



**June-July 2026**

## **Trips Signup Event for 2027 Trips**

**Sunday, June 28, 1:00pm to 5:00pm**

**Hillcrest Country Club**

**6098 Fall Creek Road**



**Renew your membership after June 1**

**Then Register for the Signup Event on the ski club website by June 15. Watch for an email confirmation.**

**Fill out and print your trip application(s) to submit to your trip leader(s). No deposit req'd at this time.**

**1:00pm Doors open. Member check in. Active members receive a prepared name tag and receive a trip app number to staple to their first priority trip application. Appetizers are served.**

**2:00pm Club meeting with announcements. Presentation by GTS (Group Travel Simplicity) "Change is in the Air" reviewing what's new and in store for the 2027 ski season. Questions and Answers.**

**2:30pm First Trip Signup: Go to the trip table of your first priority trip to turn in your trip application. Do this at your convenience as your trip app number determines your priority. Trip leader reviews your application for any missing information.**

**Later. Additional (second and third) trip signups will be announced for trips that are not filled in first round.**

**5:00pm Adjourn and depart.**

***Be sure to renew your membership, register for the Trips Signup, and look for the email confirmation in advance of the meeting. This makes the system work and everyone is happy.***

Visit [www.indyskiclub.org](http://www.indyskiclub.org) for the latest news and to register for our Social Events

## Message from the Snow Queen!

Well, this marks the beginning of my term as president of this organization and I am looking forward to a great year! Many, many thanks to Carolyn McConkey, the retiring Vice President of Trips for her efforts on our behalf to construct another fabulous year for ISC and to George Andrews for his steady leadership during the past few years.



Our sign up will be evolving and it is important for you to be at the Trip Sign Up Party on SUNDAY, June 28, from 1-5pm at Hillcrest Country Club to hear about the changes that are being made for registration this year and secure your position on the trips of your choice. Be sure to go to the website and register for the party. THANKS.

What a way to celebrate my 31st year of membership in the Ski Club. Tom and I have always enjoyed our time on the slopes with all of you. Here's to a SNOWY 2027 season!

President Priscilla Johnson

## Message from the Trips Vice President

*Hello Skiers,*

*Welcome to "The Transition!"*

*As you've probably heard by now, we're moving to a new online registration, payment, and trip management system through Group Travel Simplicity (GTS). This means things are going to look a little different this year. Think of it as switching from your favorite well-worn ski boots to a brand-new pair—there may be a little adjustment period, but we're confident the transition will be worth it!*

*Our goal remains the same: providing you with an outstanding ski season in 2027. To help make the transition as smooth as possible, here's a summary of what to expect during sign-up.*



Sign-Up Process

- 1. The sign-up procedure remains largely the same.** The process for securing a spot on a trip will be familiar and straightforward.
  - 2. Bring your completed trip application.** Please make sure your club membership is current and bring your completed trip application to the sign-up and present it to your trip leader.  
A \$500 deposit is required; however, **we will not be accepting checks at sign-up.**
  - 3. Receive your GTS Code.** Your trip leader will review your application and provide you with the registration website and a trip-specific login code. This code guarantees your spot on the trip. You must register with GTS within **48 hours**.
- IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION AND SUBMIT YOUR \$500 DEPOSIT WITHIN 48 HOURS, YOUR RESERVED SPOT WILL BE RELEASED.**

**4. Complete your online registration.** Once you access the GTS website, you will complete GTS' registration form and sign the required waivers. Their application looks much like ours, so there should be no surprises here.

**5. Customize your trip package.** You will see a menu of options for your specific package. In other words, you will build your own trip.

After customizing, a total will be displayed, including any applicable payment processing fees.

Airfare has been difficult to secure, so we are waiting until prices stabilize. So please check the box to be notified when it becomes available.

#### **6. Your Account and Payment Options**

Each trip has its own account. So, if you are doing multiple trips, you will have an account for each trip. Couples and families may share an account.

Accepted payment methods include:

Visa, Mastercard, and Discover (3% processing fee)

American Express (4% processing fee)

If you choose to avoid credit card processing fees, you may pay by ACH/eCheck. To use this option, you will need your bank routing number and checking account number.

