



# CHICAGO NOMADS

## Ski Club Newsletter

### Breckenridge Ski Resort

NOMAD Family Ski Trip, JANUARY 12 - 17, 2012



Celebrate "Breck's" 50th birthday! The actual date is Friday, Dec. 16, 2011. It's a historic year for Breck & the Chicago Nomads.....let's celebrate!

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- Snowmaking: 565 acres / 228 hectares
- Number of Trails: 155
- Longest Trail: Four O'Clock - 3.5 miles



# MADAME PREZ SEZ...*Pamela Castellanos*



“LET IT SNOW...LET IT SNOW...LET IT SNOW...” The very last thing we wish for in March each year becomes our mantra in early December for very good reasons. Skiing season is here, and our first trip to Marquette, MI is only two weeks away. Marquette Mountain offers some of the best skiing in the Midwest, so start praying for snow. So far over 30 Nomads will be taking the bus UP NORTH. It is not too late to join this trip, but you need to sign-up soon.

**OUR TRIP LEADER, MIKE RADICE**, has come up with a creative theme for the bus trip, and the more who get into the spirit, the better. So what, you might ask, does a **Renaissance costume** look like? If you can picture the period of Queen Elizabeth I and Shakespeare in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century or if you have ever visited the Renaissance Faire during the summer, you have an idea of what type of clothing or accessories you might choose. For example, if you are male, you might dress as a king, knight or other nobility, a court jester, innkeeper, or simple peasant. For the wealthy, clothing was elaborate, and men wore items such as waistcoats, vests, and fancy hats. Breeches were knee-length and worn with tights. Should you go the peasant route, simple looser clothing is fine with a basic cap. Even burlap sacks were made into clothing for men and women, if you couldn't afford better!

**FOR WOMEN, YOU MIGHT WANT TO BE A QUEEN**, lady of the court, milkmaid, or beer wench. Bodices, petticoats, corsets, chemises and long layered skirts were the rage. Velvet was a favored fabric for both men and women (so suck it up, guys). Keep in mind that castles and thatched houses were cold and drafty, so layers of clothing provided additional warmth. (Does this sound familiar, skiers?) So sheathe your swords, gentlemen, and be prepared to save a damsel in distress if necessary. If your Renaissance wardrobe is limited, resale and Goodwill shops may offer just what you need. Keep in mind, you can stretch your imagination as far as you like, so have fun with it! As Mehlín would say “Participation is the key!”

“**TIS THE SEASON...**” Remember our Christmas party will follow the General Meeting on Thursday, December 15th at 8 pm. Please bring an item for a child (unwrapped) or a veteran as your admission to the party. The Nomads have always been very generous to these groups, so please remember the real meaning of the season is giving.

“**TO MARKET, TO MARKET...**” Thanks to our volunteer marketing committee (Mary Anzilotti, Bonnie Lunde, Bob Murphy, Mike Radice, Heather Seger, Mike Whicher, and Mike Wade, for beginning to assess advertising and promotion ideas to increase the presence and membership of the Nomads. Recent logo items have included thermal t-shirts, a bold new banner, and business cards. Press releases and newspaper ads have been placed and are turning up in local papers. In a recent meeting, we sought your input as members regarding a number of strategies to “get the word out,” and we continue to ask for your feedback so the marketing committee and the board know what is working and what is not. This club is about YOU, so please stay involved and tell us what you think!

## You Say it's Your Birthday, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to YOU!!

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1	William Lowden	11	Nora Farrell	19	Thomas Tighe
2	Bryan Beedle	13	Lucy Bayer	20	Pauline Jurney
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9	Linda Guzak	17	Sandra Lake	25	Chris Oldanie
9	Marge Morrissey	18	Harry Damsch	27	Charles Shanks

Hi All,

Well its just about the end of the year, can you believe it?! I don't know about you, but this year, in retrospect anyway, seems to have flown by! Some highs many lows, lost a lot of Nomads. We're all getting up there in age, so I guess it's the way things are. Everyone, stay healthy, take care of yourselves, no one can do it but you. I know I have a lot of room to talk, but I do try, every day, and hope it will be good enough in the long run.

