



# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski Club

## Happy Hour



**OCTOBER 18th • 5:00 to ??**  
**Lake Springfield's**  
**PROP CLUB**

*264 Maple Grove, Springfield*

*Bring appetizer to share!*  
*Halloween Theme! Costumes Welcome!*  
*50/50 drawing!*

*Instead of bringing candy for children,*  
*bring winter hats, gloves, etc.*



**OCTOBER 4**

***Olive Garden***

**2991 S. VETERANS PARKWAY**

**COCKTAILS 5:30 | DINNER 6:00**

**NOVEMBER 1, DINE OUT, MARIAH'S, 3317 ROBBINS RD**

Please make reservations by the Wednesday night before  
by contacting Karen and Tom Hafel at  
khafel@comcast.net or calling (217) 546-0236.

# Save the Dates

*(Details herein)*

## DAY TRIPS

**October 7** - 40th Annual Oktoberfest, Roger Schnelten

**October 20** - Fall Fest Day in Arthur, Amish Guided Tour & Pumpkin Festival

**November 16** - Hill Prairie Winery Murder Mystery Dinner

**February 2** - Chicago Winter Ale Fest

**February 23** - Taste of Souldard

## TOUR TRIPS

**NOVEMBER 4-16 PANAMA CANAL CRUISE**

**DECEMBER 9-14- SNOWBIRD, UTAH, SKIING**

**JANUARY 12-19- TURKS AND CAICOS WINTER TRIP TO WARMER CLIMES**

**FEB. 2 OR 3 -9 - SKI TRIP TO CRESTED BUTTE**

**FEB.22-MARCH 4 – ANDORRA AND BARCELONA, SKIING IN THE PYRENEES**

**MARCH 14-26 - TOUR DE FRANCE**

*Members can sign up for most events at the monthly Happy Hours.*

# OCTOBER 2018

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month khafel@comcast.net  
 Springfield Ski Club Board meets every 2nd Thursday of the month  
 The SSC Happy Hour is ALWAYS the 3rd Thurs of the month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 <b>BIKE NIGHT</b>	2	3 Pool League <b>Pickleball</b>	4 Dining Out Group <b>Olive Garden</b>	5	6
7 <b>40th OKTOBERFEST</b>	8 Columbus Day <b>BIKE NIGHT</b>	9	10 Pool League <b>Pickleball</b>	11 Board Meeting Hy-Vee	12	13 Adopt-a street
14	15 <b>BIKE NIGHT</b>	16	17 Pool League <b>Pickleball</b>	18 <b>HAPPY HOUR</b> <b>Prop Club</b>	19	20 <b>FALL FEST</b> <b>DAY TRIP</b>
21	22 <b>BIKE NIGHT</b>	23	24 Pool League <b>Pickleball</b>	25	26	27
28	29 <b>BIKE NIGHT</b>	30	31 Halloween Pool League <b>Pickleball</b>	1 Dining Out Group <b>MARIAH'S</b>	28	3

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month's photo is our daughter, learning to ski at three years old. Our son was skiing down Squaw Valley at five years old. I did not ski until I joined the Springfield Ski Club and took group lessons at the Wisconsin trips. David learned while he was in college at Michigan Tech; skiing was a college credit course!

We have enjoyed our family ski trips for many decades until David had both hips replaced, which eliminated the really good skiing. When I see the SSC ski trips for this year, I really regret not skiing! Snowbird is a wonderful option for skiers and usually has great snow in December. The trip to Andorra and Barcelona is a great trip for skiers and non-skiers! The \$1800 trip price is amazing and includes airfare to and from Barcelona. We have openings left on both trips. Check with Jim Hamrick, VP Winter Trips, at the Happy Hours for information. We still have a few openings for trip to France



in March. There are presently five openings. Contact David Sloat, trip leader, at dgsloat51@gmail.com if you are interested.

