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# SKIDDOO

"The Outdoor Fun People"

A Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council Affiliate  
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## Activities

Mar 9	Roughriders Hockey Game
Mar 17	Member Meeting
Apr 21	Post Party at Eagles Club
June 2	Spring Picnic, Squaw Creek
June 9	Cedar Falls Bike Ride
July 13	Kernel's Baseball Game
July 28	Golf Outing, Wildcat

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East Iowa Ski Club  
PO Box 843  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843



### BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is March 14.

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:

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843

### DEADLINE:

The deadline for the April Skiddoo is March 30.

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

[WWW.EastIowaSkiClub.com](http://WWW.EastIowaSkiClub.com)

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## President's Message

It's been another great year of skiing and traveling. There's Roughriders hockey next week. The Post Party next month promises to be another fun evening. Many warm weather activities are planned. Like the many proficient gardeners in our club, who prepare the thawing ground for new growth, your East Iowa Ski Club board is preparing.



In order to maintain and nurture a healthy club, we have to raise our membership fees a little. The increasing rent of a meeting hall alone is the most significant cost. We're not giving up our search for a lower cost hall but so far, we haven't found a better place. (Perhaps you, dear reader, know of a place we haven't considered.) The individual membership fee will remain the same at \$30 per year while the Household membership will now be \$60. This will take effect April 1. Since we have greatly reduced the printing and mailing of hard copies of the Skiddoo, the cost savings to households is really no longer there. That's why we chose to only increase the household membership which will now be \$60.

Even though I am in one of the households that will now be paying a little more, I am still enthused about the great value that our club provides. As always...

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. Watch here each month for the location or check the East Iowa Ski Club website calendar. Interested in having Nothing Nights at a different venue? Visit us at CJ's and discuss with the regulars, perhaps they are up for a change. Come on down! You don't want to miss out.

**Birthdays** March: 1<sup>st</sup>: **Pat Boland**; 7<sup>th</sup>: **Jule Day**; 9<sup>th</sup>: **Larry Smith** and **Steve Sartori**; 10<sup>th</sup>: **Gordy Bowman**; 16<sup>th</sup>: **Tina Gull** and **Kennedy Hunerdosse**; 19<sup>th</sup>: **Mary Jean Blaisdell**; 20<sup>th</sup>: **Anita Strouf**; 26<sup>th</sup>: **Rhonda Bohrer**.

## Twin Cities Winter Carnival and Other Fun Recap

The Ice Castle, Afton Alps, IKEA, Twin Cities Light Rail, McGoverns Pub, Roller Girls, Parade, Treasure Island Casino, Mall of America, Shot Ski, Weisman Art Museum, Welsh Village, Fireworks, German Ale, Wine and Cheese ---all these things shared with friends and fellow members of the East Iowa Ski Club are now great warm memories. Thanks to all who shared with us this fun weekend in the Twin Cities and proved St. Paul is not Siberia, and is definitely fit for human habitation.

**Ruth, Jeff and Mary**



## EISC X-Country/Snowshoe Schedule 2018

Join us **Saturdays at 1:00pm.**

Contact- **Gary Dalecky** - 319-393-1542

or **Brian Keller** – 319-213-0309

Dates in **red** are when a ski trip coincides, **blue** are member meeting days. If not enough snow, consider taking a hike and get some fresh air. This schedule is found on the ski club website calendar which provides a map. If we get a good snow day outside this schedule, use the ski club forums & set up a spontaneous ski/snowshoe day. There are 34 members in the Snowshoe forum and 37 in the X-country ski forum. Give it a try.

### **March**

Lake Macbride Park 3/03/18

Matsell Bridge Park 3/10/18

Wickiup Hill Park 3/17/18

Jones Park 3/24/18

## February Meeting Photos



## March Member Meeting

The next EISC member meeting will be on Sat March 17 at the VFW - 3240 Southgate Place SW, Cedar Rapids. Yes – that’s **St Patrick’s Day**, so be sure to wear something **GREEN!!** Doors open at 7:00. Guests are welcome.

Our guest speaker will be Brandon Whyte, Multimodal Transportation Planner, from Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization who will speak at March meeting about upcoming bike trail projects in the area. We will be taking sign-ups for Post Party, along with announcements of upcoming activities. Hope to see you at the meeting.

## Hockey - We Need More Cowbell

The EISC is headed to the Stable to see the Roughriders defend the home ice against the 380 corridor rivals the Waterloo Blackhawks. Come and Celebrate with Larry Smith – it’s his 29<sup>th</sup> birthday

**Open to ALL members and non-members**

Date – Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>

Time – Puck drops at 7:05 pm (TICKETS available at 6:15 in the lower lobby)

Price - \$14 per person sitting in Gray Zone!

Ways to Pay – Submit payment to EISC website **OR** mail payment to EISC PO Box.

Currently have 23 people signed up – we need more!

Bring your cowbells and get ready to cheer – let’s raise a glass of beer to wish Larry Smith some birthday cheer (o: See you at the Stable!