**7. More changes are coming.** There are additional changes you'll discover as we move forward, but for now, let's focus on getting everyone through the sign-up process successfully.

And to help with that, [a Questions and Answers Session is planned with Mike and Sheri Agnew \(GTS\)](#).

*We know this is a significant change, and with any new process, there are bound to be a few unexpected twists and turns. There are a lot of moving pieces, and while we strive for a smooth experience, things may not always go perfectly.*

*As we work through this transition together, we ask for two things: **patience and a cooperative spirit**. Our trip leaders, board members, volunteers, GTS, and I are learning this new system right alongside you. It is sort of a "fly by the seat of our pants" experience, but I'm confident that we are all up for the challenge.*

*So, if something doesn't go perfectly the first time, please take a deep breath, laugh with us, and remember that we're all on the same chairlift headed in the same direction.*

*Thank you for your understanding, your support, and your willingness to embrace this change. Before long, this new process will feel as familiar as a bluebird powder day.*

*In the meantime, have a great summer and fall, and come January, I'll see you on the slopes.*

#### **Carolyn, your VP of Trips**

*"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."*

## Greetings, Indy Ski Club Members!

As your President for four of the past seven years, I want to recognize the dedication that has allowed our club not just to survive, but to thrive—even as many other clubs struggle. Many members have volunteered in roles that have strengthened and energized our club. It is because of them that we remain relevant.

One major accomplishment in those four years was modernizing our club management. We switched from pen-and-paper records to Club Express, allowing members to pay dues, event fees, and trip deposits online.

This year, we are taking another major step by moving trip registration and financial management to Group Travel Simplicity (formerly Winter Ski & Sport). This change will reduce the administrative burden on the Vice President of Trips and may encourage others to volunteer for that role. It's a big change, but we're confident we will navigate it successfully.

Special thanks to **Carolyn McConkey, Vice President of Trips, and Ginny Klimeck, Webmaster**, for devoting countless DAYS leading us through this transition. Their commitment and leadership have been priceless.

Our club wouldn't be as dynamic without the leadership and ongoing contributions of:

**Noli Kay Bentley**, Treasurer; **Brett Farell**, Secretary; **Jackie Sunboom**, Vice President of Membership; **Randy Ridgway**, Newsletter Editor; and **Eldonna Rees**, Social Committee Chair.

My appreciation also extends to:

**Patty Patimore**, Social Committee Co-Chair; **Z Burdeski**, Bike Riding Chair; and **Martha Heinrich**, Technical Consultant. Thank you to **Priscilla Johnson, President**, and **John Lomas, President-Elect**, for guiding the Board and Club into the future.

Serving as your President has been an honor. The strength of Indy Ski Club comes from its members—the volunteers who step up, the relationships we build, and the shared passion for adventure that brings us together. Thank you to all who have made our club successful, welcoming, and fun.

With gratefulness,

***George Andrews***



## Social Calendar

### June 5 Friday Concert at Cool Creek Park

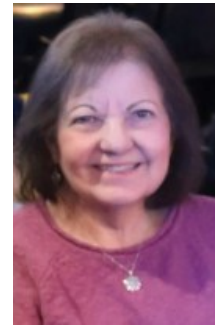
The Woomblies Rock Orchestra Gates open 6:00pm Concert at 7:00pm  
Cool Creek Park is at 2000 E. 151st Street, Carmel  
\$5 Admission Vendor Food and Beverage Trucks available  
Bring a blanket or lawn chair  
*Please register online*



Eldonna Rees

### June 11 Thursday Picnic at Founders Park at 6:00pm

11675 Hazel Dell Parkway  
Bring your own chair, food, and beverage  
*Please register online*



Patty Pattermore

### June 18 Thursday Thirst at Rick's Café Boatyard 6:00 pm

4050 Dandy Trail  
Always popular summer gathering for food and drink  
*Please register online*

### July 8 Free Concert at Carmel Gazebo 7:00pm

Living Proof in concert  
1 Civic Square, Carmel  
Come early to sit together. Bring your own blanket, chair, food, and beverages  
*Please register online*

