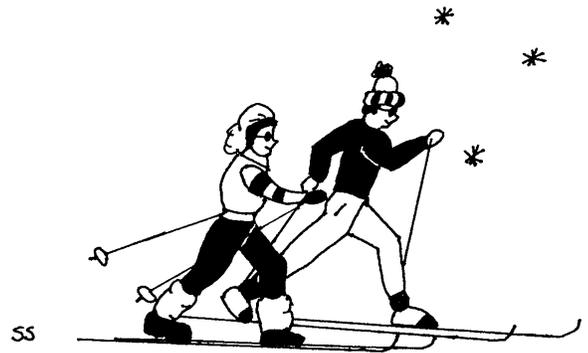


# New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club Newsletter



October 2002



## Meeting Schedule for 2002-2003

**Next meeting:** Thursday October 17, 7:30pm

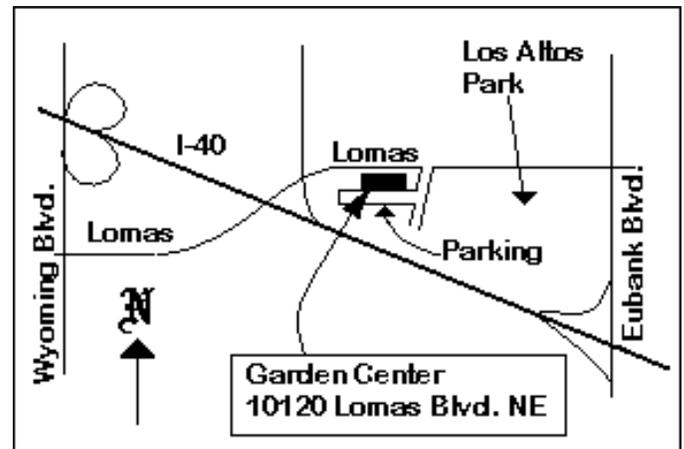
➤ **Program:** Our much-anticipated Chautauqua speaker, after several postponements last year!! This is a major program event for us. These speakers are arranged through the Endowment for the Humanities.

Our speaker will be Prof Enrique Lamadrid from the UNM Languages Department. He will appear as Capitan Rafael Chacon. Capitan Chacon fought in the Mexican War and later on the Union side in the Civil War in the New Mexico battles.

### Monthly General Meetings

October 17	January 16
November 21	February 20
December 19	March 20

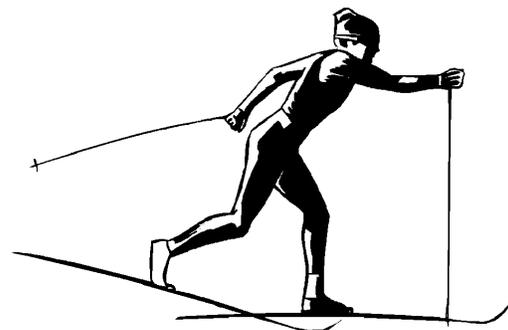
Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of each month, October through March, at the Albuquerque Garden Club Center, 10120 Lomas NE. Look for the sign on Lomas at the entrance to the Center. Please park on the east side of the building and enter through the east entrance.



### Time to Renew !!

*Everyone's membership expires at the end of November.* Through the foresight of the Board and the work of the newsletter editor, there is enclosed herewith a membership renewal form *just for you!*

Don't wait 'til November. Fill it out now, write a check for \$15.00, and mail it in!



### **Get your newsletter from our Web site! Save money for your Club!**

If you would be willing to skip the mailed copy and just download the newsletter from our Web site, just check the appropriate box on your renewal form. If you have already renewed but failed to check the box, **please contact Jean Hanson, Our Lady of the Mailing Labels.** You'll feel good, you'll get your newsletter several days earlier, and your Club will thank you!

*If you've signed up for the Yahoo Groups email system (check with Debbie O'Callaghan for this), you'll get a reminder email each time a new newsletter is posted.*

Visit the NMCCSC Web site at  
[www.naturediscovery.org/nmccskiclub](http://www.naturediscovery.org/nmccskiclub)  
**newsletters, updated trip info, and more!**



# The Prez Sez ...

by David Floor

Well, another ski season is nearly upon us. The weather gurus predict above normal moisture for this winter, so let's all do our best "Snow Dance" to help get the ski season going early!

