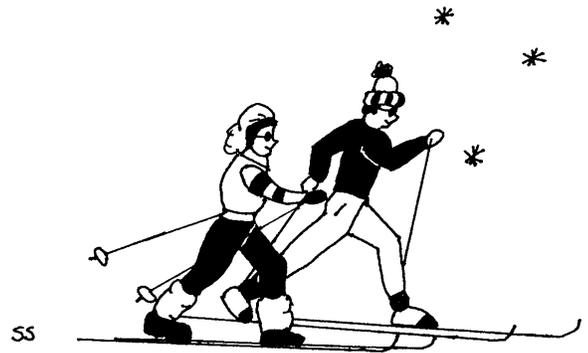


New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club Newsletter



October 2005



New Meeting Schedule !!

2nd Thursday each month

Except for October, which is 2nd Tuesday...

This avoids having our meetings back-to-back with the Mountain Club meetings. However, the first meeting is **Tuesday October 11**. The October meeting is on a Tuesday due to a conflict with Garden Club scheduling.

- **Program:** TBD
- **Refreshments,** bus trip sign-ups, ski conversations, meet new and old friends!

Monthly General Meetings

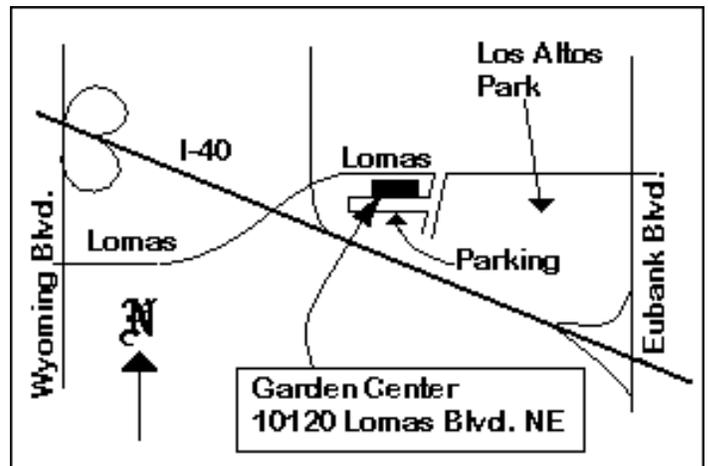
October 11 that's on Tuesday!	January 12
November 10	February 9
December 8	March 9

Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of each month, October (except 2nd Tuesday this 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 Database**. 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.



Check your email address !!

If you think you're on the Yahoo Group email list: This issue is being mailed to everyone, including those who normally download it from the Web site. There will be a Group email shortly after this mailing. If you get that email, fine. If not, email Debbie Brunt (debbrunt@comcast.net) and ask her for help.

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!

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



The Prez Sez ...

by Mike Martin

Ski season is just around the corner. I know you're all hoping that the good fall moisture we've had will continue into winter. What's good for our sport is good for New Mexico! Louise Broadbent has lined up a great slate of bus trips: Crested Butte, Frisco, and a brand new area, Silverton. I'll be working on potential day trips in the Silverton area. If you have any experience skiing in that neck of the woods, please drop me a line. Guy Miller has two hut trips scheduled for Colorado, Peter Estin and Fabi's, with one remaining opening for Peter Estin. The hut trips start filling up in the spring (we have to make the reservations in April) so if you are interested, contact Guy this winter to plan for next year's offerings. Michon Johnson will be leading a great trip to Yellowstone; it is full but she's keeping a waiting list.

What your club now needs are day trips and overnight trips to round out our offerings. It's not too early to start planning; send any proposals to Bill Heitz (contact info for Board members is on the last page of the newsletter) and if you have never led a trip or would like some advice on where to go, Bill will be happy to help you out. Sam Beard will be looking for volunteers to do trail maintenance in the Sandias and Jemez, including Valles Calderas. Maintenance is a vital activity and helps ensure that potential new club members can enjoy our sport and helps Federal land-owning agencies recognize that cross country skiers should be an important part of their plans.

If you have any suggestions to make the club a better organization, please contact any of the officers; we are here to serve you! See you on the trail...