Hope your Thanksgiving was good, even with all the negative stuff in our lives, I'm sure we all have things to be thankful for. Now Christmas and New Year, maybe this new year will be a good new year for us all!!

*Janet K.*



# DARLING DEB'S DETAILS...

## DEBBIE DURKOVIC

Thanks to everyone who attended the memorial service at the November General in honor of Mehlin Smith. We heard so many wonderful stories about him. *He was a great man and I think we were all blessed to have had known him.* A special thanks to John Meister who printed and shared many pictures of Mehlin.

We've got **the Beginner's trip going out soon**, so if you don't have your costume, you don't have much time left. The theme of the trip is The Renaissance. Mike is planning lots of fun things so if you haven't signed up, please do so right away.

While you are getting ready to ski, think about **club racing**. You are only racing against yourself and believe me, it is a great way to improve your skiing. And you might just get lucky and win an award at Awards Banquet.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. With that, here is a quote from one of my favorite women, *Maxine*

*"Here's to many happy returns.....  
of all the useless crap you got this year!!"*

If you have any news on current or former members you'd like to share, please email me at [ddurkovic1234@comcast.net](mailto:ddurkovic1234@comcast.net). All articles are due by the General Meeting each month.



If you have changed your **phone/cell number or e-mail address**, please contact **Heather Seger, Membership Director**. If we want the club directory to be correct, we need your updated information.  
**Thank You!**

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# MIDWESTS TRIPS...MIKE HABSCHMIDT



Attention all Lords and Ladies of the Chicago Ski Nomads!

Your attention, if you will!

Friday, December 9th, in the always beautiful Marquette Mountain, MI!

You may have guessed, this year's trip we will be entertaining a renaissance theme!

We will be meeting at the Standard Bank Stadium (formerly known as the Hawkinson Ford Field) at 1pm and we'll be leaving at 2pm SHARP! The field is conveniently located just off I-294 in Crestwood, IL 14011 S. Kenton Ave, Crestwood, IL 60445.

We will provide pop, water, and ice on the bus trip, but you have to Bring Your Own Booze (BYOB!). (No glass bottles on the bus, please!) Mike Radice, our trip leader, will also have something special for you when you get on the bus.

Breakfasts will be provided on Saturday and Sunday, and lunches will be served at the ski hill, but you will have to fend for yourselves for dinner, because we were unable to fill the bus with enough people. However, there are plenty of restaurants & pubs in town, and cabs are available which will take you anywhere in town, with any number of people, for only \$6.50.

The Marquette Ojibwa Casino is nearby, too, with shuttle service, for plenty of fun and excitement when you're tired of skiing!

And, finally, don't forget your swim suits for our Pool, Hot Tub, and Wine & Cheese Party at the hotel Saturday afternoon!



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# MEMBERSHIP...HEATHER SEGER

## WE ARE UP TO 189 MEMBERS AS OF LAST MEETING.

With more members we have more trips going out and more fun. We have initiated the following to help our grow our membership. Press releases on Midwest trip, western trips, Christmas party and family trip have been sent out to our local newspapers, perhaps you have seen one?

**DEVELOPMENT OF CLUB LOGO WEAR-** we have Silk Screen shirts available for purchase, embroidery on your own shirts at local store, Patches and pins available. Taking orders for Bike shirts Now!

## MEMBERS RECRUIT MEMBERS PROGRAM-

Here's where we need EVERY members help! Be an ambassador for the Nomads! We have business cards that members can hand out at events that you attend and meet new folks that have an interest in skiing, biking, or just having fun. The cards have information on our two meeting locations and an area where you can write in your name and phone or email for the prospective member- urge them to come to the meeting and you will guarantee them a good time! That they will find likeminded folks that are interested in enjoying life! Then when they show up- **GREET them and introduce them around!**

Ever see someone you don't know at a meeting? Could they be a prospective member? Please, Please go up to them and **WELCOME** them to the meeting. I know you haven't seen your fellow Nomads for two whole weeks, but make new friends- make new Nomads!