Most people use the nice fall weather to tune up the body and get it in shape for the ski season. But, don't forget now is a good time to get your ski gear in shape also. You can check your equipment and repair anything that needs attention. Also, by going through your pack and updating and replacing used items, you can save some frustration and grief on the trail.

Susan Swan has some great bus trips set up for this season, including a new first time trip to Breckenridge, CO. There also are several hut trips and some overnight car trips that should allow some great skiing.

The ski club is for all the members, so if you have any concerns or questions feel free to bring them to my, or any officer's or committee chair's, attention and we will do our best to address them. I look forward to seeing everyone at the meetings or on some of the trips.

## 2002-03 Budget

by Don Mullen

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

2002-2003 BUDGET PROPOSAL	
<b>INCOME</b>	
INSTRUCTION	\$ 400.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 3,000.00
HUT TRIPS	\$ 1,000.00
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$ 25,000.00
OVERNIGHT TRIPS	\$ 4,300.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 33,700.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
INSTRUCTION	\$ 250.00
MEMBERSHIP/LABELS	\$ 30.00
PRESIDENT	\$ 100.00
NEWSLETTER	\$ 900.00
REFRESHMENTS	\$ 200.00
SECRETARY	
TRAILS	\$ 100.00
VICE PRESIDENT	\$ 20.00
PROGRAMS	\$ 50.00
DAYTRIPS	
OVERNIGHT TRIPS	\$ 4,000.00
WEB SITE	
TREASURER	
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$ 24,200.00
HUT TRIPS	\$ 1,225.00
OTHER	\$ 1,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 32,575.00</b>





# The Word on the Long Bus Trips

Sign-Up System — Trip Guidelines — Trip Descriptions  
this page and next

by Susan Swan

## How to Sign Up for the Bus Trips

If you were a member of the NMCCSC last year, you received an announcement of the planned trips for 2003. This was done to let you know where we were going, cost and dates for your future planning.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find Bus Trip guidelines, descriptions of the trips available and deposit slips. We do not start a waiting list until the trip is full.

You must pick the trip or trips you want to go on. Fill out the deposit form for each trip. Each form must have a deposit check with it. *For couples or friends that want to be together; you may send two names as roommates and one check to cover the two of you.* You must send a check for each trip; do not lump the deposits together in one check. These checks may be mailed to me (Susan Swan, 821 Rio Arriba SE, Albuquerque 87123) or brought to the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please do not send checks to the club's PO Box. As I receive the checks and deposit slips I will place them in a corresponding box for that trip. *If you have a certain person you want as your roommate put both your names and checks in the same envelope so they will be drawn together.*

On October 27<sup>th</sup> the names for the trips will be drawn from the boxes. There will be at least 2 board members present at the drawing. After all 42 seats for that trip are filled, the remaining names will continue being drawn to form the waiting list for the trip. I will call those people and let you know you are on the waiting list if that is what you want. Your check will be torn up. It costs nothing to be on the waiting list. For those drawn to be on the trip – your cancelled check will be your receipt. Your name will be listed in the November newsletter.

The waiting list will start as soon as that trip is full. I do not take checks for the waiting list. Most people that need to cancel out of a trip will sell their seat to someone on the waiting list. But, it is their seat and they may sell it to anyone they choose as long as they are over 18 and a member of the club. Most of the

time I will go through the entire waiting list, so if you don't get drawn initially, you have a fairly good chance from the list.



## Bus Trip Guidelines

*READ BEFORE SIGNING UP FOR THE TRIPS*

**Who may go:** Paid-up Club members, at least 18 years of age.

**Departure:** Eastdale Shopping Center – Southwest corner of Eubank and Candelaria. Park west of Bank of America. Loading begins at 5:30 PM and the bus leaves PROMPTLY at 6:00 PM.

**Bus Ride:** You should eat your evening meal beforehand or bring it with you to eat on the bus on Friday evening. We do not stop for dinner on Friday evening. We do make a short dinner stop on the return trip. We supply cold sodas, juices, waters, wine and beer on the bus. There is a restroom on the bus.

