



## Next Meetings:

**Thurs, March 6, 7pm – Important Election Night.**

**Current members, please RSVP on MeetUp and attend!**

**Thurs, March 20, 7pm**

**Miller's Ale House | 455 Butterfield Rd | Lombard**

Club Officer's Email: [ComeSkiWithUs@piccadillyskiclub.com](mailto:ComeSkiWithUs@piccadillyskiclub.com)

### ***From the President:***

Hello PSC members and all interested folks,

Although Spring is just around the corner, PSC is in the heart of our ski season! As you read this, PSC has just returned from our CMSC Week in Jackson Hole, and we're eagerly anticipating our PSC trip to Aspen-Snowmass. No doubt CMSC Week was a great success, and Snowmass will be also, especially since PSC is staying at our favorite condos: Top of the Village.

Please note that our end-of-season banquet on April 12<sup>th</sup> is rapidly approaching. If you're interested and haven't received an invitation, please contact our V.P. Sandy Liedtke. Mark your calendars now: Piccadilly has an extremely important general meeting on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to attend. This meeting will have TWO extremely important votes. The first will be our executive board member election, while the second will be a vote to ratify changes to our PSC constitution. These changes are necessary to bring our constitution in line with the present-day realities of trip scheduling, skiing activities, and our financial **health**. All changes will be available for review prior to the March 6<sup>th</sup> vote, as well as during the 3/6 meeting. We must have a quorum physically present to achieve a binding vote, so please do attend. As an "incentive," there will be a drawing for a \$100.00 gift certificate for one lucky constitution voter. Full details are forthcoming.

For our executive elections, floor nominations can still be made the day of on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

--- Paul F, your soon-to-be former Prez 🤔 ---

## PSC ELECTION PROCESS 2025

It's time for the annual PSC Election ritual. The election will take place at the Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The nominating committee has selected a slate of candidates and the option to take nominations from the floor has been done at the past two meetings. Ballots with candidates nominated to date are attached. The Election Committee has been appointed to count your ballots and make sure that we have a secure election. The committee consists of: Duane Amlee, Paul Fuka, David and Susan Valenta, and Dean Foster.



You now have the following options, but regardless of which option you select, PLEASE VOTE!!:

The completed ballots can be returned via:

1. **Vote in person** – Come to the Thursday 3/6 meeting at Miller's Ale House. Bring your own printed ballot.  
**OR**
2. **Email voting\*** - Completed ballots can be e-mailed to: **BOTH** Duane Amlee and Paul Fuka [dramlee@megsinet.net](mailto:dramlee@megsinet.net); [PSC2025@att.net](mailto:PSC2025@att.net). (sending to dual e-mails is for voting verification and required for your email vote to count)  
**OR**
3. **Snail Mail voting\*** - Send postal mail to: Duane Amlee, 2s113 Burning Trail, Wheaton, IL 60189.  
**\* Note** – emailed and mailed ballots must be received by Wednesday 3/5 at noon.

**Note: Only current members are eligible to vote.** Write-In candidates may be entered on the ballot. Questions about voting? Contact Duane Amlee at 630-923-1182.



**Constitutional Amendment Vote** – Again, your presence is needed and mandatory to vote in the much-needed changes to our Constitution. The changes, explanations and an old copy of the constitution have already been emailed to all current members (see your inbox from Friday, 2/21) If you have not received this, please reach out directly to Larry Himmelblau to get your copy. Only current members have been emailed. Only current members can vote to ratify this document, and it has to be in person. As you can imagine, emailing was not available long ago when this doc was first put in place..... just one of the many updates being addressed.

*[Edit: Thank you in advance to the Constitution Revision Committee. The need for these changes has been talked about for many years and has always presented as a difficult, laborious, tedious and monumental uphill climb. But here we are! A huge thank you to Larry Himmelblau along with his committee: Jackie Dudek, Paul Fuka, Clare Ann Himmelblau, Carole Kempf, Mike Roche, Sandi Siakel, and Cheri Tanner, for taking on this project! Now we need YOU, our current members, to show up in person on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to vote - Dawn]*

## 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 [rockaroch3@gmail.com](mailto: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.