We also need all members to register at Facebook. If you need help to do this we will help you, ask me! When you are registered at Facebook you can receive updates on what is going on in the club. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/92707827570/> to register!

What can we do to get new members? What can we do to keep present members? And what will you do to help? Be a greeter at the meetings? Distribute flyers to our sites? Help develop the Master Activity calendar? Lead a bike ride?

Contact me at [membership@chicagonomads.com](mailto:membership@chicagonomads.com)

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**Monthly Get Togethers**

Look to the **Nomad Website** and the **Nomad Facebook page** for information.

Sign up on the Nomad facebook page to get the latest information.

# UPCOMING CMSC EVENTS...RUTH SULDA



As you plan your upcoming ski season, please consider the following three CMSC trips:

**The CMSC European trip will be going to Madonna de Campiglio, a ski area in the Dolomite Mountains of Northern Italy, January 21 – 29, 2012.**

Base price: \$2019, includes round trip air, ground transfers, 7 nights lodging, daily buffet breakfast and dinner.

Three night extension – Venice, Italy – price \$599, includes 3 nights lodging, daily breakfast, ground transfers.

Single supplement is available.

**STEAMBOAT is the CMSC Chicago Week trip Feb 25 to Mar 3 2012.** The Nomads are signed up to go on this trip so see Herb Lhotka our trip leader to sign up 708-906-5847

**CMSC WINTER CARNIVAL is at SKI BRULE March 16-18, 2012** Theme "DOWN ON THE FARM" ( easy for costumes) \$270.00 per person includes 2 nites lodging, 2 days lift tickets, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner and round trip motor coach transportation. Costume contest, slush cup, NASTAR race and more. Email [CMSC.trips@gmail.com](mailto:CMSC.trips@gmail.com) or Pat Banik [patricabanik@att.com](mailto:patricabanik@att.com) for information.

For more information contact Ruth Sulda, 773-779-4025 or check CMSC WEB [www.skicmsc.com](http://www.skicmsc.com)

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

NOW THAT SKI SEASON is right around the corner, it's not too late to think about getting back into some shape for skiing. You not only need stamina, you need to strengthen your legs and hips. One of the easiest exercises to do are the standard lunges. But instead of moving forward you just drop your knee down.

- Stand with your right foot forward, left foot back a couple of feet.
- Lower your body to the floor. (you may use a chair for balance.)
- Keep your upper body as straight as possible. Return to standing position.
- Do that about ten times and then change feet position.
- Two or three sets at a time and you will feel it.

Good Luck.

*Lee Marcheschi*



## ED'S EDITORIAL...ED MITCHELL



**SKIING IS HAPPENING NOW.** It is the 18th of November as I write this, there are ski resorts open. Vail, Mammoth, Breckenridge, Snowbird and 5 more are open with 7 or more lifts. Next week is Thanksgiving and most will open including Crested Butte where on *November 23 you can Ski Free!*

Now it is time to start looking at your gear and get ready to travel. Check the airlines for updates and changes in baggage fees, limits and size. *A clip from the National Ski Club Newflash: UNITED AIRLINES RETRACTS SKI LENGTH RULE.* They've done it again! This time United Airlines retracted the new rule about ski size before too many ski clubs even noticed it. The Airline posted a ruling that skis can be no longer than 157 cm or 62" to avoid a \$100 surcharge. When Mike Hibbard of Sports America pointed out to them that 157 cm was a kids' ski size, the airline checked out the facts and realized that they had meant to say 50 #s was the limit (with no stated LENGTH limit). Problem avoided -- and the 157 cm rule has been deleted from United Airline's website.

Trip Report: [Family Trip/Breckenridge – FULL](#), [Big Sky – FULL](#), [CMSC Chicago Week 2012](#), [Steamboat](#) – has 20 members. Thank you for signing up. *See Herb if you are going to try and sign up LATE for Chicago Week.* Time is short and prices are subject to change as lodging and air space has been released. All other events and communications for Big Sky and Breckenridge will come from the trip leaders. Both Mike and Rich will contact everyone for the pre-trip party which is for members of the trip only.