Turks and Caicos sold out within minutes at the Sign Up Party. We based numbers on the previous warm weather trips, and are on the wait list with Club Med for more rooms. Thank you to Jan Joyce, our Trip Leader.

I am looking for a webmaster to work with our ewebsmart website. Christa Morris updated the webpages for four and a half years, while she was Executive Vice President, President and Chairman of the Board. She is an amazing person and I learned much from her. We sincerely thank her for her years of service. Please contact Cheri Sloat, csloat51@gmail.com.

We have more plans in the works. Please consider getting involved by volunteering for a committee for planning trips or assisting an officer. The more input the better!

**See you at Happy Hour!**  
**Cheri Brueggemann Sloat**

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks to Betsy Miller, Sam Maggio, Linda Lafferty, Rick Griminger and Judy Nesbit for volunteering to represent SSC at the Century Bike Ride. October will be the last month in 2018 for Adopt-a-Street. Please meet at the parking lot of St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington. At

the Happy Hour in October, SSC will collect winter wear; mittens, gloves, stocking caps, etc. for ages 5-11(grades K-5) for Compass for Kids. This is an after school care program for children at risk in Springfield. Compass for Kids provides snacks, help with lessons, life skill classes and

healthy dinners. At the Happy Hour, I will also be asking for volunteers for Trivia Night on January 11.

**Richard Bergt,**  
**Community Service Chair**

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Denise Kauffman..... 1	Lee Bertagnolli (2000)..... 9	Gary Kindred.....18
Madison Kauffman..... 1	Betsy Fuhrmann ..... 9	Debbie Young .....19
Carol Knapp ..... 2	Kevin Davlin..... 9	Carol Dyson.....20
Karen Ford..... 2	Tim Duggan..... 9	Alan Stutz .....22
Jim Capranica..... 3	Grace Doolin ..... 10	Jan Cimarossa.....23
Mark Edmiston..... 3	Tom McMurray..... 10	Rick Griminger.....23
Mary Schaefer..... 3	Sharon Stanley..... 11	Sandy VanderMeersch.....24
Jenny Barnes ..... 4	Arlene Mathews..... 11	Edward Huntley.....24
Connie Roberts..... 4	Geoff Gaar ..... 13	Mark Books (1992) ..... 24
David Ford..... 4	Donald D Broughton II..... 13	Jo Ann Hannig..... 25
Thomas Bellaire..... 5	Cheryl Pence..... 13	JoAnn Shoraga..... 26
Nancy Hamer..... 5	Kim Hopkins ..... 14	Jeff Elston..... 26
Kelly Graves..... 5	Charles Martin ..... 16	Jack Hurley ..... 27
Judy Nesbitt ..... 7	Martha Ann Meinhardt ..... 16	Martha (Rose) Moser..... 28
Melody Brookshier..... 7	Debby Lewis..... 17	Dave Walters..... 30



# 40TH ANNUAL OKTOBER Fest

## October 7th

LET'S MAKE OUR 40th OUR  
BIGGEST AND BEST YET

**Music:** The party starts earlier in order to host TWO BANDS. Doug Strahan & the Good Neighbors from Austin, TX hit the stage around 2:30 and Antone and Wick, local favorites, start their set at 7:00.

**Food:** Brats and burgers around 3:00, with snacks and Mike's fabulous fish available earlier.

**Beer:** Expect Larry's always popular wine table, as well as flavorful German draught beers, including Spaten Oktoberfest (the original from 1260) and Erdinger Dunkel, the most delicious dark malty wheat beer ever. Not into fancy beer? We'll have a keg of American lager for you, too. *Great bonfire around dusk.*

*Thirty mile bike ride leaves at 2:00  
Fifteen miler leaves at 3:00*

*Lawn chairs and carpooling are suggested  
and covered dishes are welcome.*

*Roger Schnelten, Host  
529-0780 • 245 Circle Dr, (Laketown) Springfield*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sue Shanahan

