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Activities

June 2	Spring Picnic, Squaw Creek
June 9	Cedar Falls Bike Ride
July 8	Car Cruise
July 13	Kernel's Baseball Game
July 28	Golf Outing, Wildcat
Aug 4	Corn Roast at Stimson's
Aug 18	Takes to the River Party
Sep 15	Kickoff @ Pinicon Ridge Horseshoe Falls Lodge



BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is June 13.
Members and non-members are welcome.
Time and location of the next board
Meeting can be obtained from **Brenda Garbe**

EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact:
members@eastiowaskiclub.com
Annual Membership fees: Single - \$30; Household - \$60

MOVED/MOVING:

Send address change to:
East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843

DEADLINE:

The deadline for the July Skiddoo is **June 29**
Contact **Mary Jean Blaisdell**.

EISC Financials are available on request.
Regular winter meetings are held at the
Shores Event Center at 700 16th St NE

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President's Message

Summer weather is finally here it seems, I was reminded that we're past the date of the three kings (an old reference in gardener circles) but also the time for the Outdoor Fun People to get their bikes and paddles out of storage. The weekly bike tour is starting out up on Wednesday afternoons, show up at CJs and enjoy the bike trail.

The board has some fun outdoor activities planned this summer as always. Thank you to all the folks that are volunteering to lead one of these activities, we couldn't do it without you. We have a Car Cruise planned in July, something we haven't done for several years. So get your

hot rods, antiques or modern cars polished up and ready for an adventure.

One future change coming this fall will be a new location and new night for our monthly club meetings. The board (specifically Ange and Marty) has spent the past year on and off searching for a reasonably priced alternative, the VFW has gotten too expensive for our budget. Our options/budget were so limited on Saturday nights, so the option of Friday nights was considered. The board realizes this is a departure from tradition, but felt the club members could adapt.

Our main considerations were of course the price, a location not far from the interstate, a safe neighborhood and they hold their own liquor license. The Shores Event Center at 700 16th St NE, has a nice sized room for our needs and is handicap accessible (even an elevator) This is an up and coming young neighborhood now dubbed "The College District" located close to Mt. Mercy and Coe College. There is new development happening in this area, including a restaurant and coffee spot. Come join us in October at The Shores to enjoy this new venue.

-Brenda Garbe, EISC President

Birthdays June: 1st: **Kim Betts**; 16th: **Gene Freundt** and **Connie Saboe**; 20th: **Ron Saboe**; 22nd: **Kiley Elliff**; 23rd: **Denise Langhoff**; 25th: **DiAnn Stevens**; 30th: **William Jones**.



Nothing Nights - Wed Eve - CJ's Bar and Grill 7:00; Biking 5:30

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.

Family

Congratulations to **Gary Dalecky** and **Jane Sents** on their recent retirements!

Ray Rios passed away on **May 10th**. He was a frequent trophy winner at our annual golf outings and a friend of the club. Our condolences go out to **Gordy Bowman** & his family.

Season Ski Pass Purchase

We've noticed that many members purchase season ski passes, such as EPIC or IKON, to save money.

You may be aware that we often work with a travel agent, Marcie Hawks of Ski.com. If you are contemplating buying an EPIC or IKON pass and are joining us on an East Iowa Ski Club trip, you can help the club by buying your epic/Ikon passes through Marcie Hawks at Ski.com. Then they can be counted toward the complimentary lift tickets OR offer each club member a discount off of the ground package, \$40 for full epic or Ikon. Or they can keep track and then offer it back to the club as a full

discount or sponsor a party if enough people sign up.

It helps Marcie and Ski.com and the prices are the same as if you bought online.

<https://epicikon.events.ski.com>

Spring Picnic Sat June 2nd - Squaw Creek Park, Meadowlark Pavilion

Join your friends at Meadowlark Pavilion in Squaw Creek Park in Marion on Saturday June 2 for a picnic. It's a good day to get out that fun car and drive to the Park. Don't forget your outdoor games, card games, and food items to share. Games and conversation start at 3pm and we'll eat around 6 pm. Bring a meat to grill for supper if you like. We will provide a grill, table settings, pop, and bottled water. There is electricity available for crock pots.



It's a Beer Taste opportunity. Bring a special Craft Beer to share with your friends – one that you've loved or wanted to try. We will also have some box wine available.

