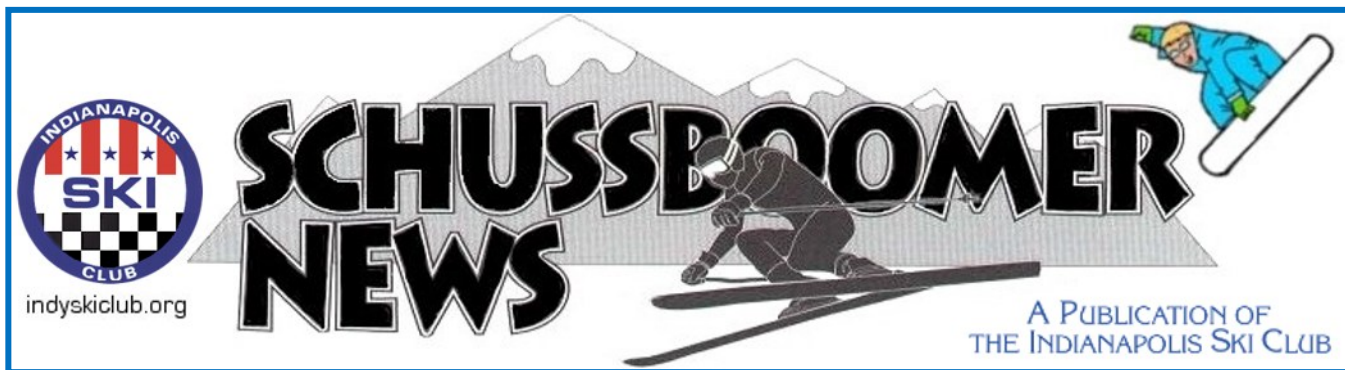




August-September 2025

June 28 Ski Trips Sign-Up Meeting Kicks Off Our 67th Year of Skiing



Visit www.indyskiclub.org for the latest club news and to register for our
Social Events

President's Message

It's been one month since our Trip's Sign-Up Event, and your Board is hard at work! This summer, in addition to Z's Saturday bike rides, Eldonna & Patty have added some nature walks. Check out the event calendar for details on the bike rides, the walks, and our summer concert dates.

I want to extend a special thank you to Ray Battey for sponsoring us at the Hillcrest Country Club. His time and dedication to the club is well noted. We had 75 members attend the sign-up this year. We've heard great things from all of you about the facility, the food, and the organization of the event, and feel we are getting the hang of our new "numbering" system. However, there is still room for improvement, and the Board continues to evaluate areas where we can do better. Look for more improvements next year.

