



Cincinnati Ski Club

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ELECTION 2009



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| January 21 | We take Floor Nominations for CSC Board at the meeting - You become an official Nominee |
| February 4 | We introduce the candidates for CSC Board at the meeting - You get a chance to make a short speech |
| February 18 | CSC Board Election Day at the meeting <i>(P.S. Also the Chili Cook-Off)</i> |

We must have a quorum for a valid election. We need your ATTENDANCE AT THE ELECTION MEETING on February 18!!

NOMINATION NIGHT! Run for Office or Nominate a Friend!

This year I've been chosen as Election Chair. My job is to find someone to run for the Board Positions. Not an easy job in this busy, busy world that we live in. We all have so much to do, so little time to do it in.

That's not exactly true...you have as much time as you elect to allocate to whatever is important to you. You know that. The Cincinnati Ski Club is important to all of us. The club gives us so much – friends, activities, fun, networking, friends, travel, opportunities, friends, and so much more. Did I mention friends?!

Our club is run by volunteers – those people who “give back” to the club for what the club has given them. Yes, it's a commitment. Most important things are. If you feel that you would be able to help...that you can give a little of your time to be on the Board this year, then please let me know. There are so many people willing to assist you in any role on the Board. Let's talk. See inside for full details on the Board positions.

Election Chair: Lynn Bell 513-702-9797 or bbell50@fuse.net



Wine Tasting Saturday, February 21, 2009



Welcome to Tino Vino Vintners, a place to sip, sample, enjoy and option to create your own customer wine. Tino Vino Vintners is a boutique winery, wine bar and wine making facility in Hyde Park. For more information visit www.tinovino.net

The tasting will feature six wines and appetizers. Cost is \$25 per person.

Julie Van Arsdale Slanker and Emmalee Hill Hoover are your hosts.

Contact Julie: java45@fuse.net or 513-919-5021

Contact Emmalee: ehill@fuse.net or 513-245-9855

CSC Board Positions

All Board Officers attend board meetings and most general meetings, have input to board discussions and decisions, and have a vote on all issues (the President only votes in case of a tie).

President – Being president of the Cincinnati Ski Club is one of the best experiences you'll ever have. As president, you set the agenda for the club and run the board meetings, run the general meetings, make yourself accessible to members and visitors for questions or concerns, plan the annual volunteer party and direct several chair positions. The president also works closely with the other board members to be sure that each officer is on track, that the business of the club is progressing.

Usually the person who runs for president has been in the club for a few years, has experience as a trip leader, past board member or chairman, and knows CSC's general philosophy. But the most important qualification is a real interest in the Cincinnati Ski Club and its members. Leadership skills such as delegation, patience and working as a team are needed. This is a two-year term, because you become past president in the second year. The new president will be supported by Warren Taylor in the role as "Past President".

Executive Vice President – If you love skiing, this is the office for you. The EVP is responsible for choosing, planning, budgeting and managing the Western and International ski trips of one week or more.

Planning starts in April with the selection of a committee and potential ski locations and dates. In May and June bids are solicited from tour operators, trips are selected, budgets are prepared, and trip leaders are recruited. This phase needs to be completed in time for Promo Night, usually in late July. Sign-up night takes place in August and after that, the EVP monitors progress of the trips and works with trip leaders to be sure trips are run properly and are financially sound.

The EVP also serves as the CSC representative to OVSC and attends the OVSC meetings held approximately 4 times per year.

Winter Vice President – Responsible for snow skiing trips that have no more than 5 "lodging nights" and non snow skiing trips (except water skiing) with 1 to 4 lodging nights. This person will select destinations and then work with tour operators, resorts, bus companies, airlines, etc. to negotiate contracts, prepare a trip budget and recruit trip leaders. Additionally, they will monitor and coach, as needed, their trip leaders to assure the trips are run properly and are financially sound. The Winter VP is also responsible for overseeing the snow skiing race program and nominating a racing chairperson.

