



December 2024

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Next Meetings:

Thurs, Dec 5, 7pm

Thurs, Dec 19, 7pm

Miller's Ale House | 455 Butterfield Rd | Lombard

Club Officer's Email: ComeSkiWithUs@piccadillyskiclub.com

From the President:

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Joyous Yule everyone!

Ski season is almost here, but not before some of the best times of the entire year. Without a doubt, the centerpiece of December is the holiday season, filled with joy and good cheer. PSC will celebrate in style with our annual Christmas extravaganza and ugly sweater contest on December 19th. There'll be games and prizes and treats for all. If you're good boys and girls, you'll get a chance to sit in Santa's lap to tell him your fondest Christmas wish. (Come to think of it, Santa may let the ladies sit in his lap especially because they haven't been so good.) Personally, I'll ask Santa for a big ol' white Christmas out west, and perhaps a new White Sox owner. 😊

But before all of that, PSC will take time out from our holiday fun to do something meaningful for those less fortunate than we are. We'll have our annual Feed My Starving Children night on December 3rd. As we enjoy the many blessings of this time of year, please consider helping people in urgent need of something we're all lucky enough to take for granted. Check this newsletter or our website for details.

Just a few days later, PSC will embark on our first big trip of the year! We're off to sun and fun in Turks & Caicos on December 7th. Don't forget your suntan lotion and Panama hat!

Lastly, I must completely and whole-heartedly apologize to each and every one of you. I alone am to blame. I prematurely led our Suburbanite gathering in the Bears fight song during the final 25 seconds of the Commanders game, and you know the rest. The Bears snatched defeat from the jaws of victory in the most painful way, and they've not won since. I accept full responsibility!!! If they don't win another game, I will atone for my crimes in solemn fashion. I'll bring my Bears gear to Winter Park, invoke da name o' caawch Dikta, and burn all of it in one of those smoke huts on Mary Jane peak. Bear down!

Yours in Chicago sports futility,

Paul F.

Where in the World is Piccadilly?

Bring PSC along with you on your travels near and far! Take a pic! Be sure to show the PSC logo in the photo, and you of course, along with your travel location as your backdrop. Email Dawn, at rockaroche3@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: PSC Ball Cap survived the Bear Capital of the World!
With Scott S and Juan A*



Right: Piccadilly Neck Wallet Roy and I at the wall of the Arizona WWII memorial in Hawaii



Left: Piccadilly Pin is basking in the sunshine in Kaua with Gina & Alan Berkey! Aloha

Right: Piccadilly Neck Wallet enjoyed Happy Hour outside at Woody's in St. John, USVI with Marie W & Candy K (group friends), Jan L, Pam R, Sandi S, Debbie F, and Sandy L. If you enlarge the picture you may just find a PSC Logo Sticker hanging out with "other stickers" on Woody's front window.





Left: Piccadilly Business Card played a final round of golf for this season in Tampa FL with Dawn R. Nancy G, and gal pal Sherri.



Right: Piccadilly Neck Wallet and PSC Logo hung out with Sandi S, Pam R and Sandy L at the base of Annaberg Sugar Mill Ruins in St John, USVI



Left: While on a Western Caribbean cruise Piccadilly Baseball Cap stopped in the Cayman Islands. Scott S. and Juan A. went along for the ride.

(Edit: Note, We will be renaming this section *Where is the World is* Scott S & Juan A)

Take Piccadilly on your next adventure!

News You Can Use:

1. **EPIC PASS DEADLINE** - Final day to purchase an epic pass is Monday, December 2, 2024. Remember that Winter Ski & Sport (aka GTS) offers rebates if they are the tour operator on that trip when you purchase the EPIC pass on their website. Note the very last day to get the current rate on their website will be Sunday, December 1st before 8:00PM (ET).

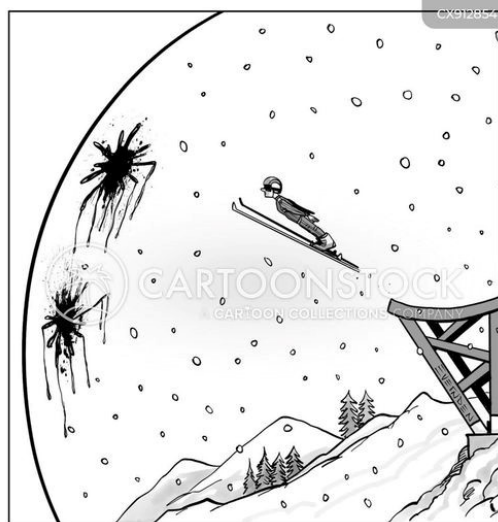
<https://www.winterskiandsport.com/epic-pass-order-page>

2. **HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROMO** - Miller's Ale House is having a gift card promo - for every \$50 gift card you buy online, get a \$10 e-gift card valid 1/1/25 - 2/28/25. Link below:

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Ski Safety
– Ski News
– Ski Fun



At the Snow Globe Olympics.