Amy K. Kmett

William Ryan

William Stallone

Laura Redpath

Susan D. Yuscus

Erin and Dwayne Dineen





# Illinois Vintage Wine Trip

The Illinois Vintage Wine Trip was on September 15. A great group of 42 Ski Club wine lovers went to Mattiessen State Park to attend the festival. There were 27 wineries and live music to enjoy. Aside from the heat, it was an enjoyable trip. At least there was no rain! We consumed treats on the bus, and had a wine trivia test. The winners were Cheri Sloat, Misty Dannenberger,

Mary Schofield, Marty Bruner and Chris Rennison. We were happy to welcome new members on the trip, plus many board members. A good time was had by all!!

**Lois Bloechle**  
**Trip Leader**







## October 20 - Fall Fun Day in Arthur AMISH GUIDED TOUR • PUMPKIN FESTIVAL LUNCH AT AN AMISH FARM • SHOPPING

Bus will leave at 8 am. From Walmart south parking lot on LeJune Dr., and returns at 6 pm.  
Cost: \$80.00 - Trip leader, Jennifer Shrake (217) 698-5480 or jshrake@comcast.net

## “WHO WHACKED WILLIE WONKA?”

Friday, November 16, Hill Prairie Winery • Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Limited to 25 people, \$82.00 per person. The bus will leave promptly at 5:30 P.M. Drinks can be purchased separately and we are free to sample wines. We will all be seated together and the show lasts until about 9:30.

Trip Leader: Lana Keith

Email: lkeith6552@gmail.com Cell: 217-622-6938



## Chicago Ale Festival February 2, 2019

The festival features more than 150 American Craft Beers and will feature some favorite Chicago food trucks and a DJ spinning your favorite hits.

Lucana Artist's Lofts

Price est. \$115 per person

Joe O'Beirne will be the Trip Leader.

Please contact Joe at

217)816-4255 or

email obe25@sbcglobal.net.

## Taste of Soulard February 23, 2019

This has been a popular event! For a modest price, Taste of Soulard attendees receive a ticket booklet that includes a map of the Soulard area and location of participating establishments. Attendees create their own “pub crawl,” exchanging tickets from their booklets for drinks and/or food.

Cost: \$70.00, includes \$25.00 ticket booklet

Cancellation fee, \$18.00

Bus will leave Springfield at 10:00 for St. Louis, will return between 5:30 & 6:00.

Trip Leader: Chris Schofield,

Chris\_Schofield\_560@comcast.net

# PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

## November 4 - 16, 2018

**PRICE** \$2370/person (double occupancy) inside cabin      \$2790/person (double occupancy) oceanview cabin  
 \$2680/person (double occupancy) porthole cabin      \$3450/person (double occupancy) balcony cabin  
 Maximum number of participants is 32. No Single Supplements are available.

**TRIP LEADER:**  
**Karen Kuhar**

- TRIP INCLUDES**
- Round trip air transportation between Springfield and Miami
  - One night of lodging at the Miami Hampton Inn & Suites on November 4
  - Shuttle to and from PortMiami
  - Eleven nights on the Norwegian Jade
  - Balcony, oceanview, porthole or inside cabin (price based on category of cabin)
  - Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
  - Meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner
  - Beverage package (includes MOST alcoholic beverages)
  - Specialty restaurants available for an additional fee
  - Onboard and beverage gratuities (Spa & salon services and specialty restaurants will have an additional 18% gratuity charge.)



- PORT SPECIFICS**
- **11/8 Cartagena** – a fascinating city, nearly surrounded by lagoons, bays and the Caribbean Sea.
  - **11/9 The Panama Canal** – an engineering masterpiece that connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The ship will enter the first set of locks, then turn around in Gatun Lake and exit the canal the way it entered.
  - **11/9 Colon** – an international trade city, most notable for the Colon Free Zone, an import/export hub and a good place to shop.
  - **11/10 Puerto Limon** – a gateway to the capital city of San Jose which is known for its coffee plantations and many beautiful theaters.
  - **11/12 Roatán** – an island floating 30 miles off the Caribbean coastline of Honduras. The idyllic beaches are surrounded by reefs teeming with marine life.
  - **11/13 Harvest Caye** – A Norwegian exclusive port in Belize with seven acres of pristine white sand beach and crystal clear waters. Also home to Flighthouse, a 130-foot tall jumping point for various aerial activities.
  - **11/14 Costa Maya** – an incredible section of the Southern Yucatan coast that is home to mysterious ruins, monkeys, rare birds and a magnificent coral reef.



