



Piccadilly^{Ski} Club

September 2024

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Next Meetings:

Thurs, Sept 5, 7pm

Thurs, Sept 19, 7pm

Miller's Ale House | 455 Butterfield Rd | Lombard

Club Officer's Email: ComeSkiWithUs@piccadillyskiclub.com

From the President:

Hello everyone,

Wow! Fall is here. The rhythms of the season are comforting: Nights are cooler, the Cubs are below .500, the Sox are waaaaay below .500, and hope springs eternal in the hearts of Bears fans. Most importantly, we PSC'ers turn our thoughts and hearts to the excellent slate of trips we have this season.

Before I go further, I gotta say our annual August kick-off picnic was a smash hit. The weather was perfect, the food was amazing, and the beer was good-&-cold. Everyone had a great time swapping stories and sharing laughs. A shout-out to Johnny O. and everyone who helped make it a great time!

This ski season we're heading to Chestnut Mountain for our weekend trip. We have a great price on this, and Chestnut is a gem. I'm looking forward to skiing Mine Shaft and Eagle. Additionally, nearby Galena offers a wealth of activities and restaurant choices not normally available with Midwest destinations. Of course, we'll also have our 1-day magical mystery bus trip. Our out-west trips are almost full, but if you want to go on one, please do get on the waiting lists, as there are always last-minute cancellations and trip expansions. Also, be on the look-out for possible pop-up trips.

Our September begins with a little excursion to our favorite Bubblehouse, and we have a hike at Cranberry Slough followed by a lunch at Mo's. Read on for details on all of this. If you missed the picnic, these events are a great chance to get back into the PSC swing of things. One programming note. If you didn't know, our general meetings are again twice per month, occurring on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Miller's Ale House. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. It's always a fun time. 😊

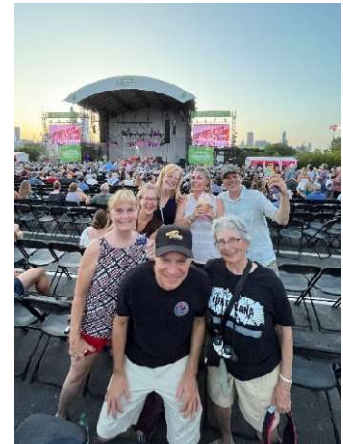
---Paul F.---

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 Business Card checked out the animals at Lincoln Park Zoo with Johnny O



Right: Piccadilly Business Card rocked out to music at Northerly Island along with Paul F, Terry T, Vicki S, Dawn R, Sandy L, Allison S and Michael D.



Left: PSC Business Card and Plastic Beach Wallet gambled away all their ski money, then hung out at the Bellagio pool in beautiful Las Vegas. Al & Cindy S drove the getaway car.



Right: Piccadilly Business Card was watching 'The Gingers' at Roscoe Village Burger Fest with Julian F



Left: Piccadilly Business Card overdid the cotton candy at the McLean County Fair in Bloomington with Jackie & Wally D, and grandkids.



Right: Piccadilly Business Card channeled its inner Lance Armstrong and rode the I&M Canal trail with Kevin C, Dar & Ken M, Eileen A, Becky B, Jim H., Nancy M, John 'Rusty' W, Dean F, Janice B, and Antonina L.



Left: Piccadilly Business Card strolled the majestic centennial gardens at Morton Arboretum with Patty N and Dawn R.

Right: Piccadilly Business Card sipped wine and watched Polo at Arranmore Farms



Left: Looky who Piccadilly Business Card ran into at the Westmont Car show? None other than member Bill Gleason, and our own Mike R.

Right: New PSC Ball Cap went shopping at the Old Country Store in Moultonborough, NH, with Larry & Clare Ann H



Take Piccadilly on your next adventure!

Piccadilly Membership Season Continues

Yes, the Membership Window for the 2024-2025 ski season is open. You must be a member to sign up and go on a PSC overnight trip. Dues for RENEWING members are \$25; If you are brand new to the club, the dues are \$30. After Ski Bee on 11/7, all dues are \$30.



