



WELCOME,
Summer!

Snowjourner

Bringing together the people of the Springfield Ski and Travel Club



Dining Out

June 4

**HAS BEEN
CANCELLED**

Happy Hour

EVERY THURSDAY 5:00 to ?

VIA ZOOM

CATCH UP WITH ALL OF YOUR SSTC FRIENDS
FROM THE PRIVACY OF YOUR OWN HOME

SAVE

THE

DATE!

Details Inside

(Note from the Snowjourner editor: Please mark these dates, times and locations on your calendar for future reference.)

**Happy Hours every Thursday
on Zoom. 5:00 (See President's
Message for directions.)**

**Watch July calendar for
July activities!**

**November 1-13
Adventure in Portugal (see flyer)**

June 2020

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month Janice Grosse 217-725-6776
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 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
31	1	2	3	4 Happy Hour ZOOM	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Happy Hour ZOOM	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Happy Hour ZOOM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Happy Hour ZOOM	26	27
28	29	30	1	2 Happy Hour ZOOM	3	4

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank you for choosing me to be your new president! After grueling months of campaigning, I am exhausted, so please consider this message my Inauguration Speech. Note that the Inaugural Parade has been cancelled due to COVID-19. An Inauguration Ball can be held on December 31st at your own home. (Unfortunately, I have other plans for that evening.)

Seriously, I am looking forward to working and socializing with you in the near future--in the coming months and year. However, we must all be patient at this time, recognizing that the corona virus will make planning-ahead difficult. So having Happy Hour gatherings, trips, and activities will not be possible at this time. Caution and safety of our members must always be our primary concern, especially considering that the average age of our membership is about 66, which puts many of us into a vulnerable category. Our concerns should always take into account the needs of others.

In the meantime, let's look for creative ways to cheer up one another as we consider these few months as an "adventure" that makes us all a part of something that will go down in history and will have long-term effects. Our club will take a responsible stand that focuses on health and safety. We will encourage the guidelines, maintaining safety by social distancing and wearing masks, as is appropriate. If we err, we must err

on the side of caution, until there is clear and complete recognition by the health and science experts that it is safe to resume normal activities.

Here is an example of the creative, new-normal activities we can look forward to. There will be Ski Club Happy Hours on ZOOM on Thursday nights. We can thank Cheri Sloat and Jennifer Shrake for organizing and setting up this activity. Here are directions to join us digitally on ZOOM:

- 1) If Jennifer does not have your email address, you will need to send it to her at jshrake@comcast.net. Please do notify her if you wish to be removed from the ZOOM invitation list.
- 2) Download the ZOOM App.
- 3) 24 hours prior to the ZOOM meeting time, you will receive an invitation.
- 4) On the Thursday of the Happy



Hour, open the invitation and click on the link, and then click "join the meeting."

5) On the next screen that pops up, click "use computer sound" or "join internet audio."

6) Wait patiently to join the gathering. The host will admit you to the meeting. This controls who can and cannot join the meeting and provides privacy for our group.

7) Make sure your audio is on and your video is on. The video control is usually in the bottom left hand corner of your screen.

8) We will first meet as a large group. For easier conversation, ZOOM will divide us into smaller groups called breakout rooms. After 15 minutes you will be sent back to the larger group and redirected to another breakout room. We usually have 3 breakout sessions.

9) So buy your own drinks and snacks, and stay at home while you join us at the ZOOM Ski and Travel Club Happy Hour.

We also want to continue our club's community involvement, so let's give a shout out of thanks to Sandy Schinner, who organized a Springfield Ski & Travel Club fund raiser for local food banks. You are probably wondering about the picture of my best friend, STAX the dog. He has this message for you: "Some people say we have to bite the bullet during this pandemic. But I say: Bite the Bone and Stay at Home!" Be safe and stay healthy!

*Rich Bergt
President*



Thank a healthcare worker today!



TOUR TRIPS UPDATE

For all of us with pent up desire to travel, we will be traveling again! Our trip to Portugal has been postponed to November 1-13,2020. There may be a few spaces available on the trip due to conflicts with the new date. If you might be interested, contact Mike Bloechle, our very persevering trip leader.

