**Dates to put on your club calendar:**

- **August 17** - 6pm, Thursday Thirst, Thirst Hops & Fire (Greenwood/South)
- **August 20** - 2pm to 6pm, Club Picnic, Indianapolis Sailing Club
- **September 21** - 6pm, Thursday Thirst, Champps (North)
- **September 28** - 6pm, Club Meeting, Leiderkranz Building (1417 E. Washington St.)
- **October 19**, 6pm, Thursday Thirst, Moe & Johnny’s (SoBro)
- **November 16**, 6pm, Thursday Thirst, Twin Peaks (Northeast)
- **December 29** - January 1, Schuss Mountain
- **January 13** - 20, Club Trip, Big Sky, Montana
- **February 3** - 10, Club Trip, Park City, Utah
- **February 23** - 25, Club Trip, Michigan Weekend
- **March 2** - 15, Club Trip, Soelden and Innsbruck, Austria
- **March 4** - 11, OVSC Trip, Sun Valley
- **March 17** - 24, Club Trip South Lake Tahoe, Nevada
- **March 31** - April 7, Club Trip Aspen, Colorado

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**Club Picnic Details**

**Where:** Indianapolis Sailing Club

11325 Fall Creek Road

Indianapolis, IN 46256

**When:** Sunday, August 20th from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

**Who:** Members and Guests (Please bring interested skiers & snowboarders)

**Schedule:**

- 2:00pm to 3:00pm Social Hour
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm Trip Signup
- 4:00pm to 5:00pm Dinner
- 5:00pm to 5:30pm Meeting and Door Prize Drawing
- 5:30pm to 6:00pm Cleanup

**Cost:** **FREE** to all with current club membership. Guests are welcome ($5 per guest). Bring your own alcohol, no cash bar. BBQ, soda and water provided by club.

**Pitch-in:** You bring a side dish, salad, appetizer, or dessert...whatever your specialty is!
President’s Corner, by Randy Ridgway

We’ve had a change in Schussboomer Editor: Drew Reed has received a job promotion and has moved to San Francisco. Joe Summers has stepped up to be our new editor. First, thanks to Drew for the service he has given to the club over the past year and best wishes in the future. Second, thanks to Joe for stepping in and assuring our club news gets out to all of you.

Renew your Membership: It’s time to renew your membership in the club. There are two ways to do it. You can download the membership application form on the indyskiclub.org website, complete the form and mail it with your check payable to the Indianapolis Ski Club to Marilyn Rader. Or, you can attend the Sign-up Picnic at the Indianapolis Sailing Club on Sunday, August 20 and sign up in person with Marilyn. Even if you’re not sure you’ll be skiing with us next season we want you to maintain a social membership and enjoy the benefits of our social events and maintain the friendships that you’ve built over the years.

Sailing Club Picnic: Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 20. That’s the date of our annual Trip Sign-up Picnic at the beautiful Indianapolis Sailing Club. Located at 11325 Fall Creek Road, the clubhouse overlooks Geist Reservoir. This is your best opportunity to sign up for next season’s awesome ski trips. Special thanks to Mark and Luke Mongin for securing the clubhouse for our use.

Lisa Listens: Speaking of ski trips, our Trips Vice President, Lisa Sindelar has put a great ski trip schedule together. Following our trips survey last April, Lisa selected the most popular destinations you voted for. See the complete trips list and descriptions elsewhere in this issue. You speak and Lisa listens!

Michigan Trips: We’re working on putting Michigan ski weekends back on our ski calendar. Watch for the next issue of the Schussboomer for all the information. Need to knock the rust off your ski edges and get your ski legs back? We’ll have a three day/night New Year’s Weekend trip to Schuss Mountain, Michigan. This trip is also ideal for families.

New Meeting Venue: We’ll have a new meeting venue on Thursday, September 28 at the Indianapolis Leiderkranz building. Located at 1417 E. Washington Street, there is ample parking behind their building and behind the F.O.P. building next door. The parking is well lit for your safety. This membership meeting will have an Oktoberfest theme. We’ll have music, German food (for purchase) and cash bar. You can sign up for our Michigan ski trips at this meeting, as well as our western ski trips. Don’t miss this fun evening. Thanks go to Gerhard Klemm for helping us set up this site for our meeting.
President’s Corner Continued

Thanks: Thanks go to our Board of Directors and club officers for all the work they’ve put in through the summer to make your club work for you.

A New Look: Check our website frequently for the latest news of social events. We will be revising the website in the coming weeks/months to give it a fresh look. The new format will be more mobile device compatible. Thanks to Kevin Alcox for taking the lead in this project and for getting the ski club up on the Meet Up web service. Hopefully, we’ll be easier to find for fellow ski addicts.

