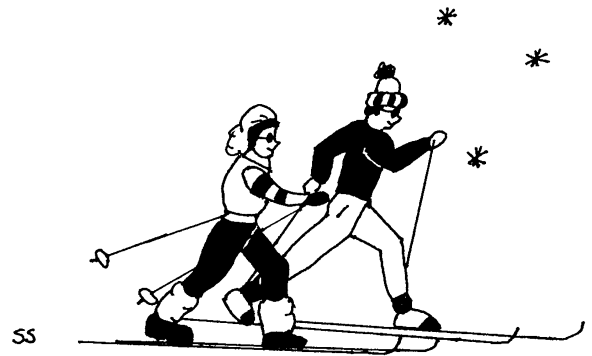
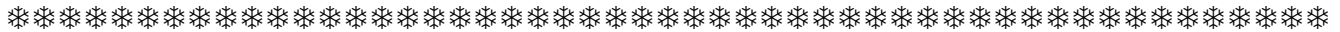


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November 2001



Meeting Schedule for 2001-2002

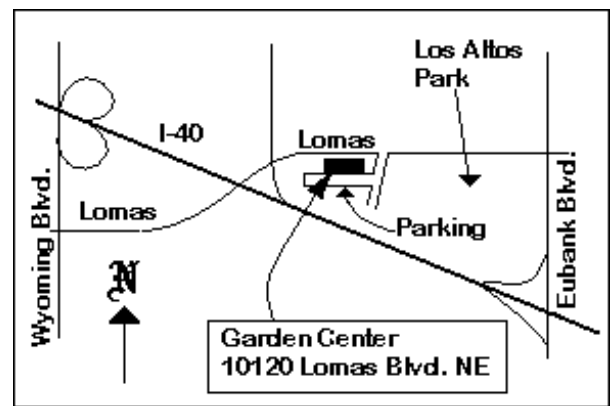
Next meeting: Thursday November 15

- The November program will feature Jim Dick from REI talking about backcountry navigation!

Monthly General Meetings

October 18	January 17
November 15	February 21
December 20	March 21

Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of each month, October through March, at the Albuquerque Garden Club Center, 10120 Lomas NE. Look for the sign on Lomas at the entrance to the Center. Please park on the east side of the building and enter through the east entrance.



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Have you renewed ???

This issue is the last mailing using last year's list! If you have renewed, the top line of your mailing label will read "01-02".

Gary Tisone 1937 – 2001

The Club lost one of its own on October 25 as Gary Tisone passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. He and his wife Carolyn have been very active members of our club almost since it began. They especially enjoyed the long bus trips. Gary was a Club officer several times and led many local trips. His very large and wisely-equipped day pack, combined with his extensive knowledge, gave a feeling of security to his fellow skiers. Gary left an enduring memory on the ski club and all who knew him.

The "Gary Tisone Mountain Memorial Fund" has been set up in memory of Gary. Contributions may be sent in care of Mr. Davis, 54 Carlisle Road, Tijeras NM 87059. You may also bring checks to the Bus Trips table at the November meeting.

**Visit the NMCCSC Web site at its
new location!**

www.naturediscovery.org/nmccskiclub



Beginning Cross-Country Ski Lessons

by Guy Miller

The New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club will offer a class for beginning skiers. Although the class is primarily geared toward the absolute beginner, it can also be beneficial for those who have given skiing a try but feel that some amount of elementary instruction might be helpful.

The class will consist of a single two-hour classroom session and one all-day on-the-snow session. Participants must be at least 18 years of age unless approved in advance by instructor, and must be members of the club. The cost of the class is \$10.00.

Participants will learn not only the basics of skiing, but also how to be confident and comfortable, and how to enjoy skiing.

Students must be reasonably fit, and a positive attitude is essential.

The event has not been firmly scheduled yet, but we generally try to hold the classroom session after the December general meeting, but before Christmas, and the on-the-snow session is usually held as soon after New Year's Day as possible. Everything hinges on snow conditions which often cannot be predicted until just days in advance. Accordingly, you should TENTATIVELY mark your calendars for the evening of Friday, December 21 (keep the 14th and the 28th open as well) and all day of Saturday, January 12th (keep the 26th and Feb 2 open as well). Further details will be announced at the meetings and published in the newsletter.

Often new skiers don't get started until the season is half over, so if you know of someone who might be interested, have them call me NOW !!! That's one very important thing that we all need to try to do in order to keep new members coming in.

For more information, contact Guy Miller at 294-7940. PLEASE DO NOT CALL AFTER 9:00 PM !

2001-02 Budget

by Don Mullen

The following budget has been prepared by the Board, and will be discussed and voted upon at the November meeting.

