



# Hot Springs Smoke Signals

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## Snowy Mountain Brewery News

### Fall is here, Oktoberfest anyone?

When you think of fall and beer, the great German beer festival may spring to mind. Most of us have heard about it, but how many of you know what it is and how it originated?

Oktoberfest is a 16-18 day beer festival held annually in Munich, Germany, running from late September to the first weekend in October. It is one of the most famous events in Germany and is the world's largest fair, with more than 6 million people attending every year.

Crown Prince Ludwig, later to become King Ludwig I, was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on October 12th, 1810. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates

to celebrate their marriage. The main draw to the festival was originally horse races, not beer.

Today, Munich's annual celebration is still held on the original site. Some modern changes are the giant brewery-sponsored beer halls that can hold up to 5,000 people apiece, they've moved the event ahead to September to allow for better weather conditions and horse races no longer take place.

Not planning a trip to Germany any time soon? In recent history Oktoberfest has made it's way to the US. There are locations across the nation where you can raise your stein and celebrate German heritage with music, food and beer!



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### From the desk of the General Manager

While it may not feel like it just yet, fall has arrived in Saratoga! Camo and orange are the fashion statement throughout the valley with hunting season in full swing, and of course the news is full of articles on the flu season. I feel even though you have heard it a thousand times already, the 3 C's are extremely important and with the numerous people we meet on a day to day basis here at the resort we must remember to: 1) Cleanse our hands often and well with soap and water or alcohol based sanitizer. 2) Cover

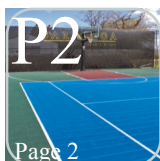
your mouth when you sneeze or cough. 3) Call in sick and stay home if you have flu like symptoms. These simple reminders could help to reduce the number of people who will suffer with the flu this year.

Coming up this month is the 2011 Snowmobile Expo in Denver. If you happen to be in Denver on the 7th-9th please stop by our booth in the Denver Merchandise Mart. We will be there promoting our 3rd Annual Snowmobile Poker Run on January 14, 2012. Rooms are booking up

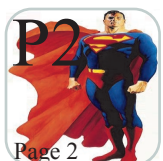
fast for that weekend so hurry and reserve yours!

Last but not least, our theme for this year's Halloween party on October 29th is Superheroes Reunite! So start thinking about which superhero you want to be and stop by to see the Resort all decorated up for the occasion.

Susan Wallace  
General Manager



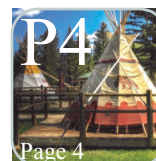
Check out the Saratoga Sports Center & Sport Court for your outdoor recreational fun!



Join us October 29th for our Halloween Costume Party in the Snowy Mtn. Pub. This year's theme is Superheroes Reunite!



October Specials in the Healing Water Spa, Snowy Mtn. Brewery and Lodging Promotions!



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### Saratoga Sports Center & Sports Court

#### Rentals:

- Bikes
- Pontoon Boats
- River Tubes
- ATVs - Full & 1/2 Day
- Jeeps
- Snowshoes
- Cross Country Skis
- Guided Snowmobile Tours

#### Sports Court:

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Soccer ball
- Floor Hockey
- Badminton
- Tennis

We also have fishing poles, fishing gear, sports equipment, waterproof tote bags, clothing, sunglasses, and hats for sale!

Please see the *Front Desk* for any rentals or purchases

To check availability of sports court or rentals please call 1.800.594.0178 or email

# SUPERHEROES REUNITE



**SATURDAY, OCT 29TH  
IN THE SNOWY MTN. PUB  
@ 8PM**

**DJ DC APPETIZERS**

**SUPERHERO COSTUME CONTEST**

**BRING YOUR MASK OR YOUR BROOM - WITCHES, GHOSTS, ZOMBIES TOO  
THEY'RE ALL INVITED, SO ARE YOU!!**

## 26th Annual Rocky Mountain Snowmobile Expo

**Attention snowmobile enthusiasts:** If you are in Denver October 7th-9th, stop by and see us at the Denver Merchandise Mart for the 26th Annual Snowmobile Expo. Come and see all new 2012 models, over 50 exhibitors and new products for 2012!