That's all for now, I had little to say last month and I am sure you noted I did not have an article. Sorry, I had intentions and wrote a few lines but never finished. Something I recently found out is that one of our own members, **Ralph Chalker can provide Travel Insurance.** Call Ralph and send you business to a club member. And now you have a choice for insurance which I highly recommend. *Thank you for signing up* and remember to protect yourself with trip insurance. Our cancellation policy penalties far outweigh the cost of insurance so it really is in your best interest to check this out. The insurance is available for both Midwest and Western trips.

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If you have paid your trip in FULL, THANK YOU. If you owe payments for your trip, please contact your trip leader as soon as possible. They are trip leaders and not collection agents. If you are not paid in full per the payment schedule, you risk being dropped from the trip. Tickets cannot be issued unless your paid. Don't miss the boat!!!

Enjoy...Ed

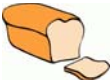
# For Your Health & Safety...Patty Pfau

**With the holidays approaching, and all the opportunities for dining, here are some strategies to keep the pounds from adding up during the holidays.**



## Drink Water

A study presented at a meeting of the American Chemical Society found that low-calorie dieters who drank 2 cups of water—16 ounces—before each meal lost nearly 5 more pounds in 12 weeks than dieters who didn't. The reason? Water, like food, takes up space in the stomach, effectively blunting appetite.

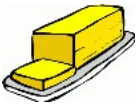


## Beware the Bread

Café-style chains like Starbucks, Panera, etc...are set up to encourage spur-of-the-moment purchases of baked goods, ignore the muffins and breads, empty carbs and added sugars, always opt for something hot. If it's hot, it's likely to have more protein and fewer carbs.

## Stick to Small Entrées

It turns out eating less won't leave you feeling deprived. In one study, Penn State researchers found that subjects ate 30 percent more food when presented with bigger portions, yet their perceived fullness didn't change. It takes less food than you think to fill your stomach. Anything you eat beyond that just pushes you to discomfort.



## Hold the Butter

Steakhouses don't have many reservations about fat, so you can save hundreds of calories by asking them to make your food "dry", lingo for "without a greasy bath of butter", it will save you 6 grams of fat on the Veggies alone. Now just imagine what it can do for a steak.

## Eat More Plants

Fruits and vegetables are crucial to weight loss. When Florida researchers tracked the diets of two groups, one overweight and one of normal weight, they discovered that both groups ate approximately the same number of calories, the thinner group just ate more plant-based foods.

## Slow Down

A study published last year in *Psychological Science* discovered that the mere sight of a fast-food sign can make you feel rushed, which can lead to impulsive decisions and poor nutritional choices. Sidestep your impulses by planning your choices ahead.

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Look at *Good Time Charley's* ad to check dates and times at

[www.gtcsingles.com](http://www.gtcsingles.com) and

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A lot of people are dancing lately - look for Nomads at the events.

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## FAMILY SKI TRIP...*RICH CLAUSIUS*

### Pre-Trip Pizza Party – Jan 8, 2012



The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Nomad Family Trip to Breckenridge, Colorado on Jan 12-17, 2012 will have their

**PRE-TRIP PIZZA PARTY on Sunday, January 8 at 4 PM @ Beggars Pizza**, 15600 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Forest, IL, 60452, (phone 708-535-9500). **Please plan on attending or RSVP otherwise.** This pizza party is only for Trip Participants (including Children & Teens going on the trip). The Nomads will provide Pizza, Pop, Beer, & Wine; and we will be handing out the Airline Tickets, Rooming List, and other Trip info. Please come or contact me to make arrangements for picking up your airline tick-

## SOCIAL SCENE...*PAM BREMER*

### Nomad Christmas Party/General Meeting - Thursday, December 15.

After a short club meeting the fun begins, with a DJ providing dance music, cash bar, and snacks (feel free to add to our limited supply of snacks). A brand new **unwrapped** toy (**NO STUFFED TOYS!**) for the children's charity or supplies for the VA are the only requested admission to the party.