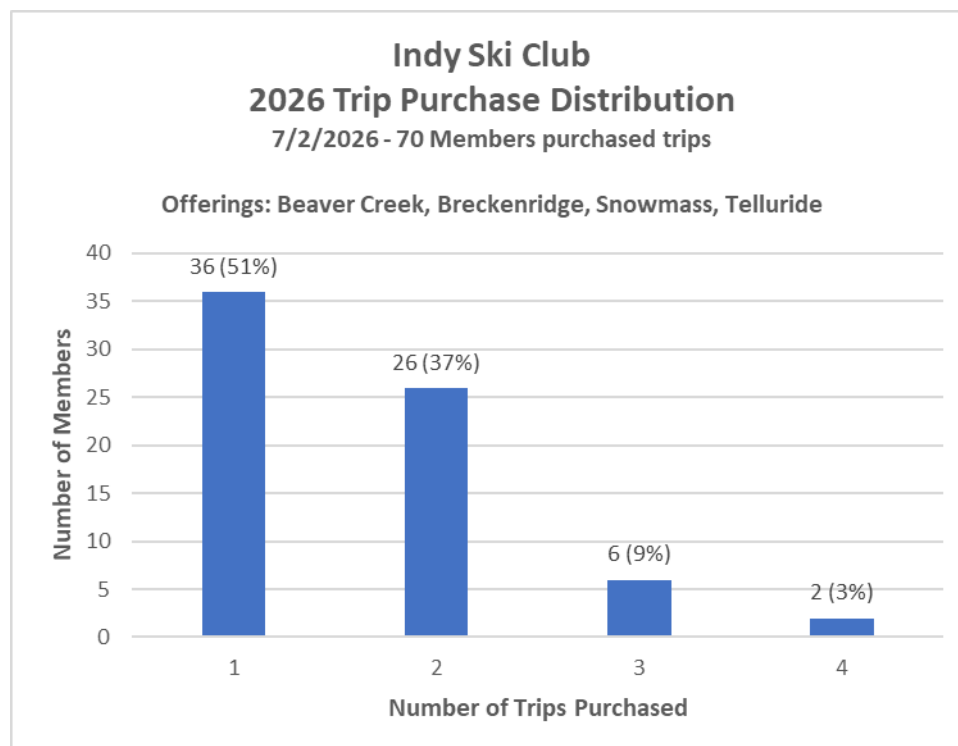


By the end of the day, we had sold 113 spaces for this year's trips. If you are interested, 51% of our skiers take only one trip, and 49% of our skier's ski multiple trips. The number of spaces sold continues to grow, and we are seeing trips being filled daily. Be sure to check out what trips are still open in the following pages of this Boomer.

Our first trip is leaving for Chile in 4 weeks, and in addition to the skiing (IN AUGUST) and the exciting side trips, members will also be escaping this heat and humidity. I'm sure they will have great stories to tell upon their return.

As always, I would like to thank our members for volunteering to serve as voting officers of the Board, Committee Chairpersons, and Trip Leaders.

George Andrews
President



Presented by Ginny Klimeck

Message from your Trips VP:

What a fantastic signup event! Huge thanks to our trip leaders—Dena Aleksa is back leading with experience and expertise. At the same time, Priscilla Johnson seamlessly subbed for Joni Lawler, and Lyn Nore handled everything as if she had led trips for years. John Lomas offered great support at the numbering table with Christian Legand. And a special shoutout to Noli Bentley and Jackie Sundboom for ushering everyone through the door and keeping things running smoothly.

Our trips are filling up quickly:

- Telluride oversold (37), but rooms were added. There is now space for one male.
- Snowmass has 34 skiers, nearing capacity with only two spots left.
- Breckenridge continues to increase in size. There are 31 participants, and only five spaces remain. We are looking for one single female to join us.
- Beaver Creek seems to add new skiers daily. There are 28 registered, so 8 more can be added. It's the first trip of the year, grab a friend and come along!



UPDATES:

The Online scoop --

Are you curious about who you'll be skiing with this season? You can easily find out by logging onto the website and navigating to your trip page. Click on "Registrants" to view a complete list of participants.

If you're considering another trip and want to know who else will be attending, the same procedure applies. Visit the trip page and view the list. Seeing your best ski buddies on the roster might help you decide!

This year, your rebates or other discounts (gift certificates) may be deducted from your online balance due invoice. No more waiting for a rebate check at the end of the season. It's another learning curve for us, so please be patient. If a discount you've earned isn't displayed, don't worry; we just couldn't verify it before your payment was made. You'll receive any missed discounts with a check at the end of your trip.

Southwest update --

Winter Ski and Sport just announced the new Southwest guidelines. It seems our glory days with them are coming to an end. Not only are we now required to pay for luggage, but we also face heavy penalties for any changes made to the original contract. Who can guess how many seats we need before we even have a sign-up party? Certainly not me.

Winter Ski and Sport- Winter Ski & Sport (WSS) is Group Travel Simplicity (GTS). Website remains winter-skiandsport.com

Have a great rest of your summer. Join us for a nature walk, attend a Thursday Thirst, or enjoy a concert in the park.

