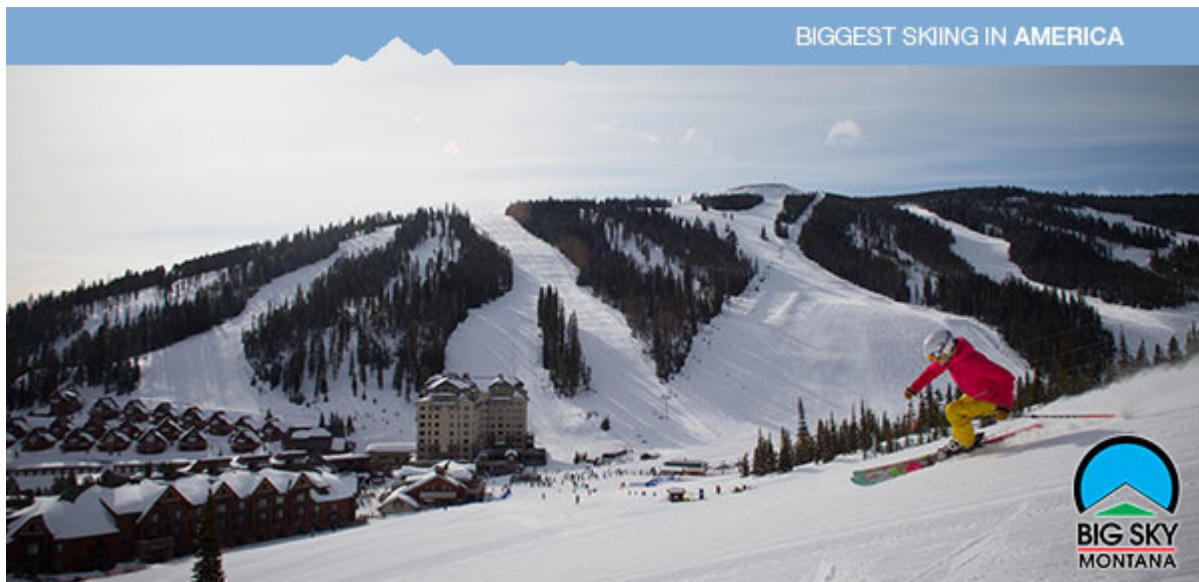




ISFR

January 2015

Rotary Club of Big Sky members are eager to host the ISFR Jan. 31 – Feb. 7, 2015.



Jeff Strickler writes: "I just had lunch with Eric Bickerstaff, who heads the Eagle Mount program for the disabled at Big Sky. I think that the ISFR/DBMF people will be happy with what is planned.

First will be the opportunity to ski with some of the skiers in the adaptive skiing program. Eagle Mount is headquartered on the slopes in the Base Camp, which is right in the middle of the plaza, right outside the hotel doors. They had 70 skiers last year for over 500 lessons. Eric thinks that any ISFR member who wishes to observe or tag along can just come to their place in the Base camp and they can be set up. Lessons are from 10:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-3:00 PM. Also he said that there are several mono-skiers that love to show people around and tell their stories, so ISFR people would be welcomed by them as well.

Second, Eric will give a 10 minute description of the Eagle Mount program.

Finally, the Bozeman Day: Friday morning a bus will collect the ISFR people who are going for the 45 mile drive to Bozeman. First stop will be the Eagle Mount facility for a look around and a talk with their director, Mary Peterson. In addition to adaptive skiing, Eagle Mount has a wide range of things for people with disabilities, from equestrian, to water sports, to summer camps. Their website is: www.eaglemount.org. The trip will then proceed to the Museum of the Rockies where Jack Horner, the paleontologist who was the model for the guy in the Jurassic Park movies and the originator of the “warm blooded dinosaur” theory has created an excellent dinosaur exhibit. There are also a good Native American and pioneer Montana exhibits. If time permits a visit to a grizzly bear enclosure will follow. Lunch on your own at a nearby Bozeman eatery. (cost will depend on number of participants and what kind of vehicle is required)

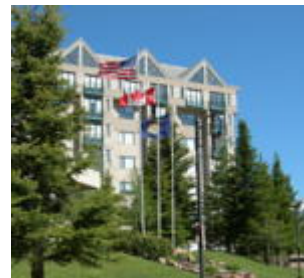
Of course, Wednesday will be the DBMF Challenge. It will not involve disabled skiers, but ISFR members will fulfill pledges to ski as many lifts as possible. (even the green skiers can participate as there are several lifts that serve green runs, and, of course all the magic carpet surface lifts). Just fun that is limited by the strength of your legs.”

