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- Banff
- Davis Boyd Report
- Mountains of Banff
- Membership Brochure

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Skiing, Fellowship, Fun, and Service.

President's Letter



It has been an interesting year, to say the least! Last August we had to make the tough but correct decision to postpone our ski week in Banff. The great news is that we are back on for 2022. Our host clubs are excited to welcome us to their slice of paradise! Keep your eye on our Banff webpage for details. Registration will open in August. <https://isfrski.org/Banff>

With the loss of our ski week, we also lost the opportunity to raise funds for adaptive ski programs. See Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation President Jeff Penza's message about our virtual fundraising efforts, and please consider donating to this year's Valley to Peak Challenge <https://isfrski.org/Donate>

Thank you to the 50+ people who joined us virtually for our Annual General Meeting! We had representation from over ten countries on the call. We recorded the meeting for those who were not able to join. I have posted it here: <https://isfrski.org/2021-AGM>

So, here's one of the up-sides of the pandemic...We have all learned how to use Zoom and hold virtual Rotary

meetings for well over a year now. When you are meeting virtually, you can invite speakers from anywhere in the world to address your club! I have been presenting about Rotary Fellowships and ISFR to many Rotary Clubs around the world. Thanks to Paul Robbins for the first invitation last April, and for holding your club meeting at 4:00 AM my time!! It has been a fantastic opportunity to spread the word about ISFR. If your club is looking for speakers for a virtual or hybrid meeting, I am happy to present; just reach out!

ISFR had a Virtual House of Friendship booth during the 2021 Virtual Rotary International Convention. Our booth this year was well received and we signed up 15 new potential members as a result.

I am excited to share that we have had a group step up to begin planning a potential ski week in Australia in 2022 and Japan in 2023! See the update from our Australia VP, Melissa Hebbard, later in the newsletter.

I would be remiss if I didn't urge you to renew your membership or join today! All annual mem-

berships expired on June 1, 2021. Remember that to participate in any of our ski weeks; you must be a current member of ISFR. We have not raised dues in over ten years; they are still \$35 US. You also now have a Lifetime Membership option. Pay \$350 US and never have to worry about renewing again!

I will close by saying I am honored to serve as your president. I value open communication. I want to know what you as a member think the fellowship should continue doing and what it should do differently. How can we improve? What would make you want to become more involved? What would make you want to attend next year's event? How can we grow the organization? Please feel free to reach out to me any time. I have a dedicated ISFR email address ~ ISFRski@gmail.com. My cellphone number is 515-231-7349. I want to hear from you!

Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
Allyson

2020 North
American Ski Trip

Sun Valley 2020: A look back

The 2020 North American trip was held in Sun Valley, Idaho. Just under 100 Rotarians attended the event. Local club members welcomed us with a dine-out at a local Italian restaurant. Many ISFR members took advantage of local Rotarian ski guides for the first few days on the slopes.



Sun
Valley!



Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation

Dedicated to the support of Adaptive skiing



2019
recipient
Telluride
sure
looks
happy!

The final numbers are in from our 2020 Ski Week and Gala, so on behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, I want to thank everyone who organized our fundraising events, donated items for the auctions, and generously participated in bidding. The results include a total of \$30,500 raised for Foundation:

- Live Auction: \$10,575
- Silent Auction: \$2,570
- Dessert Auction: \$4,768
- Higher Ground Challenge: \$11,640
- Misc. Donations: \$1,000

Again, I want to point out the success of the Higher Ground Challenge: please consider spreading the word among your friends, families, and fellow Rotarians and participate in the Challenge when we meet next year in Banff!

In addition, a total of \$4,500 was raised for the Brian Andersen Scholarship Fund. Elsewhere in this issue, you will note our current Valley to Peak fundraising effort. Please consider donating to this great cause.

The DBMF board met on June 11, 2020 and voted unanimously to grant \$27,500 to Higher Ground. Higher Ground representatives reached out to DBMF in October informing the foundation that HG was not able to operate out of the resort building due to the COVID pandemic. As a result, HG requested that part of the funds from our

grant be used to construct a Yurt to be used as the HG operations center. The DBMF Board met on October 26 to review the request, and unanimously agreed that the request met the spirit of the foundation and agreed to the request.

