



# Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

On Tuesday, March 9, 2021, an email was sent to all members listing the Slate of Candidates for the 2021-2022 Board of Directors. It is now time to vote for those nominated to the Elected Positions.

Because we will not be having a Spring Signup Event again this year, we are forced to use alternate means of voting.

A ballot has been included with this issue for you to complete and mail to me OR you may vote online by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/>

NLKFW2S and follow the instructions to vote. This link is also posted on our Facebook page, and we will email the link to you on or around April 1st for you to click on and vote.

So each member has 3 options to vote. Click on the link on our Facebook page, click on the link in the email sent to you on April 1st, or complete the ballot found in your April Snowjourner and mail it in. PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO VOTE ONCE, SO EITHER VOTE ON-LINE OR BY MAIL, BUT NOT

BOTH. Also, the on-line version of the ballot does not give you an option for writing in a candidate, so if you choose to submit a vote for a write-in candidate, you will need to use the ballot in the Snowjourner and mail it in.

The deadline for voting is April 24, 2021. Any ballots received on-line or in the mail AFTER that date will NOT be counted. Let the voting begin!!

**Terri Marbold**  
Executive Vice President



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# April 2021

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month Janice Broughton 217-725-6776 brought617@gmail.com Don Broughton 217-971-8356 Springfield Ski and Travel 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
28	29	30	31	1 DINE OUT CANCELLED	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 BOARD MEETING	9	10 Adopt-a-Street 9am @ St. John's Lutheran
11	12	13	14	15 Happy Hour CANCELLED	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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*The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following members have agreed to accept an Elected Position on the Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 membership year:*

President  
Executive Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
VP of Membership  
VP of Tours Trips  
VP of Activities  
VP of Day Trips  
VP of Winter Trips

Richard Bergt  
Jennifer Shrake  
Mike Bloechle  
Chris Scholfield  
Mary Schackmann  
Debi Barr-Holquist  
Julie Donelson  
Wendy Schluter  
Gary Kindred

*In addition, the following members have agreed to accept an Appointed Position on the board:*

Publicity/Happy Hour Chair  
Newsletter Editor  
Community Service  
Finance Chair  
Sports Chair  
Dine Out Chair  
Webmaster  
Skier Development and SKI  
Council of Illinois Chair

Judy Nesbitt  
Janice Broughton  
Ed Huntley  
Deon Bishop  
Jan Joyce  
Don Broughton  
Lois Bloechle  
Gary Kindred

**Please note:** Since we are still not able to have an in-person sign up event in April, we will be offering 3 options for voting for the candidates above. Thank you to all who stepped up to help our club this year.

*Terri Marbold  
Executive Vice President*

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## April Birthdays



Rebecca Hood.....1  
Mary J. Thomas.....3  
Paula Hermes.....3  
Victoria Greenan .....4  
Joyce Merriman .....5  
Linda Kelly.....7  
Pennie Stevens .....8  
Laura Coleman .....8  
Michael Malson .....9  
Sally Petrone.....9

Michael Sizemore .....12  
Sharon Robertson.....12  
Thomas Apke .....14  
Cheryl Luttrell .....14  
Liz Logsdon .....15  
Loretta Michaud .....17  
Don Stefancic.....18  
Jim Knapp .....18  
Deb Stahl .....19  
Todd Foster.....20  
Peggy Kane .....21

Julie Bertagnolli.....24  
Mary Lou Jackson.....24  
Ann Hosteny .....25  
Alan Merriman .....26  
Jerry Parsons.....26  
Pamela Rouse.....27  
Steve Washko Jr.....27  
Dave Waltrip .....28  
Patricia Staab .....30  
Dennis Bomke .....30

## Community Service

### Calling volunteers! Adopt-a-Street

#### Street Clean-up, Saturday, April 10

Meet at 9:00 in the parking lot of St. John's  
Lutheran Church on West Washington St.

Betsy Miller

## Save the date!

### October 31-November 12, 2021

#### Adventures in Portugal

See flyer for details. Mike Bloechle, trip leader

### May 18-30, 2022

#### Cruise Through Croatia

See flyer for details Patty Staab, trip leader  
(As of now, trip is fully reserved)

## NEW COMMITTEE FORMING

Interested in traveling to new continents?

Have you ever wanted to visit a country that has rain forests, beaches, mountains, deserts ancient civilizations, hot thermal springs or see the Northern Lights?

