



## NEWSLETTER

### **General Meeting**

**Tuesday Jan 10, 2012**

**East Side Club**

**3735 Monona Drive, Madison**

**6:30 pm Doors and bar open**

**7:00 pm Meeting**

**7:30 Music by DJ Brent**

**Non-members charged \$5**

### ***January 2012 — FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Happy New Year! 'Tis the season for skiing, and the Steamboat ski trip leaves on January 23. Last I heard second ski trip to Winter Park has an opening for one more man. If interested contact Marilyn Vandenberg (608) 838-6334 or [ron.vandenberg@frontier.com](mailto:ron.vandenberg@frontier.com) ASAP.

A New Year, new beginning. We're looking for people to serve on the nomination committee for April elections. It's early but time flies when you're having fun. The people who have identified candidates have helped with the last 4 elections say it's now time for someone else to step forward. We're also looking for people to run for the Skilaufers Board in April. We need people to fill roles as president and vice president, meeting and activity directors, handle publicity, and plan cross-country ski trips and outings. If interested, contact Curt Armstrong. If you don't step forward, who will? Remember that this is a member-run club.

Enjoy!

*— Curt Armstrong*

## JANUARY 2012

Jan 2	Rose Bowl 4 pm	University of Wisconsin vs Oregon
Jan 3	Board Meeting 6:45 pm	
Jan 4	Sheepshead 6 pm	Club Tavern, Middleton
Jan 6	TGIF	Captain Bill's, Middleton
Jan 8	Sunday Bridge 3 pm (Date Change!)	
Jan 10	General Meeting 7 pm	Eastside Club, Monona
Jan 12	Breakfast Bridge 9 am	
Jan 13	TGIF	Esquire Club, Madison
Jan 14	Eagle Days 12:30 pm	Prairie du Sac (Page 4)
Jan 15	Snowshoeing 1 pm	UW Arboretum, Madison (Page 3)
Jan 16	MLK holiday	
Jan 18	Keen Cuisine	Tapas Rias, Middleton (Page 3)
Jan 20	TGIF	Legends Sport Bar and Grill, Madison
Jan 21	Sheepshead 7 pm	
Jan 23-30	Downhill Ski Trip	Steamboat Springs, CO
Jan 26	Breakfast Bridge 9 am	
Jan 27	TGIF	Cuco's Mexican Restaurant, Verona



## FEBRUARY 2012

Feb 1	Sheepshead 6 pm	
Feb 3	TGIF	Benvenuto's-Fitchburg
Feb 5	Sunday Bridge Cancelled	
Feb 5	Superbowl Sunday	
Feb 5-7	Northwoods XC Skiing and Snowshoeing	St Germain, WI (Page 3)
Feb 7	Board Meeting	
Feb 9	Breakfast Bridge 9 am	
Feb 10	TGIF	My Buddies, Madison
Feb 14	General Meeting with Marcy & the Highlights	
Feb 15	Keen Cuisine 6 pm	
Feb 17	TGIF	Claddaugh Irish Pub,-Middleton
Feb 18	Sheepshead 7 pm	
Feb 21	Mardi Gras	
Feb 21	Euchre 6 pm	Tully's II, Monona
Feb 23	Breakfast Bridge 9 am	
Feb 24	TGIF	Bridges Golf Course, Madison
Feb 28	Euchre 6 pm	Tully's II, Monona



**Snowshoeing  
UW Arboretum Grady Tract Lot****Sunday January 15 1:00 PM  
Seminole Hwy at Beltline, Madison**

Come to a snowshoe outing at the UW Arboretum by Seminole Hwy and the Beltline on Sunday, January 15, 2010. Meet at the Grady Tract parking lot (south of the Beltline) at 1 PM. Hopefully, there will be enough snow by then.

RSVP to Jean Clark 608-655-3124 by January 13 if you are interested in participating.