**Friday 10/7  
5pm-9pm**

**Saturday 10/8  
9am-6pm**

**Sunday 10/9  
10am-2pm**



For more info talk to Cassie @ 307-326-9101 / cpeterson@saratogaresortandspa.com

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**3RD ANNUAL SNOWY RANGE**

**POKER RUN**

**JANUARY 14, 2012**

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## October Specials

### Healing Waters Spa

Get a 1 Hour Therapeutic Massage at regular price and receive a value added service of Aromatherapy Scalp Massage

### Snowy Mountain Brewery & Pub

#### Daily Specials

##### Monday

Bowl of Chili & a Beer-\$3.50

##### Tuesday

2 Tacos & a Beer-\$3.50

##### Thirsty Thursday

\$2 Beers &  
\$1 Off Mixed Drinks

##### Friday

12" Pizzas for \$12

Fresh Cold Handmade  
Microbrews On Tap!

### Fall & Winter Lodging Promotions

September 1st-November 30th

#### Fall in Love Package

Stay 2 nights and book a spa treatment, valued at \$75 or more, receive your 2nd night 1/2 off and 15% off a dinner for two!

December 1st-February 29th

#### Winter Weekday Silver Package

Stay 2 nights (Sunday-Thursday) receive your 2nd night 1/2 off, plus 20% off a spa treatment, 15% off a meal and a free microbrew tasting paddle

#### Winter Weekday Gold Package

Stay 3 nights (Sunday-Thursday) receive your 3rd night free, plus 20% off a spa treatment, 15% off a meal and a free microbrew tasting paddle

#### Winter Weekend Getaway

Stay Friday & Saturday night and purchase a spa treatment valued at \$75 or more, receive 15% off your total stay, 15% off a meal and a free microbrew tasting paddle

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### Golf Season Wraps Up October 16th

The golf course will close for the season on Sunday, October 16th to allow Dan Tewes, our outstanding superintendent, to get the course ready for winter. He will also begin some early preparation for potential flooding next spring to get a jump on any potential problems.

We did get our new blue tee boxes on holes 3 and 7 completed in time for the Saratoga Open tournament played over the weekend of Sept 17th and 18th. 6 pros from Wyoming and Colorado played along with 7 amateurs from Saratoga. The professional flight was won by Klinton Krieger of Cheyenne, with our own Robby Shipp coming in third even though he is still an amateur. Chuck Cooper won the Championship Flight and Steve Facciani won the first flight. All the golfers enjoyed the challenging new tee boxes and a great BBQ dinner Saturday night.



New blue tee box on hole #3



New blue tee box On hole #7

Our Annual Raffle Ticket Sale will be held Friday, October 16th at 6PM in the Golf Shop. Pick a raffle ticket out of the hat. The last two numbers on the ticket represent the discount you get on all items in the shop. Save from 30% up to 100%. Beer and bar snacks will be served.

Thanks for another great golf season. If you haven't been out lately the course is in terrific shape and the greens are fantastic. Better hurry though time is running out.

Lee Hanley

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## The Cook's Corner



October means that summer has come to a close and fall has arrived. With fall comes the thought of Halloween and all that it implies: costumes, trick-or-treating, carved pumpkins, decorations, ghoulish spirits and many foods and fun.

In a flash back through history we find some interesting origins and traditions surrounding Halloween. Halloween comes from Samhain, which is a Celtic festival that can be traced back to the Roman festival of Pomona the goddess of fruit and seed. Samhain is harvest time and a time to take stock of food supplies and slaughter livestock for winter. Bonfires derived from the word bone-fire where discarded bones from the animals at feast would be lit and burned.

The harvest of the orchards and fields brought some age old traditions such as bobbing for apples and a variant where adults would retrieve an apple from a dangling string. Today, we have also

included candy and caramel apples. Bonfire toffee is passed out in Britain and is rich with molasses and was thought to be medicinal in ancient times. Barmbrack, from Ireland, is a light fruit cake with a ring, coins and other charms placed into it before baking and whoever gets the ring is thought to find their true love. Originally people carved turnip instead of pumpkins, until the 1800s when people in North America used the inside meat of pumpkins to make pies, breads and roasted seeds.

Since the ancient times we have added a list of novelty candies and treats that make their way into children's bags as they trick-or-treating each year. So remember, Halloween is not just for the ghosts and goblins, but a feast for the senses and a confectionary adventure for everyone.

Hope Ratliff

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## Upcoming Events in the Platte Valley

### October 7th-9th

- Rocky Mountain Snowmobile Expo

### October 29th

- SRS Halloween Party

### October 31st

- Halloween Walk in Downtown Saratoga

### November 19th

- Sadie Hawkins Dance

### December 1st-2nd

- PVCC Festival of Trees Gala & Auction

### December 3rd

- SRS Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- Saratoga Christmas Parade

## 2012 Mark-Your-Calendar Events

### January 14th

- 3rd Annual Snowmobile Poker Run

### July 20th-22nd

- 3rd Annual Wild West Chess Tournament



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