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Upcoming Events:

March 7 – Pho House
March 16 Member Meeting @ KC Hall
April 2 – Nara Thai
April 13 EISC Post Party
April 21/28 – Caribbean Cruise
June 14 – Camp/Bike @ Decorah
July 20 – Golf Outing
Aug 31-Sept 9 – Washington DC Trip
Sept 27 – Camp/Bike @ Pella

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Board Meetings:

The next board meeting is March 13. 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 club contact members@eastiowaskiclub.com - Annual membership: single/\$30 | Household/\$60

Moved/Moving:

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Vice President's Message



Greetings East Iowa Ski Club members. As club VP I am filling in for our friend Marty as his recovery continues. When this newsletter comes out, we will have 24 EISC members in Telluride, CO, known for some of the best terrain and as one of the most scenic ski areas in the world. I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of a club that goes to such an incredible resort to ski & enjoy the spectacular views. The trip Leaders hope to provide an update with pictures while we are out there.

The February member meeting was fun and it gave everyone a chance to vote for the 2024/25 EISC board of directors. Thanks to the election committee, Rosanne Van Cura and Connie Miller, led by board Secretary, Mary Day for running such a smooth election. We want to also recognize Mary and the door workers who greeted and checked everyone in at the meeting. Lois updated the club on the planned Kentucky Derby themed April 13th Post Party dinner at Lowe Park in Marion that sound like it will be a good time. I was extremely pleased to see prime rib on the menu this year.

Tim Gull reported on the EISC's first West trip to Beaver Creek, CO. It was a great trip and the reviews reflected what an outstanding job our Trip Leaders did. The club stayed at the Borders ski in/ski out luxury condos, which may have helped the survey ratings. The snow conditions varied some, but the skiing with EISC friends is always fun. Thanks to Ruth Van Tol and Tim Gull for leading this trip to one of our favorite Colorado ski mountains.

Other highlights included Bill Clark's update on the club's first try at a cruise trip, Mary's update on the expanding itinerary of the upcoming Washington DC bus tour. Sandra Cummings reported on the July 20th EISC Golf Outing at Meadowview Golf Course in Central City. Kim Betts described the planned camping/bicycling/exploring weekends at Pulpit Rock campground in Decorah and Howell Station campground on Lake Red Rock, near Pella. We reviewed some of the results of the EISC Adventure Trips surveys and comments that gave the board some direction going into next season.

The Trip Planning Committee will be working with the surveys and planning some different activities for the 2024 / 25 season and beyond.

Steve Cummings, VP and trip coordinator

March Birthdays

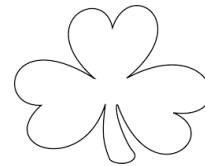
3/1 – Pat Boland
3/9 – Stephen Sartori
3/10 – Vivian Baier, Gordon Bowman
3/12 – Scott Wubben
3/16 – Tina Gull, Kennedy Hunerdosse
3/17 – Becky Fenelon
3/18 – Susan Goodley
3/19 – Mary Jean Blaisdell
3/20 – Mary Goad
3/26 – Rhonda Bohrer

2/13 - Happy belated to Dave Brown!

Family News | New Members

Our condolences to Jeff Barnes, whose father James (Jim) Barnes passed away February 1 at Cottage Grove Place in Cedar Rapids.

A warm welcome to new EISC member
Raymond Baker III



Culinary

The EISC foodies went the fish route in February. The Crab House on Edgewood Road was our destination. Some enjoyed delicious fish and shrimp entrees while others went for the full seafood boil which came served in a big plastic bag. All meals were excellent and the restaurant even threw in three free bowls of fried shrimp for our table to enjoy. If you like fish, check it out.

On Thursday, March 7th at 6:00pm we will head to the Pho House at 5300 Fountains Drive NE for some Vietnamese cooking. Please RSVP to lois@eastiowaskiclub.com if you would like to join us.

Article by **Lois Kabela-Coates**



Member Meeting - Saturday March 16

The next EISC member meeting will be on Saturday March 16 at the Knights of Columbus Council 909 – 1620 E Ave NE, Cedar Rapids. **Come wearing something green and celebrate the eve of St Patrick's Day!!** Bring your snacks and appetizers to share and enjoy the evening with your EISC friends. Beverages will be available to purchase from the KC Hall.

Guests are encouraged and welcome. Come early (doors open at 5:30 pm) and bring your favorite card games and board games. Or enjoy another fun event to be determined – line dancing was a fun activity in February! Otherwise, come at 7:00 pm, and our regular meeting will be at 8:00 pm. Hope to see you at the meeting!