**Keen Cuisine  
Tapas Rias****Wednesday January 18 6 PM  
2518 Allen Blvd., Middleton**

Tapas Rias provides a taste of Spain, with something for every palate. Plan to join us on January 18th to share a meal with your Skilaufers friends. Tapas Rias is a contemporary Spanish restaurant featuring small dish entrees of authentic Spanish cuisine. There is a full bar featuring Spanish wines and beer. The restaurant is located on Allen Blvd. in Middleton in a shopping mall offering plenty of free parking. Prices tend to be low to moderate. We'll be ordering off the menu so no need to send money in advance. In order to reserve your place at the table though, please **call Barb Vogel** at (608) 845-2682 or (608) 334-0153 (cell) no later than noon on Tuesday January 17. You can also e-mail Barb at [barb.vogel@uwalumni.com](mailto:barb.vogel@uwalumni.com). Leave a message and you will be included even if you don't get a call back. Absolutely no reservations will be accepted after noon on the Tuesday preceding the event, nor will we seat anyone who "just shows up". Bring friends if you like, but be sure to reserve a place for them as well.

Plan to join Skilaufers for dinner on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from September through April at 6:00 pm. 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.

**Northwoods XC Skiing & Snowshoeing  
Rustic Manor Lodge****February 5-7, 2012  
St. Germain, WI**

Join fellow members for cross country skiing and/or snowshoeing in Wisconsin's north woods staying overnight on Sunday, February 5 and Monday, February 6. A block of rooms is being held at the Rustic Manor Motor Lodge ([www.rusticmanor.com](http://www.rusticmanor.com)) in St Germain (east of Minoqua / Woodruff).

There are many trails of all levels to choose and the snow is great in this area! A few of us have skied this area in past years in fluffy snow with nice accommodations. Rustic Manor also rents snowshoes, \$5 a pair. Skis can be rented nearby for \$20 for 24 hours. Our accommodations include an indoor pool, hot tub and continental breakfast. We are also planning a Super bowl Party at a local bar as a group event for anyone wishing to attend.

Reservations will be on your own and must be made by January 5, 2012 to lock in the group rate. Luxury rooms are \$79 + tax (reg. rate \$99), double occupancy. Contact Rustic Manor at 800-272-9778 or 715-479-9176 to make a reservation. For other questions, contact Barb Porter-Quam at 838-1168.

**HELP WANTED**

**We are looking for someone to maintain the Skilaufers web site. If interested, contact Curt Armstrong.**

**Eagle Days**

**Saturday, January 14, 12:30-6:00 PM  
Prairie du Sac**

This year there will once again be a rehabilitated eagle released along the Wisconsin River during Eagle Days in Sauk-Prairie. This is a great chance to see an eagle up-close-and-personal and usually proves to be an emotional experience as the bird flies off to freedom along the river.

Meet Joan Quenan at the VFW Park along the river in Prairie du Sac for the release at 12:30 p.m. Plan to arrive between 12:00 and 12:15 and dress very warmly. Afterwards you can go to one of two presentations at the River Arts Center (105 9th St., Prairie du Sac) about Birds of Prey or David Stokes show about animals, stay outside and watch eagles along the river at the Overlook in Prairie du Sac or the dam, visit some shops and the museum (with its bird collection) along Water Street (including the new art gallery River Arts on Water), grab a hot beverage and/or gelato at the Blue Spoon Cafe (550 Water Street, Prairie du Sac). At 4:00 p.m. we will tour the Wollersheim Winery (wine tasting included, \$5) and then go out to eat at 5:00 at Aquila Real, an authentic Mexican restaurant at 545 Water Street in Prairie du Sac. Contact Joan Quenan (608-393-9360 or jquenan@merr.com) to let her know you are coming, reserve your spot on the winery tour and/or for dinner, and arrange car pools.

Directions to VFW Park: Highway 12 (to Sauk City) or Highway 60 (to Prairie du Sac), after crossing the Wisconsin River bridge turn right onto Water Street and proceed to the northern edge of Prairie du Sac. Turn right onto VFW Drive to go down to the Park by the river (this is the first street to the right north of the Highway 60 bridge, although it is about 1/4 mile north of the bridge). Parking may be difficult in the Park, so you could park on side streets in the area and walk down VFW Drive to the river. To car pool, meet at 11:15 a.m. at Parmenter Park & Ride along Highway 12 on Middleton's north side (Exit 249).