*Left: PSC Goggle Soc crossed the pond to ski Andermatt, Switzerland with Julian F*



*Right: PSC Business Card and Nancy G went hiking at Indian Canyon in Palm Springs*



*Left: PSC Pole Flag accompanied Jerry M at his own Winter Park excursion.*

*Right: PSC Business Card is seated in the 'Kiss and Cry' booth at the US Figure Skating Championships in Wichita, with Patty N*



*Left: PSC Marketing Brochures get handed out from the CMSC Booth to attendees of the 2025 Travel & Adventure Show, featuring booth volunteers Shanu K & Allison S*

*Right: PSC Business Card took Nancy G, Pauline Mc, and Barry + Cheryl S hiking in the woods at night, Vallea Lumina, Whistler BC*







Left: PSC Neck Wallet and Susan and David V spent 'Valenta Day' at Alpine Valley, WI



Right: PSC Goggle Soc & Terry T, took great niece skiing at Granite Peak, WI in mid February.



Left: A pair of PSC Goggle Socs experienced the fun of Tyrol Basin, WI with Terry T, and Dean F.



Right: PSC Flag Pole and Goggle Soc represented PSC at a new area: Swiss Valley, MI with Eileen M-A, Dean F.



Left: PSC Business Card and Pam R toured the Wrigley Mansion in Phoenix AZ.



Right: PSC Pole Flag flew proud with Bob D, Randy B and Julian F at the top of Mt. Pilatus near Lucerne, Switzerland.

**Take Piccadilly on your next adventure!**

## 603+..... What's This?

As of January 16, we have 603 Meetup Members. If you are a paid Piccadilly Ski Club Member and have not joined our Meetup Group, please consider signing up. The past couple of years we have gained a lot of our new PSC members from events we shared on Meetup, and your joining will help promote our club on this social platform. In addition, we use MeetUp to communicate with our members on the day of events for last minute updates. As you can see, there are many good reasons to create your account. Join Today! – **Pam, Webmaster**

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





– *Ski Safety*  
– *Ski News*  
– *Ski Fun*

It's a beautiful bluebird day. The snow feels great under your skis and you're looking forward to some great skiing. You begin to ski. As you continue your day, you're doing fine but you find patches of snow that maybe aren't so great, and you aren't sure how to ski in it. Off to the side you see a trail that looks fun, but you just aren't sure you have the skills to manage your way down safely. Your day was just alright, but you get the feeling something was a bit off. But what could have made it better?

How about a lesson or a ski clinic? Lessons aren't just for beginners. A little instruction can give anyone a boost of confidence. Bad habits sometimes creep in, even with those of us who have skied for years, that make us not be the best we can be.

Learning a new skill might make those lousy snow conditions a little easier to maneuver. And that bump run that you can't avoid might not be so scary if you kind of know what you are doing. Even the experts keep training and learning new ways to be faster or better. Skiing is more fun when you feel comfortable and competent. And a lot less intimidating.

If you can't do a lesson, almost as good, is finding a friend that is willing to work with you to make your skiing better. Skiing with someone who is just a little bit more experienced can challenge you. It's amazing how much better you will ski when someone patiently guides you down a run that you once thought was impossible. Or just watches you and gives encouragement when needed. That's a wonderful feeling of accomplishment. Many times, it's a very small correction that makes all the difference. One of Piccadilly's long-time members once gave me a tiny hint on positioning my skis on a turn. He took me down a run, carefully watching me. Within an hour I was skiing noticeably better. That's one of the best things about being in a ski club (especially Piccadilly). There's always someone to help you improve and cheer you on. That makes skiing more fun when we do it together. Because remember, the more you ski the better you will ski. - **Jackie, Skimeister**



## ***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](mailto:jfosullivan56@att.net)***

- **Thurs, 3/6** – 7pm - General Mtg – **VOTE VOTE VOTE! Election Meeting and Constitution Update Mtg.** Your presence is needed and required to have a quorum!!!
- **Sat, 3/8** – 11am - Winter Hike Twofer. Hike Horsetail Lake & 1pm Lunch at Mo's
- **Sat, 3/15** – RSVP DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD BANQUET PRICING.
- **Thurs 3/20** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Fri 3/21** – 7:50pm - See Johnny Play Hockey... Round 4
  
- **Thurs 4/3** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Sat, 4/12** – 6pm - Annual Banquet - Chuck's Southern Comforts Banquets
- **Thurs, 4/17** – 7pm - General Mtg, RSVP on MeetUp for Headcount
- **Sat 4/26** – 3pm Start – Pickleball 3pm-5pm/Gathering at McWethy's 5pm-7pm
  
- **Sat, 5/17** – 9am-4pm - Frank Lloyd Wright walking tour. Mark Your Calendars



## ***PSC Ski Stories, Pics & More***

### ***Turning on our Way Back Machine***

Yes, they look like a Chevis Regal advertisement! Can you name these dapper dudes? And the Year or the Event? Answers later in this newsletter.

