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Activities

March 19	6:30 Zoom Monthly Mtg
TBD	Post Party
June 5	Spring Picnic@ Meadowlark
June 11-13	Bike Ride to Raccoon River Trail
July 25	Wildcat Golf Outing
Aug 28	CMSC Free Picnic and Ski Jumping @ Norge Ski Club/IL
Aug 29-Sep 5	Sailing Maine Trip

* Watch the forum and email for upcoming impromptu meetings, ski trips and cross-country events!



EISC

ENJOY THE ADVENTURE

BOARD MEETINGS

The next board meeting is **March 16**
Members and non-members are welcome.
Time and location of the next board
Meeting can be obtained from **Ruth Van Tol**

EISC INFORMATION:

For more information about the EISC contact:
members@eastlowaskiclub.com
Annual Membership fees: Single - \$30; Household - \$60

MOVED/MOVING:

Send address change to:
East Iowa Ski Club, PO Box 843
Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-0843

DEADLINE:

The deadline for the **April Skiddoo** is **March 26**.
Contact **Mary Jean Blaisdell**.
EISC Financials are available on request.

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President's Message

Welcome to March! Wow, what a difference in temperatures from the early part of February, where we were in a deep freeze, to the past few days where temps are well above freezing. At this rate the snow won't last long.

This is the time of year when my thoughts and feelings about winter and spring start to conflict. I have gotten a stack of seed catalogs that are fun to scan and imagine what the vegetable and flower gardens might look like this summer. That makes me want winter to be over. On the other hand, I think it is such a shame that we had such great snow conditions but awful weather conditions that many of us didn't get in a lot of local skiing the past month.

I participated in an event at the Indian Creek Nature Center in mid-February learning how to identify trees and shrubs in the winter. Participants used snowshoes. Afterwards, I started to do some research on purchasing snowshoes. Well, snowshoes are apparently the bicycles of last summer. They have been a popular item around the country and are hard to come by. So maybe I will just look forward to bike riding season and that may be here shortly with the snow rapidly disappearing.



It's good to know that a number of members have been able to get their initial vaccine shot and that the forecast is that all who want one should be able to have it by July. It will be great to put the virus in the rearview mirror.
Be Safe. Stay Healthy.

Ruth

Birthdays-March: Pat Boland (1st); Larry Smith and Steve Sartori (9th); Vivian Baier (10th); Tina Gull and Kennedy Hunerdosse (16th); Becky Fenelon (17th); Mary Jean Blaisdell (19th); Rhonda Bohrer (26th); Danette Kremer (31st).

New Members

Welcome to our newest members:

Paul Heath is from Coralville. He works at the University of Iowa Small Business Development Center where he helps entrepreneurs. He says he isn't a particularly good skier but tries. He is looking forward to attending future events and making new friends.

Todd Eadie is from Solon and is an avid skier. He jumped right in and used the Forum to schedule a ski outing at Chestnut.

Hopefully we will have an opportunity to meet these new members via a Zoom gathering or at a future in-person event.

~article by **Ruth Van Tol**

FUTURE EVENTS

Zoom Meetings

March Member Meeting

The EISC Board will be holding the March Member Meeting with Zoom on [March 19th](#).

All members will be muted so Board can share their updates on the progress with events and trips. After the agenda is completed, members will be able to raise a hand on Zoom to be unmuted so they can ask questions and share information.

The EISC Board looks forward to seeing everyone and hopes to see all your friendly faces on Zoom.

Zoom Nothing Nights

The Nothing Nights are scheduled through end of April for current and past members to catch up with each other. Members have enjoyed seeing each other on Zoom and catching up with friends – just like they used to. Zoom is a great way to stay safe and warm while seeing your friends.



~ public domain image

Instructions for Zoom

To find the link for the Zoom meeting, sign into the website using your membership login. Click on "What's Happening" then "Event Calendar" from the drop down. Each date with a Zoom meeting scheduled will be on the calendar. You can click on the event, then click on the "Where" button on the event to access Zoom meeting. If you don't see the events on the calendar, check to make sure you are signed into the website. The Zoom events are set up for members only.

