

April 2025

MOGUL YODELER

A Newsletter by Fort Wayne Ski Club



NEXT MEETING

Awards & Election

April 11th, @ 7:00 PM

Pro Bowl West

1455 Goshen Road

Join us for our final meeting of the season as we carve out time to celebrate! We'll be handing out Racing Awards for the Founders Race, holding board member elections, and enjoying live entertainment from the always fun Joe Justice.

Don't **ski-daddle**—there will be free appetizers, great company, and plenty of laughs! It's your last chance to catch up with fellow members before we snow-plow into the off-season!

Bring a friend and encourage them to sign up for the 2025/2026 season at the special discounted rate of just \$30—that way they won't miss out on all the fun summer activities we have planned!



Members free
Guests - \$5



INSIDE THIS ISSUE.

- Page 2 - View from Top
- Page 3 - Pub Meet & Parties
- Page 4 - Racing Awards
- Page 5 - Jackson Hole
- Page 6 - Ads
- Page 7- Summer Events
- Page 8 - Board Ballot
- Page 9 - Board Members



The View from the Top

Hello fellow members,

The 24-25 ski season has come to a close. Spring is around the corner and the new order will take over on Election Night, April 11th. We will elect officers, present ski awards and enjoy music by Joe Justice that evening. You won't want to miss it! If you're a current member and can't make it, be sure to submit your Election Ballot before April 10th.

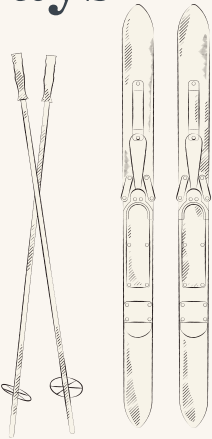
It's been a great ride, my friends, but my "reign" is over. I'm not sure how many years I've been your President but it was before Covid so it's been a few. Thank you for having the confidence in me to hold the office. It's time for new blood and I'm sure DeWayne will lead you to new heights. Thanks for the memories!

Be sure to check out the highlights from past events and mark your calendars for summer fun. The Fort Wayne Ski Club is THE BEST!!

Farewell,
Deb Farrell
President, FWSC

April Birthdays

Al Danowski	9th
Alexandra Helms	13th
Jason Smith	14th
Chad Jones	16th
Brian Johnson	19th
Kathy Stewart	23rd
Lary Fisher	28th
Jim Mathews	30th



Don't miss out on updates, events, and club news! Join the Fort Wayne Ski Club Facebook Group today.

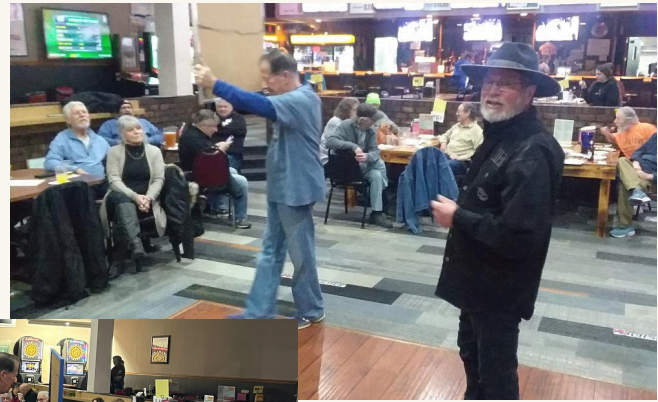
Search for us on Facebook: "Fort Wayne Ski Club Group" and click "Join" to stay in the loop with everything ski-club-related.

With the monies raised at the Bittersweet Toucan Snow Adventure, the FWSC was able to raise \$700.00 for Brestie Boxes!



FWSC March Meeting's Auction

Our last meeting featured the annual ski auction, and it was a great success! With a fun mix of friendly bidding and unique items up for grabs, we raised \$424 to support the club. A big thank-you to everyone who donated, participated, and helped make the night both entertaining and impactful!



♠♥April Euchre Party ♦♣

Signed up for the Euchre Party? Don't forget to RSVP to Michelle at 260-385-9325 so she can plan for the night! The party is BYOB, and we ask that everyone bring a snack to share.

