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Activities

Aug 4	Concert-Jazz-Noelridge Park
Aug 9	Culinary-Napoli's-Marion
Aug 12	Concert-Guthridge Park-Hiawatha
Aug 18	Concert-Marion Square
Aug 20	Corn Roast @ Sally William's Residence
Sept 5-11	Kentucky/Tennessee trip
Sept 13	Culinary-Siamville Thai-CR
Sept 17	Kick-off Meeting
Oct 4	Culinary-Ronneburg-Amana
Oct 21	Member Meeting
Nov 18	Member Meeting
Dec 16	Member Meeting
Jan 7	Soup & Chili Cook-Off
Jan 21-28	Snowmass/Aspen Ski Trip
Feb 20-26	Copper Mountain Ski Trip

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is August 17.

Members and non-members are welcome.

Time and location of the next board meeting can be obtained from **Steve Cummings**

EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact: members@eastiowaskiclub.com

Annual Membership: Single - \$30 | Household - \$60

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DEADLINE:

The deadline for the September Skiddoo is August 26.

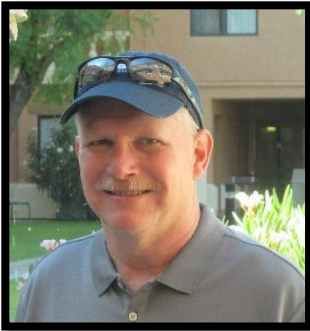
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EISC Financials are available on request.

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President's Message



Greetings EISC members, I hope the August newsletter finds everyone doing well and enjoying this

very warm summer season. Besides everyone planning and going on their own family vacations & activities, the club has been active as well. The Takes to the River celebration on July 16th at Jim and Kathy Takes farm looked like a great time - unfortunately I had to miss it because of a dental issue.

Activity wise, the Lake of the Woods fishing trip will be underway when this newsletter comes out. We have not had as many EISC group bike rides this summer; I suspect due to the extra warm & windy weather.

On the positive side, my golf scores are improving and the cost of my city golf pass has already been justified as of mid-July. Which reminds me, the board asked to move the EISC golf outing to this Sept/Oct rather than this summer.

The Kentucky/Tennessee Bourbon tour is coming up and the two 2023 West Ski trips are doing well. Planning is continuing on the 2023 Midwest ski trip and the 2024 ski trips. The European bike and barge or site seeing river cruise trips have been difficult to plan for our group. The pricing has been higher than we would prefer and the difference between the types of trips is a challenge. With the current economy and rising airfare costs we did not feel confident we could commit to the numbers required to make either type of foreign travel trip successful. However, that does not mean the board is giving up on planning.

We have decided to keep the focus on US travel for the immediate future. The board is working on several different ski and non-ski adventure trip options. If any member has ideas for a possible future trip, please share it with the board and the trip committee will see if it can fit into the plans.

Hope to see everyone out at the Corn Roast at Sally William's farm on August 20th. The Corn Roast is always a good time & a good way to catch up with folks & hear about their summer activities. We will be headed into the September Kick off meeting before we know it.

Thanks,

Steve Cummings



August Birthdays

Kim Jacoby (3rd), Chip Scholl (6th), Terry Osmanski (10th), Tim Gull (11th), Janet Stimson (13th), Joan Meyer (15th), Kathy Healy (16th), Maggie Malone (18th), Alex Wittnebel (20st), David Meyer (28th), Jeffrey J Barnes (28th)

Skiddoo Articles Reminder

Here's hoping this newsletter finds you all in good health and happiness. This is simply a reminder to anyone who is chairing/co-chairing any trip or activity--when you have any articles to write, or update, or photos to add, please try to get those items to me by the deadline, *and even well before if humanly possible*. I know we are all often times consumed with our busy lives, but this would help me tremendously so that I can compose the newsletter bit by bit in small increments over the course of the week, rather than spending several hours on the weekend right when the deadline hits. This would be much appreciated as I work full-time during the week and like everyone else, my weekends are often busy doing other activities. Thank you and I hope you are enjoying your summer!

