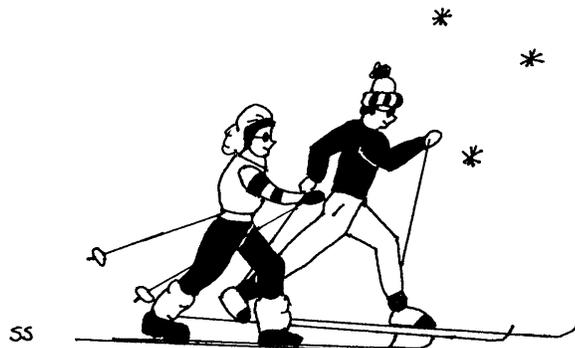


New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

Newsletter



October 2003

Meeting Schedule for 2003-2004

Next meeting: Tuesday October 14, 7:30pm

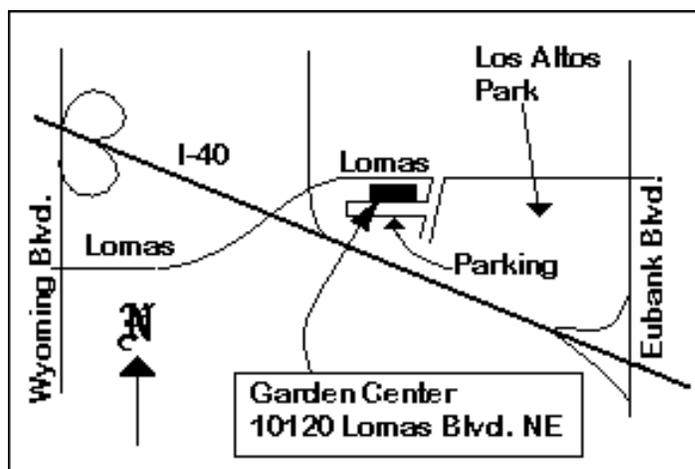
Note: This is a Tuesday, not a Thursday!! We're sorry to do this to you on the first meeting of the year, but there was a conflict with another schedule at the Garden Center.

- **Program:** Mike Martin will present slides and discussion of various Club ski trips!

Monthly General Meetings

October 14	January 15
November 20	February 19
December 18	March 18

Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the third Thursday of each month (except for the next one, on Tuesday Oct 14), 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.

**Gary Tisone Memorial –
dedication at Elena Gallegos on Sat 25 Oct**
Details on page 2.

Visit the NMCCSC Web site at
www.naturediscovery.org/nmccskiclub
newsletters, updated trip info, and more!



The Prez Sez ...

by Mike Martin

Another ski season is just around the corner! You have a great Executive Board this year and they have already lined up some excellent bus trips, hut trips and overnight trips, planned interesting meeting programs and organized maintenance for our local ski trails. I am asking for your help to plan and lead day trips which are the heart and soul of our club. Day trips offer motivation for members to get out and ski for a few hours, sharpen their skills, see old friends and meet new ones.

Cross country skiing is more than recreation. It is an opportunity to enjoy mother nature year round-the same trails you hike in summer take on a new beauty in winter. It offers aerobic exercise that is one of the lowest impact sports, good for ages 5-85. It is a family activity where you can outfit your kids with used gear for less than \$20 and spend the day sharing the outdoors-after they experience the thrill of some downhill runs they'll be hooked for life. Our sport is more than 4000 years old. While the equipment has improved, the spirit remains the same.

See you on the trail...



Gary Tisone Memorial – dedication at Elena Gallegos on Sat 25 Oct

The family and friends of Gary Tisone have placed a granite bench with a brief inscription in the Elena Gallegos recreation area, on the approach to the Pino Trail, to commemorate the life of this remarkable man. Many of you contributed to the fund which supported this memorial. A dedication ceremony to honor Gary's memory will be held October 25 (Saturday) at 10:00am in the Elena Gallegos area. All who knew Gary – those who skied, hiked, climbed, or rescued with him – or others with an interest are invited to attend this ceremony.

