



April 2024

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Next Meetings:

Thurs, April 4, 7pm

Thurs, April 18, 7pm

Miller's Ale House | 455 Butterfield Rd | Lombard

Club Officer's Email: ComeSkiWithUs@piccadillyskiclub.com

President's Message:

Wow, We're almost to the end of another Piccadilly year. So much has happened, but so many good things are still in store.

Absolutely I must begin by thanking every board member, every trip leader, every committee member, and every single person who tirelessly pitched in this last year to make this club not only successful, but truly a great organization. Thank you VERY much! But these people aren't the whole story. Every single member of this club plays a part in why it's so much fun. The good feelings and camaraderie all of you bring to this club are what makes it the BEST club in Chicagoland....and perhaps the world! 😊 I used to hate winter and count the days until Spring. Now I feel a tinge of sadness when warm weather comes. Thank you, Piccadilly, for a memorable ski season!

Although another year of ski trips is in the books, we now have a summer of hikes, bike rides, nature outings, mini getaways, and happy hour get-togethers to look forward to. You can count on having good times together no matter what we do, and it'll be with some of the best people.....and of course I'm completely unbiased on this!

As I write this, we're gearing up for the big year-end banquet. I hope to see as many of you there as possible, but if not, we'll certainly see each other somehow in the coming weeks. Until then, happy Spring everyone!

---Paul F.---

Congratulations to our Elected Executive Board:



President: Paul Fuka
Vice President: Sandy Liedtke
Secretary: Nancy Goins
Treasurer: John Schuurman

Thank you for voting!

Where in the World is Piccadilly?

As you travel to near and far places, bring PSC along and take a photo of you with some swag (neck wallet, jacket, facemask, business card, pin, bandana, shirt, coat, vest, backpack, koozie, etc.) Be sure to show the PSC logo in the photo, and you of course, along with your travel location as your backdrop, and email it to me, Dawn, at rockaroch3@gmail.com subject line: Where in the world... It does NOT have to be across the world, but it would be fun if it was, and hopefully somewhere identifiable. Or, we'll have fun guessing.



Left: Piccadilly Neck Wallet enjoyed surf and sand in Cancun, Mexico with Roy Boy & Carol V.



Right: Piccadilly Neck Wallet stopped for lunch at Pivovar Ski area in Slovakia with Scott S and Juan A



Left: PSC Hat explored the Lagos Portugal Sea Stacks and (right) the Navigators Sculpture in Lisbon with Barry & Cheryl S.





Left: Piccadilly Ski Hat trained on the flight deck of the USS Midway Museum, San Diego CA with Bill C....



.....While 2nd Piccadilly Ski Hat said: 'Move over Maverick & Goose' with Karen C



Left: Piccadilly Business Card cheered at an indoor football game (Quad City Steamwheelers vs. the Sioux City Storm) with Wally and Jackie D. at the Vibrant Arena in Moline.

Right: PSC Business Card sampled a flight of Whiskeys at NWB in Lisle with???



Left: Piccadilly Dry Wallet sipped and relaxed at the Bellagio Pool Bar, Como, Las Vegas, with Cindy and Al S.

Take Piccadilly on your next adventure!



Share Piccadilly with your friends and keep our club growing strong! Grab some more business cards for the wallet or purse at the next meeting. Carry them with you, and hand them out to prospective members.... An easy way to invite a friend to check us out!



PSC Favorite Ski Stories & Pics

MARCH was MADNESS

MADNESS

Spring in Chicago? OMG! It's so confusing! Aside from the NCAA Basketball and the beginning of road construction season NOTHING is certain. Should we be Skiing out west or Golfing here at home? But wait it was snowing here more than out there. 😞 So, this month I offer a few photos just to remind us of the possibilities.

PICNICS → CAMPING → BOATING → EATING → DRINKING



BLIZZARDS → BLUEBIRDS → SKIING → HOTUB → DRINKING





I suggest we stick to the all-season activity: COCKTAILS 😊



And then take a nap.