Cathy Dick, Skiddoo Editor

FUTURE EVENTS

New EISC Social Activities

Culinary Tour of Local Ethnic Restaurants

The first international culinary dinner was a flaming success. Fifteen ski club members savored the hibachi, sushi, shots of sake and much more at the Oyama Sushi and Steakhouse Restaurant on July 5th. Mary Day even had her red snapper delivered on her lap. The food was delicious and we all enjoyed friendly conversation



while watching the master chef prepare our meals before our very eyes.

The next culinary experience will occur on Tuesday, August 9th at Napoli's Italian Restaurant. If you would like to join us just **rsvp to**

Lois Kabela-Coates
at lois@eastiowaskiclub.com by no later than Sunday, August 7th. Mealtime is at 6:00pm.



More upcoming international culinary restaurant opportunities:

September 13 – Siamville Thai Cuisine | 3635
1st Ave NE | Cedar Rapids

October 4 - Ronneburg Restaurant | 4408 220th
Trail | Amana

Free Outdoor Concerts

We are extremely fortunate to live in a community that provides numerous opportunities to hear talented musicians at free outdoor venues. The EISC has selected dates for informal gatherings at five of the most popular upcoming summer concert series. We will congregate at the back right side of audience at each venue. Just bring your own chair. Beverages and snacks are optional but encouraged at most venues. Friends and family are also welcome.

Date	Band	Organization/Location	Time
Aug 4	Dandelion Stompers	Jazz Under the Stars-Noelridge	7-9pm
Aug 12	BootJack	Music in the Park-Guthridge Park	6-9pm
Aug 18	Schmidt Brothers	Uptown Get Down-Marion Square Park	6-9pm

~article by **Lois Kabela-Coates**

Fishing trip to Lake of the Woods: July 30 - August 6, **2022 Sportsman's Lodge-Baudette, Minnesota** **\$1580/person double occupancy**

As you read this, we are having a wonderful time catching fish and making memories!



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Kentucky/Tennessee Motor Coach Trip-September 5 - 11 - A full week for only \$1495 per person (2 per room)

First Payment: \$495 due @ signup | Second payment \$500 due June 4
Final Payment: \$500 due July 16 | Cancellation date: May 15

There are 26 club members ready for a great fall trip to Louisville, Nashville, Memphis and St. Louis.

The schedule includes some sightseeing, a bit of history, musical entertainment, dining experiences, and maybe trying to find a new favorite libation. Looking forward to a fun trip!

The trip has been closed as reservations were needed to be made. We can put you on a waiting list.

Contact **Diane Reinertson** 319-210-3000 or **Becky Gordon** 319-389-0315

~ Article by **Diane Reinertson**

Annual Corn Roast - Saturday, August 20th @ 3pm

The annual Corn Roast will be hosted by Sally Williams at her farm near the Eastern Iowa Airport. Get ready to have an afternoon/evening of festivities and feasting. Activities will start at 3:00pm with bean bag toss, croquet, etc. The grill will be fired up around 5 pm. For those who like to camp you're welcome to bring a camper or a tent. Bring a dish to pass, a meat to grill, BYOB (your favorite adult beverage), your favorite lawn chair, any yard games you want to play, and a friend or two. We will provide plates, utensils, sweet corn, pop, bottled water, and grill.

Many trips have gone on sale but if trips are not sold out you can sign up or get on the wait list. This event is open to members and non-members.

How to find it: 5305 Walford Rd, Fairfax, Iowa. From I-380 turn west on Wright Brothers Blvd, turn left (south) at the first gravel road past the airport (Cherry Valley Rd), then turn right (west) on Walford Road and proceed 1/4-mile - watch for the farm on the left with the EISC signs. Any questions, let me know! See you there!

~ article by **Sally Williams**

EISC Summer Golf Outing

The EISC Board requested we move the summer golf outing from mid-July to late Sept, or early October. The board was concerned that the members who may only golf a few times a year wouldn't have the opportunity to participate. Since the courses will be full through August, we decided to try after the main season is over. Fall golf is always fun. More information with a date and location will be coming shortly.