If you have ideas, please email me at [pschistory@gmail.com](mailto:pschistory@gmail.com)



***THANKS, Larry Himmelblau, Piccadilly Historian***

## Trips

### KY25 Trip (AKA The Bourbon Trail) May 12-16, 2025



Final payments are due by the 3/6 meeting. Be there to vote and possibly win back some of your payment! If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail payment to Piccadilly Ski Club, P.O. Box 207, Downers Grove 60515, and drop me an email saying that you did so. Total due is \$925.

If you have already signed up for the trip and have not received an email from me, please let me know because it means I messed up. I'd like to hear your feedback on the optional bus tour, things you'd like to do and room size.

We can possibly fit a few more people in on the trip and then start a waiting list, so contact [nancy.m.mcgregor@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.m.mcgregor@gmail.com) if you have questions. ***Cheers, Nancy!***

Trip Name	Trip Dates	Pricing	Status	Contact Info
Snowmass, CO	3/15 – 3/22/25	\$2649	Wait List	Terry Turlek <a href="mailto:turlekt@gmail.com">turlekt@gmail.com</a>
KY25 Louisville Bourbon Trail	5/12 – 5/16/25	\$925	Open	Nancy McGregor <a href="mailto:nancy.m.mcgregor@gmail.com">nancy.m.mcgregor@gmail.com</a>

### Trip Payments Due This Month\*



**3/6/25**

Kentucky Bourbon      \$ 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*

## 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.



## Social Details

For questions on social events, contact John O'Sullivan at [jfosullivan56@att.net](mailto:jfosullivan56@att.net)



### UPCOMING MEETINGS: MARCH 6th ELECTION MEETING! WE NEED YOUR ATTENDANCE

Please RSVP on MeetUp 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/>



### MEETING NOTICE!

**Special General Meeting, Thurs, 3/6, 7pm,  
Miller's Ale House, Lombard.**

### We Need a Quorum!!!

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## **Winter Hike Twofer: Hike Horsetail Lake/Lunch at Mo's, Sat., 3/8, 11am Hike/1pm Lunch**

**HIKE:** 11am – 1pm ish. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter hike starts at the charming little Horsetail Lake and follows the Cook County Trail system to the



enticing Swallow Cliff stairs, but don't worry about climbing the stairs, we will be heading down the stairs. We will then follow the forested trail to Teason's

Woods and a delightful, forested hike through Cherry Hill Woods in Palos Park Forest preserves. The duration of the hike is around 2 hours and about 3 miles, possibly a little more, arriving back at Horsetail Lake and then off to quench our thirst and satisfy our

hunger at Mo's Willow Pub. They sure do provide an awesome pot roast sandwich and fries and believe me I know they will not disappoint. They have various sandwiches for those who like something different. The appeal of the establishment is vintage and will remind you of stepping back in time. The ambience will be relaxing and friendly. Holly will do her best as she has in the past, she does a fantastic job from start to finish. They're expecting us and remember us well.



**LUNCH:** @ 1pm. If you're not interested in the Hike and just want the lunch, come on out and join in the fun! Please let me know if you will be attending via email ([jfosullivan56@att.net](mailto:jfosullivan56@att.net)) or on Meetup, I will assume you will be attending lunch after the hike unless specified.

**Mo's Willow Pub** - 8524 S Archer Ave Willow Springs, IL 60480

**Horsetail Lake** - parking lot off 104<sup>th</sup> Ave and north of 123<sup>rd</sup> St in Palos Park. - *See you on the trail, John O*



## **See Johnny Play...Round 4! "Duffers" Hockey Game, Fri, 3/21, 7:50pm**



It is time once again to "See Johnny Play". Join your Piccadilly friends to cheer on our very own John Schuurman as he plays hockey with his amateur team the "Duffers" on Friday, March 21st. It's been a Fan Favorite Event the last few years!