**Luggage:** Pack your skis in a ski bag. Bring one large or two small suitcases per person. Remember that there are 42 people on the bus, so space is at a premium. You may also bring a small six-pack type cooler to store food for your lunches (meat, cheese, hard-boiled eggs, etc.) *This does not mean 2 people qualify to bring a large cooler. Also, this needs to ride with you at your feet, not in the baggage area.*

**Hotel:** Rooms are doubles with a bath unless we are in condos and have other arrangements. If you need a roommate, we will find one of the same gender for you. If the hotel has room, we will have a get-together before dinner, for people to meet and make announcements.

**Meals:** All meals are your responsibility unless stated otherwise. There is normally no cooking in the rooms; some may have refrigerators. You may bring breakfast & lunch foods in your cooler (yogurt, fruit, lunch meats, cheese, hard-boiled eggs, etc). Be prepared to provide your own lunch in particular. The bus normally leaves about 9:00 AM to take skiers out



and does not normally return until late afternoon. We may try to coordinate a bus trip to the evening meal depending on the circumstances and the proximity of the restaurants.

**Skiing:** We attempt to go to a variety of areas to accommodate beginning to advanced skiers. There may be set-track areas or downhill skiing available also but our main pursuit is cross-country skiing. Please be sure to ALWAYS SKI WITH A PARTNER.

**Clothes:** Casual, warm and layered are the key words. We often walk to dinner also, so bring warm clothes for evenings.

**Cost:** The cost of the trip is derived from the estimated cost of the bus, hotel, drinks, snacks and bus driver's tip divided by the number of people on the trip. Once you have paid your deposit, you are on the trip. Payments are not refundable: if you cannot go on the trip, you must find a substitute and settle the payment with that person. I will give you names from the waiting list. (But, it is your trip and you can sell it to anyone you want as long as they are 18+ and a paid member of the club.)

**Waiting List:** Once a trip is full, a waiting list will be started. It costs nothing to be on the waiting list and you have a good chance of going. Invariably, a number of people need to cancel before the trip, some at the last minute, and need someone to buy their seat on the bus. Keep that weekend open on your calendar!

**Bus Trip Descriptions**

**Breckenridge CO** Jan 17-20, 2003  
\$250.00 (\$100.00 deposit)

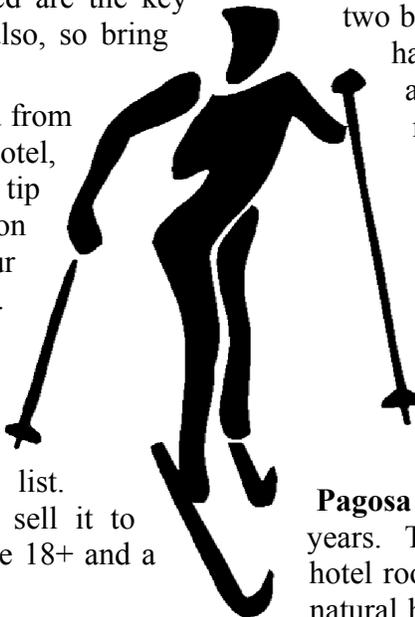
**Pagosa Springs CO** Jan 31-Feb 2, 2003  
\$165.00 (\$100.00 deposit)

**Durango CO** Feb 14-17, 2003  
\$210.00 (\$100.00 deposit)

**Breckenridge:** This will be a new adventure for us. We have never been here as a club so it should be a lot of fun. We are staying in timeshares. They have two bedrooms, two baths, full kitchen and some have fireplaces in the living room. They also have indoor hot tubs. The condos are near one of the prepared track areas. There are restaurants, shuttle busses to and from town (less than a mile away), other cross-country and downhill areas near, and many places for the bus to take us. It will be a long bus ride Friday night, and coming back, but we will have goodies and drinks on board and all your old and new friends you haven't seen since last year!

**Pagosa Springs** has been one of our favorites for years. The hotel is a regular 2 person and 1 bath hotel room. The best part is that you may use the natural hot springs, (right on the hotel grounds) as often as you like. There are several great restaurants and places to eat. This is close to Wolf Creek and always has a lot of snow. It is a fun filled trip and ski.