We're expecting around 26-28 players and will be capping it there, so if you're signed up, be sure to confirm! 🎉



Date: Saturday, April 26th

Time: Arrive between 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Location: 1721 Carlow Ct., Fort Wayne, IN 46815



April's Meet me at the Pub!

When: April 28th

Where: Morgan's Tap & Grill
8421 Bluffton Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Come hang out with fellow ski club members at Morgan Tap! 🍷
It's a chill night to grab a drink, chat, and just enjoy some good company. Hope you can make it!

📞 Questions? Call Linda at (260) 750-5682

Recap of FWSC March Pub Meet - Village Tap Bar

We had an awesome time at our last Pub Meeting at The Village Tap, with 13 people coming out before our ski club board meeting to enjoy drinks, great conversation, and lots of laughs.



The Ski Machine '25

The annual Founders' Day Race was held January 26 at Boyne Highlands, MI and once again the best area downhill racers competed for the glory of City Champion! Hearty racers displayed their racing skills on a course that was fast, technical, and fun. We applaud all the competitors in this event; our Founders would be proud to see their legacy lives on. We encourage all members of the FWSC to get involved with competition. It will make you a better skier, confident, and you will have more fun when you go fast, turn and stop when you want, at any speed.

Below are the results from the Founders Day Race.

Awards will be given at the April 11 meeting.

Class Winners:	Super Legend 66+	1st Paul Klepper	83.42
		2nd Jim Mathews	97.60
Male:	Legend 60-65	1st Mark Luttk	68.66
		2nd James Ray	72.37
	Super Vet 50-59	1st Jason Smith	65.82
Female:	Adult 18-39	Alexandra Helms	79.79



Founder's Trophy Winners:

Men Jason Smith

Women: Alexandra Helms

[fastest male/female racers of the year]

ALSO in other racing news, our Kathy Ahee placed third in the open female class at the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council Week race at Jackson Hole, WY on Feb 25.

2025 JACKSON HOLE, WY

CMSC - Jackson Hole Ski Adventure

Written By: Kathleen Ahee, Jackson Hole Ski Trip Leader

Sixteen eager skiers headed out early Saturday morning on February 22nd to begin what would be an extraordinary adventure to the Ski Resort at Teton Village, surrounded with beautiful views including the Grand Tetons. The adventure began with a short bus ride from the airport to the 49-er Inn & Suites enjoying the amazing mountain scenery along the way.

The skiing was truly breathtaking as we navigated through very steep and challenging runs. The conditions were perfect and enjoyed by all. Many of us experienced moose sightings in the trees upon our descent down the mountain. We stopped for photos and sneaked a bit closer for a better look. The welcoming party exuded excitement and high energy necessary to start the week. It included tasty food and cocktails. Fort Wayne had remarkable success with three raffle winners: Michelle Stewart (socks), Paul Klepper (goggles), and Suzanne Wagner (koozie). The Fort Wayne group took on many activities offered throughout the week. One was a full day of skiing at Grand Targhee, located on the west slope of the Tetons. Grand Targhee typically receives DOUBLE the annual snowfall of Jackson hole. Other folks spent a morning snowshoeing through rolling hills and snow-covered forested groves at the base of the Tetons. Another popular option was soaking in the Astoria hot springs on the banks of the Snake River. The views were truly memorable.



FWSC Group Picture



Snowshoeing



Raffle Winners

Race warriors endured an exceedingly difficult sixteen gate giant slalom race course with difficult steep runs. Kathy Ahee finished third overall of all female racers for fastest combined times earning the bronze medal and grabbing a silver medal for closest matched times. Paul Klepper participated as well, challenging himself through the difficult race courses. Both Fort Wayne racers were among forty-three race participants from eleven other CMSC ski clubs facing the most challenging race of the ski season.



The dinner banquet concluded Jackson hole week with music, dancing, and awards. All Fort Wayne Skiers dressed in some country form for the “Yeee, Haww, Ride ‘em Cowboy (or Cowgirl)” theme making our participation 100% at this event. Fort Wayne celebrated once again winners of the raffle: Paul Klepper (backpack), Chad Jones (socks), and Steve Ehlerding (Goggles).