#### Items for the residents of the Veterans home include:

Writing tablets, toothbrushes/holders, batteries, phone cards, greeting cards, hair brushes, kleenex, sweat pants (L, XL, XXL), socks, wheelchair cup holder, etc.

**Toiletry Items:** shaving lotion, deodorant, body lotion, denture toothbrushes, razors, after shave cologne, etc.

**Diabetic Items:** sugar free candy, cookies, gum and wafers.

**Food Products:** small boxes of raisins, individual packages of chips, granola, cereal bars, crackers, cookies, candy, etc.

*Thanks, hope to see you all there for this holiday celebration.*

*Pam B.*



## Ski Tips; are you ready to hit the big hill??

**Boot Fit:** Never buy boots for the brand name or price. Each brand has a difference, what's important is the fit.

**Boots:** The most important part of your gear. If your feet are cold or uncomfortable you won't feel like staying on the slopes.

**Your Feet:** If your feet perspire a lot, take a small can of antiperspirant with you and spray your feet before putting on your ski socks. It will keep your feet dryer and warmer.

**Skies:** Have them tuned and waxed, and the bindings tested. Dull edges can drag in the snow, un-waxed bases will drag and stick unexpectedly. A tune and wax will give you more control, speed and balance.

**Goggles:** Are your goggles scratched and hazy from being wiped with paper napkins? You'll ski better if you see where your going. Yellow lenses for flat light; amber, gray sunny days; green for night Amplification.

**Helmet:** We are seeing them more and more on the ski hills. Try on several, brands all fit different, find the one that fits your head best.

#### SKI SPECIFIC CONDITIONING EXERCISE

**One leg knee bends:** Stand and place left hand on table for support. Lift right foot toward your calf and bend left knee. Return to start position and repeat 10 to 12 times. Reverse foot and hand positions, and repeat exercise on right leg. Do three sets of reps.

**Side hop:** Stand on one side of a shoebox, squat, then hop sideways over the box to the other side. Land in a squatting position and immediately hop back to the other side. Repeat for a total of 10 reps, five on each side, do three sets of reps.



# SPECIAL EVENTS...CINDY FLOWERS

WOW! A **BIG** Thank You to Dave Presta for a delicious night out at Papa Joes for dinner and then to the Riddles Comedy Club. Ken Savara kept us laughing and smiling. Thank you Dave for all you did to make this event a huge success!

### It Was A Night to Remember..

Dave Presta did a great job organizing 50 Nomads and some friends for a dinner/comedy show package Saturday, Nov. 26. The group started the night at Papa Joe's Restaurant (10745 S. Cicero) for dinner. At Papa Joe's, they gave us their menu with the permission to order anything from it. The food was quite good and so was the ample time we had to digest and mingle with each other. After dinner, we met at Riddles Comedy Club (5055 W. 111 St). The Nomad group gathered close to the stage with our Treasurer (Pat Monahan) practically on the stage. The comedian asked Pat questions like..."are you paying for everyone and do you have a tattoo?". The comedian also took advantage of Shirley's laugh and told her "you and I could make a good show" (Ed McMahon/Johnny Carson?) The comedy show consisted of a host, and three comedians. All the comedians I thought were funny. The headliner that night was Dave's friend, Ken Senava. If you like Harry Carry (Holy Cow!) Ken will crack-you-up.

After the comedy show ended, some Nomads extended their night by meeting at The Bar Code on 111<sup>th</sup> Street in Worth. We left early, but rumor has it that most Nomads stayed and danced the night away until 1:30am.

Thanks to Dave and all of the participants for making this "*A Night to Remember*"! *Chris Oldanie*



### Snowcrest Ski Center Friday, December 2 ~ 6:00-8:00

Bring your ski boots for the Mogul slope!  
Try them out on the slope and tweak any pinches or rough spots.

