



## International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians

**ISFR Snow Line - December 2008**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY!** Yes, it's our ISFR's 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday annual ski week to be held at Crested Butte, Colorado, USA from February 7 – 14, 2009. We are going to have a birthday party! We have neat birthday events planned and we'll even have birthday cake. We want you there!

There are many activities planned for you for our week at Crested Butte. We listened to you and we are having a Hospitality Room with coffee and hot tea available all day. There will also be some munchies, puzzles, cards, etc. available for your enjoyment in the Hospitality Room.

And ... **YOU ASKED FOR IT-APRES SKI!** On days when there is no evening event planned, we are having an Après Ski right in the Hospitality Room with a cash bar present. We hope you will take advantage of our plans for you.

Other events include the first-timers meeting on Saturday evening before the Welcome Reception. We had good reports from our first first-timers meeting last year, so we will repeat the meeting opportunity again. To those of you who will be coming to an ISFR ski week for the first time, we will fill you in at this special meeting on some of the activities you won't want to miss and how to get acquainted with the rest of us. This meeting is also for the first-time non-skiers as we have planned activities for you during the week. And speaking of **non-skier activities**, there will be several tours available – **see the travel brochure from our travel company** – Bokoff-Kaplan, a division of tlg travel management. We also plan to have **one or two noon hour Dutch treat lunches in the area for any non-skiers who would like to participate. (Check in the Hospitality Room for details when you get there.)**

Our tour director, Marilyn Branch, has a great dining out activity planned for Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in **Crested Butte's Soupcon Restaurant**. Dine in this romantic petite bistro located in an alley in historic downtown Crested Butte. This National Historic Landmark is an old mining cabin, circa 1891, and is celebrating 32 years as a restaurant. You can read all about it in the current issue, December 2008 of Travel and Leisure. On February 9th ISFR can have the entire 8:15 seating which allows for only 32 of us to enjoy this exceptional dining experience. Jason Vernon, Chef/Owner of Soupcon in Crested Butte will offer Appetizers – Chef's Choice; Entrees – Filet Mignon or Halibut with his exquisite additions: Desserts – Traditional Crème Brulee or Miniature Cheese Cake with Biscotti Crust - Price: \$77 per person includes tax and gratuity. There is an exceptional wine list available. There are 18 wines by the glass or by the bottle to the discerning connoisseur. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING PART OF AN ISFR GROUP OF 32 PEOPLE FOR THIS DINING EXPERIENCE, PLEASE LET MARILYN BRANCH KNOW BY DECEMBER 30, 2008.** Her e-mail is [branchm@telluridecolorado.net](mailto:branchm@telluridecolorado.net)

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Remember if you are attending Home Hospitality you should bring a hostess/host gift. We have been told that there is a gift shop close by the hotel if you need to pick something up after you arrive in the area. However, something from your home community makes a very interesting and appreciated gift.

And speaking of remembering something ... please remember to bring some item(s) from your community, your state, or country for the auction for the **Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation Fund at our Gala Banquet Friday evening**. This auction event raises funds to help adaptive skiers from the Crested Butte area. The Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation will have more information for us as the time gets closer.

As President Don has the option of choosing **dress code for the Gala Banquet on Friday evening**, he has chosen **casual/comfortable**. So ... plan to have a great evening and not worry about bringing your formal clothes.

Sometime during the week, we are planning to have the instructors from the Crested Butte adaptive ski area come over to the Hospitality Room to share their experiences. Watch for more details when we get to Crested Butte.

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### **STILL TIME TO SIGN UP**

**From Bonni Simon with Bokoff-Kaplan Travel @ tlg travel**

We are looking forward to seeing you this February 7-14, 2009 in Crested Butte, Colorado, USA. Winters in Crested Butte, Colorado are a skiers paradise. If you like short lift lines and uncrowded ski terrain, you'll love Crested Butte. Winter fun includes cross country skiing, sleigh rides, moonlight snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and more. Please go to [www.isfrski.org](http://www.isfrski.org) for complete information on this exciting trip. You can also call Randy Trost at 800-888-5275 Ext 111 or email [r.trost@tlgtravel.com](mailto:r.trost@tlgtravel.com). Looking forward to skiing with you!!

There may be opportunities to sign up for part of the week if you can't make the whole week. Check in with Randy at our tour company about this possibility or Marilyn Branch at [branchm@telluridecolorado.net](mailto:branchm@telluridecolorado.net)

Note from Marilyn and the Goerings. When we were in Crested Butte in September to check on details, tour the facilities and the town, we stayed at The Lodge at Mountaineer Square. A very nice place to stay. We also got to tour The Elevation Hotel Resort area. They were putting the finishing touches on that newly remodeled facility. Wow! It's going to be lovely and our Hospitality Room will be huge! We also met and had breakfast with The Rotary Club of Crested Butte. They are excited to have us come to their area.

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### **GROUP PICTURE TAKEN AT ANNUAL MEETING**

For all those attending Crested Butte please be sure to be present for the group picture which will be taken at the annual meeting time. Check details as to the location. We want YOU in the picture.

