



Sklaufers News

...more than a ski club!

February 2010 — FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Are you getting used to writing "2010" on your checks? Your board has been busy this past month looking for a newsletter editor and person to maintain our web site. (MEMBERS- please note the Help Wanted article in this newsletter.) Our board member Barbara will do the newsletter for 2 months while we find a new person. Your board members have been planning things for the months ahead. We have a couple of ski trips planned this month, plus another full moon hike with wolf howling contest. Remember, anyone can plan an event and the Board will help with details. So step up if you have something special you would like to share with the Sklaufers. February also starts the hunt for new board members to take over in May.

Membership is down; we have about 150 members at this time. Before my term is up, I propose that we put on a couple of recruitment parties and focus strongly on people in their 40's to join our club and keep our club going. After 40 years of fun, I don't want to see it end. The club has meant too much to so many people to let it fail. I believe that if we spend some bucks on good advertising and some special events, we can recruit enough new members to keep us going. It takes 220 paid members to support the current level of activities. I personally want to see the club continue for another 40 years! This has been a great activities club, getting people outdoors on bikes and skis and canoes, and creating lasting friendships and relationships. I will keep all of you posted on our efforts to continue growing this great club.

— Ron Reiser

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

East Side Club

3735 Monona Drive, Madison, WI



6:30 pm — Doors and bar open

7:00 pm — General Meeting

7:30 pm — Music & Dancing

Music by: The Midwesterners

Non-members charged \$5

Winner's Circle
"YOU GOTTA BE THERE"
 was not won in January
 By Louise Googins
 February prize will be \$30.00


DOOR PRIZE WINNERS
 Pam Julian won gift certificate for
 Bayou Restaurant
 Pat Bender won gift card for
 Legends Sports Bar

Our food drive at the December meeting raised about 30 lbs of non-perishable food, plus a \$10 cash donation. The President delivered the items to the St. Martin House, Multicultural Center on Beld Street, which extends thanks and appreciation to Club.

Keen Cuisine**Vin Santo Restaurant, 7462 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton****Wednesday February 17 6 PM**

Vin Santo offers fine Italian cuisine at moderate prices, in a cozy atmosphere. A bar and desert menu are also available. There is parking on the street and in a parking lot nearby. We'll be ordering off the menu, so no need to send money in advance. In order to reserve a place for you and your friends at the table, please call David Carpenter at (608) 442-6958 or (608) 239-1310 no later than Sunday, February 14th. Leave a message if you happen to miss me. You can also e-mail me at dcarpenter3@charter.net.

Plan to join Skilaufers for dinner on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from September through April at 6:00 p.m. We offer a variety of dining experiences in a relaxed and unhurried environment where you can get to know others. If you haven't yet joined our Club, this is the perfect way to get introduced to the organization.

Movie Night**Sunday February 14 3:30 PM**

Join Skilaufers for an evening at the movies! Meet at 3:30 PM in the theater lobby. Everyone will choose a movie to see, and we'll decide on a nearby location to meet afterwards for food, beverage, and discussion of the films. Call Deb Damrell (836-0658) or Joan Quenan (393-9360) with questions.

Sunday February 14 – Marcus Point Cinema, 7825 Big Sky Dr, Madison (off Mineral Point Rd near the Beltline)

Sunday March 14 – Star Cinema, McKee Road/Cty PD just east of Hwy 18/151, Fitchburg

Winter Full Moon Hike**Saturday February 27 4:00 PM**

Join Ron Reiser for a winter hike at Gibraltar Rock near Lodi under the full moon. Contact Ron at (608) 220-2799 or rjreiser@hotmail.com for more information. Meet at the Park & Ride on Parmenter Street in Middleton at 4 p.m. Bring a sandwich and drink to enjoy around the fire, followed by a wolf howling contest, and the winner takes all.