Please write a separate check and write "Membership" in the comment line. Do not forget to:

1. Sign Your Check
2. Sign the Membership Form
3. Print your E-mail address
4. Fill out the questions at the bottom of the form for your Work Status, and Ski Ability
5. Highlight anything that changed from last year.

Finally, we really want to GROW PSC. Tell us how you discovered our club, so we know where to look for more great members like you. - **Larry Himmelblau, Membership Chair/Historian**



- *Ski Safety*
- *Ski News*
- *Ski Fun*

A Short History of Skiing – PART 3

Skiing takes off in the twentieth century

The first Winter Olympics was held in Chamonix, France in 1924, where the first skiing event debuted. At this first Olympics, only traditional Nordic skiing events were held. Downhill events were first included in the 1936 games in Berlin, Germany.

1936 also saw the installation of the first chairlift in Sun Valley, Idaho – built at the Union Pacific railroad shops in Council Bluffs IA. Lift devices such as rope tows and later gondolas were soon seen in many major ski areas making multiple times down the hill much easier.



The 10th Mountain Division was created by the US War Department to help prevent a Nazi invasion and trained outside Vail (Credit: Vail Resorts)

Skis themselves underwent many improvements. Rudolph Lettner from Austria created the steel edge in 1928 giving skiers a better grip on hard snow. Now a better carved edge could be achieved. Unfortunately, it was held on by screws which frequently fell out. The skier had to carry extra screws, a screwdriver, and sometimes an extra edge to replace when their edge fell off.



The unit played a very important role in a battle against Nazi forces in Italy (Credit: Vail Resorts)

In Norway, a three-layer laminated ski was introduced in 1932. Laminated skis were in use before this time but often fell apart because water made the layers delaminate. A new type of glue used in the aircraft industry that was both water and weatherproof solved this problem. Now several different types of materials could successfully be laminated and stay together. Aluminum had been researched in France for a few years but made its first appearance in skis by 1945. Howard Head produced the first successful metal ski using aluminum, plywood, plastic, and steel for edges in 1949. The flexible contact cement used allowed different components to work together without weakening. By 1968 fiberglass was used more often than wood or metal. Improvements in boots came soon after when Bob Lange invented the plastic shelled boot.

One very important note in the development of ski resorts was the return of the 10th Mountain Division of the United States Army after World War Two. They trained in the early 1940's near Leadville, Colorado and at Cooper Ski area and were the only combat unit dedicated to alpine

warfare. In late 1944 they were shipped to Italy and fought the Nazis in many battles and saw 114 days of combat. In 1960 a young 10th Mountain Division veteran, named Pete Seibert, was working at Loveland Ski Resort. He saw some land nearby and along with some others purchased the land and turned it into a ski resort. They called it Vail. The heroes of the 10th Mountain Division are responsible for the establishment of 62 ski areas in the United States.

Changes came quickly to the ski world after this. Man-made snow was created at Grossingers Resort in New York in 1952. The World Cup of skiing was created by Bob Beattie, the US team coach, in 1967. Warren Miller began producing his films delighting skiers with other skiers performing challenging ski stunts in beautiful settings. Freestyle skiing became recognized as a sport and was first seen at the Calgary Winter Olympics in 1988. Who can forget 'Eddie The Eagle' competing against improbable odds but winning over the world with his against all odds personality?



Seibert and other 10th Division alumni founded more than 60 ski resorts across the US (Credit: Vail Resorts)

Shaped skis appeared in the 1990's along with fat, wide skis for deep snow. Ski fashion also saw changes as lighter more breathable fabrics made ski wear more comfortable and drier. Ski resorts have evolved into family-friendly vacation destinations with many activities, such as ice-skating rinks, restaurants, snow shoeing, and zip lining in addition to skiing to keep everyone busy. Who knows what the future will be. It's come a long way from a means of survival, to a fun vacation. Maybe jet packs to get us up the mountain ?

- Your Ski Meister, Jackie



Hey all you Piccadilly skiers who don't own their own equipment. Want to hear how to avoid the long lines and aggravation of equipment rental at the mountain? Rent your stuff BEFORE you get to the mountain. Here's some places to call. These places are seasonal rental only but worth it if you are planning on several days of skiing.