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### **YOUR ISFR MEMORIES ARE WANTED**

As part of our 35<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration ski week we are planning to distribute a booklet of memories about ISFR. We have a good start, but would

like to hear from more members. Please ... send us your memories about ISFR annual ski weeks that you enjoyed, events that were fun, or very memorable days and/or nights. We'd also like memories from ISFR members from ski events in their countries. We will try to use all the memories we receive in this special birthday booklet to be given out to those in attendance at Crested Butte. We need memories from our newer members as well as members who have attended a number of ski weeks. We'd appreciate memories from the very early ski weeks. Remember, It's our 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday and we want you to be part of the memories! **Deadline for submitting – January 10, 2009 - Please send by e-mail to President Don Goering at [donaldgski@aol.com](mailto:donaldgski@aol.com)**

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This following article was received by: [www.altabadia.org/Rotary](http://www.altabadia.org/Rotary) Rosetta del Bo'



**8th Ski Meeting – Rotarians' World Championship  
Alta Badia 14th - 21st March 2009**

**THE ROTARIANS OF THE SNOW LOOK FOR EACH  
OTHER AND MEET...**

The Rotary Club was founded on a cold winter evening 103 years ago! Those who know the States also know that the climate in Chicago in February is not the mildest! It may have been snowing, it had snowed shortly before or it would have come down the following day, so that at the Foundation of the Rotary Club, a "SNOW MAN" would not have been out of place. The ISFR, on the initiative of the European area, invented this creature 16 years ago to add a positive piece to the marvelous world of the Fellowship, inserted into the active work of International Rotarians.

We all hope that the creation of the "SNOW MAN" in many clubs, will help to continue information on the subject of "winter sports" in the fellowship possibly becoming – it has been in the past – conducive to contacts, among

clubs or rather “theme” clubs, a new trend which the future puts before us and ISFR without hiding the difficulty of an upward path.

Seven World Skiing Championships have already involved famous European mountain resorts, which are dedicated to tourism, biennially, while every year evocative skiing weeks are noted in the U.S.A. and Canada favoring a sporting fraternity with enthusiasm for skiing.



Alta Badia is the avant-garde representative for the white disciplines with great events on a world-wide level from which the World Cup Cross-Country Skiing stands out at the beginning of winter. A valley connected to the other valleys of the Sella Ronda, favored by its affiliation to the Dolomite Superski. The valley did not want to lose the chance to welcome the 8th Ski Meeting Rotarians' World Championship with its slopes and panoramas, the marvelous, superb hospitality in the wide-ranging hotels in all the star categories equally rich in “family atmosphere.”

If the saying the hotel “is your home from home” is true, in Alta Badia you will find it all! Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Germany, Japan, Greece, Moldavia, the Netherlands, the Scandinavian countries, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, the United States, Siberia, South America, Surinam, Switzerland, Turkey and, of course, Italy are all taking part.



Photos by Freddy Planinschek Tourist Association Alta Badia

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**ISFR BOOTH HELP NEEDED FOR RI 2009 CONVENTION IN UK**

Help is needed for the ISFR Booth at the 2009 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, United Kingdom. Convention is June 20-24, 2009. Please let Margaret and Henry Blowey know if you can help with a time shift at the booth. Their e-mail is [RHBMEH@aol.com](mailto:RHBMEH@aol.com)

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**.....ISFR SOCIAL PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR BIRMINGHAM, UK**

ISFR will again this year have a social time for greeting other ISFR members who are in attendance at the Rotary International Convention. And ... Margaret and Henry, our resident experts, are looking into a place to have our social. An organized ISFR Social has been held since the Australia RI Convention. It's a fun time to get together with other members who will be in Birmingham. Check at our ISFR Booth for more details..

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**BOARD MEMBERS WANTED**

Would you like to help make decisions that govern the ISFR? Board members are needed. Please volunteer for this important position. Let President

Don Goering know if you would be willing to become a board member. His e-mail is [donaldgski@aol.com](mailto:donaldgski@aol.com)

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### **KEEP YOUR DUES CURRENT**

If you have not paid your ISFR dues for 2008, please remit to stay current. Download an application from the “join/renew” section of our web site and send payment to our Executive Secretary, PO Box 151711, Arlington, TX 76015.

New memberships are \$50 USD annually and any prior members with a break in consecutive membership will be \$50 and be categorized as “new.” Thereafter, annual dues will revert to \$35 USD annually.

ISFR needs to have a stable base of members and that means remitting dues even if you are not planning to attend that year’s ski event. Also, by consistently staying current on your dues you will remain on our mailing list and always have a listing in the ISFR directory of members.

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### **SAVE JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 6, 2010 FOR PARK CITY, UTAH, USA AND 2011 FOR CANADA**

More information will be available on these ski weeks soon. Lyn Stroschin, Whistler, BC, Canada and John Hopkins, Telluride, Colorado, USA are working on 2011. Give them your input. Their addresses are in our ISFR directory.

### **A CHUCKLE FROM LYN STROSHIN FOR ALL OF US**

**This is to remind skiers it is time to prepare for skiing and  
to remind non-skiers why they don’t ski.**

10. Visit your local butcher and pay \$30 to sit in the walk-in freezer for half an hour. Afterwards burn two \$50 dollar bills to warm up.

9. Go to the nearest hockey rink and walk around the ice 20 times in your ski boots carrying two pairs of skis, accessory bag, and poles. Pretend you are looking for your car.

8. For ski boot simulation – at home, put a pebble in your street shoes and tighten a C clamp around your toes.

7. Buy a pair of gloves and immediately throw one away.

6. Go to McDonald's and insist on paying \$10 for a hamburger. Be sure to wait in the longest line.
5. Clip a lift ticket to the zipper of your jacket and ride a motorcycle fast enough to make the ticket lacerate your face.
4. Drive slowly for five hours – anywhere – as long as it's in a snowstorm and you're following an eighteen-wheeler truck.
3. Fill a blender with ice, hit the pulse button, and let the spray blast your face. You'd almost believe you're skiing in front of a snowmaker.
2. Dress up in as many clothes as you can and then proceed to take them off because you have to go to the bathroom.
1. Repeat all of the above every Saturday and Sunday.

**SEE YOU IN CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, USA    FEBRUARY 7-14, 2009**