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The Spring edition

Finally. I think. Is Spring really here to stay? It has certainly been a strange weather start to 2018.

I hope everyone had a good ski season, and enjoyed the new cellphone Emergency ID holders and bandanas. If nothing else, those cell phone holders are a great conversation starter. Brag about your club, introduce others to the fact that there are ski clubs in the Midwest, increase your membership, make new friends.

This is sort of a wrap of for the 2018 OVSC year, as we are focusing on the upcoming OVSC Summit, June 15 – 17, in Dayton, OH. We'll be headquartered at the Crowne Plaza, located at 33 East 5th Street. Details will be forthcoming about the agenda, and new this year will be online registration! Thank you, Vicki Adams, your OVSC Webmaster! Your OVSC Rep will have more information for you after Sunday's (April 22nd) OVSC Board meeting. And, of course, should be delivered to you via email, again thru your OVSC Rep. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Also at the April 22nd Board meeting, we will be taking nominations for the 2018-2019 OVSC Board. Those nominations will be voted upon at the Summit Meeting, and nominations for the Trip Directors (International and Racing) will be accepted, and voted upon at the 1st OVSC Board meeting after the Summit.

Please let me know what the OVSC can do for you and your club to make this an awesome experience for everyone.



SPOTLIGHT:

SKIERS LTD. SKI CLUB

Skiers Ltd. Was founded by a group of dedicated skiers, evolving to embrace other winter sports like snowshoeing and dog sledding. Early in the club's existence, one of the members introduced them to a worthy mentor, Snowshoe Johnson, loosely based on a real pioneer of American skiing, "Snowshoe" Thompson. John A. Thompson, one of the pioneers of American skiing, carried mail to remote mountain settlements after the 1849 California gold rush negotiating a ninety-one mile route wearing a pack of 100 pounds. He went through snow drifts often in sub-zero weather. His feats of endurance and courage are still remembered in the Sierra country. The club later added Helga as a female companion for Snowshoe and we annually celebrate the pioneer spirit that they represent.

Members of the club have participated in numerous OVSC trips to Europe and on the annual western trips. There have been local trips to Michigan, and for a



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number of years, the club has made an annual trip to Holiday Valley near Ellicottville, New York.

When snow is not available, Club members enjoy participating in a variety of monthly activities including hikes in central Ohio parks and local gardens, visits to the Columbus Zoo and Franklin Park Conservatory, and not forgetting the need for nourishment, progressive dinners. One of the highlights for club members is the annual golf scramble which is always a highly anticipated activity.

At our Winter Holiday celebration in December, we collect toys for the Toys for Tots program.

Upcoming Events:

OVSC 2018 SUMMIT: Dayton, OH

June 15 – 17

Get the updates from your OVSC Club rep, or

Contact Dan Hapner, rosehapner@aol.com

International Trip: Iceland

August 21 – 29

Extension: Denmark

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The club has gathered new members over the years but still has a number of founding individuals who actively participate in club activities. At the heart of our club is the formation of friendship, some new and others lasting for many years.



Wildflower Walk



Snowshoeing at Bachelor



Skiing at Whitefish



How to gain access to the National Ski Federation website:

1. Go to www.skifederation.org
2. Look in the Upper Right corner of the home page for “Club Members Login/Register” and click on it.
3. You are now on the Login & Registration Page
4. If you already have previously registered:
 1. Find the “Existing Members Login” area on the right side of the page and enter your user name and password. Check the “Remember Me” box and then click the “Login” button. Going forward you should always already be logged in to the system if you remember to check the “remember me” box. To verify click on the “Club Members Login/Register” link in the upper right of the home page. When you get to the Login & Register page you should see “Logout” in the “Existing Members Login” area. This means you are already logged into the site and can access anything.
5. If you have NOT already registered:
 1. Fill in the registration form (left side of page) completely. Do not leave any fields blank. When you reply “Yes” to the “Are you a Ski Club or Ski Council Member” two additional fields will open. The first will be for you to select your ski council from the drop-down list. Then the second additional field will open for you to select your club from the drop-down list. Then click the “Submit” button.
 2. You will then receive an email with your new user name and that you will receive a follow up email once an administrator approves your id. That follow up email will have your password. You can change your password at any time. Please give the administrators time to review and approve your registration request. It can take up to 48 hours, but it is usually quicker.

2018 OVSC SUMMIT

June 15 – June 17, 2018

Dayton, OH

Crowne Plaza Hotel

New this year: Online sign-up via the OVSC website! Vicki Adams, your OVSC webmaster extraordinaire, will be highlighting the new feature at Sunday, April 22nd's OVSC Board meeting. Look for the OVSC Summit "invitation" in your email, ask your OVSC Rep about it, or contact Vicki for direct information.