**Durango** is one of our wonderful trips. We stay at the Strater Hotel in downtown Durango. This hotel is in the Historical Registry. The rooms are regular hotel rooms. The restaurants are varied and good. The shopping is marvelous. There is a prepared track area and several places for the bus to take us. The hotel gives us a lovely cocktail party on Sat. night with lots of goodies. This trip is one you shouldn't miss.



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- *Please fill out a form for each trip.*
  - *Please keep a record of when the balance for the trip is due.*
  - *Get the balance to me by the due date.*
  - *If you have someone you want to stay with be sure to send your deposits and forms together.*



*Reservation-request and Payment Slips  
for  
Long Bus Trips*

**See instructions in Long Bus Trips article.**

**BRECKENRIDGE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROOMMATE \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Breckenridge** 17-20 Jan 2003  
DEPOSIT \$100.00 due now  
BALANCE \$150.00 due Nov. 21, 2002 (November meeting)  
Retain this section for your records

**PAGOSA SPRINGS**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ROOMMATE \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Pagosa Springs** 31 Jan - 02 Feb 2003  
DEPOSIT \$100.00 due now  
BALANCE \$65.00 due Dec. 19, 2002 (December meeting)  
Retain this section for your records

**DURANGO**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ROOMMATE \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

**Durango** 14-17 Feb 2003  
DEPOSIT \$100.00 due now  
BALANCE \$110.00 due Jan. 16, 2003 (January meeting)  
Retain this section for your records



### Hut Trips

by *Guy Miller*

The Club will conduct three hut trips in Colorado this season. Due to the schedule for reserving the huts, these trips were announced near the end of last season. The trips are now full, but you may ask for a place on the waiting list. Talk with me directly about this; the experience and ability requirements for the hut trips are somewhat more stringent than for other Club trips.

The trips this year will be:

- Francie's Hut, January 6-7
- MacNamara Hut, February 24-25
- Lake City yurts, March 15-16

The dates given are the actual ski days; travel days will bracket those.

I am beginning the planning for the 2003-2004 season. I hope to do at least one beginner-level trip and one multiple-hut (hut-to-hut) trip. More details will be provided later in the season.



### Club Volunteer Trail Maintenance Program

by *Sam Beard*

The Club is an official Adopt-a-Trail organization with the Jemez and Sandia Ranger Districts. We are responsible for maintaining the marked cross-country ski trails in these districts. We cut fallen trees, prune branches, and nail blue diamonds to trees to mark the routes. This is primarily Summer and Fall work.

Most of the trail maintenance for this season has been done, but there is one remaining event. On Saturday 19 October we will work along the Challenge Trail and in the Nine-Mile Picnic Ground area (Sandia Mountains). See the listing in the Day Trips section of this newsletter for details. Contact Sam Beard, 828-0673, if you have questions or are interested in working on the trails.

### Practice Sessions

by *Roe Maier*

Last year I tried to get practice sessions going. There was not enough early snow but I held several sessions out of the Ellis parking lot. I met a lot of non-members and others who were skiing the trails between the service road and the Kawantus road. This year I would like to get some weekday sessions going in addition.

The sessions will be held Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, anywhere there is snow. They will begin as soon as there is snow anywhere, and end about Christmas. To find out where they will be held you must call. Generally, on weekends we will car pool to the Santa Fe ski area, meeting at the Bank of America at Academy and San Mateo at 9:00am. We stop going to Santa Fe when the ski area opens. During the week, we will use the Sandia Ski Area beginners slope, meeting in that parking lot at 9:30am, moving up to Ellis if necessary. Car pooling can be arranged between those that call.

At the skiing site you first must arrange to join a group who hopefully are doing a trail or an exercise you would like. Nobody skis alone. Those who would like to volunteer to instruct should contact me so that their group can be formed. Two years ago I tried to develop a method for teaching the Telemark turn with Dave Wagner. I will be volunteering to teach that method.

