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History of Oktoberfest

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. This year the festival will be Saturday, September 22nd—Sunday, October 7th. It is one of the most famous events in Germany and is the world's largest fair, with more than 7 million people attending every year. A few fun facts about the festival are visitors drink 5 million liters of beer and eat about 600,000 sausages and other German goodies!

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. Once such place is our very own Snowy Mtn. Brewery!



On Saturday, October 6th the Snowy Mtn. Brewery will hold their own Oktoberfest celebration. Join us in our courtyard for music, traditional Oktoberfest games (like the German freeze dance and pumpkin penny toss), lots of *fresh* brew and great German food. Don't forget to wear your lederhosen, you may just win best dressed!



Save The Date!

Saturday, October 6th
Saratoga Resort & Spa
Oktoberfest Celebration

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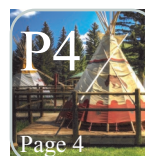
Check out the Saratoga Sports Center & Sport Court for your outdoor recreational fun!



Join us on Saturday, October 6th for our Oktoberfest Celebration. Book your room now!



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



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- Snowshoes
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- 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 Resort reception staff for all your sport rental needs.

To check availability of sports court or rentals please call 1.800.594.0178 or email concierge@saratogaresortandspa.com

Snowy Mountain Brewery

If you've never tried one of our *fresh* brews from the Snowy Mountain Brewery, you're in for a real treat! Here is a list of both our year round and seasonal brews, along with a description of each. Try them all during the Snowy Mtn. Pub's Oktoberfest!

SARATOGA WITBIER

Light beer with coriander or bitter orange peel spices added, giving this beer a slightly fruity flavor. 9.5% alcohol

CHATTERTON PALE ALE

Moderate bodied with the spice of rye and spicy hops with citrus notes and slight grape aroma. 9.5% alcohol

DONNER IRISH RED

A malty, caramel flavor with hops that give it a spicy, citrus taste with a slight grape. Fruity, flowery aroma. 7% alcohol

ASPEN LEAF MUNICH HELLES LAGER

A very mild malty taste, not overly sweet, but rather focuses on malt flavor with underlying spicy taste. 5% alcohol

BIG NOSE GEORGE CHOCOLATE HONEY RYE PORTER

Breakfast in a glass, with a dash of spice from the hops and rye along with the sweetness of honey and chocolate. Full bodied taste. 9.5% alcohol

SUNSHINE ALE

Light blonde ale that is lightly hopped and has a slight sweetness from the promise grain. 5% alcohol

BON SCOTT'ISH ALE

Scottish style Ale, a robust flavor, balanced out with flower hops. 11.5% alcohol

307 HONEY BADGER

A lightly hopped light lager that contains German malts, citrusy hops, and 12 pounds of Wyoming Honey from Mills, Wyoming. 8% alcohol

Not sure which one to try? Try them all!

Tasting Paddle - Four 3 oz. samples for \$3.50



MEET THE BREWMASTER - Steve Simpson was an avid home-brewer for 10 years until he turned his hobby professional in February, 2008 at the Library Brewery in Laramie WY. His years of experience and "taste tests" have helped make the Snowy Mountain Brewery known in the Microbrew market. His philosophy is that beer should make people happy and bring communities together. He brews both styles of traditional and creative inspirations from unique ingredients. If you spot him stirring his elixir in the copper tanks, checking dials, ask him for a tour of the brewery. You will be sure to come away with a new appreciation for our brews.



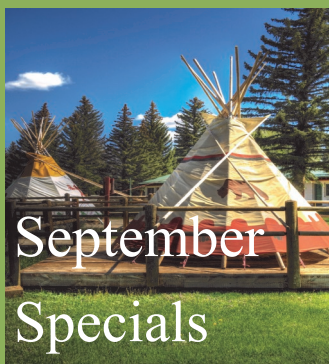
Editor's Corner

The Platte Valley had perfect hiking and ATVing weather the entire month of August. Last month's newsletter provided great information on hiking and riding in the area, along with checklists to help you put safety first. If you rented ATVs from us, remember to send me your short story and picture from your trip to receive \$100 off your next rental! This month we are focusing on the great fall festival, Oktoberfest, and our own Snowy Mtn. Brewery. Join us on Saturday, October 6th as we celebrate in traditional style with games, food, music and lots of brews. In October we will cover the fall pastime of hunting and the Platte Valley's draw of hunters from near and far. Guys, bring your wives this time. The Resort's 'Fall In Love' package will keep you both happy!