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INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Round trip air from Dayton to Iceland on Delta Airlines. (based on 2017 rate and subject to change)
- Round trip bus transfers from Reykjavik Airport to hotel with English Speaking Guide.
- Entrance including Towel rental to the Blue Lagoon.
- 5 night’s accommodations in Reykjavik at the Fosshotel or similar.
- 2 night’s accommodations in Myvatn at the Fosshotel or similar.
- ½ day city tour of Reykjavik.
- Bus transfer with guide to Myvatn via Hraunfossar and Akuyeri.
- Full day tour in Myvatn.
- Bus transfer back to Reykjavik via Glaumbaer.
- Golden Circle Tour from Rykjavik including the Gullfoss waterfall , Geysir, and Tingvellir National Park.
- Full day South Shore Adventure.
- Breakfast buffet daily.
- 4 Dinners.
- Local Taxes.
- Airline taxes and fuel surcharge. (based on 2017 and subject to change.)

Daily Itinerary

Aug. 21, 2018
Depart the USA for Iceland.

Aug. 22, 2018
Day 1: Arrival, breakfast in Keflavík, transfer to the Blue Lagoon – Reykjavik [B/D]

Your group will be picked up at Keflavik International Airport. We start the day with breakfast in Keflavík. Then it is only a 20 minutes’ drive before we reach the Blue lagoon. The Blue Lagoon is one of Iceland’s most popular attractions, a natural geothermal pool in the middle of a large and dramatic lava field and an oasis that owes its existence to a nearby geothermal power plant, looming large over the aqua tinted waters. We stop for 1 ½ hour for a refreshing bathe or a swim in the inviting, rejuvenating and pleasantly warm mineral-rich water (36°C-38°C/100-110°F), reputed for its healing properties. From the Blue Lagoon it takes about 45 minutes passing lava landscape and several suburbs before reaching Reykjavík, the northern most Capital city in the world. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant in the city center.



Aug. 23, 2018

Day 2: Reykjavík city tour with guide, free afternoon [B]

We pass Hallgrímskirkja-Church and enjoy a photo stop at Höfði house, where the Reagan/Gorbachev summit meeting took place in 1986. We continue to district of the University, the Nordic house and National Museum. From the City Hall we take a walk through the city center to the street where the first settler built his house. Next to the Parliament and Lutheran cathedral we pass the sculpture of Skúli Magnússon, the founder of Reykjavík and Jón Sigurðsson, our real independence hero. We then head towards the city pond to enjoy different types of birds, geese, and whooper swans and ducks mallards. We drive past the Catholic Church and enjoy then the panoramic view over Reykjavik, the fjord and mountains from the balcony at the Pearl. We end the tour at the harbour where we find a large fleet of whale watching and fishing boats in all sizes. The afternoon is free for optional whale watching or walking around in the city. Dinner on own.



Aug. 24, 2018

Day 3: Reykjavík – Husavik [B/D]

After leaving Reykjavík, we explore Hraunfossar, a series of waterfalls pouring from beneath a long row of lava fields into Hvítá River. Barnafoss “the Children’s fall” is nearby and has its own tragic tale. Then we visit Europe's most powerful hot spring and climb the Grábrók volcano crater in West Iceland. We continue along fjords and over mountains to Akureyri - the capital of North Iceland, for a brief stop prior to continug to nearby Husavik our base for the next two nights. Dinner at the hotel



Aug. 25, 2018

Day 4: Husavik – Mývatn – Husavik [B/D]

We explore Goðafoss, the waterfall of the Gods, and continue to Lake Mývatn, known for its rich bird life and extraordinary volcanic lava landscapes. Visit pseudo craters, walk in the lava field Dimmuborgir, climb up to the rim of the ash crater Hverfjall, see the hot springs and bubbling mud pools of Námaskarð, and travel to the Crater Lake Víti in the Krafla geothermal fields. Dinner on your own.



Aug. 26, 2018

Day 5: Husavik - Reykjavík [B]

We travel back west over the mountains to Skagafjörður, known as the valley of horses, and home to many ancient farms. We visit the folk museum and turf farm at Glaumbær. The buildings of the farm date from slightly different periods in the 18th- & 19th-centuries. Onward we travel south and stop for coffee & cake at a horse farm, where we also learn about the history and special gaits of the Icelandic horse. Evening at leisure.

Aug. 27, 2018

Day 6: Golden Circle day tour [B]

Over a scenic route we reach Þingvellir (Thingvellir) National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site. We stroll around the country’s most sacred site, home of the oldest existing parliament in the world, the Alþingi, and major events in our history. We drive to the mighty Gullfoss (the Golden Waterfall), perhaps the most beautiful in the country. Onward we explore the geothermal active valley of Haukadalur which contains the geysers Geysir and Strokkur. Strokkur, the Great Geysir’s little brother, is spouting to a height of about 25 metres (82 ft) and erupts at about 5-7 minute intervals.

