

August-September 2026

Ginny Klimeck Receives The Bergie Award



At the Trips Sign-up meeting at Hillcrest Country Club Ginny Klimeck was presented the 2026 L.J. Bergeson Founders Award also known as “The Bergie.” The award is presented to a club member, who is not an officer, for exceptional service to the club and its members. Ginny has been the ski club’s web master for about five years and has mastered the Club Express platform that the ski club uses for its website. She also initiated the online payment system a few years ago to make online payments for ski trips a quick and easy feature for the convenience of members and trip leaders. She maintains the news and announcements on the website on nearly a daily basis. Ginny also posts upcoming ski trip information every summer and does an immense amount of research to provide details about each resort and its mountain along with useful links to the resort and lodging. In addition Ginny also posts details and online registration for all of the club’s upcoming social events. The reminder emails you receive about dues, all club events, and other important notices come from Ginny. She has provided an irreplaceable service to the ski club. Congratulations and thanks Ginny!

Message from the Snow Queen!

Presidential Ponderings.....

A HUGE Thank you and congratulations to our wonderful Vice President of Trips, Carolyn McConkey, and to Mike and Sheri Agnew of GTS (Group Travel Simplicity, formerly Winter Ski and Sport) for a smoothly run sign up party at the Hillcrest. The changes that have been made to allow on line registration and payment seemed to have worked well. THANKS to all of our skiing members who participated.

A warm welcome and thanks to Alan Kurasz who has volunteered to be Vice President Elect of Trips and was voted in unanimously at the party!

In all the heat, it is hard to think about skiing but please THINK SNOW!!!!

Prez Priscilla



Message from the Trips Vice President

Happy August, Everyone!

Yes, it's hot outside... probably too hot to even think about skiing. But while everyone else is dreaming about beaches and summer vacations, we're already dreaming about fresh powder, chairlifts, and après-ski. Before you know it, we'll be trading flip-flops for ski boots!

A Few Updates

First, **thank you to everyone who attended and helped with our Sign-Up Picnic!** From our perspective, it was a great success.

Wasn't it wonderful not having to stand on the stairway at Hillcrest? It certainly made Hillcrest—and the fire department—happy! More importantly, it provided a much more comfortable experience for everyone. It was obvious that our members embraced the change in procedure and came prepared.

Were there a couple of hiccups? Absolutely. Anytime we introduce something new, there are always a few things to learn. The good news is that we learned from the experience and will continue working toward an even smoother process next year.

Learning the GTS Way

As with any new registration system, there is a learning curve. We are all learning the **GTS Way**, and from the perspective of the **VP of Trips and our Trip Leaders**, things have gone very well.

Yes, the process is different, and change always takes a little adjustment, but overall the transition has been remarkably smooth. We truly appreciate everyone's patience, flexibility, and willingness to embrace the changes.

We would love to hear what **you**, our members, thought about the sign-up experience. Your feedback is important and will help us continue improving.



Trips Update

Our trips are shaping up very nicely!

Big Sky has been extremely popular and is now **sold out**—thank you for the tremendous response!

Mt. Bachelor currently has room for **one female skier**.

Snowmass still has space available for **two skiers willing to share a room**.

Winter Park has several spaces remaining, so if you've been thinking about joining us, there is still time to reserve your spot.

We are still waiting on airfare details for **Winter Park** and **Big Sky**, but we expect to have that information available by the **end of August**. We will share updates as soon as those details are finalized.

Important Trip Reminder

Before you put away your ski gear and return to summer activities, please take a moment to check your trip registration!

A few members still need to complete their trip selections, including:

- Selecting lift tickets

- Confirming your IKON Pass purchase through the IKON website (if applicable)

- Completing any remaining registration steps

Please take a few minutes to make sure everything is complete. If you are unsure where you stand, check your registration or reach out to your Trip Leader. We want everyone to be ready to hit the slopes when winter arrives!

Thank you again for your continued support of Indy Ski Club. Change always comes with a few adjustments, but with the help of our volunteers, Trip Leaders, and members, we are creating an even better experience for everyone.

Here's to another fantastic ski season—see you on the slopes!