- King Keyser - Hinsdale - 630-323-4320 -\$329
- Viking - Barrington - 847-381-1188 -\$349
- Viking - Chicago - 773-276-1222 -\$349

These are last years rates :

- Goskind Ski and Soccer - Chicago - 773-586-2577 - \$229
- Scandinavian Ski Shop - Glenview - 847-729-0550 - \$300 before Oct 1, \$350 after Oct 1.
- Williams Ski Shop - 847-831-4300 - in Highland Park will do weekend rentals at \$35 per day.

Happy skiing - Jackie, Your Ski Meister



KEEP STOCKED UP ON YOUR CARDS!

***Share Piccadilly with your friends
and keep our club growing strong!***

Grab some business cards for the wallet or purse at the next meeting. (The newest version have Miller's Ale House on them, and our 7pm meeting time.) Carry them with you, and hand them out to prospective members.... An easy way to invite a friend to check us out!

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, 9/5** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Sat, 9/7** – CMSC Picnic at Norge Ski Jump. Mark your calendars
- **Sun, 9/8** – **NEW DATE**- 2pm-4pm - Happy Hour, Bubblehouse Brewery. Sign up on MeetUp
- **Sat, 9/14** – **NEW DATE** – 5pm/7pm - Dinner for 12 and a Show! Kamehachi – Please review/adjust your Sign up on MeetUp to reflect availability on this new date
- **Thur, 9/19** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Sat, 9/28** – 10am Hike /Noon Lunch - Cranberry Slough Hike & Lunch

- **Thur, 10/3** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Wed, 10/16** – Save the Date – Warren Miller Movie at the Tivoli.
- **Thur, 10/17** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount - Halloween Mtg
- **Sun, 10/27** – **12noon** CST Kickoff – **NEW TIME** - Bears vs Commanders, Suburbanite Bowl Appreciation Event

- **Fri 11/1** –Bowling Night. **Suburbanite Bowl – New Venue**
- **Thur, 11/7** – 7pm - General Mtg, SKI BEE/Membership Open House - Save The Date
- **Thurs, 11/14** – King Keyser Night, Mark your calendars
- **Thur, 11/21** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount



THANK YOU!

Hats off to Carmen Baldo and his team at Special T Unlimited for getting our Baseball Caps to us super quick! They turned out great and we handed them out at the picnic in August! Thanks Carmen!

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**



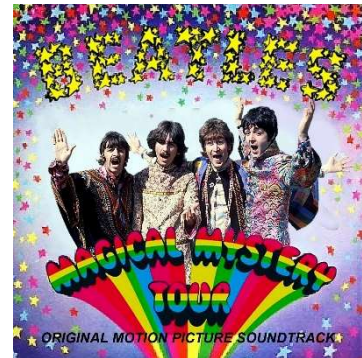
Trip Updates

Mystery One Day Trip

This January come take a ride on the Magical Mystery Tour!

Laura Schuurman, our consummate trip leader, is calling you to channel your inner John, Paul, George, or Ringo! Jump aboard for this fun day-long adventure to seek the best snow in the area. Come dressed for a Magical Mystery Tour; you're encouraged to dress for the occasion but to use whatever you already have at home. No need to rush out to buy something.

This psychedelic one-day ski adventure is the perfect way to get your "ski legs" back in shape, try out new equipment, or even try skiing! Everyone 21 and older is welcome. \$159 gets you a one-day lift ticket, transportation to/from the hill, PSC membership for the day, and a ride aboard the magical mystery party bus! Contact Trip Leader, Laura Schuurman, to start your adventure today! schuurmanlaura860@gmail.com



Chestnut Mountain



Now for some more really big news: Chestnut Mountain is the place for the weekend, January 31 through February 2, 2025. For \$340 we will have two nights of lodging and 2 days of lift tickets. Get up whenever you are ready to hit the slopes with your first run, as the hill is just steps from your hotel room door. It's a drive up yourself/carpool trip. This means that the lovely town of Galena is fully accessible to

you with the convenience of your own vehicle for dinner, shopping, wine tasting, or a spa experience. Here's another chance to ski with Piccadilly friends at the hidden gem of the Midwest on the mighty Mississippi.