Photos from Canada 2009 and Coloma 2010

Send us your stories, pics and videos ☺ Cheers, Larry Himmelblau – Historian



Create Your MeetUp Account - People need to RSVP to monthly PSC meetings and often our events so it's very important to be a PSC MeetUp member. We use this convenient tool to communicate with you for our events, like

where to gather, last-minute event changes, or weather alerts. Please help our Event Hosts reach you for notification and help them know who to look for so we can sit together! We also use MeetUp to give Miller's a headcount, so they can assign proper staffing, and finally, we can attract more MeetUp members, which translates to new Piccadilly memberships to keep our club thriving. <https://www.meetup.com/piccadilly-ski-social-club/> As you can see, there are many good reasons to create your account today! If you need help, see one of your board members. - **Thanks, Pam**

Social at-a-Glance (Details below in the newsletter)

Do you have suggestions for future events, or want to host one? Contact John at jfosullivan56@att.net

- **Thur, 4/4** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount. **Turks & Caicos Sign Up begins at 6pm. Plus, deadline for Banquet RSVPs due.**
- **Fri, 4/5** - 8:30pm - "Duffers" Hockey Game. Cheer on John Schuurman
- **Thur, 4/18** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Sat, 4/20** – 6pm - Annual Banquet. Chuck's Chateau Orleans. RSVP by 4/4

- **Wed, 5/1**– 8:30am – Bird Banding & Nature Hike
- **Thur, 5/2** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp. *Summer Schedule Begins*
- **Sat, 5/4** – Noon - 6pm - Wine on the Fox, Oswego

- **Thur, 6/6** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount, *Summer Schedule*
- **Sat, 6/8** – NEW DATE - Prairie Path Bike Ride & BBQ, Meet at 10am, ride at 10:30am
- **Sun, 6/23** – 12:30pm – First Annual Massa Golf Outing & BBQ
- **Tues, 6/25** – 6pm/7pm – Summer Concert at Fishel Park "*Generations*"

- **Tues, 7/9** – 6pm/7pm – Summer Concert at Fishel Park "*Kaleidoscope Eyes*"



TRAVEL INSURANCE

Tip: Explore the "Cancel For Any Reason" version of trip insurance, to see if that's the best fit for you, but be advised you will need to purchase that version very shortly after your first trip payment. Here are helpful links from the CMSC website for your convenience. (PSC does **not** endorse any insurance carrier)

<http://www.csatravelpro.com/WINTERSPORTTOUR>

<http://www.travelprotectors.com>

<https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com>

Trips

Turks and Caicos

Club Med Turkoise

December 7 – 12, 2024

\$1,999 Total

- ❖ *6 days, 5 nights*
- ❖ *Adults only, Luxury all-inclusive*
- ❖ *Fly American Airlines direct to the resort!*



NEW PSC DESTINATION!! Join us as Piccadilly travels for the first time to the British Territory of Turks and Caicos and a new resort – Club Med! Discover all the island has to offer and experience all-inclusive pampering in paradise.

Nestled just SE of the Bahamas and named after the turquoise lagoon lapping gently alongside our beachside home, this chic resort sits on the perfect white sands of Grace Bay, named one of the 'Best Beaches in the World' by Trip Advisor. Unwind in the infinity pool or join the party in lively Sharkies Bar. Explore ocean depths at one of the world's top diving destinations, or sail away on turquoise waters. Simply enjoy live music, fresh smoothies and cocktails right on the white sand beach looking for dolphins at this dreamy Turks & Caicos resort.

Included is an international breakfast as well as a wide choice of local and international cuisine for lunch and dinner. Plus discover Sharkies Grill & Beach Bar, open throughout the day and evening serving tacos, burgers, and chips. Enjoy a refreshing drink at one of the many bars and lounges located on the property with an ocean or poolside view.



Want to stay active? Over 25 activities like kayaking, sailing, snorkeling, or even the flying trapeze are included, plus a wide variety of daily and nightly entertainment! There are also 27 other activities available at an additional charge such as fishing, scuba diving, golf and the luxurious Spa offering digi-esthétique®, an exclusive massage method.

At this overseas British territory, English is spoken, and the U.S. dollar is used – so no worries about communication or changing currency! Included: airfare, ground transfers, luxury lodging, all tips, taxes and gratuities, all meals/beverages at the resort and Piccadilly-sized fun!