Ski ya' later, Carolyn McConkey

Social Calendar

August 9 Nature Walk 10:00 am

Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve—BYO Lunch

10410 Hague Road, Fishers

Please register online



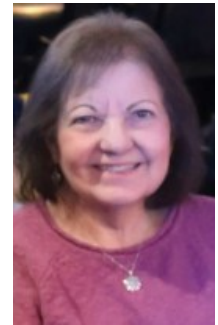
Eldonna Rees

August 14 Thursday Thirst 6:00 pm

Baxbeaux Pizza Broad Ripple

811 E. Westfield Blvd, Indianapolis

Please register online



Patty Pattemore

August 23 Summer Concert 6:00 pm

Mallow Run Winery 6964 Whiteland Road, Bargersville

Endless Summer Band—music starts at 7 pm

Please register online

August 27 Summer Concert 6:00 pm

Carmel Gazebo, 3 Civic Square, Carmel

The Bishops—music starts at 7 pm

Please register online

September 10 Summer Concert 6:00 pm

Carmel Gazebo, 3 Civic Square, Carmel

Endless Summer Band—music starts at 7 pm

Please register online

September 16 Tuesday Lunch Bunch 11:30 am

The Blind Owl Brewery

5014 E. 62nd Street, Indianapolis

Please register online

September 25 Thursday Thirst 6:00 pm

Ale Emporium Indy

8617 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis

Please register online

Social News

I'm happy to have Patty Pattemore joining me in providing social events for our club. She was involved with her Michigan ski club prior to moving here and has several great ideas. I hope you will enjoy participating in them.

For a few months on a Saturday at 10 AM, she would like to have an easy nature walk in a nearby wooded area followed with a bring your own lunch/ snack and chair to visit with each other for a while. Our first walk was in Oliver's Woods along White River. It was a very interesting place which included a haunted house. Happily, I didn't notice any paranormal activity myself.

In July, we met up with some of the bicycle group and walked a mile on a beautiful, shaded trail at Cool Creek Park. Part of the trail was along the creek, and we also crossed over a couple of bridges. There were several shelters there, but we decided to have our lunch right along the trail. I really enjoyed being in the woods yet still so close to home.

At 10 AM on August 9th, we will be at Ritchey Wood's Nature Preserve. It looks very nice with shaded trails and is known for bird watching. We'd love to have you join us for a nice, easy walk, followed by some social time during our lunch.

We've had a pretty busy social calendar because we've been attending free concerts throughout the city. We did have a couple of rain outs but we've had a lot of fun listening to music, dancing, and visiting with our ski club friends.

We did have a beautiful June Thursday Thirst evening at Rick's Cafe Boatyard and the July Tuesday Lunch Bunch at Wolfie's at Geist overlooking the lake.

I'm thinking of doing October at Rick's, again for either lunch or Thursday Thirst.

Stay tuned to see what's in our future.

Eldonna



Summer Concerts are FREE. Bring a blanket, chair, food, and beverage.

Trips Signup at Hillcrest C.C. *Photos by Brett Farrell*



Trips Signup at Hillcrest C.C. *Photos by Brett Farrell*



Biking Fun

The biking group has been all over the place this summer. Here are some of the places their rides have taken them: Monon Trail, Hagan-Burke Trail, Cool Creek Park, Midland Trace, Pennsy Trail, Canal Tow Path, Butler Campus, River Road Trail, Bee Camp Creek, Sand Creek, and Hoosier Woods. The rides are most often on Saturday mornings, but on occasion there will be a Sunday ride. A stop at a nearby restaurant for lunch usually follows the ride. Rides and meeting places are announced by email each week. To get the email notification contact "Z" at zburdeski@aol.com



Near the B & O Trail



Breakfast Ride



Pennsy Trail



N.I.T.E. Ride



Carmel Farmers Market



Lunch at Big Lug



River Road Trail

MESSAGE FROM THE TRIPS VP ELECT



VALLE NAVADO CHILE

We are less than 30 days until our Valle Nevado adventure. Nestled in the heart of the Chilean Andres, Valee Nevada is the largest and most modern ski resort in the Southern Hemisphere. Set amid breathtaking natural scenery , the resort boasts over 34 square miles of skiable terrain and is renowned for it exceptional powder skiing, thanks to its high elevation (9,925 ft.). With panoramic views of the Andres. Valle Nevado offers unforgettable experience for winter sports enthusiasts.