~ Article by **Steve Cumming**

Snowmass/Aspen Trip, Jan 21 - 28, 2023

The Snowmass trip is priced at:

Adult full pkg: \$1607 or \$507 @ sign up | Sept \$550 | Oct \$550

Senior (65+) full pkg: \$1407 or \$507 @ sign up | Sept \$465 | Oct \$465

Condo only package: \$1087 or \$507 @ sign up | Sept \$290 | Oct \$290



The East Iowa Ski Club's first West trip of the 2023 season is to the Snowmass/Aspen ski areas, Jan 21 – 28, 2023. The 24 spots for members staying at the Top of the Village complex in four 3br/3bth ski-in/ski-out condos are sold out; however, a wait list has already been created. There is great skiing at Snowmass - it is always fun and the convenient, free shuttle service to the 3 other mountains Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk make this a special destination. This trip has been priced as a drive yourself/carpool trip like other Colorado destinations. The club has worked out a round trip airline ticket

option into the Aspen airport at an extra cost, for those who would prefer to fly instead of drive. Your Trip Leader will have pricing and additional details.

Kathy Takes and Kari Wheeler are the volunteer Trip Leaders & hosts on this great skiing adventure. If you did not get signed up before the trip sold out, please add your name to the Wait List. There is usually a cancellation and an opportunity to

sign up later. At Snowmass we will be staying at the Top of the Village - the ultimate in ski-in ski-out condo lodging. Spacious condos surrounded on three sides by mountains and forests. You can literally ski right onto the slopes.

Each unit has a fully equipped kitchen, fireplace, washer-dryer, gas grill, and private balcony or patio. The TOV offers an outdoor heated pool, two outdoor hot tubs, fitness room and sauna. The other 3 mountain resorts are very accessible. The Roaring Fork Transit Authority (RFTA) provides a FREE and extensive bus service within Aspen villages until 2 a.m. Below are some descriptions of the mountains we will be skiing.

Snowmass is massive enough to offer up every type of terrain from serene to extreme. Snowmass has 3,332 acres of terrain, 94 trails, 21 chairlifts and access to your choice of cruisers, glades and steeps. Snowmass has a 4,406 vertical feet drop, which is the most in the country. Seven on-mountain restaurants offer places to pause and rest, which you'll need after trails that stretch as long as five miles. No other mountain offers the variety of experiences you'll find at Snowmass.

Aspen Mountain, with its famous black-diamond terrain, has kept us on the map since 1947. Inbounds you'll get a variety of glades, bumps and steeps. While the mountain hasn't changed much, you'll appreciate the new gondola, great views & food at the Sundeck at the summit and Ajax Tavern at the base, where the après rivals the skiing. Base elevation: 7,945 ft. Summit elevation: 11,212 ft. Number of trails: 76, Types of trails: easiest: 0%, more difficult: 48%, most difficult: 26%, expert: 26%.

With breathtaking 360-degree views of the Maroon Bells and an abundance of expert terrain as well as groomed cruisers, it's no wonder Aspen Highlands has been the locals' favorite for over 50 years. Hike the 12,392 feet to the summit of Highland Bowl for the ultimate inbounds backcountry rush. Or take the Deep Temerity lift to access the recently-added 237 skiable acres. It all adds up to some of the most challenging big-mountain terrain in North America. Base elevation: 8,040 ft., Summit elevation: 11,675 ft. (top of Highland Bowl 12,392 ft.) Number of trails: 118, Types of trails: easiest: 18%, more difficult: 30%, most difficult: 16%, expert: 36%. Buttermilk built its 50-year legacy on wide-open and gently rolling trails that cater to beginners and families

Please contact Kathy Takes for more information or to have your name added to the Wait List for the Snowmass Aspen ski trip.