Article by **Janet Stimson**

EISC Post Party - April 13

Mark your calendars. The EISC Post Party will take place on Saturday, April 13th, at the Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center located at 4500 10th Street in Marion. The theme will be "Kentucky Derby" and you are encouraged to dress the part with your finest derby hats and attire. The meal will be provided by LJ Catering featuring a prime rib and chicken buffet. If you prefer a vegetarian entree, please contact lois@eastiowaskiclub.com.

Due to generous memorial gifts from Brian Garbe and Helen Carlson, the cost of this event is being subsidized and the cost to members is only \$15 per person. Please either plan to pay at the March membership meeting, mail a check to Treasurer Janet Stimson or go on the EISC website to make payment.

The fun will begin at 5:00pm with a social hour, followed by dinner at 6:00pm. A fun evening of entertainment, games, prizes and a year-end review is being planned and will follow the dinner hour. The club has paid the alcohol permit fee for the evening so you will be able to bring your own beer and wine. However, no hard liquor is permitted. (Note, the club is NOT able to provide any alcohol).

This promises to be a very fun evening. We hope you all can join us. If you have questions, please contact Lois Kabelá-Coates at lois@eastiowaskiclub.com.

Article by **Lois Kabelá-Coates**

EISC Board of Directors Election Results

The 2023-24 Nominating Committee would like to announce the results of the election to the Board of Directors for the 2024-2026 term. Welcome to new board member **Todd Eadie**. Congratulations to returning board members **Steve Cummings**, **Tim Gull**, and **James Toothaker**.

The new board will begin their service at the end of April.

Thanks to everyone who took time to cast a ballot and to those willing to take their turn in setting the direction of the Club to meet the times. This willingness makes us the best club in the region.

Article by **Mary Day**

2024 Cross Country Ski and other Outdoor Activities

The unusually warm weather and lack of snow has moved our cross-country ski, snow shoe and winter hiking activities behind schedule. For those of you who like to get out to cross country ski, hike or snowshoe below is a schedule of dates and locations of for club members to meet at 1:00 pm (based on last year's schedule). We do not have a XC/snow shoe activity coordinator for this season. If you are interested in leading this effort, please contact one of the board members.

March 2 - McBride Nature Center

March 9 - Wickiup Hill Learning Center

March 16 - Morgan Creek

March 23 - Matsell Bridge Natural Area

We know that when there is a snow fall getting out on the trails soon is important to many skiers. Please use the club's web site Forums to post your desire to get others to join you!

