



Gelandesprung Gazette

“36 years and still going downhill.”

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Greetings everyone.

It is hard to write an article for a ski club newsletter when we can no longer ski, but I will do my best. It was a great season, the trips worked out very well, providing our club members with some wonderful skiing and fond memories. We made a bunch of new friends and enjoyed stories of trips gone past with people who have been in the club for a number of years. We got to see some new places, for most it was their first trip to Boyne Michigan, and who can forget the trip to Italy, and for a lot of people on the Vail trip, it was their first time to that destination.

After a year like this, the challenge becomes how to put things together for next year to keep

people interested so they will want to renew their memberships. The board is starting to work on ideas already. We are looking at destinations and a group will be going down to the ski show in Chicago to meet with the resorts and travel agents to see what is available and what the price ranges are. With the fuel prices going up everyday, and so many things dependent upon that price, I can only think that trip prices will have to go up as well. If you have some ideas for next year, please contact one of the board members and your ideas can be discussed.

We are looking for things to do this summer so we can get together. It is nice to be able to keep in

contact with our ski friends throughout the year. Kevin Klasen is hosting two golf outings, and there are rumors of some other things. Hopefully these will interest you and you can fit them into your busy summer schedules. Also if there is something you have an interest in, maybe you would consider being a host for the event and give your fellow buds a chance to enjoy it with you. Just contact a board member and we will get it worked out with you.

It is time to say good-bye for another month. Have an enjoyable summer and keep reading the newsletter to keep up to date with the latest events. See you around.

Dick

Spring Golf Classic

Saturday, May 20, 2006

Host: Kevin Klasen

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- Golf: Mid-Vallee Golf Course
- Social Hour: Sports Corner (De Pere Corner of Reid & Fifth)
 - 18 Holes of Golf
- Tee Times: Starting at 12 Noon
 - Cost: On your own
- Social Hour: Starting at 5:00 pm
- Don't Golf?? come and join us for the Social Hour
- Call or E-mail to confirm tee times





**Marquette Mountain
Spring Carnival
March, 2006**

**Let your “bus” of life be lightly packed with only what you need.
2 coolers of beer, 10 boxes of wine, 40 ski buddies, skis, boots, poles.
Someone else to drive, enough to eat and enough long underwear,
and a little more than enough to drink for thirst is a dangerous thing.**

**Based on “three men in a boat” Chapter 3*

Where to begin, there is so much to tell. St Patricks Day, 2006 dawned bright and sunny, but we lost one skier right away at the SC Grand - no Connie Sturzl to load the bus. So . . .35 skiers headed out of Green Bay on a “shamrocked clad bus” in search of Leprechauns, Shamrocks and Bill Wanie with the beer in Abrams!!! After we picked up the Beer and Bill & Peg Wanie, Mary Melum, Steve Ourada and Don Stephens we were on our way again to Marquette for Spring Carnival Weekend.

We had a busy bus ride, Stephanie Compton was our Prize Announcer and rewarded Lotto tickets and prizes she donated from Siemens to the cause. Carl Williquette got a lotto ticket for being the first one to sign up for the trip, Dee Dee Knutson for being the last, Dick Wortiska for being the ski club member with the most years of membership, Mary Melum was runner-up for that award. Jim Herald ran the Giant Slalom race twice - Scott Nerenhausen and Mary Lou Kuske each won \$64.00.

Our break was in Escanaba and once again we lost a skier, Annette DePouw ran to Walmart, and did not make the departure time. So, the bus with 39 skiers on it went looking for her in the Walmart parking lot, while we watched her jump snowbanks and race across the parking lot looking for the bus. The bus and Annette finally got together and we were off to Marquette. Once in Marquette it was time for more St. Patricks Day Follies - either at the Ramada or Flanigans across the street. For those who chose Flanigans, our lucky Leprechaun was there to kiss the girls!

