

Foxtales

May 2026



There are no monthly meetings during the summer months.

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We sometimes have summer activities, including Happy Hours every Friday.

No need to be a member to join the summer fun or the Happy Hours & it's a great way to get to meet some of the members. Come & check it out.

See our web site:
www.slyfoxskiclub.org
PLEASE JOIN US

See the Selva Val Gardena Trip Info
Opens Monday, May 11

(NO EARLY SIGN-UP)

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Newsletter Editorial

From the President

Looks like warmer weather is coming and also the end of our 2025 - 2026 ski season. What a good season! The conditions at Crested Butte were warmer than expected, but snow was still on the mountain. At times it felt like you were skiing on a water slide and then you would find a good run with good snow. Having sun shine and warm weather made perfect spring skiing. See the wrap-up on page 8 & 9.

Our Spring Banquet on April 17th was at Van Able's in Hollandtown and it was as excellent as always. We had a nice turnout to enjoy three different entries. Music was a great accompaniment to our food and drinks.

We now set our sights to spring and warmer temperatures to enjoy Wisconsin's activities. If anyone wants to plan an activity, let someone on the board know.

The executive board will continue to work out the details on the 2027 International trip to Salva Val Gardena, Italy. Details can be found on pages 5, 6 & 7 of this newsletter. Sign-up begins on May 11th.

Thanks to all the club members for making the 2025-26 ski season a wonderful success. Looking forward to our future upcoming events/activities!

Randy Zurbuchen

We are still looking for a person for the Treasurer's position. It has a \$300 stipend to be used on any trip or event.

Meet up @ Happy Hour
Start the weekend with the Sly Foxes
FUN BEGINS between 5:00 & 6:00

This is not an official club function but rather just an informal gathering of members & non-members for Happy Hour at different locations throughout the month. We generally meet in the bar first & then get a table if you want to stay and eat. Sometimes locations are subject to change due to conflicts or closings.

- **May 1 - Holidays Pub & Grill (Appleton)**
3950 N Richmond Street, Appleton
920-416-6401
- **May 8 - Game Day**
N225 Stony Brook Road, Appleton
920-830-2510
- **May 15 - Michiels Bar & Grill**
1100 Appleton Road, Menasha
920-722-7885
- **May 22 - Spats**
733 W. College Avenue, Appleton
920-738-7171
- **May 29 - Batley's Grill & Bar (Formerly Ground Round)**
1010 Cameron Way, Neenah
920-725-1010
- **June 5 - Stone Yard (Greenville)**
N1739 Lily of the Valley Drive, Greenville
920-750-6960

PLEASE JOIN US & LEARN ABOUT THE CLUB!

Birthdays

MAY

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- 1 - Carl Springer
 - 2 - Dana / John Hansen
 - 2 - Barbara Henning
 - 15 - Amy Rogers
 - 19 - Jennifer Schreiter-Pethan
 - 23 - Chuck Cerull
 - 25 - Deb Bramschreiber
 - 29 - Lisa Breu

FRIENDS OF FOXES REWARDS 2026 - 2027

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

Annual Membership Application/Renewal & Waiver
 Membership year is May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW

Dues \$25 Per Person <i>Each member <u>must</u> complete an Application/Renewal/Waiver form</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Returning Member <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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. .

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.

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 & Snowboard 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: _____



2026-2027 SLY FOX SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

Appleton, WI.

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Trip Chair Sam Fontaine, trips@slyfoxskiclub.org



SELVA VAL GARDENA ITALY (7nts) & TAORMINA, SICILY / ITALY (4nts)

Fri. JANUARY 15 – Wed. JANUARY 27, 2027

\$3900*pp (dbl occupancy - *price varies by Selva hotel)

64 spots available Opens for sign up May 11, 2026
Not postmarked earlier! Initial deposit \$1000 with sign-up

Details & sign up posted May 1st on Sly Fox website & in May Newsletter
visit slyfoxskiclub.org



"Legendary 8" - The most beautiful slopes in Val Gardena.

The eight most beautiful ski runs in Val Gardena are so exceptional that they've been awarded the title of "Legendary 8". Come and discover them one by one!

What's Included:

All motor coach transfers to/from Green Bay, Appleton, Chicago, Venice, Selva, Milan, Catania & Taormina (Sicily).

Flights (to/from): Lufthansa airline – Chicago, Venice (connection Frankfurt), ITA airline (to/from) Milan, Catania Sicily

Return to US – Lufthansa Catania (with connections) to Chicago.

Selva - 7 nights lodging, 4-star Hotel Antares & 3-star Hotel des Alpes.
Includes: *Daily breakfast & nightly dinner included.*

Taorminia, (Sicily) Italy - 4 nights lodging, 4-star Hotel Excelsior Palace.
Includes: *Daily breakfast included.*

Not included – Lift Passes are not included. Examples of passes below.

- 6-day Dolomiti Superski pass will be about \$535, \$480 Sr 65+
- Ikon Pass valid for 7-days skiing in the Dolomiti Superski area, 5-days with Ikon Base Pass.