Wear your favorite t-shirt from a great vacation or a tacky t-shirt for the fun of it. We'll go over the summer events, play some games and have a picnic. **Watch for sign-ups for the summer events – such as the Kernels baseball game on Fri July 13. Trip announcements to be made at the Spring Picnic.** Hope to see you there.

Annual Cedar Falls/Waterloo Bike Ride - June 9th

It finally stopped snowing; let's celebrate with a bike ride!! Here is all the info:

Where to meet: Gateway Park

Directions: After getting into Waterloo, merge onto 218 N. toward Waterloo/Airport. Go about 9.5 miles and then take IA-57 W. toward Cedar Falls/Uni-Dome. Go about 1.5 miles and turn right onto Main St. Go over the bridge; Gateway Park is on the right.

For GPS users: Lincoln St. and Main St. in Cedar Falls

When: 9:30 AM

Campgrounds: *Black Hawk Park* – first come, first serve, *George Wyth State Park* – reservations accepted, *Big Woods Lake Campground* – reservations accepted. All 3 campgrounds are on the trail.



Our plan for this year's ride is to ride from Single Speed to Single Speed!! That's right - there is one in Cedar Falls and in Waterloo We will ride from Gateway Park in Cedar Falls to the historically renovated Wonder Bread building (now the Waterloo Single Speed), have lunch, drinks and enjoy the ambience of our surroundings. Then we will make our way back to the Single Speed in CF and stop there to celebrate the end of a great day of biking with EISC friends. Of course, you can always stop for dessert at Scratch Cupcakery or even do some shopping at the great little shops in downtown CF No need to sign up, but if you let us know you're coming, we'll be sure to wait for you!

Any questions or suggestions, you can call or email **Jane and Wendall Sents** at 319-231-8072 or wsents@gmail.com.



Car Cruise July 8

Come join us on the EISC July Classic Car Cruise. Date: Sunday, July 8th at noon, rain or shine. Meeting place will be the Marion Walmart near the McDonalds. We will be heading to a town named after an Indian princess and then will wind our way to a dead end for food and drinks.

'Truss' us, you will like it. **David Meyer,**
meyer784@msn.com, 319-432-8959

Cedar Rapids Kernels' Baseball Friday July 13 - Gates open at 5:30

Come out and cheer the Kernels' on!

The game date is Friday, July 13 and the game time is 6:35 pm. Gates open at 5:30 with food served beginning at 6:00. We have seats in the Arctic Insulation Party Plaza located down the right field lane, on the concourse above the Plaza bleacher seating.

You may sign up on Ski Club website or see me at the Spring Picnic on June 2nd. Bring your checkbooks since this will be the only time to sign up in person! Deadline for sign up and payment is June 28th. We are looking forward to having a good time.

The cost is \$29.00. The food is from 6:00 to 9:00. The menu is hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, brats, popcorn, peanuts, ice cream sandwiches, pop, bottled water and beer.



~Sue Goettel: (319)365-1270 - skgoettel@mchsi.com



EISC Annual Golf Outing - July 28th

The annual EISC Golf Tournament will be held at Wildcat Golf Course in Shellsburg on the morning of Saturday, July 28th. This is a four person best shot with non-cash prizes. We'll have a shot gun start at 9:00am and the cost will be \$47 for 18 holes of golf, cart and a meal following. (Please plan to arrive by 8:30) This event is open to non-ski club members so feel free to invite friends and family!!

Please register and pay through the club's website. (People not belonging to the ski club may also sign up and pay online.) The deadline for registering and paying for the event is Friday, July 13th. As an alternative, you may pay by sending a check to the EISC PO Box #843, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406. You can organize your own teams, or sign up as an individual and we'll pair you up with others. We'll have sign-up sheets at upcoming events for you to indicate who is on your team.

Non golfers are welcome to come out, order off the grill menu and enjoy the tournament wrap up. So come on out and join in the fun exploring the mysteries of golf!! And remember....."No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.."

If there are any questions, feel free to contact us! Hope to see you at Wildcat!!

Kathy Healy
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Corn Roast at Stimson's - Sat Aug 4 - 2:00PM

Sally Williams will be pre-occupied in August celebrating a new grandchild ☺, so this year the annual Corn Roast will be hosted by **Marty and Janet Stimson** in rural Center Point. Get ready to have an afternoon/evening of festivities and feasting on August 4.