Saturday we were off to the hill in a bus decorated for the occasion with leis and Aloha welcoming our members. Gelandesprung skiers had the hill to themselves for most of the morning, making tracks on the freshly groomed runs. Twenty (20) members raced

Nastar, with 5 female, and 15 male participants and bringing home 3 Silver medals and 12 Bronze medals.

A superior effort by the group. After that, it was time for our BBQ at the Boarder Shack. Gary Heileman and Terry McKee joined us for lunch. Monica and Bill Secor stopped by to say Hi! Mike Bast brought the shot ski, but only



Stephanie Compton, Amy Pautzke, and Annette DePouw partook. Mary Lou Kuske and Annette Schilling did not think the “kid” was cooking the hot dogs and brats enough, so they took over the grill! Don Steffens got great pictures of our “master chefs.” Then off for more skiing. . .Steve “just one more run” Ourada (he got a prize for this) held up the



bus, so our consistency of departing late was unbroken. Back at the hotel it was off to the hottub/pool for a wine and cheese party, and dinner at 7 with the presentation of the Nastar medals and a lot of laughter and banter. . .

Sunday, Sunday, Sunday arrived. The big day for the Firehose Race, Giant Slalom, Pig Roast and raffle. BUT, once again the bus did not leave

Marquette Mountain Spring Carnival (continued)....

on time because Jim Pautzke didn't get in the shower until 8:30 and the bus was scheduled to leave at 9. He will NEVER live that one down!, but he sure was CLEAN! I was concerned about Don Stephens, so I asked Dick Wortiska if he was skiing on Sunday. Dick said, "He's not dead!" Well, that shut me up!!! Lori Lacey was the only skier unable to "lace up her boots" on Sunday, because of a fall on Saturday.

A Wine and Cheese party was held at 11 a.m. at the Snowfield Shack for the "Blessing of the Firehose race teams". The teams were the Russian Rovers - Jim Pautzke, Amy Pautzke, Tom Herber, Bill Wanie and Dave Van Gemert (better known as DVG), the other team the Master

Hosers - Carl Willequette, Vicky Voght, Jake Nerehausen, Scott Nerehausen and Gary Austin. Mary Melum did the Blessing of the Racers - with Apple Pucker (we couldn't find any water, much less holy water!).

At 1:00 the Pig Roast was served and all were well fed. Then onto the Firehose Race. The "Blessing of the Firehose Racers" with apple pucker must of worked, because. ..the Master Hosers made it down the hill without falling, while the Russian Rovers, although falling once, made it down as a "clean" bunch (remember the earlier statement about Jim Pautzke!?).. Then off to more skiing, watching the Slush Cup, and onto the Raffle. The "Luck of the Irish" was with

us, especially Dave Rott (Stephanie kissed the Leprauchaun and then must of kissed Dave!) who won a pair of Salomon skis and bindings, and Deb Bramschriber (she must of kissed the Leprauchaun ,too) won a snowboard and bindings.



Many other Club members won gift certificates, ski/boot bags, but. .no matter how long Sam Fontaine and Jim Herald waited (holding up the bus again!!!) they had to leave without winning their oil change certificate for Marquette!!!

Back on the bus, the Obtuse nominations were started immediately, because there was so many of them. To finally cut to the chase, Jim Herald won the Obtuse Award for this trip, despite tough competition, unbelievably tough competition. Jim won a \$10.00 gift certificate to Zellars for swallowing my contacts. Friday after being at Flanigans celebrating St. Pats, find my contact case, soooo I put saline in a glass in the bathroom and put my contacts in the solution.

I never do this at home, so during the night Jim got up went to get a glass of H2O. .came back to bed and said the H2O was "lumpy". ..I said you drank my contacts!!! That wasn't the funny part, on Saturday morning Jim woke up and said "I can see better!" That got him the Obtuse. Then the comedians of Gelandesprung, Sue Whitmer and Tom Vander Linden, after Jim got the award, had him read an eye chart. ..guess what side of his body it was placed!!!