Carolyn McConkey, Current VP of Trips

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

For trip information click on a link below:

Snowmass https://www.indyskiclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=437926&module_id=790567

Mt Bachelor https://www.indyskiclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=437926&module_id=790577

Winter Park https://www.indyskiclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=437926&module_id=790568

Big Sky https://www.indyskiclub.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=437926&module_id=790569

Social Calendar

August 8 Saturday Concert at Greenwood Amphitheater

"Soul Street" Gates open 6:00pm Concert at 7:00pm

Greenwood Amphitheater is at 300 S. Washington Street, Greenwood

Free admission Vendor Food and Beverage Trucks available

Bring a blanket or lawn chair

Please register online



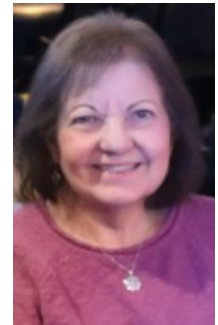
Eldonna Rees

August 13 Thursday Picnic at Founders Park at 6:00pm

11675 Hazel Dell Parkway

Bring your own chair, food, and beverage

Please register online



Patty Pattemore

August 19 Free Concert at Carmel Gazebo 7:00pm

The Woomblies Rock Orchestra Arrive at 6:00pm Concert at 7:00pm

3 Civic Square, Carmel

Come early to sit together. Bring your blanket, chair, food, and beverages

Please register online

August 27 Thursday Thirst at Rick's Café Boatyard 6:00 pm

4050 Dandy Trail Gather on the Covered Patio

The ever popular summer gathering for food and drink (on your own)

Please register online

September 3 Thursday Thirst at Urban Vines 5:30pm

303 E 161st Street, Westfield

Come and enjoy your favorite wines, hand-crafted beers, and food

Please register online

September 9 Wednesday Free Concert at Carmel Gazebo 7:00pm

Endless Summer Band Arrive at 6:00pm Concert at 7:00pm

3 Civic Square, Carmel

Come early to sit together. Bring your blanket, chair, food, and beverages

Please register online

Social Calendar continued...

September 19 Saturday Concert at Mallow Run Winery 7:00pm

American English - The *complete* Beatles Tribute Band Arrive at 5:30pm Concert at 7:00pm

6964 Whiteland Road, Bargserville \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door

<https://www.mallowrun.com/events/>

Come early to sit together. Bring your blanket, chair, food, and beverages

Please register online



Thursday Thirst at Rick's Boatyard Café



Lunch Bunch at Wolfie's at Geist

Recent Social Events

Photos by Brett Farrell

View from the Sky. Life in the Montana mountains. By Mel Crichton

My old bones insist that I stay in bed, but my restless dog thinks that because the sun is up, that I should be up. So he whines until I show some movement, and then the other dog starts her daily routine, poking me until I reach out from under the warm blanket to scratch her butt. Fresh coffee helps my head get on their schedule, and while they have breakfast, I step out onto the deck to watch the sun peek through the tall lodgepoles as it climbs over the mountain to the east. Sunrise was an hour ago, but it takes a while for sunbeams to scale the mountains and poke into our valley.

A few early birds have already sung their greeting to the day and are busy doing what birds do. The mountain chickadees and nuthatches are helping themselves to our feeder. A frustrated squirrel watches, chattering at me, because he can't reach the feeder. It took years of trying different schemes before I found a location that he can't reach. Now he's been foiled. He could move on and eat acorns, but I think he enjoys taunting Maggie, the Great Hunter, who can only look at him and bark as he drops an occasional acorn on her.

My cup steams in the morning cool. The coffee is hot, and it's strong. Mornings are best for reflection and, eventually, figuring out what today will hold. We're a month into summer, and we can expect another scorcher today. Here, our temperatures can swing up to 40 degrees on a clear day, even in winter. At sunrise it's already 50 degrees, so we can expect another warm one near 90. In our 16 years here, we saw 90 maybe three times. This year is different - it's hot. It was 96 last week, and we are almost 7000 feet up in the mountains, not like down in the flatland, where it has already topped 105. Blame it on carbon, blame it on Nature, whatever the cause, it's too dangd hot for the mountains.

Because of the heat, and because we had an early melt of too little snowpack, we can expect another red flag warning from the weather service. A red flag means that weather conditions are prime for a wildfire to spread. And the forest service has bumped our hazard to HIGH, meaning that fuels are drying out fast. Most of the 60 homes in our neighborhood have been actively making their properties more immune to wildfire, and yesterday the fire department chipped tons of tree "slash" that we all removed to reduce fuels near the ground. Fires spread on the ground, from treetop to treetop, and from flying embers sent from miles away. Although treetop "crown" fires are the toughest to fight, it's embers that ignite a vast majority of the homes lost in fire. So today will likely include some wildfire prep work with neighbors, and a group of volunteers will be at our weekly farmers market this evening to hand out wildfire materials to visitors and residents alike. Like it or not, we're learning to accept the inevitable.... that wildfire WILL come to our mountain town at some time. How severely it affects us will depend on what we do to prepare.