*Sign-ups for both of these Midwest trips started at the picnic August 11th and continue at each meeting in person, or contact your trip leader direct! **See you on the slopes, Jackie and Julian***

Trip Name	Trip Dates	Pricing	Status	Contact Info
Turks & Caicos	12/7-12/12/24	\$1910/\$2301	Wait List	Carol Votava Cavotava@gmail.com
Winter Park, CO	1/10 – 1/14/25	\$1229	Wait List	Carole Kempf carolekempf13@gmail.com
One Day Magical Mystery Tour	1/18/25	\$159	Open	Laura Schuurman schuurmanlaura860@gmail.com
Chestnut Mt Drive Up	1/31 – 2/2/25	\$340	Open	Jackie Dudek jackied718@comcast.net
Whistler Blackcomb	2/8 – 2/15/25	\$1900 + EPIC	Wait List	Mike Roche mikeroche417@gmail.com
CMSC Jackson Hole	2/22 – 3/1/25	\$2240	Open – 1 female	Lynn Consdorf lmcraft58@gmail.com
Snowmass, CO	3/15 – 3/22/25	\$2649	2 Spots Open	Terry Turlek turlekt@gmail.com

Trip Payments Due this month*

9/5/24

Turks & Caicos \$250
Whistler \$300
Snowmass \$375



9/19/24

Winter Park \$250
Chestnut \$100
Jackson Hole \$350

** Please turn in your checks promptly, during meetings at Miller's, or mail to P.O. Box 207, Downers Grove, IL 60515. All checks are made out to Piccadilly Ski Club; please note in the memo section which trip to apply payment. Thank you. - Julian & Jackie*



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>

Social Details

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



NEXT 2 MEETINGS: Sept 5 & Sept 19

Please RSVP on MeetUp for the meetings so we can provide a more accurate headcount to Miller's for staffing and service. Thank you!

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

Bubblehouse Brewery Happy Hour, Sun., 9/8, NEW DATE, 2pm-4pm



Since we had a great time on our last visit, and apparently we haven't yet offended anyone, let's try this again! Our very own member Larry H. made the discovery on this unique brewery. Thx Larry! Come and enjoy their Ales, Stouts, IPAs, fruity ciders, and seltzers. They do not have food on site, but might have a food truck onsite that day, and will alert us. You can, however, bring your own snacks. This is our opportunity to bring a cornucopia of your

favorite appetizers, desserts, sides or just yourself. We are expecting a nice variety of food (from all those great chefs in the club 😊) to munch on while we mingle and solve world problems (this gets to be more prominent the more we mingle and imbibe!). I will do a repeat and bring my "Southwestern deviled eggs" to share.... (Note the catchy appetizer name created by our marketing team - Dawn R. LOL 😊) You just might meet new friends and enjoy new foods by the end of the event.



Please sign up on meetup, so Bubblehouse can plan ahead for us. We look forward to having another great turnout and a fun time. **Bubblehouse: 2121 Ogden Ave., Unit A, Lisle. - John O**

NEW DATE - Dinner for 12 – and a Show!, Kamehachi, Chicago, Sat, 9/14, 5pm/7pm

Join us for a “lucky” dinner at Kamehachi-Old Town on the NEW DATE OF Saturday 9/14. Kamehachi means “eight turtles” in Japanese and both the number 8 and turtles are symbols for good luck in Japan. Kamehachi is Chicago’s first sushi restaurant, since 1967. Don’t fret - they feature a full menu, not just sushi.

<https://kamehachi.com/locations/chicago-old-town/> We will meet for dinner at 5:00 PM, enjoy great food and drink, and then head upstairs to experience BATSU!

<https://batsulive.com/chicago/index.html>



In Japan, there is a style of comedy known as *batsu game*, where comedians compete in challenges of all kinds with the losers receiving a punishment. BATSU! brings this comedy style to America, with comedians competing to avoid electric shocks, paintballs, a giant egg-smashing chicken, and many more hilarious jaw-dropping punishments! Four American comedy warriors face off in challenges to avoid painful, humiliating, and ridiculous punishments! The bravest audience members may also volunteer (upon signing a waiver) to participate in some of the challenges to win honor or suffer punishment.