Well, that's the story and I'm sticking to it. .great fun, lots of laughs, a most enjoyable weekend. We were still laughing Monday. Thanks to all of you for helping with loading, unloading gear and luggage, remembering things we forgot, eating and drinking most everything so we wouldn't have to unload it! You're great and we are so proud to be members of such an outstanding club as ours.

See you at the Summer Events. . .

Jim and Danice

Vail Trip Recap

You know the old saying, you should have been here last week, the skiing was unbelievable. Well we had that week. Some days we had fresh snow, other days was beautiful sunshine, but never was the weather bad enough to force us off the mountain.

The trip started early Saturday morning with everyone reporting to the airport on time and everything went smooth with all the people meeting up in Denver as planned. Then at the baggage carousel we had a problem, it seems that Delta thinks the shortest route for skis to Denver is through Atlanta. After a short delay all luggage was claimed and we loaded the bus for the planned stop at Apple Jacks and King Super and on to Vail.

The wine and cheese party was held in the condo of the trip leader, Dick Wortiska, where the lift tickets and the latest information on the trip were given to everyone. Then all we had to do was wait until morning for the first day of skiing.

Sunday morning we awoke to find five inches of new snow, well that was the official report, I found a number of places with more than that. The skiing was great and we all enjoyed our first day on Vail Mountain.

Tuesday at noon Sam and Deb put together a fondue on the top of the mountain near Wildwood. The deck was secluded in the trees with one side giving us a beautiful view of the backside of Vail Mountain. Everyone enjoyed the view and the fondue and agreed it couldn't get much better than this. We had a visit from Karl Winter, the tour agent that put the package together and then we had the group photo with the beautiful view in the background. The rest of the afternoon everyone continued to explore the mountain.

The week continued on with some gorgeous weather and wonderful skiing. A number of people ventured over to Beaver Creek to see what it had to offer. Skiing at Beaver Creek was included as a part of the lift ticket package. It offered a nice change for a day, but most of the time was spent skiing Vail Mountain.

The town of Vail has a lot of things to do when you are not on the mountain. The restaurants are excellent, with all types of menus and price ranges to choose from. The shops offer almost anything you can think of to purchase and at this time of the year many of our people took advantage of huge end of season discounts on ski equipment and fashions.

Friday was our last day to ski and once again Mother Nature treated us to fresh snow. This time the official tally was nine inches, but again I found a lot of places with more than double that amount. It was a great way to say farewell to a wonderful mountain.

Friday evening the farewell banquet was held at Evergreen Lodge which is next door to our condos. It is a very nice place and the food was excellent, a lot of pictures were taken and a lot of the events of the week were recaptured again. At the end it was time for the obtuse nominations and after all the stories were told, Carol Wotruba's nomination of Niels Jensen was the best of all. It seems that a group of people went to the village for dinner one evening and after the meal as the group was walking back to the bus stop, Niels, being the perfect gentleman that he is ran ahead to hold the bus for the other people to catch up. As it turns out the bus he was holding was headed in the wrong direction.

Saturday morning we loaded the bus and said a sad farewell to Vail. The return trip went smooth and everyone was glad to be home to rest up from a busy and fun filled week.

I enjoyed the trip and being your trip leader. I had a lot of good help from so many people, that I can't name them all, but they know who they are. I want to just say thank you to them. Everyone pitching in to help like that makes these trips run smoothly, and makes the event for the trip leader very enjoyable. I love to see the smiles on all the faces, and this week I saw a lot of smiles. Thank you.

Dick Wortiska



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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-lèn-də-shprōdŋ" but anyway you say it, it's a great ski club!



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- 1 Larry Finnegan
- 1 Judy Van Caster
- 2 Barb Evrard
- 5 Dave Van Gemert
- 13 Lois DePouw
- 15 Amy Benjamin
- 21 Shelley Barstow
- 22 Ellen C. Olmsted
- 22 Ron Quick
- 23 Gary Austin
- 25 Debra Bramscheiber
- 25 Teri Linssen
- 31 Sue Erdmann

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