I'm looking for a few interested

volunteers to help explore the possibility of a trip to Peru or Iceland. If you are interested in researching different options for either a trip to Peru or to Iceland in 2022 or 2023 please contact me. I'd like to form a trip committee in the next month. Although 2022 and 2023 seem a long way away, it takes a

long time to research, plan and finalize a group trip.

By working on SSTC club committees you will earn volunteer hours. SSTC needs its members to volunteer.

*Patty Staab, VP Tour Trips  
patstaab@comcast.net*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good news, the next Happy Hour is planned for May 20; the outside location is yet to be determined. Also, several day trips are being planned. For July, we hope to take a trip to St Louis to the Science Museum for an exhibit on mummies, plus other activities. In August, we are planning a tour to Indianapolis to see the Van Gogh art exhibit. A murder-mystery train ride from Jackson, MO is in the works for September. A winter, warm location on the beach is a possibility in January or February of 2022. This is all refreshing to hear, but none of this will happen if YOU don't volunteer to help or assist on a committee. Right now, only one person is doing the planning, Wendy Schluter, and she needs your help. She can't do it by herself. Step up to the plate and give back to your club. Give by giving Wendy a call. Give some of your time and your ideas to make this a success.

In January, an ad hoc committee met to discuss volunteer hours and club-member participation. Standing Rule #10-sec 3B was reviewed. (You can

find the Constitution and bylaws at the front of your SSTC directory.) The recommendation of the committee follows:

"The issuance of volunteer hours should be specifically limited as follows: serving on a club committee, helping at a club function/event, helping at an all-club sponsored event (such as Trivia Night) where the proceeds benefit a charity, an event where the Club is given credit for the activity (such as Adopt a Street Cleanup). Activities that are sponsored by other organizations can be announced to the membership, but members shall not accrue club volunteer hours for those activities. The granting of club volunteer hours should be obtained from activities that benefit the Springfield Ski & Travel Club and where the club is given credit." Note that this is not something new. This was presented at the March Board Meeting and was unanimously reaffirmed by the board. No changes are being made to the constitution or bylaws. We just need to administer the bylaws of the club

more closely.

In the past two years and perhaps even longer, the nominating committee has had a difficult time finding people to serve on the executive board, and board members have had a challenging time recruiting club members to serve at club functions. I can guarantee, if you serve on a committee, you will get your 10-hour certificate. This Snowjourner has the list of new board members. They will be forming their committees in May. Contact them for the committee you would like to join, and then participate actively.

Let's compare the SSTC to a glacier: glaciers diminish because of climate change. Let's not let this past Covid-19 year do the same to our organization. Let's act together to reinvigorate the SSTC since it now looks like better days are ahead. Please say "yes" when asked to volunteer. Better yet, take the initiative to call a board member and ask how you can help.

*Rich Bergt  
President*



# ***SSTC Board of Directors Elected Positions Ballot 2021-2022***



*Deadline to complete and return is April 24, 2021!*

*Please mark "Yes" if you accept the person nominated for the position. Mark "No" if you do not accept that person. All ballots are kept confidential. Your name is not required on ballot.*

**1. President--Rich Bergt**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**3. Treasurer--Chris Schofield**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**5. VP of Membership--Mary Schackmann**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**7. VP of Tour Trips--Debi Barr-Holquist**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**9. VP of Activities-- Julie Donelson**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**2. Vice President--Jennifer Shrake**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**4. Secretary--Mike Bloechle**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**6. VP of Day Trips--Wendy Schluter**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**8. VP of Winter Trips--Gary Kindred**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

**10. All of the above**

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

Write-in Candidates:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your completed ballot to Terri Marbold, 6207 E Walnut Road, Springfield, IL 62712.

ALL ballots must be received **no later than April 24, 2021** to be counted.



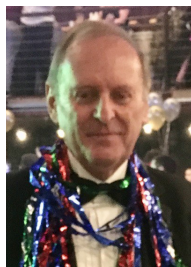


## PRESIDENT RICHARD BERGT

I have enjoyed being a member of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club since 2006. I had the privilege to serve you this past year as president of your club. I also have served as the chair for Community Service from 2017-19. With SSTC, I have skied at Sun Valley, gone on trips to Jamaica, Ireland, Scotland-England, Turks-Caicos, and am looking forward to Portugal and Croatia. I enjoy socializing at club events such as Happy Hours and Casino Night. I enjoy the many friends that I have gained over the years and I consider these people as family. Join the family! Get involved!