You can also purchase a BATSU! branded headband, or hachimaki, traditionally worn by warriors. The world-famous Sake Ninja may be short on words, but for those who wear a hachimaki headband with honor, this sneaky assassin of sobriety will pour random cups of sake. This is NOT unlimited free sake, but the Sake Ninja will be sure to circulate throughout the night. The performers of BATSU! are members of the acclaimed comedy group Face Off Unlimited, dubbed “Really Funny!” by the New York Times, and also regularly appear on television, film, and stage.

The dinner will be on your own, but we need to prepurchase the tickets to BATSU! The cost is \$43.20/person and the hachimaki headband can be purchased when we are there for \$20 each. BTW – the hachimaki are yours to keep, if (when) you come back for another show you can wear the one you bought, and the Sake Ninja will find you.

[To reserve your spot, Please adjust your sign up on MeetUp to reflect your availability for the new date!!!!!! then email Julian Franklin at \[julianf@att.net\]\(mailto:julianf@att.net\) for confirmation.](#)

Cranberry Slough Hike & Lunch at Mo's. Sat., 9/28, 10am-12noon



Palos Preserves, Cook County

Tucked away in the Palos Preserves in southwestern Cook County, **Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve** was only the fifth nature preserve in Illinois when it was dedicated in 1965. Distinguished by its peat bog ecosystem cradled by rolling upland woods, the site is a relic of the glacial era and supports habitats

uncommon this far south. This hike will start in the parking lot (at the east end of the lot near the loop) and continue in a circle around the bog and historical trail for about 2 ½ miles. After the hike, we will “mosey” on over to Mo’s Willow Pub for lunch. By then we will be thirsty and hungry. Getting to Cranberry Slough: Take Rte 83 south from Willowbrook to Archer 171 east (left) to 95th St south (right) past Maple Lake to Country Lane Woods parking lot to the loop end where we meet.

Mo’s Willow Pub & Grub for Lunch - Get ready to step back in time and experience an old quaint setting, as you make yourself comfortable. The pot roast sandwich is always a delicious start, they also have fried pickles, but other menu options can also satiate your palate. Mo’s Willow Pub & Grub (8524 Archer Ave, Willow Springs) has an appeal to times in the not-so-distant past that we may enjoy stepping back into as we congregate and enjoy some great conversations with your hiking buds.

Please sign up on Meetup for the ***hike, lunch or both***, so we can let the Tavern know how many to expect. - ***See you on the trail!*** - ***John O***



October Meeting - Halloween Trivia, **Thur, 10/17, 7pm**

Wear a costume and pop some Prevegen! Everyone needs to come prepared and brushed up on all things Halloween as Johnny O has done it again and come up with the ultimate brain challenge. How well do YOU know Halloween????? Come find out! You too could win some fabulous prizes and some candy. Boo!

Suburbanite Bowl Appreciation Event, Sun, 10/27, 12noon Kickoff



Washington Commanders Host the Chicago Bears



Come on out and root for the Bears! This is our way of showing appreciation for our longtime friends at Suburbanite Bowl in Westmont who have allowed us to park in their lot during our Midwest, and One Day trips. Food can be ordered from across the street at Zazzo's Pizza. They have done a good job of delivering food orders across the street to us in the bar. Let's all gather to say thank you!

Suburbanite Bowl, 201 W. Ogden, Westmont. (630) 968-2200 - John O

Bowling Night – New Venue - Friday 11/1 – 6:30pm – 9:30pm

PSC Bowling Night – Change of Venue. Oops! New Location.....Despite best efforts, the Tivoli will not work this year. So, now we're bowling at:



Suburbanite Bowl
201 West Ogden Avenue
Westmont, IL

Friday November 1st
6:30p-8:30p - Bowling
6:30p-9:30p - Party Room and Food

Two hours of bowling, plenty of good food and great friends. All for the low, low, less than skiing price of \$30 per person. **RSVP and Pay directly to Linda Cooper 630-632-5623 or cooper.linda@comcast.com** Will accept Venmo, Zelle, or a Check made payable to Linda Cooper. **Please note you will only be considered signed up/reserved for this event upon receipt of payment.**