- SHIP AMENITIES**
- Hair dryer & safe in room
  - 3 swimming pools • Water slide
  - Spa • 4 hot tubs • Library
  - WIFI in some areas • Video Arcade
  - Cell phone service • Shops
  - Fitness Center • Jogging Track
  - Tennis court • Basketball court
  - 3 bars/lounges
  - Disco/dancing
  - Night life in the Bliss Ultra Lounge
  - Broadway-style shows
  - Casino

**Trip Insurance:** The Springfield Ski Club strongly recommends the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

**PAYMENTS** Deposit at sign-up: \$600  
 AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.

**2nd Payment due 5/15/2018**  
 \$590/694/730/950 (based on cabin category)  
**3rd Payment due 6/10/2018**  
 \$590/694/730/950 (based on cabin category)  
**4th Payment due 7/10/2018**  
 \$590/694/730/950 (based on cabin category)

The final payment may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the trip operator or from the Springfield Ski Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received after the adjustment.

**CANCELLATION DATES/FEE'S** Cutoff date is April 27, 2018, with SSC \$25 processing fee. Cancel more than 90 days prior to departure, fee is \$325; 60-89 days prior to departure – 10% the cost of the trip; 30-59 days prior to departure, fee is 65% the cost of the trip; less than 30 days prior to departure, fee is 100%. Passenger substitutions within 45 days of departure are treated as cancellations. **Final cancellation will result in a \$325 SSC processing fee.**

Optional Shore Excursions will be offered by Norwegian – Link to descriptions of the excursions:  
<https://www.shoreexcursionsgroup.com/results/?line=162&shipId=2431&arrival=2018-11-05&nights=11>



# SKI TRIP TO SNOWBIRD, UTAH DECEMBER 9-14

*Snowbird's 2,500 skiable acres are accessed via one tram and 10 chairlifts, including six high-speed detachable quads and four doubles. The Utah ski resort has a summit and base elevation of 11,000 feet and 7,760 feet, with a vertical drop of 3,240 feet.*

*Snowbird averages approximately 500 inches of snowfall a year.*

Expected price: \$1,250

Includes 5 nights lodging at the Cliff Lodge in Snowbird

Four day Snowbird lift ticket (upgrade to Dual resort w/Alta available)

Round trip air from STL to SLC

Round trip transfers from SLC to Cliff Lodge in Snowbird

Canyon view with 2 Queen beds, coffee maker and mini fridge

Welcome function, free introduction to the Mountain Tour and Powder Perks Discount Program.

## S.K.I Trip to Crested Butte, February 3-9

Cost: \$1059, plus \$645 on AA from Peoria to Denver to GUC.

Second option, a Feb. 2-9, costing \$1149 plus \$729 on AA from Bloomington to Denver to GUC. Lodging will be at "elevations," which means it is a ski in and ski out Hotel. S.K.I is also exploring options for a 7 day flight out of Champaign and a 7 day flight out of Peoria. The land package includes lodging, a 5 day lift ticket, daily full breakfasts, happy hours and a fun contest with prizes.



## *Andorra/Barcelona, Skiing in the Pyrenees Feb. 22-March 4, 2019*

Six nights in Andorra with many shopping and sight seeing activities. Grandvalira in Andorra is the biggest ski resort in the Pyrenees and Southern Europe. It has 127 runs, covering more than 200 km. Great Pass pricing and Senior discounts for lift tickets. Senior Gold pass for those born 1948 or before, ski free! Daily Breakfast and dinner .