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Evening at leisure.

Aug. 28, 2018

Day 7: South shore of Iceland – Reykjavík [B/D]

The route passes through some of the prettiest countryside in Iceland with fields, farms and villages towards the Eyjafjalla and Mýrdalsjökull glaciers in South Iceland. We continue to the impressive Skógafoss waterfall, that's more than 60m high (197 ft) and belongs to the largest waterfalls in Iceland. Then on to the beautifully sited village of Vík í Mýrdal, the southernmost village in Iceland. After lunch break we reach the volcanic black sandy beach of Reynisfjara that is famous for its bird species including puffins. We reach Seljalandsfoss, a graceful ribbon-like waterfall, which drops from an overhanging lava cliff. If you step carefully, you can walk behind it, but be prepared to get wet.

Farewell dinner at the hotel in Reykjavík.



Aug. 29, 2018

Day 8: Departure transfer without assistant [B]

Unfortunately, today is the day you depart and we need to say good bye.

Transfer without assistant to the airport.

TAKING SIGN-UPS NOW. A DEPOSIT OF \$1000.00 IS REQUIRED, THE CHECK IS TO BE MADE OUT TO OVSC, AND MAILED WITH THE SIGN-UP FORM AND A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT



OR, CONTINUE YOUR TRIP TO DENMARK!

Day 1, August 29: Arrive Copenhagen [D]

Arrival into Copenhagen Airport and meet your local guide and coach for an orientation sightseeing tour of the city. Marvel at the majesty of Christiansborg Palace; hear of the intriguing exhibits within The National Museum; and disembark to capture photographs beside Copenhagen's gorgeous symbol, the statue of the Little Mermaid from Hans Christian Andersen's famous tale. The tour will end at your hotel for check-in. In the evening enjoy a group dinner at your hotel or nearby restaurant.

Day 2, August 30: Rosenborg & Carlsberg Brewery Tour [B/D]

Meet your coach and guide at the hotel to start a 6-hour sightseeing tour of the city. Your first stop is an included entrance to Rosenborg Castle, a Renaissance palace where the Danish crown jewels are kept, as well as paintings and other treasures. Other landmarks and sights you'll see include the Opera House, Nyhavn (New Harbour), Vesterbro, Christianshavn, the Old Stock Exchange, Kongens Nytorv (King's Square). Enjoy some free time for lunch before an afternoon visit to the Carlsberg Brewery.

How do you brew the perfect beer? By never being satisfied, as when Carlsberg founder JC Jacobsen chased the dream tirelessly almost 200 years ago. The old brewery from 1847 has been converted into a modern center with unique displays and interactive exhibits. Your visit will take you through the history of beer craftsmanship and

culture. You can also visit the stables and the largest bottle collection in the world, displaying more than 16,600 different kinds of beer bottles.

The tour will end at your hotel. Dinner is included. Overnight in Copenhagen

Day 3, August 31: Odense Day Trip [B/D]

Get to know the father of fairy tales on a Hans Christian Andersen day trip from Copenhagen. With a guide at your side, travel to the writer’s birthplace, the town of Odense on the Danish island of Funen. The Danish writer produced plays, books and poems, but is perhaps most widely remembered for his fairy tales. The Little Mermaid, The Ugly Duckling and Thumbelina are among the best known around the English-speaking world, proving inspiration for ballets, animated films, plays and more. Following the opposite direction of a route traveled by Andersen in his teens, your tour heads south, out of Copenhagen and through the heart of Zealand the large Danish island on which Copenhagen sits. Cross the impressive Great Belt Bridge to the island of Funen and stop in Odense. Visit the Hans Christian Andersen Museum, which was once Andersen’s childhood home and explore the town.

The tour will end at your hotel. Dinner is included. Overnight in Copenhagen

Day 4, September 1: North Zealand Excursion + Tivoli Gardens [B/D]

This is a royals-themed day trip to North Zealand including a tour of Frederiksborg Castle. The day trip lets you explore Frederiksborg Castle and learn about flamboyant King Christian IV who once lived here, walk through rooms like the Coronation Chapel and then stroll through the castle’s French Baroque gardens with a guide. You will also visit Helsingør Castle (also known as the Kronberg Castle) made famous in Shakespeare’s Hamlet and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The tour will end at your hotel with the rest of the afternoon free at leisure.

In the evening, visit Tivoli Gardens, a famous amusement park and pleasure garden in Copenhagen, Denmark. The park opened on 15 August 1843 and is the second-oldest operating amusement park in the world. Enjoy a group dinner in the park and some free time to explore on your own and enjoy the rides.

Overnight in Copenhagen

Day 5, September 2: Departure [B]

Transfer with your coach and assistant to the airport for departure flights home