- > Additional 10% off any current sale on 2012 clothing
- > Additional 5% on already reduced clearance items
- > 15% off any service and lessons
- > Footbed Special \$99.00 originally \$160.00

### Happy Hour

**Friday, December 16** – Date changed due to the holidays.

#### Ed and Joes

Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park

Downtown Tinley Park is so beautiful at this time of year. The commuter parking lot is decorated and plays music for the season. It is especially heartwarming when snow is falling. Come join us!

DECEMBER		BEARS GATHERING LOCATIONS				
Sun.	4	CHIEFS	12:00 PM	WBBM	CBS	Sam Maguires Orland Square Mall
Sun.	11	@ Broncos	3:05 PM	WBBM	FOX	Rockwelz 11265 W 159th OP
Sun.	18	SEAHAWKS	12:00 PM	WBBM	FOX	TBD
Sun.	25	@ Packers	7:20 PM	WBBM	NBC	Night Game
JANUARY						
Sun.	1	@ Vikings	12:00 PM	WBBM	FOX	TBD

# MEHLIN SMITH...TOUCH MANY LIVES IN MANY WAYS

Mehlin brought new meaning to the word "Kilt" for me and his humor made this world a happier place to live in.

*Bill Rose*

My favorite memory of Mehlin was a Welcoming Trip about 20 years ago. There was a crazy hat contest. Everyone had packed or carried their crazy hat with the greatest of care. Mehlin gets to the hotel. He realizes that he has forgotten to bring a hat. So he takes the lampshade off the lamp & sticks it on his head. He wins 1st prize!

I will miss him so much!

*Cheryl Wisnewski*

Mehlin was one of the 1st Nomad's I met when I joined in 1988, he helped me learn to ski. I'm so glad I got to see him at the 50th Banquet. There will never be another Mehlin.

*Beverly Grybas*

Mehlin was one of my favorite Nomads. He always made me smile and I enjoyed our conversations whenever I was lucky enough to cross paths with him. I will miss him

*Janice DeMaat*

Mehlin taught me to dance in the rain...what a wonderful person.

*Margaret Racky Voris*

Our hearts are heavy and yet we are also filled with joy as Rusty and I have been sharing stories of Mehlin...how we first met him, his antics on so many of the Midwest trips, of how he offered skiing tips to Attila when Attila joined the Nomads on a one day ski trip oh so many years ago. We could go on and on with the stories...we have been truly blessed to call Mehlin our friend. And we treasure our day trip to the farm where we walked the property with Mehlin and Carole. Dear Friend, you will never be forgotten.

*Mary Meyer*

We all have great memories of this man. He was loved by all; we loved the Corner scotchman at Southside Irish parade. Mehlin taught me to ski at Rib Mountain on New Years Eve in 1996.

*Karen Lyons*

Mehlin was amazing at the "Winter Carnivals". The "Nomads Cardboard Sled:" always sled across the slush cup water like it had a motor on it. One time It ended up right in front of the bar.

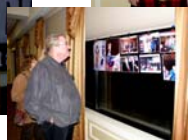
*D'Monda Miles*

Mehlin was a good friend and my dentist. We would compete with each other whenever we raced in Nastar. Most of the time we were always within 100's of a second of each other.