This event is very informal and there will be plenty of seating available. There is no charge to watch the game, and you can even 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 warmly my Friends (hats & mittens would be good), it can be quite chilly in the stands. The

game will begin at 7:50 PM in Rink #3. The game will be held at :

- ❖ Canlan Sports in Romeoville  
1581 W Normantown Rd,  
Romeoville
- ❖ After the game, we will head over  
to the Chop'D for a nitecap,  
located at:12337 Rt 59, Plainfield



### **Annual Banquet, Chuck's Chateau Orleans, Sat., 4/12, 6:00pm**

Invitations have been sent to current 2024-2025 PSC members by US Mail. All are welcome however, and it's going to be a very fun evening. If you didn't get an invitation and want to attend, reach out to VP Sandy L directly at 630-390-5962, or email: [smliedtke@gmail.com](mailto:smliedtke@gmail.com)



Dress fancy please. Our "Optional Theme" is Mardi Gras! Please RSVP with payment before March 15<sup>th</sup> via mail or at our March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.



- 6pm - Cash bar
- 7pm - Dinner with wine on the table
- 8:30-10:30pm - Dancing with cash bar

**Note: After March 15th, the price will be \$70 pp, so please get your RSVP returned early!**  
It's one of the highlights of our season. Hope to see you there. - **Sandy L, VP**

### **Pickleball at the ARC & Gathering After, Sat., 4/26, Pickleball 3pm-5pm/ Gathering 5pm-7pm**



The relatively new rage on the fitness scene is the arrival of pickleball and Piccadillians love it! Our last outing had a great turnout and we even picked up a few non pickleball athletes at the post games gathering at McWethy's Sports Dome and Bar in Bolingbrook. The ARC is a multipurpose Recreation Center with great facilities, but they do **NOT** supply any paddles or balls so if you have any, please bring them and indicate that when signing up - also, if you have any that you can bring and share and how many. Also please indicate skill level for organization

purposes. Whether you are a beginner or a veteran this is your opportunity to show off your skills, social or athletic! LOL 😂 If you are a veteran, we would appreciate you sharing your knowledge by helping teach our beginners.

**The cost is \$10pp** - This includes 2 hours of play, substituting in and out for a rest or for socializing with friends. Gym shoes are a requirement. First come, first served and preference will be given to PSC members if spots are filling up. Payment is made by Zelle, Venmo, cash or check to John O @ [jfosullivan56@att.net](mailto:jfosullivan56@att.net). I prefer Zelle if you can. This event will NOT be on meetup and the list will be determined by payment. It is important to email me BEFORE payment to determine whether there is an open spot or if you should send payment. Let's get in a great workout and have a fun time.



**NONPLAYERS** are welcome to the “after event” at McWethy’s Sports Bar. We will need a headcount for the gathering so email me your intentions if planning on joining us for some fun, food and drink! We can arrange accommodations with McWethy’s as needed. Room for all!

**3pm – 5pm - Woodridge ARC, 8201 Janes, Woodridge**

**5pm – 7pm - McWethy’s Sports Bar, 730 N Bolingbrook Drive, Bolingbrook**

*See you on the courts, John O*

## **SAVE THE DATE: FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT TOUR + Sat, 5/17, 9am-4pm**

We are having a great event on Saturday May 17th, 9-4p.... The Frank Lloyd Wright Plus, Architectural House Walk. There are 8 houses on this tour that real people own and live in but allow a tour on this special day to share a sample of the beauty of Frank Lloyd Wright’s architectural design. We will meet in Oak Park.



The price is \$130 and can be purchased on the website. Please let Paul Fuka know if interested.

There are a limited number of spots, so get on board early and don’t miss out on this unique experience! For more information, reach out to Paul F directly: [ebcdicffff@att.net](mailto:ebcdicffff@att.net)

## 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>

<http://www.allianztravelinsurance.com>



## **ALL THINGS CMSC**

**CMSC General Meetings** - Typically held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at Sawa's Old Warsaw, 9200 W. Cermak Rd., Broadview, IL. All are welcome to attend.