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

Do you have suggestions for future events, or do you want to host one?

Contact John at jfosullivan56@att.net

- **Tues, 12/3** – 7:15p-8:30p – Feed My Starving Children – Waitlisted, contact Dawn directly
- **Thur, 12/5** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Thur, 12/19** – 7pm - General Mtg, **Christmas Meeting** RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
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- **Thur, 1/2** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Sat, 1/4** – 10:45am – Starved Rock Winter Hike. Must RSVP on MeetUp & Pre-Pay
- **Thur, 1/16** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
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- **Thur, 2/6** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Thur, 2/20** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
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- **Sat, 4/12** - Annual Banquet – at Chuck's, Mark Your Calendars

Future events to come.... Happy Hours, Hikes and more funtivities. Stay tuned

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**



KEEP STOCKED UP ON BUSINESS 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.



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

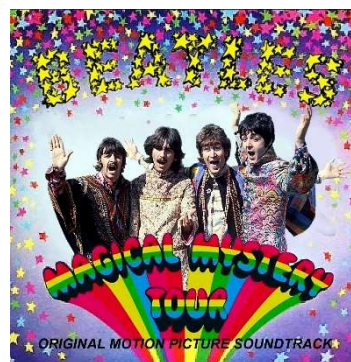
MIDWEST UPDATES

Chestnut is currently open but closes after 12/19 meeting, then a wait list forms. There's still time to sign up for both the drive-up weekend trip to Chestnut Mountain and the One Day Mystery Trip by bus. Plenty of room left. Hopefully there will also be some pop ups too. Weather dependent. So, start doing that snow dance. – *Jackie*

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.

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	Open – seeking 1 female	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 til 12/19	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	Wait List	Lynn Consdorf lmcraft58@gmail.com
Snowmass, CO	3/15 – 3/22/25	\$2649	Wait List	Terry Turlek turlekt@gmail.com
Louisville Bourbon Trail	5/12 – 5/16/25	\$925	Open	Nancy McGregor nancy.m.mcgregor@gmail.com

Trip Payments Due this month*

12/5/24

Whistler \$Balance
Snowmass \$350
Kentucky Bourbon \$250



12/19/24

Jackson Hole \$Balance

* 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

Social Details

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



NEXT 2 MEETINGS: Dec 5th & Dec 19th

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/>

PSC Gives Back! Feed My Starving Children – Tues, 12/3, 7:15pm - 8:45pm

While the official sign ups have closed (FMSC needed all our names by last Friday) Please reach out to Dawn directly to see if we can still add you



“Chicken * Veggies * Soy * Rice”

We’re back, with this popular holiday giving opportunity to feed underserved children in the U.S. and around the world. Feed My Starving Children was founded as a nonprofit during a humanitarian visit to Honduras and now ships much needed food packets to over 90 countries and the US. You’ll get to make the meal packets (nutritional food packets containing rice, soy, veggies, chicken flavoring, vitamins and minerals) to be shipped out immediately! The results are dramatic for these children. 20 spots have been reserved for our PSC family.



Let’s all wear our PSC logo shirts and meet at Mission BBQ at 6pm prior to grab a nibble together. **Feed My Starving Children, 555 Exchange Court, Aurora. - Event Hosts: Mike & Dawn Roche.**



Christmas Extravaganza Meeting 12/19, 7pm, at Millers!

Come early for dinner, stay for the camaraderie. Millers Ale House, 455 E. Butterfield Rd, Lombard

Piccadilly loves Christmas and knows how to enjoy the spirit of the season and spend quality time with friends. This celebration will have various layers to it, including but not limited to:

- ❖ Christmas Trivia questions with Prizes for 1st and 2nd place.
- ❖ \$plit the Pot Raffle, with the winners being the one with the winning raffle ticket and shared with our favorite charity. Bring \$ingles to purchase tickets.
- ❖ **Ugly sweater contest** - win a prize! Remove the mothballs and rejuvenate your best sweater. Get some laughs in and get involved in the contest with your favorite ugly sweater, you may win!
- ❖ Partake in the \$5 dollar prize grab bag, simply bring a wrapped gift worth \$5 or more and join in on the exchange and fun!

