



Gelandesprung Gazette



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From the office of the president.

Hear he Hear he, I proclaim the ski season has come to an end. And what a season it was. I think there was some of that fun stuff. Thanks for everyone for going on the trips. All of you made this a great year for the club. The board will be off to Chicago to attend the CMSC ski show. That is where we look at and get info on upcoming trips. Planning is well under way already for future trips. Please check the newsletter for summer events. Blizzard game, May. 29. Information in this letter. The club will be having a summer picnic; July-Aug. Details will be coming. Don't forget to tell your friends what a great bunch of people we are, always looking for new members. Thanks again. Have a great summer, be safe.

Your president.
Carl Williquette

If there is something you would like in the newsletter, please submit it to me by the 20th of the month. Thank you!

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BOYNE HIGHLANDS

We loaded the bus in both Green Bay and Appleton to head over to Boyne Highlands. We were at full capacity looking forward to a great weekend. We watched videos of Clapton and friends and some redneck comedy to make the trip pass. Snacks and beverages were consumed with the usual stop for dinner in Escanaba. Jack was our bus driver and is a veteran of many ski trips. We arrived around midnight to check into our rooms and grab one last drink at the Slope Side bar.

Saturday morning brought us a crisp, sunny day. The breakfast buffet was awesome as always. The snow conditions were very good and we had little wind all day which made for a great day of skiing. After skiing, the majority of the group collected at the Zoo bar for dancing and drinks. Our club dominated the dance floor and everyone had a great time. Dinner followed with our choice from the menu at the wonderful restaurant in the main lodge. Some of the group then headed to the Slope Side while others hit the pool and whirlpool. It was a full day of activity and I'm sure everyone slept well.

After the breakfast buffet on Sunday we found different ski conditions. The temps were in single digits and the wind was blowing hard driving the wind chill well below zero. It was a tough day to stay out for very long. Many ended the day early and shopped or just relaxed. We had to be out of our rooms by 1:00pm, but changing rooms were provided up to the time we departed. After the last of the die-hard skiers came off the mountain, we set off on our trip home.

We had only a few nominations for the Obtuse award. I think bribes are being given to keep people quiet. Our winner was Rick Huston who apparently likes to push people off the chair lift. He smugly stated in his acceptance speech that "crime does pay!" We arrived home safely late Sunday night.

I would like to thank all those who helped with loading and unloading. I would also like to thank all those on the trip – It was a fun and awesome group.

Ron Quick & Mike Daley – Trip Leaders

Spring Banquet Recap:

An extremely energetic group of 60 members and friends gathered for the Spring Banquet on Friday, April 24th at the Sports Corner in De Pere. Terry Hoffman was extremely vivacious but claimed Sue Nichols was the instigator. Not sure about that. It seemed everyone was in a festive mood.

Carl opened the meeting thanking many people and organizations for their part in helping make the 2008/2009 ski season a great success. I believe the biggest thank you needs to go to Carl for his fine leadership these past two years, and I'm happy to say he has agreed to an additional two years as our board president. Thank you Carl.

Luggage tag reminder: please mark all of your suit cases, ski bags, boot bags and backpacks. It's been hard to find the owner of some of the intimate apparel left behind.

New Blood: Please help in recruiting new members. We're always looking for new and sometimes younger blood with new ideas to help keep our club alive and healthy.

Snail Mail: If you have an email address, please let us know so we can save postage. Plus email is in color.

Next board meeting is Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the Sports Corner. Members are always welcome.

Missing in action: the Gelanda Gnome has been missing for a few years and we are looking for the member who received the Obtuse Award and left it hidden in the closet. (Maybe they just wanted to forget their embarrassing action.) The club would really like to retrieve it as we want to award the Gnome to other well deserving members.

This year's winner of the **Obtuse Award** goes to Mike Weber. It seems Mary Blankenheim was surprised when Mike skied up behind her with his skis between her legs. She reprimanded him as this was not the time or place.

On a serious note, the board decided to have a special plaque made in honor of Donnie Steffens, a much loved member of the club who died in a plane crash. The plaque is entitled the "**Don Steffen's Ski Trash Award**". The traveling plaque will be awarded each year to the person who skied all of the Gelandesprung and Sly Fox trips plus the most other days skiing. This year the award goes to Mike Komoroske who skied 32 days. Congratulations Mike. As you are retiring next year, you will be a hard act to follow. Carl says, "Way Cool!!"

