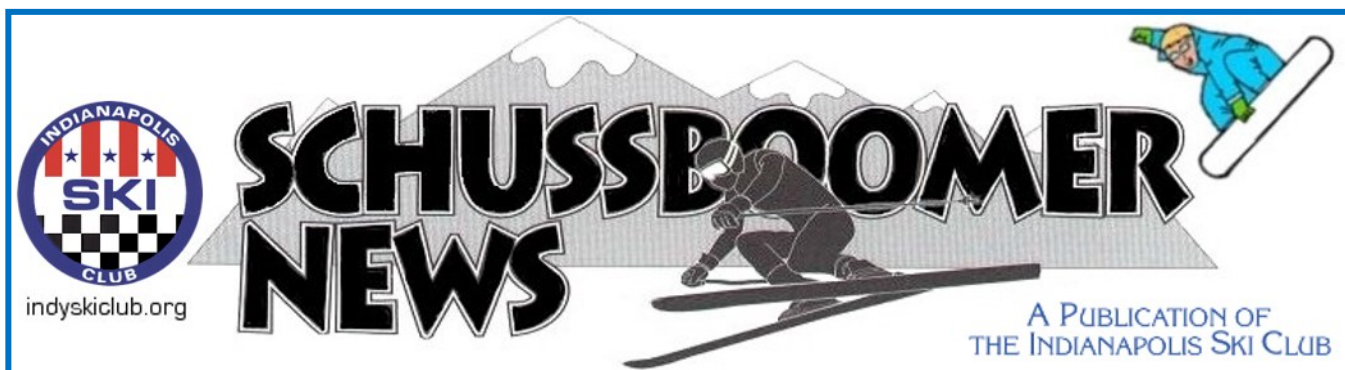




October-November 2026

Upcoming Social Events

Tuesday Lunch Bunch

Tuesday October 6 at 11:30am

Harry and Izzy's
4050 E. 82nd St.
Indianapolis



Thursday Thirst

Thursday October 22 at 6:00pm

The Blind Owl Brewery
5014 E. 62nd Street
Indianapolis



Tuesday Lunch Bunch

Tuesday November 10 at 11:30am

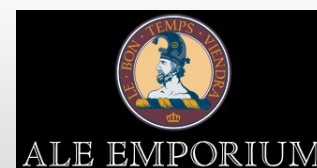
Olive Garden
6130 E 82nd Street
Indianapolis



Thursday Thirst

Thursday November 19 at 6:00pm

Ale Emporium
8617 Allisonville Road
Indianapolis



Colts at the Houston Texans on Thursday Night Football

Tuesday Lunch Bunch

Tuesday December 1 at 11:00am

Sullivan's Hardware
6955 N. Keystone St.
Indianapolis



Strict Limit of 20 persons. Members only.

Cost and Details will be posted on the website

Annual Holiday Dinner

Thursday December 10 at 6:00pm

Hillcrest Country Club
6098 Fall Creek Road
Indianapolis



\$30 / person Details will be posted on the website

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

A Message from the President



It looks like many enjoyed the summer concerts and a big thanks goes to Eldonna Rees and Patty Pattimore for keeping us up to date. Fall is here and there is no snow yet so we are in wait mode. I think the new computerized registration for trips went smoothly thanks to Carolyn McConkey and Shari and Mike Agnes of GTS (Group Travel Simplicity formerly Winter Ski and Sport).

We will hope to see you at the Holiday Party on December 10 at the Hillcrest Country Club. Marilyn Rader has kindly connected with the choral group from Lawrence North High School to add to the festivities. Watch for the reservation information and register at \$30 per person.

Meanwhile, THINK SNOW!

Prez Priscilla



Hello, Skiers!

Can you feel it? Ski season is getting closer!

Temperatures are starting to drop; the mountains will soon turn white, and before we know it, we'll be packing our bags and heading for the slopes.

Yes, I know it's only October, but I've already started the countdown to our first trip in January —107 days, or 15 weeks and 2 days! Not that I'm counting...