Sports Vice President – All the summer water ski trips are planned by the Sports VP. When you take office in April, the trips will have already been planned for the upcoming summer. It will be your duty to recruit trip leaders and manage the program. Then, you can start negotiating, planning and budgeting for the following summer's trips. All our sports leagues fall under the duties of this office. Currently we run golf and volleyball, but you can decide if we should try offering any other sports.

Social Vice President – Organizes the trips that fall into the "MORE" of "We do MORE than ski"! Sports games and events, hiking, canoeing, dancing, TGIF's, wine tastings, day trips and the big annual winter dance all fall under the Social VP's responsibilities. The Social VP also gets to introduce new activities into CSC's agenda. We have social events all year long, and the Social VP coordinates the planning and budgeting. The good news is that we have lots of great trip leader volunteers to lend a helping hand in running our social program.

Administrative Vice President – Responsible for the general business operations of the club. The duties include collecting and distributing mail from the club's post office box (located downtown), recording and monitoring expenses and income related to the general operations of the club, submitting check requests to the treasurer for bills relating to business operations, coordinating operations of general meetings, and planning theme meetings. The Administrative VP negotiates the meeting facility contracts, counts meeting receipts and submits deposits to the Treasurer at each meeting, provides snacks for indoor meetings, nominates a chairperson for the outdoor cookouts and monitors that program, and oversees the functions of the Door Chair. This is a great position for someone interested in making the club run efficiently and for someone with creative ideas to make the general meetings fun and interesting.

Executive Secretary – Records the minutes of each board meeting. The Executive Secretary should be able to use Word and email minutes to board members. This officer also maintains the Club Calendar and prepares Board Briefs for the Sitzmark. Filing official documents for the club is part of the job, but this is very limited. Holding this office is a great opportunity to become involved in the club and work with its dedicated volunteers.

Treasurer – You don't need to be an accountant to hold this office, but you do need to be comfortable working with numbers, plus have a general familiarity with computer programs. The CSC checkbook and bookkeeping is set up on Quickbooks, which is easy to learn and use. As Treasurer you will be required to:

- Issue checks requested by Board officers and trip leaders
- Deposit checks from trips (deposit slip is prepared by trip leaders)
- Review and approve final trip reports
- Assist in the preparation of event/trip budgets
- Prepare and propose an annual overhead budget to the CSC Board
- Provide reports on CSC finances
- Attend most Board and general meetings
- Prepare and submit tax forms

This is a busy job all year long and requires a detail-oriented person who can commit the necessary time, but past records and computer programs make it a much more manageable job than you may be envisioning.





SKI Telluride Colorado

An OVSC Trip with Lots of Extras!

January 24 – 31, 2009

Full option - \$1701 Ground option - \$1191
Saturday-Sunday Option (1/24 - 2/1/09) - \$1866

NOTE: Pickup e-tickets and luggage tags at the 1/21 meeting.

We are staying at the deluxe Riverside Condos located in the charming old town. Walk to the Gondola and lift 8. Flights from Cincinnati. Includes OVSC package: welcome reception, mountain picnic, après ski party, dinner & dance, race, and a souvenir.

Trip Leaders: Pat Reith: pat.reith@uc.edu 513-242-3659
and Lisa Wilkes: lwilkes@cinci.rr.com 513-583-5405

Trip Status: 64 total, 1 opening.

Ski Seven Springs Mountain Resort Pennsylvania

Wednesday – Sunday February 18 - 22

4 per room: \$470 per person
2 per room: \$545 per person
3 per room: \$495 per person

The trip is coordinated with Louisville Ski Club and we will be part of their group and the OVSC activities.