### July 16 Thursday Picnic at Founders Park at 6:00pm

11675 Hazel Dell Parkway  
Bring your own chair, food, and beverage  
*Please register online*

### July 21 Tuesday Lunch Bunch at Wolfies at Geist 11:30am

11699 Fall Creek Road  
*Please register online*

# Spring Meltdown at The District Tap on April 23

Photos by Brett Farrell



# SNOWMASS



**Jan 16-23, 2027**

Trip 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Day +\$120  
Group Dinner Party**

**DEPOSIT: \$500**

**FINAL PAYMENT & CANCELLATION  
DATE: October 5, 2026**

Cost for LAND ONLY:

**\$3078 Full package + air  
\$2953 Senior + air  
\$2873 Ground only  
\$2488 No Lift + air**

**SKI LIFT OPTION: Ikon Pass!**

Members purchasing Ikon Passes thru [www.winterskiandsport.com](http://www.winterskiandsport.com) will also receive a Trip Package Savings.

**Trip Leader:** Joni Lawler [jonilawler72@yahoo.com](mailto:jonilawler72@yahoo.com) 317.258.0875

*"You don't stop skiing when you get old; you get old when you stop skiing."*

Join Us for an Unforgettable Ski Adventure!

# Mt Bachelor, Oregon

## February 6-13, 2027



**WHY MT. BACHELOR? It's BIG! It's a VOLCANO! It's AFFORDABLE! NO CROWDS!**  
**WE STAY IN BEND, OREGON** – An authentic mountain town that's chock-full of Pacific Northwest charm, friendly people and 30 different craft breweries!

### Here's the Facts:

Oregon's largest ski resort / 7<sup>th</sup> largest in North America  
4,323 skiable acres with a peak elevation of 9,065 ft  
12 lifts servicing 124 runs; **15% green, 35% blue, 50% black**

NOTE: This is a **LAND ONLY** package .... Flight and Cost to be added when booked

### Trip Package Includes

- 7 nights at The Riverhouse Hotel & Resort, QQ (2 per unit)
- Daily Breakfast
- Welcome Reception
- Daily transportation to and from Mt Bachelor
- Pizza Party
- Ground Transportation from Redmond Airport, grocery stop included
- 5 Day Lift Ticket

### ISC Cost

- Full Package: \$2342 + air
- Senior 65+ Package: \$2257 + air
- Senior 70+ Package: \$2207 + air
- Ground only: \$2342
- No Lift Ticket: \$1977 + air

This is an IKON MT.

Trip Savings given if purchased through GTS

### DETAILS

- Deposit **\$500**
- Final Payment & Cancellation Date:  
December 29, 2026

Trip Leader – Cynthia Roberts

Cell: 260-797-347

[Amcad2car@gmail.com](mailto:Amcad2car@gmail.com)



# Mt Bachelor



## WHY CHOOSE MT. BACHELOR?

- It's **BIG** – Mt. Bachelor is the largest ski resort in the Pacific Northwest, and one of the top 10 largest in North America – but we're uncomplicated and easy to navigate despite our whopping 4,323 skiable acres
- It's a **VOLCANO**. How often can you say you could ski 360° off the top of a volcano? And don't worry – the last eruption was 10,000 years ago
- It's **AFFORDABLE**. Group rates start at \$77/day for an adult 5-day lift ticket, rentals and lessons are discounted, and parking is free!
- **NO CROWDS**. Lift lines, where? Our average wait time is 5-10 minutes, and more often than not you can ski continuous laps without a single line
- Ever hear of **BEND, Oregon**? You get to stay in an authentic mountain town that's chockfull of Pacific Northwest charm, friendly people, and 30 different craft breweries



## WHERE IS MT. BACHELOR?

Mt. Bachelor is located within 1.6 million acres of the Deschutes National Forest in Central Oregon (about 3 ½ hours southeast from Portland). It sits in the Cascade Range apart from the nearby Three Sisters mountains (hence the name!)