## **CMSC EVENT SCHEDULE**

**\*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](mailto:kconz1@aol.com) or 708-906-9517 for more info.

**\*July 27, 2025:** CMSC purchased 60 tickets for the Cubs v. Sox game on Sunday, July 27th at 1:10pm. Package will include a ticket to the game and admission to the Patio Bar in Right Field for all-you-can-eat and drink for a 2-hour period beginning 90 minutes before 1st pitch and ending 30 minutes after 1st pitch of the game. Our seats are in Section 552, rows 8, 9 and 10, seats 1-20 in each row. We are estimating the cost to be \$97-98/pp and are in the process of working on event application. Game is at Guaranteed Rate Field (the old Comiskey)

**\*Summer of 2025: ABSF (American Blind Ski Foundation) announcement:** One of our long-time club members, Tim Paul, has been featured in a documentary entitled "I'm just Blind" which is coming to the Chicago area sometime in June or July. More info to come.

**\*Sept 6, 2025 – CMSC Picnic at Norge Ski Jump, Fox River Grove.** We're looking for volunteers to run the event. Patrick Clark, who currently runs the event, will help the volunteer organize, but will not be able to make the actual event. If you or someone you know is interested. Please let Vicki know, and we'll put you in touch with Patrick Clark

**\*Oct 3-5, 2025:** Ski and Snowboard Show is back at the Schaumburg Convention Ctr.

**\*Oct 11, 2025:** Trip Seminar is back!

**\*Jan 23-31, 2026:** CMSC Europe trip 2026 will be going to Madonna di Campiglio, Italy. There will be an extension, but the destination has not yet been determined.

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

***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/>



**Quiz Answer:** These Dapper Dudes are, from left to right: David Valenta, Duane Amlee, Richard Alvarez, and Harry Mattson. It looks like they could have been dressed for the Banquet, but this photo was taken at Swank Night, October 2021.

## Social Recaps, Ski Stories & Photo Gallery...



**Chestnut Writeup** - It's hard to believe but Illinois has one of the best ski areas in the Midwest. It may not have the highest vertical or number of runs but it makes up for it by having a great ski in and out hotel, historic town nearby, and beautiful views of the Mississippi River and neighboring Iowa. The weekend began with 31 Piccadillians meeting up in the bar in the lodge on the ridge at Chestnut. We all arrived at different times but enjoyed some together time over drinks and dinner. With

the convenience of ski in and out we could begin skiing the next day whenever we chose. Several of our group took lessons and saw some immediate improvement. A few ladies drove to the town of Galena for shopping and spa services. Don Z. went with them and discovered a few

local breweries. The ski day went great even though the snow conditions weren't the best. The best description would be chunky with a few icebergs. But we managed. Afterall, it's the Midwest.

Saturday afternoon was the pinning party. Restaurant regulations didn't allow us to bring in our own liquor for the shot ski so we had to be creative ...and sneaky. But we were able to pin two new members and initiate them with the shot ski before we were discovered and asked to move. We did eventually find a quiet place to finish our illegal liquor and get in a few rounds of Uno.



Sunday brought warmer conditions with softer snow. And a lot smaller crowds of skiers. The weekend was a success with no major catastrophes. The snow conditions could have been better, but as usual Piccadilly knows how to adapt. The important thing to remember is that it doesn't matter where the trip is or what we find when we get there. The trip is made by the people who attend. Thanks to everyone for making this trip enjoyable and fun for me, your leader. – **Jackie**

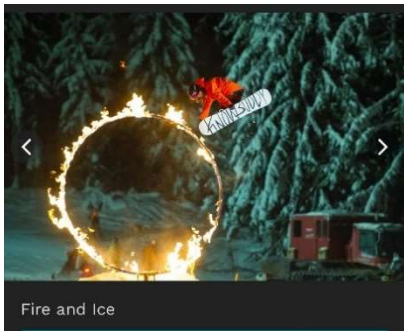






**Whistler Recap - Brrrrrrrrreathtaking** - 40 Erstwhile Piccadillians ventured up north for a week to ski at Whistler Blackcomb Resort. Whistler was both super cold and yet so unbelievably beautiful you didn't care that your toes were frostbit. Initially, we were a little concerned about the crowds in town and on the hill with the Invictus Games, a Tony Robbins conference, and ski jump training at Blackcomb, but there seemed to be plenty of room and as long as you stayed away from the popular 7th Heaven chair after

10am. We stayed in Whistler Village just a short shuttle or walk from to the gondolas. Our suites had 'full' kitchens complete with micros, fridge and washers & dryers too. In our condo, was Larry H and Stumpy - aka Kevin M - who loves to cook breakfast. We were treated daily to an amazing array of pancakes, French toast, egg sandwiches, or scrambled eggs and biscuits, bacon,



and sausage etc all from scratch! He even brought his own pan, utensils and seasonings. I suppose we let the cat out of the bag....we now have to share "chef" with the rest of the world but for an entire week we had him all to ourselves. It was wonderful. Thx Stumpy!

