



# Gelandesprung Gazette

“36 years and still going downhill.”

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March 2006

Hello everyone,

Once again it is time for the monthly newsletter. The winter is flying by this year and before long our ski season will be over. It has been a great season so far, but there still are some skiing opportunities left. There is still plenty of room to get signed on to the Marquette spring carnival weekend. I know some people have asked if the trip was still going, and the answer is yes, so make plans for March 17, 18, and 19 and come along. If you might be interested in Vail, call me and I will see what I can do. Things sometimes work out at the last minute, and you never know unless you ask.

Another thing to keep in mind is the election of two new officers at the spring banquet. Our vice-president and

treasurer are retiring at the end of the year and we are looking for volunteers to put on the ballot. If you are interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact one of the board members. Being an officer is a great way to give something back to the club for all the great trips and times you have had in the past.

Our club historian, Don Steffens, is looking for pictures that people have taken on the trips this year. He puts together a beautiful show which you are able to see at the meetings and the spring banquet. If you would like to see some of your photos included, contact Don and he will make arrangements to receive them.

Earlier in the newsletter I mentioned the spring banquet. It is the last event of the year and a great opportunity to talk over the fun things that have happened. Be sure to set aside April 28 on your calendar and make plans to attend. I hope we have a large turnout because it makes for more stories and more fun. All the details and the sign-up form will be in the next newsletter.

I will end this month's article by reminding everyone to come to the next membership meeting on March 14 at the Sports Corner and to enjoy the rest of the winter, because when the next newsletter comes out, the calendar will say spring.

**Dick**

## Marquette Mountain Spring Carnival



Friday, March 17 - Sunday, March 19

Trip Leader: Jim & Danice Herald

Phone: 920-499-4339

Cost: \$250

Enjoy Spring Carnival events at Marquette Mountain!  
We will be staying at the Ramada Inn, downtown Marquette.

### — The trip includes —

- Bus transportation
- Snacks and refreshments on the bus
- Two nights lodging (double occupancy)
  - Two breakfast buffets
- Wine and Cheese party
  - Saturday Dinner
  - Two day lift tickets
- Sunday afternoon pig roast

**Openings Still Available!!**



Laddies and Lassies,

It will be the wearing of the Green on our way to Marquette'O, Michigan.

On St. Paddy's Day everyone is Irish. So get out your green and show your pride!

Saturday and Sunday, it's Spring Carnival, we'll stow the Green and get out our Leis and Luau gear. . .and enjoy the events at Marquette Mountain. And, maybe some "lucky" club member will go home with a new pair of skis and/or a snowboard from the raffle.

So sign-up today!

Erin Go Bragh!

Jim & Danice O'Herald

# Italy 2006

On Friday Jan 20, 75 skiers took off for Italy. By Saturday night the next day, we had all arrived at our two hotels in Selva, Val Gardena, in the heart of the Dolomite Mountains of Northwest Italy. Sunday morning brought a clear day and we were all off to ski the hundreds of



interconnected runs of the Dolomiti Superski region. Our lift pass covered up to 450 lifts, so there was a lot to see. First day most of us stayed close to home to get familiar with the neighborhood. There had not been any new snow for the last two weeks, but the runs were all well covered, if on the icy side. We found the “ski-in” bar at the top of one of the chairs where the bar is alongside the run off the chair. We learned about the Red runs (intermediate in Europe) that could still be fairly steep. All around us rose the spectacular Dolomite peaks with their sheer walls of golden limestone. It looked at times like we were skiing in the Grand Canyon.

Monday morning, many took off early to do the famous Sella Ronda. This famous circuit goes some 25 miles around the Sella Mountain, which rises on the west side of town. You can do it either clockwise or counterclockwise and still end up at home. You go



over 4 passes and through 4 valleys as you go around the mountain. Dick Wortiska, who always skis fast, led his group in a nonstop marathon and completed the entire circuit in 3 hours and 20 minutes. They didn't stop for lunch until they got home.

Our hotels in Selva were the 4 star Oswald and the 3 star Des Alpes. The Oswald was rather luxurious, if somewhat impersonal, with a “health spa” sauna and hot tub. You just had to figure out the etiquette of the place. The meals were in the main restaurant with crystal chandeliers and tuxedoed

waiters. The Des Alpes was more down home and relaxed, with equally good food. The owner/manager, Prisca, was always around to make sure everything was going well.

Thursday, for a skiing break, Glenn Maass set up a bus trip to

Neuschwanstein castle in Bavaria. This was about 3 hours away, and is the fairy tale like castle you've seen in all the travel brochures. It was built by “Mad” King Ludwig in the mid eighteenth hundreds and almost bankrupted the kingdom of Bavaria. The result was the poor King lost his crown and his life, and Bavaria became part of Germany. The tour bus driver got a free bottle of schnapps at a rest stop (traditional bus driver's gratuity for stopping). Since he was driving and couldn't drink, he poured shots for everyone else on the bus.