**Colorado Skiing Reconnaissance**

**Darrel Degelau**

Two groups of Skilaufers went on a December recon mission to evaluate the skiing in Colorado. The groups were the Grumpy Old Men and the Cultured and Refined groups. The difference is that the Cultured and Refined group includes women. Men must be on their best behavior in the Cultured group. They used condo accommodations and probably cooked gourmet meals and drank fine wines. Grumpy Old Men know where taverns are that have Good Eats. The Vagabond Ski Club from Milwaukee also sent out a recon group. They also hang out in taverns with Good Eats.

Ski areas checked out by the Grumpy Old Men were Keystone, Breckinridge, Beaver Creek, Copper Mountain, Loveland, and Arapaho Basin. It appears that Ullr is in a funk. Except at Loveland, where it snowed on us all day, he had provided little natural snow. Mother Nature had been providing winter temperatures, so where snow making was in progress the runs were OK. Otherwise runs were closed or had too much vegetation sticking up through the snow. Livestock could have grazed on a couple of the open runs with visible vegetation.

Ullr likes snow bunnies. Based on the amount of snow encountered it appears that the snow bunnies have not been giving him enough attention. Ullr is sometimes disguised as a mortal skier. In order to have adequate snow for the scheduled Skilaufer trips it is necessary that all snow bunnies be attentive to at least one male skier. You never know if he may be Ullr and you could be responsible for the success of the Skilaufers trips this winter.

**Volunteers wanted to coordinate activities:**

Hikes, XC Skiing, Snowshoe Outings

Day Trips

Theatre, Movies, and Concerts

Indoor or Outdoor Activities

If you are willing to coordinate an activity or plan an activity with a friend, call Jean Clark at 655-3124



### TGIF Schedule



- Jan 6 ~ Captain Bill's, 1001 Arboretum Drive, Middleton, 831-7327
- Jan 13 ~ Esquire Club, 1025 N Sherman Ave, Madison, 249-0193
- Jan 20 ~ Legends Sport Bar & Grill, 439 Grand Canyon Dr, Madison, 831-4463
- Jan 27 ~ Cuco's Mexican Restaurant, 1050 North Edge Trail, Verona, 845-7100
- Feb 3 ~ Benvenuto's, 2949 Triverton Pike Dr, Fitchburg, 278-7800
- Feb 10 ~ My Buddies, 4325 Lien Road, Madison, 819-8850
- Feb 17 ~ Claddaugh Irish Pub, 1611 Aspen Commons, Middleton, 833-5070
- Feb 24 ~ Bridges Golf Course, 2702 Shopko Dr, Madison, 244-1822

### Lets Meet Up for Packers Football

#### Pitcher's Pub

**323 W Beltline Hwy, Madison**



Watch the Packers games at Pitcher's Pub between Park Street (Hwy 14) and Rimrock Road. Take East Badger Road to reach Pitcher's Pub. Will the Pack go all the way???

Madison School and Community Recreation (MSCR) is looking for volunteers as downhill ski instructors to assist lead staff at Devils Head Resort. FREE lift tickets, ski rental, transportation. Training provided. Mondays/ Saturdays in Jan/Feb. Contact Chad Thom 608-204-3020 or cthom@madison.k12.wi.us.

