



# Gelandesprung Gazette

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## Piette's Post

Our trip to Big White ended after last month's Post was submitted. Most of you know that I had to drop out of the trip at the last minute. I would like to recognize and thank Heidi Janowski, Ron Quick and Kevin Klases for providing great leadership for Big White. The trip had significant challenges from the start. Alaska Airlines altered the schedule for the Saturday group late in September. The Friday flight was canceled 2 ½ days before departure. Each of these changes created problems for our travelers. Once people arrived, they were faced with poor weather throughout the week, with the exception of a bluebird day on Friday.

I received a number of comments from people regarding the issues. Most of people that shared their thoughts with me were complimentary of the leaders and the entire group for making the best of situations that could not be controlled. Some people compared the conditions to those that occur closer to the coast. Although Big White is much further from the coast, this unusual event had a significant impact. If we choose to select a trip to this region in the future, it is likely that we would be hundreds of miles further north.

I was also asked if we should have canceled the trip when airline issues arose. The problem is that we sign contracts with the resorts well in advance of the trips. For example, we signed a contract last summer to go to Beaver Creek March 1 to March 8, 2025. The contracts include limited flexibility to drop condos and rooms based upon the number of days prior to the trip. It is also very difficult to find lodging for a group once we get within a year of the trip.

Prior to joining the ski club to participate in trips, I learned to enjoy the simplicity of choosing what trips to go on, packing and writing a check for less money than I could travel on my own. I have been on a couple of trips where conditions were not ideal. But I have had amazing experiences as well. The powder days I experienced at Breckenridge (48 inches), Aspen (25 inches), and last year in Salt Lake (100 inches) include three of the best powder trips I have been able to enjoy. I also enjoy going to places I would never have gone on my own. Lake Tahoe, Sun Peaks, Whitefish, and Banff are on that list for me. Consequently, I remain committed to continuing to help our club meet the wishes of our members for great ski trips.

I do appreciate the feedback from everyone and the understanding of the situation by most of the people that reached out to me. The Board is interested in your thoughts. Please feel free to share your ideas by sending a note to me at [President@gelandesprung.org](mailto:President@gelandesprung.org).

Finally, the trip to Searchmont is March 22- 24. Although the trip signup period is past, you could call us to see if a hotel room is available if you want to go.

Tom Piette

# BUS SKI TRIP TO Searchmont Resort



## Searchmont Resort - March 23rd and 24th, 2024

GELANDESPRUNG Ski Club is going to **Searchmont Resort for a two night stay**. The bus leaves Friday afternoon March 22nd and will return Sunday, March 24th after skiing. The trip includes lift tickets, travel in the comfort of a Lamer's Deluxe Motor Coach, two nights lodging and breakfast in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario at the Algoma Water Tower Inn and Suites. Sign-up Starts on October 6th at the Fall Banquet. This is a favorite destination for the club and is destined to be a favorite for years to come. Searchmont boasts 3 triple and one quad lift chair servicing 26 trails over 100 acres of natural rolling terrain. Searchmont is subject to large lake effect snowfalls and averages 132" of snowfall per year. Everyone must have a valid passport for the trip.

Searchmont also boasts acres of Nordi skiing, both classic and skating trails.

Trip leader: Adam Hanson 920-370-2391  
Assistant trip leader: Frank Wickham 920-217-1643

## \$432 per skier

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please review Gelandesprung Ski Club Trip, Refund & Discount Policy at:

<https://www.gelandesprung.org/trips/>

### Print Name (1)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

### Print Name (2)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ski Club Affiliation:

- Gelandesprung Ski Club  
 Sly Fox Ski Club

YES  NO  Your Membership Paid for 2023/24?

YES  NO  Your Waiver Signed for 2023/24?

(Sly Fox members need to sign a GSC Waiver Form to ski on these trips.)

<https://www.gelandesprung.org/join-us/>

### EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR THIS TRIP

*(Someone you don't ski with)*

Main Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed form & dues to:

**Gelandesprung Ski Club**

**P.O. Box 10422**

**Green Bay, WI 54307-0422**



## *SAVE THE DATE*

*for our*

*Spring Banquet*

*Friday, April 26*

*Social Hour 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.*

There will be three menu items to choose from. It will be important to meet the sign-up deadline for the Woods to order our food.

If you miss the deadline, you can still attend the banquet and order off the house menu.

Please come and enjoy our season wrap up, get some insight into this summer's activities and next season's ski destinations. And take the time to visit with your favorite ski poles. (Oops! Darn spell check. Make that, favorite ski pals.)

*More details to come in the April newsletter.*

## BIG WHITE TRIP SUMMARY

The trip started out with a bang! Our trip leader, Tom Piette, tested positive for Covid a half hour before the trip was to begin, but as they say in Big White – no worries mate! A huge thank you to the Western trip committee members who stepped up to make this trip a success. Kevin Klasen lead a fractured group of travelers from Vancouver that were divided into four flights. He made sure everyone got on a plane and ended up in Kelowna, taking the last flight in himself, making it a 24-hour travel day for him. Heidi Janowski did an excellent job getting the Saturday bunch to the resort and setting up both the apres ski party and the banquet. Frank Wickham helped as well, as did Tom from his home in Green Bay.

The week started out with less than ideal conditions. Heavy fog covered the mountain making skiing difficult as it was hard to see the slope. The snow conditions were soft and very skiable if you stayed on groomed runs. Off piste' skiing was a different story! Our group is very resilient and most got out and enjoyed the resort anyway. Tuesday provided a change in the weather and we could actually see! Fourteen of us went to Silver Star that day and had a great day of skiing. The fog returned on Wednesday and Thursday with added rain as well. Fortunately for the Saturday travelers, Friday turned out to be the best day of the week with clear conditions and even some sun.

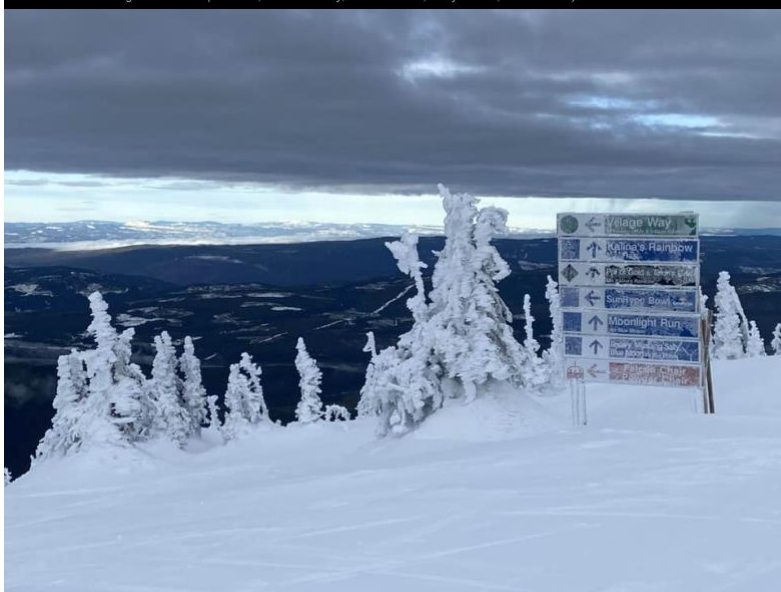
Thursday night was the departure dinner and everyone enjoyed a BBQ buffet. The mood was great as all enjoyed the week despite the weather. We were pleased to have 18 first-time western trip participants and hope they join us on future trips. We had 7 nominations for the Obtuse award, but it came down to a tie breaker between 2 of the nominations. Tom Rogers saw a cute young lass in line waiting to get on the lift. He decided to blow a kiss at her but was too slow, as she had moved, and the kiss was received by a rather large man. When Tom got to the top of the lift, the lift operator commented that he heard he liked big guys! Dave Rooyakkers ended up winning the award as he apparently got off the groomed run and ended up on his rear. He was having a hard time trying to get up in the deep, wet snow. Two Aussies came to his rescue. Dave warned them that he was 300 pounds-which is a lot of kilos! He left a moon-sized crater in the snow where he fell but the 2 Aussies were able to get him out.

Travel home went much smoother and all made it home safe and sound! All the staff at Big White venues were awesome! Staffed mainly by Aussies, they were very friendly and helpful. It was a quaint resort with plenty of options for food and drink. This was a great trip despite the weather. Thank you to everyone who joined us – you were an awesome and fun group!

Trip Leaders Heidi Janowski & Ron Quick



2024-02-02 GSC Big White Canada (Mike Bast, Rhonda Sankey, Frank Wickham, Cindy Rendall, Adam Hanson)







# 2023 - 2024 SLY FOX SKI SEASON

See full info & sign up form: Sly Fox Newsletter & Website  
[www.slyfoxskiclub.org](http://www.slyfoxskiclub.org)



Wakefield, Michigan

**RESCHEDULED DATE**  
**JANUARY 19-21, 2024**

**\$425** dbl occupancy  
Full payment with sign up

Deduct of \$100 from final  
Payment for  
No lift pass/non- skier

Trip open for sign - up

**WHAT'S INCLUDED!**

Round Trip Motor Coach -  
Appleton/Green Bay to  
Snowriver Wakefield Michigan

Subs, bottled water, ice on  
the bus to Wakefield.

2 Nights lodging/Snowriver  
Jackson Creek Lodge

2 Day Lift Pass/Snowriver  
NEW Voyageur Express-high  
Speed 6pk chair lift

Dinner Saturday night -  
Jaggers Ore House

Note: Breakfast available at  
Jackson Creek Lodge (on your  
own)

Motor coach schedule:

GREEN BAY: Loads/5pm

Departs/5:15pm

The Woods GC, 530 Erie Road.

APPLETON: Pick up 5:45pm

Appleton Location & time TBD

Return trip-Culvers food stop

on your own. Complete  
itinerary prior to departure.



Bessmer Michigan

**February 9-11,**  
**2024**

**\$350** dbl occupancy  
Initial deposit \$100

Trip open for sign up .

**WHAT'S INCLUDED!**

Round Trip Motor Coach -  
Appleton/Green Bay to Big  
Powderhorn Resort Michigan

Subs, snacks, bottled water,  
ice on the bus to Wakefield.

2 Nights lodging/Quality Inn  
Ironwood (2 queen or 1king).  
Indoor pool with hot tub.

Also included, two day full  
hot breakfast buffet.

Note: Short motor coach ride to  
Big Powderhorn mountain.

2 Day Lift Pass -

Big Powderhorn Mountain

Dinner Saturday night at the  
Jagger's Ore House

Saturday Apre'ski- Quality Inn  
prior to dinner at Jaggers Ore  
House.

Complete itinerary prior to  
departure.

Motor coach schedule:

GREEN BAY: Loads/5pm

Departs/5:15pm

The Woods GC, 530 Erie Road

APPLETON: Pick up 5:45 pm

Appleton Location & time TBD



Aspen Mt., Aspen Highlands,  
Snowmass, Buttermilk.  
COLORADO at its FINEST!

**March 2 - 9,**  
**2024**

**\$2550** dbl occupancy  
Initial deposit \$750

Trip opens for sign up & no  
earlier than Oct. 4 meeting or  
postmarked on that date

**WHAT'S INCLUDED!**

Round trip Motor Coach -  
Appleton & Green Bay to/from  
O'Hare Chicago also  
Denver/Aspen.

Round Trip air with Southwest  
Airlines, to/from O'Hare  
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premises in the heart of  
Aspen. The Gants private/free  
shuttle included.

Lift Pass - 5 day included,  
additional options available

Dinner Friday with departure  
information, TBD

Trip Leader Sam Fontaine  
[trips@slyfoxskiclub.org](mailto:trips@slyfoxskiclub.org)

Complete info & sign up in  
Sly Fox Newsletter & Website.

[www.slyfoxskiclub.org](http://www.slyfoxskiclub.org)

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# Gelandesprung Ski Club of Green Bay

## 2023/24 Membership Application/Renewal & Waiver Form

Membership Year runs May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

rev 2023-03-19

- NEW MEMBER
- RETURNING MEMBER

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- RENEWAL
- WAIVER ONLY

**\$25.00**  
per Person

Please "DO NOT" publish the following in the Membership Roster:

- Phone Number
- Email Address

NEW MEMBERS:

How did you hear about Gelandesprung Ski Club?

Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00      Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you are interested in becoming any or all of the following:

- Trip Leader / Assistant Trip Leader
- Committee Member
- Board Member

Who referred you?

*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 club-sponsored 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 [Treasurer@Gelandesprung.org](mailto:Treasurer@Gelandesprung.org). 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 [www.Gelandesprung.org](http://www.Gelandesprung.org) 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full Proper Name as required for Flights & International Travel)*

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred/Nick-Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

*(MM/DD/YY - Club use only & will not be published)*

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**March Birthdays**

Birthday                      Name

03/01 Deb Matz  
03/04 Chona Antonio  
03/07 Adam Hanson  
03/08 John Gaie  
03/08 Roger Kloehn  
03/13 Steve Barkhahn  
03/14 Slava Isayev  
03/19 Bill Henry  
03/22 Bob Mellinger  
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