In other actions, the Board adopted restated By-Laws, and adopted an investment policy.

As of YE 2020, the investment account at Vanguard was valued at \$151,660 and an additional \$24,000 was held in the checking account.

The DBMF held their annual meeting on January 19, 2021 and voted on continuing the current slate of officers and directors. The board subsequently accepted with regret the resignation of Kim Champion.

The Board also resolved the desire to put more of the funds we raised into the community, and several board members agreed to reach out to local adaptive ski programs to solicit requests for funding programs.

The Board is actively seeking new directors and wish to start planning for the transition of directors

off of the Board in the upcoming terms, so please consider contacting:

Jeffrey Penza at 410-733-4491 or at jpenza@penzabailey.com.

Jeffrey Penza, President

Bruce Grossman, Vice President

Mark Dent, Treasurer

James Scott, Secretary

R. Jeffrey Coup

Robert Rutherford

Emory Sanders

Dr. Jeffrey Strickler

2022 Banff Fundraising Primary Beneficiary: Rocky Mountain Adaptive in their own words from <https://rockymountainadaptive.com/about-us/>

What is Rocky Mountain Adaptive?

Rocky Mountain Adaptive (RMA) is a registered charity providing individuals with disabilities the opportunity to participate, learn and excel at mountain sport and recreation. Based in Canmore, AB, RMA caters to all ages and abilities, providing activities in the Bow Valley area (including Canmore, Kananaskis, Banff, Lake Louise, and surrounding areas). Activities are available to guests from all over the world. RMA facilitates activities ranging from single-day experiences to multi-day programs and camps.

Living the Dream

The dream at RMA is to promote adaptive sport, create independence, and develop opportunities. RMA has witnessed, first-hand, the benefits of participation in its programs that go beyond the social aspects of equality and inclusion. Benefits extend to increased independence, self-esteem, strength, coordination, mobility, motor planning, movement execution, and overall health and well-being.

Our Story

RMA started from a desire to bring adaptive sport experiences to the Canadian Rockies. The foundation of RMA began with adaptive ski lessons at Sunshine Village Ski Resort in Banff, AB.

RMA offers over 20 different adaptive sport and recreational activities, catering to entry-level participants, developing competitive athletes and everyone in between. RMA provides private lessons, supported experiences, multi-day programs and camps, equipment rentals, and programming to disability groups. During the winter season, we offer an elite training program to aspiring para-athletes. Locals make up a large proportion of RMA's participants, but we also welcome guests from around the globe.

Mission

RMA's mission is to enable all individuals, ranging from children to older adults, with physical, intellectual, cognitive, or developmental challenges to participate, learn, and excel in all sport and recreation activities in the Canadian Rockies.

Vision

A world where there are no limits to adaptive mountain sport and recreation.

No Limits

'No Limits!' is more than just a phrase, it is a mentality. It motivates RMA to reduce barriers and provide successful sport and recreational experiences. For adaptive guests, "No Limits!" comes from a determination to overcome any obstacle when achieving goals. We look forward to seeing you in the mountains soon.

Greetings from the European Chapter of ISFR International

In 2020 we had a wonderful Ski-Week in Zell am See / Austria. About 200 Rotarians and Friends from all over the world (16 nations including Turkey, Australia, USA, Russia, and of course many European countries) had seven wonderful days full of skiing, evening events, dancing, racing and friendship.



Our next European Ski Week will take place in

Scuol, Switzerland from March 19 - March 26, 2022.

The Highlights of the program are skiing on the slopes of Motta Naluns and Samnaun, powdering in the Lavèr valley, tobogganing in Ftan, cross-country skiing on the marathon run, wild rides and jumps in the deep snow and in the fun park, Engadin party in a mountain restaurant and a fondue dinner in the cable car.

Join us in the famous Swiss Alps! More information you find here: <https://www.isfr.eu/> or contact Irene.wagner@psm-protech.com, phone +49 174 302 8110.



How about a
European
Vacation
without Chevy
Chase but with
lots of skiing
and Rotary
Fellowship?



Join the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians in Banff & Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada February 26 - March 5, 2022

Banff Park Lodge will be our Headquarters Hotel. Rooms will be available to members at a special ISFR rate.