**Bingo at St. Mary's Care Center****Sunday March 21 1:30 PM**

Skilaufers have again offered to host a BINGO Sunday at St. Mary's Care Center at 3401 Maple Grove Drive, Madison. Bingo is one of the residents favorite games, and a minimum of 15 Skilaufers are needed to help them play. To volunteer call: Marge Guthneck at 238-1727 or e-mail marge_guthneck@att.net.



Our scheduled time is for Sunday March 21st from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Please plan to arrive at 1:30 and we will be finished by 3:30. We will meet in the main lobby of the care center.

Directions to St. Mary's Care Center: Beltline West to Verona Road, exit left on Verona Road and continue to Hwy. PD/McKee Road (4th light). Turn right on PD and continue to the 3rd light which is Maple Grove Drive. Turn left on Maple Grove and St. Mary's Care Center is on the left about two blocks past Walgreens and Copps.

The volunteers generally stop after Bingo for sandwiches at a place determined by the group. People who have helped in the past have always enjoyed this volunteer service to the community.

Skilaufer Book Club

Welcome to the New Year 2010. I hope that we will have a good reading season this year. Our next reading is "Out of the Dust" by Karen Hesse, a novel based on the dust storms of the 1930s in USA. This novel is available in a library near you or you can buy one at a book store. We will schedule a meeting early in the new year to discuss some of our readings when we know the number of members interested in such a meeting. If you have questions about the Skilaufers Book Club or any of the readings, please contact Ade Iyi-Eweka at 608-217-1832 (cell phone).



FEBRUARY 2009

February 2	Board Meeting 6:45 pm	Bourbon Street Grille
February 2	Sheepshead 6 pm	Club Tavern, Middleton
February 5	TGIF	JB's Italian Grill, Sun Prairie
February 5-7	X-country Ski Trip	Door County
February 6	Candlelight Ski	Blue Mounds State Park and Mirror Lake State Park
February 7	Superbowl Bridge 1 pm	
February 9	General Meeting 7 pm	East Side Club
February 10	Overture after Work with Shakey 5 pm	Overture Center Lobby
February 11	Breakfast Bridge 9 am	
February 12	TGIF	Paul's Club
February 13	Candlelight Ski	Lake Kegonsa State Park
February 14	RSVP Deadline for Keen Cuisine	
February 14	Movies 3:30 pm	Point Cinema
February 17	Keen Cuisine 6 pm	Vin Santo, Middleton
February 19	TGIF	Kickshaws, Fitchburg
February 20-21	Downhill and X-country Ski Trip	Wausau
February 21	Newsletter Editor and Web Site Administrator Applications Due	
February 25	Breakfast Bridge 9 am	
February 26	TGIF	Bridge's Golf Course
February 27	Gibraltar Rock Hike 4 pm	Park N Ride Middleton

MARCH 2009

March 2	Board Meeting 6:45 pm	Bourbon Street Grille
March 2	Sheepshead 6 pm	
March 5	TGIF	Paisan's
March 9	General Meeting 7 pm	East Side Club
March 11	Breakfast Bridge 9 am	
March 11	Overture after Work with Gerri DiMaggio 5 pm	Overture Center Lobby
March 12	TGIF	Gray's Tied House, Verona
March 14	Movies 3:30 pm	Star Cinema
March 17	Keen Cuisine 6 pm	
March 19	TGIF	Benvenuto's East
March 20	Sheepshead 7 pm	
March 21	Bingo 1:30 pm	St. Mary's Care Center
March 25	Breakfast Bridge	
March 26	TGIF	Buffalo Wild Wings, Fitchburg

Board Member Elections**Tuesday April 13, 2010**

Several positions on the Skilaufers Board will be filled by election at the April General Meeting. In order to sustain and grow the Club, members are needed to serve on the Board for a term of one to two years. Meetings need to be planned, finances managed, membership records kept, and activities publicized and organized.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, please notify Ron Reiser at (608) 220-2799 or rreiser@hotmail.com, and he will notify the Nominating Committee of your interest.

Skilaufers Club needs you!