Flight Info: American Airlines

AA 1221 07 DEC ORD PLS 8:20A – 1:05P – non stop

AA 1900 12 DEC PLS MIA 1:54P - 3:55P

AA 2194 12 DEC MIA ORD 7:00p – 9:33P

(Note – flight times subject to change & baggage fees may apply)

Trip Leader: Carol Votava

Email: Cavotava@gmail.com

Cell: 630-212-6687

***PASSPORTS:** Check your passports now! Passports need to be valid for a period of 6 months after our return date (Dec 7, 2024 - so they must not expire before June 8, 2025).

Turks & Caicos Sign Up Begins In Person at the April 4th meeting, 6pm

Sign Up FAQs

1. What if I can't make it in person?

In-person sign-ups will get priority over mailed in. After event closes that evening, Mailed in envelopes will be added to trip rosters on a time/date stamp basis. Mail in deposits and forms to P.O. Box 207, Downers Grove, IL 60515. If you mail in your paperwork, please email Trip Chair Julian (julianf@att.net) and Trip Leader Carol Votava (cavotava@gmail.com) to watch for your papers.

2. Can I sign up someone other than myself?

Yes, you can sign up yourself and your roommate on that trip, but you BOTH must be Members {anyone who is NOT a current member (2023-2024) and who wants to sign up for this trip will need to prepay their next year's membership for 24/25 in order to get on the trip.} If you are already a current member (2023-2024) you do not need to *prepay* next years membership. You will however need to renew your membership prior to the December Turks & Caicos trip.

5. Can I stand in line before 6pm?

We have a "take a number" system in place, starting at 5:45pm. **Sign Ups officially open at 6pm.**

6. Can I still sign up for membership at the event?

Yes, Larry Himmelblau, Membership Chair, will be there to take your membership starting at 5:45pm.

7. Will someone be at the Event to answer questions?

Yes, Julian Franklin, Trip Chair, and Carol Votava, Trip Leader will both be there.

8. When will we get to sign up for next year's ski trips?

We are targeting a summer sign up extravaganza event, plus additional opportunities at the Picnic 8/11.

9. What's my payment amount again?

\$500 for Turks & Caicos deposit

\$30 for NEW members for the 2024-2025 year

Payment Schedule :



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|------|---------|
| 4/4 | \$500 |
| 5/2 | \$250 |
| 6/6 | \$250 |
| 7/4 | \$250 |
| 8/1 | \$250 |
| 9/4 | \$250 |
| 10/3 | Balance |

❖ **Next Season’s Ski Trips and other Non-Ski opportunities and are being researched and worked on diligently. Bids are coming in, and contracts are being signed. Stay Tuned!**

❖ **Do you want to run a trip? Please reach out to your Trip Chairs, Jackie & Julian and let them know!**



- *Your trip chairs- Jackie & Julian*



Ski Safety *– Ski News* *– Ski Fun*

Safety - The very best way to avoid falls and injuries on the slopes is to stay in ski shape all year long! What are YOU doing this summer to stay in shape for next season?? We have biking, golf and more opportunities to keep you going. See our busy social schedule.

News - Whether you are spring skiing, or just being? It’s the time of year everything “winter” is on sale and perhaps you’re in the market for skis? Happy Investigating!

Events - NASTAR National Championships at Snowmass | April 8-13, 2024

Fun – New ski vocabulary

- Powderoy - Powder over groomed corderoy
- Lunch legs- tired legs in the afternoon
- Chicken heads- Ice balls that trip you up on a run. (Think large death cookies)
- Rolling chicken heads – when those large balls of ice follow you down the hill as you ski by.

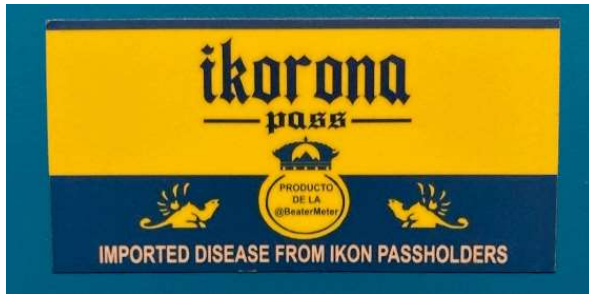


Fun - Watch this TikTok for a great social idea, mixing skiing with golf!
[Skiing x golf? #golf #golftiktok #pgatour | TikTok](#)

Fun – Another fun ski video for families.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C4jH8LdOwvC/?igsh=MzRIODBiNWFIZA==>

Fun continued...



