

Save The Date



Saturday, April 30, 2022

Spring Sign-up Party, at the VFW

May 18-30, 2022

Cruise Through Croatia See flyer for details. As of now, trip is fully reserved. September 8-20, 2022 Cruise Greece Idyllic Aegean Islands & Athens

"ICELAND- Land of Fire and Ice"

Watch for upcoming information on our upcoming trip to Iceland in March of 2023!!"

The SSTC Happy Hour is ALWAYS the 3rd Thurs of the month						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3 DINE OUT Boccardi's	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 HAPPY HOUR HARVEST MARKET	18	19 WINE AND CHOCOLATE TOUR
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

The Dining Out Group always meets the 1st Thurs of each month Don Broughton 217-971-8356

brought617@gmail.com Springfield Ski and Travel Club Board meets every 2nd Thursday of the month.

2021/2022 Springfield Ski and Travel Club Board

The Springfield Ski and Travel Club Board is comprised strictly of volunteers. The board meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, and anyone is welcome to attend. If you have a question for a Board Member, please contact by email address as listed in your SSTC Directory.

President Richard Bergt

February 2022

Executive Vice-President Jennifer Shrake

> Treasurer Chris Schofield

Finance Chair Deon Bishop

Secretary Mike Bloechle

VP for Membership Mary Schackmann *VP for Tour Trips* Debi-Barr-Hoquist

VP for Day Trips Wendy Schluter

VP for Winter Trips Gary Kindred

VP for Activities Julie Donelson

Publicity Chair/Happy Hours Chair Judy Nesbitt Dine Out Chair Don Broughton

Snowjourner Editor Janice Broughton

Skier Development - SKI Representative Gary Kindred

> Community Service Chair Ed Huntley

> > Sports Chair Jan Joyce

Webmaster Lois Bloechle

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the month of February, I think of Valentine's Day, President's Day, and especially for those of us from Springfield, I think of Birthday. celebrate Lincoln's То Lincoln's birthday, I suggest you go with other SSTC members on February 12th to the Abe Lincoln Presidential especially Museum, since that day admission is FREE! The winter party scheduled for February has, unfortunately, been cancelled because of Covid. The board decided that since the party is supposed to be a drive for new members, it would be best to delay this event until the April 30th sign-up party.

Next month, in March, your membership application for the 2022—2023 year will be mailed to you. All members, including lifetime members, need to fill out the form and return it by April 30, 2022. Please note that there will be several changes included in the form.

A nominating committee has been formed for open positions in the next SSTC term (May 1st 2022 through April 30th 2023). Positions are open for Vice-President, Treasurer, VP of Activities, VP of Ski trips, Sports programs, and Publicity. If you wish to nominate yourself or someone else for a specific position, contact Jennifer Shrake, chair of the committee, by February 12th.

The board approved a motion to make an addition to the constitution, which will be voted on by club members for approval at the sign-up party April 30th. The addition will state that retiring board members will be credited 10 service hours per year in recognition of their service on the board.

Have a lovely Valentine's Day and celebrate Lincoln's & Washington's birthdays.

> Rich Bergt President





Melissa Dannenberger	1
Gail Hunter	1
Garrett Johnson	2
Michael Kane	3
Richard R. Williams	3
Kelly Costello	7
Michelle Rowe	8
Anne King	9
Shirley Lilly	9
Angie Ramsey	
Jan Joyce	
Mary Mucciante	11
Kent Trexler	12
Iulie Hubbard	12

Sandy Goodner12
Lynn Bierma13
Dinah Willard13
Gary Stockton13
Lindsay S. Hahn14
Brenda Stimac14
Michael Sherman15
Michael S Bohn17
Mary Valasek17
David Scoville17
Deb Philo18
Geri Zamco18
Pam Walters20
Donna Burke20

Sandy Goodner

Michael Blair 20
Julie McQuality 21
Norma Brantley 22
RoyceAnne Scoville 22
John Hawkins 22
Patti Baird22
Andrea Trexler22
Karen L. Kuhar23
David R. Young25
Karen O'Beirne25
Steve Wright25
Kristi Katcher25
Jake Rettberg27
Diane Urbanckas27

ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2022

The Mid-Winter party scheduled for February 25, 2022 has been CANCELLED due to the significant increase in the virus. This isn't what we wanted, but we'd prefer to keep our members as healthy as possible for lots more fun in the future. We are proceeding, at this time, with our plans for the Spring Sign-up Party! Party date is April 30, 2022, at the VFW. We will have food, drinks, and the guys from R&R will be back for music and karaoke. More details will be shared as we get closer, but

add this to your spring calendar! As always, if you are able to assist on party night, let me know. It's never too soon to earn more service hours and help is always appreciated.