Randy Ridgway

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VP of Trips Report, by Lisa Sindelar

Doesn’t seem as if we should be thinking about skiing, but it is time to plan, secure your spot! The Indy Ski Club has a great trip schedule, based on your input—so, sign up, sign up, sign up and ski!

We start the season “BIG” with Big Sky Montana—I foresee this being a very popular trip, led by one of our seasoned leaders, Priscilla Johnson. The schedule continues to the powder of Utah—Park City, with Marilyn Rader in charge. It has been years, so the next trip is Sun Valley Idaho with OVSC. This trip will have many extras, (aside from flying directly into Hailey ID!) and Carolyn McConkey will lead this group. You can never go wrong with Tahoe, and Debbie Hoffer will lead a group to South Lake Tahoe to experience Heavenly. And, we finish the Western schedule with Aspen CO, always a favorite, and led by seasoned leader, Jean Ballinger.

If a full week out West doesn’t work into your schedule, watch for details of some fun weekend trips to Michigan, such as Schuss and Caberfae. We hope this will start a new tradition for many members wanting a quick, affordable weekend getaway!

Last, but not least is the European trip—Randy Ridgway has a fabulous trip planned to Soelden Austria, along with an excursion to Innsbruck. Randy is the pro at European trips, so if you haven’t yet, you need to ski overseas with him.

Hope to see everyone at the picnic/sign-up on August 20th!
Sun Valley

Trip Package Includes:
- A direct flight on United into Hailey, Idaho
- Lodging: Sun Valley Lodge Apartments (condos, 4 per condo)
- 7 nights
- 5 day lift tickets
- Ground transfers
- Après ski events
- Picnic
- Racing
- Awards dinner and dancing

Cost: $1990
Ground Package: $1410
Deposit with sign-up: $150
Final Payment & Cancellation: Nov 7, 2017

We’re not saying Sun Valley has special powers, but a lot of magical things do happen here. The slopes on Bald and Dollar Mountain enjoy a nearly lift line-free existence all winter long, not to mention a nearly cloud-free one. When Sun Valley opened the world’s first chairlift in 1936, it became a playground for European nobility and Hollywood stars. And today it is recognized as one of the world’s finest ski mountains.

So, don’t hesitate...Only 20 spaces available...Come ski with us!

An OVCSTrip
March 4 thru March 11, 2018

Condo: 2 bedroom, 2 bath
Full kitchen — Steps away from the central lodge with full amenities:
- hot tubs, gym, & restaurant
- Ski storage & rentals at base of mountain — Free shuttle
- 2 miles to Bald Mountain, 1/2 mile to Dollar Mtn.

Two Mountains: Bald and Dollar
Summit: 9150 feet
Vertical drop: 3400 feet
Skiing area: 2,154 acres
121 runs & longest run 3 miles
36% Beginner
42% Intermediate
20% Advanced & 2% Expert

Trip Leader: Carolyn McConkey, 3519 Heathcliff Court, Westfield, IN 46074
Mobile: 317.844.8860 Email: carolynmconkey48@gmail.com

Salt Lake City

Dates: Saturday February 3rd — Saturday February 10th

- Lodging: DoubleTree Hotel, Park City
- Airline: Southwest into Salt Lake City
  - Bags fly free!
- Deposit Amount: $150
- Standard Package: $1,690
- Ground Package: $1,420
- 3 day lift ticket @ Canyons
- 2 day lift ticket @ Deer Valley
- Daily breakfast
- Pizza Party
- Trip Leader: Marilyn Rader

Latest info is always on the club website www.indyskiclub.org
Bike Riders Have Been Busy
By Ray Battey

Our bike group has been riding every Saturday since March 25th (we started two days after our return from the Ski Club trip to Serre Chevalier). We have covered the Monon many times, the Fishers bike trails, the Cardinal Greenway, the Pleasant Run trail, the Cultural Trail and the Nickel Plate trail.

Come join us; our rides are low key and we have fun. Most rides are followed by beer and lunch and excuses why we took so long to finish. I’m reminded of the old football player who said he was “small but slow”. We have some good riders and some “comfortable” riders. We accommodate each other and enjoy the exercise. Send me an email if you would like to join us.
ONE LAST RUN

by Mel Crichton in Big Sky Montana

Monday June 26 dawns sunny and warm, meaning there’s a chance we can get in one more ski day before summer wipes out all that snow up high. I pick up my friend Gary, and we drive four hours through the Beartooth Pass, passing the Beartooth Basin ski area… two poma lifts serving 600 feet of vertical, operated only from Memorial Day to July. They can’t open any sooner because the road is snowed in. And by July, folks get tired of skiing, and there are too many rocks exposed. But today there were thousands of acres of snow to ski… we just needed to get to it. Being retired (i.e. cheap), Gary and I choose to bypass buying a pass at the Basin and find a snow field we could hike to, and we didn’t have to drive far to find it. After passing plowed snow walls 15 feet above the road, at over 11,000 feet elevation, there was a massive snowfield above a frozen glacial lake, with a parking space about halfway down. So we have to hike up a few hundred yards, ski about a thousand feet of vertical, and then hike back up to the car.