NISEKO UNITED AND TOKOYO JAPAN

Niseko is considered the best skiing in Japan. It is tucked away in the northmost island of Japan This area offers some of the deepest champagne powder on the plant, world class tree runs and great après-ski eats. Moisture over the warm currents of the Sea of Japan makes some of the driest, light powder in the world. . It has rich variety of terrain and beautiful winter woods. This trip is scheduled for January 2027 and will include three nights in Tokyo. More details to follow.



Christian Legand
Trips Vice President—Elect

BEAVER CREEK/VAIL

January 10-17, 2026

Vail Mountain is nearby. It is one of the largest ski resorts in the world and the second-largest single mountain resort in North America. It boasts over 5,300 acres of skiable terrain, including seven iconic Back Bowls. A continuous shuttle runs daily.

8 Spaces Remaining



SKIABLE TER-	1800 ACRES
SUMMIT	11,440 feet
VERTICAL DROP	3,340 feet
TOTAL LIFTS	24
TRAILS	176
BEGINNER	28%
INTERMEDIATE	38%
ADVANCED	34%

TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- The Borders Lodge (2 BR/2B condo, 4 per unit)
- Ski in/ski-out
- Chartered Bus with a grocery/liquor stop
- Welcome Reception
- Group Dinner Event

COST:

- Full/No Lift Package \$2022
- Ground/No Life Package \$1658

DETAILS:

- Deposit Required: \$500
- Spaces Available: 8 of 36 Remaining
- **FINAL PAYMENT/CANCELLATION DATE:**
September 26, 2025

LIFT TICKETS:

Lift tickets are **NOT** included in packages

Club members must purchase an "All Resorts, No Peak Dates" Epic Pass

Current 5-Day Epic Pass is \$539, subject to change

Rebate awarded if Epic Pass purchased through

[Winter Ski & Sport](#).

Trip Leader

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Explore this former mining village that offers fantastic skiing, breathtaking views, and uncrowded runs, all infused with unpretentious Old West charm. You'll soon understand why Telluride was named the Best U.S. Ski Town.

JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 7, 2026

TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Airfare: United round-trip Indy to Montrose
- Transfer: Private Motor Coach with grocery & liquor stop
- Lodging: Mountain Lodge

Luxury Condos, 4 per unit

Ski-in/Ski-out Location

Restaurant & Lounge on-site

TellurideSkiResort.com

- Welcome Reception
- Guided Ski Tour
- Group Dinner Event

COST: Full/No Lift Package \$2493

Ground/No Lift Package \$1950

LIFT TICKETS:

- Lift tickets are **NOT** included in packages
- Club members must purchase an Epic Pass
- Telluride requires an "All Resorts, No Peak Dates" Pass
- Current 5-Day Epic Pass is \$539, subject to change
- Rebate awarded if Epic Pass purchased

through [Winter Ski & Sport](#).

DETAILS:

Deposit Required: \$500

Final Payment / Cancellation Date: September 19, 2025

1 Space for a male

SKIABLE TERRAIN	2000 ACRES
SUMMIT	12,515 feet
VERTICAL DROP	3,790 feet
TOTAL LIFTS	17
TRAILS	148
LONGEST RUN	4.6 miles
BEGINNER	23%
INTERMEDIATE	36%
ADVANCED	41%
ANNUAL SNOW	280 inches
DAYS OF SUNSHINE	240 per year

Carolyn McConkey

Trip Leader

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BRECKENRIDGE



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February 21 – 28, 2026

TRIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Airfare: United round-trip Indy to Denver
- Transfer: Private Motor Coach with grocery & liquor stop
- Lodging: Beaver Run Resort

Luxury Condos, 2BD/2BA, 4 per unit

Ski-in/Ski-out Location

Breckenridge.com

- Welcome Reception
- Group Dinner Event

COST: Full/No Lift Package \$1797

Ground/No Lift Package \$1364

LIFT TICKETS:

- Lift tickets are **NOT** included in packages
- Club members must purchase an Epic Pass
- Breckenridge requires an "All Resorts, No Peak Dates" Pass
- Current 5-Day Epic Pass is \$539, subject to change
- Rebate awarded if Epic Pass purchased through

[Winter Ski & Sport.](#)

DETAILS:

Deposit Required: \$500

Final Payment / Cancellation Date: October 6, 2025

5 of 36 Spaces open

SKIABLE TERRAIN	2908 ACRES
SUMMIT	12,998 feet
VERTICAL DROP	3,398 feet
TOTAL LIFTS	35
TRAILS	187
LONGEST RUN	3.5 miles
BEGINNER	11%
INTERMEDIATE	31%
ADVANCED	68%
ANNUAL SNOW FALL	350 inches
DAYS OF SUNSHINE	300 per year



Lyn Nore

Trip Leader

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2 Spaces Remaining



INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights at Top of the Village
- 2b2b Ski In/Ski Out Condos
- Air: IND to DEN
- Transfers + Grocery Stop
- 5 Day Lift Ticket, 6th Day + \$143
- Group Dinner Party

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website for details

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View from the Sky.... a Hoosier in the Rockies. By Mel Crichton, ISC member

I just banged out a long article for the next Boomer, because Randy sent me an email reminding me. At seven AM, I am not in a very good mood until the fourth cup of Colombian elixir kicks in. At that point, I would consider something akin to work. But before that magic moment, I am a curmudgeon. Don't expect me to be nice. So I spewed venom in 800 words.

That article was full of gloom and doom, about how climate change and wildfire will eventually kill skiing in the good ol' US of A. And it will. But I'll save that article, revise it a tad, and run it in my monthly column in the local newspaper. Maybe during ski season. That'll make a lot of people happy. I can expect the chamber of commerce and the resort management will come down pretty hard on me. To quote my Scottish grandfather.... "Scroom!" (say it with a Scottish accent, in two syllables.. got it?)

Living here for 15 years has taught us a few things... and I'll share them with you, in case you're thinking of pulling up stakes in the flat lands and moving to high ground.

One.... Have a big bank account. I'm paying a guy 50 bucks an hour to freaking mow my grass! Even adjusted for inflation, the 50 CENTS I earned 60 years ago wouldn't be fifty bucks! A beer at the local rodeo was ten bucks....in a can.... without tip. And of course, we have to tip our servers because they are broke after paying rent. A thousand bucks a month to rent a room? And if you are thinking of moving here to cash in by mowing grass, where you gonna live?

Two.... Be patient. The peak seasons bring many thousands of tourists to our small town of less than 3000 people. And most can't drive... they rent a Grand Cherokee at the airport and, within a day or so, it's in the ditch ... or worse. And that's in the summer! Those Big City drivers don't know real snow, and a big four-wheeler won't fix bad driving. If they do make it through the day and make it to your favorite restaurant, it's best for you to eat at home. Until the shoulder seasons (May and November) you won't dine out much. There are no empty seats in July. And see item number one.... you can't afford it.

Three ... Keep your opinions to yourself. When a tourist proudly wears his Boyne Highlands tee shirt, let him think he's the world's greatest skier, even though you have skied the Big Couloir at Big Sky. One day he may learn. And if a tourist asks where the Walmart is, kindly send them north 50 miles.

Four ... Expect young snots to be young snots. I was buying a beer at the local deli and a kid in a Florida State tee shirt asks me "What's a good local beer, old timer?" Old timer? WTF? I'm not Gabby Hayes! But instead of setting him straight, I told him that a nice huckleberry fizz might suit his tastes. Sweet, low alcohol, almost Kool-Aid, just like Mom makes at home.

Five ... We have fewer rules. It's OK to smoke dope. It's OK to walk down the street with a beer. But we don't flaunt it. If you are at a concert or on a chairlift and you smell Mother Nature, it's probably a tourist going wild, able to buy weed without driving across the state line to Michigan.