New Mexico Cross-Country Ski Club 2001-2002 Budget Proposal	
INCOME	
ADVERTISING	\$25
INTEREST	\$5
INSTRUCTION	\$100
MEMBERSHIP	\$2,925
PIN SALES	\$25
DONATION	\$0
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$20,600
HUT TRIPS	\$540
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,220
EXPENSES	
INSTRUCTION	\$100
MEETING ROOM	\$480
MEMBERSHIP/LABELS	\$120
NEWSLETTER	\$1,000
PRESIDENT	\$100
REFRESHMENTS	\$200
SECRETARY	\$0
TRAILS	\$100
VICE PRESIDENT	\$300
PROGRAMS	\$85
DAYTRIPS	\$0
OVERNIGHT TRIPS	\$30
WEBPAGE	\$100
TREASURER	\$20
INSURANCE	\$800
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$20,200
HUT TRIPS	\$300
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,935
PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$285

Ski Club Night at Sportz Outdoors

by Carol Mochel

Thursday November 29 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Our club will have a table with information for new members and there will be a fashion show of the latest in ski clothes. It is a chance to see the new equipment too. Last year there were freebies for everyone who attended so come see what they have this year.



Results of Lottery for Places on Long Bus Trips

by Susan Swan

Actually everyone who sent me money for Telluride and Taos is on the trips. The only one we drew for was Ouray. I will list below the roster for each trip in case your memories are as bad as mine these days. As of today (Oct 30), I still need 3 people for Telluride. I have one opening for a male to Taos. Plus I need to start a waiting list for all 3 trips. If you are high on the waiting list and patient you will probably get to go on that trip. Things do happen and people need sell their spots. If you take over someone's spot, please send a filled-out slip and a check. It costs nothing to be on the waiting list. You can just call me for that or email me.

Susan Swan
821 Rio Arriba SE 87123
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Telluride

Note: Remaining balance (\$95. for most people) is due by the Nov 15 meeting.

Sharon & Lester Byington
Emily Smith
Yolanda & David Ploor
Michon Johnson
Louise & Tom Broadbent
Janie Gilmore
Karen Griffith & Don Mullen
Carla & Mickey Chirigos
Guy Miller & Ginger Larkin
Alma Bratun
Ruth Meadows
Mike Martin
Betty Spafford
Jon McCorkell
Sam Beard
Debbie & Neal O'Callaghan
Linda & Tom Katonak
Susan Rogowski
Sandra Garcia
Susan Williams
Bill Heitz
Noel Barstow
Eddie Segears
Alan Burns
Bob Long
Dave Saylor
Susan & Bob Swan

Taos

Noel Barstow
Sue Ann & Wayne Kirkby
Bob Long
Claudine & Les Gage
Marcia Congdon
Holly & Dave Noland
Ruth & Will Anderson
Janice Throp & Roommate
Donna & Walt Klinge
Phyllis Pryor & Larry Mitchell
Sam Beard
Guy Miller
Karen Griffith & Don Mullen
Yolanda & David Ploor
Sharon & Lester Byington
Bill Heitz
David Wegner
Kerri Wormwood
Nancy Hemry-Botts & Henry Botts
Alan Burns
Carolyn Tisone
Mary Sue Sueur
Anne Marie Matherne
Sandra Garcia
Jill & Bruce Miller
Regina Michaels
Dick Treager
Susan & Bob Swan

Ouray

Carla & Mickey Chingos
Sue Ann & Wayne Kirkby
Yolanda & David Ploor
Ruth & Will Anderson
Carol Mochel & Jim Deal
Louise & Tom Broadbent
Cheryl & Gary Lavender
Debbie & Neal O'Callaghan
Phyllis Pryor
Betty Stafford
Mike Martin
Jean Hansen & John Thomas
Guy Miller
Sam Beard
Katie Crawford
Susan Rogowski
Donna & Walt Klinge
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Eddie Segears
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Carolyn Tisone
Susan & Bob Swan



Backcountry Hut Trips

by Guy Miller

Introduction

Many of you are aware that the Club last year decided to add hut-to-hut trips to its calendar of events. The Club voted to front \$300 so that group reservations could be made. The front money was necessary because reservations for these popular trips must be made several months in advance, long before many people are able to plan for, or commit to, such an outing. It was also agreed that a nominal surcharge of \$5.00 per person per night would be added so as to have additional funds available to increase the trip kitty, should the Club decide to do so.

Hut trips are not for beginner skiers, although reasonably fit intermediate skiers with average skiing ability can do this. The trips involve skiing in backcountry conditions carrying heavier-than-normal packs. The routes in to most of the huts are usually fairly simple, but all of that changes when skiers go across wilderness from one hut to the next. (There are no such trips planned for this year; both scheduled trips follow "out and back" routes).

The huts are very well supplied with cooking stoves, utensils, pots and pans, plates, and silverware. They are lit with photovoltaic lighting as well as propane lanterns. The wood stoves keep the huts warm and are used for melting snow for water. Skiers must carry sleeping bag, food, and clothing.

Because of the potential difficulties inherent with hut trips, leader approval is required for all hut trips. Please note that the normal trip rating system will not be used. For further details, contact Guy Miller at 294-7940 (before 9:00pm) or e-mail at friggenhutz@aol.com.