As we change into our ski gear (for me, jeans and a tee shirt, boots, sunglasses and helmet) and slather on SPF25, we check out potential ski lines, realizing that the best snow seems to be nearest the far-away chutes and rock formations, where the snow is not so weathered and the slope is really steep. We shoulder our skis and start hiking upward, and after a hundred feet I realize I should have brought my new lighter skis, as I am sweating like a pig under the 20 pounds of K2’s I am carrying… and it’s only 60 degrees F. And the trek uphill is tricky; if you step off the boot tracks of prior skiers, you sink in to your knees. It takes over ten minutes to go 250 yards, and we gain only 300 feet of elevation. So we decide that the skiing down the chutes (another 300 yards of hiking) probably isn’t that much better after all, so we click in at the top of a wide sunny snowfield that ends at the frozen lake about 3/4 mile away. The snow is tricky, and Gary, a Big Sky instructor, realizes that we won’t be carving graceful long arcs, as he takes a tumble in the first turn. I see this and shift into defensive skiing…

The slope is only 30-35 degrees of pitch, but the snow is heavy, with large weathered clumps that create narrow valleys one to two feet deep. Not pretty for two instructors, but perfectly usable. A few dozen turns down the hill I realize we’ve skied a long way past the parking area, and it’s all uphill from here. I yell at Gary, and we ski to the edge of the snowpack nearest the road. But instead of hiking uphill on snow, we have to hike on bare ground at up to 45 degree slope, mostly rocks… but the wildflowers blooming along our path ease the ordeal, as it takes a half hour to trudge (in ski boots) up to the parking area, resting every ten or fifteen steps and REALLY sweating at this point. I think I’m gonna have a heart attack, and I wish I could abandon my skis right there, but I put my phone number on them, and the Trump’s boys can track me down. So we trudge upward, each step taking more energy that the last.

After collecting high fives from a pair of twenty-somethings who parked next to us, we crack open brews to celebrate and admire the scenery. Far off, in those chutes, a solo snowboarder is making nice S-turns, and we can hear a faint whoop as he finishes near the lake. A great day… but next time I am paying to ride the poma.
European Trip

Dates: Friday, March 2\textsuperscript{nd} – Thursday, March 15\textsuperscript{th}

- Lodging: 7 nights at Hotel Tyrol & 5 nights at Grauer Bar Hotel
- Fantastic skiing in both Soelden and Innsbruck
- Airline: United to Munich, Germany
- Deposit Amount: $300
- Final Amount Due: 12/1/2017
- Standard Package: $2,495
- Daily breakfast
- Dinners included at Hotel Tyrol
- Private bus day trip (Garmisch-Partenkirchen)
- Trip Leader: Randy Ridgway

Aspen/Snowmass

Dates: Saturday, March 31\textsuperscript{st} – Saturday, April 7\textsuperscript{th}

- Lodging: The Gant
- Airline: United into Denver
- Deposit Amount: $150
- Final Amount Due: 12/23/2017
- Standard Package: $1,460
- Ground Package: $1,040
- 5 day lift ticket @ Aspen
- Welcome reception
- Pizza Party
- Trip Leader: Jean Ballinger
Dues expire at the end of July! Members must be active to go on any club trips. Marilyn Rader will be collecting club dues for the upcoming year at the Club Picnic on August, 20th.

http://www.indyskiclub.org/docs/MembershipApplication.pdf
Big Sky

Dates: Saturday January 13th – Saturday January 20th

- Lodging: Huntley Lodge
- Airline: United Airlines to Bozeman, MT
- Deposit Amount: $150
- Final Amount Due: 10/19/2017
- Standard Package: $1,810
- Ground Package: $1,570
- 5 day lift ticket
- Ground transfers
- Welcome reception
- Pizza Party
- Trip Leader: Priscilla Johnson

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- Skiable Terrain: 5800 ac
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Next meeting - Club Picnic @ The Indianapolis Sailing Club on August 20th from 2pm to 6pm

Indianapolis Ski Club Officers 2017-2018 see photos at http://indyskiclub.org/

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