Includes:

- 4 nights Resort lodging
- Thursday Pizza and Beer/Soda welcome party
- 4 day/night lift ticket that starts at 5PM Wed. with overnight complimentary ski check
- 4 fabulous buffet breakfasts
- Famous Seven Springs Ski Dinner Buffet Saturday night
- Last Run Party Saturday night
- Nastar racing (this is an OVSC race weekend)
- OVSC wine and cheese party

Options:

- Non-skiers can trade lift ticket for activity package – see Cheryl for details.
- Slopeview rooms for \$80 per person

Trip Leader: Cheryl Zwirgzdas: c.zwirgzdas@yahoo.com
513-253-9780

Trip Status: trip is full, taking names for wait list

Ski Snowmass/Aspen Colorado

Four Mountains, Four Incredible Ski Areas

February 7 – 14, 2009

Full option - \$1665 Ground option - \$1041

We are staying at the Top of Village Condominiums - ski in / ski out. The Top of Village's mountain life style offers luxury - your trip leaders & trip mates will provide the laughter, fun and Great Skiing for a definite trip to remember. Direct flight into Aspen via Delta.

Trip Leaders: Kathy Brown, Kathy Kaelin Symons and Karen Ulrich

Trip Status: 42 total, trip is full with no wait list

Ski Jackson Hole Wyoming

This trip is the bargain of the 2009 season!

February 21-28, 2009

Full option - \$1246 Ground option - \$736 (bus not included)

Stay in downtown Jackson at the beautiful Parkway Inn just 3 blocks from Jackson Hole's Historic Town Square. European continental breakfast included and just 5 steps to the shuttle bus. Fly Delta from Cincinnati via Salt Lake to Jackson.

Options:

- Ski Grand Targhee Resort \$80
- Snow King Ski Area offering night skiing
- Snowmobile Tours
- Dog Sled Tours of Grey's River, Old Faithful and the Grand Tetons
- Dinner Sleigh Rides
- 6th day of Skiing at Jackson Hole \$60

Trip leaders: Loretta Howard: lorettah3@aol.com and Jenny Rigling: jenny_rigling@cinfin.com

Trip Status: 48 total, full, no wait list

SITZMARK ARTICLES

To submit an article for publication in *Sitzmark*, e-mail:

m5a5570@fuse.net

with your text file and/or picture file attached.

Next deadline:

7 pm, Friday, January 16

Questions? Contact Maria Anderson

Ski Europe's Bad Gastein Austria



Join CSC and OVSC for a once in a lifetime trip to old Europe!

March 6-14, 2009 (main trip)

Full package: \$2,174

Pre Trip to Munich for 3 days \$395

Post Trip 3 days each, Vienna and Budapest \$792

We will be staying at the 4-star Elisabeth Park Hotel - a luxurious hotel with an especially elaborate wellness center. A full breakfast buffet and dinner are included daily. Enjoy full spa with indoor pool, sauna, massages, and thermal baths. This property is one of the Grand old hotels of ages past and has been remodeled this year.

Includes:

- Round trip air Cincinnati to Munich
- For the skiers, there will be 6 ski days possible
- For the people who want to see the world (Austrian part) there will be day tours available each day to see the hot spots. You can tour castles, Salzburg, Munich, Venice, Kitzbuel, Vienna, Budapest and many other places

Trip Leaders: Steve Gavin: skigolf@fuse.net 859-491-3950 and our personal Austrian Guide, Werner Malderle: 513-574-7524 (born in Vienna Austria)

Trip Status: 26 total, 5 spots open



SAVE THE DATE – 2009 OVSC SUMMIT



We are excited to be hosting the 2009 OVSC Summit, **May 29 – 31**, in downtown **Cincinnati**. Our theme this year is "Oktoberfest in May" and, in the spirit of that great German festival, we plan to party all weekend!

For those not familiar with the OVSC Summit, it is a weekend where members from the 17 Ohio Valley Ski Council clubs come together to meet with reps from ski resorts and tour operators to talk about skiing and also to share experiences with members of other clubs. But, it's also a time to have some fun and enjoy the host city.