Gary Tisone passed away on October 25, 2001 after a courageous battle with cancer. He, with his wife Carolyn, was an active member of our club almost since it began, and was a Club officer several times. Gary was an avid cross-country skier, rock climber, and hiker, and was heavily involved in Mountain Rescue for 30 years. Gary left an enduring memory with the Ski Club, with the Mountain Club, and with all who knew him.

2003-04 Budget

by Bob Swan

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

2003/2004 BUDGET PROPOSAL

INCOME

INSTRUCTION	\$200.00
HUT TRIPS	\$3,020.00
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$22,040.00
OVERNIGHT TRIPS	\$4,460.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	\$32,720.00

EXPENSES

INSTRUCTION	\$100.00
HUT TRIPS	\$2,534.00
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$20,512.00
OVERNIGHT TRIPS	\$4,100.00
MEMBERSHIP/LABELS	\$30.00
PRESIDENT	\$100.00
NEWSLETTER	\$700.00
REFRESHMENT	\$225.00
SECRETARY	\$0.00
TRAILS	\$100.00
VICE PRESIDENT	\$0.00
PROGRAMS	\$100.00
DAYTRIPS	\$0.00
WEB SITE	\$0.00
TREASURER	\$0.00
OTHER	\$200.00
meeting room	\$500.00
insurance	\$900.00
yellow pages	\$65.00
p. o. box	\$136.00
corporate report	\$10.00
TOTAL	\$30,312.00
NET	\$2,408.00

Don't Spam the Membership List !!

The Board has re-affirmed the Club's long-standing position that the membership list is for non-commercial use only. The Members' Area on the Web site is password protected in part to prevent automated address harvesting, and the email group is moderated to prevent distribution of non-ski-related messages.



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 2004. 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 14th 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 26th 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



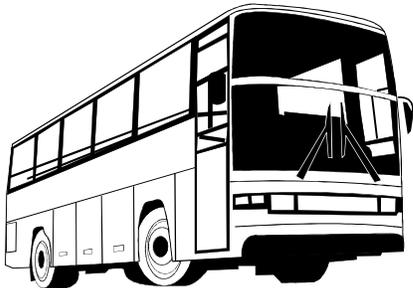
and does not normally return until late afternoon. We may try to coordinate a bus trip to the evening meal depending on the circumstances and the proximity of the restaurants.

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. The balance is due by the dates given on the trip descriptions. I try to coincide the balance payments with club meetings. 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!



- *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.*

Bus Trip Descriptions

Frisco CO	Jan 16-19, 2004 (Martin Luther King weekend)
	\$220.00 (\$100.00 deposit; balance due Nov 20)
Red River NM	Jan 30-Feb 1, 2004
	\$140.00 (\$50.00 deposit; balance due Dec 18)
Crested Butte CO	Feb 13-16, 2004 (Presidents' Day weekend)
	\$220.00 (\$100.00 deposit; balance due Jan 3)

Frisco: Frisco is a little town just 8 miles from Breckenridge and closer to the cross-country ski areas. There are shuttle busses that run back and forth all day. The condos we have booked are 3 bedroom and two full baths. They also have kitchens, TV's etc. The sleeping arrangements will vary depending how many couples and how many singles sign up. There will never be more than 6 people per 2 baths. I know I usually strive for 2 people per bathroom, but this was the best we could for the money. I truly can't tell you much more because I've never been there. I do know there are a few restaurants and stores in the Frisco area. I'm thinking that the shuttle to Breckenridge (it's free) might be the best deal. There is a huge downhill area in Breckenridge.

Red River: It has been many years since we, as a club, have been to Red River. Red River is a quaint little town. There are several good restaurants and lots of little shops. It can also be the coldest spot I've ever been. We are staying at the "Sportsman's Lodge" and we are taking the whole Lodge. There are four units that are just hotel rooms with fireplaces. The rest are apartment units with kitchens but no fireplaces. We will be able to ski Enchanted Forest. There is downhill skiing available in the downtown area.