- Your Skimeister.....Donna Prenta

Social Details

For questions on social events, contact John O'Sullivan at jfosullivan56@att.net

MILLER'S ALE HOUSE NEXT 2 MEETINGS: April 4 & April 18

PLEASE RSVP ON MEETUP FOR THE MEETINGS SO WE CAN PROVIDE A HEADCOUNT TO MILLER'S FOR BETTER STAFFING & SERVICE!!

<https://www.meetup.com/piccadilly-ski-social-club/>

"Duffers" Hockey Game, Fri, 4/5, Game 8:30pm



See Johnny Play...Again!

Are you ready for Round #3? Join your Piccadilly friends to cheer on our very own John Schuurman as he plays hockey with his amateur team the "Duffers" on Friday, April 5th.

This event is very informal and there will be plenty of seating available. There is no charge to watch the game and you can bring your own food and coolers in to the rink (discretely). Feel free to bring a couple of props to make things more fun. Dress warm my friends (a hat & mitts would be good), as it can be a quite chilly in the stands. The game begins

at 8:30 PM in Rink #3.

Location: Canlan Sports in Romeoville located at 1581 W. Normantown Rd, Romeoville.

After the game we will head over for a nightcap to the bar at Chop'D which is located at: 12337 Rt 59, Plainfield – **Ted**



Annual Banquet, Chuck's Chateau Orleans, Sat., 4/20, 6:00pm

PLEASE RSVP BY 4/4

Don't miss this very fun evening. All are welcome, members & guests!

- **Cash bar opens at 6:00pm**
- **Dinner with wine on the table at 7:00pm**
- **Dancing with cash bar - 8:30pm to 10:30pm**



We need to give the venue a headcount soon, so please don't delay. Mail checks (\$ 65/per) & RSVP note with name(s) to Sandy Liedtke, 755 Claremont Dr., Downers Grove, IL 60516. It's one of the highlights of our season. Hope to see you there!

Questions? 630-390-5962 - Sandy, VP

Bird Banding & Hike, Wed. 5/1, Bird Banding 8:30am/Birding Hike 9:30am



Here's your opportunity to experience an actual bird in hand and to release it back into the wild. We will observe master bird handlers weigh and examine various species of birds in our area. This is the best time for spring migration in the area. As the naturalists band the birds, they share unique facts about each type of bird they handle. A great chance to see birds closer than you ever imagined before.

After the banding we will hike with our birding expert for about 1 mile and see what we can spot right there from the trails. Bring your binoculars, and if you don't own a pair, we will find you some to use; bring water; and wear comfortable shoes. If you haven't started a lifetime birding list this would be a great time to start, There are some great birding apps that can elucidate the bird types, calls, similar birds and behavior. I'll be glad to share the ones I know with you.

We hope to gather for lunch after the hike, lunch site TBD. Join us for some great birding! See you on the trail! For any questions contact: John @ jfosullivan56@att.net - **John O**

**Camp Sagawau Environmental Learning Center
12545 W. 111th Street, Lemont**

Wine On The Fox, Oswego, Sat., 5/4 , Noon – 6pm

Hudson Crossing Park, 65 N. Harrison Street, Oswego

Wineries from throughout Illinois will feature their most sought-after varietals. Taste from more than 100 regional wine selections, enjoy live music and tasty local food. Bring your own chairs, a picnic, snacks, and dinner if you like. Food trucks will also be onsite. Free parking is available in the public parking garage at The Reserve at Hudson Crossing, 77 S. Adams St. next to Hudson Crossing Park. Enter and exit on Harrison St. or Adams St.



Purchase tickets in advance, online to do wine tasting. Tickets are available in 3 packages from \$20-\$45. Tickets are also available the day of the event at a higher price, so buy them in advance. You can find our group of friends, north of the Gazebo in the grass. Look for a laid back group of winetasters near a pole with streamers. This will be the location to place your chair and picnic as you wander around and check out the winery's offerings and possibly the food trucks.

Tickets can be purchased on the website ahead of the event at <https://www.wineonthefox.com/>

Please sign up on MeetUp so we know to look for you and keep an eye open for you. Any questions about the event? Please contact **John O'Sullivan** at jfosullivan56@gmail.com. On the day of the event, Mike Holcik will be your host. Contact Mike at: tango2dart@gmail.com

Blackwell Forest Bike Ride & BBQ, NEW DATE: Sat, 6/8, 10am/10:30am



Meet at 10am at the Murphy/Amlee home steps off the Prairie Path in Wheaton; address to be shared later with those who sign up on Meetup.