**Sandra Cummings** - Call or text 319-573-9685 **OR** Email – [Sandrella21@aol.com](mailto:Sandrella21@aol.com)



# 2018 EISC Golf Outing - SAVE the DATE!! Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

Before you know it, schedules will be filling up for the summer months. We want to let everyone know that the annual EISC Golf Tournament will be at Wildcat Golf Course in Shellsburg on the morning of Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. We're working out details on start time and cost and will have a sign-up sheet at Post Party and the spring picnic. Hope you can join us for a fun outing.

**Kathy Healy**  
319-560-7930

**Nancy Thorkildson**  
319-521-4080

**Sarah Wittnebel**  
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## EISC POST PARTY - Sat April 21, 6:00 pm at the Eagles Club

The Ski Season is "melting away" and it will soon be time to celebrate another successful year. What better way than to have a party - - **POST PARTY**. Plan to come to the **Eagles Club** at 1735 11<sup>th</sup> St NW, Cedar Rapids, for food and drink, fun and dancing.

Social hour at 6:00 for festive drinks and conversation, a catered dinner at 7:00, a recap of the 2017/18 season at 8:00, and music from our **DJ Purple Star Entertainment** from 9:00 till midnight.

Our **3 entree choices** this year are the very popular prime rib, or a chicken breast stuffed with a mixture of cheeses and seasonings, spinach and wrapped in bacon, or a vegetarian/gluten free lasagna. The meal includes salad, baked potato, vegetable, roll, and dessert. The event will cost \$39 per person for prime rib, or \$31 per person for chicken or lasagna. If you come after dinner (for the program and dance only) the cost is \$14.

Reservations, including your entree choice, can be made on-line at the eastiowaskiclub.com website, or sign-up at the March 17 meeting, or by mail to PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843. No reservation is needed for the program/dance only. **Dinner reservations must be made by April 13.** For further information: contact **Janet Stimson**, 319-849-1526, or janet@eastiowaskiclub.com.

Note: if you register online, you do not need to fill out this paper form:

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## **EISC Post Party Reservation Form [Apr 21, 2018]**

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate number attending on the lines below:

- [ ] Dinner / Dance – prime rib - \$39 per person
- [ ] Dinner / Dance – stuffed chicken breast - \$31 per person
- [ ] Dinner / Dance – vegetarian lasagna - \$31 per person
- Dance Only - \$14 (Reservation not necessary for dance only)

### **Dinner Reservations must be made by April 13th.**

Send check, payable to: East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843.

For further information, call: **Janet Stimson**, 319-849-1526, or janet@eastiowaskiclub.com

## Election Results

Voting of the new members was held at our February meeting. Those selected to the EISC Board of Directors were Linda Berry, Mike Buckman, Steve Cummings, and Brenda Garbe. Congratulations all! And a sincere thanks to Don and Pat Boland for serving on the election committee, as well as a thanks to Linda, Mike, Steve, Brenda and Teresa for running for the board.

## EISC Survey Results for 2018/2019 by Mike Buckman

Thanks to the membership on those that completed (qty 57) a survey during January on destinations and activities the club would like to see and do this next 2018/2019 season. These results are important in helping provide a focus on 2018/2019 event planning.

A result summary is as follows:

### Major Ski Trips:

- 77% consider participating on a major ski trip, 23% not;
- 51% support two major ski trips in one season, 49% not;
- 81% support a new ski destination the club hasn't visited previously, 5% not, 14% NA/NonSkier;

### Top Major Ski Resorts:

- 23% Telluride or Mt. Bachelor;
- 18% Beaver Creek;
- 16% Taos;
- 11% Lake Tahoe, Japan or Aspen/Snowmass;
- 9% Alyeska, Alaska;
- 7% Breckenridge, Sun Valley or N/A;
- 5% Copper Mountain, Powder Highway or Winter Park;
- 4% Big Sky, Fernie, Keystone, Kicking Horse, Park City, Red Mountain British, Summit, Vail, Whistler;
- 2% Alta/Snowbird/Utah, Crested Butte, Deer Valley, Gstaad/Zermaat, Jackson Hole, Montana, Quebec, Steamboat, Vancouver.

### Midwest Ski Resorts:

- 77% consider participating on a Midwest ski trip, 16% not,
- 7% NA/Non-Skier
- 56% of skiers would prefer that the club travels to resorts closer (4-5 hour drive) to home while
- 26% responded "No" to this question,
- 18% no opinion.

### Top Midwest Resorts:

- 23% of the skiers would go to Welch Village;
- 16% Granite Peak;
- 14% Cascade;
- 11% Devil's Head;
- 5% Chestnut/Galena;
- 4% Lutsen or Spirit Mountain;
- 2% Afton Alps, Boyne Mountain, Indianhead, Portage, Trollhaugen, NOT Galena or NA/Non-Skier.

### Off Ski Season Week/Weekend:

- 14% Biking (no trail named) and 12% biking on specific trails named,
- 11% Kayaking;
- 7% Camping;
- 5% Alaska/Alaska Cruise, Rafting; Washington DC;
- There were numerous votes for various sightseeing or hiking/nature suggestions.

### Post Party Entertainment Preference:

- 31% Live Band, 7% DJ, 53% No Preference