Jeff Strickler

All accommodations for the ISFR have been arranged at Big Sky Resort’s Huntley Lodge and Shoshone Hotel (the Huntley is now sold out) which share the same lobby and are just a few yards from the base area lifts. Make your reservation directly with the hotel.



Huntley Lodge ***



Shoshone Hotel ****

Program For The Week:

Sat. Jan 31:

Registration and Welcome Reception

Sun. Feb: 1

9:00AM

Guided mountain tours by local Rotarians

Green groomers, blue cruisers, bumps and steeps

4:00 PM:

Super Bowl Party with food, and special games for both non and sports fans guaranteed to entertain all participants

Mon. Feb. 2

9:00 AM:

Guided mountain tours by Local Rotarians

“Tour of the Trees” (Glade skiing at its best)

“Tour of the Moonlight side of the Mountain”

6:00 PM:

Home Hospitality with local Rotarians

Tues. Feb. 3:

- 10:00 AM: Yellowstone backcountry XC skiing. Break trail with the Big Sky Snow Striders
- 6:00 PM ISFR Annual General Meeting
Dinner on your own at choice of restaurants

Wed. Feb. 4

- 1:15 PM: Lunch at Everett's 8800
Ski in, drive, or take the shuttle bus
- 5:30 PM: Big Sky Joint Rotary Meeting and Dinner
Speaker: Rich Yehle, Yellowstone Park Ranger –
Yellowstone Ecology

- Thur. Feb. 5:** All day: Yellowstone Snow Coach tours. See bison, elk, mud pots, Old Faithful in warm comfort & back before 5
- 9:30 AM: Cross Country Skiing at Lone Mountain Ranch
 - 6:00 PM: Farewell Gala Dinner and Auction

Fri. Feb. 6:

- 2:00 PM Lunch at Moonlight Lodge
- All Day Bozeman trip:

Take the coach bus to Bozeman to tour the Eagle Mount facilities that provide adaptive skiing, horseback riding, and swimming. Visit Montana Grizzly Encounter and the Museum of the Rockies with their award winning exhibits of paleontology and Western culture. Downtown art gallery tour and lunch.

Sat. Feb. 7: Departure day

Not registered? Do it on Line at, www.isfrski.org/,

March 7–14, SAAS FEE, SWITZERLAND

The Rotary Club of Saastal will host all ski-loving Rotarians to enjoy an unforgettable week of friendship and skiing in Saas Fee, the "Pearl of the Alps." You will meet interesting friends from all over the world. Enrich your mind, experience genuine Rotary ideals and participate on the slopes in leisure skiing and several winter sport competitions.



Saas-Fee, the attractive and car-free glacier village at 1800m altitude, surrounded by 13 over four-thousand meter mountain tops, is at the foot of the highest Swiss mountains. It received in 2012 the silver award for "Best Ski Resort".

Program of the Week

Saturday March 7 Arrival Day

- 09:00-18:30 Registration at your hotel or tourist office
- 16:00 Guided tour through Saas-Fee/historical and cultural background
- 18:00 Get together/welcome drinks
- 19:30 Dinner at your hotel
- 22:30 Nightcap at one of Saas-Fee's bars (tba)

Sunday March 8 Opening Day

- 09:30 Meeting point for skiers at Alpin-Express Valley Station.
Discover and enjoy the ski area and its winter sport options with local Rotarian guides
- 12:30 Lunch at Morenia mountain restaurant
- 18:00 Opening Ceremony at the village Square/musical program/free drinks
- 19:30 Get together dinner with local Valais/Wallis specialties

