

Foxtales

March, 2023



Newsletter Editorial

From the President

Monthly Meetings are usually held the first & third Wednesday of the month at

THE BAR

**2435 W. Nordale Dr.
Appleton.**

Upstairs in the Skybox

Social 7 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

Meetings:

March 1

March 15

Check out our web site:
www.slyfoxskiclub.org

PLEASE JOIN US

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Since the last newsletter, Sly Fox has completed 2 trips. The first was a big one, Meribel, France and Barcelona, Spain. See the Meribel Trip Report on page 6 of this newsletter.

As soon as we got back, we turned around did another trip to Big Powderhorn in Michigan. You can also read about it on page 7 of this newsletter.

With that, the Sly Fox ski season is over. It is now time to start thinking about next season. As a start, we need to nominate a new slate of officers to lead the club for next season's activities. Without volunteers, the Sly Fox Ski Club will grind to a halt. When I got drafted to be Treasurer, 33 years ago, I had to learn computer skills that helped a lot in my day job. It is a rewarding duty to be a club officer. Just keep the focus on skiing & snowboarding. That's what we are all here for.

We need nominations for:

- **President:** Ride herd on the organization. Preside at meetings. See that things get done.
 - **Vice President:** Sell and invoice advertising in our newsletter. Preside at meetings when the President is absent.
 - **Secretary:** Take minutes at Sly Fox Board meetings & distribute the minutes to other board members for comments and corrections.
 - **Treasurer:** Maintain our bank account & keep accurate records of payments and disbursements. Pick up the mail from the PO box. This position comes with a \$300 stipend to be used on Sly Fox ski trips and events.
 - **Advisor:** Past President and advisor
- These five people comprise the voting members of the board, to approve plans and policies of the Sly Fox Ski Club

So pitch in and help keep this great, fun organization running in the future. Our last event of the season, the Spring Banquet, will be at Van Abels in Hollandtown, on Friday, April 21. See the ad & sign-up on page 5.

Tips Up!

Sam Fontaine

Meet up @ Happy Hour
Start the weekend with the Sly Foxes
FUN BEGINS at 5:00

This is not an official club function but rather just an informal gathering of members for Happy Hour at different locations throughout the month.

- **March 3 - Tanner's Sports Bar & Grill (Appleton)**
110 S Nicolet Rd, Appleton
920-815-3567
- **March 10 - Draft Gastro Pub**
664 W. Ridgeview Drive, Grand Chute
920-585-1618
- **March 17 - McGuinness Irish Pub**
201 S. Walnut Street, Appleton
920-830-7616
- **March 24 - Appleton Beer Factory**
603 W. College Avenue, Appleton
920-364-9931
- **March 31 - Rookies Sports Bar & Grill**
325 N Appleton Street, Appleton
920-830-1804
- **April 7 - Milwaukee Burger Co.**
421 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton
920-202-3558

PLEASE JOIN US

Birthdays

MARCH

3 - Timothy Reich
5 - John Kuehni
7 - Anne Abendroth
7 - Paul Datta
8 - John Heiberger
10 - Geoffrey Taylor
14 - Doug Main
15 - Michael Weber
27 - Ann Hiltunen
28 - Gerald Kimiecik
28 - Terry Nelson
28 - Frank Walker
31 - Sandy McMonagle



FRIENDS OF FOXES REWARDS 2023 - 2024

FRIENDS OF FOXES REWARDS program benefits the existing members and builds the membership of our club with new members for the enjoyment and benefits of organized group rate discount ski trips, other club sponsored functions and most of all the camaraderie.

"FRIENDS OF FOXES REWARDS" awards present Sly Fox Ski Club Members with 10 points (or \$10 towards Sly Fox Ski Club sponsored functions) for all New Members they referred, when they join the club.

To receive FOX POINTS, the New Member must document the referring member on their Membership Form when joining the club.

The FOX POINTS can accumulate during the one ski season that they have been earned and can be used towards club trips, the renewal of their present membership dues, Spring and Christmas Holiday banquets.