> Julie Donelson VP for Activities

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPENINGS

We are seeking Board of Director members who can donate their time and talent to help fully realize our potential as a Ski and Travel Club. These challenging times demand strong leadership and creative ideas. Your involvement is greatly needed.

Please come and serve with fellow members on our Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration. Following are the open positions:

Vice President • Treasurer • VP Day Trips • VP Ski Trips • Community Service • Sports. Please contact Jennifer Shrake 217-622-8798 if you want to nominate someone, volunteer, or have questions.

> Jennifer Shrake Executive Vice President

DAY TRIPS

We are continuing to sign up for The Hamilton at The Fox in St. Louis on May 1st. Only 15 seats are left. The cost is \$180. We leave at 8:30, stop for brunch (not included) then return to Meijer parking lot around 6:30.

The Wine and Chocolate Trail in Hermann, MO is taking sign-ups

for February 19 leaving at 8 a.m, and returning back to Meijer parking lot around 10 p.m. Who doesn't like wine and chocolate! The cost is \$150 and includes a souvenir wine glass and a taste of their wine and chocolate pairing at some of the seven wineries participating. It looks to be a good time to get out and have some fun! There will be only 18 spots on the bus so sign up quickly!

All trips will require proof of vaccine for Covid 19. Please direct any questions to: Wendy Schluter VP for Day Trips! Her email can be found in your SSTC Directory.

Wendy Schluter VP of Day Trips

HAPPY HOUR AT MOTORHEADS



We stayed warm on a very cold winter night while we enjoyed good friendships and good food.





Celebrating in spirit so many miles apart"

CROATIA AND SLOVENIA TOUR WITH AN ADRIATIC CRUISE

WHEN: May 18-30, 2022

TRIP LEADER: Patty Staab - 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 4th 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)





- 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

Ljubljana, Slovenia

- Olive oil and wine tastings
- Gratuities for bus drivers (Chicago and Croatia), tour director and yacht crew

PAYMENTS:

- 1st Payment due 5/1/2021 \$1,000.00
- 2nd Payment due 71/2021 \$1,000.00
- 3rd Payment due 9/1/2021 \$1,000.00
- 4th 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 <u>PICTURE, PASSPORT NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH, ETC. WITH YOUR TRIP APPLICATION</u>. 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 <u>plus</u> \$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 12th 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.

THE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB GREEK ISLES CRUISE 2022 and ATHENS

WHEN: September 8-20, 2022

TRIP LEADERS: Cheri and David Sloat, (847) 902-1698 (Cheri) or (847) 902-1691 (David) or <u>csloat51@gmail.com</u> <u>dgsloat51@gmail.com</u>

PRICE: Per person trip pricing is dependent on cabin selection. Cabin allotments are subject to change.

	Room	Cost Per	Single
Room Description	Category	Person	Price
Obstructed Oceanview	OK	\$4270.00	\$5840.00
Picture Window Oceanview	OB	\$4500.00	\$5900.00
Balcony	BA	\$4860.00	N/A

TRIP INCLUDES:

*Bus transportation to and from O'Hare Airport

- *Air transportation to and from Athens, Greece
- *Airfare taxes, fees and fuel surcharges included, but subject to change
- *Motor coach transportation throughout trip
- *Gratuities for bus drivers and ship staff
- *Seven Night Greek Isle Cruise on Norwegian Cruise Line Jade
- *Three Meals Per Day on Cruise
- *Unlimited Drink Package on Cruise (not premium)
- *Shore Excursions \$50.00 per person per port
- *Port Charges and Gratuities
- *Four Nights in Athens with Breakfast and Room Tax Included
- *One Half-Day Tour in Athens
- *\$100.00 onboard ship credit per cabin
- *Two specialty dining options
- *250 free minutes WiFi

NOTE: Shore excursions and tours call for moderate physical activity, including climbing stairs, walking up to two miles (on uneven surfaces and/or hills) and standing for an hour or longer.