Santas little helper thinks there might be accessories like candy and Christmas stuff on the tables. Please bring singles for the raffle tickets & \$plit the Pot. Let's make it a big prize especially for our charity.

Anybody seeking a Santa encounter, be ready to meet our favorite Santa and, sit on his lap and tell him what you want for Christmas. You better watch out, a picture might catch the moment! LOL 😂



Please respond on Meetup for headcount so we can let our host know how many people will be coming. Last year we had 90 people, one of our biggest meetings. We want them to be staffed properly for us. Bring on the whole gang. Any questions can be directed to John O @ jfosullivan56@att.net

Starved Rock Winter Hike, Sat., 1/4, 10:45am

Join us for a hike through the St Peter Sandstone Formations and waterfalls of Starved Rock Park. Our naturalist guide will lead the hike and share information about the area, history, the canyons, river and more. Depending on conditions, we could see the beauty of the frozen waterfalls and snow drenched woodlands. This year our hike will proceed on the St Louis canyon trail. This happens to be one of the most favorite hikes in the park and entails about 3 miles of hiking round trip.



We'll meet at the Main Lodge desk at 10:45am. The hike begins at **11 am sharp** and should finish up around 1-1.30pm, at which time we will break for lunch and a brew. **The hike fee is \$20 for the guide** and includes: Starved Rock swag, some treats, and a coupon for coffee or hot cocoa from the café. Those interested can enjoy lunch and a brew after the hike, whether it be in the Backdoor Lounge or the Lodge restaurant. We only have reservations for 20 people, so come on out and enjoy the hike, or just the lunch.

If anybody wants to skip the hike and meet us for lunch, no problem! Please let me know if interested in lunch only, and we'll see you there. Make sure you are prepared for the hike and dress accordingly with good hiking shoes and layers. Secure your spot by calling the lodge (815 220-7386) and paying the \$20 fee. The group is reserved under **Piccadilly Ski Club**. Please email me so I know to expect you there (jfosullivan56@att.net).

Reservations are registered **only** when payment is made. So, if you have signed up on meetup make sure your payment has been registered at the Starved Rock Lodge phone number. Let me know by email when you have paid. The first paid responders and sign-ups for lunch will be on the list. Looking forward to seeing you on the trail!

- John



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

- ***Jan 25-26, 2025:** Winter ski jump tournament at the Norge Ski Jump in Fox River Grove.
- ***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 11 clubs and 162 people.
- ***April 2 – 7, 2025:** CMSC Spring Fling – Steamboat, CO. Trip packages starting at \$1,431/pp and includes air on Southwest, RT ground transportation, 5 nights lodging at newly renovated Holiday Inn Steamboat Springs (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.
- ***Baseball 2025:** We're looking into doing a Cub/Sox game at Guaranteed Rate Field, where they have a separate tailgate area the weekend of July 25-27. Stay tuned for more info!

SAVE THE DATES

- ***Sept 6, 2025** for the CMSC Picnic at Norge Ski Jump in Fox River Grove. Anyone interested in helping out, please reach out to your CMSC rep.
- ***Feb 28 – March 7, 2026:** CMSC Chicago Week – Snowmass, CO. More info to follow.
- ***Oct 3-5, 2025:** Ski and Snowboard Show is back at the Schaumburg Convention Ctr.
- ***Oct 11, 2025:** Trip Seminar is back!

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



National Ski Council Federation News

The National Ski Council Federation was established in 1999. It consists of the largest 30 ski councils in the United States and boasts a total membership of approximately 300,000 snowsports enthusiasts. *"Our mission is to strengthen councils, with industry participation, so they may better serve member clubs through communication, education and benefits, and to influence issues relevant to snowsports."*

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

Social Recaps, Ski Stories & Photo Gallery...