Contra and Folk Dancing**Tuesday April 13 7:30 PM**

Enjoy a special night of dancing at the Skilaufers General Meeting on April 13. Sandi Penzkover has invited Steve Pike to be the caller for Contra dances accompanied by live talented fiddlers. Kim Caisse, who teaches International Folk Dance, will also be leading some fun dances. Contra dance is a partnered folk dance and pairs are formed as dancers form 2 parallel lines of dance. It is energetic and easy to learn the repeatable patterns to the rhythm of fiddlers. No experience needed.

**Ski Trip to Wausau**
February 20-21, 2010

Go skiing in Wausau! Wausau provides alpine skiing at Granite Peak and x-country skiing at Nine Mile Forest and other parks. Skiers will stay at the Super 8 Motel in Wausau Saturday night. Carpool from Madison Saturday morning

Check out different skiing options on Saturday and Sunday, or visit the Leigh Yawkey Art Museum, Center Mall or other area attractions.

A super start continental breakfast, snacks and beverages will be provided.

Call John Gillich at 608-255-9618 or Lynn Van Campen at 608-274-4593 for more information.

WAUSAU COMBINED SKI TRIP REGISTRATION

February 20-21, 2010

Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

 I wish to carpool with others I will be willing to drive and take others

Cost: \$40 members; \$45 dollars non-members

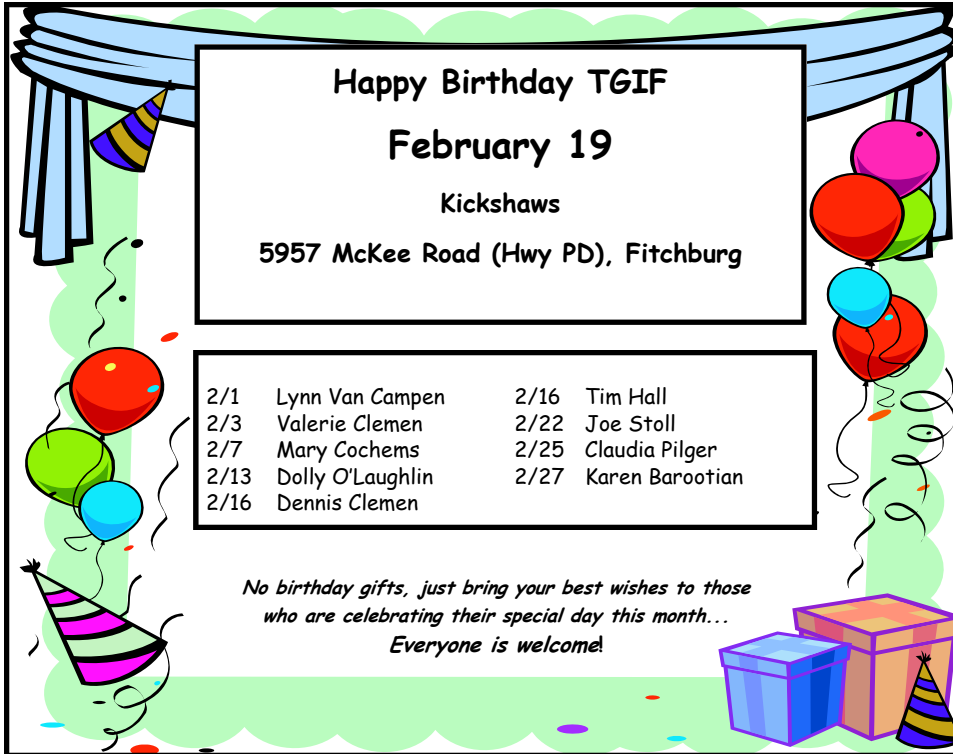
John Gillich
1936 Baird St
Madison WI 53713

Make your check out to Skilaufers, Inc. and mail to:

Happy Birthday TGIF
February 19
Kickshaws
5957 McKee Road (Hwy PD), Fitchburg

2/1	Lynn Van Campen	2/16	Tim Hall
2/3	Valerie Clemen	2/22	Joe Stoll
2/7	Mary Cochems	2/25	Claudia Pilger
2/13	Dolly O'Laughlin	2/27	Karen Barootian
2/16	Dennis Clemen		

*No birthday gifts, just bring your best wishes to those who are celebrating their special day this month...
Everyone is welcome!*


New Members

Tim Hall
Rick Scollon

Wanted! Volunteers**To coordinate activities:**

- Movies
- Indoor and Outdoor Events
- Theatre and concerts
- Camping, boating and biking - think summer!