Take a look at a fire [map](#) of the west... a sea of red flame icons. There aren't any fires near here yet, maybe because the rain gods must like us. We didn't get much precipitation last winter, but a little moisture is coming now. One gentle rain lasting hours, more often massive thunderstorms that force brave Maggie to hide behind the couch. Those occasional spurts should help, but ground fuels are still drying out. And fires do start, sometimes from lightning, but more often from careless people. That's when we need Smokey Bear to burst in, kicking ass and making those folks get with the program.



The message - Wildfires are everywhere now, not just in the west. Be careful and stay cool.

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- Pre-Trip Party
- Pizza Party at the resort

TRIP ADD ONS:

Round Trip Air from IND to EGE

Lift Tickets or Ikon Pass

(Trip Savings with an Ikon Pass from GTS!)

SKI 3 OTHER MOUNTAINS AS WELL:
ASPEN, ASPEN HIGHLANDS & BUTTERMILK!
SHOP & EAT IN THE TOWN OF ASPEN!

EASY Online Registration: <https://tri.ps/uYBnO>





INDY SKI CLUB

SOMETHING NEW!
MT. BACHELOR, OREGON!

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SPACE FOR 1 FEMALE

Mt Bachelor

\$2,009 pp

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 7 Nights at Riverhouse Hotel & Resort
- Double Occupancy Rooms
- Transfers from Redmond to Your Hotel
- Pre-Trip Party
- Pizza Party at the Resort

TRIP ADD ONS:

Roundtrip Air from IND to RDM

EASY Online Registration: <https://tri.ps/gFlkf>



SKI OPTIONS

Lift Tickets or Ikon Pass
(Trip Savings with a Pass from GTS!)





\$920.00 pp !!!

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 5 Nights at the Vintage Inn Hotel
- Double Queen Rooms with Kitchenettes
- Transfers from Dener to Winter Park
- Pre-Trip Party
- Pizza Party at the Resort

TRIP ADD ONS:

Roundtrip Air from IND to DEN

EASY Online Registration: <https://tri.ps/kfuVT>



SKI OPTIONS

Lift Tickets or Ikon Pass
(Trip Savings with a Pass from GTS!)



16 Spaces Available

Indy Ski Club Goes Big at Big Sky!



MAR 27-APR 3, 2027

SOLD OUT

\$1,807.00 pp

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 7 Nights at The Huntley Lodge
- Hotel Rooms + Breakfast
- Transfers From Bozeman to Big Sky
- Pre-Trip Party
- Pizza Party at the Resort

TRIP ADD ONS:

Roundtrip Air from IND to BZN

EASY Online Registration: <https://tri.ps/KKkDO>



SKI OPTIONS

Lift Tickets or Ikon Pass
(Trip Savings with a Pass from GTS!)



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)
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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)
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- 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. (2nd 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

Item	Double PP	Single	
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
3767 Greenbay Drive, Dayton, OH 45415-2020

OVSC website: https://www.ovsc.org/content.aspx?page_id=4091&club_id=493197&item_id=2886063



Dinner at the Upper Echelon Italian Restaurant



B & O Tour



Whitewater Overlook



Ita at Thistlewaite Falls

Biking Group Photos From "Z" and others



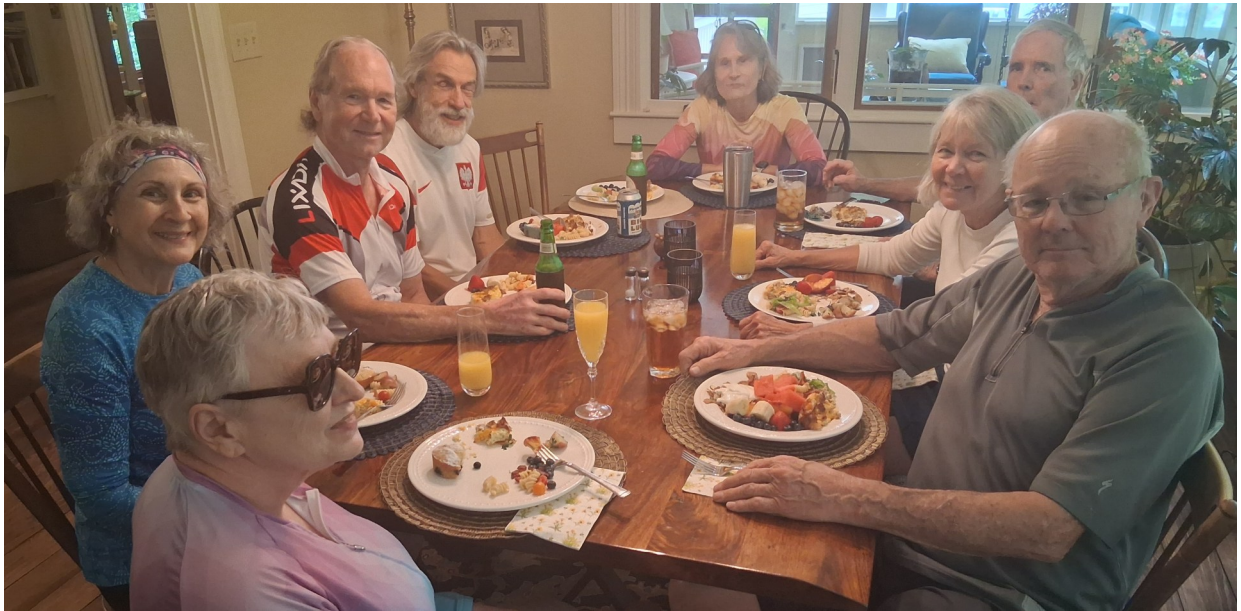
Little Miami Scenic Trail near Xenia, Ohio