Monday March 9 Skis Guiding Day/Training Day

- 0:930 Meeting point for skiers Alpin-Express Valley Station welcomed by local Rotarians
- 12:30 Lunch at the Gletschergrotte mountain Restaurant
Option: snowshoe hiking to the gletschergrotte restaurant
- 17:00-19:00 Rotary Meeting / Meeting point Metropol Keynote:" The Walser people
- 19:30 Dinner at your hotel
- 22:30 Nightcap at one of Saas-Fee's bars (TBA)

Tuesday March 10 Charity Day

- 09:30 Meeting point for skiers at Alpin-Express Valley Station
Skiing with young blind people and attendants
- 12:30 Lunch at Three Sixty highest revolving restaurant in the world
Charity project media press conference
- 17:30 Meeting point Hannig valley station/dinner and entertainment at Hannig summit
- 21:00 Torchlight night sledding to Sass-Fee

Wednesday March 11, Saas Valley Day/Nordic Competition

- 09:30 Number bibs distribution at the round church of Saas-Balen
- 10:00 Start cross country race Saas-Balen to Sass-Almagell
Option 1: Winter hiking Saas-Grund to Sass-Almagell
Option 2 Skiing in the Kreuzboden/Hohsaas, Saas-Grund area
- 12:30 Lunch at the Olympia Restaurant Saas-Almagell
- 14:00 Free skiing in Sass-Almagell
- 17:00 Visit historical Saaser Museum
- 19:30 Dinner at your hotel
- 22:30 Nightcap at one of Saas-Fee's bars (tba)

Thursday March 12, Alpine Competition

- 9:30 Meeting point valley station Alpin-express/number bib distribution

Viewing giant Slalom "Eiskristall"
 10:30 Start first giant slalom race
 11:30 Start second giant slalom race
 12:30 Lunch at Mistral restaurant (village)
 Option: Excursion/hiking on Hannig
 16:30 Get together/meeting point Metropol, presentation: "Next ISFR Ski Meeting"
 17:00-19:00 ISFR Committee Meeting
 19:30 Dinner at your hotel
 22:30 Nightcap at one of Saas-Fee's bars (tba)

Friday March 13, 3rd Free Skiing Day, Farewell Ceremony

9:30 Meeting point for skiers at Alpin-Express valley station, welcomed by Rotarians
 12:30 Lunch at Plattjen Mountain Restaurant
 Option, Excursion, sunbathing and hiking Hannig
 19:30 Gala Dinner/Races prize ceremony/Entertainment by local village ensembles

Saturday March 14, Departure Day

Individual departure or extended stay as individually planned

Accommodation: Recommended Hotels



Ferienart Resort and Spa
 from CHF 190 per pax/night
 **** incl. half board



Best Western Metropol Hotel
 from CHF 140 per pax/night
 **** incl. half board



Allalin Hotel
 from CHF 150 per pax/night
 **** incl. half board

Saas-Fee Accommodation and Registration available online at:

<http://saas-fee2015.ch/typo3/index.php?id=2>.

OBITUARIES

Leon Koifman Oct. 22, 2014, Santiago, Chile, International VP, South America



Leon Koifman



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Charles Christen

Richard Geist

I had written Leon just this past November to make arrangements with him for our planned trip to attend together the Saas Fee, Switzerland, for the annual European ISFR Chapter ski meeting. About 3 weeks after writing I received the following sad note from his wife Rose.

“Richard,
Sorry to inform you that Leon passed away on October 22nd.
Rose Greiber Koifman”

I actually went to Santiago 4 times over about 7 years and was very fortunate to have the opportunity to meet Leon while making up at the Rotary club of Santiago de Chile in the summer of 1998. At this make up meeting I announced our upcoming ISFR ski meetings to his club members and after the meeting we discussed the Fellowship.

I still remember him asking, "Why didn't I know about this group of Skiing Rotarians before now, as I have tried to find out about a possible Rotary skiing group for many years but to no avail," to which I answered that the Rotary Fellowship program at this time was one of the best kept Secrets in Rotary!

