



Cincinnati Ski Club

# Sitzmark

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Winter 2008

## This Meeting – January 16 @ 7:30pm

### CSC Board Election – Floor Nominations

WEB PAGE <http://www.cinski.org>

C.S.C. Info Line: 513-768-3245

#### Election Meeting Schedule



**This Meeting** – Floor Nominations for CSC Elections

**January 30** – Meet the Candidates

**February 13** – Election and Chili Cook-Off

#### It is Nomination Night! Run For Office Or Nominate A Friend!

It has been a great year with a fantastic board working for your club. Their terms are nearing completion and the election for the 2008/2009 year is quickly approaching. Nominations for next year's CSC Board will be held at the January 16 meeting. All nominations will be placed from the floor that night. This is your opportunity to step up, contribute, and have some fun while you are at it! The Board positions to fill are:

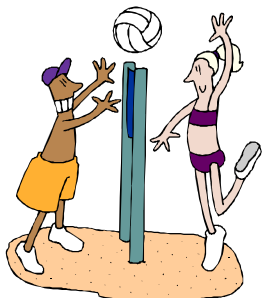
**President \* Executive Vice President \* Winter Vice President \* Administrative Vice President  
Sports Vice President \* Social Vice President \* Executive Secretary \* Treasurer**

See the inside for full details on the Board Positions. We ask you to sincerely consider stepping forward and making a contribution of your time and talents to keep this great club succeeding. All you need to do is contact me and let me know which office is of interest to you.

Election Chairs, Kathy Schenck and Susan Marshall, 513-608-1915, [susan.marshall@fuse.net](mailto:susan.marshall@fuse.net)

#### Spring Volleyball League

Monday nights, 9 weeks starting February 25 through April 14, Bond Hill Recreation Center, \$60



The league typically fills up fast, so don't wait too long to get in on this popular league. The league is fairly competitive and good for refining and improving your skills, meeting club members and getting some exercise.

Players of all skill levels are welcome.

Reed Breneman, 513-235-0429, [weinrdog@yahoo.com](mailto:weinrdog@yahoo.com)

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## January

- 16 **General Meeting**  
Floor Nominations For Board Positions
- 19-26 OVSC Steamboat, Colorado
- 25 TGIF – J Alexander's in Norwood
- 27-29 Special Olympics KY State Winter Games
- 30 **General Meeting**  
Meet the Candidates!



## February

- 2-9 Beaver Creek, Colorado
- 9 Ski Exposure Day at Perfect North
- 8 TGIF – Rock Bottom Brewery in Downtown
- 13 **General Meeting**  
Board Elections!
- 22 TGIF – Pub, Rookwood Pavilion in Norwood
- 23-1 Powder Mountain & Snow Basin, Utah
- 27 **General Meeting**

## March

- 1-9 Engelberg Switzerland
- 4-9 OVSC Jay Peaks, Vermont
- 7 TGIF – Pappadeaux in Tri-County
- 12 **General Meeting**
- 21 TGIF – Molly Malone's Covington in Covington
- 26 **General Meeting**
- 29-5 OVSC Big Sky, Montana

## April

- 4 TGIF – Havana Martini Club in Downtown
- 9 **General Meeting**  
Waterski trip sign-ups (?)
- 18 TGIF – Hyde Park Tavern & Grille in Hyde Park
- 23 **General Meeting**

## CSC Activities

- Volleyball League – Mondays, Feb 25 through April

## MAP TO HARTWELL REC CENTER



## Meeting Reminders

To receive an e-mail reminder the weekend before each meeting, register on the CSC website!  
Go to <http://www.cinski.org/>  
Click on "Meeting Reminder", then enter your information.  
*You can also unsubscribe from reminders on the site.*

## Sitzmark Articles

To submit an article for publication in *Sitzmark*, e-mail:  
[cincysurfer@yahoo.com](mailto:cincysurfer@yahoo.com)  
with your text file and/or pictures attached.

**Next deadline:**

**7 pm, Monday, January 14**

**Questions?** Contact Keely Paul at 513-720-6201 H

**Note:** The *entire* *Sitzmark* will be available on our website.  
Please advise if you do not want your email address to appear.

## CSC BOARD & CHAIRS

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Jeff Schaber, 859-781-4128



# 2008 Winter Ski Trips



## IMPORTANT WINTER TRIP STATUS

All of our trips are at full capacity with little or no wait lists, so there's still a great opportunity to get on that trip you're interested in. We have already begun cancelling our remaining spaces, so trips that have openings will now be considered full. If you sign up for a trip within the next week it still may be possible to get some of that space back so please don't hesitate!