Dinner Banquet

Downtown Jackson did not disappoint. We enjoyed the shopping, pub crawl to several cowboy bars and pleasant restaurant experiences. “Snake River Brewing” is Wyoming’s oldest small craft brewery. Our club dinner was at the classic “Silver Dollar”. Our final send-off celebration was at the “Million Dollar Cowboy Bar” (our favorite). It is a historic bar with live music and sits on the town square in the heart of Jackson. It has been a Wyoming landmark since 1937 and sports the infamous saddle bar stools. Our ski group was utterly amazing and represented Fort Wayne well to the highest degree.



Silver Dollar Bar



Downtown Jackson Hole



Race Photo



Grand Targhee




Bar Fun



Million Dollar Bar





**the
ski
pole**

DAVID L. LUTZ
IRENE LUTZ
OWNERS

6410 15A
West Jefferson Blvd
Fort Wayne, IN
46804
260/436-7154

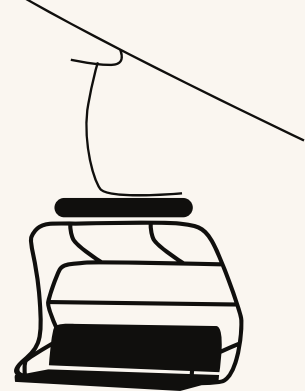
**10% discount for
FWSC members**



Haller Colvin
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Suzanne M. Wagner
Certified Family Law Specialist
Registered Family Law Mediator

444 East Main St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
(260) 426-0444
swagner@hallercolvin.com




NIGHT PHOENIX
— DIGITAL —

Ben Atkinson
720.939.5588
ben.atkinson@nightphoenixdigital.com
www.nightphoenixdigital.com

Web Design & Development
Digital Marketing
Graphic Design
Video Production

Ski Club Friends & Family Specials
6 Months Free Web Hosting
20% Off All Services
Free Consultation

D&M
MECHANICAL &
CONTRACTORS C.

PLUMBING • HEATING
AIR CONDITIONING
PROCESS PIPING
UNDERGROUND PIPING
FIRE PROTECTION
ENGINEERING
CERTIFIED IDEM
BFP SPECIALIST

PHONE: 260/426-7854 CELL: 260/255-7070
FAX: 260/432-8671
2725 ROUSSEAU AVE. • FORT WAYNE, IN 46802



A & R
Bartending Services

706-510-8064 260-403-6334
arbartendingservices@gmail.com
Warsaw, IN 46580

CROSBY

CONSTRUCTION

Robert C. Crosby

(260) 432-5114 WWW.RECROSBY.COM

GENERAL CONTRACTOR • DESIGN / BUILDER
WATER / WASTEWATER CONSTRUCTION



Legacy

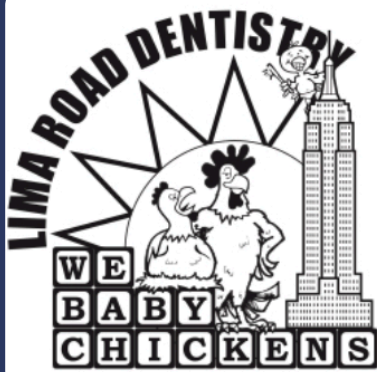
Heating & Air Conditioning

Over 50 Years Experience
Residential - Commercial
Service - Maintenance
Installation

Vicky Griffin
President

office 260-747-1800
fax 260-747-1818
legacyhvac@aol.com

6502 Bluffton Road
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46809
www.legacyheating.com



LIMA ROAD DENTISTRY

Dr. Angie King
Dr. Mickey Sandhawalia
Dr. Hal Atkinson

Gentle Family Dentistry

9019 LIMA ROAD
Fort Wayne, IN 46818
260-489-4090
Visit us @ limaroaddentistry.com



SUMMER EVENTS

Membership in the Ft Wayne Ski Club runs September 1 through August 31, which means if you are a current member, your dues are paid through the end of this summer (member rate for all the summer activities.) The September meeting is traditionally “renewal” night and if paid by that night, dues are \$30 per person. That “discount” rate goes up to \$35 after the meeting.

If you are not a current member, the early payment fee (\$30) can be paid as early as at the April meeting, which means anyone could pay \$30 at this meeting coming up April 11, and get a membership that would not expire until August 31, 2026 (two summers!).



