

Oktoberfest Set for September 16 Meeting

The actual German Oktoberfest is celebrated late in September to early October, so we decided to incorporate it with our opening meeting. Join us for the festive opening meeting to hear all about the fabulous trips planned for this season.

Pete Brown and his buddies have planned a lot of great food for us, so come hungry! This is a time for skiers to get together and get re-acquainted. Bring along prospective members who might want to join us on the slopes this season!. The meeting is called for 8pm at the West Long Branch Community Center, Locust Ave at Parker Rd.

Trip Updates

We are approaching deadlines for reducing space so, if you plan to go skiing, please sign up soon.

Vail, CO Dec 11 to 18 - We have 2 seats left on the flights. At this time we can probably get more seats if needed. Those people who ticketed early were able to get a \$30 discount due to a sale.

The price of the trip is \$1,475 including air, transfers, 7 nights at the Evergreen Lodge, breakfast daily, 5 lifts, taxes & baggage handling.

Trip Chairman:

Harriet Warner, 732-356-2887 or 732-996-5300 or email skierhw@aol.com

Snowbird, UT Jan 3 to 10 - Lots of light, dry Utah powder makes Snowbird internationally famous, receiving an average of 500 inches of snow a year.

The price of \$1,499 includes air from Newark to Salt Lake, transfers, 7 nights at slopeside CLIFF LODGE, 6 Snow-bird lift tickets (upgrade for Alta / snowbird combination is \$100), "Ski Club Power Week Party", taxes and portage. **Space is still available.**

Trip Chairman:

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

Two Club Med Europe Trips!

La Plagne, France - Jan 24 to Feb 1
This ski region is sure to please skiers of every ability! There are 140 lifts and over 250 miles of trails with access to countless glacier runs, wooded trails, moguls, deep snow descents. ***The slopes are perfect for beginners as well as the most advanced skiers!*** The region boasts a snow guarantee from December to May.

Les Menuires, France - 1/ 31 to 2/ 8
is part of the prestigious 3 Vallées, the world's biggest ski area: 360 miles of ski slopes, 200 ski lifts linking **Les Menuires** with **Val Thorens**, **Méribel**, **La Tania** and **Courchevel**.

Club Med has ski-in /ski-out access at both resorts! Both package include air (via Continental - see below), transfers, 7 nights at Club Med, 6 lift tickets, 3 meals daily, open bar with premium brands, ski or boarding lessons, nightly entertainment, tips & taxes. **Leave your wallet home!**

You have a choice to do the first week at La Plagne or the second week at Les Menuires or get two weeks of skiing with only one airfare.

The distance between the two resorts is less than 50 miles!

Trip Chairman for both trips:

Contact Harriet Warner 732-356-2887 or via email at; skierhw@aol.com

Airline Shenanigans!

Qatar Airways is suspending all service between the New York area and Geneva. They returned our deposit and said "You're on our own!"

After the shock wore off, I immediately started looking for alternative flights. We decided on the Continental non-stop flight between Newark and Geneva. The fare is \$40 higher.

NEW PRICES:

Jan 24 to Feb 1 - **La Plagne**
air & land \$2,639
land only \$1,899

Jan 31 to Feb 8 - **Les Menuires**
air & land \$2,399

This price hasn't gone up because the airfare for this week was higher from the beginning
land only \$1,659

Jan 24 to Feb 8 -
Two weeks of skiing including the bus transfer between both resorts (about 50 miles)

1st week at **La Plagne**
2nd week at **Les Menuires.**
air & land \$4,165
land only \$3,425

Add \$35 for Club Med membership (covers \$1,000 trip insurance)

You can get two weeks of skiing with only one airfare! **Or you can use your mileage for free air**

Lake Tahoe - Feb 24 to Mar 3

Ski Heavenly, Squaw, Kirkwood, Northstar, Alpine Meadows, Sierra at Tahoe, Mt Rose

The price of \$1,339 includes air, transfers, 7 nights at Embassy Suites at base of Heavenly, breakfast daily, apres ski party, taxes & portorage.

We're not including lift tickets because each area has a different lift ticket price. The multi-area lift does not take this into consideration.

An opportunity to order discounted lift tickets in advance for the group will be sent out prior to final trip payment. Lift tickets also available at concierge desk or at ski area. **Trip Chairman:** Pete Brown at 732-996-0644 or via email at: pjbmako@aol.com

Big Mountain, MT - Mar 19 to 26

Also known as Whitefish Resort) is the 2nd largest ski area in Montana. The price is \$1,599 and includes air, transfers, 7 nights at the Grouse Mt Lodge, breakfast daily, 5 lifts, taxes & portorage.

Trip Chairman: Dottie Binder at 732-291-1964 or dorothy1041@yahoo.com

30th Anniversary Party!

It's hard to believe that we've been a club for 30 years. What started in 1978 with a few bus trips has evolved into an organization that travels the world!

To celebrate the occasion, we will be having a gala dinner & party (with cash bar) 6:30pm to 10:30pm on Saturday evening, November 8 at the Nauvoo Grill, 121 Fair Haven Rd in Fair Haven. There will be a D.J. for dancing.

The price is \$55 per person for Club members and \$60 for non-member guests.

If you know of someone who used to belong to the club, please pass this information on to them. We'd love to see them again!

Dinner chairpersons are:

Pete Brown - 732-996-0644 and
Audra Green - 732-822-2528

For reservations, send in your full payment with the coupon below. The deadline for reservations is Nov 3. That's when we have to give the restaurant our final count. **Please reserve early!**

Early Ticketing for Airline Tickets:

Since we already know that the airlines keep raising their surcharges, the only way to guarantee your airfare is to ticket early.

The people on the Vail trip, who paid for their airfare early, were able to take advantage of a brief sale and save \$30 per ticket!

When you send in your deposit, please indicate if you want to be ticketed **if we hear of a fare increase or decrease.** Include payment for your airline ticket with the deposit.

Do not elect to do this option if you think there's a possibility that you might to cancel your trip. The airlines are charging large fees to change the name on a ticket if someone buys your spot. Many of the tickets are totally non-refundable.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE:

May be ordered on our web site at: www.wlbskiclub.org. "Club Med Membership Dues" include \$1,000 of Trip Cancellation Insurance. It's valid for one year (from the date that we booked the group with them. You may want to supplement their policy with additional Trip Cancellation coverage.

PLEASE RETURN WITH DEPOSITS TO: Jerry Warner, 535 Rosecliff Court, Somerset, NJ 08873. (Checks payable to WLB, Ski Club)

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (home) _____; (Cell) _____; email _____

Enclosed please find \$250 per person deposit (\$500 per person deposit for each Club Med trip). If you want to be ticketed early to avoid fuel surcharges, please add the air payment to your deposit.

VAIL - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____ (add \$400 per person)

SNOWBIRD - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____ (add \$500 per person)

Please upgrade the Snowbird lift ticket to the Alta / Snowbird combination ticket for an additional \$100 _____

LA PLAGNE - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____; (add \$700 per person)

LES MENUIRES - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____; (add \$700) **you only need 1 airfare if taking both trips**

LAKE TAHOE - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____; (add \$400 per person)

BIG MOUNTAIN - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____; (add \$500 per person)

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

I am rooming with _____; I need a roommate _____

I'm enclosing payment for the 30th Anniversary dinner (\$55 for member; \$60 member guest) \$ _____