If you are willing to coordinate an activity or plan an activity with a friend, call Deb Damrell at 836-0658

We need you and your ideas!!!

TGIF Schedule

Feb 5 ~ JB's Italian Grill, 1086 Emerald Terrace, Sun Prairie 837-8811 www.jbsitaliangrille.com

Feb 12 ~ Paul's Club, 212 State Street, Madison 257-5250

Feb 19 ~ Kickshaw's, 5957 McKee Road, Fitchburg 442-9800 www.eatkickshaws.com

Feb 26 ~ Bridges Golf Course, 2702 Shopko Drive, Madison 244-1822 www.golfthebridges.com

Mar 5 ~ Paisan's, 131 W Wilson, Madison 257-3832 www.paisansrestaurant.biz

* Bucky Book coupon available

BRIDGE**Sunday, Feb 7, 2009 at 1 pm Note Time Change!**

Host: Diane Martin Liebert and Dale Liebert

RSVP dwmartin@charter.net or call 698-4143

January results: High: Mary Cochems Second: Sharon Bernhard
Lovable Loser: Lynne Bruley

Anyone who plays Bridge and would like to join our group, please contact Lynne Bruley at 249-2750 or lynne.bruley@wicourts.gov

BREAKFAST BRIDGE**Thursday, February 11 at 9:00 am**

Host: Elaine Schaeffges, 195 Walnut St Apt A, Oregon

RSVP: 608-835-8834 or schaelaine@charter.net

Thursday, February 25 at 9:00 am

Host: Sharon Bernhard, 895 Highland Trail, Prairie du Sac

RSVP: 608-643-6447 or sbernhard6447@charter.net

Questions: Call Sharon 643-6447 or sbernhard6447@charter.net

SHEEPSHEAD**Tuesday, Feb 2 at 6 pm**

Host: Joan Huebschmann

Club Tavern, 1915 Branch Street, Middleton

RSVP 608-899-0584

Drinks and food will be ordered from the menu. We will play in a separate room by the restaurant.

Saturday, Feb 20 at 7 pm

Host: TBA

We also need future hosts, so please volunteer and get your choice of dates early! Contact Deanna Wollin at 839-4470 or dsw@verizon.net



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We make every attempt to get the newsletter to you in a timely manner. If the newsletter is delayed refer to the website for upcoming activities:
www.madisonskilaufers.org

Change of address — is the responsibility of the member. Notify the Membership Director Pam Julian at pam@uscellular.blackberry.com to maintain delivery of the newsletter. Newsletters will not be forwarded due to bulk mailing policy.

Advertising Rates — are \$20.00 per 1/8th page and \$5.00 for a classified ad. We reserve the right to accept or reject all copy. Advertisers will receive a free copy of the publication in which their ad appears. Skilaufers assumes no responsibility for contents of paid advertisements.

Trip/Reservation Policy — Any reservation received by Skilaufers, Inc. is considered to be a contract obligating the named reserver to pay the total cost of the trip package. Cancellation Policy: A full refund is guaranteed only if the obligated "reserver" provides a replacement to fill the vacancy. Costs incurred by the club, for spaces not filled, will be forfeited by the "reserver."

Newsletter Articles — The newsletter is published monthly. Articles must be submitted to the editor by the 15th of the month. Material submitted must be sent via email to: barb.vogel@uwalumni.com

Newsletter Article Approvals — Any activity that uses the Skilaufers name for sponsorship and/or anything printed in the newsletter must pass through the appropriate Board Director and be approved by the Board.