During the dialog we had after the club meeting I invited him to join ISFR and come to a North American Ski week when he could arrange it. As I recall, the first ISFR meeting he did attend after joining was held at Whistler, Canada, 1999. He attended several more and even brought his adult daughter Jocelyn, to the Fernie meeting.

Leon announced many times in his magnanimous way, an open invitation to any of the ISFR members or group of members to come to plan a trip to Chile in August or early Sept. and he would guide/host a ski week at La Parva and Valle Nevado in the Andes Mtns. close to Santiago. He not only hosted me in Chile on 3 different occasions (one of which Michael Vervuut and I went together), but he also hosted a Group of

Scandinavian Rotarians headed by Jon Skauan, and on another occasion also hosted the co –founder of ISFR, Brian Andersen and his wife Caryl after the Buenos Aires RI convention held several years ago.

All of us that were lucky enough to encounter Leon’s wonderful fellowship and be able to enjoy a run or 2 with him on the slopes, will dearly miss him with very fond memories and admiration!

Richard Geist

Jon Skauan also writes: “we met for the first time on an ISFR Ski Meeting more than 15 years ago, both in North America and Europe. He was the Chairman of the Alpine Ski Team of Chile and followed the team around the world with his two sons competing for Chile. He was skiing almost three weeks in various places in Europe until the last two years. He was in his mid eighties, married to Rose with a daughter and two sons and a dentist by profession.

He invited me to come to Chile to ski in the summer of 2002. First we where invited to his Rotary Club in Santiago. The next day he had dental appointments so he organized a taxi which took us to Valparaiso. The next three days we where invited to his house up in the mountains of La Parva at 2800 m. elevation. We had a great time together with his lovely wife Rose. One of his sons came up and we had the most wonderful heli skiing day of my life starting at 4200 m. above sea level.

Leon will be remembered as a good friend and a REAL Rotarian often mentioning his belief and support of the Four Way Test.”

Jon Skauan

Peter McCrohan December 14, 2014, Wodonga, Australia



Peter was the oldest of the seven children of Marge and the late Patrick McCrohan. We are also very pleased to have her still well at 92. Dad grew up in Alphington in Melbourne and attended St Joseph's technical college. Dad was also heavily involved

with Rotary, particularly the Central Rotary club of Wodonga for over 40 years. He was involved in every aspect of Rotary's outstanding work. A few months ago he was very proud to receive his second Paul Harris Fellow sapphire pin. About 15 years ago dad decided to start spending some of our inheritance and having a skiing holiday in the northern hemisphere every year. Initially this was with OPAL ski club members but he soon moved onto become an important member of the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians. He enjoyed catching up with them in a different location every year.

Damian McCrohan (eldest son)

I am writing as the President of the Rotary Club of Wodonga Central to let you know that Peter McCrohan, a member of our club and also a member of the International Fellowship of Skiing Rotarians, passed away peacefully on the 15th December, 2014 after a long illness. We know that Peter loved his skiing and attended many of your international events. We will miss his reports to our club about his visits overseas and his stories about skiing in different parts of the world.

Kind regards, Marg Crisp, President

John Lowe writes of the great friendship shared by the Redwood City gang, (Bill Bergler, Bill Nicolet, Bill Conklin Don Hack and John himself) and the many fine days skiing together at Whistler, Telluride, and Steamboat immediately come to mind. There were other ISFR venues too, bringing great memories. He participated in perhaps 10 ISFR meets, was a Chartered Surveyor, an active Rotarian in Wodonga Australia. Peter was 72.

John Lowe

CALENDAR

BIG SKY, MONTANA,	January 31 – February 7, 2015
SAAS -FEE, SWITZERLAND,	March 7-14, 2015
CHAMONIX, FRANCE,	January 17-23 2016
WHISTLER, CANADA,	February 20-27, 2016
JACKSON HOLE, Wyoming USA	February 5 - 12, 2017

For more information on all events, www.isfrski.org/