



# *The Patch Ski Club*

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Dear Members,

Our next meeting, "Welcome Back Night" 21 September will be held at the **Swabian Special Events Center**. Don't go to the Community Club, we won't be there!

Did you make it to the picnic? You must have, the place was mobbed. You didn't? Wow, did you miss a good time!

We expect the yearbook to be available at next week's meeting; make sure you come by and get your copy. It is chock full of information, club policies, and lots of photos of you and your friends. Also, with any luck 2005-2006 membership cards will be available as well. Stop by the membership desk for yours.

Sales for our fall slate of trips has begun with those through Thanksgiving open. Zermatt I is almost sold out and other trips are moving right along. See the end of this newsletter for the full list, and if you've got one on your calendar but haven't signed up, get on the list before it is too late.

Fall is one of our best times. Folks are back from summer vacations, the kids are in school, the bathing suits have gone back in the drawer, and thoughts of snow are popping out all over. Get involved in the club and make sure your friends do so as well.

*Roger*

## ***Is This Your Last Newsletter?***

If you have not renewed your membership, this IS your last newsletter. Nuff said.

## ***Recreation Services Gala 1 October***

Recreation Services at Panzer is putting on an Open House on Saturday, 1 October from 1000 to 1800, targeted to your skiing needs. They will have all of next year's skiing equipment out for you to peruse and will be ready to advise you on the best combination for your skiing ability. If you are there between 1100 and 1300, look for the PSC table and come by to sign up, check us out, or just to chat.

## ***Are Those YOUR Kids?***

This is a new season and we need to set a new tone for the club and our members. We are a family club and we encourage your children to participate in our meetings and our trips. Frankly, there is nothing more rewarding than the smile from a child who has just won a prize or just skied his or her first red run. But, in the end, these are YOUR children and we need your help keeping them under control. Imagine the member who has come to the PSC meeting seeking some pleasant conversation and finds a group of children running wild. Would you come back? Imagine a group of children running wild and destroying parts of the club. Would you come back? Imagine an unsupervised child jumping off a table and falling in a pile on the floor or, worse, on top of another child. Would you take him or her to the hospital?

We, too, are human and we cannot put on a meaningful meeting, sell trips, interact with you, etc., and baby sit your children at the same time. So, we need your help. Please bring your children, but please also keep them within reach and under control. Your neighbors will thank you and we will thank you.



## ***The Bus Trip***

A lot of our trips include bus transportation to and from the resort, and to the ski slopes at the resort, if necessary. However, the bus trip is far more than “pick me up and drop me off.” It’s an opportunity for everyone to meet other people on the trip, sample the best hors d’ oeuvres in Germany, build ski and party groups, watch a movie, read a book, take a nap, and get ready for a fun time in the resort. Come to the bus ready to be part of the group and you will return with new old friends.

## ***We’re Looking for a Few Good People***

The best way to make sure you ski, bike, or golf with your friends and make a lot of new ones at the same time is to be a Trip Captain. A few of our trips, e.g., Zermatt II, which already has a core signed up, are still available and we’d like you to raise your hand. Sure work is involved, but it isn’t as hard as it often sounds. Pick a place you really want to visit, get that core group of friends and co-workers together to seal the deal, and be ready to promote your trip to other club members. Do this and you will come away from your trip with a smile on your face. You’ll also get your space for free. Hey, it’s not a lot of dough, but it’s recognition for a job well done.