## WHAT IS THERE TO DO BESIDES SKIING?

- The better question – what isn't there to do? Central Oregon is hailed as a quintessential outdoor mecca with an abundance of activities no matter the season
- In winter, try Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and ice skating. Book an adventure with Wanderlust Tours to explore a cave (one of the thousands in Central Oregon), snowshoe by moonlight to a bonfire, or tour a brewery or distillery
- Explore the Newberry Volcanic National Monument, Crater Lake National Park, or Smith Rock State Park.
- Shop in downtown Bend, the Old Mill District, or the Village at Sunriver
- Learn about the natural history of Central Oregon at the High Desert Museum (make sure to catch a Raptor Show and look for the river otter exhibit!)
- Play indoor pickleball or treat yourself to a spa day.
- Hop on the Bend Ale Trail and drink your way across our 30 craft breweries
- And if you book a Spring skiing trip? Welcome to 300 miles of mountain biking trails, dozens of golf courses, and endless opportunities for paddling and fishing on our waterways (even right in town on the Deschutes River)

## WHEN TO COME TO MT. BACHELOR?

We have one of the longest seasons in North America (we're ranked #6 for that as well!), stretching from November to May with some of the best spring skiing in the country. April trips to our slopes bring the best of both worlds – inexpensive lodging and lift tickets combined with unlimited things to do

## HOW TO GET TO MT. BACHELOR

Fly into Redmond Regional Airport (RDM), only a 20-minute drive from Bend with direct service from:

- UNITED:** DEN, LAX, and SFO
- DELTA:** SEA and SLC
- ALASKA:** LAX, PDX, SAN, SEA and SFO
- AMERICAN:** PHX, DFW
- AVELO AIRLINES:** BUR, LAS, PSP and STS



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## TOP SKI RESORT IN NORTH AMERICA!

With over 3,000 acres of skiable terrain, Winter Park offers an unforgettable experience.

### Winter Park, Colorado

**March 13-18, 2027**

(Saturday-Thursday)

#### Accommodations:

**The Vintage Hotel** features studio units that have a kitchenette and accommodate 2 guests. Amenities include an outdoor pool, fitness center, free ski equipment storage, Five Mountain Tavern serves dinner and has a bar, and the free Cabriolet lift is a short five-minute ride to the Winter Park Resort.

**Trip includes:** Accommodations at The Vintage Hotel Group, ground transportation transfers, pizza party, and a 4-day lift ticket. Denver to Winter Park is via motor coach and will stop at the grocery on the way to Winter Park. (less than a 2-hour ride)

**This is a LAND ONLY package.**

*Flights to Denver will be added and billed later.*

#### Cost:

Flights and cost to be added  
Full Package \$1340 + air  
Ground Only \$1340  
No Lift Ticket \$920  
Single Supplement add \$480

#### Details:

Deposit \$500  
Final Payment & Cancellation Date:  
November 4, 2026

**Trip Leader** – Dena Aleksa, cell: 317-847-6233; email – [redaleksa@yahoo.com](mailto:redaleksa@yahoo.com);

**“Skiing is a dance, and the mountain always leads.”**



*Lisa Rayhons, Big Sky trip leader in 2021*

**Full Trip Package Includes:**

- Flights to Bozeman (to be priced at a later date)
- Transfers to/from Big Sky
- 7 nights at the Huntley (Hotel) 2 Per Room
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- 5-Day Lift Ticket

**Cost (Does not include air)**

- Full Package \$2677 + air
- SR 70+ Package \$2547 +air
- Ground Only \$2677
- No Lift Ticket \$1807 + air

Single Supplement add \$1355.

Air cost to be added and billed at a later date.

Lift tickets priced on 2026 rates and may change.

Deposit \$500.

Final payment & cancellation date 9/14/2026.

Big Sky Resort has 5800+ acres of skiing, trails range from challenging steps to lots of wide meandering blues, and the best tree skiing in the world as rated by your trip leader. Ride the tram to the top of Lone Mountain on a clear day for spectacular views, and ski down if you have ~~the balls~~ good snow!! Big Sky also has an excellent, modern lift system.

Note: Return flight is not included, you will not want to leave anyway (just kidding).



Trip Leader – Dan Pack  
 812-459-7175  
 danpack777@gmail.com

DO NOT Follow this guy!!