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Healing Waters Spa

September Feature:

Body Polish

Special:

Any men's haircut will receive a complimentary microbrew (21 years or older)

Snowy Mountain Brewery & Pub

Daily Specials

Tuesday

2 Tacos & A Microbrew-\$5.00

Thursday

1/2 Rack of Ribs & A Microbrew
\$13.50

Friday

12" Pizzas for \$12

Fresh Cold Handmade
Microbrews On Tap!

Fall & Winter Lodging Promotions

Fall In Love Package

October 1st-31st

Spend 2 nights and book a spa/salon treatment (valued at &75 or more) receive \$100 off your stay.

Winter Weekend Package

November 1st-April 30th

Spend Friday & Saturday nights, receive our breakfast bar free each morning and \$30 dining dollars gift card.

Winter Weekday

Silver & Gold Package

November 1st-April 30th

Stay 2 or 3 nights between Sunday & Thursday, receive a \$65 or \$130 gift card, 10% off spa/salon services and a free microbrew tasting paddle.

17th Annual Steinley Cup

The 17th Annual Steinley Cup Microbrew Festival was held on Saturday, August 18th at Saratoga's Kathy Glode Park. Sunny and warm August weather created the perfect day. Organizers say about 750 people showed up to sample microbrews, red and green chili, and salsa.

The Saratoga Resort & Spa's Snowy Mountain Brewery competed again this year, along with our Silver Saddle Restaurant in the chili and salsa competition. We're proud to announce that we won in both the red chili and salsa categories! Eight breweries from around Wyoming competed for best pilsner. This year's microbrew winner was Snake River Brewing Company, of Jackson, WY. Participants enjoyed a beautiful day of brew tasting with music by the Patti Fiasco Band.

Following the festival the Resort had a BBQ and live music by Wyoming Homegrown. Rooms go fast so book yours for next year to take part in the 18th Annual event on Saturday, August 17th 2013!



Snowy Mountain Brewery Growler

Love our brew? Take some home with you!

Filled to the stopper for \$35 (\$39 for seasonal brews)

Bring your growler back in for a refill—\$16
(\$20 for seasonal brews)

The Chef's Corner 🍷

While beer is a big part of Oktoberfest, so is traditional German food. Visitors consume large quantities of food every year at the festival, most of which consists of hearty fare.

Readily available all over the fairgrounds are *Hendl*, whole chickens grilled on a spit and typically sold in halves. Variations are the spit-roasted duck or goose. Roasted meats, especially pork, and potato dumplings are served up with the traditional red cabbage and apple dish (*Blaukohl*). Local specialties such as roasted ox tails, grilled pork knuckles, or Bavarian *Weißwürste*, steamed white veal sausages

served with sweet mustard, sauerkraut, and a pretzel or bread roll are found on just about every menu. Visitors hankering for some seafood might try the charcoal-fired fish-on-a-stick (*Steckerlfisch*).

Smaller appetites are satisfied by potato salad or potato soup, and even vegetarians won't go hungry, feasting on massive warm, soft pretzels, cheese plates with bread, or one of the many meatless dishes served up in each of the tents. Typical dessert dishes include *Dampfnudel*, a steamed honey-dumpling served with vanilla sauce, apple strudel, and *Kaiserschmarrn*, a sugared pancake with raisins.

Stop by and try our take on the traditional foods during our Oktoberfest, October 6th!



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Upcoming Events in the Platte Valley

September 8th & 9th

- Copper Days Festival

October 6th

- Snowy Mtn. Pub Oktoberfest

October 12th-14th

- Denver Snowmobile Expo
[Visit us at our booth!]

October 24th

- Whistle Stop F.I.L.M. Festival

October 27th

- Saratoga Resort Halloween Party

December 15th

- Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

December 31st

- Saratoga Resort New Year's Eve Party

January 12th

- 4th Annual Snowmobile Poker Run

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2 Nights Lodging · \$300 in Resort credit · 2 complimentary microbrews at check-in
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