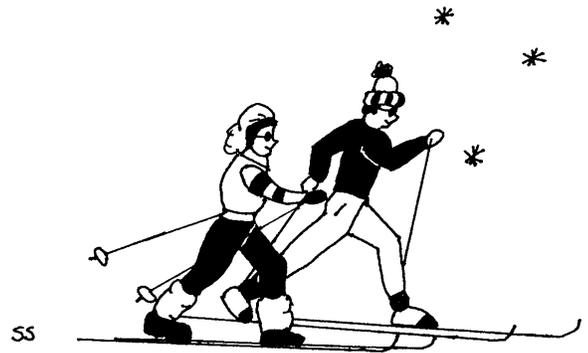


# New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club Newsletter



November 2004



## Meeting Schedule for 2004-2005

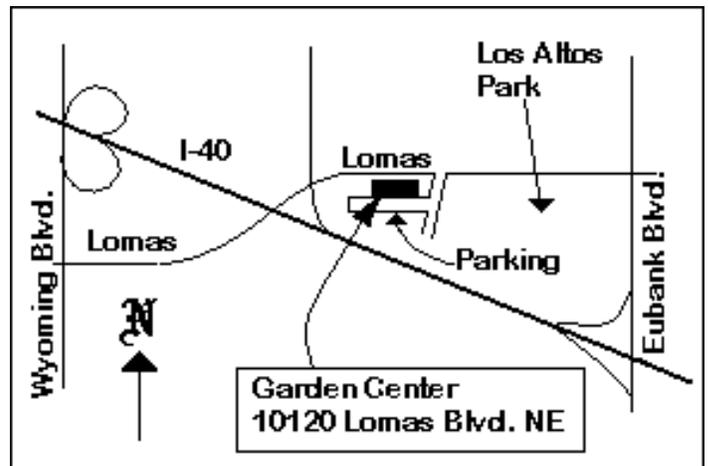
Next meeting: Thursday November 18, 7:30pm

### Monthly General Meetings

October 21	January 20	Correction !! Oct. newsletter had bad date!
<b>November 18</b>	February 17	
December 16	March 17	

- Looking ahead: The December meeting is the one where members bring their holiday dessert/snack favorites to share.

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.



### **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 Gene Lisotto, Lord 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.*

### Have you renewed ???

**All memberships expire at the end of November.**

This issue is the last mailing using last years list! Starting with the December newsletter you will only receive it if you have renewed and have requested not to receive it electronically.

If you have renewed, the top line of your November mailing label will read 04-05.

If you fail to renew you will be shunned by your friends, denied future newsletter issues, and banned from Club trips. Heavy snow will stick to your skis!

For your convenience, by the grace of the Board and the effort of the Editor, a membership form is included in this newsletter. It's also on the Web site.

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



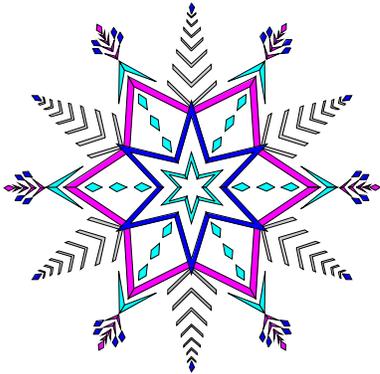
## The Prez Sez ...

by Mike Martin

*Well, I've been fondling my skis but haven't actually strapped them to my feet yet; the season is close at hand. The club provided overnight security and gear check-in for Winterfest the weekend of November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>; many thanks to our volunteers! We are also manning a booth and providing five models for the fashion show at Ski Club Night held at Sportz Outdoor. That'll be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November from 7:00-8:30pm. There will be drawings and lift ticket give-aways.*

*The NMCCSC is a member of the Far West Ski Association; their web site is at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). While oriented mostly to alpine skiers, they offer nice trips to Europe and around the U.S. at competitive rates, and discounts at some ski areas and hotels in Colorado. The local chapter of Far West is the NM Ski Club Council which represents most of the ski clubs in the state. I like to brag to the Council that our club has the biggest membership, usually around 270. Don't make me a liar – be sure and renew your membership this year!*

*See you on the trail...*



### Patricia Kerr-Sanders Memorial Fund

*Patricia's friends have established the "Patricia Kerr-Sanders Student Award for Best Dramatic Performance, National History Day". Contributions may be sent to NMHC, MSC06 3570, 1 UNM, Albuquerque NM 87131-0001. You may also bring checks to the Membership table at the October meeting. Checks should be payable to "NMHC – Patricia Kerr-Sanders Award". (Thanks to Trevor Carter for organizing this! For any questions, call Trevor at 877-9238.)*

## New Membership List

by Lester Byington

An updated membership list has been generated and placed on the Membership List page in the members' area of the Web site. This is based on the 2003-04 list plus the 2004-05 applications through early November. The membership list is generated semi-automatically from Gene Lisotto's membership database, so we'll try to do updates each month.