## More about Big Sky:

- There are not a lot of restaurants at Big Sky and thus dining gets a little monotonous. Chet's in the Huntley and Montana Jack are two good ones. Cabin Bar & Grill and Westward Social are also good but pricey. Expect to eat at the same place more than once.
- Big Sky is known for having acres per skier rather than the other way round. It is BIG! If you find yourself alone somewhere, don't worry, you have not time warped yourself into an episode of the Twilight Zone.
- Speaking of BIG – If you want to see the entire resort, plan on breaking it up into two or three days. On day one ride Ram Charger up and ski Andesite Mountain, working the area around Swift Current and Thunder Wolf lifts. On day two ski over to Moonlight Basin and the north area of Lone Mountain around the Madison 8 lift. Then on another day ski to Cow Flats and work the Shed Horn lift area on the south face of the mountain. After three days you will have covered about 65% of the mountain. All of the areas have wide blue and challenging black terrain.
- Grab the new Explorer Gondola just outside the Huntly for a true ski-in ski-out experience.
- If you have never been to the top of Lone Mountain, the views are worth the trip. The new tram is only two years old. There is an extra charge for the tram.
- Big Sky sits next to the Yellowstone Club, a private and very exclusive ski resort and golf club. Some of the folks who own homes there are Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, Dan Quayle, Jennifer Lopez, and Justin Timberlake. The residents of the Yellowstone Club can ski into Big Sky, but we are not allowed to ski into Pioneer Mountain, the exclusive ski resort inside the Yellowstone Club. So, if you get on a lift with Bill Gates, you may want to say hello!!
- Did I mention that Big Sky is BIG??

## Little Known Big Sky Lore:

When old skiers die a few of their souls go to heaven, in some cases hell, but most go to Big Sky. Their souls reside in a special, aptly named, place on Lone Mountain. Ski this run and you may meet some old friends!



## Japan Trip with the Ohio Valley Ski Council

February 17 to March 1, 2027

- Meet & Greet at Tokyo Airport (Haneda or Narita) with local area rep.
- Transfer between Tokyo Airport and Tokyo hotel via private coach with English speaking assistant.
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- 2 nights** accommodations at the 4 Star Hotel Shinagawa Prince. <http://www.princehotels.com/en/shinagawa/>
- Breakfast buffet daily in Tokyo.
- Half Day city tour of Tokyo with local guide
- Transfer between Tokyo Hotel and Hakuba via private coach with English speaking assistant (There will be 2 stops, including a lunch stop along the way – Roughly 5 hours)
- 
- 6 nights** accommodations at the 5 Hakuba Tokyo Hotel. <https://www.tokyuhotels.co.jp/en/hakuba-h/index.html>
- Welcome drink and orientation at the hotel evening of arrival with local rep.
- Full hot and cold breakfast buffet daily.
- 4-course dinner for **3 evenings. (Gives you 3 nights out on your own)**
- Optional day tour program available from Hakuba (example)
- Matsumoto Castle and Miso Brewery including lunch
- Snow Money and Zenkoji Temple, including lunch
- Saki Brewery tour with Lunch
- Transfer between Hakuba and Kyoto via private coach with English speaking assistant. (There will be at least 3 sightseeing stops, including a lunch stop along the way – Roughly 6.5 hours)
- 
- 3 nights** accommodations at the 4-Star Nikko Princess Kyoto Hotel <https://www.okura-nikko.com/japan/kyoto/hotel-nikko-princess-kyoto/>
- Breakfast buffet daily in Kyoto
- Half day city tour of Kyoto with local guide.
- Transfer of heavy luggage between Kyoto and Tokyo Airport via luggage courier service. (2 bags per person)
- Transfer between Kyoto hotel and Kyoto Station via private coach with English speaking assistant.
- Transfer between Kyoto and Tokyo via Bullet Train. (2<sup>nd</sup> class) with English speaking assistant
- Transfer between Tokyo Station and Tokyo Airport (Haneda or Narita) via Train
- All local taxes. All Tips and gratuities of \$80.00 per person

### **Singapore Optional Extension:**

Mar 1 - 6

#### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Meet & Greet at Singapore Airport with local area rep.
- Round trip transfers between Singapore Airport and hotel via private coach with English speaking assistant.
- 5 nights accommodations at the 4 Star Superior Hotel Paradox Merchant Court Pacific Hotel.
- Breakfast buffet daily in Singapore
- 4 full-day guided tours
- Deluxe motorcoach with AC/Heat
- Local guide on all day tours and excursions
- River Cruise
- 2 Lunches and 2 Dinners
- All local taxes. Tips of \$80.00 p.p.