The Winter Olympics are in Italy this year and were only 3 weeks away from starting. Although Torino is on the other end of the Alps from Selva, the Olympic Torch came through town on Wednesday on its way to Torino. It was skied into town by a relay team, accompanied by an escort of Italian Skiing Carabinieri (Federal Police) and junior athletes from the local towns. Some of our crew picked up the entourage in the village of Corvara over the pass from Selva, and followed it up the mountain. Some of us waited in the town square in Selva with a big welcoming crowd. To get a good picture, Debra B used her lift pass and followed the torch bearer into

## *Italy 2006 (continued)*

the next gondola station on the route to get “up close and personal”.

Other ski areas close by which we skied were the Alpe di Siusi in Ortisei, which had lots of blue (easy) cruisers. The Col Raiser, which you got to on an underground train from Santa Christina. This had a long red cruiser down the valley into Ortisei. Some of us took a long journey through Corvara to the Lagazuoi valley. This is a famous run reached by bus and cable car that comes through an isolated valley and ends with a horse drawn rope tow. A team of horses on a sleigh with three ropes behind it hauls about 75 skiers at a time across a mile long flat stretch for \$2 a head.

It started snowing on Friday, and the winds picked up and closed some of the passes. A few of us took the bus to Bolzano down in the valley to see the “Ice Man”. This is in the local Archeology Museum. The Ice Man was found at the top of the mountains between Italy and Austria in 1991. At first they thought he was just another dead climber ( they find a dozen or so every summer when the snow melts), but when they found he was carrying a copper ax, bow and arrows, and dressed in fur and rain coat made of bull rushes, they had to rethink. It turns out he was 5,500 years old. We saw him in his own custom built refrigerated room to keep him just the way they found him.

Friday night was getting time to leave, so we had party at the Oswald for the main purpose of Lunar awards. Top prize winner was Pete Stankevitz. When asked by an Italian if he was from America, he answered “No, Wisconsin”. Pete had multiple entries and declared winner. Cindy Behnke was First Runner Up.

When she got off the Ciamponoi gondola on the first day, crouched at the beginning of the run, ski poles at the ready to push off, her companions pointed out that maybe she would want to put her skis on first. Danice Herald got Honorable Mention. She went over to Des Alpes to socialize and saw Mike Bast, went over and had half hour conversation. She couldn't figure out why “Mike” was using a German accent. And Rolf, a hotel guest from Germany, couldn't figure out why this American lady was talking to him like they were



old friends. Rolf was Mike's long lost identical twin (even though he was 5 years younger). We have the pictures of the two of them together and resemblance is uncanny.

With 53 of us heading to Milan airport for 10:30 flights the next morning, our bus pick-up time was 3:30 AM. The only thing for it was to stay up all night, since the disco stayed open till 3 AM. There we found all the waiters from the Oswald spending their



tip money. We made it to the Airport on time to find chaos as the airport was closed by a snowstorm the day before. 3 hours of delays and we made our way to

Rome. The 9 going back to the States got delayed in Paris, but eventually got back via Atlanta. The others going to Rome on the train got delayed too, for various reasons including loose pet ferrets on the train.

Rome was great. We saw St Peters, the Pope, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, the Roman Forum, the Coliseum, the Pantheon, and ate lots of pizza and pasta. Then, it was time to head home with out incident, for which we all said “Yee-Haw”.

Thanks to Dick Wortiska for assistance, Lynn Gauss for taking charge of the direct-home leg, Glenn Maass for side trips. Jane Kurath put together a great power point slide presentation of the trip, and Don Steffens is acting as central point for digital photos, (you can send CD's of your pictures to him at 3269 Evergreen Ave, Green Bay 54313). I also want to thank my lovely bride Debra, for putting up with 73 other people on our honeymoon. Oh, and thanks to everyone for making this trip such a pleasure.

Until Next Time

Sam

# JACKSON HOLE ADVENTURE

## JANUARY 26-30, 2006

Jackson Hole Trip was an experience in humility. This mountain can tame the meanest of skiers, and our group was no exception. With record snows for the year and flat light and snow squalls on the mountain, the first days were indeed challenging, as most had stories to tell of the "falls" they experienced while trying to conquer the mountain. But with so much snow, they were soft landings.

However, day 3 broke with sunshine and new snow, and everyone was eager to get out and give Jackson Hole a workout.

Our entire group was thankful for uneventful travel.....bus got everyone to Chicago on time and Green Bay group was on time with all flights and no one was left behind! When a large group travels like this.....68 total.....this is a good thing!

The town of Jackson is a true gem. Easy walking distance from our stay at the 49'er make it nice to walk to restaurants, shops, and bars. Since it was carnival week in Jackson Hole, there was plenty to entertain us. Even had dog sled races right downtown one night.....the dog teams were eventually to end up at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Some very exciting news happened on this trip. Kevin Huehl asked Sonja Charles-Heath to marry him. Of course, we needed a complete reenactment of the proposal, down on his knees and all. She said YES!