Belvedere Hut Trip

December 31, 2001 to January 4, 2002
Leader: Guy Miller 294-7940; friggenhutz@aol.com
(Please call before 9:00pm.)
limit: 16

We will travel to Leadville, Colorado on New Year's Eve and stay at the Plum Tree Inn (other accommodations are possible for those who choose

not to join the group for lodging) where we will have a New Year's party. We will ski in to the hut and spend two nights, skiing out on January 3. Some will return home on the same day while others will spend an extra night in Leadville, returning home on the 4th.

This can be considered a beginner's hut trip, not to be confused with your average trip for beginning skiers. The route is straight forward jeep road which should present no technical difficulties. The 3 1/2 mile trip in climbs 1470 feet and reaches an elevation of 11630 feet. There are ample opportunities for day skiing in the vicinity of the hut, with little significant avalanche danger.

The trip is full at this time, but a waiting list can be started should anyone wish to be considered for a stand-in spot.



Fritz's Hut Trip

March 2-5, 2002 (or, March 2-6 if the group wishes)
Leader: Guy Miller 294-7940; friggenhutz@aol.com
(Please call before 9:00pm.)
limit: 8 to 10

We will spend all day March 2 getting to Aspen, Colorado, beginning our ski in to the Benedict huts the next day. We have reserved 8 spots at Fritz's, but there remains the possibility of snagging the remaining 2 spots in this 10-person hut. An independent group could also reserve the adjacent Fabi's hut, which holds 6 people.

The route covers just under 6 miles and climbs 2700 feet, culminating at an elevation of 10,970. Route finding and terrain challenges present more difficulties than do the Belvedere trip, although avalanche danger is rated as minimal. This should not be considered a beginner's hut trip.

There are 5 openings remaining for this trip which are reserved for the Club. Leader approval is not only required but is essential for the safety of the entire group, so contact trip leader to discuss participation.

A Message from Day Trips

by Mike Martin

Please contact me if you are interested in leading a day trip, even if it will be farther into the season. If you have never led a trip but would like to, call me and I can assist in selecting an area or providing how-to's on trip leadership. Remember, each time you lead a trip your name is added to the hat for a free bus trip drawing.

Keep reading the newsletter for upcoming trips and think snow! All trips are dependent on snow conditions, so please contact the trip leader to check for changes/cancellations. Trips must be submitted by the first Thursday of the month for the next month's newsletter.

Trips can be sent to me via:

Mail: Mike Martin
3920 Lafayette Dr NE
Albuquerque, NM 87107

E-mail: michael.martin@kirtland.af.mil

Phone: 872-9268 (H)
846-2273 (W)

Nov 10 – Dec 9, weekends

Practice sessions at Santa Fe and Sandia.

Leader: Roe Maier, 869-2928

Tentative schedule: Nov 10, 11, 17, 18: Santa Fe;
Nov 24, 24; Dec 1, 2, 8, 9: Sandia.

Go to the Santa Fe and Sandia ski areas and use their groomed slopes before the ski areas open. This will permit working on techniques for skiing down the hill. This practice will also condition those who attend regularly, for each down hill run requires an uphill climb. By staying in sight of the cars, we can tailgate lunch. The organization will be informal, skiing in groups of two or more. Meet at the Bank of America at San Mateo and Academy at 8:00am and car pool to Santa Fe. When Sandia has adequate snow (perhaps after Thanksgiving), we will meet at Smith's, Tramway and Central, at 9:00am.



Saturday Nov 24 location depends on snow conditions

Classes I and II

Leader: Sam Beard, 828-0673

Sam is hoping to find a co-leader for this outing. Please call him if you are willing to lead either the Class I or Class II group. If we do not have enough snow to ski, we will hike. Call the leader for information. Meet somewhere at 8:00am.

Saturday Dec 15 location depends on snow conditions

Classes I and II

Leader: Sam Beard, 828-0673

See description of Nov 24 trip. Meet somewhere at 8:00am. Call leader for information.

Sunday Jan 13 Sandia Mountains

Class I

Leader: Michon Johnson, 286-8587

Ski the easy trails near Ellis Parking Lot. This trip is for beginners and those that have taken the ski club lessons. Will give you a chance to practice the skills learned in class. Call leader for details.

Mon-Wed Feb 25-27 Pagosa Springs, Colorado

Class II

Leader: Michon Johnson, 286-8587
Nvmichon@aol.com

Spend 3 wonderful days of skiing in the Wolf Creek area. We will stay at Davidson's Country Inn. It is a very comfortable B&B, just outside of Pagosa. Breakfast is included and the kitchen will be available for other meals. There is space for 20 people and the price depends on the number of people going. Approximate cost will be between \$75 and \$100 per person for the entire 3 days. We will rent the whole house. Call or e-mail the leader for reservations. Deposit of \$50 required.

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