To help, call or email and make definite commitment.  
Roe J Maier  
869-2928  
roemaier@earthlink.net



# New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

## Membership Form

Dues are \$15.00 per year effective from October through November of the following year, covering all members living at the same address. For renewal, dues must be paid by the November meeting to receive the newsletter continuously.

Send membership form and dues to:  
 New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club  
 P.O. Box 8425  
 Albuquerque, NM 87198-8425

Year 20\_\_-20\_\_ If new, how did you hear about the club?  
 Renewal \_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_ Web site \_\_\_\_ Current member \_\_\_\_  
 Change of address: No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Yellow pages \_\_\_\_ Newspaper \_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 (please) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (needed for E-Group access) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional ADULT names (include children 18 & older):

First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family member names under 18 and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

The membership list will be printed in a newsletter during the year. Please indicate if you want to be included in this:

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes, but omit my address \_\_\_\_ Yes, but omit my phone number \_\_\_\_ Yes, but omit my email address \_\_\_\_

★ I will download my newsletter from the Web site rather than having it mailed. \_\_\_\_ *(This saves the Club money.)*

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY:**

I know and expressly assume the risk that a cross country skiing activity scheduled by the New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club, a New Mexico nonprofit corporation, may be dangerous or hazardous, and may result in loss or damage of property, physical injury, or even my death. I understand that neither the trip leader nor any trip participants are required to have any training or to have any experience or expertise with respect to any activity or in any aspect of safety or first aid.

With full knowledge of these dangers, I RELEASE the New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club and its officers, directors, members, vehicle drivers, leaders, trip participants, guides, representatives, employees, or agents (collectively, The "NMCC Ski Club") from liability, claims, or demands and agree NOT TO SUE OR OTHERWISE MAKE ANY CLAIM against the NMCC Ski Club that may arise during my participation in any activity.

This RELEASE OF LIABILITY will be effective whether or not any loss, damage, injury, or death RESULTS FROM THE NEGLIGENCE of the NMCC Ski Club. I understand that negligence means a failure to do an act which a reasonably careful person would do, or the doing of an act which a reasonably careful person would not do, under the same or similar circumstances, to protect himself, herself, or others from injury or death. I expressly assume the risk of loss, injury, or death suffered by me as a result of participating in any activity. I am voluntarily participating in the activity. I am solely responsible for my own equipment, safety, first aid needs, and medical needs. I will take every precaution to provide for my own safety and well-being while participating in any activity.

This release is binding on me, my heirs, and my personal representatives. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE BEFORE SIGNING IT.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW:**

I am the legal guardian of the above minor and have read the above RELEASE. I hereby consent to the terms of the RELEASE on behalf of the named minor(s) and give my consent to the participation of the above named minor(s) in all activities of the NMCC Ski Club on the terms stated.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Parent or Legal Guardian)

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 The NMCC Ski Club operates by the volunteer efforts of all of its members, so we appreciate and need help with programs, committees and outings. Please indicate the activities in which you may be willing to participate. This is an indication of interest, not a commitment!

Day Trip Leader \_\_\_\_ Refreshments \_\_\_\_ Trail Maintenance & Development \_\_\_\_ Club Officer/Board Member \_\_\_\_

Program Presentation & Subject \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date Dues Received \_\_\_\_ Paid in Cash \_\_\_\_ Paid by Check \_\_\_\_ Check Number



## *Ski Instruction*

### **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 the basics of skiing, and how to be confident and comfortable on the snow. Students must be reasonably fit, and a positive attitude is essential.

The event has not been firmly scheduled yet, but the classroom session will tentatively be a Saturday in mid-late December. The on-the-snow session will tentatively be a Saturday in early-mid January. Everything hinges on snow conditions which often cannot be predicted until just days in advance. 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, call me at 294-7940, before 9:00pm please.



### **Help Us Find A Classroom For Our Beginner Class**

*by Guy Miller*

As always this time of year, I am starting to get my beginner class lined up. We are looking for some space which could accommodate a 20-30 person class. Although we can pay for a meeting place, it would be much better if a location could be provided at little or no cost (freebie is always preferred !!). If anyone has access to a place that would be

appropriate for our ski class, or if someone has an idea that could be researched, please contact me. It could be someone's office, a teacher's classroom or other school facility, a community center, or someone who has a bigger house than I do. Please give it some thought and help our club save money. Contact me at 294-7940 (before 9:00pm!).