Three nights in Barcelona, with daily hotel continental breakfast, snacks and drinks from the lounge.  
Round trip from Chicago to Barcelona, Price based on double occupancy rooms.  
Transfers in Europe. Springfield to Chicago a la carte. Expected price: \$1,800.

# TURKS AND CAICOS

January 12-19, 2019

Trip Leader: Jan Joyce

\$2050/person (double occupancy) Maximum number of participants is 24.

No Single Supplements are available.

## Trip Includes:

- Round trip air transportation between Springfield and Providenciales, Turks and Caicos
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Ground transportation to and from the Turquoise ClubMed Resort
- Seven nights at the all inclusive, adults only Turquoise Club Med Resort

## Resort Features:

- Adults-only resort
- Located on Grace Bay beach
- Free WIFI
- Rooms with flat-screen TV and coffee maker
- Non-smoking rooms
- One restaurant
- Two bars
- Weight room



## Activities (some require an extra fee):

- Tennis
- Fitness classes • Cardio classes
- Stretching program for pain relief, flexibility and improved posture and range of motion
- Flying trapeze training
- Circus activities such as juggling
- Golf (rental equipment available)
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Football
- Beach volleyball
- Horseback riding
- Boating
- Diving



Located at Grace Bay

## Deposit at sign-up: \$684

PAYMENTS:

Deposit at sign-up: \$684.00

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 3 months after the trip return date for international travel.

2nd Payment due 10/5/2018 – \$683.00

3rd Payment due 11/5/2018 – \$683.00

The final payment may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator or from the Springfield Ski Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

## Cancellation Dates/Fees:

Cancel more than 91 days prior to departure - \$25 SSC processing fee

61-90 days prior to departure – 25% of Club Med fee

46-60 days prior to departure – 50% of Club Med fee

0-45 days prior to departure – No refund

Club Med Membership fee of \$60.00 is not refundable.

United Airlines Cancellation Dates/Fees:

No penalty prior to 10/14/2018

ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25

SSC PROCESSING FEE.

**Trip Insurance:** The Springfield Ski Club strongly recommends the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.



# TOUR DE FRANCE

March 14-26, 2019

Trip Leader: David Sloat

\$3550/person (double occupancy) depending on the number of travelers.  
Single Supplement - \$579 added to the price of the trip.



## Trip Includes:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare
- Air transportation to and from Paris (CDG Airport)
- High-speed train transportation between Paris and Avignon
- Three nights in Paris at Mercure Paris Gare Montparnasse (4 star)
- Two nights in Caen at Royal Hotel de Caen (4 star)
- Two nights in Tours at Relais Saint-Eloi (3 star)
- Three nights in Avignon in Mercure Centre Palais des Papes (4 star)
- One night near Charles De Gaulle Airport at ibis Styles Paris CDG Airport (3 star)
- Actual hotels may change based on availability.
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Tour Leader Guide throughout the trip
- Four full-day tours (entrance fees included)
- Lunch cruise on the Seine River
- Breakfast daily, 3 lunches and Welcome and Farewell dinners
- Gratuities for Tour Leader Guide, local guides, bus drivers and hotel porters (*one piece of luggage per person*), serving staff at included meals

## Included Sightseeing Activities:

- Panoramic tour of Paris
- Luncheon cruise of the Seine River
- Visit to Normandy sites – 360 HD movie, Omaha Beach, The American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, Pointe du Hoc
- Explore the cliffs of Etretat
- Visit to Honfleur
- Tour Chateau du Breuil and their distillery with a tasting of old Calvados wine
- Visit the Chateaux of Angers, Villandry, Chenonceau and Chambord
- Trip to Chartres and its famous Cathedral
- See the Pont d'Avignon on the Rhone
- Participate in a guided visit of the Palais des Papes in Avignon
- Visit the Pont du Gard aqueduct
- Explore Nimes with its Amphitheatre and Roman Temple –Maison Caree
- Visit to Arles (Roman Arenas, Ancient Theatre, Church of Saint Trophime, Van Gogh's Café and the Forum Place)
- Visit to Versailles Palace
- Visits to five World Heritage Sites:  
• Pont du Gard • Arles • Chartres Cathedral • Versailles Palace  
Palais des Papes and Pont d'Avignon in Avignon)