Start biking at 10:30am We'll head west on the Prairie Path, loop through scenic St. James Farm, then through the mostly shaded Blackwell Forest Reserve. Plan on 10-14 miles, depending on how hot it is. After, backyard BBQ picnic in our yard. We'll provide pulled chicken, brats, cole slaw, wine, beer and water. You bring side dishes or desserts. If anyone can provide a bags game or other outdoor amusement, it will be appreciated. Please sign up on Meetup. **Limited to the first 25 to sign up. This event is limited to paid-up PSC members only. - Eileen and Duane**



First Annual Massa Golf Outing/BBQ, Sun. 6/23, 12:30pm

Come on out to Oak Hills Golf Course in Palos Heights for a 9-hole best ball scramble! This course is beautifully maintained, easy enough to be fun; and still challenging. Afterwards we'll have a BBQ on our deck overlooking the 4th hole. Paul and I will provide the main dish, beer and wine. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Date: Sunday June 23, 2024

Time: Arrive at 12:30pm to get your clubs in the cart and hit a few practice putts. Tee times to start at 1:00pm.

Cost: \$29 includes golf and cart

No need to have your foursomes, we will put groups together once we find out who signs up. If you are a non-golfer you can still join in the fun at our house after golf; starting at 3:30pm.

This is a prepay event. Details to be provided once you sign up. Limited to 24 golfers; party at our place limited to 30. Sign-ups via email to nmassa28@gmail.com Please put "Golf Outing RSVP" in the subject line. See you on the links! - **Nancy & Paul Massa**

"Generation" Band at Fishel Park, Tues 6/25, at 6pm/7pm



I can't think of a better way to enjoy the summer than being outside, relaxing, and taking in the music with our friends. And Fishel park does not disappoint, with a beautiful park and large outdoor bandshell .

"GENERATION" brings it All to the Stage! It's a "Rock Show" of iconic, popular hits not defined by decades... but some of the best groundbreaking music of our time! Beatles to Stones...Bowie to Led Zeppelin...Aretha to Sly Stone... Songs sure to bring *Smilin' Faces* in the crowd!

We'll be there at 6pm to secure some spots, so come early and help us set up our location. The Piccadilly flag will mark the spot - keep your eye open for it. We usually meet toward the front of the park, on the south side, by the vendors, adjacent to Grove Street.

The concert runs 7-8:30pm. Bring your own chair, blanket, food & beverage. No Outside Alcohol allowed. Alcoholic drinks, pizza and other food for purchase is available. **Please RSVP on Meetup** so we can keep an eye open for you. The park is located at 1000 Grove St., Downers Grove - just west of Main St. (behind Emmett's).

Any questions? Email Nancy Goins @ dnjg2001@yahoo.com

“Kaleidoscope Eyes” Band at Fishel Park, Tues, 7/9, at 6pm/7pm

Just like our June concert outing, enjoy summer the way it's supposed to be! This band's intent is to capture the feel, the sound and the vocal diversity of the Fab Four. They don't dress in costumes or speak in accents; they simply play and share the special magic of the music of the Beatles as authentically as they can.



We'll be there at 6pm to secure some spots, so come early and help us set up our location. The Piccadilly flag will mark the spot - keep your eye open for it. We usually meet toward the front of the park, on the south side, by the vendors, adjacent to Grove Street.

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ALL THINGS CMSC

***CMSC General Meetings** - Typically held on 2nd Tuesday of each month at Sawa's Old Warsaw, 9200 W. Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL NEXT MEETING IS 4/9

***CMSC SEEKING:** CMSC is looking for an individual to serve on the Finance and Audit committee. Contact Kevin Conlon at kconz1@aol.com for information.

***The 2023/2024 CMSC Ski and Ride Magazines** are available at Piccadilly meetings.

CMSC EVENT SCHEDULE

***April 7 – April 12, 2024** – CMSC Spring Fling – Mammoth Mountain, CA. Trip packages starting at \$1,815 which includes R/T air from O'Hare, 5 nights lodging at Mammoth Mountain Inn (hotel, dbl occ, QQ), R/T ground transportation Reno to Mammoth, 4-day lift ticket (Ikon accepted) and \$100 resort voucher. Other lodging options include a King hotel room and 2BR/2BA + loft condo's for 4/5 people. Optional side trip to June Mountain will be available. Contact Kevin Conlon at kconz1@aol.com or 708-906-9517 for more info. Spots are still available for this trip.