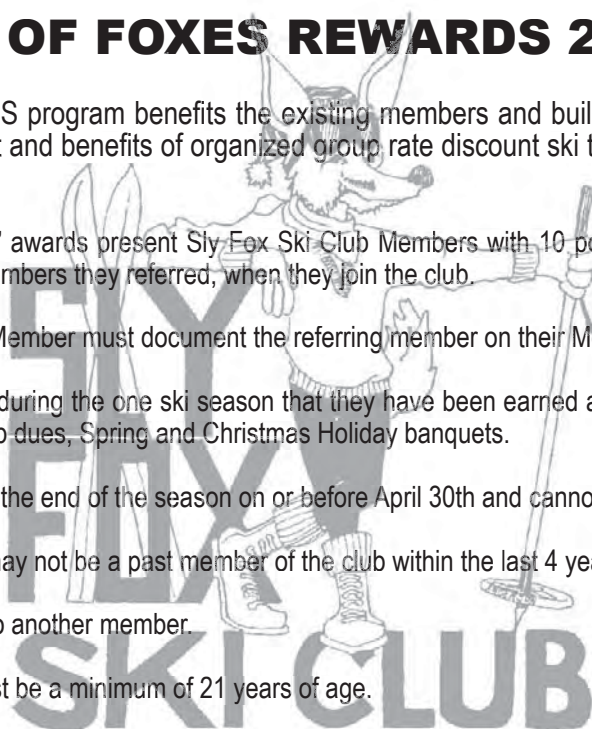
The FOX POINTS must be used by the end of the season on or before April 30th and cannot be carried over to the following year.

The New Member joining the club may not be a past member of the club within the last 4 years or a renewing member.

FOX POINTS are not transferable to another member.

The new and present members must be a minimum of 21 years of age.

The FOX POINTS will be documented by the Treasurer when the New Membership Form with payment is received.



Sly Fox Ski & Snowboard Club
Appleton, Wisconsin
Slyfoxskiclub.org

Meeting Agenda for 2022/2023

- October 5, 2022 1st membership meeting of the year
Welcome, Big Snow trips open for sign up, Sly Fox Annual meeting
- October 19, 2022 Zellers Ski & Sports
Informational speaker, Ski sale/swap Oct. 28-30, 2022
- November 2, 2022 Open Meeting
- November 16, 2022 Attitude Sports, 209 N. Macy St., Fond du Lac
Owner Dave Hasse, services & new products
- December 7, 2022 Open Meeting
- December 14, 2022 Holiday Party,
Red Ox Seafood & Steakhouse, Appleton
- December 21, 2022 No Membership meeting
Pre-trip information for first Big Snow I ski trip
- January 4, 2023 Pre-trip informational meeting Big Snow I
Indianhead & Blackjack Mt., Trip leader Doug Main
- January 18, 2023 Pre-trip informational meeting
France/Barcelona Jan. 27-Feb. 7 (Sam) & Big Snow II Feb. 10-12
Indianhead/Blackjack/Big Powderhorn Mts. (Deb)
- February 1, 2023 Open Meeting
- February 15, 2023 Start nominations for Sly Fox Officers
Members for ideas for meetings & summer events
- March 1, 2023 Nominations for Sly Fox Club Officers
- March 15, 2023 Final nominations & voting
for Sly Fox Club Officers
- April 2023 Spring Banquet---Wrap-up of year's activities



Sly Fox Ski & Snowboard Club

Annual Membership Application/Renewal & Waiver Form

Membership year is May1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

Dues \$25 Per Person <i>Each member <u>must</u> complete an Application/Renewal/Waiver form</i>		☐ Returning Member	☐ New Member
Name:	Birthdate: MM/DD/YYYY		
Address:	Address / Cell Phone / Email has not changed since last year NO YES		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:		
Email:			
<i>I am a new member and referred by club member:</i>			
What ski destinations are you interested in visiting?			
We are always looking for individuals to assist on our committees. Can you help us out? <i>Events, WEB, Social Media, Board Member, Marketing, Trip Leader/Assistant Trip Leader</i>			YES NO

READ WAIVER BEFORE SIGNING

I certify that I am at least 21 years of age and do hereby accept the policies and practices of the Sly Fox Ski Club. I understand that in my participation in club-sponsored events carries a degree of risk for health concerns, injury or death. I hereby unconditionally waive and release the Sly Fox Ski Club, its Officers Directors, agents and members from any and all liabilities arising from any health concerns, injury, property damage or loss I may suffer as a result of my actions.

Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all foregoing to use any photograph, videotape, motion pictures, recordings or other record of any ski club events for any legitimate purpose. .

Refund for cancelations by the participant must be submitted in writing to the Sly Fox Ski Club Board of Directors, P. O. Box 1613, Appleton WI. 54912-1613. The written request must indicate which specific future Sly Fox event any refunds to be credited towards, or for the Sly Fox Treasurer to issue a refund check. Refunds will only be issued after all of the bills related to the trip have been paid. All decisions on refund amount will be made by the Board of Directors and are final. .

By signing and submitting this form, I agree that I have read and accept the trip policies as set for and by the Sly Fox Ski & Club..

All Sly Fox Ski Club policies and other trip information is posted on the website www.slyfoxskiclub.org

Signature: _____ **Date** _____.

Mail your completed form with payment to:
Sly Fox Ski Club PO Box 1613 Appleton, WI. 54912-1613

Administrative Use *Date:* _____ *Payment Details:* _____

Sly Fox Ski Club Spring Banquet



Enjoy a fun evening to celebrate the 2022-23 ski season and catch up with friends!

Back by popular demand.....Entertainment by Scotty Meyer following dinner

Van Abel's of Hollandtown

8108 County Road D / Kaukauna, WI. 54130

Friday, April 21, 2023

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Cocktails 6pm (cash bar) - Dinner 7pm

RSVP no later than Monday, April 3, 2023

Menu will consist of Family Style
Broasted & Roasted Chicken & Tenderloin Tips dinner
with all the fixings and dessert

**Please contact Julie with any questions or concerns
920.427.2813**

Fill out and return this bottom portion along with your check

Please make checks payable and mail to: Sly Fox Ski Club
PO Box 1613
Appleton, WI 54912-1613

Name:		\$ 25.00 pp
Name:		\$
	Total Enclosed	\$

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Meribel Trip Report

The 3 Valleys in the French Alps is the largest interconnected ski area in the world. From January 28 to February 4, 60 Sly Fox and Gelandesprung members were there, right in the middle of it in Meribel. The extent of the skiing was mind-blowing.

52 of us flew out on Friday, January 27, and after an overnight flight to Zurich, Switzerland, we took a short hop flight to Geneva, Switzerland. Then after a short wait, our charter bus arrived to take us to Meribel. It turned out to be a long ride as the French set up stop and go lights in the middle of a 4 lane superhighway. Seems they wanted to meter the traffic to the mountains. Saturday is when all of the skiers head to the mountains, and traffic was very heavy. This resulted in a 15 mile back up on the freeway. We finally made it after 4 hours on the road. The 8 others, flying from elsewhere in the US had arrived before us early that morning and were already in Meribel. Sue Whitmer was the defacto leader of that group and dubbed them the Early Eight. We checked in at our hotel, Les Arolles and immediately went to our Welcome Party, followed by a 4-course dinner.

Les Arolles is a true ski-in ski-out hotel. A large deck out the back door as right on the ski run and served as a slope side lunch spot. In the ski room on the lower level of the hotel, you put on your ski boots and grabbed your skis and walked out the door and up a few steps on to the run and clicked into your bindings and you were off skiing. At the end of your ski day, you just took the right lift, got off at the midstation and skied to the hotel door.



