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# Mogul Yodeler

A Newsletter by Fort Wayne Ski Club



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## April Social

April 10th @ 7:00 PM

**Pro Bowl West**

1455 Goshen Rd. Fort Wayne

Join us Friday, April 10 for our April Social. The evening will feature food and live music from Joe Justice, giving everyone a chance to relax and enjoy the night together. We will also be recognizing this season's racing award winners and holding elections for board positions. It's always a good night to catch up with fellow members and enjoy time with the club.



With spring activities right around the corner, the April Social is also a great time to start making plans. Our first bike ride is Sunday, April 12, just two days later, and tennis will be starting next month. Be sure to connect with Michael about the bike rides and Dave Billian about tennis while you're there.

## Up-coming Events

- April 12th - First Bike Ride - see all on page 6
- May 20th - Tennis Starts

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# THE VIEW FROM THE TOP

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## A Statement From Our President - DeWayne Stewart

The Club's 90th ski season is just about over (it is still snowing at Boyne as I write this; and did you see our picture in the local newspaper's "Winter Album" March 21 page D1)?

But the fun hasn't stopped yet. Google says we are a year round sports related activities club, so as the seasons change, we shift to things other than snow skiing. Our last monthly party/meeting of the season on April 10 is your chance to plan for this summer and next winter by electing our new, and some of the old, Officers. If you have any interest in helping, we have a place for you.

This next/last meeting brings back a Club favorite, Joe Justice, to rock the night away after the election, racing awards, and free food. (Something for everyone....)

Even if you don't snow ski, we have other group activities to get us by until the snow falls again. We do like to "do it in the snow", but also like to do it in groups. So keep involved in our bike rides, tennis league, lake party(s?), and monthly "Pub Meets".

And if you are planning for next ski season, we are already taking \$50 deposits for Big Sky, Montana in Feb (we have 20 spots reserved).

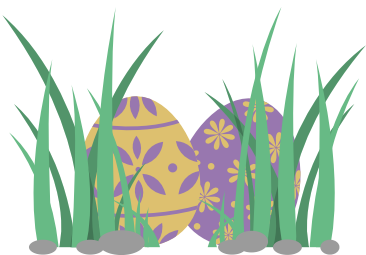
Continue to think snow,

DeWayne Stewart  
President, FWSC



**Reminder:**  
Watch Your Email

Event reminders and last-minute updates are often sent by email, so keep an eye on your inbox as dates get closer.

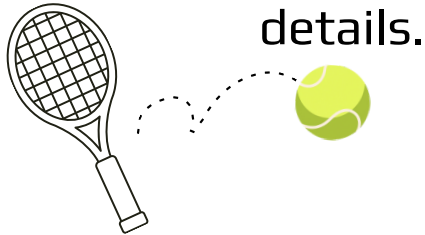


# Upcoming Events...

## Spring Tennis

Mark your calendars, tennis season kicks off **May 20th**.

Contact Dave at 750-5802 for



details.

- Pub Meet**
- No pub meet this month

# APRIL

## BIRTHDAYS

Doug Douglas	April 5 <sup>th</sup>
Al Danowki	April 9 <sup>th</sup>
Alexandra Helms	April 13 <sup>th</sup>
Jason Smith	April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Chad Jones	April 16 <sup>th</sup>
Kathy Stewart	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Larry Fisher	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
Eion Minnie	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Mathews	April 30 <sup>th</sup>

## The Ski Machine '26

The annual Founders' Day Race was held February 7 at Bittersweet, 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 10 meeting.

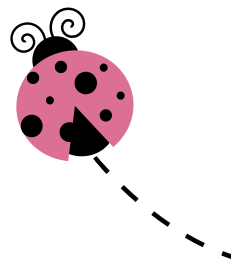
**Founder's Trophy Winners**  
[fastestmale/femalercersof the year]

**Men: Hal Atkinson**  
**Women: Marianne Watkins**

**Class Winners:**

"A"	Male:	Hal Atkinson	45.53
	Female:	Marianne Watkins	43.44
"B"	Male	1st Paul Klepper	51.02
	Femal	2nd Steve Gilbert	54.23
		Brenda Gensic	47.31

# Summer Events and Bike Rides



## Mark Your Calendars - Summer Events

More details will be shared as the event gets closer.