### **Intermediate Cross-Country Ski Lessons**

*by John Thomas*

Instructor: John Thomas, 298-5234

Advisors: Guy Miller and Guy Dahms

Synopsis: This course is for those who would like to become better, safer, and stronger cross-country skiers.

The classes will be physically demanding and may require physical conditioning.

To get the most out of the class, the instructor recommends that students consider upgrading their equipment as necessary and move up to metal edged skis with some sidecut and stout boots.

Topics to be covered:

- Intermediate ski equipment options.
- Falling safely and "hockey stops".
- Improving your diagonal stride and getting more power on level terrain.
- Improving your uphill techniques: crabbing, herring-bones, kick turns.
- Parallel turns and an introduction to telemark skiing. Guy Miller or Guy Dahms will be the instructor on the telemark lesson.

Prerequisites: It is necessary for you to have taken Guy Miller's beginning class and have skied for 3 seasons.

Fitness sessions: One in November and one in December.

Ski sessions: Two on January weekends; two in February, one of which will be a telemark lesson on a downhill ski slope; possibly one in early March. We will do some exercises on the "Guy Dahms telemark method".

Cost: \$20.00, payable to the New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club.



## Information for Skiers

**FOOD, WATER and EQUIPMENT:** Each skier brings all of his/her own equipment; skis, boots, poles, wax, warm clothes, food, water, etc. At least one quart of water per person and extra food for delays or emergencies should be carried.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Skiers should try to car pool from the meeting point to the ski trailhead. Drivers should be reimbursed 7.5 cents per mile by each passenger in a car pool. Approximate car mileage will be listed in the trip description.

**TOUR LEADERS:** Tour leaders are volunteers who plan and lead ski tours for NMCCSC members. A tour leader has the prerogative of rejecting any person as a tour member because of equipment, ability, or any other reason. Call the leader if you have questions about the tour.

**LIABILITY:** The NMCCSC is a non-profit organization in which all activities are carried out by volunteers. The Club, Club officers, trip leaders and drivers assume no liability in connection with any Club activity. If you are concerned about accidents, either while skiing or traveling, you should obtain your own insurance policy.

**TOUR CLASSIFICATIONS:** The tour classification is an indication of the degree of difficulty of the trail and the corresponding skiing ability required to safely and enjoyably ski. Note that the length of the skiing portion of the trip is given in the trip description. The types of

trails that each class of skier may be expected to navigate are given below:

**CLASS I:** A tour with less than 1000 feet of elevation gain and less than 5 miles in length, and can be skied by novice skiers with minimal cross country experience. **Persons with no cross country skiing experience MUST take beginning lessons or must obtain the leader's permission PRIOR to joining a Class I tour.**

**CLASS II:** A tour with 1000 to 2000 feet of elevation gain and less than 10 miles in length. The trail will have gentle to moderate slopes which require the ability to stop and turn on the slopes. A Class II+ tour will have 2000 to 3000 feet of elevation gain.

**CLASS III:** A tour with greater than 3000 feet of elevation gain and greater than 10 miles in length. The trail may be steep or narrow and requires at least intermediate to advanced skiing ability.

### Carpooling/Meeting Places

These abbreviations are used in some trip descriptions:

- BOA** Bank of America  
Corner of San Mateo and Academy NE
- WF** Wells Fargo Bank  
Franklin Plaza  
Central & Juan Tabo NE  
*Use the parking area away from the money machine.*



## Day Trips & Overnight Trips

### *Mike Martin – Day Trips*

### *Jon McCorkell – Overnight Car Trips*

Please contact either Mike (day trips) or Jon (overnight trips) if you are interested in leading a trip, even if it will be farther into the season. If you have never led a trip but would like to, these gentlemen 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 the drawing for a free bus trip. Trips must be submitted by the first Thursday of the month for the next month's newsletter.

