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SKIDDOO

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Activities

Oct 21	Member Meeting
Nov 18	Member Meeting
Dec 15 **Friday**	Member Meeting
Dec 27	Sundown Mtn Trip
Jan 13-20	Steamboat Springs Trip
Jan 20	Soup and Chili Cook Off
Feb 9-12	Lutsen Resort Trip
Feb 17	Member Meeting
Mar 17	Member Meeting
Apr 21	Post Party



BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is October 18.

Members and non-members are welcome.

Time and location of the next board

Meeting can be obtained from Mike Buckman

EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact: Kim Betts

Annual Membership fees: Single - \$30; Household - \$47

MOVED/MOVING:

Send address change to:

East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843

Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843

DEADLINE:

The deadline for the October Skiddoo is October 27.

Contact Mary Jean Blaisdell.

EISC Financials are available on request.

Regular winter meetings are held at the

VFW, 3240 Southgate Place SW

Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

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President's Message 9/29/17

As I write this, we are in Atlanta, enjoying the second portion of a vacation which began on Folly Beach in South Carolina. When we left Iowa, the weather wasn't much different there than here. Though the Charleston area appeared unharmed by the recent hurricanes, the breakers on the beach were still enough to attract surfers on Monday. By Thursday, the swells were mild enough that even I was willing to go out and make a fool of myself on a boogie board. It seemed like I have been having my own "Endless Summer". But I know that in Iowa there's a nip to the air and the feeling is more in keeping with the color of the leaves. We've had our Kick-off and our season is now in full gear. Many of you probably enjoyed a lovely day of bicycling on the Heritage Trail, clinging to the last remnants of summer. If you look on the calendar, the next three Ski Club outings are all downhill skiing. I savor all seasons, and I was happy to have an extended summer. Many of us love the fall and hope that it doesn't give way too quickly to winter. The predictions for winter that I have heard are fairly warm but with more snow, which would certainly fit our needs in the ski club. Again, I remind you to seize the opportunities which each season offers.



Stay active my friends!

-Mike Buckman, EISC President

Nothing Nights - Wed Eve - CJ's Bar and Grill 7:00

A long time tradition is to socialize on Wednesday nights, since there is nothing going on! We will meet for supper and drinks at 7:00pm and see what's going on. By popular demand we have moved back to **CJ's Sports Bar and Grill, 62 17th Ave SW**. CJ's has a varied menu and good prices. Most of the time we are in the back room.

CJ's is close to the trail, so join your friends for a bike ride starting at about 5:30 and riding south, weather permitting.

Watch here each month for the location or check the East Iowa Ski Club website calendar. Come on down! You don't want to miss out.

Birthdays Oct: 5th: **Linda Berry** and **Dick Means**; 11th: **Ruth Van Tol**; 14th: **Jim Takes**; 19th: **Morgan Elliff**; 21st: **Steve Bright**; 28th: **Connie Miller**, **Sally Williams**, and **Sandra Cummings**; 29th: **Dave Mahlke**; 30th **Sue Goettel**; 31st **Anne Michael Groom**

Family News

The EISC wishes to express condolences to **Wayne Scheetz** on the loss of his father, Elmer Scheetz and **Wayne VanGorp** on the loss of his sister Kathleen Frantz who passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer on Sept 12.

We also all wish **Lawrence Fraley** good luck and safe travels on his last 6-month deployment in the Air National Guard.

EISC Annual Kickoff Report



Another EISC Kickoff is in the books. Nearly 65 EISC members and guests enjoyed the day at the new Red Cedar Lodge at Squaw Creek Park. Everyone agreed the new facility is a great place, even though we no longer have the cozy limestone fireplace in the middle of the building. The potluck food brought by the membership was wonderful and plentiful as always. Many thanks to **Bob and Nancy Thorkildson** for bringing brat burgers to grill. They were provided by Roy's Grocery in Shellsburg and sure were tasty. Thanks also to the **Langhoff's** for letting us "borrow" their grill for the day.

Heritage Trail Bike Ride Report

It was an absolutely perfect day for a bike ride on the Heritage Trail just outside of Dubuque. Eleven EISC'ers showed up to enjoy a nice fall ride through the country side and along the Little Maquoketa River. And to top off a great ride, we opted for a different food and beverage spot. Catfish Charlies is a fantastic spot in Dubuque that overlooks the Mississippi and all the docked boats in the Harbor Marina. Much thanks to **Ann DeLaney** for the suggestion.



Only one small hiccup when one of our EISC'ers left their backpack at the Durango Depot Bar & Grill with their car keys in it. But all ended well after a quick return car ride up the road to retrieve the backpack. Many thanks to those that went. It's the people that always make the trip a success.

