

# Piette's Post

I'm starting with a review of some of the significant topics covered in the survey people filled out during the Spring Banquet, then I will move on to new information regarding our trip to Big White.

#### Survey Highlights:

Everyone that attended the Spring Banquet was provided an opportunity to share their opinions and ideas by filling out a survey. The response to this was very good. Thank you to everyone for helping the full Board to understand your preferences. I will briefly comment on several of the highlights, especially those related to skiing and other activities. Pia Heldt will share other survey results at a later date.

With respect to skiing, the preference for ski-in/ski-out lodging came through loud and clear by being the highest approval rating for any of the questions. It is also clear from the survey that people love going back to places they like. Sun Peaks and Telluride had the highest scores for favorite North American destinations. Aspen, especially Snowmass, Lake Tahoe and Vail were close behind in the rankings. Searchmont, Lutsen and Whitecap were identified as favorite locations in the Midwest.

We also had a question about the food that is offered for our banquets. Many people stated that they were okay with anything because the reason for attending is to see the people. I agree. Yet, 23 people favored a more upscale meal versus 6 people stating that they preferred we continue with the family style meals. We will work with The Woods to identify alternatives as we go forward.

#### **Big White:**

It is to your advantage to stay current with our planning process for Big White. You may sign up online starting August 28th, and send your check in no sooner than September 1. The reason for having an early signup is to take advantage of the favorable exchange rate. We will be posting significant information before the September newsletter comes out so that you will be ready for the signup. A signup date will be approved at the next Board meeting. The date will be quickly communicated to everyone via the web page (Gelandesprung.org) and the "Gelandesprung Ski Club" Facebook page.

The final price for the trip will be announced a few days prior to the signup date. Given that the exchange rate could change quickly, we will be more accurate with setting the correct price for the trip by waiting. To help you plan, we set the maximum price at \$2,200 for the base package of all travel, skiing and lodging, etc. If the exchange rate does not change much between now and early September, we will be able to set a lower price. Please read the information carefully. You also need to verify that your passport will not expire before September 3, 2024. If it does, you will need to apply to renew your passport immediately and you will probably need to expedite the renewal process. There is more information in this newsletter.

Finally, Big White and Sun Peaks are in the Okanagan Valley. Check out the Post about the valley at https://www.ski.com/blog/7-reasons-we-love-the-okanagan-ski-resorts/ or at the Facebook page. You may also access the link at Gelandesprung.org by clicking on the "Trips" button.

### Big White, January 2024

Friday Jan 27 – Friday Feb 3 Saturday Jan 28 – Saturday Feb 4 Trip Leader: Tom Piette Assistant Trip Leader: Heidi Janowski



**Purpose:** This is to provide background and cost information about Big White. This will allow you to be prepared to sign up for the trip. We will be using an <u>on-line signup</u> provided by Skigroup.net, our travel agency for this trip. The link will be provided to us during August. <u>We will not use a paper sign-up form</u> for this trip. The information below will help you organize and prepare for the on-line signup.

If you or a friend are not able to use a computer, tablet or phone to sign up for the trip, call Skigroup. The Main number is (970) 313-4221. Skigroup staff will sign you up with the information that you provide.

There will actually be two parts to sign up for the trip:

- The online sign-up including all your choices for transportation, lodging, skiing, etc. will begin as early as August 28. The final date will be determined at the Board meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Watch your emails for an e-blast for the online sign up date. The system is easy to understand the first time you use it. The date that you input your signup information will not affect your position in the cue for choices. That will be based upon the postmark on the envelope with your check as described below.
- 2. The second part of the sign-up is to send your check for the deposit to <u>Gelandesprung Ski Club, PO</u> <u>Box 10422, Green Bay, WI 54307</u>, as directed by the signup system. This should be postmarked no later than one week after your on-line signup. You may choose to include a confirmation of your sign-up but this is not necessary. The Board and committee members that need it will have access to your sign-up information to see your choices.

#### Big White Highlights:

- September 1, is the day your check needs to be postmarked for signup (not before that date).
- Big White <a href="https://www.bigwhite.com/geo/usa">https://www.bigwhite.com/geo/usa</a>, is known worldwide for its local climate that provides the much sought after dry, light, <a href="https://champagne.powder">champagne powder</a>. Big White offers the choice of 118 designated runs across 2,835 acres of terrain.
  - o 18% Beginner, 54% Intermediate, 22% Expert, 6% extreme
  - Bowl skiing is available
- Lodging:
  - $\circ$  The Inn at Big White Hotel provides a nice comfortable room and other amenities.
  - The Stonebridge Lodge condominium lodging (+\$350) provides upscale lodging. Two 2bedrooom condos are reserved at this time. Please tell me now if you plan to use one so that we can ask for more condos if they are needed.

- Both are true ski-in/ski-out.
- Check out the lodging on line to make your choice
- Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, and other activities are available at the resort.
- With 20 on-mountain restaurants, cafes, delis, pubs and nightclubs, there is no shortage of places to replenish your energy level when it's time for a break.
- A Grocery store and delivery service is available in the village.
- Information is not yet available for a possible day trip to Silver Star. That information would be shared this fall.

#### Trip Cost:

- Maximum Trip Cost for the base trip is approved at \$2,200 ea. The trip cost could be about \$50 less if the exchange rate remains stable. The exchange rate only affects costs incurred in Canada.
- The base trip includes:
  - \$782 Travel Package includes round-trip Chicago bus and air fare. The flight leaves Chicago at 6:00 AM each day.
  - Lodging at The Inn at Big White, bus from the airport to Big White & porterage.
  - A 5 of 6-day adult lift ticket (less for seniors). Passes for 4-days and 6-days are also available.
  - The Stonebridge Lodge adds \$349 to the cost
- IMPORTANT:
  - The airlines limited our seats to 32 people per day.
  - There will be a bus for the Saturday trip for 32 people and this flight will need to be filled.
  - If there are not enough people to cover the cost of the bus on Friday, then the Friday group will drive to O'Hare and bussing (\$122 ea.) will not be charged. Options for a stay & fly hotel would be identified.
  - People flying with us must pay for the bus unless their bus is cancelled.
  - People making their own travel arrangements may ride the bus with us from Kelowna if you are ready to go with the group at about 2:00 PM. Other options may be available at a higher cost. Refunds will depend on our ability to recover the cost.
- Information You must have to sign up:
  - Your passport expiration date, at August 4, 2024 or later
  - Your full name exactly as it appears on your passport. (Ex, Katherine, Elizabeth, Smith)
  - Options for trip insurance
  - Your choices:
    - Saturday (primary) or Friday departure
    - Green Bay or Appleton pickup
    - Lodging choice
    - Room-mate preferences.
    - Ski pass, days and type
    - Emergency Contact names (2) and phone numbers.

Finally, visit Gelandesprung.org and the Facebook page for more information during August.

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Vertical drop of 2,550 ft and overall skiable terrain of just under 2,800 acres Big White is the second most popular resort in British Columbia There is no end to the exploring you can do on this mountain!

OR

# **FRIDAY-to-FRIDAY**

# JAN. 26 - FEB. 2, 2024

JAN. 27 - FEB. 3, 2024

# SATURDAY-to-SATURDAY

- HOTEL AND CONDO LODGING AVAILABLE
- BOTH ARE SKI-IN/SKI-OUT PROPERTIES
- AIR FROM CHICAGO TO KELOWNA, B.C.
- 119 RUNS 18% BEGINNER, 54% INTERMEDIATE, 22% EXPERT, 6% EXTREME
- ELEVATION BASE 5757', SUMMIT 7606'
- 16 DINING OPTIONS AND 1 MARKET FOR GROCERIES
- PRICING AND DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!

• CHECK YOUR PASSPORT AND RENEW IT NOW IF ITS EXPIRATION IS LESS THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE END OF THE TRIP

Payment should be post-marked Friday, September 1st or later

(Must be a Gelandesprung or Sly-Fox Member to Sign Up – See membership form on website)

Canadian owned and family operated since 1963 / 5315 Big White Road Kelowna, BC V1P 1P3



/ALID US PASSPORT REQUIRED & NO DUI's

Reviewed & Signed Copy of Gelandesprung Waiver will be Required



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## QUICK'S BIKE RIDE

### SEPTEMBER 23,2023 @ 12:00 NOON

### \*\*NEW LOCATION\*\*

### SILARIAN VINEYARDS

## 11715 HILLTOP ROAD, CATO

DUE TO CONSTRUCTION AT THE QUICK RESIDENCE, WE HAVE SELECTED THIS LOCATION FOR THE RIDE.

WHAT REMAINS THE SAME: SOMETHING YUMMY WILL BE SMOKED UP TO DEVOUR AFTER THE RIDE; BRING A DISH TO PASS; THE RIDE WILL STILL BE THROUGH THE HILLY TERRAIN OF NORTHERN MANITOWOC COUNTY

WHAT WILL CHANGE: LOCATION ( OBVIOUSLY ! ); DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES.

SILARIAN OFFERS LOCAL WINES AS WELL AS IMPORTED WINES AND LOCAL CRAFT BEERS. BRING A LAWN CHAIR TO LISTEN TO THE CHOCOLATEERS STARTING AT 3PM.

DIRECTIONS : GET TO HIGHWAY 10 AND HEAD TOWARDS WHITELAW, TURN SOUTH ON COUNTY S, TURN WEST ON HILLTOP FOR A VERY SHORT DISTANCE TO SILARIAN.

RSVP TO <a href="mailto:trip.chair@gelandesprung.org">trip.chair@gelandesprung.org</a>

# Green Bay Farmer's Market



Gelandesprung Ski Club needs your help at the Green Bay Farmer's Market

Claudia needs help with setting up/tearing down and greeting people who stop by.

Saturday morning October 7<sup>th</sup>

If interested, please contact Claudia Elsner our Marketing Committee Volunteer at 920-676-9285 or email at czelsner@sbcglobal.net



The Gelandesprung newsletter has one available advertising space. The cost is \$75 dollars per year for 12 issues that gets emailed out to over 100 club members and 50 other individuals or organizations.

Claudia has graciously offered to follow up with anyone that you think may be interested in utilizing this advertising space.

All you have to do is provide her with contact information and she will follow-up on the club's behalf.

Thank you, Claudia Z. Elsner

	3/24 Membersh	ng Ski Club of Green Bay hip Application/Renewal & Waiver Form Year runs May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024	9
NEW MEMBER RETURNING MEMBER RENEWAL	<b>\$25.00</b> per Person	Please "DO NOT" publish the follwing in the Membership Roster: Phone Number Email Address	_
WAIVER ONLY		NEW MEMBERS:	
Payment \$00 Che	ck #	How did you hear about Gelandesprung Ski Club?	
Please indicate if you are intere- becoming any or all of the follow			
Trip Leader / Assistant Trip Leader		Who referred you?	
Committee Member			
Board Member			

I certify that I am at least 21 years of age and do hereby accept the policies and practices of the Gelandesprung Ski Club. I understand that my participation in clubsponsored events carries a degree of risk, injury, or death.

I hereby unconditionally waive and release the Gelandesprung Ski Club, its officers, directors, agents, members, and other trip or activity participants from any and all liabilities arising from any injuries, illness, property damage or loss I may suffer as a result of participation in club events. I am fully aware of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID). By agreeing to participate in club activities, I have evaluated such risks, and I hereby hold harmless the club officers, directors, agents, and members.

I also grant full permission to any and all foregoing to use any photograph, videotape, motion pictures, recordings, or other record of any ski club event for any legitimate purpose. Any additional trip surcharges incurred by the Club will be passed along to those participating on the affected trip(s). Trips are based on double occupancy unless otherwise specified. Single occupancy requests require special arrangements at increased costs and depend on availability. All monies paid for a trip cancelled by the Club will be refunded. Refunds for cancellation requests will be charged costs that the Club is unable to recover. Refund requests must be submitted in writing to the Gelandesprung Ski Club, Board of Directors at address below or emailed to <u>Treasurer@Gelandesprung.org</u>. Trips utilizing airline transportation have additional separate written cancellation policies specific to each trip. All decisions on refund amounts will be made by the Board of Directors and are final.

By submitting this form, I agree that I have read & accepted the trip policies as set forth by Gelandesprung Ski Club of Green Bay. All club policies are posted on the website at <u>www.Gelandesprung.org</u> or by contacting us by mail at the address below.

Form can be filled out in Adobe Reader & Printed as phone numbers & addresses can be difficult to read

Print Name:	Cell Phone:	
(Full Proper Name as required for Flights & International Travel)		
	Email:	
Preferred/Nick-Name:	_	
Address/Cell Phone/Email has not changed since last year	Signature:	
Address:	Date:	
	(Couples please Sign Separate Forms)	
City/State/Zip:	Please mail the completed form & dues to:	
	– Gelandesprung Ski Club	
Birth Date: / /	P.O. Box 10422	
(MM/DD/YY - Club use only & will not be published)	Green Bay, WI 54307-0422	



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#### **August Birthdays**

Birthd	av Name
08/01	Paul Gruener
08/01	Mary Huckins
08/03	, Jeannene Jenkins
08/04	Ron Klossner
08/05	Terry Jeffers
08/10	Mike Bast
08/10	Jake Mangless
08/11	John Luetscher
08/13	Scot Wederquist
08/23	Frank Wickham
08/24	Nancy Whitfield
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