## Optional Sightseeing Activities:

- Guided tour of the Musee d'Orsay (entrance ticket included), walking tour of the Marais and Les Passages Couverts (\$165 pp) with two-course lunch with wine and coffee
- Full day excursion to Champagne and Reims (\$165 pp) – Champagne House (entrance tickets), two-course lunch with drink and coffee, and Reims and its Gothic Cathedral.
- Afternoon Luberon Villages Tour (\$45 pp) – Roussillon and Gordes

## Deposit at sign-up: \$900

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT #, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the return date for international travel.

**2nd Payment due 10/8/18 \$900**

(Single supplement add \$190 to 2nd payment.)

**3rd Payment due 11/8/18 \$900**

(Single supplement add \$190 to 3rd payment.)

**4th Payment due 12/7/18** Amount to be determined by the trip leader in November 2018 and will depend on the number of travelers and finalization of costs.

(Single supplement add \$199 to 4th payment.)

The final payment may be adjusted up or down depending on other fees or costs that may apply including those from the tour operator or from the Springfield Ski Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

## Cancellation Dates/Fees:

Cutoff date – September 14, 2018, with SSC \$25 processing fee. 90 days or more prior to departure - \$300; 60-89 days prior to departure – \$1000; 45-59 days prior to departure – \$1500; 30-44 days prior to departure – \$2000; 29 days or fewer prior to departure – no refund. ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSC PROCESSING FEE.

**Trip Insurance:** The Springfield Ski Club strongly recommends the purchase of trip insurance covering accident, sickness or death of a participant or covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip. Trip insurance is available from smarTours (800.337.7773) for \$179 (nonrefundable), but you can use other insurers as well. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.



# SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB

presents...

## SNOWBIRD

Utah

December 9 - 14, 2018

**\$1199 per person (double occupancy)**

**(single supplement - \$355)**

- Roundtrip air from St. Louis to Salt Lake City.
- Roundtrip transfers between Salt Lake City and Snowbird.
- 5 nights lodging at the Cliff Lodge (canyon view room with 2 queen beds, coffee maker, mini fridge).
- All taxes, fees, portorage, and resort wifi included.
- Welcome function hosted by Snowbird sales rep.
- Free introductory tour of the mountain.
- Powder Perks - discount program with special offers in restaurants, stores, ski school and other facilities in Snowbird.
- Ski Club discount for Cliff Spa access, and 20% off rental equipment at Cliff Sports and Snowbird Sports Demo Center.

#### EXTRAS:

- ◆ Alta-Snowbird dual resort ticket upgrade for \$124 per person (cannot guarantee the skiable connection will be open in early season).
- ◆ Skiers buffet breakfast at the Aerie (full buffet breakfast) for \$22 per meal including tax and gratuity.
- ◆ Ground transportation to St. Louis (a la carte pricing TBD on demand).

*for more info: Jim Hamrick: 217-553-6195*



# SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB

presents...

## *Andorra & Barcelona* **Spain**

**Feb. 22 - March 4, 2019**

**\$1800 per person (double occupancy)**

- Roundtrip air Chicago to Barcelona via Lufthansa and Swiss.
- 6 nights lodging at the 4\* Art Hotel Andorra, 2 per room.  
Breakfast & Dinner daily  
Hotel taxes
- 3 nights lodging at the 3\* Hotel Continental in Barcelona,  
2 per room.  
Breakfast daily  
Snacks & Beverages free in the Café Bar
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharges.
- Transfer from Barcelona Airport to Andorra
- Transfer from Andorra to the Hotel Continental in Barcelona
- Transfer from Barcelona to the Barcelona Airport

***Plenty to do for Skiers and Non-Skiers alike!***

*for more info: Jim Hamrick: 217-553-6195*



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# TRAVEL SURVEY REPORT

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Thank you to the 61 members who returned their travel interest surveys. There was a broad mix of members that answered the survey from brand new members all the way to people who have been in the ski club more than 30 years. 97% of the people responding have taken tour trips with the club and 92% would like to travel with the club again.