Six ... live with Nature. Bears have the right of way, and they will raid your trash. Don't screw with moose. Every June the pine pollen will paint your car, your deck furniture, and your home. You'll move a lot of snow in the winter. Smoke from distant wildfires will make August a little rough, and you are prepared to bug out if those fires get close. When it gets dry and your lawn demands water, remember the water restrictions. If you are growing mushrooms in your lawn, you are watering too much. And believe me, they are not edible.

Seven ... If you live here, and you're not an activist for some natural cause... wolves, weeds, grizzlies, whatever... then you really don't live here. Or you're a developer. You must earn your place here. And preserve it.

Eight ... Love it. Appreciate it. You are in one of the most special places on earth. Thank your stars for every day that you are here. There are so many out there who will never have a day like today. It's yours. And it's everybody's.

Obituaries

Dave Keener passed away December 28, 2024 at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife No-hora, his son Robert and daughter Devon, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In 1971 he founded Industrial Machine Repair in Hayden and grew the business until his retirement in 2009. Dave took his grandson Derek along on a club ski trip to Snowbasin, Utah in 2001. In following years he participated on several European ski trips and also enjoyed skiing at Lake Tahoe and would fly his own plane to Michigan to ski. He often skied with friends Joe Deppen, Mark Holt, and the late Ron Habenicht



Former ski club member **Mark Cook** passed away at the age of 73 on July 11. Mark is survived by his wife of forty years Joyce Simmons Cook, and three children. Together they were active in the ski club in the 1980's and served as club officers in 1985-86. Mark and Joyce attended the 60th anniversary celebration of the ski club in 2018. Mark was a graduate of Lawrence Central in 1970 along with classmate Brett Farrell. His joy for simple pleasures were reflected in his kind spirit and generous heart.

NEW 1985-86 INDY SKI CLUB OFFICERS!



Pam Engel - Western V.P., Bob Todd - President, Cheryl Hyerly - Membership, Mark Cook - Programs, Joyce Simmons - Social Director, Jim Sunday - Treasurer, Kathy Anderson - Secretary, and (front) Cone Snipes - Midwestern V.P.



Long time ski club member **Joan Alfred** passed away on June 16, a day after her 80th birthday. Joan joined the ski club in the mid-1980's when club membership peaked at 1200 members. Debby Bronnenberg recalled meeting Joan during a ski club function while pausing in a restroom. They learned that each worked in skilled nursing providing home health care. Debby says that Joan taught her how to be single following her divorce. They became frequent room-mates on ski trips. Joan enjoyed traveling and often skied with the ski club in Europe. Debby recalls their trip as room-mates to the Val di Sol at Marilleva Italy in 1997, Crans-Montana Switzerland in 1998, Sierra Nevada Spain in 2000 with a day trip to Gibraltar where the Barbary monkeys were a little too friendly, and to Bad Gastein Austria in 2009 that included a post trip extension to Budapest. Joan would also participate on weekend ski club trips to Michigan and was so excited to earn points for the club in the Indiana Ski Council races at Boyne Mountain. She also enjoyed the parties and dancing that were part of ski club trips.



Member Birthdays

August

Dan Pack	08/02
Sandra Allen	08/03
Kristie Geitner	08/03
Bart Rajwa	08/03
George Andrews	08/11
Debbie Pehler	08/11
Priscilla Johnson	08/15
Colleen Simianer	08/16
Joe Deppen	08/20
Tammy L Pulfer	08/23
Kathryn Westerfeld	08/26
Andrea VonIns	08/26
Joni Lawler	08/27
Barry A Smith	08/27
Tom Johnson	08/30

September

Maria Farrell	09/08
Mike King	09/10
Mary Anne Leach	09/18
Connie J Thomas-Miner	09/19
Barbara Garing	09/20
Duane Leatherman	09/22
Terry D Lindstrom	09/23
Cathy Drook	09/27
Sheri Agnew	09/30

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