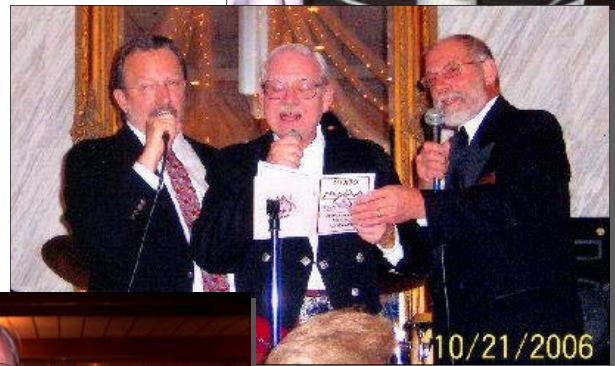
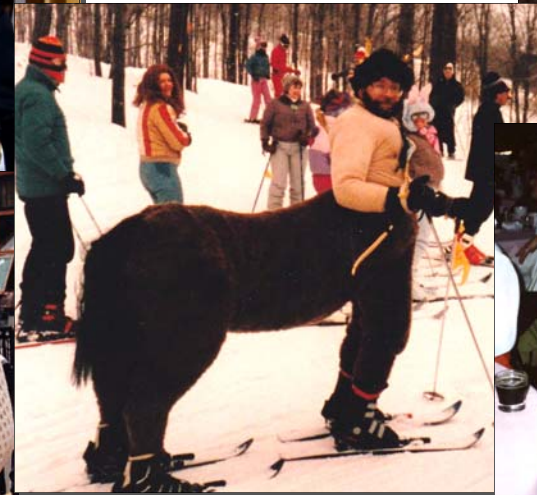
Other times I would go in Broadhead, WI., to his hanger on weekends. We would go flying in his homebuilt plane and most of the time he let me be the pilot, it was great.

I'll never forget the Fire Breathing Dragon we made in the shed behind his house for the CSMC Ski Show in Rosemont. He had very good ideas. I think we won that year.

*Lee Marcheschi*



# R.I.P. MEHLIN SMITH



# CLUB INFORMATION

**Nomad Newsletter:** If you have not received your newsletter, contact the Membership Director, Heather Seger or the Editor, Janet Kruzal.

**Membership Dues:** Payable after June 1, 2011. Current membership is required to be eligible for any ski trip. Sign up with the Membership Director at any meeting. Single: (new) \$30 (renewal) \$25, Married Couples: (new) \$40 (renewal) \$35.

**Social Meeting:** 1st Wednesday of every month at Mitch's: 13815 S. Cicero, Crestwood, IL @ 8p.m.

**General Meeting:** 3rd Thursday of every month at Gaelic Park: 6119 W. 147th St. (between Central & Ridgeland), Oak Forest, IL @ 8 p.m.

**Board Meeting:** 2nd Thursday of every month, 7 p.m., location to be announced.

## ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

Unsolicited articles and announcements are welcome.

Email to the Editor: [jlskrock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlskrock@sbcglobal.net)

Deadline is the Friday after the General Meeting

Club website: [www.chicagonomads.com](http://www.chicagonomads.com)

Trip Sign-ups: In person at any meeting

# TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY

**Trip Cancellations:** The Nomad Ski Club through its Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel trips, payments will be refunded. If trips are canceled due to circumstances beyond the control of the Nomad Ski Club, payments less expenses caused by the cancellation will be refunded.

**Non-Refundable Deposits:** Members reserve a seat on a trip by making a non-refundable trip deposit. Non-refundable trip deposits are 10% of the trip price for Western & European trips and \$35 for Midwest trips.

**Member Cancellations:** Members who cancel their seat on a trip will forfeit the non-refundable trip deposit plus any fees or losses incurred on their behalf. If cancellation occurs after the predetermined closing date (the date the last payment is due on the trip), the full price of the trip may be charged. A cancellation form must be submitted to the Trip Leader within 30 days after the trip departs for refund consideration.

**Trip Waiting List:** A completely full trip means all seats are filled on the bus scheduled for a Midwest trip or the minimum number of seats are filled on a Western or European trip. A member that cancels off a trip may be replaced on that trip from a waiting list, but the trip must be completely full. Canceling members that are replaced on a trip from a waiting list forfeit the non-refundable deposit plus any additional expenses incurred due to the cancellation. The excess will be refunded.

Contact your Trip Leader if you have any questions.

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**Ruth Sulda**

*CSMC Representative*

# Upcoming Events

January 2 ~ Crested Butte

January 12 ~ Breckenridge, Family Trip

January 28 ~ Big Sky


February 10 ~ Shanty Creek

February 24 ~ Granite Peak

February 25 ~ Steamboat Spring



## December 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Snowcrest	3
4 Bears	5	6	7 Social	8 Board	9 Marquette	10
11 Bears	12	13	14	15 General	16 Happy Hour	17
18 Bears	19	20	21	22	23	24
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