The new tour committees will be utilizing these surveys as they begin to form trips for the next few years. Please consider traveling with the Springfield Ski Club- we have great trips!

## ***Here is a list of some of the conclusions:***

### 1. Ideal months of travel:

- March & April for European trips (also Sept & Oct)
- October then September for the Fall trip
- February for the Winter warm weather trip

### 2. Ideal trip length: no longer than 15 days; 60% wanted at minimum a 10 day trip

### 3. Winter Trip:

- there was no significant different between an all inclusive and not all inclusive trip
- 63% were willing to spend \$2500 or more
- 46% wanted a Caribbean destination

### 4. March /European Trip:

- 64% would spend more than \$3400
- 83% would spend more than \$3000
- 76% trip length longer than 10 days
- no preference between a land tour or a cruise

### 5. Fall Trip:

- 76% trip length between 8-10 days
- 67% would spend a minimum of \$2500
- 22% wanted the cost to be under \$2000

### 6. Destinations: a vast range of destinations were listed

- Winter trip favorites were the Caribbean, Mexico & the Bahamas
- European favorites were Great Britain (including Scotland & London), Croatia and Slovenia, Berlin and Portugal
- Fall trip favorites were Canada, New England, the Northwest, Northern California and Iceland

### 7. 54% of the members responding were interested in going to South America



**SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB**

**Application Form for Trips/Sporting Events**

**Ski Trip**     **Tour Trip**     **Day Trip**     **Sporting Event**  
(golf, bowling, tennis, billiards, etc.)

Trip/Sporting Event: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any significant medical problems or do you require any special medications which your trip leader should be aware of? If yes, describe:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Complete this section for Ski or Tour trips only:**

Male: \_\_ Female: \_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ DL #: \_\_\_\_\_ DL State: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # (if international trip): \_\_\_\_\_ Passport Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in: NASTAR racing? \_\_ Lessons? \_\_ Are you a skier? Yes \_\_ No \_\_

The Springfield Ski Club in good faith makes every effort to complete a scheduled activity or trip as advertised, and to accommodate the requests of its members. However, the Club will not be held responsible if arrangements are changed beyond our control or if specific requests cannot be honored. This includes, but is not limited to, changes in our itineraries, airline arrangements or schedules, hotel or condo reservations, destinations, and emergencies requiring a modification of any scheduled activity or trip. Your signature below warrants you have read and understand this statement.

I agree to make the appropriate published trip payments on the scheduled due dates.

I have also read and understand the trip policy statements on page two of this form and agree to abide by them.

As a participant of the trip described above: I voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Board of Directors, or members liable for any accident or injury to myself, or for any loss of or damage or destruction to my property, which may result from or on account of my participation in a Club activity.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* For trips involving airline travel or overseas travel, your name must be written exactly as it appears on your passport or drivers license. Do NOT use nick-names.