It'll do you no good to hide my shoes Alice, 'cause I'm going bowling regardless! – Ralph Kramden
(Name that TV show) 😊 - Linda





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

CMSC EVENT SCHEDULE

***Sept 07, 2024 – FREE CMSC Picnic**, Norge Ski Jump in Fox River Grove, home to the 2018 & 2022 Olympic Athletes. Gates open at 12noon Saturday. Includes a ski jump show, plus lunch: Grilled Burgers, Hot Dogs & World-Famous Brats, Nonalcoholic beverages Participants are allowed to bring in their own alcoholic beverages. Camping is Free and available both Friday and Saturday nights. REGISTRATION: CMSC website skicmsc.com, point to CMSC Events and click on CMSC Picnic. Or register at the gate. NORGE SKI JUMP , 100 Ski Hill Rd, Fox River Grove IL. Patrick Clark, C.M.S.C. Picnic rep, 630-728-0896 , patrickskiclark@gmail.com

***Sept 27 – 29, 2024 – CANCELLED** Windy City Ski and Snowboard Show,

***Jan 24 – Feb 5, 2025** CMSC Europe – Andermatt-Sedrun, Switzerland, which is now owned by Vail Resorts. There will be an extension to Lucerne, Switzerland. Info is available on CMSC website at www.skicmsc.com or contact Steve Patzer at scpatzer@hotmail.com

***Feb 1 – 2, 2025:** Travel & Adventure Show, Donald E. Stevens Convention Center in Rosemont.

***Feb 22 – March 1, 2025-** CMSC Chicago Week – Jackson Hole, WY. If you would like to join the trip, please connect with Lynn Consdorf, Piccadilly Trip Leader. So far, the CMSC attendance is 10 clubs and 154 people.

***April 2 – 7, 2025:** CMSC Spring Fling – Steamboat, CO. Trip packages starting at \$1,046/pp + air. Includes ground transportation, 5 nights lodging at newly renovated Holiday Inn (Dbl Occ), daily hot breakfast, and a 4-day lift ticket (Ikon base plus accepted). Contact Kevin Conlon at kconz1@aol.com or 708-906-9517 for more info.

Feb 28 – March 7, 2026:** CMSC Chicago Week – Snowmass, CO *Save the Dates**** More info to follow.

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



National Ski Council Federation News

❖ Online Silent Auction runs from October 2023 – November 2024. Check it out!

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

Piccadilly Gives Back

This Go Fund Me link is being shared by our ski council to all CMSC clubs and we are sharing it with our PSC Family for your information and consideration.



On the most recent CMSC Europe trip, Dan Spencer, member of Duneland Ski Club, fell resulting in fractured vertebrae in his neck and causing paralysis from the neck down.

Dan's wife set up a "Go Fund Me" page with the goal of raising \$25,000 to pay for a generator for his home and other needed medical devices. Please consider donating to this very worthy cause to help Dan in his miraculous recovery. Please add your contact information so that his family can Thank You for donating.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-dans-miraculous-recovery-journey>

And while you know that Piccadilly does not endorse any particular causes, charities, or companies, please know that we always try to help our own. Feel free to share this information and link to those you feel would appreciate knowing.

Social Recaps, Ski Stories & Photo Gallery...



Lincoln Park Zoo and Conservatory hike - 13 people arrived at the east entrance of the zoo at 9:30am. There was plenty of parking just like our host Jerry and Kathy told us. The Zoo was wide open and free! What a wonderful place to go to enjoy the city, the Lincoln Park Zoo and Conservatory. We started at the Regenstein Center for African Apes, what a great gorilla display! Boy, they were absolutely huge. Probably the most amazing memory I have of the day was



the dominant Great Silverback chasing another gorilla away from the food. He said, "Those are



MY devilled eggs, get out" (I think). We were observing a smaller silverback enjoying some lettuce. Suddenly, he took off running as the big guy came abruptly, amazingly fast in a very intimidating manner. As he arrived, you could hear the pounding of his fists on his chest, moving as fast or faster than an NFL linebacker, then he thumped the barrel, which made a tremendous thundering

noise. We were all watching as our jaws dropped to the ground in amazement.