Then there are the Lunar nominations. Where to start? First one elected was Wayne Erdman, who fell off a 30' cliff.....most ski off on purpose in Jackson Hole, but somehow Wayne lost his skis when his wife Sue ran over the top of his skis and he came out of his bindings and over the cliff he went. Thank goodness he was ok, if not a little exhausted from crawling back uphill and his wife's only comment was that after 37 years of marriage, he is still falling for her!

Oh, and then we must remember the first day when two young skiers in our group, namely Chip Garrow and his sidekick Rick VanHandel, get on the ski bus destined for Jackson Hole (a 13 mile run one way) and do a check list of skis, boots, poles, backpacks, lift tickets.....oh oh, lift tickets! Of

course, the trip leader herself, who after giving the guys a hard time about forgetting their lift ticket, did the same thing the next day. But in the process of riding the bus back and forth, she did see a moose from a few feet away.....belly high in snow!

Oh, and mustn't forget Jim Bosdesh. While Jim was taking a mountain ambassador tour, he fell in the deep snow of which us flatlanders don't get very often and so don't know what to do with it, so the ambassador man told the remainder of the group to wait up and he would rescue Jim. However, just before reaching Jim, the instructor takes a dive in the snow himself and dislocated his shoulder. Jackson Hole Mountain once again reigns.

Then two mischievous gals by the names of Kathy Hren and Pam Haufe put a "Do Not Disturb" sign on Randy Schultz's room.....which meant no cleaning people could get into his room, which in turn meant he had to start reusing his towels and he just didn't know why room service wasn't cleaning his room. He didn't catch on!

Shirley Nimmetz got the very last lunar award. We had two buses to bring us to the Jackson Hole Airport for our departure date; each leaving an hour apart. Shirley's bus was the later bus, but she packed all her things on the early bus and therefore had to ride along on that bus and wait an extra hour at the airport for the rest of her crew. And the weather was turning quickly, so our planes were the last ones to leave Jackson Hole on Jan. 30.....after that the airport closed down for the remainder of the day.

There was one last problem upon getting home. Because of weight restrictions on the UN plane heading for Green Bay, 28 pairs of skis didn't make it.....all came the next day and were delivered to our homes. No one complained.....as long as this wasn't happening on the way TO Jackson Hole.

As trip leaders, Niki Koller and Deb Mossong had a great time with everyone and now that we are "experienced" leaders, would volunteer to once again lead a pack of Sly Foxes to a mountain adventure. How would Crested Butte sound for 2007?

Niki and Deb

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## GELANDEBUCKS

Does the club still offer these? Is it still \$10 per new member? Can I use it towards my favorite hobby, Skiing? The answer to all these questions is YES! If you recruit someone new to join the club you will receive a \$10 credit for each person that signs up! That \$10 can be put towards any ski trip, banquet or other club function as you see fit. So get out there, get recruiting and sign up some new members!

### Gelandesprung

Gelandesprung is a noun describing "a jump in skiing made from a crouching position with the use of both poles". Also, it is supposedly pronounced "gə-lĕn-də-shprōng" but anyway you say it, it's a great ski club!



## SLY FOX TRIPS

Gelandesprung trip schedule not coinciding with your schedule? Check out the Appleton Club's trips. Some of their trips will even stop in Green Bay on the way up Nort' and pick us up.  
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### **March Birthdays**

- 1 Wayne Erdmann
- 8 John Gaie
- 9 Bart Sheard
- 13 Mary Lou Kuske
- 31 Cindy Rendall

### **New Members**

Brenda Brunette  
Terry Hoffman  
Daniel Ruder

### **Gelandesprung**

**General**

**Membership**

**Meeting**

March 14 & 28 at

7pm at

the Sports Corner

## **Calendar of Events**

### **March 14**

Gelandesprung General Membership meeting at the Sports Corner in DePere - 7pm

### **March 17 - 19**

Gelandesprung - Marquette Spring Carnival. Departs 5:30pm. Cost \$250.

### **March 28**

Gelandesprung General Membership meeting at the Sports Corner in DePere - 7pm

### **April 1 - 8**

Gelandesprung - Vail, CO. Departs from Green Bay.

### **April 28**

Spring Banquet

### **Note:**

Gelandesprung's General Membership meetings are held at the [\*\*SPORTS CORNER\*\*](#), 500 Grant, DePere.

The Gelandesprung ("Bus") Ski trips depart from [\*\*SC GRAND\*\*](#), 1250 Mid-Valley Road, DePere.

## **WANTED**

### **Pictures of club events.**

If you have extra pictures or can save your digital pictures to a CD, please give them to

**Don Steffens.**