There's plenty happening as we get ready for another great Indy Ski Club season, so here's the latest on our trips, along with a little housekeeping to make sure everyone is ready when it's finally time to hit the snow.

Here's the Latest on Our Trips

Snowmass — SOLD OUT!

Mt. Bachelor — SOLD OUT!

Winter Park — Space Available! You asked for a shorter trip, and here it is! Use your IKON Pass and join us for a quick getaway to Winter Park. We still have plenty of room, so come ski with us!

Big Sky — One Female Spot Available! Ladies, here's your chance! We need one more woman to join the fun.

Who's on Your Trip?

Want to know who you'll be skiing with?

Visit the Indy Ski Club website: <https://www.indyskiclub.org>.

Click on your trip and look for "Who's on Your Trip." You might find old friends, favorite ski buddies, or just the inspiration you need to join another trip!

A Little Trip Housekeeping

We've had some questions about where to find trip information and manage payments. With different websites, links, and passwords, finding your information can sometimes feel harder than getting to the top of the mountain!

Here's the easiest way to keep it straight:

Need to Change Your Original Registration?

When you registered, you received a special link for your trip. Use these links if you need to make changes to your original trip registration:

Snowmass: <https://tri.ps/uYBnO>

Big Sky: <https://tri.ps/KKkDO>

Mt. Bachelor: <https://tri.ps/gFlkf>

Winter Park: <https://tri.ps/kfuVT>

However, the website below is your one-stop shop for managing your trip.

? YOUR SKI-TRIP COMMAND CENTER

GROUP TRAVEL SIMPLICITY (GTS)

This is your one-stop shop for managing your ski trips!

Use GTS to **review your trip information, manage trip details, make changes, and handle your payments.** The benefit: all your trips and partners are in one place.

<https://grouptravelsimplicity-gts.wetravel.com>

Think of GTS as your personal SKI-TRIP COMMAND CENTER!

A Few Helpful Tips

- Use the original email address you provided when you registered.
- Your password is also your email address. A little unusual, but easy to remember!
- You can view both your trip and your partner's trip using the same email address.
- Once you're logged in, look for "Manage the Trip." That's where you can review your information, make changes, and manage your payments.

One Important Reminder

Be sure to use the same email address you originally provided when registering. If you use a different email address, you may receive a "Not Verified" message.

And remember, we're here to help! If you run into trouble, contact your trip leader or Sheri at GTS, sheri@gts4travel.com.

Let the Countdown Begin!

So start getting those ski legs ready, dust off the ski pants, and begin dreaming about fresh powder, beautiful mountains, and good times with great friends.

Before we head for the slopes, I hope to see everyone at our Holiday Party in December. It's always a great chance to reconnect with your ski buddies, share a few stories, and get excited about the season ahead.

Then it's time for the real thing!

Our first trip — Snowmass — leaves January 16, 2027.

The countdown is officially on. I can't wait to see everyone and share another great ski season.

See you on the slopes!

Carolyn, Your Trips VP

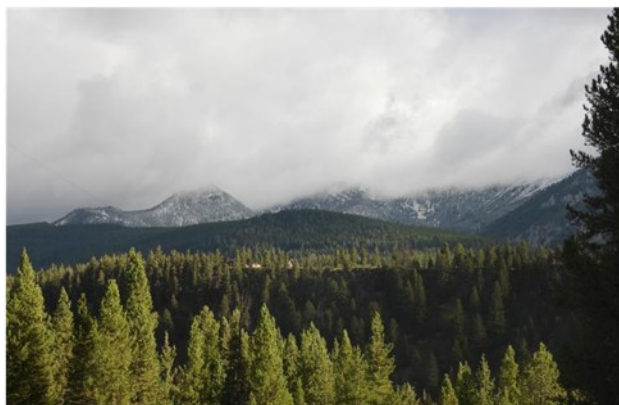


View from the Sky by Mel Crichton, a Hoosier in the mountains

A thunderstorm rolled through last night; some of the booms sounded as if they were right in the bedroom. But very little rain fell. This morning, as my much-needed pot of coffee was brewing, I saw the clouds covering the Spanish Peaks lifting. Traces of white began to show through. There's snow up high. It likely will be gone by tomorrow, but one of these days.....