Sundown Mountain December 27, 2017

Put December 27th on your calendar. This is a great occasion to prepare yourself for that big ski trip or to try out skiing and see how you like it. You can always expect great snow conditions at Sundown because of its expansive snow making and grooming equipment. Bring everyone who is interested, you don't need to be an EISC club member to join in the fun. The full group package includes lift ticket, equipment rental, and a ski lesson for an economical \$52. Group lift ticket is \$34. I will have the signup roster at the October club meeting. This week in the news I heard the western resorts have already started making snow - wow.



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Steamboat Jan 13 to 20, 2018

The Steamboat trip scheduled for 1/13 to 1/20/2018 is currently full, but people can always sign-up on the waiting list.

How did Steamboat Springs get its name? Fur trappers that frequented the area in early 1800's heard a chugging sound and believed that a steamboat was coming down the river. When the trappers saw that there was no steamboat, and that the sound was coming from a hot spring, they decided to name the spring Steamboat Springs.



Who is responsible for the Steamboat Springs Ski resort? Jim Temple and John Fetcher, two local men, worked together to establish the ski resort. Temple led the effort to develop the area. Fetcher, a local rancher, was the main designer and builder. The resort opened on what was then called Storm Mountain in 1963.

Champagne anyone? The term "Champagne Powder" was coined by Kremmling rancher Joe McElroy who operated a rope-tow hill on Baker Mountain. It was James Temple who "got permission" to use the phrase in the late 1950's to promote the new Steamboat Springs ski area.

The thrill of victory? Steamboat has produced more winter Olympians than any other town in North America, a record 88 and counting as well as several summer Olympians. Given this, it's also known as Ski Town USA. On Seventh and Yampa Street you'll find the beginning of what will be Steamboat's own "Walk of Fame". Bronze plaques are being embedded in the sidewalk to represent a plaque for each Steamboat Olympian.

Want to go hot-tubbing? More than 150 mineral springs have been identified in the Yampa Valley, including the famous Steamboat Springs. The Yampatika Ute and Arapaho Indian tribes visited the Valley regularly for its mineral or "medicine" springs, which were considered sacred places of physical

and spiritual healing. A few of the more famous springs include Litha Springs, Strawberry Park Hot Springs, the Heart Springs at the Old Town Hot Springs, Soda Springs.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: An email was sent on September 22 with all the details regarding travel insurance to all the trip participants. If anyone didn't receive the email contact one of the trip coordinators.

Have questions about the trip? Please contact the trip coordinators.

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Lutsen, Minnesota Feb 9-12

EISC is planning the perfect New England get away this year. Only to keep the costs in line, we are going to Lutsen, MN. There we have a New England look-alike resort which gets rave reviews for scenery, thanks to its spectacular views of Lake Superior. Located on four separate peaks of the Sawtooth Mountain range, it has trails on 1000 acres of skiable terrain, 90 runs, 1088 feet of vertical, and 10 feet average snowfall. Recent upgrades include an 8-passenger gondola, 6 passenger high speed chair, and \$9 mil in snowmaking equipment.

We will depart by deluxe motor coach the morning of Feb 9th from Cedar Rapids to travel along the scenic North Shore Drive of Minnesota. Lodging will be at the Best Western Superior Inn in Grand Marais on the shore of Lake Superior for three nights and returning home on Monday, Feb 12. The hotel includes a hot breakfast along with a large hot tub and giant indoor whirlpool. The bus will provide transportation to the picturesque Lutsen Resort and other nearby areas including trails.

Non-skiers can also keep busy in and around Grand Marais with a vast trail system for cross country skiing, snow shoeing, and hiking. Or how about taking in the village shops and museum, riding the Lutsen gondola up to a resort restaurant with a beautiful view, and taking in a guided nature hike or tour?

Bonus!! There is no added cost for children to stay with two adults/room.

The adult package includes:

- Round trip bus from Cedar Rapids
- 3 nights lodging at the Best Western Superior Inn in Grand Marais
- Wine and Cheese Party
- Optional lift tickets for \$450 w/o lifts. Add \$105 for a two day lift ticket.

The children's package is \$192 w/o lifts.

Sign-up is open now, so don't wait.

- **Adult full pkg - \$185 Sept, \$185 Oct, \$185 Nov**
- **Adult w/o lifts - \$150 Sept, \$150 Oct, \$150 Nov**
- **Child full pkg - \$99 Sept, \$99 Oct, \$99 Nov**
- **Child w/o lifts - \$64 Sept, \$64 Oct, \$64 Nov**

Cancellation date is November 18, 2017

Looking forward to January,
Your three fantastic trip chairs:

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