**For trip leader use only**

App. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Wait List: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Trip Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Partial Trip Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Final Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Approved Refund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **STANDING RULE #2**

### **CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY (11/14/96), (Amended 5/13/99, 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)**

“Cutoff” dates and non-refundable deposits for trips and activities may vary according to transportation, lodging or other associated deposits. Cutoff dates for trips and activities will be established for each trip or activity by the Executive Board and published in the monthly newsletter. All cancellations must be made to the Trip Leader in writing or via e-mail. Refunds will be made as follows:

1. For cancellations before the published cutoff date, a full refund of all monies paid will be issued in a timely manner, less any Executive Board-approved cancellation processing fee established and published in conjunction with the trip or activity advertisement in the monthly newsletter.
2. For cancellations after the cutoff date, refunds will be as follows:
  - a. For any trip or activity where the allotted number of spaces are completely reserved and a replacement can be found, a cancellation may be made and a full refund issued, less any processing fees, as described in paragraph 1, above, any time prior to the departure of the trip or the start of the activity, provided the replacement person pays the full amount due, in accordance with the payment schedule for the trip or activity.
  - b. If a replacement cannot be found, the member canceling the trip or activity may submit, in person, in writing, or via email, a request for a refund. This request must be sent to either the trip leader, the appropriate VP or directly to the Executive Board. The request must be submitted within 15 days after the scheduled start date of the trip or activity and shall state the reason for the cancellation and the amount of refund requested. Requests will only be considered by the Executive Board, and refunds will only be made, once the trip or activity is completed and the full financial statement has been submitted for review and approval, as described in Standing Rule #13. Any refund approved by the Executive Board will come from recoverable expenditures derived from the specific trip or activity and not from the Club’s general fund.
  - c. Refunds will be distributed no later than 180 days after the first scheduled day of the trip or activity.

## **STANDING RULE #5**

### **TRIP MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT (11/14/96), (Amended 4/9/05 and 1/8/15)**

1. All Trip Leaders shall be at least 21 years of age.
2. Trips shall be run as advertised, unless ski conditions, safety or wellbeing of trip participants dictate otherwise, in which case, the decision for an alternate plan rests with the Vice President of Ski Trips, Day Trips, or Tour Trips (as appropriate) or the President prior to departure. After departure, this authority rests with the trip leader.
3. Conduct by any individual which is offensive or hazardous to others or that does not project a good image of the Club could result in expulsion from the trip at the nearest place of public lodging or transportation by the authority of the trip leader. The trip leader will provide a review of the circumstances at the next Executive Board meeting with a board decision to maintain or cancel the individual’s Club membership.
4. Individuals will be held responsible for any damage to personal or real property of others.
5. Club arranged accommodations cannot be shared with non-trip participants.

## **STANDING RULE #7**

### **GROUND TRANSPORTATION SMOKING POLICY (11/14/96)**

1. Smoking will only be allowed during scheduled stops approximately every two hours of travel, if requested. NO smoking inside the travel vehicle is allowed.
2. Trips under two hours in duration will be classified as “non-smoking trips.”

## **STANDING RULE #8**

### **PARTIAL SKI TRIP PACKAGES (11/14/96) (amended 4/9/05)**

1. For trips involving a request to delete air (or other packaged form of transportation) service, only the actual cost of the ticket will be deducted from the trip price. The participant’s portion of the club’s overhead cost, including ground transportation to the airport or rail station used for the trip, will be included in the partial trip price.
2. All requests for partial trip packages will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop reserved seats without penalty from the tour operator and/or the carrier.
3. If a request for a partial trip participation is made and honored, the participant must make payment in the full amount within 5 days of the approval notification. A “partial” trip payment is not refundable unless the trip is canceled. CANCELLATION CUT-OFF DATES DO NOT APPLY. The club will not refund or attempt to “resell” partial trip packages should the participant drop from the trip any time after payment is made.
4. Requests to exclude lift tickets from a trip package must be made at the time of sign up. Requests for partial trip packages, including lift tickets, will only be honored to the point where the Club may drop such tickets, or other items, without penalty or loss of income (including any comp). Unless otherwise approved by the Vice President of Ski Trips, the member requesting “no lifts” will pay the full trip price. After the trip is completed, the unused lift ticket will be returned by the Club to the tour operator or the ski area for possible refund. Any refund will then be made to the member by Club check. Refunds may not be possible if purchase and use of a lift ticket by all trip participants is required for the Club to receive a discounted “group rate.”