Gothic Ghost Stories for Adults - Our exciting evening of Gothic Ghost Stories for Adults was a great success! **Thirteen** Piccadillians attended, serving as an omen of the night ahead. Although the storyteller was more subdued than we would have preferred, we thoroughly enjoyed hearing old tales and poems of the battle between humanity and unnatural forces of evil in the dimly lit, wood-paneled library at Mayslake Hall. The night was wrought with blood, gore, flesh-eating worms, and the horror of death and decay. To top off our evening of macabre adventure, we headed to the Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar in Oak Brook, which is an awesome 'rustic-modern' establishment with a roaring fire in their patio. For dog lovers, they also have a special canine menu. ***Until next time, - Susan V***



Bears vs Commanders/Suburbanite Bowl Appreciation

Recap - What an amazing turnout for our team, and support for our friends at Suburbanite Bowl. We really appreciate that they allow us to park for the one-day trip, and weekend ski trips! Thank you so much, Suburbanite Bowl! People also enjoyed the delicious pizza



from Zazzo's. Restaurant whose pizza was well received and delivery was fast and fresh

We filled the bar with about 60 members, potential new members, and friends. "Da Bears" Had a great comeback attempt but we've seen this movie before. An unbelievable play with 2 seconds remaining left the Fans shocked. The play shown around the world, A hail Mary that worked for the other team. Darn close to winning, Oh well. All we can say is, maybe next year? LOL 😂

Thanks to all who participated and made this event a real winner! See you at the next event!
John O



Bowling Recap - Thirty PSC friends got together Nov 1st for the 2nd Annual Bowling night. The Suburbanite Bowl location accommodated our motley Piccadilly Club very well; we had plenty of room to socialize and eat in the party room. Bowling provided a lot of laughs and a good time for all but one. The evening left one PSC-er with an arm injury, she's on the mend but may hang up those beautiful bowling shoes. (edit: The pizzas were yummy and so were all the special homemade salads, cookies, brownies and dips our host and hostess provided! A big Thank You to Linda Cooper & John, her sous chef for all the extra goodies!)



Thank you to all who attended and I hope you'll join us again next year. – **Linda**





Our 2024 SKI BEE meeting was a big success. The room was packed, and we signed up some new members. We raffled off thousands of \$\$\$ in prizes. I want to give recognition to all our generous donors listed below. Thanks go out to ticket sellers Clare Ann Himmelblau & Cheryl Skurkis and to the ticket caller Dawn Roche. THANKS TO ALL !!

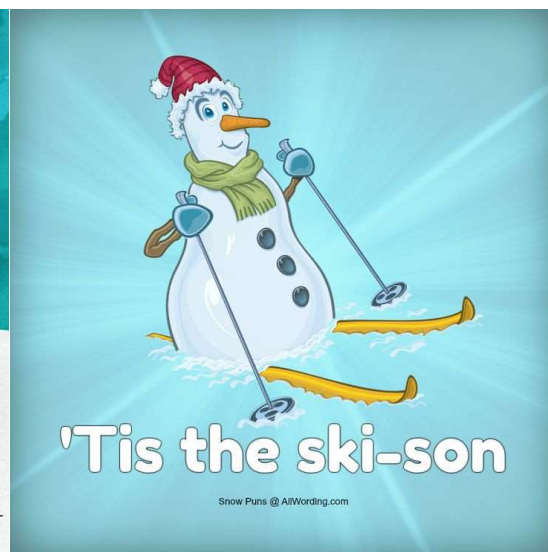


Larry Himmelblau – Membership Chair



King Keyser Night - As usual, the PSC night at King Keyser was a big success. There were 29 PSC members in attendance who purchased everything from skis and boots to ski apparel and tune ups. Some Christmas shopping was even seen being done. Rick and staff created a welcoming experience helping to set up the snack table and providing delicious pizza. One of the employees was very impressed with the food and drinks that we brought, and how nice everyone at PSC was! King Keyser always does a great job hosting this event with great service and a generous 20% discount. Everyone enjoyed socializing and preparing for the upcoming season. Thanks to the members who attended and took advantage of King Keyser's excellent service and merchandise. Keep them in mind for all your ski equipment needs. - **Jackie, Ski Meister**





PSC 2024 – 2025

Board & Appointed Positions

President:	Paul Fuka
Vice President:	Sandy Liedtke
Secretary:	Nancy Goins
Treasurer:	John Schuurman
Trip Chair:	Julian Franklin
Asst. Trip Chair:	Jackie Dudek
Membership/Historian:	Larry Himmelblau
Social:	John O'Sullivan
Publicity:	Dawn Roche
Webmaster:	Pam Rockey
Sgt @ Arms/CMSC:	Vicki Schutz
Ski Meister:	Jackie Dudek

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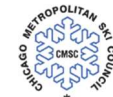


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MeetUp at: <http://www.MeetUp.com/Piccadilly-Ski-Social-Club/>



Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com>



Email all articles and high-res photos for next newsletter to Dawn Roche.

Deadline: 20th of month prior

Rockaroch3@gmail.com

Also, email all high-resolution photos to Pam Rockey for our website at

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