Interesting errors can occur even with automagical generation, so please check your entry in the list, especially if you've moved or changed email addresses in the past year. Send any corrections to Gene Lisotto, Lord of the Database.

The Membership List page has the list in directly-viewable (HTML) form, as well as downloadable Word and PDF documents. All three are generated from the database, so you only need to verify one of the forms.

### Features of note:

These are "new" as of about a year ago:

- The database accommodates up to three phone numbers (e.g., home, work, cell) and up to three email addresses per membership. Gene Lisotto can add data for you. (This is the manual part of the process, and Gene's time is not automated, so please allow a while for changes to propagate!)
- Households having two members with different last names appear twice in the list – alphabetically under each name.







## Further Word on the Long Bus Trips

by Louise Broadbent

The Leadville and Durango trips are full. Leadville has only a short waiting list, but the one for Durango is fairly long. **The Ouray trip still has space!** Just send me your deposit to get on the Ouray trip. (The previous newsletter had reservation slips for each trip. Basically, I just need your name, address, home and work phones, email address if you have one, and a check.) You may also join a waiting list just by asking – no payment needed. Many of the people on a waiting list will end up on the trip, because people will have emergencies and unforeseen conflicts with work or personal lives.

- I have sent the roster for each of the trips as an attachment via the group email system. The rosters will also be available at the November meeting, and on the Web site (as soon as Lester gets around to it). If you miss all three of those methods, phone me and I will tell you whether you were drawn for your trip. Discovering that your check was cashed is also a good indication. Obviously, everyone who signed up for Ouray is on the trip.
- If you have an email address but didn't put it on the signup slip, please send it to me! This simplifies getting information to the participants.
- The bus for Durango is full, but it's not a bad drive by car. Email or call me if you're interested in driving up by car and skiing with the group. I might be able to get more hotel rooms.

### Bus Trip Summaries

#### Leadville CO

Jan 14-17, 2005 (Martin Luther King holiday)

– \$215. per person – 2:00pm departure

- \$115. deposit; \$100. balance due 10 Dec 2004

– includes Friday night group dinner

#### Durango CO

February 4-6, 2005

– \$125. per person – 6:00pm departure

- \$75. deposit; \$50. balance due 20 Dec 2004

#### Ouray CO

February 18-21, 2005 (Presidents Day weekend)

– \$235. per person – 2:00pm departure

- \$135. deposit; \$100. balance due 01 Jan 2005

– includes Friday and Saturday night group dinners



### Ouray – Extended Description

Travel: We will be stopping in Durango Colorado to pick up pre-ordered meals from Applebee's. There will be four menu items to choose from. The club is staying at the Box Canyon Lodge in Ouray. For those unfamiliar with the lodge, there are hot tubs built into the hillside behind the lodge that are fed by natural hot springs. The lodge does not provide breakfast but is within 3-4 blocks of restaurants and a grocery store. The trip also includes a group dinner on Saturday at the Outlaw restaurant. You will have a choice of

salmon, prime rib, pork ribs, or chicken D'Angelo and it will include soup or salad, potato or pasta, soft beverage, and dessert. Alcoholic beverages will be available for individuals to purchase.

Ski route ideas, thanks to Mike Martin:

Beginner trips: Ironton Park: A prepared track maintained by the city on the way to Red Mountain Pass. It passes through an old mining district with lots of buildings still standing; neat!

Class I routes: St. Paul's Lodge: Ski from Red Mountain Pass 2 miles to this rustic old mine camp that is now an overnight ski destination.

Class II routes: Red Mountain Pass: Plenty of varied, enjoyable skiing on either side of the pass with old mines and pretty scenery.

Portland Mine/Amphitheatre: A short but challenging tour just outside Ouray.

East Dallas Creek: You can ski up to 14 miles along a gentle forest service road to the base of 14,000 foot Mt. Sneffels with fantastic views of the mountain the entire way.