PAYMENTS

Deposit at sign up: \$11252nd Payment due **November 15, 2021** = \$1125 or \$1600 for single 3rd Payment due **February 15, 2022** = \$1125 or \$1600 for single 4th Payment due **April 15, 2022** = Remainder**



**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 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. YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE VALID THROUGH MARCH 2023.

Itinerary for September 8–20				
Thursday, September 8	Bus to O'Hare and fly to Athens.			
Friday, September 9	Arrive Athens.			
Saturday, September 10	One half day tour of Athens			
Sunday, September 11	Depart Athens on NCL Cruise on Jade			
Monday, September 12	Kusadasi and Patmos			
Tuesday, September 13	Rhodes			
Wednesday, September 14	Mykonos			
Thursday, September 15	Argostoli			
Friday, September 16	Corfu			
Saturday, September 17	Santorini			
Sunday, September 18	Arrive Athens			
Monday, September 19	Athens			
Tuesday, September 20	Depart Athens Fly home			

HOTELS are subject to change based on availability. Gratuities are **NOT** included for hotel staff/servers.

CANCELLATION Dates/Fees

*All cancellations are subject to a \$25 SSTC Processing Fee.

*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. *Between September 18, 2021 and October 31, 2021 - \$110.00 + \$25.00 = \$135.00 *Between November 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021 - 30% of the total cost of the trip +\$25.00

*Between January 1, 2022 and February 28 – 50% of the cost of the trip + \$25.00 *March 1, 2022 or after, YOUR OBLIGATION IS THE FULL PRICE OF THE TRIP.

SSTC requires all travelers to be fully vaccinated against COVID.

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 should be purchased as soon as possible to ensure complete coverage, generally within 10 - 14 days of your first payment.

	Application Form	i ior i rips/sporu	ng Lvents
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Male: Female: DOB Passport # (if international trip): Roommate Preference: Are you interested in: NAST The Springfield Ski Club in good fa accommodate the requests of its me our control or if specific requests ca arrangements or schedules, hotel or activity or trip. Your signature belo I agree to make the appropriate pub I have also read and understand the As a participant of the trip describee Directors, or members liable for any which may result from or on accourt	E: DL TAR racing? Les aith makes every effort to embers. However, the Clu annot be honored. This in condo reservations, destin to warrants you have read blished trip payments on the trip policy statements on d above: I voluntarily agree y accident or injury to my nt of my participation in a	#: Pa Other Reque sons? Are yo complete a scheduled ac b will not be held respon cludes, but is not limited nations, and emergencies and understand this stat e scheduled due dates. page two of this form an even ot to hold the Spring self, or for any loss of or Club activity.	tivity or trip as advertised, and to nsible if arrangements are changed beyond to, changes in our itineraries, airline s requiring a modification of any scheduled tement.

For trip leader us	<u>se only</u>	App. No.	-		Wait List:	-	
Full Trip Price:	\$	Partial Tri	p Price:	\$	N	otes:	
1 st Deposit:	\$	Due:	/	/	Paid:	/	/
2 nd Deposit:	\$	Due:	1		Paid:	/	_/
Final Payment:	\$	Due:	1		Paid:	_/	/
Approved Refund:	\$	Total Paid	: \$	2.7			

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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."

	Amount \$
SPRINGFIELD SKI & TRAVEL CLUB Membership Application May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022	Date
May 1, 2021 through April 50, 2022	(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 🗆 Lifetime
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
	year and 10 electronically. If you want to continue to receive monthly, onthly mailing. It is also available online at <u>springfieldskiclub.org</u>
Primary Membership Information:	
First Name: MI	_ Last Name:
Membership and Dues Non-Refundable:	Club Interests (check all that interest you):
\$20 Monthly newsletter	Board Member
□ \$40 Individual (over age 21)	 Activities (Party Chairperson, Volunteer at Parties) Membership (Volunteer at Sign Up Parties)
\Box \$50 Family (spouses and children under age 21)	Community Service (Volunteer at Charity Events)
□ \$10 Reciprocal Membership (must be a member of one o	f the
following clubs (indicate with a \checkmark):	Sports Coordinator (Billiards, Bowling, Golf, Tennis)
🗌 Bloomington 🔲 Peoria 🔲 Champaign	Are you a skier?
Lifetime Member (must be member for 25 consecutive ye	ears)

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 Kouncil 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: