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ULLR SKI, BIKE & SOCIAL CLUB

March
2014

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CARVER PARK HIKE

By Joyce Butler

On an absolutely gorgeous day, Saturday, January 11th, four ULLRs met at Carver Park for an outing. The weather was in the low 30s, a far cry from the below zero temps of the previous days. The warm spell was enjoyed by the "Cabin Fever Four" who pored through the map on where to venture. It's amazing what being outdoors in the elements can do to one's state of mind. There was laughter and lunch and libations in the town of Victoria which helped us decide where to cross country and snow shoe next.



The Cabin Fever Four: Wendy, Joyce, Sally & Bill

HYLAND SNOWSHOE AND CROSS COUNTRY OUTING

By Karen Holmquist



Karen H. shows us the trail map

Who would have thought that January 19th would be the best day of the winter for an outdoor snowshoe and cross-country outing? Bright sunshine and warm temperatures of 39° brightened not only the day, but our spirits as well. Diana, Patty, Sharon, Bill B, Bill L, Jan, Barb and I did two loops of the snowshoe trail, while Ken and John followed the walking trail. We all shared a delicious lunch at TGIF Friday's.

64th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AND DANCE – TULIPS IN SPRING!

Saturday, May 10, 2014

At the Fort Snelling Officers' Club
395 Highway 5 [at Post Road]
St. Paul 55111

5:30 – Socializing & Cash bar

6:30 – Dinner

7:15 – Awards Program

8:00–11:00 – Dance to

"The Squires Band"

Cost: Members and Guests — \$45

RSVP: By May 5 with check payable to ULLR Club and menu choice(s) to Diane Erlandson
8200 West 33rd St., #302
St. Louis Park MN 55426

Choose one of the following:

1. Classic Roasted Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus and a baked potato
2. North Country walleye sautéed in Parmesan bread crumbs and wild rice pilaf

[A vegetarian entrée is available if requested in advance.]

Banquet Chairs: Mary Ellen Gabel [651-789-7832] and Sharon Marini [952-893-7408]

Sign up begins at the March 13th General Meeting.
ULLR Cancellation Policy Applies.



BIKE PLANNING PARTY

Please come to the bike planning party and bring your ideas for bike rides for the upcoming biking season.

Date: Sunday, March 9, 2014, at 4:00 PM

Cost: \$1.00. A main dish and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

Location: John Stiefel & Patty Fitzgerald's
19595 Near Mountain Blvd., Shorewood

RSVP: 952-470-5411 or patfitzjohns@msn.com

Directions: From 494 and Crosstown CR 62, head West on CR 62, approx. 4 mi to a stop light, which is the end of CR 62 & beginning of Hwy. 101. Go straight at that intersection and you will be on Hwy. 101 South. Take the 1st right onto Townline Rd. After a block, the road curves sharp right and becomes Vine Hill Rd. Near Mountain. Blvd is the 2nd left turn. The house is about 1½ blocks down, on the left side.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Cheryl Rogers



Our ULLR Nominating Committee (Gary Gray, Sharon Marini, and Pat Nelson) worked very hard at contacting members to serve as candidates for the 2014-15 ULLR Board of Directors. Can you believe they contacted fifty members to find candidates? I am pleased to say that the Nominating Committee found wonderful, very qualified candidates for each position. The next time you see Gary, Sharon, or Pat, please say "THANK YOU" for doing an outstanding job! We must continue to fill our board positions each year to ensure the longevity of our club. I hope some of you who said "no" to serving on the Board this year will say "yes" next year.

We don't have a shortage of people volunteering to lead events. I know we are all grateful to the ULLR members who continue to lead fun-filled events. Without you, there would not be a club!

A few years ago the club's treasury balance was larger than needed. The ULLR Board decided to "spend down" the surplus by subsidizing some activities and eliminating the 3% administration fee on events. Well, the mission was accomplished. At our last ULLR Board meeting, upon the advice of our Treasurer, we reinstated the 3% administrative fee for all planned events utilizing a budget. We need our events to break even and contribute a few dollars toward expenses.

We hope you are enjoying the variety of social activities at our General Meetings this year. I think that music enriches our evenings. In January we had a Hawaiian theme. Judy Palapala gave an interesting talk on Hawaiian customs. She taught ULLRs the Hukilau Hula. In February we had a "Back to the 50-60's" Dance. At our March meeting, after the presentation of nominated officers, we will be square dancing. We hope to see more members coming early for dinner and staying for the meeting and social. Don't forget to RSVP for dinner at the K.C. Hall with Lisa.

BIKE THE PAUL BUNYAN TRAIL JUNE 4-6, 2014

Trip is almost full, sign up now!

Bikers, shoppers, swimmers, golfers, and all who like to eat, drink, and socialize and be merry. Reserve your spot at the beautiful Good Ol' Days Resort in Nisswa next to the trail *[or you may choose to stay off site]*. There are 2 and 3 bedroom villas and 2 person lodge rooms.

Cost: \$144 per person. This includes lodging, two breakfasts, and Thursday evening main dish. Everyone will be asked to contribute food.

Send checks to: Sharon Marini, 8201 York Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431

Make checks payable to ULLR Club. *[Please include emergency contact person and their phone number with your check.]*

DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2014

Chairs: Mary Ellen Gabel – 612-789-7832 &
Sharon Marini – 952-893-7408

ULLR Cancellation and Communication Policies can be reviewed at www.ullr.org

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UPCOMING SINGLES EVENTS [see detailed flyers on the website www.ULLR.org]

ULLR Singles' Events are open to all single ULLRs. If you have any suggestions for other activities that you think we could do, let me know. Thank you. Margie Seklund – 952-808-8141

SINGLES CARD/GAME NIGHTS

Bring a dish to share, beverage, and any games you'd like to play.

Date: Friday, March 14, 2014 – 7:00 PM
Host: Pam Anderson
Location: 6217 Creekview Lane North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
RSVP: Call Pam at 763-315-3772

Date: Friday, April 11, 2014 – 7:00 PM
Host: Audrey Kramer
Location: 8566 Powers Place
Chanhassen, MN 55317
RSVP: Call Audrey at 952-456-4687

Date: Friday, May 9, 2014 – 7:00 PM
Host: Joyce Butler
Location: 9138 Neil Lake Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55347
RSVP: Call Joyce at 952-941-6130

LAS VEGAS SHOW IN BLOOMINGTON

Save the date: Thursday, July 31. Eileen Ronning will bring in Frank DiSalvo from Indian Wells, CA to perform at only ONE fabulous concert in the Twin Cities, at the KC Hall in Bloomington. A block of tickets has been reserved for ULLRs and their friends.

Frank DiSalvo sings many popular hits of the Great American Songbook. He performs in his own lounge at the famed Indian Wells Resort throughout the winter season to rave reviews.



Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014
Noon: Luncheon of pasta and chicken salad, green beans, roll, beverage, and cookie
1-3:00 PM: Concert. A Cash Bar will be available and a small area for dancing will be provided.
Reservations: Call Karen Gray at 952-895-8960
Cost: ULLR Discounted Tickets: \$ 32.00 This includes lunch, tax, gratuity, and concert. [Reg: \$ 35.00] No tickets will be sold at the door.

Checks payable to: Strategies for Success

Mail to: Karen Gray
13216 Pine Ridge Road
Burnsville, MN 55337

ULLR Cancellation Policy applies.

You may view Mr. DiSalvo at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFtyWjxXFjw>.

DINNER &/OR BEVERAGE & MOVIE NIGHTS

Dates: Tuesdays, March 18 and April 15. Order dinner by 6:00 PM or join in for a beverage.

Host: Sherrie Mitchell

Location: Big 10 Restaurant and Bar
1106 Main Street, Hopkins, MN 55343
www.big10restaurant.com

Movie after dinner at the close by

Mann Hopkins Cinema Six Theater
For a listing of movies call 952-931-7992 or go to www.manntheatresmn.com/locations

RSVP: Call Sherrie at 952-942-8898 or skibirds3@yahoo.com

SINGLES DINING

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 – 5:30 PM

Location: Doolittles Woodfire Grill
550 Winnetka Avenue North
Golden Valley, MN 55427 [across Hwy 55 from Brookview Park]
www.doolittles.com/locations/golden-valley

RSVP: **By March 23** to Ellise Lamb at 952-442-9332 or ellise.lamb@mchsi.com

Date: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 – 5:30 PM
[or at 5:00 PM for Happy Hour]

Location: Jimmy's Food and Cocktails
11000 Red Circle Drive, Minnetonka 55343
[near CR 62 and Shady Oak Road]
www.jimmysfoodandcocktails.com

RSVP: **By May 25** to Ellise Lamb at 952-442-9332 or ellise.lamb@mchsi.com

JOIN ULLRS AT THE REMODELED OLD LOG THEATRE

New seats and carpeting, a deeper stage, and new sound and lighting systems have only made this favorite metro theatre more appealing. Join ULLRs for the play, "Steel Magnolias." The story is a celebration of the strong bond between six women in Louisiana. A review said, "It is the funniest play ever to make you cry."

Date: Sunday, April 6, 2014, 1:40 PM

Where: Old Log Theatre
5185 Meadville St., Greenwood, MN 55331

Cost: \$30.00 [If more than 15 attend, there is a \$5.00 refund.]

Checks to: Sally A. Chevalier
4108 Kerry Ct., Minnetonka, MN 55345

Questions?: Call Sally at 952-935-7000

Optional: Dinner following at the Bayside Grille in Excelsior

ULLR Cancellation Policies Apply.
DEADLINE IS MARCH 24, 2014.

RECALLING PAST EVENTS

A sincere thanks to these ULLRs who organized and/or led an event in February. VOLUNTEER! Call a program coordinator with your program idea.

FEBRUARY

2-8 – Steamboat Ski Trip

Patty Fitzgerald & Karen Holmquist

12 – Woodlake Moonlight Hike

Bill Lyon

13 – General Meeting

Mary Ellen Gabel

14 – Single Card/Game Night

Jan Butler

15 – Lake Rebecca Park Hike

Pam Anderson

18 – ULLR Bridge Club

Nancy Devitt

18 – Dinner &/or Beverage & Movie Night

Sherrie Mitchell

18-20 – Granite Peak Ski Area Trip

Nancy Sand & Diane Erlandson

21 – Noon Folding Party

Patty Fitzgerald & John Stiefel

MARCH MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

By Carol Bush, Membership VP *[This information does not appear in the online Nullr for security reasons.]*

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Cathy Hartle

Doug Larsen

Bob & Patty Rasmussen

Sandra Shearer

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS:

Doug Anders

John & Vicki Brown

Betty Culligan

Lydia Denmark

Earl [Torch] Dorn

Nan Fergen

Roger Fitzwilson

Marilyn Gardner

Claire Kestenbaum

Joyce Krake

Ron Machel

Mike Moss

Mimi Moss

Sharon Pappas

Susan Peterson

Kay Sterling

Eleanor Troxel

Bill Warner

Marty Wilkes

Richard Wilkes

FOUNDATION NEWS

By Jerry Weiskopf

On Thursday, January 29, the ULLR Foundation presented a check to Hammer Residences. “Since opening its doors in 1923, Hammer’s passion to provide quality services for adults and children with developmental disabilities has helped thousands experience life to its fullest.”

[www.hammer.org]. Hammer has grown their Healthy Living Initiative. The focus of our grant is to purchase exercise equipment.

The Foundation is hosting a Bingo and Raffle evening at the April ULLR general meeting. If you have any items

like gift cards, dinners, clothing, wine, theme baskets, event tickets, etc. that you can donate to the Foundation, please bring them to the February 13th or March 13th ULLR General meeting. Thanks!

For updated details visit our website

www.ullr.org

2014 ULLR Ski Calendar

FEBRUARY

February 18-20, Tuesday - Thursday

Event: Granite Peak Ski Area Trip
Wausau, Wisconsin
Call about availability

Contacts: Nancy Sand
& Diane Erlandson

Phones: 952-435-5225 [N]
952-941-5184 [D]

February 25 – Tuesday [9:30 AM]

Event: ULLRs at Wild Mountain
37200 Wild Mountain Rd.
Taylors Falls, MN
[Meet in Lodge Upper level]

MARCH

March 4 – Tuesday [9:30 AM]

Event: ULLRs at Wild Mountain
37200 Wild Mountain Rd.
Taylors Falls, MN
[Meet in Lodge Upper level]

March 12 – Wednesday [9:30 AM]

Event: ULLRs at Afton Alps
6600 Peller Ave S., Hastings
[Meet at Highlands Lodge]

11TH ANNUAL MINNEAPOLIS TRAVEL SHOW

May 15, 2014

Current and future Board Members, and current and future Trip Leaders are invited to attend the Minneapolis Travel Show. The show will provide attendees with information about resorts and help develop ideas for future trips.

Location: Cowboy Jacks
2801 Southtown Dr.,
Bloomington, MN
[just West of I-494 at the
Penn Avenue Exit].

Show Hours: 6:30-8:30 PM
with food and prize drawings at
8:45 PM. A cash bar will be available.

Please RSVP to: Cheryl Rogers by
May 10 to cherylskis@gmail.com
or 952-469-1647. She will submit
an ULLR group registration to the
Minneapolis Travel Show.

Social & Cultural Calendar – 2014

February 14 – Friday

Singles' Card/Game Night
Host: Jan Butler
13506 Larkin Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55305
Phone: 952-544-8163

February 18 – Tuesday [Noon]

ULLR Bridge Club
Host: Nancy Devitt
11824 Bren Road
Minnetonka, MN 55343
Phone: 952-945-9595

February 18 – Tuesday

Dinner &/or Beverage & Movie Night
Contact: Sherrie Mitchell
Phone: 952-942-8898

February 21 – Friday [Noon]

Folding Party
Hosts: Patty Fitzgerald &
John Stiefel
19595 Near Mountain Blvd.
Shorewood, MN 55331
Phone: 952-470-5411

March 9 – Sunday [4:00 PM]

Bicycling Events Planning Party
Hosts: John Stiefel &
Patty Fitzgerald
19595 Near Mountain Blvd.
Shorewood, MN 55331
Phone: 952-470-5411
RSVP by March 6

March 13 – Thursday

General Meeting at KC Hall &
Square Dancing
Contact: Mary Ellen Gabel
Phone: 612-789-7832

March 18 – Tuesday [Noon]

ULLR Bridge Club
Host: Sharon Marini
8201 York Avenue South
Bloomington, MN 55431
Phone: 952-893-7408

March 18 – Tuesday

Dinner &/or Beverage & Movie Night
Contact: Sherrie Mitchell
Phone: 952-942-8898

March 21 – Friday [Noon]

Folding Party
Host: Mary Ellen Gabel
3213 Skycroft Drive NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
Phone: 612-789-7832

March 25 – Tuesday [5:30]

Singles' Fine Dining at
Doolittles Woodfire Grill
Contact: Ellise Lamb
Phone: 952-442-9332

April 6 – Sunday [1:40 PM]

Play "Steel Magnolias"
at the Old Log Theatre
Optional: Dinner afterwards at the
Bayside Grill, Excelsior

Checks due by March 23.

Contact: Sally Chevalier
Phone: 952-935-7000

April 10 – Thursday [6:30 PM]

General Meeting at K.C. Hall
Annual Election of Officers and
Foundation Raffle and Bingo
Optional: Dinner before meeting
Contact: Mary Ellen Gabel
Phone: 612-789-7832

April 11 – Friday

Singles' Card/Game Night
Host: Audrey Kramer
8566 Powers Place
Chanhassen, MN 55317
Phone: 952-456-4687

April 15 – Tuesday [Noon]

ULLR Bridge Club
Host: Karen Gray
13216 Pine Ridge Road
Burnsville, MN 55337
Phone: 952-895-8960

April 15 – Tuesday

Dinner &/or Beverage & Movie Night
Contact: Sherrie Mitchell
Phone: 952-942-8898

May 10 – Saturday [5:30 PM]

Spring Awards Banquet
Contact: Mary Ellen Gabel
Phone: 612-789-7832



*ULLR singles at the Christmas party
at the Re-Entry House.*

Back Row: Pam G, Jerry S, Jan C,
Pam A, Kay S

Front Row: Carol D, Joan K, Margie S

2014 Hike, Snowshoe & Cross-Country Ski Schedule

[In case of inclement weather check with the chair to see if event is canceled]

FEBRUARY

February 15 – Saturday [12:30 PM]

Event: Lake Rebecca Park Reserve: Hike, Snowshoe or Cross Country. Meet at Lowry Nature Center, 9831 Rebecca Park Trail Rockford, MN 55373

Dinner after at Axel's Tavern

Axel's: 130 Railway Street, Loretto, MN

Contact: Pam Anderson

Phone: 763-315-3772, [c] 763-639-2532

MARCH

March 1 – Saturday [1:00 PM]

Event: Baker Park Reserve: Cross-Country or Snowshoe. Lunch after at Axel's Tavern

Axel's: 130 Railway Street, Loretto, MN

Contact: Jim Habeck

Phone: 753-559-5593

March 8 – Saturday [10:00 AM]

Event: Elm Creek Park Reserve: Snowshoe or Cross Country. Meet at main building off Hwy. 81 & Elm Creek Pkwy [12400 James Deane Parkway, Maple Grove] Lunch after at Maple Tavern

Maple Tavern: 9375 Deerwood Lane N., Maple Grove [corner of Hwy. 81 & 93rd Avenue]

Contact: Jim Habeck

Phone: 753-559-5593 [RSVP by March 6]

APRIL

April 5 – Saturday [10:15 AM]

Event: Lake of the Isles Hike Meet at 28th Street, on the east side of Lake of the Isles. Lunch after at Famous Dave's.

Famous Dave's: 3001 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis

Contact: Carol Bush

Phone: RSVP 952-922-8035 [h]; 952-240-7880 [c]

April 26 – Saturday [9:45 AM]

Event: Lake Como Hike Meet at Como Lakeside Pavilion 1360 Lexington Pkwy. N., St. Paul Lunch after at Black Bear Crossings in the Pavilion

Optional after Lunch: Visit zoo & conservatory

Contact: Mary Ellen Goriesky

Phone: RSVP 952-942-0178 [h]; 507-271-8603 [c]

GREET FELLOW ULLRS AT THE WINTER GENERAL MEETINGS

Dates: **Thursday, March 13** – learn some easy square dances

Thursday, April 10 – Election of officers followed by the Foundation Raffle and Bingo

Location: Marian Knights of Columbus Hall 1114 American Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55420

Times: 6:30 PM Socializing
7:00 PM Meeting followed by program

Details: The KC Hall will set aside a special area upstairs for ULLRs. The dining area opens at 5:00 PM. **Please contact Lisa at 952-888-1492 to reserve space.** Let her know how many persons are attending and arrival time. The cost of the meals and drinks, including those at the Social Hour, are credited to the club to help defray the rental cost of the meeting room. [See ULLR directory for map].

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE ULLR BOARD

Candidates for offices will be presented by the Nominating Committee at the ULLR General Meeting on March 13, 2014. Any member nominated at that meeting must be present.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Election of officers for the ULLR Ski Bike & Social Club will take place during the Annual Meeting which will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at the Bloomington K.C. Hall. Officers to be elected are President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Ski Programs Vice President, Summer Programs Vice President and Membership Vice President. *[The Current President automatically assumes the position of Past President and becomes a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Club.]*

WHAT'S COOKIN'

Snow may be on the ground, but Summer VP, Mary Ellen Goriesky, is already planning for the summer What's Cookin' picnics. You can put these dates on your calendar for these popular events: June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20, and September 3.

Hosts/Cooks are still needed for July 9 and September 3. Please call Mary Ellen at 952-942-0178 or e-mail gorieskymary@deskmedia.com to volunteer.



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ULLR BRIDGE

By Karen Gray

On January 21, Sunny Zenk's beautiful party room was filled with 16 exuberant bridge players, happy to get out of the house and be in from the bitter cold to socialize with wonderful and warm ULLR friends. The winners were: 1st, a substitute player, Paul, Sunny's friend from the building [ULLRs are so friendly to guests]; 2nd, Maryann Schwebel; 3rd, Joe Schwebel [in spite of recent surgery]; and 4th, Joan Kruse. All scored over 4,000 points, which indicates some pretty exciting bidding and playing or maybe a lot of overly enthusiastic bidding followed by getting set, doubled, and vulnerable. Thanks to Sunny, we had a lovely variety of tasty snacks and beverages.

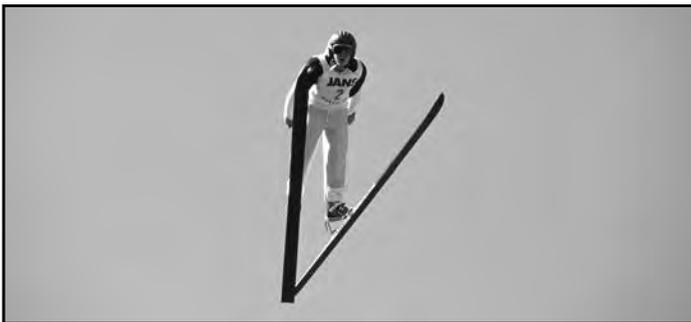
On the 3rd Tuesday, February 18, we will meet at the home of Nancy Devitt at 12:00 PM. She will send out the e-mail invitation to all 32 players on the list on February 1, 2014. The players included to play will be the first to respond according to the space determined by the host. If you sign up but later find you can't come, you are responsible for finding your own substitute. A new experienced player wanting to join should be / become an ULLR member and may contact Karen Gray [952-895-8960] or Kay Sommers [763-535-7163].

SKI JUMPING IN MINNESOTA

By Margie Deutsch

Our club named itself ULLR after the Norse god of skiing. Club members have downhill and cross-country skied for over 63 years. Some members have been on the two ULLR ski racing teams. But one Norwegian skiing activity hasn't been a club activity. Yet Minnesota is known for it, ski jumping.

Did you hear the story January 24th on KARE-TV? "There's a new home for the American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame and it's right here in Minnesota. *'This state really became a mecca for ski jumping,'* says Olympic jumper Bryan Sanders. *'Red Wing is the birthplace for jumping in the U.S.'* The Hall of Fame and Museum, which sits inside the St. James Hotel in downtown Red Wing, officially opened Saturday [January 25, 2014.] The space includes old photos, memorabilia and skis from every generation. It highlights how Norwegians settled in Red Wing and



brought the sport of ski jumping with them...It was the site of the National Ski Jumping Association championships in 1928. It drew 25,000 people which was pretty good for a town of 6,000 people." www.kare11.com

The Minneapolis Park Board website tells the story of the Norwegian influence in ski jumping. "A ski jump was located in a Minneapolis park only when the park board expanded Glenwood [Theodore Wirth] Park in 1909 by buying the land on which a ski jump had already been built by a private skiing club." The gold medal winner at the January 1, 1910, competition in the amateur class was Julius Blegen. Later he was "the coach of U.S. skiers in the 1932 Winter Olympics. The award given each year by the United States Skiing and Snowboarding Association [USSA] to the person who contributes "outstanding service to the sports of skiing and snowboarding" is still known as the Julius Blegen Award."

