

INSIDE EDGE

April Social Events | Trip Updates



Duneland at Aspen/Snowmass! See more photos on the [DSC Home Page Slide Show](#) and [Page 2](#).



Twelve DSC members – and Luna - enjoyed the Tolleston Dunes hike. More hikes coming as Spring brings out the wildflowers! See [Page 4](#).

April-at-a-Glance

CMSC Spring Fling to Mt Bachelor – April 8-13

We have 10 DSC members joining 60+ enthusiasts from other CMSC clubs heading to Bend, Oregon, for one last, desperate attempt for good snow!

DSC Hike at Heron Rookery – April 15 – See [Page 4](#)

Join our next hike in the beautiful Indiana Dunes National Park. The Heron Rookery is known for its beautiful variety of the early spring blooms.

Mix & Mingle – April 20

The monthly General Meeting begins at 7:30 PM at the Gary Sportsmen Club, South Room, 10101 Madison Street in Crown Point. [The Board of Directors for 2026-27 will be determined.](#)

Weekly Bike Rides resume May 6 – See [Page 5](#)

Use this heads up to get your bike ready!

President's Corner

Alas, the 2025-26 ski season is winding down. Despite a snow draught and unseasonably warm temperatures, our DSC contingent of 30 brave souls had a great time at CMSC Chicago Week 2026 at Snowmass. Good friends, lots of après ski activities and a big dose of powder for the last day will be the lasting memories.

Meanwhile, our Spring and Summer Social activities are gearing up. Check the Club Calendar at our website and plan ahead.

With great ski experiences still fresh In our minds, our members have **exclusive access** for a limited time to register for the **2027 DSC Western Trip to Sun Valley, Idaho**, and **CMSC Chicago Week 2027 to Big Sky, Montana!** Spots are limited and will go on sale to other CMSC clubs in May. **DO NOT MISS OUT** on these great trips! [See Page 3.](#)

Jerry Mansell



Dunelanders and friends at Snowmass



The Maroon Bells on a bluebird day!



Pam Seaman on the NASTAR course



Chris Disher looking like a pro racer!



Chicago Week 2026 was capped off with a banquet, awards, and music.

Ski Trips are GREAT! So let's do it again!

Register NOW for these outstanding Western Trip destinations!

Sun Valley, Idaho, is a "bucket list" ski destination!

Exclusive registration and deposits for current DSC members NOW OPEN.

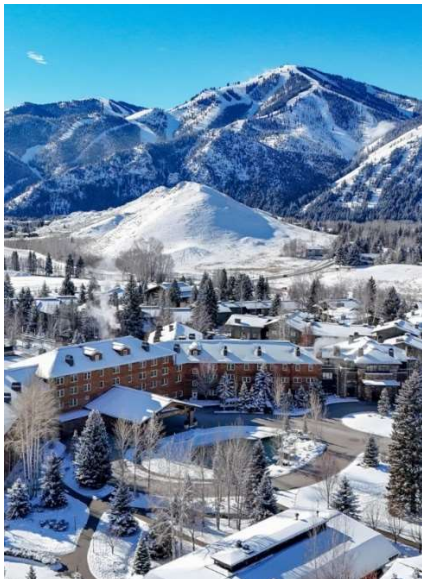
Base package includes:

- * Airfare on United Airlines (RT O'Hare - Sun Valley)
- **ONLY 29 direct flight seats available**
- * Bus transfers (RT Sun Valley Airport - Lodging)
- * 7 nights lodging at Sun Valley Lodge Apartments
- **LIMITED single accommodations (first come, first choice)**

See the Trip Flyer for further information and links to Sun Valley amenities.

Follow this link: <https://skiduneland.com>

Look for this trip on the Home Page. Online registration and payment of the deposit (refundable until June 30, 2026) will secure your spot on this trip. Full package pricing will be published after the airfare rates and schedule are confirmed.



CMSC Chicago Week is a blast! For 2027, DSC has booked 24 spots for a favorite destination: Big Sky Montana.

Exclusive registration for current DSC Members and deposits NOW OPEN!

Base package includes airfare (RT from O'Hare), bus transfers (RT Bozeman Airport - Lodging), and 7 nights lodging at Big Sky. See the Trip Flyer for further information and links to Big Sky amenities.

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Meanwhile, back in The Region . . . Spring has sprung!



The majesty of the Sandhill Cranes

was the focus of our March 12 hike to **Cowles Bog in the Indiana Dunes National Park.**

These amazing birds came through in record numbers this Spring on their northern migration. As they disappeared over Lake Michigan, we enjoyed a short hike in the woods near Dune Acres.

Early spring found us at Tolleston Dunes

Named for the dune formations created by the receding Lake Michigan centuries ago, **Tolleston Dunes** is a rare black oak savannah habitat that also includes wetlands and an amazing array of wildflowers through the seasons.