Sam Fontaine, Trip Chair & Trip Leader, trips@SlyFoxSkiClub.org

BIG POWDERHORN MT. BESSEMER, MICHIGAN

FEBRUARY 19-21, 2027

Trip priced to be determined

Trip opens for sign-up
October 7, 2026



Initial deposit \$100 with sign-up

WHAT'S INCLUDED!

**Round Trip Motorcoach –
Appleton/Green Bay**

Sub sandwiches, snacks, bottled water
also cooler of ice for the ride up.

**2 Nights lodging (2 queen beds)
Quality Inn Ironwood Hotel**

Indoor pool with hot tub.

2 days Hot breakfast buffet

Note: Short motor coach ride (5-10 min) to
Big Powderhorn Mountain.

2 Day Lift Pass Powderhorn Mt.

*Powderhorn Legend Pass accepted
(Must be age 75+) receive \$75 trip deduction
Secure gathering room provided at lodge for
our group. Store your equipment Saturday
night in the secured room.*

**Saturday night group dinner-
Big Shots Sports Bar & Grill**

Directly across from our hotel

Sunday - Chili Lunch with all the fixins'

Motor coach schedule:

GREEN BAY: Departs earlier when loaded
Loads / 5pm & Departs / 5:15pm no later
The Woods GC, 530 Erie Road

APPLETON: Pick-up 5:30pm-5:45pm approx.
Location Ballard Park & Ride
Full Itinerary prior to departure.

Trip Leader Deb B. trips@slyfoxskiclub.org

Sly Fox Ski & Snowboard Club Presents

Selva Val Gardena, Italy

Taormina, Italy (4 nts)

\$3900*

64 spots available



Friday, January 15 to Wednesday, January 27, 2027

Includes!

- Lamers Motor Coach transfer to/from Green Bay, Appleton to/from Chicago O'Hare Airport.
- Flight on Lufthansa to Venice (change in Frankfurt), arriving Jan 16
- Motor Coach transfer to Selva.
- 7 nights lodging at the 4-star Hotel Antares and 3-star Hotel des Alpes
- Daily breakfast and dinner nightly.
- Motor Coach transfer to Milan Linate Airport and ITA flight to Catania, Saturday, Jan 23.
- Motor Coach transfer to Hotel Excelsior Palace, Taormina, Italy. (Sicily)
- 4 nights lodging at the 4-star Hotel Excelsior Palace, including daily breakfast.
- Motor Coach transfer to Catania Airport and ITA and Lufthansa Air flight to Chicago Wednesday, Jan 27.

Not included

- Lift Tickets are not included. 6-day Dolomiti Superski pass will be about \$535, \$480 Sr 65+
- Ikon Pass valid for 7-days skiing in the Dolomiti Superski area, 5-days with Ikon Base Pass

Trip open for signup on May 11, 2026. (postmarked no earlier)

Initial deposit of \$1000 required.

Second payment of \$1000 is due July 7, 2026.

Final balance is due November 4, 2026

***Prices vary by Hotel in Selva**

\$3900pp Hotel Antares

\$3850pp Hotel des Alpes, only 7 rooms

(double occupancy – per room)

Selva Val Gardena Trip with Taormina, Italy Extension - Details and Terms and Sign Up

We can take up to 64 people total.

25 Double rooms at Hotel Antares.....7 Double rooms at Hotel des Alpes

Given that, we will attempt to get your preferred lodging options for people who sign up first

Full Trip Price: Varies by Hotel in Selva - See above. All prices are double occupancy

Deduct Air: \$1335. Your own air transportation to Venice and from Catania. We can provide prices on an individual basis, which must be paid when selected.

Deduct Taormina: \$550. You will have to find your own transport from O'Hare airport back to Appleton or Green Bay.

Deduct O'Hare bus: \$100

Deviations: \$200, charge for alternate itineraries (stay-overs, alternate airports) plus any added airfare, only available before November 1, 2026.

Trip is open for signup on May 11, 2026. Initial deposit of \$1000 required.

Second payment of \$1000 is due July 7, 2026.

Final balance is due November 4, 2026.

Cancellation fees are as follows: Free until July 7, 2026

\$600 from July 8 to October 1, 2026

\$1200 from October 2 to November 4, 2026

Full amount after November 4, 2026

While cancellation fees can be waived if a substitute can be found for the spot, there will be a minimum \$200 cancellation fee plus any costs associated with the change. After airline tickets are issued on November 5, they are non-refundable less and nonchangeable (no name changes allowed).

This trip has been priced at an exchange rate of 1.00 EUR = \$1.18 US. While there is a contingency allowance built in to the trip, any extreme change in the rates could increase the cost of the trip which is the responsibility of the trip participants. If the exchange rate turns in our favor, added benefits will be included (parties, transport tickets, activities, etc).

Adequate insurance in case of accidents, skier mountain evacuation, emergency medical treatment, and evacuation home, delays including Covid quarantine costs and airline change fees and travel back to Appleton/Green Bay is recommended.

A valid passport is required, and should have an expiration date no earlier than July 27, 2027 (6 months validity beyond the trip completion date).