## **Borneo Optional Extension**

Mar 6 - 9

### **INCLUDED FEATURES**

- Meet & Greet at Borneo Airport with local area rep.
- Round trip transfer between Borneo Airport and hotel.
- 3 nights accommodations as specified below in the itinerary
- Meals as specified above only (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch & D=Dinner)
- Transfers & Tours as mentioned on Sharing Basis
- Entrance Fees
- Local taxes and services charges (except airport tax and gratuities)

Deposit \$ 1,000

<b>Item</b>	<b>Double PP</b>	<b>Single</b>	
Japan (land only)	\$4,210	\$5,210	Feb 17 to Mar 1, 2027
Singapore (land)	\$2,710	on request	Mar 1 to Mar 6, 2027
Borneo (land)	\$1,850	on request	Mar 6 to Mar 9, 2027

Roundtrip from Dayton,  
Cincinnati or Louisville.

Other cities priced

upon request      Too early to price      Too early to price

**Registration is not available online** - contact the event coordinator below.

Payment In Full In Advance Only

All trip participants must adhere to travel and vaccination policies for the destination including any government regulations or those of any providers such as, transportation vendors, lodging, ski areas, etc. Trip leaders/directors will provide guidance on any requirements.

All trip participants must have a valid passport with a minimum of 6 months remaining past the closing date of the trip.

All trip participants must be a current member of an OVSC club at the time the trip departs.

Due to many variables associated with travel, this itinerary is subject to change at any time without notice. In the event of an itinerary change, our tour operator will adjust air and other travel arrangements that they booked. We cannot be responsible for self booked travel arrangements.

#### **CANCELLATIONS:**

Cancellations incur a \$100 fee plus any expenses that are non-refundable from our suppliers and vendors. Cancellations must be received by the Trip Leader via email with adequate time to submit the cancellation to the vendor by the cancellation dates. It should be at least 24 hours prior to the next business day.

#### **BASIC CANCELLATION POLICY:**

**NO SHOWS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

**\* PLUS, ANY OTHER NON-REFUNDABLE CHARGES FOR AIRLINES, HOTELS AND SUPPLIERS.  
NO REFUNDS FOR UNUSED ACCOMMODATIONS OR SERVICES.**

**Event Coordinator:** Dan Hapner 937-657-4750 [international\\_trips@ovsc.org](mailto:international_trips@ovsc.org)  
3767 Greenbay Drive, Dayton, OH 45424-2020

**OVSC website:** [https://www.ovsc.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4091&club\\_id=493197&item\\_id=2886063](https://www.ovsc.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=493197&item_id=2886063)

# Biking Group Photos



## View from the Sky ... Indy Ski Club alive in Montana... by Mel Crichton

Every spring, humans (and many critters) get a little crazy. Longer sunny days coupled with the re-birth of Nature get inside our heads and make us a bit giddy, kind of like the anticipation we had with grade school vacation just a few days away. Now, amplify that with spring corn snow on a blue bird day and long alcohol-fueled apres ski bull sessions on the sun deck, and you have the roots of some crazy ideas. Surprisingly, some ideas actually come to fruition.

Such is the annual Big Sky Shootout, a celebration of spring through films and photos shot locally in a short time frame, reflecting our local culture and our surroundings. This spring's Shootout did not disappoint. For two nights, our movie theater was packed with locals who came to view the entries for 2026, with hoots and applause for some of the best, and appreciation for every entry. Gallons of beer and bushels of popcorn were sacrificed in the viewing of these gems of northern Rockies creativity.

Here they are - <https://secondseasonco.com/shootout-voting>.