***May 18, 2024** - CMSC Trip Seminar, Sheridan Chicago O'hare Hotel in Rosemont.

Sept 07, 2024** - CMSC Picnic – at the Norge Ski Jump. *Save the Date**** More info to come.

***Sept 27 – 29, 2024** - Windy City Ski and Snowboard Show, Schaumburg Convention Center

****Save the Dates**** More info to follow.

***Jan 24 – Feb 1, 2025** CMSC Europe – Andermatt-Sedrun, Switzerland which is now owned by Vail Resorts. There will be an extension to Lucerne, Switzerland. Additional information will be available by the CMSC Trip Seminar. Contact Randy Baustert at skiwithrandy@aol.com

Feb 22 – March 1, 2025-** CMSC Chicago Week – Jackson Hole, WY *Save the Date****

For more information on CMSC, go to: <https://www.skimsc.com/>



National Ski Council Federation News

- ❖ Next Annual Meeting: Taos, New Mexico, August 21-25, 2024
- ❖ Online Silent Auction runs from October 2023 – November 2024. Check it out!

For more information: <https://skifederation.org/>

Social Recaps, Ski Stories & Photo Gallery...

CHICAGO WEEK IN BANFF WAS TERRIFIC! Over two dozen Piccadillians joined, and a dozen council clubs with over 170 participants converged for what I describe as a convention for skiers and adventurers.



Recurring themes of friends, fun, food, and freshies dominate my notes. We had loads of snow! 32" fell during the week at Ski Big3.

Some of us took the mountain host tour at Sunshine Sunday, our first ski day. Sunshine is a bit of a misnomer – I think the sun came out a bit on Tuesday. It was snowing and blowing so hard, our mountain host apologized saying she'd stay down low where visibility was better. Dean F. and I had great conditions down at Wolverine and Jackrabbit, well below Goat's Eye. Fresh snow everywhere! Sunday's welcome

receptions at Melissa's provided various, plentiful, tasty hot appetizers, deserts and drinks. CMSC trip leader gray wolf, aka PSC member Vicki, was a great emcee and host throughout, raffling off numerous prizes including Randy B's gloves inadvertently.



Adventurers went on beautiful ice-hikes, hot springs walk, wildlife search (elk and moose spotted near R.R. crossing in town). Clare Ann H. coordinated with friends, high tea at the

Chateau Lake Louise. Banff had good bus service around town and to the ski resorts. But hordes of us waited for bus after bus as 170+ peeps throng to ski and ride the freshies.

We had one very cold day and frigid night as was Monday Race day at Lake Louise and the pub crawl that night. Yours truly won a 1st and 3rd place medal! Dean F. was the fastest Piccadillian and Gina B. was a first-time racer. The burgers, brats and sides



lunch at Whiskey Jacks was a welcome warm-up. If you ever saw Northern Exposure TV show, that's what the Lake Louise lodge looks like with its huge logs, deck and floors. About 16 of us hit the pub crawl from Tommy's, James Gate, Rose and Thorn, all singing along with the one-man band to classic oldies.



The walkable town was very accommodating to large groups. The food was good, plentiful, and the exchange rate favorable. Both après skis, all you can eat pizza at Banff Ave. Brewing and endless tacos at Canadian Brewhouse were enough for a meal. Wednesday was the club dinner and new member welcome at Three Bears Brewery. We pinned Jackie and Rich R. and Beth H., each graciously receiving the Piccadilly sandwich hug.

We had a raffle and Canadian-themed trivia contest with John S. snagging a moose flask for answering 9 of 10 correctly. Pauline H. and Bob D. won a tiebreaker for 2nd and 3rd earning a canvas pouch and wildlife deck of cards. Food service was fast, drinks tasty and ambiance friendly for our group of 27. And the snow was falling in big flakes all night! We showed the lady green skiers the good visibility area below Goat's Eye. Pauline M. converged with Laura S., Beth H. and Nancy G., a respite



from the windblown white-out up top the first day. Nancy G. remarked later on, 'This was the best day ever. I love powder!' It's gratifying to hear that enthusiasm.