Activities will start at 2:00 pm with fellowship and outdoor games. So bring your favorite game – bean bag toss, bocce ball, etc. We will also have guest guitar entertainment from **Darryl Hokanson** and Phil Thomas. Marty will be cooking up smoked pork for sandwiches, and we will have Iowa fresh sweet corn. So bring a dish to share, your favorite lawn chair, and a friend or two. This event is open to members and non-members. We plan to eat about 6:00.

We will provide the sweet corn along with plates, utensils, pop, beer, wine, bottled water, and take donations to cover these costs. There will be a bon-fire by the pond at dusk. For those who like to camp you're welcome to bring a camper or a tent and stay overnight.

The address is: 4750 Durow Rd, Center Point, Iowa. *There are several routes for travelers, so follow your GPS if you prefer. Or take these directions: Take I-380 to Center Point exit 35. Follow Franklin St thru Center Point. Turn left on Vine Street on the north part of town. Go to the stop sign at Main Street and turn right. Head north out of town (about 2 miles) past the Rolling Acres Golf Course to Durow Road. Turn left and cross the red bridge over Blue Creek (about a mile). We are on the left just past the bridge. Look for the familiar EISC signs.*

Hope to see you there!!

Marty Stimson – cell 319-389-4156

Janet Stimson– cell 319-389-6060



EISC 2019 West Trips Announced!

The 2 major West trips for the EISC were announced at the Spring Picnic. The first West trip will be January 26 through February 2, 2019 going back to **Beaver Creek, Colorado!** This groomed mountain with exceptional service and ski terrain variety is a favorite resort destination that several members have been talking about returning to since the club's 2012 trip. 32 lucky

EISC members will be staying in the ski in / ski out Borders Lodge condos within walking distance of the distinctive Beaver Creek village.

The 2nd West trip is to a destination the club has never been to before – **Mt. Bachelor, Oregon!** This unique ski resort is atop a dormant volcano in the Cascade Mountains, near Bend, Oregon. Only 20 fortunate EISC members will be on this special trip, staying at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes resort hotel in Bend from March 3rd to March 10, 2019. The ski season lasts into May at Mt Bachelor, so we were able to schedule the trip later than usual. More information will be coming shortly on these two EISC planned exceptional ski expeditions.



MPO Ride Report

This ride was just a casual ride beginning at Newbo Market from there we headed to Cedar Lake. There we heard Dale Todd, Cedar Rapids city councilman who spoke to us about what is happening with Cedar Lake. Alliant is in the process of turning the lake over to the city and there is a group of people who are working on a plan to revitalize the lake and the area around it.

This summer there will be a capital campaign to raise funds to help with these plans.

From the lake we rode back through downtown and headed to the Cedar Trail where we then continued clear through Ely to Seven Sisters Rd. which is the Linn/Johnson county line. There we heard what is happening with the trail as it heads south to Solon. This summer there will be 2 sections open up, one that will go further south from the county line. The second section is starting in Solon and heading out Highway 382 towards Lake MacBride. It will end at some point for the year as there is some significant work to be done on the roads in that area. Next year the trail will be completed.

After hearing this information, we headed back to Ely and Dan and Debs Dairy for a free lunch and free ice crème. YUM-YUM!!!!

After lunch we headed back towards Newbo but took a short detour to hear local business man Steve Sovern speak about the new Ped Bridge. Some know it as the Sleeping Giant but is now to be called the Smoke Stack Bridge. This is another capital campaign in the works for this piece of art to be built in the city.

Dwayne Grote, Teresa Smith and I, were the only club members on the ride, but we met along the trail, Linda Berry walking and Steve Cummings riding from Ely. It was a wonderful day for this ride and was great to hear all this information that is happening in our city, county and for our trails. Maybe next year later in the summer we can plan a full day ride to start in the **Newbo** area for **breakfast, Ely for lunch and Solon for supper**. Wouldn't that be an enjoyable day? Of course, having some refreshing beverages along the way. See you on the trails....

Larry Smith

Speakers and presenters wanted.

We are looking for people to speak or present at some of our meetings to help keep us informed and knowledgeable of what is happening, etc. These would be for the months of October, November, February and March. Please contact Teresa Smith, tmsmith0017@gmail.com or 319-929-0217 if you know of someone or a group who you think would be great for the club to hear.



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**\*\*Reminder: Starting Friday, October 19, the new EISC meeting location will be Shores Event Center, 700 16th St NE L100, in the lower level.**