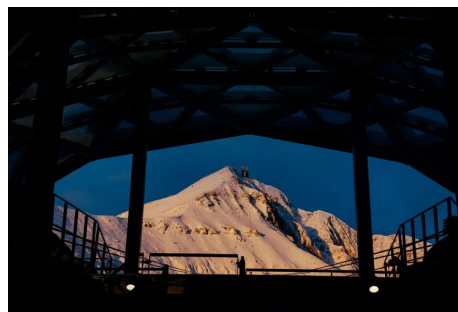
[Open, then click 2026 Winter Shootout]

The photo entries are amazing, mostly reflecting the scenery and wildlife around us. I am sure you'll find a favorite among them. The videos are a hoot... Some are totally off the wall, some are sentimental, and some hit a nerve because they remind you of someone you've skied with... maybe you. One of the videos has two of my almost over-the-hill friends (Dave and Max) proving they still possess one skill that you don't ever see displayed, especially not on a ski slope. Camera-op Leslie (another friend) had to be very patient, as not every attempt was successful.

Friends aside, my favorite was "Gondola"... not because it was shot in our new gondola that goes all the way from the base area to the tram, and not because it was filmed in one of our seedy bars that tourists are afraid to visit, and not because the cinematography is darned good... but because it is a take-off of one of my favorite movies... after you watch Gondola, you'll know what that movie is. (Hint- "I picked a bad week to give up sniffing glue")

So pop some corn, grab a brew, sit on the couch with a stranger on either side of you, darken the room, and watch some ski town creativity at its best.

Hoping for better snow and more ski days for all of us... Mel



Photos by Sean Mackinson and Andrew Belli

## Obituaries

Former ski club member **Don Bell** passed away on April 3. Don was a club member in the early 2000's. He was a graduate of Purdue University and worked as a veterinarian. Upon retirement he'd been living in San Pedro, California. Don is survived by his wife Mary Ellen. Below left: Don and Mary Ellen. Below right: Don with friends Barb and Steve Davis.



**Joyce Ballinger** passed away in late May. Joyce was a member of the Indianapolis Ski Club in the 1990's. Joyce attended Ball State University and was a trained dietician. Still single in the 1960's Joyce moved to New York city. Later she lived in Paris and her son Jason Kleiman was born while she lived in France. She traveled through Europe and Africa while working for UNESCO. Upon returning to the U.S. Joyce lived in San Francisco and had a career in pharmaceutical sales. Later she moved to Fishers and became a realtor. In addition to her affiliation with the ski club, Joyce was active in her church and the League of Women Voters. She was also a skilled seamstress. Joyce is described as demonstrating grace, patience, faith, and dignity while struggling with a devastating illness. She'll be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt.



## Member Birthdays

### June

Cynthia Roberts	06/01
Beth Miller	06/02
Deborah J Cragen	06/02
Richard E Rader	06/04
Bryan Smith	06/06
Jean Thompson	06/13
Mike Agnew	06/15
Curt Fox	06/15
Jim Hilt	06/17
Beth Schieda	06/18
Christy Sharp	06/20
Megan Pinkerton	06/23
Scott Kennell	06/28
Shawn Deppen	06/28
Ginny Klimeck	06/28
Judy Birt	06/29

### July

Mike Karsas	07/04
Cindy Baker	07/07
Gretchen L Vollmer	07/09
Shannon Snyder	07/09
Paul Segasser	07/16
Eileen Ridgway	07/21
Martha Heinrich	07/21
Loren H Rasmussen	07/27
Laurel A Stocks	07/27
Krista Borghese	07/27
Sam Robertson	07/27
Jerry Baker	07/28
Debby Bronnenberg	07/28
Kate Heishman	07/29
Rebecca Gordon	07/30
Paul Abbenhaus	07/31

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Saturday 9am – 5pm, Sunday closed


**Ask for the ISC member discount on ski stuff!**






A few years back on a ski trip several of us were waxing on how cool it would be to live in a retirement home on the ski slopes. Above is a rendering of the conceptual Silver Slopes Lodge complete with a heated pool. It could be a redevelopment of Ski World, formerly known as Nashville Alps. From apres-ski to the apres-life.

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