"Skiing had been around for millennia, but it had been transformed into sport only in the mid-1800s, around the time Minneapolis was founded. Ski competitions then included only cross-country skiing, often called ski running, and ski jumping – the Nordic combined of today's Winter Olympics. Alpine or downhill skiing didn't become a sport until the 1900s. Even the first Winter Olympics at Chamonix, France in 1924 included only Nordic events and – duh! – Norway won 11 of 12 gold medals."

Read more of this interesting story at <http://minneapolisparkhistory.com/2011/02/22/elusive-minneapolis-ski-jumps/>

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO FOR WINTER OR WARM WEATHER GETAWAYS?

It is that time of the year to think about next year's western ski trip or a warm weather getaway.

Written Proposals must include:

- Event Budget [Form UC001]
- Event Informational Worksheet [Form UC007]

Guidelines for proposals and forms are on the ULLR website at www.ullr.org or contact Pam Anderson at 763-315-3772. **Proposals are due March 30, 2014**

Send to: Pam Anderson
6217 Creekview Lane No
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

HOW COLD WAS IT?

By Margie Deutsch

Everyone knows January 2014 was a cold month. Not only schools were closed, but even ski hills closed for 4 days! Twelve days had high temps from -12° to 8°. Only six days had low temps above 13°. Eighteen days saw lows from -23° to -8°. Oh, and those windchill numbers! So there now is a new breed of ULLR snowbird, besides the folk who relocate to the South. It is the one who waited inside their home until a warm, 32° day returned. From -23° to 32° is a 55° warm-up!

For updated details visit our website
www.ullr.org

ULLR Ski, Bike & Social Club

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Bloomington, MN 55420-1409

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It is time to renew your membership!

Visit our website at
www.ullr.org for meeting,
event and trip news,
photos and recipes.

FOLD LINE ↓

<p>Future Folding Parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 16, 2014 (6:30 PM): Joyce Crozier & Bill Kansas • July 18, 2014 (6:30 PM): Jean Berry • August 16, 2014 (Saturday): Charlotte Navratil & Alan Moore 	<p>Folding Parties are fun to host and attend and are a great way for members to get acquainted. Winter parties begin at 12:00 PM (noon). A main dish is provided. Please bring a snack, salad or dessert to share and a \$1.00 donation for beverages. A host is needed for the October 17th Folding Party. If you are interested in hosting a Folding Party, please call the Folding Party Chairs: Patty Fitzgerald & John Stiefel 952-470-5411. [An allowance is provided to help defray costs.]</p>
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The next Folding Party is
Friday, March 21, 2014, hosted by Mary Ellen Gabel
3213 Skycroft Drive NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418
Please RSVP to: Mary Ellen at 612-789-7832
(so she can plan food)

Directions from the South:
Go North on I-35W. Exit on New Brighton Blvd/Hwy 88 (exit 21A)
Turn left onto Stinson Blvd. and continue going North to 33rd Avenue North. Turn Right (east) and drive .4 mile to Skycroft Drive NE (2nd RIGHT after Silver Lake Road.
Turn right (south) for .1 mile.

Directions from the North:
I-694 to Silver Lake Road (exit 39); drive 2.5 miles South.
Turn left (east) on 33rd Avenue North, go 2 blocks to Skycroft Drive, turn right (south) for .1 mile