We're happy to announce the club made a little money on each trip. As we are a non-profit organization, we need to break even or make a little money for the club to survive. Thanks to all who participated.

At the **Fall Banquet** we will be celebrating **40** years as a ski club. There will be special door prizes for trips that the club will sponsor as well as a special celebration.

Rick Huston was elected our new secretary for the next two years replacing Mike Whitmer who has moved to Arizona but will remain a member of the club. Thanks Mike for your past services and good luck in your new position. Thanks Rick for accepting this important position. Have a safe summer.

Judy Van Caster



Bicycling anyone?

Several Gelandesprung(ers) are bicycling from Green Bay on July 7th and returning on the 17th. Trip is about 566 miles or 50-60 miles average per day. We are riding over the top of Lake Michigan down to Ludington. Carferry to Manitowoc & then bike back to GB. We will camp out when possible and motel when weather is bad. Carry what you need is the rule. Some information is below. All are invited so Invite anyone else that may be interested. E-mail me at bikekomo@sbcglobal.net or call 920-469-3031.

The Mackinac Bridge Authority will transport our group across the bridge in Mackinac Bridge Authority vehicles. The fee is \$2.00 per bicycle. For southbound, please go to our service window in the administration building and ask for assistance. The administration building is located on the north end of the Mackinac Bridge on the east side of the toll plaza. The service is provided on an as needed basis. If you need additional information please call me at 906-643-7600. Thank you for your interest in the Mackinac Bridge.

Carferry Schedule

SUMMER 2009

LEAVE LUDING-	ARRIVE MANITOWOC	LEAVE MANITOWOC	ARRIVE LUDINGTON
8:00 AM	11:00 AM (CT)	1:15 PM (CT)	6:15 PM (ET)
7:55 PM**	10:55 PM (CT)	12:30 AM*** (CT)	5:30 AM (ET)

Bicycles \$6.00

Adults \$74.00

Michael Komoroske bikekomo@sbcglobal.net

Niels Jensen njensen001@new.rr.com

Crossing time 4 hours. Ludington is Eastern time(ET); Manitowoc is Central(CT). *5:00 pm on 5/30. **No 7:55 pm sailing 6/6. ***No 12:30 am sailing 6/7.

Sly Fox Ski Club Night at the Ball Game

Milwaukee Brewers

vs

Atlanta Braves

Saturday, July 25 \$40

What we provide:

Bus from Appleton & De Pere, leave 1:30 PM

Terrace Level Tickets, game time 6 PM

Beer, soda, water, for the ride and Tailgate Party

Tailgate Party with grill, burgers, brats, buns, fixins

Return bus after the game, home by 12 (unless extra in)

What you provide:

Dish to pass at Tailgate Party

Any special beverage you desire

Lawn chair for Tailgate Party

Set of Lungs to cheer on the Brewers!

Friends!

Send check to Sly Fox Ski Club, PO Box 1613, Appleton, WI 54912

Contact Sam Fontaine samfont@athenet.net, 337-0975

Aspen Report

Aspen 2009 was over-the-top, the best, the non-plus-ultra, the.....what ever, ski trip in a while. The transportation was on time (well, mostly), the accommodations were luxurious, but mostly it was the snow. While we were expecting conditions in Aspen to be normal for the end of March/early April, (bright sun, warm temperatures, slushy snow), what we got were midwinter conditions. Of the six days of skiing, it snowed on four. Only the last day, Friday, was the snow wet and sticky. The other days it was the light, dry stuff.

Back to the beginning. Our charter bus pulled into The Gant at Aspen just after midnight Saturday, March 28, after a 5 hour trip from Denver airport (with the obligatory stop at Applejacks). The bell staff of The Gant unloaded the bus and took all our luggage to our rooms. The Gant is a large condo complex about 4 blocks from the Silver Queen gondola at Aspen Mountain. Our rooms were all 2 bedroom, 2 bath units, with wood burning fireplaces. The Gant had 2 swimming pools and 3 hot tubs, and a free shuttle van service to the gondola and the Ruby Park bus station for transfer to the other 3 mountains on our lift passes.