Twelve hikers - and Luna! – came out for this March 26 hike. Though it was too early for the spring wildflowers, the warm weather promised greenery and flowers soon!

Lunch followed at Wagner's Ribs in Porter. They had a great menu and handled the unexpected group very well.



If it's Spring Wildflowers you want . . .

you can't miss our next hike! **The Heron Rookery** boasts a wide array of early spring blossoms every year. **We will meet at the Main (east) Lot: 1336 N County Road 600 East, Michigan City, IN 46360 at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 15, 2026.**

This trail is part of the Indiana Dunes National Park, so please bring your parking pass. Note: there are no toilet facilities at this location. Bring your camera! As always, dress for the weather, wear appropriate shoes, and bring your own water.

Following the hike, we can adjourn to **Gastro 49 Pub & Eatery at 361 N. Calumet Road in Chesterton.**

Our Weekly Bike, Hike and Blade resumes on May 6

Wednesday, May 6, 2026, 6:00 PM

Join us for a 10-mile bike ride on the Prairie Duneland Trail. Bike at your own pace, walk, jog, or rollerblade. We meet at Countryside Park North, just north of Route 6 (opposite Wilshire Drive) in Portage. We follow the good exercise with a casual dinner or drink at various local restaurants.

Time to Celebrate another great year for the Duneland Ski Club!

Register NOW for our Year-End Celebration

We will celebrate with a **Dine Around on Monday, May 18, 2026!** Instead of our regular monthly meeting, we will gather at **Gelsosomo's Pizzeria, 11319 Broadway in Crown Point,** from at 6:30 to 9:00 PM.

For this Dine Around, we will enjoy an all-inclusive buffet of pizza, salad, soft drinks for **\$20 per person.** A selection of wine and beer will be available at a cash bar. Unlike other Dine Arouns, attendees will be required to register in advance. Each member may register one non-member guest.

Register online through the link below or RSVP by text to Mary Golding at 219-796-7011. Payment for this event must be made in advance, no later than May 6 - no walk-ups can be accommodated.

Register on the DSC website: [DSC Year-End Celebration!](#)

Payments can be made by check at the April 20 General Meeting or by mail to:
Mary Golding
1104 Flagstone Drive
Dyer, IN 46311

Alternatively, payment can be made by Zelle to Duneland Ski Club, Inc. and email treasurer@skiduneland.com.

See you there!

To all Active Members of the Duneland Ski Club:

In accordance with our Constitution and Bylaws, a quorum of current members approved the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as proposed by the Board of Directors. The revised Constitution and Bylaws documents can be found on the DSC website. (From the Main Menu, click on “Members Only” then select “Documents” from the pulldown menu. These documents are in the folder “Bylaws and Policies”.)

The significant changes were:

- Changing the minimum age for membership from 21 to 18.
- Changing the term for Board Members and Officers from one-year to two-year terms.

CMSC Elections are coming soon!

If you have ever . . .

- Enjoyed a Chicago Week or Spring Fling ski trip
- Attended a CMSC Picnic or Baseball Game
- Received free tickets to the Travel Show

Maybe it's time you volunteered to help run CMSC!

Nominations are needed for:

- Secretary
- Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Questions? Call Kevin Conlon at 708-906-9517



Must be Election Season - DSC Club elections are April 20!

OK, you've just read about all the fun things the Duneland Ski Club has lined up for you. Who makes this all happen? Your Board and the members who volunteer to lead the activities. While the Board of Directors nominations are closed, please keep in mind that there are many opportunities throughout our club year for volunteers to lead or assist in social activities and trips.

Nominations for all Board positions began at the February 16 General Meeting and concluded at the March 16 meeting. With the approved changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, this will be a transition year, with half of the positions elected for a one-year term and half elected for a two-year term.

The elections will be finalized at the General Meeting on April 20, 2026. The slate of nominees are:

- President – Jerry Mansell (2 years)
- Vice President – Cheryl Wytovicz (1 year)
- Treasurer – Jim O'Carroll (1 year)
- Secretary – Sandi Kurowski (2 years)
- Director – Henry Bottando (1 year)

- Director – Joey Joyce (2 years)
- Director – Mary Golding (1 year)
- Director – Dian Berryman (2 years)

CMSC is already looking ahead to 2027 and beyond!

DSC already has spots for Chicago Week 2027 and 2028

CMSC UPCOMING TRIPS

CHICAGO WEEK 2027



FEB. 27-MAR. 6, 2027
FROM \$1649 PER PERSON PLUS AIR AND LIFTS*

TRIP INCLUDES:

- 7 NIGHTS LODGING
- GROUND/BUS TRANSPORTATION
- WELCOME RECEPTION
- MOUNTAIN TOUR
- MOUNTAIN LUNCH, RACE
- PUB CRAWL
- TWO (2) APRÈS SKI PARTIES
- DINNER BANQUET WITH MUSIC AND DANCING
- CMSC EVENT CREDENTIAL

*AIR AND LIFT TICKET PRICING WILL BE AVAILABLE THE SPRING/SUMMER OF 2026.