~ Article by **Steve Cummings** | photo from stock

Copper Mountain trip, Feb 20 - 26, 2023

The Copper Mountain trip is priced at:

**\$1164 | Adult full pkg. | condo and 5 of 6-day lifts (Sign-up \$582 / Sept \$582)
\$750 | w/o lifts | condo only (sign up \$375 / Sept \$375)**



The East Iowa Ski Club's Copper Mountain trip sold half of the available spots at the Spring Picnic.

If you are interested in joining us at Copper Mountain, please contact Dale and Rhonda Bohrer, who have volunteered to be trip leaders on this ski adventure.

There is currently room for 16 members to stay in

Mountain Plaza complex in the Center Village. The club has 8 condos, 2br/2bth in this walk-in/walk-out location - across the plaza from the lifts (3-minute walk).

This EISC trip is scheduled as a 6 night, Monday through Sunday, Feb 20 – 26; drive yourself/carpool trip. We have the option to park at the resort early Monday (2/20/23), ski all day and check in that afternoon. This should work out great for those who want to travel to the Denver area on Sunday, then

drive into Copper Mountain early for skiing on Monday morning and avoid the weekend traffic. The club got special group pricing on the condos with this unusual schedule and five of six-day lift tickets.



Copper Mountain is a 2,507-acre resort that has an excellent variety of naturally differentiated terrain that gets more challenging from west to east, and a seriously underrated high alpine filled with adventure terrain—plus a free Snow-cat ride to maximize your time there.

The resort has a huge variety of terrain spread across this large resort, so there are plenty of options for every level. Great, long groomers in both lower-intermediate and upper-intermediate ranges. Much more and better tree skiing than most people know. For those wanting to improve their skiing, Copper is one of the best resorts

to learn to ski thanks to stellar learning programs, (slightly) lower prices, and a down-to-earth vibe that makes you want to hang a little longer.

The vibe at Copper is somehow simultaneously hip and refreshingly old-school: Go have some damn fun. Copper sees—and markets—itsself as the rebel force to the corporate imperial army down the road. It works.

Copper's guests enjoy steps away lodging, apres ski entertainment, naturally divided terrain, exciting events and a welcoming, knowledgeable staff. The base elevation is 9,712 feet and the summit is at 12,441 feet. There are over 140 marked trails (21% beginner, 25% intermediate, 36% advanced, 18% expert) and 24 chairlifts making Copper one of the largest ski resorts in Colorado.

The Mountain Plaza complex is known for its spacious and comfortable accommodations conveniently located at the base of the American Eagle Lift in the Center Village. On-site indoor and outdoor hot tubs, sauna, dining and a lobby warmed by its gas fireplace make Mountain Plaza a good choice to enjoy a relaxed mountain environment, while being steps away from skiing. The building, built in 1979, features complimentary wi-fi, heated underground parking and laundry facilities. 1 vehicle per unit with a kitchen receives garage parking. Additional vehicles may park in the free outlying lots or choose to pay for parking in the interior village lots.

Copper Mountain is on the Ikon Pass. Pass holders get unlimited access to the resort. The Copper Mountain trip currently has 16 spots left for the trip.

~ article by **Steve Cummings** | photos by **Dale Bohrer** from 2015 trip

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

Takes to the River - Saturday, July 16th, Cascade

Once again, we had a beautiful day to host our friends from the East Iowa Ski Club! Our float down the North Fork of the Maquoketa from Cascade to our farm was very relaxing! The weather was perfect, the water depth, in most places, was adequate, and the companionship couldn't have been better! We even had a couple paddle boards along, Kari and Brue did an awesome job.

There was a welcoming committee when we reached the farm, help getting boats out of the river, a shuttle back to town (thank you, Jeff) and food waiting.



Once again Jim's onion rings were a big hit. Twelve pounds of onions were devoured along with home raised burgers and all the food provided by guests. A special thanks to Wendall and Bill for grilling the burgers!



We all enjoyed visiting and walking thru the garden picking produce to take home.



Thank you everyone who joined us!
We love sharing our farm with our
friends from the club!! Kathy & Jim.

~ article/photos by **Kathy Takes**