Crested Butte is one of my favorite places. This time we are staying downtown instead of up on the mountain. Some of you have been to the Oldtown Inn. There is a shuttle between the downhill ski area and downtown. These are regular hotel rooms. They do supply a continental breakfast: hot oatmeal, bagels & cream cheese, hot muffins, fruit etc. There is a prepared track area right in town and several good restaurants. You will enjoy your three days in Crested Butte.



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

See instructions in Long Bus Trips article.

FRISCO

NAME: _____
ROOMMATE _____
PHONE Home _____ Work _____
ADDRESS _____
SIGNATURE _____

Frisco 16-19 Jan 2004 (Martin Luther King birthday weekend)
DEPOSIT \$100.00 due now
BALANCE \$120.00 due Nov. 20, 2002 (November meeting)
Retain this section for your records

RED RIVER

NAME _____
ROOMMATE _____
PHONE Home _____ Work _____
ADDRESS _____
SIGNATURE _____

Red River 30 Jan - 01 Feb 2004
DEPOSIT \$50.00 due now
BALANCE \$90.00 due Dec. 18, 2002 (December meeting)
Retain this section for your records

CRESTED BUTTE

NAME _____
ROOMMATE _____
PHONE Home _____ Work _____
ADDRESS _____
SIGNATURE _____

Crested Butte 13-16 Feb 2004 (Presidents' Day weekend)
DEPOSIT \$100.00 due now
BALANCE \$120.00 due Jan. 3, 2003
Retain this section for your records

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)

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 _____

_____ Date Dues Received ____ Paid in Cash ____ Paid by Check ____ Check Number _____



Major Overnight Trips

Winter Park 2004

by Lester Byington

Announcement

Sharon and I will lead a Winter Park trip again in 2004. We will leave on Wed Feb 25, spend one night on the road and three nights in Winter Park, and return on Sun Feb 29. This provides three full days of skiing (Thurs-Sat) and an optional part-day on Sunday. The general ski experience will be similar to what we did last year, with perhaps some new back-country routes. (See trip report in the March 2003 newsletter.) However, the lodging arrangement will be much more elegant!

Lodging and Meals

We will be staying at Snow Mountain Ranch, a part of the YMCA of the Rockies. Our lodging will be a beautiful near-new 8-bedroom 8½-bath cabin located right on one trail of their 100-km groomed track network. We will be assigning only one couple (or 2 singles) per bedroom, but the cabin is designed to accommodate 32 people (40 with all the floor futons), and the kitchen, dining, and living room areas are designed for that number! Those common areas are truly spacious and elegant, with great views through large window areas. The kitchen has a huge capacity.

Bedrooms have either two queen beds or one queen bed and two bunks (plus a floor futon in both cases).

NOTE: The cabin is full, and we are now placing people in Indian Peaks lodge. Indian Peaks is the nicest of their hotel-room-style lodging, and is less than a half-mile from the cabin. The cabin will be the center for meals, trip planning, and trip departures for everyone, including the Indian Peaks folks.

Breakfast and dinner for all three days will be prepared by volunteer gourmet cooks selected from the trip participants, with serving and clean-up assistance from the SMR staff. Menus will be planned in consultation with all trip participants. We should be able to accommodate *almost* all preferences/needs. This is included in the trip cost.

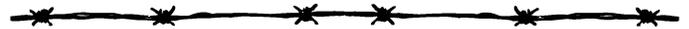
Skiing

This trip will give priority to long ski-intensive days, with provisions for those who prefer shorter days. The gung-ho ski group, should there be demand for one, will be on the road as early as 8:00am each day, returning late afternoon. Most groups will do shorter days.

Cost; Payment Deadlines

Food and lodging at SMR will be approximately \$270. per person. Carpool expense (about \$70. per person), the motel Wednesday night, and trail passes will be additional.

The deposit to secure your space is \$200. per person. The full balance is due December 18.