AVAILABLE OPTIONS:

- TRAVEL INSURANCE
- 6TH DAY LIFT, SENIOR LIFT DISCOUNT

IKON PASS HONORED

Located in southwest Montana (approximately 50 miles south of Bozeman and an hour north of West Yellowstone), Big Sky Resort is a popular winter destination known for its vast skiable terrain, consistently receiving an average of over 400 inches of snow annually. The resort boasts over 5,850 acres of diverse terrain, making it one of the largest ski resorts in the US. With a vertical drop of 4,350 feet, it's also one of the longest in the country.

The resort is also the basecamp to Yellowstone National Park and provides daily shuttles to Yellowstone's west entrance.



SPRING FLING 2027



APRIL 4-9, 2027
\$1352 PER PERSON PLUS AIR*

TRIP INCLUDES:

- 5 NIGHTS LODGING AT THE CAMBRIA HOTEL ONLY A SHORT WALK TO EAGLE LIFT
- 4 DAY LIFT TICKET
- GROUND/BUS TRANSPORTATION

*AIR FARE PRICING WILL BE AVAILABLE SPRING/SUMMER OF 2026.

AVAILABLE OPTION:

- TRAVEL INSURANCE

IKON PASS HONORED

Copper Mountain is located in Summit County, Colorado, about 75 miles west of Denver. It features over 2,500 acres of terrain and offers a variety of activities for both winter sports enthusiasts and summer visitors. The resort is known for its naturally divided terrain, which allows skiers to explore different levels of difficulty, from gentle groomers to advanced terrain parks. Copper Mountain also hosts various events, including the Stifel Copper Cup, showcasing top alpine skiers.

Copper Mountain facilities are divided into three villages: East Village, The Village at Copper (Center Village), and West Village. The ski area is most notable as being designated by the National Forest Service as having the most organized skier layout of any ski resort.

CHICAGO WEEK 2028



FEB. 26-MAR. 4, 2028
FROM \$2367 PER PERSON PLUS AIR*

TRIP INCLUDES:

- 7 NIGHTS LODGING
- 5 DAY LIFT TICKET
- GROUND/BUS TRANSPORTATION
- WELCOME RECEPTION
- MOUNTAIN LUNCH, RACE
- PUB CRAWL
- TWO (2) APRÈS SKI PARTIES
- DINNER BANQUET WITH MUSIC AND DANCING
- CMSC EVENT CREDENTIAL

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AVAILABLE OPTIONS:

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- 6TH DAY LIFT, SENIOR LIFT DISCOUNT

IKON PASS HONORED

Steamboat is known for its exceptional skiing, particularly the Champagne Powder snow. The resort spans over 2,965 acres and features a variety of trails suitable for all skill levels, including beginner, intermediate, and advanced options.

Steamboat is celebrated for its family-friendly atmosphere, with activities ranging from skiing to exploring the town's vibrant downtown and hot springs. The resort also offers a range of dining experiences and a lively après-ski scene, making it a comprehensive destination for winter sports enthusiasts.

Welcome our newest members:

- Scott Sanders (returning)
- Karen White (returning)
- Dan Boyer

We look forward to seeing you soon!



So much going on, I almost forgot:

Sign-ups are open for the Annual DSC Canoe & Camping Trip!

Our annual **National Wild & Scenic Pine River** canoe/kayak/camping trip in beautiful Central Michigan is set for **July 10-12, 2026**. Get ready for two nights of camping, delicious catered meals Saturday and Sunday included, and even a packed lunch for the day on the river! Bring your own tent or RV and decide if you want to enjoy the beauty of the Pine River in a canoe or on a kayak.

Go to <https://skiduneland.com> and look for the sign-up in the green box or under the Trips & Events menu.

April is Membership Renewal Month

You will be receiving emails through our ClubExpress website notifying you that it is time to renew your Duneland Ski Club membership. This can be done online – with convenient options for payment by mail or Zelle – or at the April 20 Mix & Mingle.

Let your Board know what's on your mind:

President: Jerry Mansell (jerry.mansell@att.net)

Vice President: Cheryl Wytovicz (ajfluff@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Bill Stover (billvalpo2001@yahoo.com)

Secretary: Sandi Kurowski (sandikurowski@gmail.com)

Membership: Dian Berryman (diberryman21@hotmail.com)

Western Trips: Henry Bottando (corsairski@yahoo.com)

Mary Golding (marygolding@msn.com)

Jim O'Carroll (jjocarroll51@gmail.com)