

# CMSC Winter Carnival, 2011

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From March 11-13 the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council hosted the 2011 Winter Carnival at Ski Brule in Iron River, Michigan. There were 11 participating clubs from the Chicagoland area including ABSF, Champaign Ski Club, Chicago Friars, Four Winds, Lakeshore, Nomads, Pine Point, Sitzmark, Sitzmark Milwaukee, Sno-Gophers and Wild Bunch.

The weekend was packed with skiing, snowboarding, games, hot tubs and more. Club members enjoyed some fresh powder from the snow storm that hit early Saturday morning.

While they weren't carving through powder, participants enjoyed the Nastar racing course. Taking the lead for the males was Sno-Gopher Brian Grimes. Wild Bunch's Matthew Werning took second place. He was followed by Jason Claycomb from Pine Point in third place. Leading the females was Andrea Safranek from Pine Point. Debbie Clegg from Team Trent took second place. Anjelica Werning from Wild Bunch placed third. After lunch, skiers and snowboarders made their way over to the Homestead chair lift, where the "Chair Drop" game was taking place. During this game, participants were allowed to throw water balloons at a target in the snow while they were on the chairlift. The goal of the game was to hit the "bull's eye." The "Chair Drop" was a new game this year, and it proved to be the most popular.

Some club members dressed up for the costume contest on the bunny hill. The costume followed this year's Winter Carnival theme, "How Sweet it is to Ski Brule." Contestants came dressed as different types of sweets as well as other puns on the theme. The female first place



winner, Sue Finis from Chicago Friars, dressed as the "Sweet Smell of Success." She dressed in green with a blonde wig and a layer of dollar bills attached to her. The second place female winner, Juli Bohn from Wild Bunch, dressed as a Redi Whip, handing out cups of Jell-O and topping them with whipped cream.

The third place female winner, Teri Kenny from Sitzmark, dressed as a leprechaun, throwing out chocolate coins as she skied down the bunny hill. First place for the males was Steve Grant from Chicago Friars, who was a Girl Scout Cookie Bandit. The Pine Pointers helped Jason Claycomb snag second with his Twizzlers costume. Gab Crump from Wild Bunch took third place as the Candyman.

With the day coming to a close, everyone went back to their cabins to enjoy some time soaking in the outdoor Jacuzzi and prepare for their delicious BBQ chicken and pork dinner at the Homestead Lodge. After dinner, contestants tested their "minute to win it" capabilities in the "Oreo Cookie Face" contest. The goal of the game is to get an Oreo from your forehead in to your mouth within a minute using only your face muscles. This game was ruled by the females as the fastest time was in three seconds by female first place winner Ann Krammerer from Sitzmark Milwaukee. The first place male, Phil Skultey of Four Winds, came close with a time of five seconds. For the females, Anjelica Werning of Wild Bunch and Alyson Godbolt of Sno-Gophers placed second and third, respectively. For the males, Steve Grant of Chicago Friars and Jim Cornelius of Vagabonds placed second and third, respectively.





Wild Bunch's Matthew Werning, clad in boxers, takes first in the Slush Cup.

As the “Oreo Cookie Face” wrapped up, many club members migrated to the Brule Lodge bar area, where they enjoyed dancing and socializing. After a while, many people branched off to their cabins, some indulging themselves in another visit to the outdoor Jacuzzis.

The next morning, the early risers attempted the “Elephant March” game, where players wear nylons on their heads with a softball in the end to simulate an elephant trunk. The objective of the game is to ski down the bunny hill while trying to knock down as many pop bottles as they can while being timed. While thought to be a skier’s game, the winner with the lowest time was a snowboarder, Julie Pudlo. Following the females in second was Ciare Watson of Sno-Gophers. Andrea Safranek took third for Pine Point. Wild Bunch claimed all the male winners for this game—Gab Crump in first, Matthew Werning in second and Bryan Jones in third.

The final game of the trip was one of the old-time favorites, the Slush Cup. During this game, any brave skiers and snowboarders could tempt their fate by skiing/riding down a hill and crossing a 40-foot pond of nearly freezing water at the bottom. Those who didn’t make it across the pond fell into it. The fastest person to cross the pond was Pine Point’s Andrea Safranek, with a finishing time of 13 seconds. She was the only woman to cross the pond. Wild Bunch’s Matthew Werning took first for the men with a time of 13.9 seconds as he skied smoothly across the freezing pond wearing nothing but his boxers. Bryan Jones held up the Wild Bunch fort by taking second with a time of 14.2 seconds. Although he had a minor visit with the pond, Brian Gurney of Four Winds still managed to hit the finish line, with a time of 15.2 seconds. Honorable mention goes

out to the other two women who attempted the Slush Cup—Sue Finis and Julie Pudlo, the only snowboarder to brave crossing the pond.

At the awards ceremony, the ultimate male, female and club for the 2011 Winter Carnival were revealed. Matthew Werning from Wild Bunch and Andrea Safranek from Pine Point were crowned the Ultimate male and female, respectively. Steve Grant from Chicago Friars received second followed by Wild Bunch’s Bryan Jones in third.

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For the females, Sue Finis from Chicago Friars placed second, followed by Anjelica Werning in third. With 24 active participants, Wild Bunch claimed the Ultimate club award. With 11 active participants, Four Winds placed second, followed by Chicago Friars, with 10 active participants, in third.

As the weekend came to a close, everyone seemed sad to be leaving. The whole weekend had been filled with laughter, fun and games, which had now come to an end. Run by Debbie Clegg and the rest of her committee—Jon Clegg, Carley Clegg, Bryan Jones, Julie Pudlo, Anjelica Werning and Matthew Werning—the Winter Carnival proved to be a big hit.