Sunday morning bright and early everyone was off skiing. Most went to Aspen Mountain close by and some went to Buttermilk. Trails were all mostly groomed and a hazy overcast sky. As recent snow was scraped off, we saw some brown spots appearing. These weren't bare spots but evidence of a big dust storm the week before. The week before that, the golf courses opened. High winds shut down the gondola at 11 AM, so we had the whole mountain to ourselves as long as we did not ski to the bottom. Deb S got practice loading on high speed quads and got it right the third time. That evening, The Gant put on a wine and cheese reception for us. We all got together and planned our week as we watched the snow beginning to fall.

It snowed on and off for the next three days. Powder hounds rejoiced, cruisers took their lumps. I skied at noon on Wednesday at the Tiehack area of Buttermilk. I counted 9 sets of tracks in 12 inches of new snow. Some took a day off to head down to Glenwood Hot Springs for a day of soaking.

Thursday, the sun came out and everything they could groom was groomed. The majority headed to Snowmass and started at the Elk Camp. The snow was that perfect velvet that gets you hooked on skiing, and then you don't see again for years. By the afternoon, we migrated over for some runs on the Big Burn. Après ski was on the deck at the Cirque Bar. Sun tans and cold beer. After a while, the bar even bought a few pitchers. All you needed was some Packer garb to identify you as "one of those Green Bay people". Back at The Gant, we held a "leftovers" pool and hot tub party.

The city of Aspen has changed over the years, fewer bars and restaurants, more high end shops. The land lords have been hiking the rents so high, the only way to stay in business was to sell \$10,000 purses. As they say, "You only need to sell one." Meantime, the town was basically dead. (I guess no one was buying \$10,000 purses). The old Crystal Palace dinner theater has closed, and so has the Red Onion and the Mother Lode. But things change. The talk of the town was upcoming rent renegotiations. Already, one fur shop has closed. Tax receipts are down 25% this year.

Friday was our last ski day. It was snowing again, but this time it was "Michigan" powder. Wet and heavy. Most quit skiing by early afternoon and did their last-minute shopping. That night, we had a great catered dinner put on by The Gant. Mexican buffet with all the trimmings. Time for Lunar awards. There were not a lot of notable Lunar actions on this trip. Newby Desiree Schiff came through in the pinch though. It seems that before heading into town for the evening, she decided she needed to take along a hat in case it started snowing. She fished around in the bottom of her back pack until she felt it. She stuffed it quickly in her purse and headed for town. Sure enough, it started snowing, and so in the middle of Aspen, she pulls her hat out of her purse and finds out it's a pair of underwear. She got the prize, a stuffed skiing bear, and of course, Dez rides a board.

The ride back to Denver airport was notable only because we had to chain-up to go over Vail Pass. We all got to Minneapolis with a 3 hour wait to get to Appleton and Green Bay, and the party threatened to get going again at TGI Friday's. But closing time and our on-time departures cut it short. Nothing to do now but start planning for next year.

Raft Trip 2009 (Advanced Section)

Wolf River Rafting

Big Smokey Falls Rafting

Located 11 miles North of Keshena on Highway 55

Saturday, June 6, 2009

Meet at either at The Bar on Lynndale, Appleton or
The SC Grand on Midvalley Rd, DePere (Main St. exit)

Car-pooling leaving promptly at 8:30 a.m.

If you are not meeting either of the car caravans, please arrive at Big Smokey
Falls Rafting by 10:00 a.m.!

Cost: \$38

Includes beer, soda, sandwiches, chips,
raft rental, paddles, and life vest.

We will have lunch before rafting.

NO GLASS or METAL CONTAINERS for your favorite beverage are
allowed on the river or in the rafts.

Use plastic jugs or an insulated thermos.

Bring a rope to tie off your belongings.

Wear swim suit and tennis shoes or water socks
to protect your feet from rocks.

DON'T FORGET your suntan lotion, hats,
and **OLD** sunglasses.



**CONTACT MIKE BAST
FOR DETAILS
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Green Bay Blizzard at the Resch Center in Green Bay

Friday May 29 - 7:30PM

This is open for everyone, friends and kids. Come one, come all!

Cost is \$10 a ticket

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(he'll be working—but he'll be there!!)

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(“ ... their coming to take me away, ha ha, he he, hoo, hoo”)

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May Birthdays



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05/01	Judy Van Caster
05/05	Dave Van Gemert
05/06	Richard Duffek
05/11	Dale Phillips
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