You will be able to 'Ski Big 3' - Ski **Banff Sunshine,**

Lake Louise, and Mt. Norquay all on one discounted lift ticket! Free ski shuttles pick-up right outside the hotel lobby and go directly to all three ski hills. Our host clubs are **The Rotary Club of Banff** and **The Rotary Club of Canmore.**



The Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation fundraising efforts will support Rocky Mountain Adaptive Ski/Snowboard programs.

Join ISFR Now (or renew your membership)

to be sure to get the latest updates on the trip!

Registration opens in August!

www.ISFRski.org



Where in North America have we been all these years?

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| 2020 Sun Valley | 2014 Winter Park | 2008 Whistler |
| 2019 Telluride | 2013 Telluride | 2007 Steamboat |
| 2018 Aspen/Snowmass | 2012 Revelstoke | 2006 Alyeska |
| 2017 Jackson Hole | 2011 Aspen | 2005 Fernie |
| 2016 Whistler | 2010 Park City | 2004 Telluride |
| 2015 Big Sky | 2009 Crested Butte | 2003 Sun Valley |
| | | 2002 Banff |

ISFR moves into the second generation; bring your kids to the next trip!



Check out the ice sculptures at the lake Louise Fairmont hotel





Get involved!

**Help us deliver a great Ski Week in
2022**

~ Western Canada ~

**Contact Allyson Walter, International
President, to Volunteer**

ISFRski@gmail.com or 515.231.7349

**We are looking for ISFR members to serve on
a committee with a Rotarian from the Banff
and/or Canmore Rotary club to plan and exe-
cute a portion of our activities.**

Gala and Silent/Live Auctions

Home Hospitality

Non-Ski Activities

Welcome/Registration

Joint Rotary Meeting & Rotary Mountain Guides

JAPAN 2023?



Things are looking very promising for a Japan Ski Week in early to mid-February 2023. We have a new Director for Japan/Asia, Hirokazu Yoshida, who is very enthusiastic and very well organized. He has been working with Allyson and me to get things started.

The incoming DG of Hokkaido is a keen skier and has been very supportive of the concept. His club is in Sapporo, which was the site of the 1972 Winter Olympics, and has put in a bid to host the Winter Olympics again in 2030. The advantages of Sapporo as a ski week destination are many; it has excellent and easy International access into Chitose International airport; it has a vibrant city to explore for the non-skiers; it has a number of Rotary Clubs with over 600 Rotarians to help with hosting events and other hospitality; it has good infrastructure including the Olympic ski jump. Any-one game to try it!! Most importantly, Sapporo is in Hokkaido, home to the best powder snow in Japan.

Sapporo is just one of many options. There are Rotary clubs near all of the major ski fields and the Japanese team will be investigating which clubs are most enthusiastic to help with hosting as this might determine the final choice of the ski field.

There is also a possibility of an Australian ski week in 2022 in Falls Creek a ski field in Victoria, Australia that I am hoping to run in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Mount Beauty. Although our ski runs are not as long, nor our snow as powdery and plentiful as Japan, we do have the most unique snow country of them all; the trees on our runs are a eucalyptus called a snow gum, and it is possible to see our wombats rambling around under the lifts, and parrots flying around.

Regards,

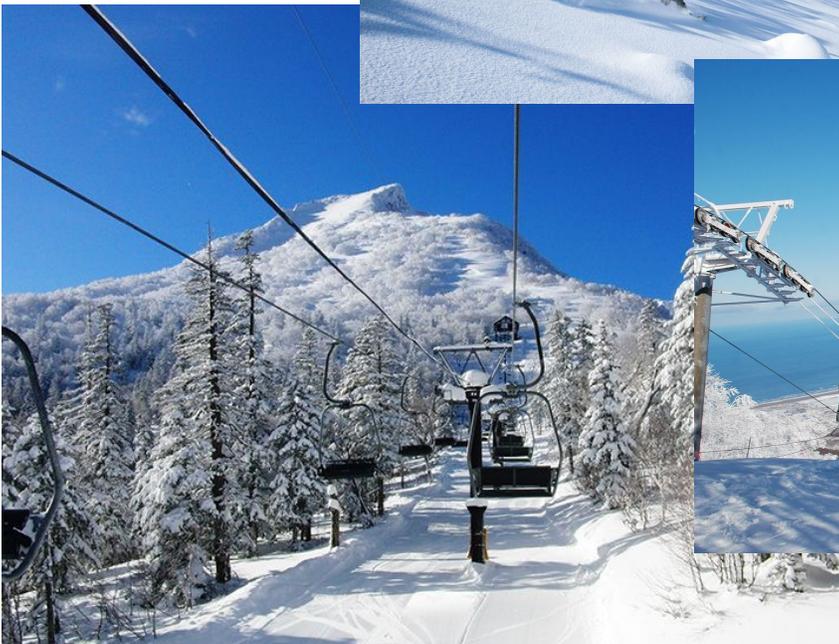
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ISFR – International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians was founded in 1974.