Then we pressed onward to Peppers Building, polar bears, rhinoceroses, giraffes, amazing birds, seals and more. After, we headed to the Café Brauer for a break and some food and drink. What a beautiful day for a zoo walk. Afterwards, we proceeded to the Lincoln Park Conservatory and observed many tropical climate species of orchids, other flowers, ferns, and cactuses.

We welcomed a new member to her first event, she fit right in with all the zoogoers. Welcome Joy H! Overall, I hadn't been to the Zoo in many years and was glad there was an opportunity to see a bit of what our great city has to offer. Thank you Kathy and Jerry, for planning and executing this great idea for an event! - **See you on the trail! John O**



DuPage River Greenway 13-14 mile bike ride and lunch at Ashbury's - We had

16 bikers and 20 or more for lunch... a great turnout of about 36 people! The sun was out and the bikers were ready to ride. The weather was hot but the wind from the ride helped cool us down. We crossed bridges, rode along

rivers and had a lot of good conversation and camaraderie. We had a new recruit, Ben, along for the ride. He fit right in with our group and we can expect to see him on more rides and activities. As we



took in some beautiful fields, baseball diamonds, rivers, trout ponds, bridges, the meeting of the rivers, the limestone fen pond with its little bridge adjacent to the East branch of the DuPage River, we got in some great exercise.

Lunch was greatly anticipated, and Ashbury's restaurant didn't disappoint. The burgers are awesome as well as the chicken wraps and sandwiches to name a few. The question of the day was, were fries or tater tots the better choice? We will continue to ponder this secular question often, I hope! LOL 😂 Somebody must ponder these tough questions. Looking forward to more bike rides with the group. - *John O, See you on the trail*



PSC Family Picnic, August 11th - The weather was fantastic! It's about time we had perfect weather without being too hot or raining on our special picnic day. A great turnout was had - around 125 members and old friends – all came out to enjoy the summer weather and the camaraderie.



The members were getting hungry, and the chicken arrived at 2:30 like expected. Thank goodness, there was no shortage of chicken, and the crowd loved the grilled and spicy chicken, although it was a little spicier than last year. The sides, desserts and appetizers were absolutely delicious! The variety was fantastic, from specialty potato salads, bean salads,



cake, Bob's banana chocolate cookies, Janice's perennially favorite cucumber salsa, to Julian's wonderful homemade raspberry cheesecake, (just to call out a few) they were all scrumptious! And as usual, people fought over the deviled eggs – bravely brought by Ted R and Cheryl S. As soon as people spied those eggs.... They came running, pushing and shoving to get a glimpse and hopefully an actual egg. Watch out gang -it gets rough over those eggs! And we haven't even mentioned the frothy cold beer and silky smooth

wine varieties. Fortunately the number of desserts, sides and appetizers were incredible and sustained us till the chicken arrived at 2:30pm.

People came out to help with setup and cleanup and the help was greatly appreciated. Kevin was the backbone of it all with a giant tent, the bins full of utensils, signage, tables etc. Harry helped in the ordering and delivery of the beer; we knew we could count on him! Thanks, guys.



Trip sign up continued until the food was served. We had quite a few sign up for Midwest and filled most of our Out West trips. The raffle was a big success, and the gift baskets created by Cheryl Skurkis, gift cards from Miller's (great job Sandy) and the Ski Bucks (thanks John S) were awesome. Various knit ski hats, socks and ski garb were also donated to us as Julian delivers again. Some of our big winners were Bob Donahue, new member Matt

Kaberlein, and Cindy Stomberski. Plus the new Piccadilly Baseball caps came in time for this event, and were handed out. We all looked like our own subset among the crowd.

This year instead of coyotes entertaining us, we had a pair of deer enjoying the same grove as us, They sure weren't that worried about us so we had background wildlife to watch.



Can't beat a great PSC picnic to celebrate the summer with friends. Thanks to all who brought wonderful goodies, and a great time was had by all. Another one done and in the books.... Until next year - **John O** [edit: Thanks to Johnny O and gang for a picnic well done!]





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