**PARTIES!** Each of our trips has a Pre-Party and a Post-Party. These parties are a way for people to meet everyone on the trip, sign up for additional options, find room mates and get pertinent info regarding flights and lodging. Contact your trip leaders to find out when your Pre-Party is happening.

### Steamboat Springs, Colorado OVSC Trip

Jan 19-26 \$1,572 Full \$1,082 Ground

**Trip is full – NO wait list!**

Steamboat is actually a complete mountain range that includes Mount Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak, Pioneer Ridge and Christie Peak. There are 2,965 acres of permitted terrain that offer a diversity of trails for all levels of ability. Many gladed areas that include Pioneer Ridge, Sunshine and Storm Peak are Steamboat's particular claim to fame, with Champagne Powder snow in the trees for the most avid powder hounds. With a 3,668 foot vertical rise, 165 named trails, over 3 mile longest run and over 330 inches of annual snow Steamboat is a skiers destination that doesn't disappoint!

Gail and Bud Viditz-Ward, [Gail.Viditz-Ward@usi.biz](mailto:Gail.Viditz-Ward@usi.biz), 513-528-0622

### Beaver Creek, Colorado

Feb 2-9 \$1,325 Full \$925 Ground

**Trip is full – Short wait list!**

We're staying at ski-in condos in Beaver Creek, a unique mountain resort full of excitement and village luxury. Beaver Creek boasts great skiing for all levels, outstanding restaurants, and plenty of shopping and nightlife. Our lift ticket can also be used at Vail, only 10 miles away.

Pat and Dale Reith, 513-242-3659, [pat.reith@uc.edu](mailto:pat.reith@uc.edu)

### Powder Mountain & Snow Basin, Utah

Feb 23 - March 1 \$1,173 Full \$743 Ground

**Trip is full – Short wait list!**

Try someplace different this year and join us in Northern Utah! Northern Utah is the Winter Sports capital of the United States for good reason. Two of the number one rated resorts are within 15 minutes of Ogden, a venue community for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

**Snow Basin.** Open bowls, steep chutes, perfectly groomed cruisers, deep-powder glades and some of the most challenging downhill races courses ever traced down a mountain await skiers at Snowbasin Resort! Snowbasin hosted some of the events of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

**Powder Mountain.** Unbeatable runs and great snow conditions characterize Powder Mountain's great skiing conditions. As a Mecca for intermediate and advanced-level snow enthusiasts, this resort offers great open terrain - only 10% of the resort's slopes are reserved for beginning skiers. Endless acres of exclusive, untracked powdered slopes give skiers the downhill and back country adventure of a lifetime.

Jim McGraw, [skiyou@hotmail.com](mailto:skiyou@hotmail.com), 513-560-0882  
Stu Pray, [srpray@earthlink.net](mailto:srpray@earthlink.net), 513-821-2674

### Big Sky, Montana OVSC Trip –

March 29 – April 5 \$1,337 Full \$797 Ground

**Trip is full – NO wait list!**

Big Sky is known for our breathtaking scenery, abundant wildlife and gracious hospitality. Made up of three mountains, Big Sky is graced by over 400 inches of annual snowfall to delight skiers and snowboarders. Big Sky's signature Lone Peak rises to a lofty 11,166 feet with European-style expert terrain accessed by the Lone Peak Tram. Andesite Mountain has some of the resort's most notable intermediate trails, some comfortable south-facing beginner trails, several expert tree runs and a giant half-pipe and terrain park with rail slides. Flat Iron Mountain is on the eastern shoulder of Andesite and offers even more variety.

Mary Golden-Blair, [mgb87@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mgb87@cinci.rr.com)

### Engelberg Switzerland, Dublin, London, and Paris!

Engelberg \$1,642 March 1-9; Dublin Pre-Extension \$826 Feb 27 - Mar 2  
Paris/London Post-Extension \$1,208 March 9-15; Both Extensions \$1,990

OVSC International Trip – A great way to ski and tour Europe!

Enjoy a fantastic ski region with lots of varied runs for every level of skier with the majority being intermediate. On the longest run a difference in altitude of over 2,000 meters is attained in 12 kilometers.

In Dublin, see rowdy Irishmen, numerous museums and castles including the famous Dublin Castle. Stop at St Patrick's Cathedral and when you are tired we will be at the Guinness Storehouse to relax and drink the famous ale.