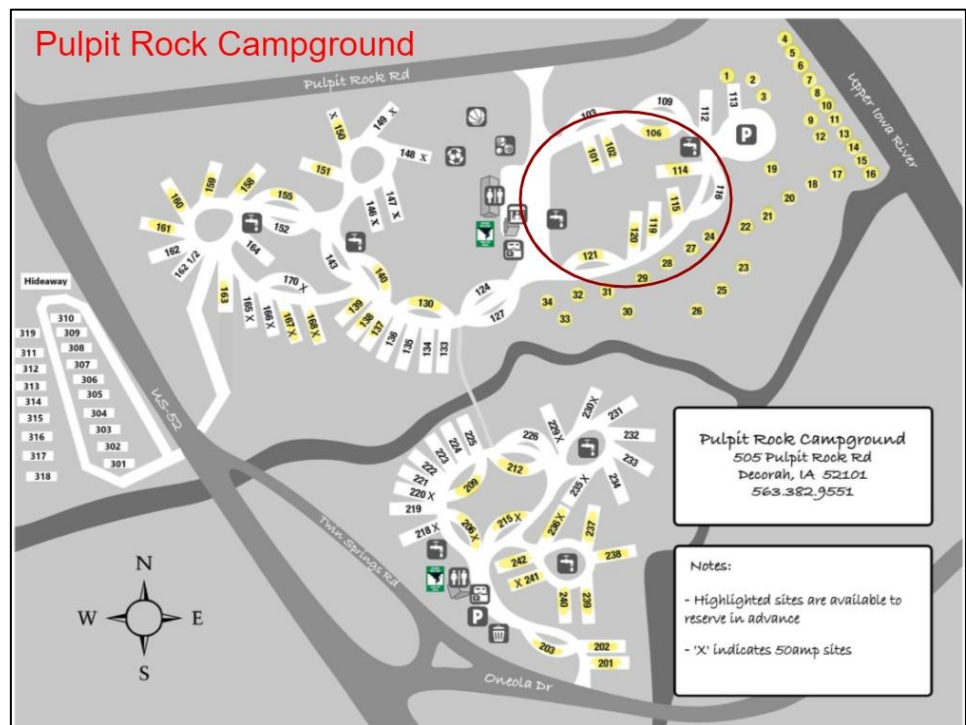
Article by **Steve Cummings**

EISC Camping / Bicycling / Exploring Trip Weekends

The EISC Camping Committee has organized two camping weekends with optional bicycle rides on nearby trails this upcoming season. The camping and bicycle trails are near interesting Iowa cities for those who would just like to explore & have fun with friends from the EISC. There will be a hotel option for those who want to ride bikes or explore and are not necessarily interested in the camping aspect of the weekend.

The first camping / bicycling weekend will be Friday, June 14 through Sunday, June 16 at Pulpit Rock Campground, near Decorah. The bicyclers will be riding on the 11-mile Trout Run Trail. There are many attractions in the Decorah area to explore... The camper's plan is to arrive on Thursday to find a good spot, while the hotel folks plan to arrive Friday afternoon, June 14 or early Saturday morning, with the bike ride starting at 9:00 on Saturday, June 15. After the ride, several members are planning to visit our friends at the Toppling Goliath Brewery at 1600 Prosperity Rd. We had a great time visiting with Ron Saboe and Brew Master, Mike Saboe, the last time we visited Decorah. We plan to return home on Sunday, June 16. The hotel for the members who prefer not to camp will be named later.

Pulpit Rock campground registration opens on March 2 at 8:00am. Kim suggests campsites 101, 102, 106, 114, 115, 119-121 which are in the same circle and all are reservable. Sites 121 & 106 are pull through and will allow two campers, so if you could reserve one of these, when we get to camping day and we have a last-minute add-on, they can be accommodated. All these sites are



adjacent to tent camping as well, so tent camp sites 24-29 for tent campers are reservable. (See pic) See the Ski club website for links and more information.

The second camping weekend has been set up for Friday September 27 through Sunday Sept. 29. The camper's plan is to arrive on Thursday again at Howell Station Campground on Lake Red Rock near Pella. Please contact Kim for more information on camping at this nice Army Corp of Engineers Campground. Sept 28 is a Hawkeye bye week. The hotel folks plan to arrive on Friday afternoon, Sept 27 to prepare for the Saturday bicycle ride. Saturday, Sept 28 at 9:00 the EISC will be riding the Volgweg trail that runs from Pella towards the Howell Station Campground and along the north shore of Lake Red Rock. There are many attractions to explore along with all of the Dutch history to learn about & enjoy in the Pella area. The hotel for the members who prefer not to camp will be named later. The group will spend Saturday evening in Pella and plans to return home Sunday, Sept 29.

Campers, plan to reserve campsites 104-110 which are along the river. They open up six months in advance rolling day by day. So, it is critical you reserve your site on March 28 when the September 28 day opens up. You can then reserve that day and the days after it. Contact Kim for more information.

More information on both of these bike rides will be coming in future Skiddos. This is a great way to kick off our EISC Camping Committee's first season and keep our members ski conditioning up through bicycle rides. We hope to schedule several training day rides through the summer. Thanks!

Article by **Kim Betts/Steve Cummings**

EISC 2024 Four Person Best Shot Golf Outing!

The 2024 EISC golf outing will take place on Saturday, July 20 with a shotgun start @ 9:00 am with an 18-hole, 4-person best shot format.

This event will take place at the picturesque Meadowview Golf & Country Club, 1500 East Maple Street in Central City. The cost of the golf outing will be \$40 per person, which will include 18 holes and a cart.



Upon completion of our golf rounds, we plan to proceed to BIT Brewery, LLC 26 4TH ST N in downtown Central City, which is only three miles from the golf course.

Bit Breweries original beers are on tap and their famous wood fired pizzas will be available for purchase. Some great prizes will be awarded to the top performers at the golf outing.

Signup sheets will be available at all meetings and Kim has set it up so you can sign up and pay on line. We will gladly accept cash or checks at the meeting. Get your team together or we will match you up. Looking forward to summer time fun and a great game.