*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 can be sent as follows:

Mike Martin  
3920 Lafayette Dr NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87107  
michael.martin@kirtland.af.mil  
872-9268 (H)  
846-2273 (W)

Jon McCorkell  
9709 Euclid NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87112  
peakbag@nmia.com  
260-0706



**Trail Maintenance**

Saturday Oct 19 Sandias

Class: any

Leader: Sam Beard, 828-0673

We will work along the Challenge Trail and in the Nine-Mile Picnic Ground area. Meet at 8:00am in the NW corner of the Smith's Grocery Store parking lot at Central and Tramway SE.

Wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, and hiking boots. Be prepared for cool weather and rain. Bring work gloves, a hat, sunscreen, snacks, drinks, and lunch. Call Sam Beard, 828-0673 if you have questions. Club tools will be provided.

**Winter Park – 4-5 day trip**

Thurs-Mon Feb 27-Mar 3, 2003 Winter Park, CO

Class II and III

Leader: Lester Byington, 286-9100,  
lester@byington.org

This trip will give priority to long ski-intensive days, with provisions for those who prefer shorter days. The main ski group will be on the road by 8:00am each day, returning late afternoon. Other groups (actually the majority of the sign-ups!) will do shorter days.

This trip was discussed in the last two newsletters last season, and by email over the Summer. We have 20 sign-ups so far, but still have space for a few more! We will be traveling by carpool, and staying in condos. The nominal plan is to leave Thursday evening, stay the night in Buena Vista, drive to Winter Park on Friday, ski a half day Friday, ski two full days Sat and Sun, ski (or hang around) a half day Monday, and drive back Monday noon.

Cost will be about \$300.-\$325., including all lodging and a contribution for the drivers. Many people are opting to leave Albuquerque on Thursday morning and be in Winter Park that night, at an additional cost of around \$40.

Winter Park is at 9000' in northern Colorado, west of the Continental Divide. It has generally dependable early snow, and generally better (sometimes much better) snow conditions than southern Colorado. There are two large prepared-track areas, Devil's Thumb and Snow Mountain, each with 100 km of trails. In addition, the Fraser Experimental Forest (no snowmobiles!) and two Wilderness areas are just outside town. Somewhat to the north are the Arapaho National Forest, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the Indian Peaks Wilderness.

**New information:** The Snow Mountain Stampede, a major regional ski race, will be held March 1, the Saturday we're there! There will be 10 km, 21 km, and 42 km events. Snow Mountain is trying to make the race accessible and friendly to "citizen skiers" (like us), as well as to the Lycra crowd. We will try to accommodate those who wish to enter one of these events.



**Practice Sessions**

Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun; as soon as it snows Santa Fe and Sandias

Class: N/A

Leader: Roe Maier, 869-2928,  
roemaier@earthlink.net

See article earlier in this newsletter. Practice sessions starting at the Santa Fe ski area as soon as snow is available, then migrating to the Sandia ski area.



**Hut Trips**

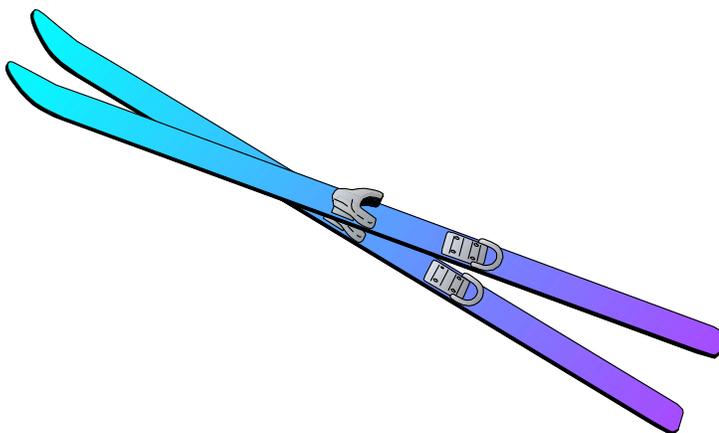
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Mon-Tues Feb 24-25 MacNamara Hut

Sat-Sun March 15-16 Lake City yurts

Leader: Guy Miller, 294-7940  
(Please call before 9:00pm.)

See article earlier in this newsletter. These trips are full, but a waiting list is being established. Talk with the leader about next year's trips!



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