*Patty Staab
VP for Tour Trips*

CLUB MEMBERS DONATE

Many thanks to the SSTC members who generously made contributions to the recent donation drive. A total of \$4495 was donated; Central Illinois Food Bank received \$3140, and St. John's Breadline received \$1355.

*Sandy Schinneer,
VP for Activities*

TRAVEL PREFERENCES SURVEY REPORT

Thanks to the 83 members that filled out the survey!! 90% of you have traveled with the ski club before and ALL of you want to again. We live up to our new name, the Springfield Ski & TRAVEL Club. I received lots of great suggestions and comments and have passed along ones that would work better as a day trip or a weekend excursion to Wendy Schluter, VP Day Trips. Within the USA most people wanted a shorter trip of 7-10 days & 1 week for the winter beach/sun trip. Some of the more popular destinations were Aruba, Bahamas, NYC & the Hudson Valley & Arizona, For our European trips a majority of people wanted to stay 10-15 days. Greece, Croatia, Iceland & South Africa were overwhelming favorites. The Fall, Mid-Winter and Spring trip committees have been working hard and putting together some FABULOUS trips. Although we are all sheltered in place right now, we can still dream and plan for our future travels.

*Patty Staab
VP for Tour Trips*

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Please send in your membership form if you haven't done so. New membership started on May 1st. If you have any questions contact Pennie Stevens at membership@springfieldskiclub.org. New members: see email



WATCH FOR YOUR JULY SNOWJOURNER
FOR DETAILS ON A GREAT TRIP
BEING PLANNED FOR NEXT SPRING





May Birthdays

Debbie Frenz..... 1	Thomas Londrigan 10	Ed Thomas (1993)..... 26
Bill Tinsley..... 2	Dan Shoraga 12	Jack Kanady 27
Mike Green 2	Debbie Neathery..... 14	Kurt Schmuck..... 27
Chris Rennison 4	Kathy Richardson 14	Alfred Urbanckas 27
Glenn Weatherford..... 5	Alex Ferguson 14	Eric Runkel 27
Tony Passini..... 5	Luke Gleason 17	Marlene Demuzio 28
Dale Elvers 6	Linda Lafferty 17	Kathleen Sorensen 29
Charles Fahrenbacher..... 6	Cindy Grapes 18	Sheila Mack..... 29
Kathleen Treanor..... 7	Marianne Hoke 18	Connie Speck..... 30
John Powers 8	Kathi Katcher..... 21	Tim Stout 30
Beth Gebhards..... 9	Jim Hamrick 21	Dianne Turner 31
	Leanne Oswald 22	



WELCOME,
Summer!



June Birthdays

Mark Hanson 2	Mary Kay Eades 16	DiAnn Trapp 23
Ellen Kuntzi..... 3	Nancy Loeb 17	Maurine Richter 24
Lana Keith..... 5	Jan Smith 17	Dawn Foster..... 24
David Cation 6	Cindy Moreno..... 18	John Keith..... 24
Pat Gleason 8	Sandy Dunkel 19	Steve Bradford 25
Frances Sehring 9	Marilyn Kresse..... 20	David Hatfield 25
Mike Bitschenauer..... 12	Joe Goodner..... 21	Raymond "Rick" Cornell..... 26
Jim Russell 12	Shawn Thicksten 21	Kathy Seketa 27
Jennifer Shrake 12	Greg Pinto..... 21	Gisela Motzkus 27
Peggie Powers 13	Chris Schofield 22	Henry Hermes 27
Sue Richardson..... 13	Jorge Fahrenbacher 22	Jennifer Elders 28
Carol Harper 14	Marvin Widick 22	Rhonda Wood..... 28
Kathy Hawkins 14	Patti Strader..... 23	Pat Aulich 30
Carol Ferguson..... 15		John Ransdell..... 30

ADVENTURES IN PORTUGAL

NEW DATES: NOVEMBER 1-13TH

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 Evora 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 Riberia – 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)



Obidos Medieval Castle



Pena Palace in Sintra

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.

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: _____

1st Deposit: \$ _____ Due: ____/____/____ Paid: ____/____/____

2nd 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.”

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

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: _____