2005-06 Budget

by David Floor

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

2005-2006 BUDGET PROPOSAL	
INCOME	
INSTRUCTION	\$ 200.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 2,500.00
HUT TRIPS	\$ 2,000.00
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$ 35,370.00
OVERNIGHT TRIPS	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 40,070.00
EXPENSES	
INSTRUCTION	\$ 100.00
MEMBERSHIP/LABELS	\$ -
PRESIDENT	\$ -
NEWSLETTER	\$ 1,100.00
REFRESHMENTS	\$ 350.00
SECRETARY	\$ -
TRAILS	\$ 100.00
VICE PRESIDENT	\$ -
PROGRAMS	\$ 100.00
DAYTRIPS	\$ -
OVERNIGHT TRIPS	\$ -
WEBSITE	\$ -
TREASURER	\$ 100.00
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$ 33,045.00
HUT TRIPS	\$ 1,700.00
OTHER	\$ -
MEETING ROOM	\$ 560.00
INSURANCE	\$ 950.00
P.O. BOX	\$ 136.00
CORPORATE REPORT	\$ 10.00
SUMMER PARTY	\$ 250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 38,501.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 1,569.00





The Word on the Long Bus Trips

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

by Louise Broadbent

How to Sign Up for the Bus Trips

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find registration forms. Please send a separate check for each trip for which you register. ***If you want to room with a certain person you must register together on one slip and send checks together.*** The mailing address is on the registration form. **Please do not send checks to the club's PO Box.**

Typically single members who are drawn will be paired with other same-gender singles. If your name could be either gender (example – Chris), please indicate Ms. or Mr. until I get to know you. In Silverton and Frisco there is a chance that some singles will not have a roommate but instead have a bedroom to themselves.

As long as the demand for bus trip seats exceeds our supply, we will hold a lottery drawing on November 11th, 2005 to determine who is on the trips. Board members have first priority to sign up for trips as an incentive to serve this organization. There will be at least 2 board members present at the drawing. The trip rosters will be posted on the club website. After all seats for a trip are filled, we will place the remaining registrations in a "Reserve Pool". It costs nothing to remain in "Reserve" status. I will keep your registration unless you notify me that you are no longer interested in that trip. For those drawn to be on the trip – your cancelled check will be your receipt. Most often when members cancel, they sell their seat to someone in "Reserve". However, it is their seat and they may sell it to anyone who is over 18, a member of the club, and in the same category as the space being vacated (i.e., couple vs single, right gender).

- ***Fill out the registration form for each trip.***
- ***Send separate deposit checks for each trip along with your registration.***
- ***Keep a record of when the balance is due for each trip.***
- ***Send the balance by the due date.***
- ***If you want to room with someone register on one form and send your deposits together.***

Bus Trip Guidelines

READ BEFORE SIGNING UP FOR THE TRIPS

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

Departure: Times will depend on the trip. Check the individual trip descriptions. Buses depart from the Lowes' parking lot near I-25 on Paseo Del Norte. I will be in the parking lot one hour before departure to pass out boarding passes in the order of your arrival. You will only be able to reserve one seat per pass. The bus will board ½ hour before the scheduled departure time.

Bus Ride: The club supplies cold sodas, waters, wine and beer on the bus. There is a restroom on the bus. The bus will make a dinner stop on the way to Frisco and Crested Butte. You should bring your own food or eat in advance of departing on the Silverton trip.

Luggage: Pack your skis in a ski bag. You are allowed one large or two small suitcases per person. Cargo area is at a premium so please be considerate of others. You may bring a six-pack type cooler if it fits under your seat.

Hotel: If you need a roommate, we will find one of the same gender for you.

Meals: Meals are provided as outlined in each trip description. All other meals are your responsibility. No cooking is allowed in hotel rooms, except Frisco will have full kitchen facilities. You may bring breakfast & lunch foods in your cooler. You must bring your own food and water when going out to ski. On ski days, the bus normally leaves the hotel about at 8:00 or 9:00am and returns to the hotel in the late afternoon.

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, but our main pursuit is cross-country skiing. **NEVER SKI ALONE**, unless you are at a Nordic Center.

Clothes: Casual, warm and layered are the key words. We often walk to dinner so bring warm clothing for evenings. Slip-on crampons are very useful. (Yak Traks)

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Cost: The cost of the trip is derived from the estimated cost of the bus, hotel, drinks, snacks, included meals, club surcharge, 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 registration form. Payments are not refundable: If you cancel you must find a substitute and settle the payment with that person. You will be given names from the “Reserve Pool” matching the space you are vacating (couple or single, right gender).

Reserve: The “Reserve Pool” will be started once a trip is full. It costs nothing to be on “Reserve” status and you have a good chance of going. Often someone needs to cancel at the last minute so keep that weekend open on your calendar!



