

I might have forgotten to say Happy New Year last month, so Happy New Year. We have some exciting things coming up. We would like everyone's assistance in these endeavors. They should be fun and will help with recruitment of new members.

We have a new flier developed by Stephanie Keister with input from some members of the board. It will be ready for distribution before you get this newsletter. I think Lynda Bennett intended to include a copy in her information for this issue. We would like to have members take the flier and post it in places where potential members will see it. Some of our suggestions are your workplace, health club, church, college or university, other clubs or organizations. It covers our upcoming events and Happy Hours and directs people to the website www.springfieldskiclub.org. Depending on the response we get, we may update it three or four times a year.

We also have a Membership Appreciation and Recruitment Party planned for the March Happy Hour. We will have some special door prizes and other drawings, so make sure you are there and bring your friends. RoyceAnne Scoville also has begun a new drawing at Happy Hours for free drinks. The only way to get into the drawing is to open all your emails from SSC. Roughly half the emails we send don't get opened. I am one of the culprits. I almost always know what they say, so I don't always open them. If your email address has changed, please let us know. Tim Rogers was the lucky winner at the subzero January Happy Hour.

The other event we have planned is a float in the Springfield St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have some members who have volunteered to help with this effort and need your help. Yes, your help! We need ideas, labor and participation. If you have never served on a committee or as a trip leader, this is a great event to help with and meet new people. Please call or email me if you want to help. Our brainstorming sessions have already resulted in some great ideas and lots of laughs.

I was also approached at the January Happy Hour by a member asking about starting a Pool League. I am sure we have some pool players out there. Our plan is to arrange an evening of pool at one of the area pool establishments and gauge the interest. If you are interested, watch for the details. Once we get them worked out we will include an article in the Snowjourner, post it on the website and/or send an email. If you have a hobby or interest and would like to try something new as a club event, let me know. We are always looking for new ideas.

Finally, we have our April Sign Up coming up. I know you won't want to miss it. See you at Happy Hour!