out for dates, places and times. midwestfun.org

Join us for fun!...whether you ski/board or not!

Marcia Woodward

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SITZMARK SKI & TRAVEL CLUB

The Sitzmark Ski & Travel Club is dedicated to bringing the best value in travel experiences and local activities, suited to the active adult lifestyle of our members. Our winter season is filled with one-day, weekend and weeklong skiing adventures. Recent past trips include Whistler, Snowmass and Telluride. Our summer season contains at least one 7-10 day trip to an exotic location. Recent trips include Italy/Slovenia, Banff, AB, Canada and Alaska. We continue to play tennis and pickleball on a weekly basis throughout the year.

An exciting lineup of trips is planned for 2017, starting off with a one-day bus trip to Spirit Mountain in Duluth on January 7th. Our first Meet & Ski of the season will be Saturday, January 14th at Welch Village. Another Meet & Ski is planned for February 11th. On March 3rd, we are going to Whitefish, Montana for one week.

Next summer, on August 13, some

members will travel to Utah to experience Lake Powell and four of our National Parks, where we plan to enjoy white water rafting, kayaking and other water activities, cycling and hiking. The trip begins with a flight to Las Vegas. See our ad in this publication for more details.

In 2018, the end of January, we are going to **Breckenridge, CO** for the National Interclub Winter Carnival. The club is also looking at a ski trip to **Val d'Isere, France** in February and a warm trip to **Ecuador/Galapagos Islands** for possible inclusion into our calendar. We will go to **Norway** early in the summer, to experience its magnificent Fjords, Lillehammer (site of 1994 Winter Olympics), Bergen and the capitol, Oslo. We may extend to Denmark in the itinerary. Please contact John Olson, trips VP for more information. His email address is johnskiier@yahoo.com.

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Then off to explore 4 of the "Mighty 5"® national parks in Utah to marvel at surreal scenery and unforgettable activities. We'll spend 3 nights in Moab and enjoy watching the sunrise over the towering depths of Canyonlands National Park, then watching the sunset through an impossibly delicate rock bow in Arches National Park. White water rafting is the featured activity in Canyonlands, while hiking is the favorite among visitors in Arches.

The next 2 nights we will be in Springdale, located in Zion National



Park. We'll head to Bryce Canyon the next day and enjoy a variety of hiking trails and gazing down at coral-hued rock hoodoos. The next day, we'll enjoy the activity of our choice in Zion National Park, including hiking, river rafting, biking, picnicking, exploring and gazing upward at the steep walls of slot canyon trails. We will freshen up at the hotel after the day's activities before we transfer to Las Vegas, spending some time there before our early morning flight home. Trip cost is \$1750 and a \$300 deposit is due to hold your reservation.

2018 NORWAY where we will experience its magnificent Fjords, Lillehammer (site of 1994 Winter Olympics), Bergen and the capitol, Oslo. Price around \$2400. We may also offer a extension to Denmark. Please contact Dennis, Trip Chair, for any additional information. 952-239-9954, dennis@hometechniques.com

Next Sportster Deadline - April 1

HBC BICYCLING CLUB

The bicycling season in this day and age never ends, now that fat biking is becoming more and more popular, although, many of the Hiawatha Bicycling Club (HBC) members are out skiing, boarding and snowshoeing with the other clubs of the MSC.

When socializing and planning warm weather trips, you can find many in the club participating in Friday night walk/dine meet-ups around the Twin Cities; our long-standing Birthday Cake night, at D'Amico's in Edina the first Friday of each month – celebrating those members with a birthday; and a beer group that checks out one of the many new craft breweries each Thursday.

Plans are in place for many HBCers going on a seven-day boat and

barge cruise in the Netherlands, in late May 2017. This is the first European trip for the club, and because of the popularity, a second boat was reserved and a waiting list has been started.



Also taking shape is the club's annual fundraiser ride, the Tour D'Amico Bike Ride held each 4th of July, benefitting: the educational program of the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota; Minnesota Special Olympics; and many trail maintenance programs throughout the state that the club rides on.

As the weather warms, #letsridetogether. See all the fun rides and events as they stack up at www.hiawathabike.org. Happy New Year! Have a memorable 2017!

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Open to all MSC



Saturday
May 20, 2017

Oak Marsh Golf Course, 526 Inwood Ave. N., Oakdale, MN 55128

12:00 Noon Golf tee times (by a separate reservation)
4:00 pm Socializing and Cash Bar
5:00 pm Putting Green **Mixer** (Putters provided)
6:30 pm Dinner

Admission is \$20 by Reservation Only.
You must be pre-registered to attend.

Wednesday May 17th is the **deadline** for receiving your check.
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3M SKI, SNOBD & SOCIAL CLUB

Finally “Frau Holle” is sending us snow, so it looks like winter was late but has now arrived. That is great for the local ski areas and everybody who wants to hit the slopes. This season, we head to Whistler in B.C., Canada February 1 to 7, 2017 and to Steamboat, CO, March 4 to 11. Both trips filled during our trip sign up night. Our VP of Trips Jason, Whistler Trip Leaders Denis and Heather, and Steamboat Trip Leaders Char and Karen are working very hard to ensure the trips will be a great fun for the attending members.

The 3M Ski Club year 2016 was filled with a lot of great events. **January:** It started with the Ice Dive, followed by a MSC one day trip to Spirit Mountain. Thirsty Thursday at Afton Alps was well attended and also the Curling at the Four Seasons Curling Club. **February:** Thirsty Thursdays at Bonfire and Craft Kitchen in Woodbury. A group of people flew to Revelstoke, B.C. **March:** Happy Hour at Ray J’s, a Meet & Ski at Welch Village, and our second trip to Whitefish, MT. **April:** Year-end banquet at the Pool Yacht Club in St. Paul.

May & June: The 3M board worked hard on starting the next ski season and got everything in order for the trips, events and programs. **July:** Our famous Summer Gala at a private lake with BBQ, lots of food, yard games, boating, water skiing. Thirsty

Thursdays at Joe Senser’s and Patrick McGovern’s. **August:** “Wet your Whistle Wednesday” at Como Dockside and Thirsty Thursday Surly Brewing Company.


September: More of the Oktoberfest time brewery meetings at Summit Brewing Company’s Beer Hall and Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter. Our combined Membership Drive/Trip Sign-up night at Cowboy Jack’s.

October: Thirsty Thursdays at Urban Growler Brewing Co. and Big Wood Brewery. We had a lot of people at these events. It seems like this brewery program was very much appreciated. We also had the Warren Miller premier at the State Theatre, and our annual Wine Tasting featuring the wines of the Pacific Northwest; Oregon and Washington State. **November:** More brewery tours, this time at the Flat Earth Brewery and Bad Weather Brewery. **December:** Thirsty Thursdays at the Tap Room in Woodbury and Green Mill close to 3M. December 9 to 11 some members attended the MSC trip to Giants Ridge.

If you are interested to see what the 3M ski club is up to or want to join, please check out the website (www.hootline.com).

I want to wish all of you and your family and friends, a great start into 2017 and of course a great and fun ski season.

Silvia Fousters



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