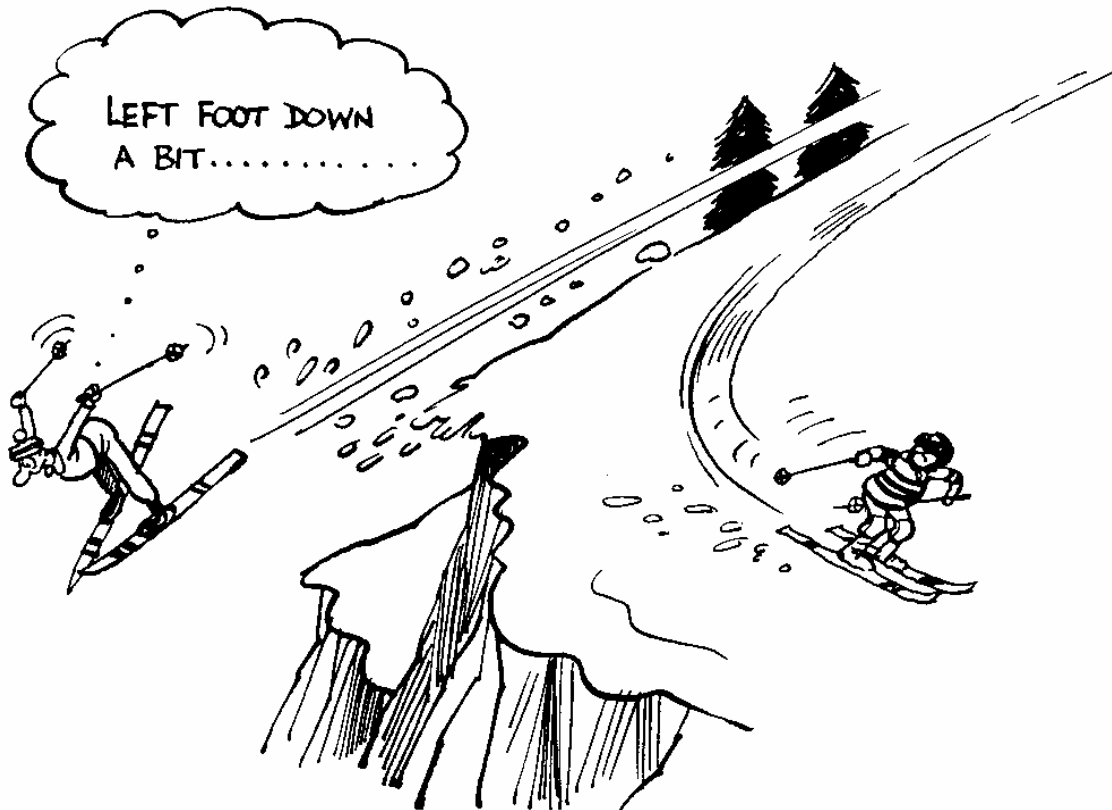
Don't worry if you've never skied Zermatt or biked the Bodensee before, or even TC'd a trip – The Trip Captain Coordinator (Marty Smith, 07152-357-925 or email: [SSN759co@yahoo.com](mailto:SSN759co@yahoo.com)) and other experienced TCs will supply you with the information and forms you need. Have we got you interested? Contact Marty.

## ***Revised Cancellation Policy***

Over the summer we looked at a lot of policies and procedures and made changes to several. One of the more significant changes was a simplification of the **administrative fees** charged in the event of a cancellation. Please review page 19 of the yearbook for the full procedures and charges for canceling your spaces on a trip. And please remember, "costs incurred" by the club, e.g., hotel, Reiseleiter, bus charges, are ALWAYS passed on to the member.

Please read the yearbook for mitigating circumstances permitting you to request an exception to policy for administrative charges. Otherwise, while the trip applications reflect the old policy (they cost too much to toss them), the new policy for administrative charges is:

- You will be charged **€20** per space if your cancellation occurs **before** the published payoff date.
- You will be charged **€40** per space if your cancellation occurs **after** the published payoff date.



### ***Next 3 Meetings***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>
21 Sep 1900	Membership Night at the Swabian Special Events Center
5 Oct 1900	Oktoberfest – Not to be missed!!
19 Oct 1900	Siegi Talks About Ski School

### ***Trip Status***

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Price €<sup>1/2</sup> Double</b>	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Spaces Available</b>	<b>Trip Captain*</b>
Bike & Wine	7-10 Oct	260	17 Aug	34	Chris Meyer
Kaprun	18-20 Nov	175	17 Aug	47	Chris Meyer
Zermatt I	23-27 Nov	395	10 Sep	8	Wayne Stamper
Zermatt II	23-27 Nov	350	10 Sep	40	Terry Petze
Obergurgl	23-27 Nov	Apt 490	10 Sep	45	Russ Matijevich

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