SSTC is a ski, travel, and social club. There wasn't any of that this past year because of Covid. My aim in the next year is to bring the club back to doing these events and more. Please be patient, as the pandemic declines, we will open up more activities. In order for this to happen, your help is needed on committees.

I was a 5th grade teacher at Our Savior's Church and School for 38 years. I was also their athletic director and coached sports teams. I am your president. I am Richard Bergt.



## EXECUTIVE VP JENNIFER SHRAKE

Hello everyone! I am running for Executive Vice President of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club. My husband Tim and I have been involved in this club for about ten years. We have made so many new friends and love all of the different events and activities our club offers. I have served on the board as the V.P. of Day Trips and as the sub secretary during the winter months. Last February 2020, I was the trip leader for Playa del Carmen, Mexico. I have also led many day trips such as baseball games, The Lemp Mansion, Chicago Shopping Trip, Tour of the Amish and trips to the Fabulous Fox in St. Louis.

Tim and I love to travel, eat, socialize and party. Traveling with a group of friends makes the overseas experiences delightful memories you will always cherish. From sliding down a muddy fairy tree in Scotland to a trip in Morocco, fun is guaranteed.

I believe I have a deep understanding of the functions and operations of the club as your Executive V.P. I will commit to be involved and serve our members to the best of my ability. I have really missed seeing all of my friends! I am looking forward to hopefully resuming our usual events and activities.



## TREASURER CHRIS SCHOFIELD

My name Chris Schofield and I am running for Club Treasurer. My wife, Mary, and I have been Ski Club members since 2006 and I served previously as Treasurer. Having recently retired as an accountant/fiscal coordinator from the State of Illinois I want to give back to the Club we enjoy so much. In the past few years Mary and I have gone on the Danube River cruise (through Austria and Germany), the tour of London and Edinburgh, the resort in Maya Riviera and many day trips. We look forward to going on many more trips with the Ski Club in the future.



## SECRETARY MIKE BLOECHLE

I have been asked to run for the SSTC Secretary position. My wife Lois and I have been members of the SSTC for many years and we have enjoyed making new friends and socializing with old friends as well. I have served as the Vice President of Day Trips and as Executive Vice-President as well as being on various SSTC committees. I am the Trip Leader for the Treasures of Portugal trip which has been rescheduled twice since March, 2019 because of the Pandemic. Because our Portugal travel provider, Smartours, entered into Federal Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in November, 2019, I was appointed by the United States Department of Justice as one of three members of the Unsecured Creditors Committee. We were able to negotiate a fair settlement for our Portugal trip travelers and all unsecured creditors. I look forward to working with the new Board and I look forward (finally) to visiting Portugal in 2021.



## VP FOR WINTER TRIPS GARY KINDRED

My name is Gary Kindred. I have accepted the position of VP for Winter Trips. I have been a member of the Club for 42 years and am presently the club representative for S.K.I, a regional group of ski clubs. I have gone on many ski trips as a member of the club and will be talking to other members to hear where they would like to ski.



## VP FOR TOUR TRIPS

### DEBI BARR-HOLQUIST

I joined the ski club in 2018 to go on the trip to Italy. I had such a fabulous time. I also went to France with the club. I so love traveling with the club internationally that I am waiting anxiously to go to Portugal, hopefully this fall!

I have made great friends in the club and enjoy all of the monthly get-togethers. I was lucky enough to attend the Mexico trip prior to the Covid lockdown. During the last year I served on the planning committee for the fall of 2021-now 2022 trip.

I really look forward to working with fellow members and the current VP of Tours, Patty Staab, in making future trips in 2021-2022 possible.



## VP FOR DAY TRIPS

### WENDY SCHLUTER

My name is Wendy Schluter and I am a current active member of the Springfield Ski Club. I joined in 2018 and have experienced amazing trips and have formed friendships in the process. I am a retired CFO from a large corporation in Springfield where I worked for 31 years. I received my accounting degree from Sangamon State University (UIS). While maintaining my career, I was also active on many committees including Girl Scouts of American, Boy Scouts of America, scholarship and investment for a non for profit. My hobbies including working out, reading, traveling and anything involving tea. I am a planner and I love to set goals and I aspire to hit them. I was born and raised in Springfield, IL. I currently reside in Chatham, IL where I have lived for 27 years. I am married to my husband Kent. I have 2 grown children and have been blessed with 6 grandchildren. I look forward to many more adventures with the Ski Club.