It's mid-September and still summer by the calendar. But the mountains say that winter is near. Winter popped up briefly all summer long. A six inch snowfall at the resort in July was a surprise to the tourists up there. Most of the rental cars coming down into town had cleared their windshields but snow was piled high on the cars' roofs. There were other times we saw a dusting of snow on the mountain tops. But as days grow shorter and the sun less intense, those snows will start to hang on longer, until the day they don't melt and then another snow piles on. And the snow line will creep down to our house. It's almost time to take down the hammock.

With winter on the way, many of us are trying to cram summer into the remaining warm days. Last weekend was our annual [Rut](#) competition, a series of grueling races to the top of Lone Peak and (for crazier longer distance runners) to the top of other peaks as well. Six hundred people competed in the Rut, some masochists coming from other countries to beat themselves up.



And there's a town pickleball tourney coming up next weekend, along with a three day film festival and Oktoberfest. We'll probably check out a film or two, but there's no way I'm gonna miss my bratwurst and beer. I don't know where they find them, but a number of locals will be sporting lederhosen and dirndls next week... with cowboy boots, of course.

A warm winter and scant snowfall last winter really hurt the western ski industry, yet Big Sky had a near normal winter turnout, probably because we were "the best of the worst" for western skiing. The snow was so skimpy that I opted to cut the ski season short to get a new knee. It's healing nicely, thank you.

But a lack of winter moisture and an early melt led to problems this summer. Our wildfire risk was higher, of course, but we have been lucky so far. The wild berry crop was way below average, meaning that bears are not getting enough nourishment to hibernate. Alternative food sources are scant, so a few bears have turned to breaking and entering. A couple residents have responded to a noise in the kitchen to find a hungry black bear chomping down a plate of brownies or rummaging through the trash. The bear relocation crews have been busy, and I have not seen our resident black bear Fernando in a few weeks. He may be living in Whitefish now. I hope he will write us.

Kayaking, river tubing, fishing, biking, whitewater rafting.... all are tapering off. The golf course closes in a few weeks. I've seen telly skiers on their long road skates practicing. Aspen trees, last week a rich green, are on their way to autumn gold. Winter is on the way.

Please, please, please ... let there be a lot of powder this winter. I've got a knee that needs a workout.

(p.s... just as I sent this to Randy, our bear Fernando sauntered thru. Guess he was on vacation)



The Four Mimosas

Biking Group Photos From "Z" and others

August was such a wet month that The Sunken Gardens were closed and the White River Trail flooded. But Z always found a work-around and our bikers pedaled through West Lafayette and Columbus too.



The Boilermaker



At Potters Bridge



The Murals at Real Silk Condos



Sunken Gardens were Closed



Fountain Blue



Celery Bog Nature Center



Getting into the Swing



The Switchbacks



Big Woods Restaurant



The Hannah Wilkinson Moffitt Overlook



Terry (left) and Z (above) get Velodromatic



Member Birthdays

October

Brett T Farrell	10/01
Carol Darlington	10/01
Nancy J Snyder	10/01
George E Temple	10/02
Anita Conte	10/04
Sylvia D McClure	10/05
Brent Westerfeld	10/05
Lynelle Nore	10/05
Grant Mason	10/06
Alan Kurasz	10/08
Suzanne Boyd	10/11
Leah Duke	10/11
Dennis E Kelley	10/13
Mark Lund	10/16
John Lomas	10/16
Erin Archer	10/19
Z Burdeski	10/20

November

Joan Bindner	11/01
Amy Lafko	11/03
Debbra Lund	11/05
Jennifer Rhamy	11/14
John (Jack) Ditslear	11/14
Bruce A Davison	11/16
Jim Berlien	11/17
Vivian Rich	11/28
Janet L Ditslear	11/28
Ken Gardner	11/29
Craig Kleis	11/30

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