Sunday was the Superbowl, KC vs Philly, and after a day of skiing, Sean & Joy graciously opened up their suite for us all! Some folks however, found some outdoor fun instead: Pauline and friends took in the Fire & Ice Show consisting of tricks and flips thru hoops of fire. Barry & Cheryl and friends did a night hike in the woods.



The Whistler Village was alive with the Invictus Games activities, participants and their families. Each afternoon in the town center, was at least 3 hours of live music by some awesome funk bands and more. Prince Harry & Megan stopped by Monday to give their "opening" speeches and even Michael Buble sang a song. Then the Royal Canadian CF16s did a few flyovers, that were so low our building shook!

Since the Delta hotel did not have workable private meeting space for us, we were forced to meet at one of the condos. Thank you to Stumpy and Larry for allowing "Roche Motel" suite to be that place as we hosted the Welcome Wine &





Cheese/Pinning Party Monday night. Everyone was asked to wear their trip gift red bandana to the party in an usual way - Most creative wins a prize. Joy and Sean S took top honors hands down for their efforts, and honorable mentions went to Linda C, & Gail D. Then the usual tomfoolery happened ...pinning and shot ski. We initiated two newbies on this trip: Tom L and Bill B, both from sister club, Ibex, then discovered 2 other newbies had been mysteriously skipped over during the season: Linda C and Shanu K. Shanu wisely asked beforehand: there won't be any touching will there? During the shotski, Gina B got matched up with some much taller folks. She kept saying she was too short for this and it turned out she was right. Her cup runneth

over... onto the floor. Trip daddy Mike/Zod always says you know it's a good party when the police show up, but we did one better than that. Later, when almost everyone had gone home, 3 guys walked in because the front door was propped open. They heard the fun and were staying next door and came to check it out. It turns out they were part of the film crew from the TV show The Tracker. One of the guys had long hair



and his crew buddies called him Jesus. We highly encouraged the whole crew to try out the Shotski, and of course invited them to join us at *Nail Soup* on Friday.

Even though the cops didn't come break up the party, we still get props: John C's Apple Watch sent him an alert: "You are in an environment that is too loud for you." What an understatement.



Mid-week Wednesday many folks opted to cook in condo rather than eat out – the beauty of condos - and play board games etc . After a night of fun, about 10pm, Gail D had a 'Chardonnay emergency'. She first tried Julian's condo and struck out, then remembered we had some club wine leftover and called up the trip leaders! No worries, we hooked her right up!!!

Each day a missive was sent out to the gang via WhatsApp, with the full itinerary for the day including suggested lunch places and optional Après venues.



Thursdays après place was Dublin's Irish Pub. We had a terrific turnout, probably 20 folks. We were able to sit on the deck with heat lamps and listen to music. Orange Bob inadvertently ended up picking up the tab for his whole table instead of just his condo mates. As Orange Bob likes to say: "a man has to pay for his mistakes". We had a great group of Piccadillians on this trip, and some additional friends





came up to visit: Mare and Joey from Spokane, and Kristin from Seattle. Piccadilly always welcomes friends, family and old members.

There were some injuries this week but as Zod points out, it's only about 10% attrition, so four people out of 40 got injured. fortunately nothing too serious, most notably our president



Paul fell and bruised himself and fell on that same spot several days in a row. We never found out if he got a broken rib or not, But if you want to annoy him, go up and give him a huge hug around the waist line just below the rib cage.



Newbie Tom L had a very bad start to his week. First, he got stuck on a broken chairlift for a good half hour. The next day, he got skis stolen, then on the third day, he got "rear ended" by an out of control skier. Fortunately, his week got better after that and I think he'll be back to Piccadilly someday - when the scars heal.