### CMSC 2026 Picnic

The annual CMSC picnic will be held August 29 in Fox River Grove, IL. This event is free to attend



### Hog Roast 2026

Mark your calendar for the club's Hog Roast on October 24. Doors open at 5:00 PM and dinner will be served at 5:45 PM.



## Bike Rides



Sunday - April 12 <sup>th</sup>	10:22 AM - Shoaff Park
Wednesday - April 29 <sup>th</sup>	4:22 PM - Dupont YMCA
Saturday - May 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:22 AM - New Haven Trail Head
Sunday - June 7 <sup>th</sup>	10:22 AM - Sweeney Park
Sunday - June 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:22 AM - Hall's Deck
Saturday - July 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:22 AM - New Haven Trail Head
Sunday - August 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:22 AM - Hall's Deck
Wednesday - August 26 <sup>th</sup>	4:22 PM - Dupont YMCA
Sunday - September TBD	10:22 AM - Lake Ride at the Luttik's 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.**

# 25/26 Season Trips

This month we're sharing a group photo from our Aspen Snowmass trip, and you can watch for the full trip story in next month's Mogul!



**Start planning for next ski season, we are already taking \$50 deposits for Big Sky, Montana.**



## Future CMSC Ski Trips:



Check out these trips that are in the works — more details will be shared as we get closer. There is a free CMSC Trip Seminar October 17<sup>th</sup> 2026.

- **St. Anton Ski Resort**  
January 29<sup>th</sup> - Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 2027
- **Big Sky Resort, MT**  
February 27<sup>th</sup> 2027
- **Copper Mountain**  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 2027 (estimated around \$2,000)
- **Steamboat Ski Resort, CO**  
February 26<sup>th</sup> 2028



## SLOPE SAFETY!

### **Ski Safety Tip: Storing your gear for the season**

Store your ski gear in a cool, dry place during the off-season to help protect it until next winter. Also, buckling your boots loosely before storing them can help them hold their shape over the summer so they are ready for next season.

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# Member's Re-cap

## MARCH SOCIAL:

Our March Social brought a little St. Patrick's Day fun to the club as members gathered for an evening of food, fellowship, and trivia. We had 18 members join us for the night. Ten lucky members won "a little bit of green" for their knowledge of St. Patrick's trivia, adding an extra festive touch to the evening. It was a fun way to celebrate the season and enjoy time together.



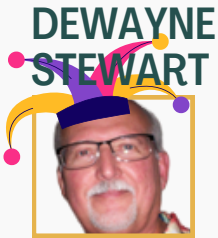
## MARCH PUB MEET

Our March Pub Meet was held March 18 at Charlie's Place, where 9 members joined us for a relaxed evening with the club. It was a nice chance to catch up and keep the St. Patrick's Day week fun going.



# Meet the Officers & Board Members

2025 - 2026



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**OPEN POSITION**  
MEMBER

Reach out to anyone on the board if interested in this position

## NEXT FWSC BOARD MEETING

**21** APRIL  
2026

**6:30 PM**  
Fort Wayne Downtown Library - Business and Tech Room

All members are welcome to attend!



# ***FWSC Ballot***

## ***for Officers/Board 2026-2027***

***vote for one each Officer, up to two Board of Directors***



### **Officers**

**President:**

DeWayne Stewart  \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:**

Dave Billian  \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:**

Tim Deimling  \_\_\_\_\_

**VP Activities:**

\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

**VP Membership:**

Linda Smith  \_\_\_\_\_

**VP Marketing:**

Hal Atkinson  \_\_\_\_\_

**VP Slopes**

Dave Schuckel  \_\_\_\_\_

### **Board of Directors:**

Votefor maximum2

Diane Whisler

Michael Ehle

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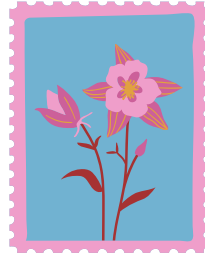
Absentee ballotscan be mailed to PO Box 10096, FW, 46850 or  
emailed to [Alexandra\\_Helms@hotmail.com](mailto:Alexandra_Helms@hotmail.com)

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## Event & Activities

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with Music by Joe Justice  
Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM  
Pro Bowl West

First Bike Ride - April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Events:** Tennis Starts - May 20<sup>th</sup>

Wine Tasting & Game Night - Date TBD