We had 7 days of blue bird skies, with mild temperatures and light winds. They could have used a bit more snow, but every run was covered. High traffic areas got icy early, but we found decent snow in the next valley over in Courchevel. If you got an early start, you could even find untracked corduroy. Courchevel is another place where "the billionaires are kicking out the millionaires".

On Tuesday, we had a mountain lunch at Chalet Tonia above Meribel. Salad, Tartiflette, dessert, and a shot of Genepe schnapps for the road. Tartiflette, in case you didn't know, is a local specialty of the Savoy region, and we know it as cheesy scalloped potatoes, onions and bacon.



The area we stayed in is technically Meribel-Mottaret. The hotel was on a slope above town and it was about like being at the top of Indianhead with the main lift area below at the bottom of the hill. A little further down the valley was Meribel Center and they were setting up for the World Alpine Ski Championships that were to begin the Monday after we left.



After 6 days of skiing, it was time to pack up and leave. We had our Friday Farewell Party, and of course, Lunar Awards. Second place went to one young lady who left her computer on the airplane in Zurich. This being a working vacation for her, she desperately needed it to complete a project that week. The good news: Swiss Airlines found her computer. The bad news: they could not ship it to her without a signed affidavit that it as hers. Solution: taxi down the valley, rent a car, drive to Zurich, spend the night and drive back the next day. Project completed.

Winner was another young lady got stuck in another valley, Les Menuires (we took to calling it Les Manures), after the lifts closed. This necessitated a 120 EUR taxi ride home. A short distance as the crow flies, but a long journey by car down how many switchbacks to the lower valley, then back up the next valley by another series of switchbacks. Prize: shots of Genepe and bells to remind her when the lifts close.

Saturday morning, the hotel opened breakfast at 6:00 am so we could load our bus and leave by 7. Then a 3 hour bus ride to Geneva Airport, which was an absolute madhouse (skier turnover day), for our flight to Barcelona. Stay tuned next month for our report on Barcelona.

Sam Fontaine, France/Barcelona Trip Leader

BIG POWDER MICHIGAN – FEBRUARY 10-12, 2023



Two days of bluebird skies with wonderful conditions welcomed all 32 of us at Big Powderhorn Mountain.

After a quick organization for a Big Powderhorn trip in February, we traveled from Appleton & Green Bay via Lamers with subs & snacks to arrive at the Quality Inn Ironwood at a great time.

New this year we stayed at the Hotel within an easy walk to Ironwood. There were a couple scheduled trips to/from the mountain

& hotel. We had a great pool with a hot tub with daily breakfast. We didn't even have to drag our skis to our room, they were waiting for us on the morning bus.

Saturday afternoon, we gathered for a Gluhwein warm-up (warm spiced wine) & hot chocolate at the mountains' Big Bird Wine Hut. Of course you have to toast marshmallows over the open fire.

Saturday night was our dinner at the Caribou restaurant. It was nothing but spectacular. We then started the short ride back to the hotel with a slight detour for some to be dropped off at Gabbro Grille/Black River Basin (formerly Loggers at Blackjack). We danced our dinner off to a great show band we saw last year. Of course the bus stopped back to deliver the dancers back to our hotel for a little shut eye.

Sunday was another beautiful day and great conditions at Big Powderhorn. Our Host Bruce at Powderhorn was gracious to allow us to have our cheese & fondue gathering in the upper level, in front of the fireplace, of the Gunbarrel lodge. A true ski lodge experience.

Then back to the mountain for more ski runs. This year the lunar experience was a little lacking. We voted to honor one of our new members, Dan, with the "King of the Mountain" award for the highest amount of runs in a weekend. Wear your "full beer sox" with pride!

I want to thank all of you on this trip, loading/unloading the bus, following the trip itinerary, and all the other cooperation that really helps the trip run smoothly. The trip leader really appreciates your help. Pass the word to fill the bus next year for a great time & the great conditions we had at Big Powderhorn. They are doing a fabulous job at the mountain.

Don't forget, get involved in your club, organize Midwest trips and help run this club for the future. We are here to assist.

Deb Bramschreiber, Big Powder Trip Leader

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