Take train to wonderful Paris to see the Eiffel Tower, Whistler's Mother at the Louvre, rest at the corner cafe and watch the French in Action. Then take a high speed train to London. See the old houses, the castles and palaces, hear Big Ben ring, and see the English guards at Kensington Palace. Trip includes 1/2 day panoramic tour in both Paris and London.

Tina Weber, [skigolf2@fuse.net](mailto:skigolf2@fuse.net)  
Steve Gavin, [skigolf@fuse.net](mailto:skigolf@fuse.net), 859-491-3950

### Jay Peak, Vermont OVSC Trip

March 4-9 \$913 Full \$528 Ground

**Lodging is available**

**Contact Trip Leaders about Air options**

Learn to Ski or improve your skiing. This is a great 5-day deal for anyone from beginners to experienced skiers who want to improve or advance their skills. Jay Peak also has enough terrain to challenge seasoned skiers. The Trip includes lodging, ski lessons, and daily breakfast & dinner. With over 2,100 feet vertical, a huge glade system, Vermont's only Aerial Tram and almost 360 inches of natural snow Jay Peak is a great resort.

Angela Whisner, [amwhisner@hotmail.com](mailto:amwhisner@hotmail.com)

## Cancellation Dates: The Cancellation Date for all of these trips has past

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellation on or before Cancellation Date incurs a \$20 charge. After that date, you will be charged a \$20 cancellation fee, plus all non-recoverable costs.

## Trips, Activities & Getaways!

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### Corbeau Ski Exposure Day

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Sat, February 9, 9am-5pm, Perfect North / Rain Date – Feb 16  
Activity 8 hour ticket - \$32, Beginner Lessons – FREE

If you've never been on a pair of skis, here's your chance to experience the thrill and challenge of the wonderful winter sport of skiing, at a great price! If you're an avid skier or snowboarder, you can hit the slopes at a discount for a day, and have fun meeting other ski and board enthusiasts in the region!

Corbeau Ski Club is Cincinnati's chapter of the National Brotherhood of Skiers. They offer an intro to skiing day every year where they offer discounts on passes and lessons. Please RSVP to them by Feb 6 if you are planning to attend.

<http://www.corbeauski.org/CurrentSeason.html>

Gerlon Smith, [corbeautreasurer@hotmail.com](mailto:corbeautreasurer@hotmail.com), 513-300-9544

### Hocking Hills Winter Hiking

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January 25-27, \$145

**Trip is full – NO wait list!**

Do you enjoy hiking, crisp air, nature, breathtaking ice formations and awesome frozen waterfalls... then this trip is for you!

Hocking Hills State Park is 2.5 hour drive/carpool. We are staying at the Grand Butte Lodge at Old Man's Cave Chalets. We will have plenty of room, a billiard table, two fireplaces, satellite TV and large hot tub.

Dorothy Richards, 513-300-7442,

[dorothyrichards@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothyrichards@yahoo.com)

### Special Olympics 2008

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The CSC has a long tradition of supplying Ski Partners to support the Special Athletes in the Winter Games held each year at Perfect North. Please consider taking a day(s) of vacation to help out in this fun activity.

The Ski Club does a synchronized skiing exhibition with the Olympic torch on Sunday opening ceremonies (Jan 27) which you could join in or just come out to cheer the Athletes. We are always short of help on the weekdays. 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 few days off work to go skiing! All events are at Perfect North Slopes - East Lodge.

Here are the 5 event days we need help with...

\* Jan 27 Sun 2pm - 7pm

KY State Winter Games [www.soky.org](http://www.soky.org) - Free ski and opening ceremonies

We limit Ski Partners on Sunday to those also working Mon or Tues. If you have your own lift pass, you can sign up for Sunday only.

\* Jan 28 Mon 9am-5pm

KY State Winter Games - Time Trials & Volunteer pizza & Beer party at 6pm

\* Jan 29 Tues 9am-5pm

KY State Winter Games - Timed Events & medals

o Jan 28 & 29, we also need people as course officials (not on skis).

Rich Brown, CSC Special Olympics Coordinator, 513-886-2062, [wforich@aol.com](mailto:wforich@aol.com)

### Race Team Sign Up!

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JOIN the CSC Race Team for a great way to improve your skiing, challenge yourself and have some fun, too. There are two ways to join - \$16 for a full season membership on the Race Team or \$5 per race (two runs) for those occasional racers or just a last minute "I need more fun in my life".