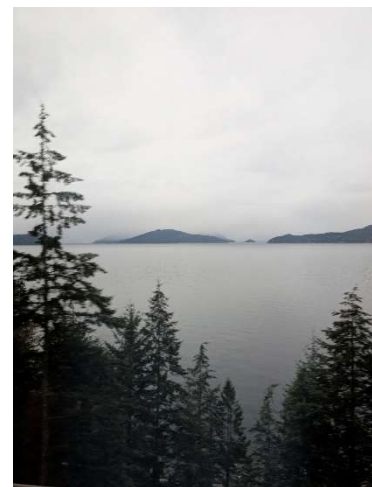


Oh yeah, what about the snow conditions? Well, it was extremely cold every day - single digits to low teens - and we had not gotten any freshies for 10 days but the snow held up pretty well. Every day was a Dave Belz Severe clear day. Good snow could be found all over but it got a scrapey at the lower elevations by end of day.



Per tradition, Dawn and Zod (+Stumpy & Larry) hosted the Nail Soup party on Friday. Everyone brought their leftovers and had a good time. Someone brought eggs! With the price of eggs these days, ya can't let that go to waste, so Stumpy was making omelets at the party. Ann and Glen K baked for 3 hours and brought homemade cookies too! Of course Zod again deemed this party a disaster cause the cops didn't show, but we had fun nevertheless.

On Sad-er-day, loading up the bus at 6am, it was discovered that the bellman loaded someone elses skis onto our bus! Ugh! Walt handled it by saying "we're leaving in 5 minutes with or without those skies, you better solve this problem". And solve it they did! Everyone seems to listen to Walt! Crisis averted, we departed on time. It was sad to leave this areas, and so so early in the morn, but were rewarded with stunning views of the Howe Sound on the ride to the airport. Julian F and Joe S extended their time in Vancouver and were treated to more Invictus Games events.





#### Other Musings and Ponderings:

- \*Did Joey get lost on 'Joes' run?
- \*Did Joy ever ski 'Ode to Joy' run?
- \*Stumpy, Larry, Paul and Sean hiked to Spankys Ladder at Blackcomb
- \* What were those Ice Princesses roaming through town?
- \*Stumpy hiked into Blackcomb Glacier three times and on the last time he found an ice cave



\*How did a Jack Bird steal Michigan Mike's sandwich right out of his hands while he was eating it?



All in all, it was another great trip in the books! Thanks to everyone who made this so much fun – **General Zod and Princess Dawn**



In closing: Whistler's Mother says:  
If you're bored, you can clean the bathroom







*Photo worth  
Repeating...*





**Bryan's American Grille Karaoke recap** Our section was full of eager singers and audience. Bryan had a few extra spots for us and we made use of all our seats. We had artists singing everything from Chicago to the Monkeys. Everybody's food was excellent, from mini pulled pork sliders to quesadillas. The entertainment ranged from very good to not so good. (lol 😄) The questionable performers were still rewarded with applause and laughter. We had some great fun and would love to do it again. One of our stars (Bob F,) sang his version of a Chicago song and managed to engage the crowd by walking around the facility with wireless mic in hand. He

had the crowd cheering; our Piccadilly group gave him great applause as we reveled in the moment with laughter and joy. Bryan's took care of us once again.



Even the owner (Bryan) got out there on the floor and belted out a couple of songs in between bringing out food and managing the room. He also lent me his hat for my Johnny Cash song "Ring of Fire." A very memorable group and quaint little location. We had some new people who were also able to crank out a few great songs, Miss Bailey and Brian. Both did a Great Job. Loreen also made her 2<sup>nd</sup> event with PSC in two days! I'm sure she will be enjoying more Piccadilly activities to come. We welcome all our new people and with this much fun, our club keeps growing! **See you at the**



**Pub - John O**





**XC Skiing Arrowhead Golf** - We did get to take the skinny skis out at Arrowhead Golf Course. As you can see from the photo there was grass showing in some areas, but after the cold snap it was just nice to get out in the sunshine and get the heartrate going. As I mentioned, the snow was marginal, but we had a new member Nancy P come out to try XC skiing for the first time and she handled the changing conditions like a pro and didn't fall. On the trail we saw 5 people with their dogs harnessed to pull them along for skijoring. Afterwards we celebrated with Bloody Mary's and Chili at lunch. We will try to get on our skinny skis again next winter. – **Cheryl S**

(photo: Nancy P, Jen W, Gail N, Jim H, and Mark N)



**So in case you haven't gotten the message yet: We need all current members to come to this Thursday's meeting, March 6th. Thank you in advance.**

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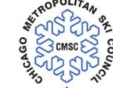


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