The banquet on Thursday at the tony Banff Lodge and Conference Center was grand. Plenty of good buffet-style food, awards, wildlife costume contest, and dancing. And still snowing walking back to the Ptarmigan, which was very hospitable with a friendly bar and restaurant and soothing hot tubs, steam and sauna.

We hit the back bowls of Lake Louise, top of Goat's Eye and Lookout Mountain, Continental Divide chair and my favorite: Wawa Bowl.



Deep piles of snow everywhere. Heading to Norquay to notch the Big3, it was deep and steep, making you work through the deep piles. We lady greens were content with mid-mountain 'green bumps'. Not much grooming in Western Canada or else it was buried. Some luggage was delayed on the way home, but delivered to our doors within a couple days. Thanks to a great group of travelers! - **Terry T.**



HONOR FLIGHT RECAP

- Piccadilly was well represented with 14 members attending the 2024



Honor Flight benefit hockey game between the Chicago FBI and the Chicago police hockey teams. Before the game, several honor flight attendees were recognized for their military experience and service to our country. Then the game began. It was clear from the beginning that the Chicago police had the better team. And definitely the better goalie. Several Chicago



FBI players played well, especially the girl on the team who had the most shots on goal. But the Chicago police prevailed with a winning score of 9-0. Our own Sandi Siakel was the big winner, bringing home a raffle prize of Lego toys for her great granddaughter. Everyone had a great time supporting a truly great cause. Hope to see even more or you Piccadilly people there next year. - **Jackie**



ST. PATRICK'S HIKE & TWO HOUND RED BREWERY , "Twofer"event - The turnout was



great! Around 30 hikers and 27 thirsty Happy Hour fans showed up to partake. Dar did a great job in checking out this place and putting it all together...from the 3-mile hike, proximity to the Trail, the Happy Hour and the special Piccadilly's own event back room. The beers were really delicious, the service was great, and they had some fun appetizers that satisfied a few pallets. The cheese curds, baked pretzels and brussels sprouts were all very inviting. The crowd dug right in and the discussions were spontaneous and the new people met veteran Piccadillians. The room was very comfortable for mingling. It was also kind of nice when the bills came too, very reasonable. Thanks, Dar, for creating this memorable, fun event. Great turnout and a good time had by all. See you on the trail! - **John O**



THE LICKETYSPLIT-FANMAM™/BIRD TWEETS: What's in a name? Well apparently, plenty. We had lots of nicknames to go around. It started with our leader "General ZOD" (Supreme Ruler of the Galaxy) and trustee sidekick, "Princess Dawn;" and by the end of the week also known as Mama Roche and Papa Roche, Trip Daddy and Trip Mama and perhaps a few other assorted names that should be redacted. But the trip also started with Sean S showing up at 6 AM, two hours before he needed to be at the airport (RTFI!!!). His new name is 6 AM Sean (move over Dave S, the original 6 AM Dave). Along with our Intrepid Chicago-area participants, Snowbird drew folks from Minneapolis (Russ S), Milwaukee (Rich & Jackie R), Tellico Village, TN (Chris D), and "Bahston," Mass (Roger & Gerry R), Rockford IL (Leah L) and Champaign (Sue Ellen F).



We started the week with a get-to-know-you party complete with games, prizes and silly St. Patrick's Day beads and bandanas. People learned a lot more than they ever needed to know about Princess Dawn with the Princess Quiz. Mega Winners, Chris D & Rich R, won crowns and Queen Ann chocolates and joined the "royal family". Leah L and Paul F were awarded Smarties candies by completing the word search puzzle, and the whole group won our affection. There were 4 newbies to pin on this trip, and by the end of that first night, everyone fit comfortably like an old pair of shoes.



Each day we skied in the morning trying to follow the sun, spending lots of time in the back bowl (Mineral Basin) where snow was softer. To get to Mineral Basin, you could take the Tram, or take Peruvian Chair and go through a tunnel on your skis to the other side of the mountain. Inside the tunnel was a really cool museum showcasing early mining history of the area, complete with pictures and old equipment. By the afternoon, we'd all migrate to the front (north-side) of the mountain to find softened up



runs. Or you'd find "hockey rink" conditions on runs like Regulator Johnson and wonder how you got into this mess...Jerry? A few folks visited Alta during the week and found similar conditions, but wider runs! Someone quoted Alta stands for: Another Long Traverse Again, but most found it very, very enjoyable.