Hut Trips 2003-04

by Guy Miller

We have two hut trips scheduled for this ski season, both of which are particularly exciting. We finally scored a hut for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. That trip is to Betty Bear Hut, a special favorite of many hut skiers because of its unique layout and because of its proximity to Hagerman Pass and Skinner Hut. We will drive to the town of Basalt, near Vail, on Dec 29, spend the night there, and ski in on Dec 30. We'll have spectacular day skiing on New Year's Eve, to be followed by a to-die-for New Year's Eve party. Some of us are talking about staying up as late as 9:00pm. Trip cost is \$70. There are three spots left on this trip.

The second trip is the most ambitious that we have attempted so far as a Club. This is the fabled Fowler-Hilliard to Janet's crossover trip. Six people will ski in to Fowler-Hilliard and spend two nights. They will then ski over Ptarmigan Pass to Janet's Cabin, where they will join a group of 14 who will have left Albuquerque two days after the first group. The two groups will then spend two nights at Janet's before skiing out together as a 20 person group. The details of how the Fowler-Hilliard group are going to get back to their vehicles are still a secret as of press time.

The six spots on the Fowler-Hilliard portion of the trip have been filled, although there is no waiting list. However, there are still five spots remaining on the Janet's only portion of this trip. The cost of the four day trip is...I can't remember. Call me to get on the waiting list and I'll figure it out later. The cost of the Janet's only trip is \$77, a bargain at half the price.

Further details will be published in later newsletters. Time is getting short, so if you want to go on a hut trip this year, you'd better jump on. Call Guy Miller at 294-7940 for details.



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

David Ploor – Day Trips

Jon McCorkell – Overnight Car Trips

Please contact either David (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 to be included in that 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:

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Albuquerque, NM 87122
dp1505@att.net
822-8650

Jon McCorkell
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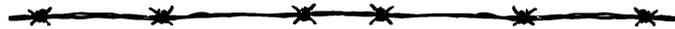


Trail Maintenance

Sat Oct 18 Sandias
Class: any hike: 3-4 miles
Leader: Sam Beard, 828-0673,
edwina42@aol.com

We will hike the Challenge Trail and the trails near Nine-Mile Picnic Ground, remove fallen trees, and prune branches. Meet at 8:00am in the SOUTHWEST corner of the Smith's grocery store parking lot at Central and Tramway, SE. (Note new meeting place.)

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



Hut Trips 2003-04

Mon Dec 29 and following
Leader: Guy Miller, 294-7940
(Please call before 9:00pm.)

See the article earlier in this newsletter. Talk with the leader directly about these trips; the experience and ability requirements for the hut trips are somewhat more stringent than for other Club trips.



Monarch Pass

Jan 4-9+ Monarch Pass area
Class I-II varied
Leader: Roe Maier, 869-2928,
roemaier@comcast.net

There is a lodge at Monarch Pass called Monarch Lodge. Syl and I have stayed there. On the 2001 Salida trip we skied the trail directly across the Road. I would like to organize a car trip there. I have picked Jan 4-12. Other times interfere with the bus trips. I like to leave Sunday staying Sunday thru Thursday night, and driving home Friday. However I could be there on the weekends before or after the weekdays. There is a nice restaurant in the lodge; pool and hot tub and lots of rooms. There are many trails nearby and a railroad grade across the street. I can get a rate if we get a block of rooms and anyone can join later just by making a reservation. I will need to hear from those interested. There will be a chance for class I people to ski.



Winter Park

Wed-Sun Feb 25-29, 2004 Winter Park, CO
Class I, II, & III ski miles: mild to massive
Leaders: Lester & Sharon Byington,
286-9100, lester@byington.org

See the article earlier in this newsletter.

This trip will give priority to long ski-intensive days, with provisions for those (the majority!) who prefer shorter days.

We will be traveling by carpool (driving Wed Feb 25), and staying in an 8-bedroom deluxe cabin next to the groomed track at Snow Mountain Ranch. Cost for food and lodging at SMR will be about \$270. per person. Driving expense and lodging on the way there will be additional.

Winter Park is at 9000' in northern Colorado, west of the Continental Divide. It usually has better (last year *much* better) snow conditions than southern Colorado. 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. There are two large groomed areas, Snow Mountain Ranch and Devil's Thumb, each with 100 km of trails, plus some smaller groomed facilities.



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