Skiing is enjoyed worldwide by thousands of Rotarians and their families of all ages and abilities. What better and more enjoyable avenue to build new friendships and international understanding than to join your fellow Rotarians and sharpen your skills on the slopes of the world or see the world on cross-country skis!

By joining the Fellowship, you will not only meet Rotarians from around the world who share your interest in skiing, but you will create lasting friendships. Both in Europe and in North America a Ski Fellowship annual meeting and ski week is held each year in a different location.

The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians website: <http://isfrski.org/>

European Ski Week website: <https://www.isfr.eu/>



BANFF FUN FACTS

Banff National Park is Canada's oldest national park, established in 1885 in the Rocky Mountains.

Banff National Park is the third-oldest national park in the world.

In 1883, three railway workers, Thomas McCardell, William McCardell and Frank McCabe discovered a number of hot springs (now known as cave and basin) at the base of what is now called Sulphur Mountain.

Today, Banff National Park is 6,641 square kilometers (2,564 square miles) in area, the second largest of Canada's mountain parks behind Jasper National Park.

Banff National Park is home to 53 species of mammals. This incredible diversity of wildlife is a reflection of the wide range of habitats found in the park due to variations in elevation, climate, and plant communities.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Rotarian _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Postal Code/Zip _____

Country _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Rotary Club _____

District _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:
\$35.00 US (JUNE 1—MAY 31)

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES:
\$350.00 US

Make checks payable to ISFR
 mail to: ISFR
 P.O. Box 1225
 Telluride CO 81435

Join online at www.ISFRski.org
 to pay by credit card

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Fellowships are open to Rotarians, their family members, & participants & alumni of all Rotary programs. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

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A BIT ABOUT ISFR

The First Annual International Skiing Fellowship meeting was held in Vail, Colorado, in February of 1974. Since that first meeting, Rotary ski events have been held in Alaska, California, Colorado, Idaho, Massachusetts, Montana, Utah & Wyoming. Canada has hosted events in Alberta & British Columbia.

Current ISFR membership ranges from 250 to 300. The annual north American ski week participation is usually around 100 to 125 Rotarians, families & friends.

The Ski Fellowship's annual meeting & ski week is held each year in a different location. Local Rotary Clubs partner with ISFR to organize ski weeks. Host clubs & local Rotary members provide expertise in planning & organizing the week of events for both skiers & non-skiers. Activities may



include mountain tours, home-hosted dinners, restaurant dine-around, après ski activities & visits to interesting local & historical sites.

THE DAVIS BOYD MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians was founded as a social fellowship of Rotary International. Each year ISFR members travel to different ski resorts in North America for a week of skiing, fun & friendship, & to create awareness of Rotary International.

In the mid-1990s, the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation (DBMF), a 501(c)(3), was established in memory of Davis Boyd, one of the co-founders of ISFR. The focus of DBMF is to raise funds for adaptive ski programs. During the ski week, the group holds various fundraisers. Peak-to-Valley Challenges with sponsor support & member-sponsored auctions, to name just two. DBMF donates a portion of the funds to the local adaptive ski program. The balance of the funds are held in a growth account, to provide funds to help train volunteers at adaptive ski schools, facilitate the purchase adaptive ski equipment for targeted programs around the world, & raise awareness of the benefits of adaptive skiing to challenged athletes and their families.

INTERNATIONAL SKIING FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIANS

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