HELP WANTED: Newsletter Editor and Web Site Administrator

Applications due February 15

Do you enjoy working with a computer? Are you interested in creating the Skilaufers monthly newsletter? Do you want to use your talents to design the Skilaufers web site, and update it regularly with club information and events? Do you know someone not yet in Skilaufers who would be good at these activities?

Skilaufers is looking for one or two people to take over these tasks. Interested candidates must have access to the software tools as well as skills and experience with web site publishing and newsletter publishing techniques. If interested, send an email to Ruth Pederson at lighthouse@sonofarock.org by February 21, 2010 covering:

- What you would charge, per month, to create the Skilaufers newsletter and get an electronic copy to the printer
- What you would charge, per month, to update and regularly maintain the Skilaufers website
- OR What you would charge, per month, to do both of these tasks
- Attach a sample of a newsletter and/or URL of a website that you have designed or maintained

The Skilaufers Board will consider all proposals at the March Board meeting. The person or persons selected will be announced at the March general meeting and will start immediately. Newsletter editor will partner with current Board members to produce the May newsletter. An introduction to the current website will be provided.



Skilaufers Renewal & New Membership Form

Name _____ (enter contact info as you want it to appear in Directory)

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Winter Address: _____ from _____ to _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Birthday (month and day only) : _____ (so we can help you celebrate at **Happy Birthday TGIF!**)

New Membership Dues are pro-rated according to the month you join.
 Dues pay for newsletter printing & mailing, annual member directory & are admitted to the monthly general meetings free of charge.

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
\$43	\$40	\$37	\$34	\$31	\$28	\$25	\$22	\$19	\$16	\$13	\$11

Please note that **ALL** \$35 renewal memberships are due October 15th each year. After October, renewal dues are same as new member dues.

Check if OK to print in Member Directory:

Addresses _____

Phone Numbers _____

Email Address _____

Check here for renewal membership _____

Check here for new membership _____

Amount enclosed (payable to Skilaufers, Inc): \$ _____

All Skilaufers activities, unless specified, are designed and planned for participants 21 years of age or older.

Interest and Volunteer Signup

I would like to participate in, help with or lead the following activities and committees – please call me!

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| _____ Biking | _____ Dancing | _____ Music | _____ Tennis |
| _____ Book Club | _____ Dining out | _____ Newsletter | _____ TGIF |
| _____ Camping | _____ Downhill Skiing | _____ Picnics/Parties | _____ Travel |
| _____ Canoe/Kayaking | _____ Games | _____ Publicity | _____ Volleyball |
| _____ Cards | _____ Golf | _____ Rafting/Boating | _____ Walking/Hiking |
| _____ Community Service | _____ Meeting Front Desk | _____ Snowshoe | _____ Website |
| _____ X-country Skiing | _____ Movies | _____ Social Events | _____ Board Member |

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CANNOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL YOU HAVE READ AND SIGNED THE FOLLOWING:

In case of emergency, notify: _____

Cell phone: _____ Home phone: _____

The undersigned must be at least 21 years of age.

The undersigned does hereby accept and voluntarily assume all risks of personal injury, death, and loss or damage to property which might be incurred by me during my participation in any Skilaufers-sponsored activity or in connection therewith. I assume all liability for injury to or damage incurred by others as a result of my conduct while at such activity.

The undersigned, on his or her own behalf and behalf of all heirs, administrators, successors and assigns, dose hereby release Skilaufers, Inc. and officers, directors, employees, agents, insurers and customers of and from all claims, demands, actions, causes of action, debts and liabilities, whether known or unknown, in law or in equity, arising from participation of the undersigned in Skilaufers organized events.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return signed, completed form and check payable to Skilaufers, Inc to:

Skilaufers Membership, PO Box 1501 Madison WI 53701

2009-2010 Board of Directors

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