If you have any questions, please email me at communications@eastiowaskiclub.com. I look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

~ article by **Kim Jacoby**

Cross Country Skiing/Snow Shoeing/Winter Hiking



Are you ready to enjoy winter, get out of the house, forget about the virus and breathe in a little fresh air? If you think we have been cooped up far too long, then this is what we all need: Cross Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing or a good winter hike with fellow EISC members! Let us all get together!

These dates are all on Saturdays; with meet up at 1pm. This is all pending snow conditions.

Matsell Bridge – Meet at parking lot after crossing the bridge.

Twin Pines Golf Course – Meet at club house parking lot.

Morgan Creek – Meet at Arboretum parking lot.

Kent Park – Meet at the Whip-Poor-Will parking lot.

March 6 McBride Nature Ctr. March 13 Twin Pines

March 20 Kent Park

March 27 Morgan Creek

~article and photos by **Keven Lubben**



Bike the Raccoon River Valley Trail - June 11-13

With the ski season winding down, the EISC would like to announce a plan for a bicycle ride on the Raccoon River Valley Trail the weekend of June 11th -13th. This is the weekend of the clubs' usual Cedar Falls area ride, but this year we thought we would try something different.

The RRVt is a longer, looping trail that travels through many miles and small towns west and north of the Des Moines area. It is a flat asphalt trail that follows a reclaimed railroad path, so it is very flat. The trail keeps the railroad theme with the signs and old depots turned into trailheads in many towns. The main trailheads are in Waukee and Perry.



The EISC decided to base out of the Perry area and put 7 rooms on hold in the historic, boutique Hotel Pattee, which is across the street from the trail head. The club is planning to reserve a loop of campsites in the Saylorville camping area once they become available, where the campers in the club have enjoyed staying before. The Saylorville campsite is about 20 miles from the Perry trailhead. **Wendall and Jane Sents** have volunteered to be the EISC camper trip leaders for this ride. However, as on most of our bicycle trips, the process is very independent. Everyone can ride as much or as little as you want. Some members plan to ride the Perry to Waukee and back trail leg & some may try the entire loop. There are other lodging options – some may choose to stay in Waukee, which has a large campground called Timberline and has access to several hotels down the road in West Des Moines and Clive. The length of the ride and where you stay will be up to each member.

More information will be coming in the future on the ride, the camping options and the Hotel Pattee. We wanted to get the announcement out so interested members could get this on their calendars. The website for the trail is <https://raccoonrivervalleytrail.org/> if you would like to know more about the trail. ~article by **Steve Cummings**; clipart is public domain.

"Sailing Maine on the Angelique" Aug 29-Sep 5, 2021

We are headed to sail around the islands off the shores of Maine on the tall ship '**Angelique.**' The trip will be Sunday, August 29 through Sunday, September 5, 2021, sailing for 5 nights/days on the Windjammer with the last day in the tall ship regatta of the **Camden Windjammer Festival**. We start with a one night stay in a Camden harbor hotel the night before sailing and another night stay in the hotel after to enjoy the weekend festival.



Check out the ship on their website at <https://www.sailangelique.com/welcome-aboard/> . Or search Youtube for a number of neat videos on the ship sailing the bays. We are full and have a waiting list but it never hurts to add your name if you have any interest. Full package price is \$2160.

Brian Keller 319-213-0309 **Tammy Keller** 319-651-6514
~article by **Brian Keller**; photo courtesy of Sail Windjammer

YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT...

EISC Board of Directors Election Results

The newly elected board of directors for 2021 are **Mary Day, Dave Meyer, Marty Stimson** and **Ruth Van Tol**.

Congratulations to those elected and our thanks to all of the candidates. Also, thank you to the nominating committee of **Brenda Garbe, Kathy Kenney-Takes** and **Mike Buckman**.



EISC Flags

The Board would like to recognize and thank members **Keven and Edie Lubben** for making 100 ski flags for our club.



From Kevin:

Edie and I just finished sewing the new flags with the new LOGO on them. They are made of nylon and have the Velcro on the back to attach to your ski poles so you can easily be seen on the ski hill.

We are selling them for a bargain price of \$5.00 each to support your Ski Club. You can get them by texting me at 319-533-0822 or E-mail me at Keven@EastlowaSkiClub.com. I will get them to you somehow. I will also bring them with me to any social gathering we may have this winter, spring or summer.

~article and photos from **Keven Lubben**