As the host club, we'll need lots of support and volunteers to make this the best Summit ever. Here's a preview of what we have planned:

- Great rates at the beautiful 4-star Netherland Hilton, in the heart of downtown, close to everything
- Beer tasting at the Hofbrauhaus
- Touring on our new Duck boats
- Champagne breakfast cruise
- Golf outing and Bicycling
- Trade show with all the best ski resorts
- Preview of the 2010 OVSC trips
- Dinner and dance
- Buffet breakfast and valuable break-out sessions with OVSC leaders
- Door prizes galore

We'll be running many of the Summit activities as separate Cincinnati Ski Club events, so you'll be able to join in the fun. Details will be available soon, but in the meantime, circle these dates on your calendar and plan on a great weekend.

To volunteer now contact: Connie McCuan-Kirsch 812-637-0707 conron@fuse.net or Warren Taylor 513-769-1810 wtaylor10@cinci.rr.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	
21	General Meeting Election Nominations
24 - 25	Race Paoli Peaks, IN
1/24 - 2/1	Ski Telluride
27 or 28	Race Telluride, CO
30	TGIF Applebee's 6084 Mulhauser Road West Chester OH
31	Race Perfect North, IN
February	
1	Race Perfect North, IN
4	General Meeting Meet the Candidates
7 - 8	Race Mad River, OH
7 - 14	Ski Aspen
13	TGIF Willie's Sports Café 401 Crescent Avenue Covington KY
14 - 15	Race Paoli Peaks, IN
18	General Meeting New Board Election
18 - 22	Ski Seven Springs
21	Race Seven Springs, PA
21	Wine Tasting Tino Vino
21 - 28	Ski Jackson Hole
22	Race Perfect North, IN

SPECIAL OLYMPICS needs more Ski Partners



For the past 26 years plus the Cincinnati Ski Club has supplied volunteers to act as Ski Partners for the 5 days of Special Olympics Winter Games each season. It is a fun and rewarding time and the athletes, parents and coaches are very appreciative of our efforts. Ski Partners must be at least 16 yrs old and should be intermediate or better skiers able to give encouragement and direction to the Athletes. There has never been a better reason to take a day or more off work to go skiing! All events are at Perfect North Slopes - East Lodge.

The KY State Winter Games are January 25 through January 27 (Sunday-Tuesday). For more information contact Rich Brown 513-886-2062 or Wforich@aol.com



Cincinnati Boat Show January 16-18 & 21-25

Need volunteers to work on Saturday, January 24, at the Cinski.org Boat Show booth (volunteers get in free). Be an ambassador for your club.

All Ski Club members get in for \$5 on this day (go to Exhibitor Ticket Window).

For details contact Tom Slanker: tomslanker@fuse.net

CSC BOARD & CHAIRS

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2009 MEMBERSHIP IN THE CINCINNATI SKI CLUB

Check your latest Sitzmark label!!! If it has the word "last" on the label then you forgot to renew for 2009. STOP now, go to www.cinski.org, download an application, complete the information and mail the application along with a check made out to the Cincinnati Ski Club for the cost of your membership. (Membership dues are outlined on the application.)

Mail to: Debbie Beaty, 8616 Melody Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45231

All up to date / current 2009 members will receive their new 2009 Membership Directory in the mail early January. If you do not receive the directory by mid January, call or email Connie: 812-637-0707 conron@fuse.net

A special thanks to Jules Saslow, Keely Paul and Jeff Wolf for their hard work in helping put together this year's directory -- Kuddo's!!

A special thanks to the businesses, resorts and travel agents who advertise in our directory. If you have the opportunity to use their services, make sure you mention the Cincinnati Ski Club.

Let's hope the directory kicks off a Terrific 2009. Think Snow !!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Have you checked out the new CSC website? As soon as the information is received, the website is updated with news, calendar events and activities. No need to wait to find out what is happening with your club. Visit the website often so you will be in the know. www.cinski.org

Looking for a map to the meeting – there's an interactive one on the website www.cinski.org

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