Class III routes: Black Bear Peak: A 5-mile round trip from Red Mountain Pass; stunning views from 13,510 feet.

U.S. Basin: From Red Mountain Pass ski 6 miles to the top of the basin and peer down to Silverton, 4000 feet below.



## 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

### **Bill Heitz – Day Trips and Overnight Trips**

Please contact Bill 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, Bill 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.*

Send trip information to:

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Corrales, NM 87048-6400  
898-3573  
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### ***Pagosa Springs – Wolf Creek Pass***

Thurs-Sun Nov 25-28 Wolf Creek Pass

Class ?? TBD

Leaders: Jon McCorkell & Dianne Cress,  
H: 294-2928, W: 260-0706

Several routes near Wolf Creek Pass. Call leaders for details.

### ***Avalanche Beacon Practice***

Sat Dec 4 Sandias

Class I 3 miles (round trip), probably less

Leader: Mike Martin, 836-6520

We will practice beacon use and search techniques. If conditions permit we may dig snow pits to study the snow pack and practice probing techniques. Bring your beacon (fresh batteries), back country shovel and probes if you have them (*but come even if you don't*). Bring your skis or snowshoes but we'll try to remain close to the road to minimize travel time. Wear lots of warm clothes as we will not be moving much. If there's no snow, we'll practice in the dirt. Meet at Smith's at Tramway & Central, in the SW corner of their parking lot, 9:00am.

### ***Hut Trips 2004-2005***

Wed Dec 29-Sat Jan 1 Eiseman Hut, CO

Sun Jan 23-Wed Jan 26: Shrine Mountain Hut, CO

Leader: Guy Miller, 294-7940

(Please call before 9:00pm.)

See the article in the October newsletter. The Eiseman trip is full but has no waiting list. Shrine Mountain still has openings! It's a great first hut trip for reasonably experienced skiers. Only 2-3 miles ski in; indoor bathrooms and showers, ...! Requires leader approval – the experience and ability requirements for the hut trips are somewhat more stringent than for other Club trips, but Shrine Mountain is at the easy end of the scale.

### ***Raven's Ridge – Santa Fe***

Sat Jan 8 Santa Fe Ski Basin

Class III

Leader: Susan Corban, slcorban@unm.edu

Day trip to Raven's Ridge, by the Santa Fe Ski Basin. Skins required. Great trip for backcountry and telemark skiers. Tentative schedule – contact Susan for more information.

### ***Family & Children – Red River***

Fri-Sun Feb 25-27 Red River, NM

Class: Novice – I

Leaders: Sharon & Lester Byington,  
286-9100, sharon@byington.org

This is the weekend of the Just Desserts festival at Enchanted Forest, a beautiful prepared-track area at almost 10000'. They offer instruction for ages 3 and up, and equipment rental. We may arrange group lessons, depending upon demand. We will attempt to arrange lodging as people sign up. This is a first-time trip, still in the planning stage, so *please* contact the leader soon to say you might be interested.

Just Desserts is Saturday Feb 26. Local restaurants and local gourmet cooks will have desserts at three tables – next to the rental hut, one mile out, and 2-3 miles out. We will do skiing/lessons Friday afternoon (for those arriving that early) and Sunday morning.

Generally, each family will drive independently. Costs will be about \$10./person/day for trail passes, \$10./person for Just Desserts, \$20. for lessons, and \$70-140./night for rooms at the Alpine Lodge.

Adults without children must borrow some before participating. (Or, you may help with other's children!) It will enhance your life and theirs.

### ***Winter Park 2005***

Wed-Sun Mar 2-6 Winter Park, CO

Class I – II – III ski miles: mild to massive

Leaders: Lester & Sharon Byington,  
286-9100, lester@byington.org

See the article in the October newsletter.

### ***There are only 4-6 spaces still available.***

We will be traveling by carpool (driving Wed Mar 2), 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 \$275. per person. Driving expense and lodging on the way there will be additional.

This trip will give priority to long ski-intensive days, should there be demand for such. The gung-ho ski group would be on the road as early as 8:00am each day, returning late afternoon. (This has never actually happened, but if you're that type the leader wants to talk with you!) Most groups do much shorter days.

The backcountry skiing on this trip will be Class II and III, but the trip is suitable for Class I skiers and even novices since we're right at Snow Mountain Ranch (and just a few miles from Devil's Thumb). Both facilities offer lessons, equipment rentals, and trails for all abilities.

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