Racing isn't just about being the winner; it is about improving your skiing and having fun. It is a great social activity and gives you a chance to talk to a group about "what went wrong" in that turn, or how you could improve your skiing technique in general. No matter what your time was, you will have fun and make friends!

### 2008 Summer Trip San Francisco & Napa Valley

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Sept 27 – Oct 2

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** to determine how much space to reserve. Final pricing is not yet available, but is expected to be about \$1000- \$1200 for the week (including air).

**PLEASE SEE MARILYN DERFUS AT THIS MEETING** to tell us that you are interested in signing-up for this trip.

**IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU NOW,  
WE MAY NOT HAVE SPACE FOR YOU  
LATER!**

If you can't make this meeting, then contact either of the following to let them know of your interest.

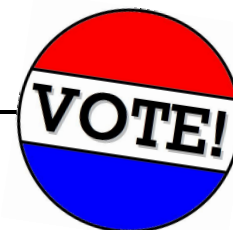


Marilyn Derfus, 859-291-2120, [marilynd@att.net](mailto:marilynd@att.net)  
Keely Paul, 513-720-6201, [cincysurfer@yahoo.com](mailto:cincysurfer@yahoo.com)

### RACING SCHEDULE IS ON THE BACK PAGE!



# Election Information



## Important Election Dates



- January 16** We take Floor Nominations for CSC Board at the meeting  
- You become an official nominee
- January 30** We introduce the candidates for CSC Board at the meeting  
- You get a chance to make a small speech
- February 13** CSC Board Election Day at the meeting

**We do need quorum for a valid election on February 13.  
So please plan to turn out, whether you are running or not.**

## CSC Board Position Descriptions

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 Connie McCuan-Kirsch 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 & recruit trip leaders. Additionally, they will monitor and coach, as needed, their trip leaders to assure the trips are being run properly and will be 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, TGIFs, 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.

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**Ireland**, July 19-29 Stay in Dublin, Killarney, Kilkenny, Galway. If interested contact Marilyn Derfus, 859-291-2120, [Marilynd@att.net](mailto:Marilynd@att.net). Not a ski club trip.

## Buying a Helmet?

...as an **Ohio Valley Ski Council** member you are eligible to receive discounts and to participate in events with any OVSC club! Visit the OVSC website – <http://www.ovsc.org/> for more details, plus more information about various discounts available to you as a member.



## 2008 Opening Racing Schedule

Date	Location	Comments
• Jan 23	Steamboat Springs CO	OVSC Western Trip
• Jan 26	Paoli Peaks IN	Lane 's Motel or
• Jan 27	Paoli Peaks IN	French Lick Springs

OVSC Races will be held at 10:30 and 1:00, Non-OCSC times will vary. For full schedule through April 1<sup>st</sup> stop by the race table or email us.

Race Chairs: Tom Berning, [Tom.Berning@Woolpert.com](mailto:Tom.Berning@Woolpert.com)  
and Rich Brown, 513-886-2062, [WFORich@aol.com](mailto:WFORich@aol.com)

## Upcoming TGIFs

TGIFs start at 5:30 p.m. and go until ???  
Please tell the hostess and the bartender that you are with Cincinnati Ski Club, so that others can find you.

- Fri Jan 25** J Alexander's, 2629 Edmonson Rd, 513-531-7495 (Norwood) <http://www.jalexanders.com/>
- Fri Feb 8** Rock Bottom Brewery, 10 Fountain Square Plaza, 513-621-1588 (Downtown)
- Fri Feb 22** The Pub, 2692 Madison Road (Edmondson St entrance to Rookwood Commons), 513-841-BRIT (Norwood) [http://www.deshas.com/html/the\\_pub.html](http://www.deshas.com/html/the_pub.html)
- Fri Mar 7** Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, 11975 Northwest Blvd, (Tri-County) <http://www.pappadeaux.com/>
- Fri Mar 21** Molly Malone's (formerly Jack Quinn's), 112 E Fourth St, 859-491-6659 (Covington) <http://www.mollymalonesirishpub.com/>
- Fri Apr 4** Havana Martini Club, 441 Vine St in Carew Tower, 513-651-2800 (Downtown) <http://www.havanamartini.com/>
- Fri Apr 18** Hyde Park Tavern and Grille, 3384 Erie Ave, 513-321-6900 (Hyde Park)

See the Calendar on Page 2 for a quick list of all TGIFs