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Oktoberfest Meeting Set for Oct 16

Ski Club members and their skiing friends are welcome to the annual Oktoberfest and meeting at 8pm Tues., Oct. 16 at the West Long Branch Community Center, Locust Avenue at Parker Rd., West Long Branch. Come hungry! Refreshments will be served.

Club Med to Present Program

The highlight of the evening will be a presentation by Kirsti Frost of Club Med about our trip to Val d'Isere, France.

She has been with Club Med for 11 years, where she trains Club Med employees as well as travel professionals and consumers. Before coming to the US office she worked in the Paris headquarters of Club Med. Kirsti has a vast knowledge of the ski destinations as well as equipment & lessons. Bring all your questions.

NJ Ski Council "Ski Jamboree" Nov 2

New Jersey Ski Council Annual Ski Jamboree will be held on Friday, Nov 2. The Exhibit hours are from 7pm to 10:30pm. The dance party is from 10pm to midnight. Admission and parking is free. There will be a cash bar, fashion show, door prizes and Charity Auctions with proceeds going to Adaptive Skiing.

The location is Giants Stadium, East Rutherford. Take the NJ Turnpike to Exit 16W. Park in Lot 10. Use South Tower Entrance, between Gates C & D.

Membership Cards Are Enclosed

for everyone who sent in their dues. The sticker on the back of your membership card entitles you to the **MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGE PROGRAM** from the NJ Ski Council. The list of discounts will be posted in the next newsletter.

SKI TRIP CALENDAR

Dec 11 to 18	Aspen, Colorado
Jan 6 to 13	Vail, Colorado
Feb 2 to 10	Club Med, Val d'Isere, France,
Feb 28 to Mar 6	Park City, Utah
April 1 to 8	Big Sky, Montana

CLUB MEETINGS

Oct 16 - **Oktoberfest Party**
 Jan 22 - **Discussion of next year's trips**
 Mar 25 - **Evaluation of club reorganization and further plans**
There will be no meetings in Nov, Dec & Feb.

Mike Southwell Designs WLB Ski Club Web Site!

Check out our new web site. The address is: <http://wlbskiclub.org/>. We are looking for input about content. If you have any ideas about a logo or if you have ski pictures, please let Mike know. His email address is: msouthwell@bigfoot.com

In the future we plan to distribute the newsletters via the web site to those who have email capability. It's

important that we have your up to date email address in order to alert you to the updates.

If you don't have email access, you can elect to receive your newsletters by mail. Everyone must fill out the new Club Membership Application Forms fully this year so we know how you want to receive the newsletters.

Trip Cancellation Insurance

There are two types of travel insurance policies. One is the "**single trip**" policy and it's priced according to the cost of the trip and your age.

The **second is an annual policy** and it covers trip cancellation up to \$1000 for the year and medical expenses and repatriation (return to point of origin) including medi-vac for one year. Age is not a factor.

Trip cancellation insurance, which includes emergency assistance and medical coverage, is strongly recommended! You may order insurance by filling out the coupon on the back page. You must pay by credit card. Don't forget to include the expiration date. If you need further information, call Harriet Warner at 732-356-2887 or via email at: skierhw@aol.com,

Future Newsletters

Starting with the November newsletter only members for the 2007 / 08 will receive the mailings. This is necessary to keep our costs down and we want to preserve our dues at \$10 per person per year. Send in your membership applications and dues to remain current with the club. Don't forget to include your email addresses so you can receive updates as they occur.

Trip Payment Deadlines

Please observe the trip payment deadlines. Mail them or bring them to the meetings.

Airline deadlines are usually 65 days prior to departure. At that time we must release unsold seats. Seats canceled after that time are subject to penalty. Seats requested after that time may not be available at the lowest fare. The airlines are getting very hard-nosed about under-utilizing the booked space and the penalties can not be avoided.

Hotels usually allow us to reduce (**but not cancel**) the number of rooms up to 60 days prior to arrival. After that, we are subject to penalties for unsold rooms.

TRIP UPDATES:

Aspen, CO - Dec 11 to 18, 2007

One Week (Tues / Tues) - The price is **\$1,319** per person, double occupancy and includes air from Newark to Aspen, transfers, 7 nights at the Hotel Aspen, **breakfast daily, complimentary Happy Hour apres ski party daily**, 5 day, 4 mountain lift tickets & taxes. **Full payment is due October 16.**

Jr. Suites are sold out. Three Fireplace Suites (king bed) are available at \$1,489.