Bus Trip Descriptions

Frisco, CO

January 13-16, 2006 (Martin Luther King holiday)
 – approx \$235. per person – 2:00pm departure
 – includes Friday night group dinner and two cocktail parties

Silverton, CO

February 2-5, 2006
 – Note: 3-day trip, not two days! Departs Thursday.
 – approx \$205. per person – 5:00pm departure
 – includes three full breakfasts and one dinner

Crested Butte, CO

February 17-20, 2006 (Presidents’ Day weekend)
 – approx \$235. per person – 2:00pm departure
 – includes Friday night group dinner, three breakfasts, and two cocktail parties

If you are having difficulty deciding which trips to sign up for, the following may help you make a decision:

The **Frisco** trip will be good for those of you who like to eat-in, as you have full kitchens and you can walk to the grocery store. It will be very good for Beginner and Class I skiers because there are three Nordic Centers accessible by shuttle bus. For Class II skiers – the Peru Creek trail is a gentle 7 mile round trip to the old Pennsylvania mine. Peaks Trail starts in Breckenridge and descends 800 vertical feet to Frisco, 9 miles, fun! McCullough Gulch a 6 mile round trip past lots of old mines and then up into a narrow canyon. Ten Mile Creek is a challenging trail

that begins as a narrow uphill climb and then opens into a much wider canyon.

For Class III skiers – Meadow Creek is 9 miles, 2700’ elevation gain to wind-swept Eccles pass.

The **Silverton** trip is an experiment in providing a great skiing experience for a low cost.

- Q:** Who should consider Silverton?
- A:** Those of you who have a sense of adventure and don’t mind roughing it a bit.
- Q:** Who should stay away from Silverton?
- A:** Those of you who think roughing it is not having room service.

The dining options are limited and the shopping is nearly non-existent. [Note to husbands: Silverton has the best shopping environment of any bus trip ever run! – editor] Your trip will include three full breakfast buffets and one dinner. If there is not ample snow in the town of Silverton, the options for Beginner and Class I skiers will be somewhat limited on this trip. If the snow level is below 9000 feet, there will be lots of ski options for all levels of skiers.

The **Crested Butte** trip will be a great opportunity for both skiing and making friends. We will provide an enhanced continental breakfast every morning and a social hour with lots of great food and drink both Saturday and Sunday evenings. The Nordic center is very close and there are many back country skiing options as well. For Class I skiers, the Gothic Trail is an easy ski to the ghost town of Gothic, 10 miles roundtrip but only 300’ of elevation gain. Beautiful views of the mountains in the Gothic area. Another option would be Brush Creek which has great views of the Elk Mountains, 6 miles round trip and 800’ of gain. For Class II skiers the options include Washington Gulch – 10 miles with 1100’ feet of gain with spectacular views of the Gothic Peak and Crested Butte. Pittsburgh – ski along rolling Slate Creek to the ghost town of Pittsburgh, 11 miles roundtrip with 600’ of elevation gain. The Class III options include Pearl Pass and Baxter Basin. Pearl Pass is one of the premier backcountry skis in Colorado. The pass is 12 miles and 4000’ feet of gain; we’ll go as far as we can get. Baxter Basin is 16 miles round trip to a high lake at almost 12’000’. This is 3000’ feet of gain, not for the faint of heart.

Bus Trip Sign-up Form

Frisco Colorado

leave: Friday January 13, 2006 **departing Albuquerque at 2:00pm**
return: Monday January 16, 2006 **arriving Albuquerque at 9:00pm**
Cost: \$235 per person

The bus will stop around 5:30pm Friday in Alamosa, Colorado for a pre-arranged buffet style banquet dinner at the Taqueria Cavillo Restaurant. We will be staying at the Cross Creek Condominiums in Frisco. We have reserved (4) three bedroom condos with 2½ baths and (8) 2 bedroom condos with 2 baths. The condominium complex has a community room we will utilize on Saturday and Sunday nights for our après ski parties. The condominium complex has two hot tubs and an indoor pool. All the condos have full kitchens.

Cross Creek Condominiums are located only a few blocks from Main Street where most of the restaurants in Frisco are located. It is a couple of blocks from the Summit County Shuttle stop. The Shuttle is free and runs all day and night taking skiers to all the surrounding downhill ski areas and three Nordic Centers. There are also many back-country ski options from Frisco. The bus will make a fast food stop on our way home in Espanola.