For those interested in doubling your fun - there is a camping event scheduled at Pinicon Ridge on that weekend. If you so desire you could camp and golf the same weekend! Contact Kim Betts for camping details. Sandra Cummings is the Event Leader: Cell – 319-536-5882 / email – sandrella2121@hotmail.com

Article/Photo by **Sandra Cummings**

7-Night | 5 Ports Eastern Caribbean Cruise from the Port of Miami Norwegian Cruise Line "Breakaway" April 21-28, 2024



This trip is now closed. Twenty-four fellow EISC'ers will be headed to Miami in April where we will board our ship "the Breakaway" for our week-long cruise through the Eastern Caribbean.

If you were on the fence about going on this trip and didn't sign up, stay tuned to see where we go next year. One thing you can count on is we are always going somewhere new and different.

For questions, please reach out to Bill Clark at members@eastiowaskiclub.com

Article by **Marty Stimson** | non-copyright online photo

Washington, DC Bus Tour | Aug 31-Sept 9, 2024

Total Trip Cost | \$2,050 per person, double occupancy
Payment 1 | \$650 due January 20
Payment 2 | \$700 due March 16 (Cancellation date)
Payment 3 | \$700 due June 1
Credit Card Cost | \$2,112 per person, double occupancy
Payment 1 | \$650 due January 20
Payment 2 | \$731 due March 16 (cancellation date)
Payment 3 | \$731 due June 1

This trip is fully booked, and all first payments have been made. Mary Day and Sandra Cummings will be chairing this trip. Next payment and cancellation date are due at the March 16 meeting. Our bus driver Dale is putting some final points on the trip, and we have made requests for tours while we are in Washington, DC. This trip will be the time to put some life into all of those boring things we learned at school.

For questions, reach out to Mary Day at mary@eastiowaskiclub.com or call 319-270-3828.

Article by **Mary Day**

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

Beaver Creek Colorado Ski Trip - January 27



Twenty-two EISC members arrived in Beaver Creek 1/27 via car-pooling and three new members, Tom, Thia and Grant came via air/shuttle from Minneapolis and Detroit.

Our accommodations were at The Borders Lodge with four in beautiful two bedroom, two bath units. Interestingly, several of us were assigned to the same unit we stayed in 2019.

A contingent of excited skiers hit the slopes first thing Sunday morning. Others took the day to familiarize themselves with the Village, the town of Avon and to acclimate to the altitude. The Village Connect app made it easy to request transportation on demand to get up to the resort and transfer to the Avon Skier shuttle that took riders into town.

Sunday evening a group dinner was held in two condos directly across from each other. Because we had nine people who had never been on a club trip, name tags were used

to help folks get to know each other. Conversations may have been somewhat limited since there was a fair amount of interest in the football playoffs.

There seemed to be one condo cheering Detroit and the other San Francisco.

Ski conditions during the week had pros and cons: the temperatures were very mild and pleasant but conditions were a bit spring like. There was a clear need for new snow. Lift lines and crowds didn't exist. Several skiers made their way to Vail for a day. New members Pam and Lori did snowshoeing as a primary activity during the week and several others snowshoed once to take a break from skiing. David and his dad Bob took a day to snowmobile. Other new members Todd and Scott were seen carving up the slopes. Liv got daily coaching from grandparents, Diane and Chip. Grant and Tom's skiing abilities improved markedly after a long lapse of not being on skis. We won't tell how Thia made it down the slopes on her first day!

A group picture had been planned for Sunday evening but dinner and the game interfered with that happening. So, on Thursday evening with the weather being so mild, the group met in The Border's lobby, had a group picture taken and then took a shuttle to the resort. We found seating around a fire pit and waited for a weekly event of skiers coming down the mountain with glow sticks after dark and then a fireworks show. While waiting for the show to start there was a lot of conversation about the week and the fun everyone was having.

Weather alerts on several phone apps had most travelers packing and heading home on Friday to avoid the snowstorm that was predicted to move into the area. Just six travelers stayed overnight on Friday and fortunately had no problems leaving Saturday morning.

The only disappointing thing about the trip was that Beaver Creek received 23 inches of snow in the 48 hours after we had left! Overall, however, it was a great trip!





Article & Photos by **Ruth Van Tol**

Rough Riders Hockey Game - Feb 10

5-2 was the final score of the Cedar Rapids *Rough Riders* vs the Chicago *Steel*, thanks to the attendance of 12 members of EISC. 5-2 is a pretty big margin and it took a lot of cheering and participation to pull that off.

Article by **Mary Day** |

February 17 Member Meeting

Fifty people attended the Valentine themed meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall on February 17.

Before the meeting Mary Day gave some line dance instruction, with several members taking part in that.

A “heartfelt” thanks to all who attended!

Article/Photos by **Cathy Dick**





Be My
Valentine...