Trip Chairman: Harriet Warner, 732-356-2887
skierhw@aol.com

Vail, CO- Jan 6 to 13, 2008

One Week (Sun. / Sun.) - The price is **\$1,339** per person, double occupancy and includes air from Newark to Denver, transfers to hotel, 7 nights lodging at the Evergreen Lodge, 5 day lift pass, taxes & portorage. **Balance due by Nov 1**

Trip Chairman: Karen Demasters, 732-681-0430 kdrosalita@optonline.net

Val d'Isere, France - Feb 2 to 10, 2008

The price is \$2,399 - ** plus \$35 Club Med dues. The trip includes non-stop air from Newark to Geneva via Qatar Airways or Continental Airlines, transfers to Val d'Isere, 7 nights at slopeside Club Med, 6 lift tickets, **3 sumptuous meals daily plus snacks, open bar including premium brands**, 5 days of ski instruction by English speaking instructor / guides, entertainment nightly, taxes and gratuities! **Balance due by Nov 1.** ** Club Med dues (covers \$1,000 of Trip cancellation insurance).

Airline Choices to Geneva

There are two airline choices for the Club Med trip. Indicate your choice when you sign up. Those on Continental must leave the resort at 4am to catch the return flight.

Qatar Airways

2/10 Geneva / Newark 3pm / 6:15pm

Continental Airlines

2/2 Newark / Geneva 6:05pm / 7:50am

2/10 Geneva / Newark 9:20a / 12:25p

2/2 Newark / Geneva 9:15pm / 11am

Club Med, Val d'Isere Penalties

Club Med will not hold any rooms without a deposit after Oct 18. Their original deadline was Oct 5 but I have been able to get them to extend it until after the next club meeting.

After that date, it is subject to cancellation penalties. Therefore, we have been very conservative in booking space. We currently have space available but it must be released by Oct 18 at the latest! After that, reservations will be on a "space available" policy. Since Club Med traditionally sells out, if you plan on going, you should sign up as early as possible.

Trip Chairman: Harriet Warner, 732-356-2887

skierhw@aol.com

Park City, Utah - Feb 28 to March 6, 2008

One Week (Thu / Thu) - The price is **\$1,249** per person, double occupancy - ** not including lifts, see below.

The trip includes non-stop air from Newark to Salt Lake City, transfers from airport to hotel, 7 nights lodging at Park City Peaks Hotel, Full breakfast daily, taxes & portorage.

** Lift tickets are available for **Park City, Deer Valley & The Canyons**. You may elect to take any combination of ski areas you prefer. The list and prices of each lift ticket will be available prior to final payment and you must order them in advance to get the group rate! **Balance due Jan 2.**

Trip Chairman: Renee Bonin, 732-531-9357

rbonin@oceanport.k12.nj.us

Big Sky, Montana - April 1 to 8, 2008

One Week (Tues / Tues) - The price is **\$1,349** per person, double occupancy.

The trip includes round trip air from Newark to Bozeman, transfers from airport to hotel, 7 nights lodging at deluxe slope side Huntley Lodge, 5 lift tickets, **full breakfast daily**, taxes & portorage.

Balance due Feb 4. **Trip Chairman:** Dottie Binder, 732-291-3331; dorothy1041@yahoo.com

Senior Lift Ticket Prices Higher than Group Rates -

Aspen: Our price of \$42 per day is less than senior rate of \$64 per day.

Vail: Our rate of \$61 per day is less than senior rate of \$64.50 per day.

Park City & Big Sky rates will be announced in next newsletter.

PLEASE RETURN WITH DEPOSITS TO: Jerry Warner. 535 Rosecliff Court, Somerset, NJ 08873

(Checks payable to WLB. Ski Club)

NAME(s)

ADDRESS

PHONE (home) _____; (work) _____; email _____

Enclosed please find **\$250 per person deposit (\$500 deposit for Val d'Isere) or full payment per trip** for:

Aspen \$ _____ for Standard Room _____, Jr Suite _____, Fireplace Suite _____; Vail \$ _____

Val d'Isere, \$ _____; I would prefer Qatar Airways _____; Continental Airlines _____ to Geneva.

Park City \$ _____; **Big Sky** \$ _____

If you have your own air, please indicate which trip and airline _____

I am rooming with _____; I need a roommate _____

Please order the following trip cancellation / medical insurance for me:

1. \$1,001 to \$1,500 coverage for the duration of the trip from Access America:

Age 31 to 59, \$68 ____; Age 60 to 70, \$91 ____; Age 71 to 75, \$119 ____; Age 76 to 79, \$136 ____; Age 80 +, \$213 ____

There is an additional \$5 for all policies for the Access America processing fee.

2. You may elect to take the Access America Deluxe Annual Policy AT THE PRICE OF \$249 FOR THE YEAR which will cover you for: \$1,000 per year Trip Cancellation / Interruption; \$20,000 emergency medical coverage; up to \$100,000 Emergency Medical Transportation; \$1,000 baggage loss / damage; \$200 Baggage Delay; \$500 Travel Delay; \$25,000 Travel Accident; \$300,000 Flight Insurance; \$ 25,000 Collision / Loss Damage; 24 hour Hotline. There is no age limit for this policy. All insurance must be paid by credit card!

Please charge the above insurance to the following credit card _____ Exp date _____

Insurance may also be ordered on the ski club web site!

(Signature as it appears on credit card)