Sunday après (St. Patty's Day) was at the Tram Club with an awesome Irish Band (from SLC, who knew?) The competitive Gerry R got involved in a raucous game of Musical-Chairs and ended up putting a guy in a headlock! (more on that later).



Often, we found a comfortable place to park ourselves and listen to some really good music. Terry T and Rich R cut some rug to an amazing R&B band. Twinkletoes Terry also danced with firefighters at the NSP fundraiser on Thursday.



In addition to Wednesday's group dinner, we gathered for happy hours on the veranda in the sun with a beautiful view of the mountain. Whoever designed the Cliff Lodge building should be 'taken to the train station'! It was quite a maze but we always found our way back to each other and enjoyed the week. Many folks enjoyed the outdoor hot tub and pool, and

some even spent a day at the spa! Midweek we found a game night in the hallway, gathering for a 'quiet' game of PIT, and of course, SECURITY came (twice ?) to tell us to keep it down. Apparently, there's quiet hour after 10 PM (Zod says they came early, like 9pm!!!), of course we knew this, and we were playing the game of pit whispering 2222...3333....1111. It's really hard to keep PIT quiet.



It wouldn't be a ski trip with General Zod and Princess Dawn, if we didn't host a 'Nail Soup' party at week's end, where we emptied our refrigerators, and everyone brought something to share. The Milwaukee and 'Bahston' R and R's brought the game Left-Right-Center (Mike J won \$30 and Sean won \$60) we played a couple rounds of PIT and some folks even stayed till well past 1:30am...for some reason no one called the cops!? The party was later deemed an epic failure.



Throughout the week we bumped into some friends from back home. Joseph Seifts and Don Kaczmarek from PSC. Don is a local guide during the season, he skied most days with us and graciously gave us a mountain tour on Tuesday. We connected and skied with the president of Lincoln Park Ski Club, Karen Allabastro, and also Rick Heinz from CMSC.



The Shot Ski made an appearance several times that week. Zod and the Princess even indoctrinated a dad and son on the elevator when bringing the Shot Ski back to the room.



It was not all fun and games, however, a few people got banged up. Don Z skied face first into a pole and drew

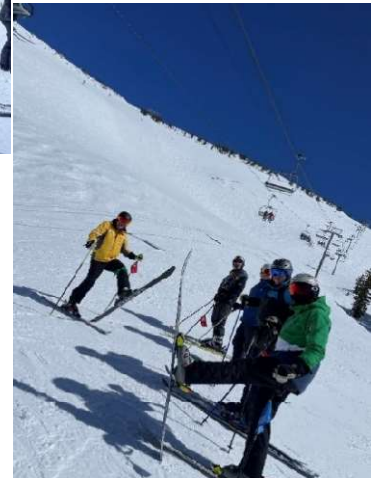
blood. Geraldine R had this guy in a headlock at Musical Chairs on Sunday. He was trying to steal her chair (she prevailed ...the Assailant is still at large) but as the week wore on, her ribs were hurting more and more and she found out she had two cracked ribs. (She's a feisty PSC kind of gal). Late in the day the snow turned to mashed potatoes (i.e., mahnke) and the skis stuck to the snow rather than cut through. A few folks took a tumble getting caught up in the potatoes. But by and large no serious injuries to report.



Thursday it actually snowed, and hard! But mostly, there was no new snow but plenty of bluebird days and sunshine to warm; it was truly spring skiing. Of course, it snowed (26") the day we left but that's OK. We'd already had our fun and were ready to head home. At the Nail Soup party, Gerry R brought a block of cheese that had traveled to 3 ski trips with her and not yet been opened. Of course, Zod brought that home..... Zod got stopped (twice) by TSA for that block of cheese in his carry on! As of this writing, it remains unopened.



We could not imagine a more fun, warm, welcoming, engaging group of people to spend our week with! We hope to see you on the slopes next year as this wraps up the Piccadilly ski season, but feel free to jump on CMSC's Spring Fling to Mammoth with Kevin Conlin. Until next time, over and out. - **General Zod and Princess Dawn**





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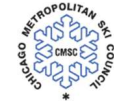


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