**"STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT MONEY"**



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Saturdays @ 8:30

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Sundays @ 8:30

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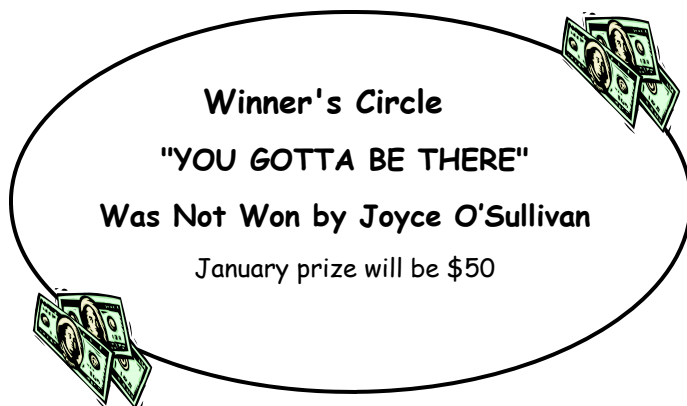
**Change of address** — is the responsibility of the member. Notify the President Curt Armstrong craarmy@yahoo.com or Pam Julian jp1870@yahoo.com to maintain delivery of the newsletter.

**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.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

SUGGESTION TO ALL MEMBERS:

The best way to meet new friends  
and become part of the club  
is to join in our various activities

[www.madisonskilaufers.org](http://www.madisonskilaufers.org)

Skilaufers Annual Renewal & New Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (print name as you want it to appear in Directory)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Apt \_\_\_\_\_

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!**)

Check if OK to include in the Member Directory: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #s \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Options: Your non-refundable membership will expire one year after your membership form is received.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$28 if you are interested in viewing the newsletter from the website [www.madisonskilaufers.org](http://www.madisonskilaufers.org) or as an email attachment instead of receiving a newsletter in the mail. Includes free admission to General Meetings.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 if you are interested in receiving a newsletter in the mail. Includes free admission to General Meetings.

Amount enclosed (payable to Skilaufers, Inc): \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (cash or check # \_\_\_\_\_)

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biking            | <input type="checkbox"/> Dancing                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter        | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Events  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book club         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dining Out              | <input type="checkbox"/> Parties/picnics   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping           | <input type="checkbox"/> Downhill Skiing         | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> TGIF greeter   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe/kayaking    | <input type="checkbox"/> Games                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity         | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cards             | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting/boating   | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community service | <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly meeting greeter | <input type="checkbox"/> Skilaufers Board  | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Hiking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-country Skiing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing       | <input type="checkbox"/> Website        |

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. I understand that a certain level of mobility and ability may be necessary for participation in some activities, and I will make independent arrangements for any assistance I need.

The undersigned, on his or her own behalf and behalf of all heirs, administrators, successors and assigns, does 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

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**BRIDGE****Sunday, January 8 at 3 pm (DATE CHANGE!)**

Host: Helen Rugowski

RSVP: haharrin@hotmail.com or 238-9731

December Winners: Mary Cochems (1st), Joan Quenan (2nd)  
Louise Googins (3rd)*No game in February.*

Members who play Bridge and would like to join our group, please contact Lynne Bruley at 249-2750 or lynne\_bruley@yahoo.com

**SHEEPSHEAD****Wednesday, January 4 at 6 pm**

Host: Joan Huebschmann

Club Tavern, 1915 Branch Street, Middleton

RSVP: 608-233-0584

Drinks and food will be ordered from the menu.

**Saturday, January 21 at 7:00 pm**

Host: Maggie Carrao, 4913 Beehner Circle, Madison

RSVP: 244-8011 or magster6043@hotmail.com

**BREAKFAST BRIDGE**

Coffee provided. Bring breakfast treat to share.

**Thursday, January 12 at 9 am**

Host: Terry Perlis, 5111 Juneau Rd., Madison

RSVP: 819-8204 or theresaperlis@gmail.com

**Thursday, January 26 at 9 am**

Host: Linda Frentzel, 5440 Caddis Bend #202, Fitchburg

RSVP: 221-0640 or frentzel@wisc.edu

Questions: Contact Linda Frentzel at 608-221-0640 or frentzel@wisc.edu.

**EUCHRE****Tuesday, January 24 at 6 pm****Tuesday, January 31 at 6 pm**

Host: Bob Kreul

Tully's II, 6401 Monona Dr, Monona

Drinks and food will be ordered from the menu.

Euchre games start at 7 pm