Chatham Tap in Fishers



Alan on the Cardinal Greenway



Above: An after ride brunch
hosted by
Jerry and Cindy Baker



Ellenberger Park



The Corkscrew



Obelisk Square



Near Founders Park

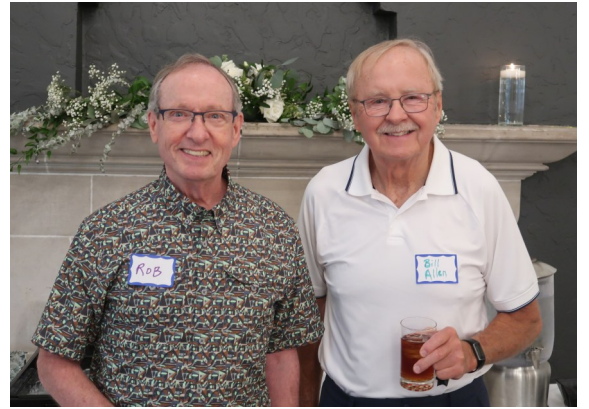
Trips Sign Up Meeting at Hillcrest



Above: Leaders of the Club



More Sign Up Photos by Brett Farrell



Above: Bergie Award Winners who were present



Trips V.P. Elect Alan Kurasz with Carolyn McConkey

Member Birthdays

August

Dan Pack	08/02
Sandra Allen	08/03
George Andrews	08/11
Priscilla Johnson	08/15
Joe Deppen	08/20
Mary Auzins	08/21
Tammy L Pulfer	08/23
Beth Westerfeld	08/26
Andrea VonIns	08/26
Joni Lawler	08/27
Tom Johnson	08/30

September

Maria Farrell	09/08
Michael King	09/10
Barbara Garing	09/20
Duane Leatherman	09/22
Terry D Lindstrom	09/23

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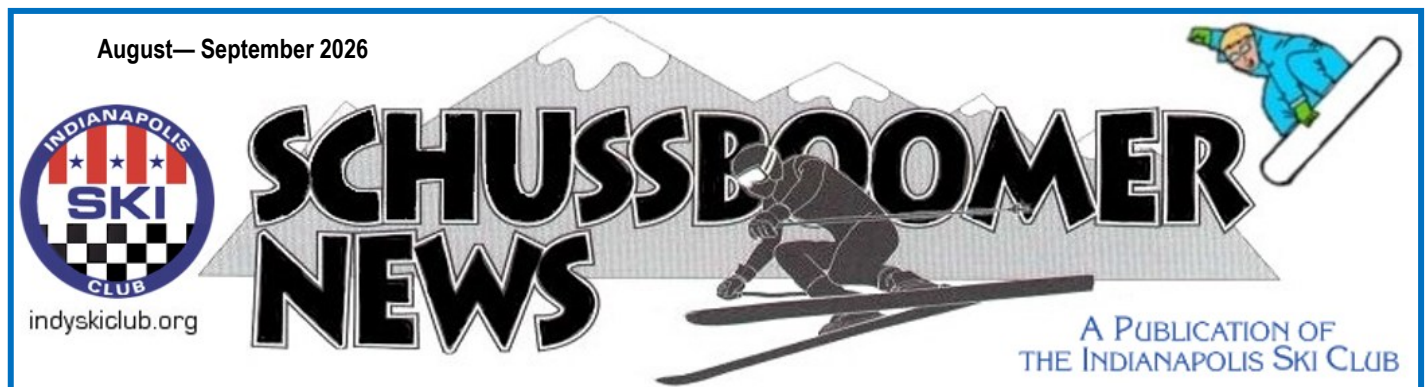
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see photos at <http://indyskiclub.org/aboutus>

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