## VP FOR ACTIVITIES

### JULIE DONELSON

Hi friends! My name is Julie Donelson. I was asked to consider taking on the role of VP of Activities for the coming membership year and am happy to be considered for this position.

The Hubs and I have been ski club members for a handful of years, but we've just been able to go on one trip so far. Joe & I got married in 2020 and the ski club trip to Mexico was our honeymoon! I have 2 grown children from my first marriage; my daughter, Calla being of the adventurous sort, living in Zambia for 3 years with the Peace Corps and traveling to many countries. My son, Phillip, is not quite as long distance travel-oriented but enjoys camping, canoeing and that sort of thing- even in winter!

I have retired from my full time gig with the state, and now work on my own schedule from home. Through the years I've been leader of and organized quite a few events, of small to medium size (a couple thousand attendees) and I am definitely of the 'many hands make short work' philosophy. With more helpers, the less there is to do and the more FUN will be had by all!

If you ask me, I will tell you that 'everywhere' is on my bucket list. I spent lots of years working and now I'm ready for more travel with friends! I look forward to hearing from you about your favorite places.



## VP FOR MEMBERSHIP

### MARY SCHACKMAN

First of all, I would like to thank my friends, Evelyn and Rick Griminger for recommending that I join this club. I had just retired from my life as a reading/writing teacher. The train trip to Wrigley Field for a Cubs vs. Cardinals game was my first adventure on a day trip. Go Cards?

Along with retirement, I got my first passport. I traveled with a wonderful group of people to a sunny beach in Mexico. Thank you, Jennifer and Tim Shrake for hosting this trip. I'm busy collecting service hours to enjoy the next trip, I parked cars at the fairgrounds, helped shoppers at the Mini O'Beirne Holiday store, and worked with Debi-Barr Holquist and Sandy Frank to create a game for the casino night.

While the current VP of Membership, Penny Stevens, was away on one of her many travels, I assisted her last year processing membership cards. I appreciate all of the club's vice presidents and chairpersons for their efforts and look forward to more travel, more day trips, and more happy hours.

I am not yet a world traveler that can host a trip, but I can support the club by volunteering hours as VP of Membership.



### APPOINTED POSITIONS

Community Service Chair – **Ed Huntley**  
Sports Chair – **Jan Joyce**  
Finance Chair – **Deon Bishop**

Snowjourner Editor – **Janice Broughton**  
Dine Out Chair – **Don Broughton**  
Publicity/Happy Hours Chair – **Judy Nesbitt**  
Webmaster – **Lois Bloechle**



# ADVENTURES IN PORTUGAL

## October 31-November 12 2021

**TRIP LEADER:** Mike Bloechle – 217/787-1010 or m.bloechle@comcast.net

**PRICE:** \$3,060.00 (land and air) – based on a minimum of 30 and maximum of 45 travelers

**Single Supplement** - \$699 added to the price of the trip – limit of 5

**Land only** – Price will be adjusted on the 3rd and 4th payments.

### TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- Air transportation to Porto and from Lisbon
- Airfare taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (subject to change)
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking guide throughout the trip
- Three nights in Porto, two nights in Coimbra, two nights in Évora and four nights in Lisbon
- Four full-day and four partial-day tours
- Breakfast daily, one lunch and two dinners – welcome
- Welcome dinner in Porto and farewell dinner with Fado show in Lisbon
- Gratuities for guide in Portugal, bus drivers (Chicago and Portugal), hotel porters (one piece of luggage per person), and serving staff at included meals

### PAYMENTS:

- Deposit at sign-up: Land & Air = \$765; Single Supplement = \$940
- 2nd Payment due 10/4/2019: \$765; single supplement = \$940
- 3rd Payment due 11/4/2019: \$765; single supplement = \$940
- 4th Payment due 12/4/2019: \$765; single supplement = \$939

The final payment (including land only and single supplement fees) 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 and Travel Club. Refunds or additional payment may be required if payment in full is received prior to the adjustment.

### PASSPORTS:

AT SIGN-UP, SUBMIT YOUR TRIP APPLICATION AND A COPY OF THE FIRST PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT WHICH SHOWS YOUR PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. YOUR TRIP APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED TO EXACTLY MATCH YOUR PASSPORT INFORMATION.

Passports must be valid for 6 months after the trip return date for international travel.

### INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: (entry fees included for these activities):

- Applicable entry fees are included for these activities.
- Walking tour of Porto
- Visits to Aveiro, Guarda, Tomar, Fatima, Obidos, Marvão
- Full-day excursion to Lamengo and the Quinta da Pacheca Winery (wine tasting and three-course lunch)
- University of Coimbra and Royal Palace (Coimbra)
- Marvão Medieval Village
- Cathedral and Cloisters of Évora
- Wine and olive tasting in Évora
- Capela dos Ossos (Chapel of Bones)/Royal Church of St. Francis (Évora)
- Belém Riverside District (Lisbon), 16th century Monastery of Jeronimos and Belem Tower
- Obidos Medieval Fortress
- Fado show with dinner
- Free time for shopping in Lisbon, Coimbra, Évora and Porto
- Visit to 12th century settlement built by the Knights Templar in Tomar

### HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):

- Three nights in Porto at Carris Porto Iberia – Class 4\*
- Two nights in Coimbra at Tivoli Coimbra Hotel - Class 4\*
- Two nights in Évora at Vila Galé Évora - Class 4\*
- Four nights in Lisbon at Mundial or Tivoli Oriente - Class 4\*

### OPTIONAL TOURS

(Prices are in Euros and are approximations):

- Half-day excursion to Guimaraes (35€ per person)
- Douro River Cruise with wine/cheese tasting (40€ per person)
- Half-day excursion to the Conimbriga Ruins (18€ per person)
- Half-day Baixa District tour in Lisbon (26€ per person)
- Sintra excursion (60€ per person)



### Cancellation Dates/Fees:

- Cutoff date – **September 13, 2019**, there is a \$25 SSTC processing fee.
- Between **September 14, 2019 and November 3, 2019** - \$300 per person.
- November 4, 2019 or after, YOUR OBLIGATION IS THE FULL PRICE OF THE TRIP.
- If a replacement is found by November 4, an adjustment may be possible.
- No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package and all cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

**Trip Insurance:** The Springfield Ski and Travel 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 for \$179 (<http://www.tripmate.com/wpf394H>), but you can use other insurers as well. Trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

# CROATIA AND SLOVENIA TOUR WITH AN ADRIATIC CRUISE

**WHEN:** May 18-30, 2022

**TRIP LEADER:** Patty Staab – [patstaab@comcast.net](mailto:patstaab@comcast.net) or 217.836.4406

## PRICE:

**Air & Land: \$3,950/person (double occupancy) subject to change after airfare is finalized**

**Land Only: Price adjusted on the 4<sup>th</sup> payment**

**Maximum number of participants is 40.**

## TRIP INCLUDES:

- Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport
- Round trip air transportation between Chicago and Slovenia/Croatia (fare is estimated and subject to change)
- Airport transfers, government taxes, fees, airline fuel surcharges included but subject to change
- Port fees and tourist taxes
- Motor coach transportation throughout the trip
- English speaking tour leader/cruise manager
- Six days on our own private yacht cruising the Croatian Islands in the Adriatic Sea with stops on the islands of Brac, Hvar, Vis, Korcula and Mljet (MS Bella)



Ljubljana, Slovenia

- Additional time in Ljubljana (capital of Slovenia), Bled (Lake Bled), Zagreb (capital of Croatia), National Park Plitvice Lakes, Split and Dubrovnik
- Daily tours (no add-on costs with free time for exploring, shopping or relaxing)
- Guided walking tours of Ljubljana, Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Split, Hvar Town, Korcula and Dubrovnik
- Breakfast daily, seven lunches and six dinners (including dinner at Fodor's recommended Roki's on the Island of Vis)
- Welcome dinner in Ljubljana and Farewell dinner in Dubrovnik
- Olive oil and wine tastings
- Gratuities for bus drivers (Chicago and Croatia), tour director and yacht crew

## PAYMENTS:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment due 5/1/2021 – \$1,000.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 7/1/2021 – \$1,000.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment due 9/1/2021 – \$1,000.00
- 4<sup>th</sup> Payment due 11/1/2021 – \$950.00

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

## PASSPORTS:

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.

- **Cancellation Dates/Fees (Land Portion Only)**

**Cancel by April 29, 2021** – Pay only the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between April 30, 2021, and June 29, 2021** – \$500 is non-refundable plus \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel between June 30, 2021 and August 30, 2021** – \$1,000 is non-refundable plus the \$25 SSTC processing fee.

