

2018—2019
Ski Season

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President's Letter

Greetings 3M Club Members,

Welcome to March – fortunately (or perhaps unfortunately, depending on your perspective) not the snowiest month of winter. Following the record snowfall of 39” in the Twin Cities in February 2019, some people will welcome a little less snow in the coming weeks (although I believe we still expect several more storms before winter surrenders to spring.)

One group who is definitely welcoming snow is the participants on the **Sun Valley, Idaho** trip. 25 club members are heading west for the chance to ski/snowboard up to 6 days on this 8-day trip (**3/2 – 3/9**). In terms of conditions, it looks like it is a bit warmer than the Twin Cities – temperatures in the 20s – and with just slightly more snow – 107” at the base, and 144” at the top of Bald Mountain. [I think I have about 70” at the top of the pile at the end of my driveway.] We wish them safe travels and a great week!



Speaking of skiing/snowboarding opportunities, the club sponsored two local events in February. First, we hosted the February **MSC Meet-and-Ski at Welch Village on Saturday, 2/16**. The slopes were in very good shape, thanks to the aforementioned snowfall. Members from several clubs attended – I am guessing close to 60 total – on a fine mid-winter's day. We had the grill going for hamburgers and brats, and many people brought along food to share. We even had ice decorations! The **next MSC Meet-and-Ski** will be hosted by Sitzmark at **Welch Village on 3/9**. Hopefully you will have a chance to come out to play in the snow!

Our other local event in February was a meetup at **Afton Alps on 2/27**, with a special discount on lift tickets and even an opportunity for a free 1-hour beginner lesson as part of the ticket deal. The skiing had an open start time, and then people could meet up at 5pm and/or 7pm in Paul's Pub in the Alps Chalet.



March brings visits to two new locations for our Thirsty Thursdays. On **March 14**, we will be heading to the '**Tin Whiskers Brewing Company**' in St. Paul, where you can experience the result of electrical engineering being applied to the art of beer. We follow up with a trip to '**The Dog House Bar & Grill**' in Maplewood on **March 28**. I try to stay out of the dog house, but in this case I will make an exception.

As we move into March, we are getting closer to the end of the winter season (well, maybe not this year), and so we encourage you to start thinking about the **Year End Banquet**. We will be returning to the same location as last year – the **Minnesota Humanities Center in St. Paul** – on **Saturday, April 27**. Please save the date and watch for details on the event (dinner, silent auction, awards presentation). Please also start thinking about what you might like to donate to help the club through the silent auction. More on the evening is coming soon!

And, as always, please check out the Hootline website (<https://hootline.com>) and watch for email messages to stay up-to-date on club activities.

All the best,

Garrett

Thirsty Thursdays



Thursday, March 14th, 2019, 5pm+

[Tin Whiskers Brewing - St Paul](#)

125 9th St E, St Paul, MN 55101

(651) 330-4734

www.twbrewing.com

Tin Whiskers is on a mission to make Artfully Engineered Beers, and is the perfect place for beer-nerds and non-nerds alike. We bring our electrical engineering background into the brewery with our beer names, our scientific approach to the brewing process, and our branding -- including circuit board flight holders.

Thursday, March 28th, 2019, 5pm+

[The Doghouse Bar & Grill - Maplewood](#)

2029 Woodlynn Ave, Maplewood, MN 55109

(651) 621-1535

www.thedoghousebarandgrill.com



Happy Hour - Double up for a buck

Monday - Thursday 2pm - 7pm

Happy Apps - \$2 off select appetizers

4pm - 6pm & 10pm - midnight

The Dog House Bar and Grill has become one of the top locations for entertainment and live music in the Twin Cities. We offer a great happy hour with a full menu that will please everyone.

For more information about these and other club activities and trips, please visit our club site at: www.hootline.com

Thirsty Thursdays



Thursday, April 11th, 2019, 5pm+

Mancini's - St. Paul

531 7th St W, St. Paul, MN 55102

(651) 224-7345

www.mancinis.com

Mancini's has used this same tradition for steaks and lobsters, hand-picked at the wholesalers and broiled to perfection on Mancini's big, open charcoal broilers.

Thursday, April 25th, 2019, 5pm+

Lucky's 13 - Mendota

1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota, MN 55150

(651) 452-1311

www.luckys13pub.com



Happy Hour(s)

Monday to Thursday

3–6PM / 9PM–12AM

Friday

3–6PM

\$2.00 off Domestic Taps House Wine Glass

\$4.00 Appetizer Loaded Fries, Cheese Curds, Frickles,
Burnt Ends, Buffalo Quesadilla

\$1.25 OFF All Bar Beverages

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3M Club
Ski, Snowboard & Social Club
Year End Banquet &
Silent Auction
Saturday, April 27, 2019
6 pm

** RSVP by Thursday, April 18th **

What? Social Time, Silent Auction, Dinner and annual Awards Program

Silent Auction, Cash Bar, Plated Dinner with salad and dessert,
Slide Presentation & Award Program

Where? Minnesota Humanities Event Center, Commons Room

987 Ivy Avenue East, St. Paul, MN 55106

Cost? \$35 Members, \$40 Non-members

Reminder: Club Membership is always available for the low, annual fee of \$20.



RSVP? Reserve your seat by April 18

Fill in the form below and send with your check to
Char Franey – 6033 Birchwood Rd. – Woodbury, MN 55125



***And why not include an item
or two to the Silent Auction?!***

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Silent Auction: This is your chance to donate something really special, unique, quirky, fun, delicious (or however you want to phrase it) to the club as a fundraiser.

Use your imagination; be creative; it's fun and helps the club subsidize great events like this all year.

You'll need cash or a check book - you'll want to bid on these items as well!

Attendee(s):

Dietary Restrictions:

E-mail address or Phone Number:

Check # (payable to 3M Ski Club): _____ \$: _____

I am unable to come for dinner but would like to come for the Awards & Program @ \$10. _____

Please consider including a Silent Auction Donation with your RSVP.
Yes, you are allowed to donate even if you can't come!

Fill in the form below and send to
Char Franey – 6033 Birchwood Rd. – Woodbury, MN 55125

Donated by:

Estimated value: _____ Number of people this donation is for: _____

Gender of bidders requested (ladies, gents, all): _____

Description of what is being donated:

1) _____

2) _____

2019 Sun Peaks BC Canada 3M Ski Club Trip Report – “Dodging the Polar Vortex”

January 27 – February 2, 2019

Luck was with us on this trip! It was a cold and early start off to Sun Peaks. The temperature at 3:45 am measured -10 F. Little did we know it was going to get much colder in Minneapolis. We departed just before the temps plummeted into record breaking below zero temperatures closing schools, businesses, ski areas and even the post office! All trip participants were at check in well before the recommended 4:45am making checking in a breeze. Most people spent the time between check in and boarding at the gate, others went for a walk up and down the concourse. Many of us had to do a double take when we saw Jeff sporting a Grizzly Adams beard, Jeff is that really you? Before the boarding process, the 3M Ski Club got a shout out from the gate staff.

After arriving in Kelowna, we picked up our luggage (all was there, nothing was lost or delayed) we were met by Ross, Angela and Glenn who had arrived in Kelowna a day before. Thanks to them, we were provided with snacks and beverages for the bus ride.

At the Crystal Forest Condos we were met by a highly organized group of resort employees who helped unloading and distributing all luggage to the condos.

For our opening night reception at the Cahilty Hotel, Nancy Greene was so kind to join us and share her story as an Olympian gold medalist and the history of the Sun Peaks community and mountain resort! It was fun to listen to her stories and her analogy on why Sun Peaks schools should have 4 longer school days vs 5 shorter days...so the kids can ski on Friday! Sun Peaks Fun Fact: The school is located on the ski hill so, they take the lift to school and ski down after school. How awesome is it, to be a kid in Sun Peaks?

We started off on Monday morning and by noon a few voices were heard saying “It’s like skiing in Minnesota, just bigger and longer” which sadly wasn’t too far from the truth. The winter so far had been below average, and the area had not seen fresh snow in the past two weeks. Though there was enough snow to have all runs open and lifts operating. Most people took the opportunity to explore the ski area with different skilled mountain hosts.

Karen had conveniently positioned herself to ride up the lift with a hot snowboard instructor. The desired conversation between the two did not happen as Ross jumped in between them. She held it together all the way to the top of the mountain until ... “Seriously Ross???” ... and giving him the mitten. After skiing for a half day, Sue’s lift ticket tore off, luckily, she kept the receipt ... in her condo, so she had to walk back to retrieve it. Moral of the story... Keep Your Receipt with You!

That night, we had a FUN Happy Hour hosted by Ross, Angela, Ben B., Ben G. and Perry! We had lots of great food, wine, beer, laughs and ski talk. The happy “hour” lasted until the early morning hours.

On Tuesday, about 20 of us took the opportunity to ski with Nancy Greene. Due to the large interest to ski with Nancy, the 3M Ski Club group was quickly dismissed, only to be invited to a private tour at later that day.

After the first two days without any new snow, we had our first “powder day” and skiers enjoyed the almost 2” (and yes, 2” is stretching it) of fresh snow on the slopes. For the remainder of the week, Jason and Stubbs were required to re-learn running a condo household as Felix ditched them for an open room in Carolyn’s condo. There he got to enjoy a fully loaded refrigerator... let me rephrase this... the entire club got to enjoy a fully loaded refrigerator as the food was distributed to other condos and what’s left was allocated to the garbage night. Thanks Rachel and Garrett!

Our group dinner at the Steakhouse was amazing! Kudos to Ben B. for putting it all together! The service, the dinner and the wine were all outstanding! The group picture after the dinner is reflective of all the fun we had! Big smiles and hugs by all! (except Mike B. who is in the witness protection program so can’t be in the pictures - KIDDING!) He was smiling though...we saw it! Herb rated very special with picture taken featuring him and all the women. The night was young and not to be over yet. Karen, Lorrie and the Franey’s hosted a late-night happy hours...yes, more than one hour, in their

condo which was lot of fun too! We had fun with a sign that was appropriate for snowboarders not so much for skiers it read "Snowboarders Proudly Annoying Skiers"

Soo much fun, that Shelly and Joanne came back to ask for directions back to their condo. All condos had back doors, and front doors, some on different levels and it got really confusing after a long day of skiing and having fun.

Our rookie Chris reached a milestone as he skied down his first ever green run after his only 3rd day on skis. He made it all the way down the 5 Mile run, into the village where he and Joanne celebrated with a beer. After a happy hour at Masa's Bar in the Village, a group of 7 (Mari, Shelly, Sue, Mark & Laura and Ross & Angela), took the lift up for a fondue dinner on the mountain. After a delightful meal, Ski resort employees equipped with torches, guided the participants down the freshly groomed 5 Mile Run.

Other lucky ones were invited to the Franey's condo for an outstanding spaghetti dinner with great appetizers, beer wine and dessert.

Our last day of skiing was a treat. We got to enjoy another powder day with new snow, but foggy at the top. To Mari, Shelly and Sue going up the Crystal Lift felt like approaching the pearly gates of heaven.

We started off our garbage night with way too much food, almost not enough beer and wine. 😊

The trips two Rookies competed during our Hockey night in Canada – 5 Goal Shootout that was held in the condo's courtyard. While altering the rules with every shot at the goal, Chris scored an impressive two and Perry scored three to take the win. In order to balance the increasing difficulty, a little aiming fluid was required. The Halftime show consisted of two Canadian retrievers showing up and stealing the puck. Everyone helped to chase the dogs and after a short break, the puck was repossessed to continue the game. Back in the warming hut, we celebrated both rookies by presenting them with a personal trophy. Chris ended up on injury reserve due to a cold, so Joanne received a Sun Peaks beer mug and Perry the Sun Peaks coffee cup. The party went on until the early morning hours.