Due to the extra airline fees required for luggage of more than one checked item, and bus storage limitations, I STRONGLY recommend that you rent skis in Selva and leave yours at home. Estimated ski transport cost is \$600.

Membership in the Sly Fox Ski Club or the Gelandesprung Ski Club is a requirement to sign up.

Do not mail before May 11, 2026

Send to: Sly Fox Ski Club, PO Box 1613, Appleton, WI 54912-1613

Yes, sign me up for the Selva trip. I have read the conditions stated above and agree to the terms.

NAME exactly as it appears on your passport.

Use Skier #2 ONLY if both are at the same address:

PLEASE PRINT

Skier 1 _____

Skier 2 _____

Preferred Lodging _____

Single _____, Triple (with additional roommate) _____

Date of Birth (Mo/Day/year) Skier 1 _____ Sex (M/F) _____ Skier 2 _____ Sex (M/F) _____

Passport number Skier 1 _____ Skier 2 _____

Passport Expiration Date Skier 1 _____ Skier 2 _____

Address (street, city, zip) _____

Cell phone number with area code #1) _____ #2) _____

Email address #1) _____

Email address #2) _____

Skier 1 Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Skier 2 Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Note, put any deviations of the flight itinerary, Deducts, Alternate airports here and I will get back to you with a price.

Signature: Skier 1 _____ Date _____

Signature Skier 2 _____ Date _____

Questions? Contact Sam Fontaine, samfont@athenet.net

Crested Butte Report

You may have heard that it was a dry winter in the West this year. Well, it was. Add to that, temperatures in the high 50's in bright sunshine, it made for a different kind of ski trip. Minimal clothing was the norm. I felt a little sorry for the ski instructors who still had to wear their heavy winter uniforms. The rest of us wore light jackets, and some in just T-shirts, and some even less!

Only about 40% of the mountain was open and many lifts were closed. Nonetheless, there was plenty open, and if you started at 10 am, and quit at 1 pm, there was plenty to keep you occupied. The runs higher on the mountains softened up nicely by 11 am.

Back to the beginning, another very early bus ride to Milwaukee Airport, then a smooth United flight to Denver, then a 5-hour bus ride to Crested Butte. Why not fly to Gunnison, you ask? When we tried that 20 years ago, it turned into something of disaster, with many delayed a day getting and many did not get their luggage until the day they left. So the bus was safer and it was indeed a pretty drive, going over Monarch Pass.

Eight participants arrived simultaneously from Telluride and the Gelandesprung trip, and we settled into The Plaza condos, walking distance to the lifts (uphill of course).

Friday morning, it was off to ski. Another warm, bluebird Colorado day. We quickly got accustomed to the conditions and started to enjoy it. By early afternoon, we discovered Jose's deck at the Elevation Hotel overlooking the slopes. There, they had the deal of the week. \$2 Pabst Blue Ribbon! All Day! At 3 pm, the DJ started cranking up the tunes, and even got us up dancing. Then we found a shot-ski behind the bar, so we had to put it to use.



Saturday was another warm sunny day. Skiing again was good from 10 am to 2 pm. There were two great bands at Jose's deck. The first played from 1 pm to 3:30 pm, did a lot of Allman Brothers covers. The second played all Grateful Dead, blending some tunes together nonstop for up to 40 minutes. They played for 3:30 to 6.

The town of Crested Butte was worth going to. A free bus connected the ski resort with the town in a matter of minutes. Crested Butte is of course chock full of adorable shops, as well as many restaurants at somewhat more reasonable prices than the ones at the resort.



Sunday was our last ski day, and the big event was the Al Johnson Telemark ski race. The race started at the Paradise Lodge on the backside of the mountain. It began with an uphill climb about halfway up the Paradise Lift, then ski back down to Paradise, then another uphill climb to the finish. There were a few serious racers, but most participants dressed up in wild costumes. Sunflowers, and the Italian plumbers Mario and Luigi were a few that stood out. The wildest however,



were 4 skiers who build a cardboard Ghostbusters Mobile. This required the four skiers to climb and ski in absolute coordinated manner to prevent their contraption from collapsing.

Sunday night was our farewell event in the ground floor common area of The Plaza. We ordered out pizzas and it was BYOB. After going over our departure procedures, it was time for Lunar Award nominations. There were few nominations that elicited some mild chuckles, but one that was a hands down winner.

Mary Anne Herwig apparently got locked in the bathroom at Jose's Mexican Restaurant and Deck. I say apparently, as she was desperately pounding on the door and calling for help. Patty Graveen was outside waiting to get in and heard her. Another lady in line called building security, Patty managed to get the door open to find Mary Anne trying to open the door to the broom closet! Photo shows the source of her confusion.



So Monday morning it was time to leave. We loaded the bus at 10 am and we were off for the 5-hour drive to Denver airport. All in all, it was a smooth trip to Milwaukee and bus ride home.

Thanks again to all the helpers on the trip. Bus loaders and unloaders. And I want to welcome our first timers on a Sly Fox Trip, Leigh Fieweger, Tim Helbing, and Karla Zahn. Hope you had a good time, like the rest of us.

Sam Fontaine

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