Tennis League

Summer tennis starts May 14 at Kreager &/or Swinney Park every Wednesday night through October.... Jump in and out, just let us know you are interested (750-5802). After tennis, come to O'Sullivan's (10pm after Swinney) or [tba] after Kreager to help us replenish the fluids. We have about 20 playing each week, so there is a court just right for YOU. Dave Billian

SUMMER BIKE RIDES

Saturday - April 12th

Wednesday - April 30th

Sunday - May 18th

Sunday - June 8th

Sunday - June 29th

Sunday - July 13th

Saturday - August 2nd

Sunday - August 24th

Saturday - September 5th

10:22 AM - Shoaff Park

4:22 PM - Dupont YMCA

10:22 AM - New Haven Trail Head

10:22 AM - Sweeney Park

10:22 AM - Halls Deck

10:22 AM - Sweeney South

10:22 AM - Dupont YMCA

10:22 AM - New Haven Trailhead

10:22 AM - Lake Ride Lottie Home

Please call Michael Ehle at 260.657.3424 the morning before the ride to confirm the ride is on, cancellation due to weather may occur.



FWSC Ballot

for Officers/Board 2025-2026

Vote for one each Officer, up to two Board of Directors



President: ☐ DeWayne Stewart

Treasurer: ☐ Dave Billian

Secretary: ☐ Tim Deimling

VP Activities: ☐ Linda Smith

VP Membership: ☐ Alexandra Helms

VP Marketing: ☐ Hal Atkinson

VP Slopes ☐ Dave Schuckel

Board of Directors:

Vote for maximum 2

☐ Diane Whisler

☐ Dick Goodwin

☐ Kathy Ahee

To submit absentee ballot either mail to: FWSC PO Box 10096,
Fort Wayne, IN 46850. Or email to: kblawson@dilgardfoods.com

In either case: you may not vote at the meeting unless the ballot
changes, your name must be submitted, and it must be received
by Thursday April 10, 2025.

Name: _____



Membership Form 2025/2026

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Birthday:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Mail Mogul \$10** ☐

Email Address: _____



Meet the Officers & Board Members 2024 - 2025



**DEB
FARRELL**
PRESIDENT

260.403.7067
torchsinger62@gmail.com



**DENNIS
GALLAGHER**
VP MEMBERSHIP

260.417.9927
dennisg1939@gmail.com



**DAVE
BILLIAN**
TREASURER

260.485.9527
SkiClubFW@aol.com



**TIM
DEIMLING**
SECRETARY

260.515.2418
tjasracj@gmail.com



**LINDA
SMITH**
VP ACTIVITIES

260.750.5682
Linleesmith@aol.com



**HAL
ATKINSON**
VP SLOPES

260.710.0073
halat8@gmail.com



**DAVE
SCHUCKEL**
VP MARKETING

260.494.4118
drschuckel@gmail.com



**DICK
GOODWIN**
RACING CHAIR

260.466.7581
dmmech7725@gmail.com



**JAISON
LAKER**
MEMBER

260.418.0024
jjlaker@aol.com



**MICHAEL
EHLE**
MEMBER

260.657.3424
TheDuce.hdt@gmail.com



**DIANE
WHISLER**
MEMBER

260.486.1556
dkwh98@gmail.com



**KEN
LAWSON**
MEMBER

260.750.0555
kblawson@dilgardfoods.com



**DEWAYNE
STEWART**
MEMBER

260.385.3207
dewaynestewart@aol.com



**ALEXANDRA
HELMS**
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

260.206.8255
Alexandra_helms@hotmail.com

NEXT FWSC BOARD MEETING

22 APRIL
2025

6:30 PM

Downtown Public Library: Globe Room

All members are welcome to attend!



MOGUL YODELER

Fort Wayne Ski Club
PO Box 10096
Fort Wayne, IN 46850



April 2025 VOLUME 57, ISSUE 9

2025 Event & Summer Activities

April Events: April 28th @ 4:30
Pub Meeting - Morgan's Tap House

April 26th @ 6:00
Euchre Night - 1721 Carlow Ct.,
Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Bike Rides

April 12th @ 10:22 AM - Shoaff Park
April 30th @ 4:22 PM - Dupont YMCA