Having so much fun on and off the slopes, made it hard to leave. To Ben's German excitement, everyone was out bright and early to load the bus and we departed approx. 7 minutes and 35 seconds early, giving us just enough time for our ride to the airport. After checking in, two of our group were picked out for "random" special security check. Interesting that both were redheads. What's up with that Canada?

While waiting for our flight to arrive, the weather forecast for Sun Peaks predicted a drop of temperature to -0 degrees for the following week, while in Minneapolis the temperatures were set to reach +39 for our arrival! Whew! Dodged it again!

What a great trip! Great location and a great group of people! Thanks to all who let us invade their condo for all the group gatherings and fun.

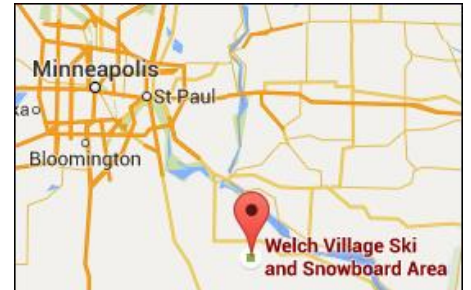
Your trip leaders - Sue & Ben





3M Ski, Snowboard & Social Club
in collaboration with
Midwest Sport & Ski Council (MSC)
present:

Saturday Meet & Ski Events



Jan 19th: Welch Village
 Feb 16th: Welch Village (hosted by 3M)
 Mar 9th: Welch Village
Slopes open at 9am; Grilling at Noon

*Bring a friend or family member.
 Enjoy our local slopes and introduce others to our club!*

- What?** **Local Meet & Ski Days in collaboration with Midwest Sport & Ski Council (MSC)**
 Three fun, local skiing events and a great opportunity to meet and ski with members of other local ski clubs.
- Where?** **Welch Village Ski and Snowboard Area, www.welchvillage.com**
 26685 County Road 7 Blvd, Welch, MN 55089, 651-258-4567
- Eats?** **Grilling at Noon outside of Madd Jaxx Chalet (compliments of ski clubs).**
 Please bring a dish/snack to share. Chairs are encouraged.
- Pricing?** Watch for details!
- Questions?** Contact John Olson, 612-385-5646, johnskiier@yahoo.com



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Calendar of Events

March 2019

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
25	26	27	28 <u>The Happy Gnome</u> 5:00 pm St. Paul	1	2 <u>Sun Valley, Idaho</u> All day Sun Valley.	3 <u>Sun Valley, Idaho</u> All day Sun Valley.
4 <u>Sun Valley, Idaho</u> All day Sun Valley.	5 <u>Sun Valley, Idaho</u> All day Sun Valley.	6 <u>Sun Valley, Idaho</u> All day Sun Valley.	7 <u>Sun Valley, Idaho</u> All day Sun Valley.	8 <u>Sun Valley, Idaho</u> All day Sun Valley.	9 <u>Sun Valley, Idaho</u> All day Sun Valley. <u>Meet and Ski - Welch Village</u> 9:00 am Welch	10
11	12	13	14 <u>Tin Whiskers</u> 5:00 pm St. Paul	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <u>The Doghouse</u> 5:00 pm Maplewood	29	30	31

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Calendar of Events

April 2019

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <u>Mancinis</u> <u>5:00 pm St. Paul</u>	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <u>Easter</u> <u>Holiday</u>
22	23	24	25 <u>Lucky's 13</u> <u>5:00 pm Mendota</u>	26	27 <u>Year End Banquet</u> <u>6:00 pm St. Paul</u>	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

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