**Cancel after August 31, 2021** – Your obligation is the full price of the trip plus \$25 SSTC processing fee. No refunds will be given for unused portions of the package.

- All cancellations must be requested in writing. Contact the trip leader regarding any cancellation.
- **Airfare Cancellation** – Dates and amounts of refunds will be based on the airline policy after the airfares are published.
- **ALL CANCELLATIONS SUBJECT TO \$25 SSTC PROCESSING FEE.**

## **INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:**

- Entrance fees included for the Olive Oil Museum on Brac, Plitvice Lakes National Park and Mljet National Park
- Olive oil and wine tastings
- Boat ride on Lake Bled
- Hike Vidova Gora while in Brac
- Boat ride to St. Mary Isle to visit an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and a church dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century
- Visit salt lakes in the Mljet National Park
- Visit Skrip, Brac Island, which is the oldest settlement on the islands, and its Museum of Olive Oil
- Explore Hvar Island which is known for lush lavender fields, breathtaking beauty and the oldest community theatre in Europe – founded in 1612
- Rent kayaks, bikes, scooters or convertible cars on your own to roam around Mljet Island
- Visit Korcula Island (birthplace of Marco Polo) and participate in a tasting of local red and white wines
- Tour Old Town Dubrovnik, it's famous main street of Stradun, the Rector's Palace and City Walls which are a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- And much, much more!

## **HOTELS (subject to change based on availability):**

- Ljubljana – Grand Hotel Union – 1 night – Class 4\*
- Zagreb – Hotel Amadria Park Capital – 1 night – Class 4\*
- MS Bella – 6 nights – 4.5\* on Trip Advisor
- Dubrovnik – Hotel Neptun – 2 nights – Class 4\*
- Vienna, Austria – NH Vienna Airport Hotel – 1 night – Class 4\*



**Plitvice Lakes National Park**

**Trip Insurance:** The Springfield Ski and Travel Club strongly recommends at a minimum 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. Travelers are encouraged to purchase “Cancel for Any Reason” insurance if possible (be sure to compare coverage as some packages do not cover the full price of a trip). Your trip insurance should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage.

## SPRINGFIELD SKI and TRAVEL 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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## **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.”



# SPRINGFIELD SKI CLUB

## Membership Application May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ID # \_\_\_\_\_

(Club Use Only)

(Mail the completed form along with your check to Springfield Ski Club, P.O. Box 1146, Springfield, IL 62705)

### Membership and Directory Information:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Category: ☐ Individual ☐ Family ☐ S.K.I.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

Type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Check for listing in Club Directory: ☐ Home Address ☐ E-Mail Address ☐ Home Phone ☐ Cell Phone

All members will receive two printed full Snowjourners each year and 10 electronically. If you want to continue to receive monthly, mark Yes \_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_. There will be a \$20 fee for monthly mailing. It is also available online at [springfieldskiclub.org](http://springfieldskiclub.org)

### Primary Membership Information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership and Dues -- Non-Refundable:

- ☐ \$20 Monthly newsletter  
☐ \$40 Individual (over age 21)  
☐ \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)  
☐ \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one of the following clubs (indicate with a ✓):  
☐ Bloomington ☐ Peoria ☐ Champaign  
☐ Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive years)

### Club Interests (check all that interest you):

- ☐ Board Member  
☐ Activities (Party Chairperson, Volunteer at Parties)  
☐ Membership (Volunteer at Sign Up Parties)  
☐ Community Service (Volunteer at Charity Events)  
☐ Trip Leader for Ski and/or Day Trips  
☐ Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Tennis)  
☐ Are you a skier?  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you discover our Club? (i.e., friend, website, radio ad, Club event): \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership and Family Data:

Name of Each Individual (include yourself)	Birth Date MM/DD/YY	Adult/ Child	Sex	Single/ Married

Anyone 21 years of age or older is eligible for membership in the Springfield Ski Club. Family membership is one or two adults in the same household and their children (See Bylaws, Article IV, pages 12 & 13 of 2018-2019 Directory). This membership entitles you to membership in the Ski Council of Illinois (S.K.I.).

In applying for Springfield Ski Club membership, I (we) intend to participate in meetings and activities, uphold the constitution and by-laws, and abide by the decisions of the Executive Board. I (we) voluntarily agree not to hold the Springfield Ski Club, its agents, officers, Executive Board, 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.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_