Please complete the registration form and mail it to Louise Broadbent, 367 Horseshoe Loop, Jemez Springs, NM 87025. Your registration form and deposit check must be received no later than November 9th by mail or you can bring your registration to the club meeting on November 10th. The drawing for slots on the ski trips will take place on Friday November 11th. Questions – send them to louise@valornet.com.

Club Cancellation Policy

In the event that a bus trip cannot be completed due to events beyond Club control, such as weather, road conditions, mechanical failure, etc. any money that is not already committed will be equally divided and distributed among trip participants.

Deposit due with registration **\$135**

Balance **\$100** due December 10, 2005

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email address _____
Emergency contact _____ Phone _____
Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____
Roommate _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email address _____
Emergency contact _____ Phone _____
Roommate Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____
Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Frisco? Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____
As a reminder, have you paid your membership dues?

Bus Trip Sign-up Form

Silverton Colorado

leave: Thursday February 2, 2006 departing Albuquerque at 5:00pm
return: Sunday February 5, 2006 arriving Albuquerque at 8:00pm
Cost: \$205 per person

There will be no planned dinner stop on the way to Silverton on Thursday evening. You should eat in advance or bring your dinner on the bus with you. The club will be staying at the Grand Imperial Victorian Hotel. The hotel is a historic building in every sense, from the original grand saloon to the historic plumbing. The hotel has a hot tub and we will do some creative scheduling to assure everyone gets a shower. Some of the singles on this trip will not be sharing a room. Everyone will have a private entrance to their bathroom.

The trip will be three full days of skiing. Silverton is at 9300 ft. elevation and has snow in town most years. There are several options to ski from town. One is a Nordic trail that circles the town. Kendall Mountain, the municipal downhill ski area has a small warming hut that is utilized by the Nordic skiers as well as the skating rink. Lift tickets for the downhill area cost **\$7.00**. There is another beginner level cross country ski trail that can be accessed from the Visitor Center about 8 blocks from the hotel. The local snowmobile club grooms 125 miles of multi-use trails. A tentative ski option will be to Molas Pass and on to the Durango Mountain ski area and Nordic Center. The trip includes full breakfast buffet every morning and a group dinner on Friday evening. Please select your entrée on your registration form. We have arranged for a late check-out of 2:00pm for the entire group. We will depart Silverton at 2:30pm and pick up skiers at Molas and Coal Bank pass on our way home. There will be a very short stop at Mc Donald's in Cuba on the way home.

Please complete the registration form and mail it to Louise Broadbent, 367 Horseshoe Loop, Jemez Springs, NM 87025. Your registration form and deposit check must be received no later than Nov. 9th by mail or you can bring your registration to the club meeting on Nov. 10th. The drawing for slots on the ski trips will take place on Friday Nov. 11th. Questions – louise@valornet.com.

Club Cancellation Policy

In the event that a bus trip cannot be completed due to events beyond Club control, such as weather, road conditions, mechanical failure, etc. any money that is not already committed will be equally divided and distributed among trip participants.

Deposit due with registration **\$105**

Balance **\$100** due December 10, 2005

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Email address _____

Dinner choice: Grilled Salmon _____ NY Strip Steak _____ Chicken Parmesan _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone _____

Ski Ability: Beginner _____ Class One _____ Class Two _____ Class Three _____

Roommate _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Email address _____

Dinner choice: Grilled Salmon _____ NY Strip Steak _____ Chicken Parmesan _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone _____

Roommate Ski Ability: Beginner _____ Class One _____ Class Two _____ Class Three _____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Frisco? Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

As a reminder, have you paid your membership dues?

Bus Trip Sign-up Form

Crested Butte Colorado

leave: Friday February 17, 2006 departing Albuquerque at 2:00pm
return: Monday February 20, 2006 arriving Albuquerque at 9:00pm
Cost: \$235 per person

We will have a dinner stop at Taqueria Calvillo restaurant in Alamosa, Colorado around 5:30pm on Friday night. We will be staying at the Old Town Inn. The club will supply an enhanced continental breakfast each morning and we will host a cocktail party both Saturday and Sunday evenings. The Nordic Center is an easy walk from the hotel and there is a shuttle to the alpine ski area as well. The cost for this trip will be **\$235 per person** and includes Friday night dinner, three breakfasts, and two cocktail parties. The bus will make a fast food stop on our way home in Espanola.

Please complete the registration form and mail it to Louise Broadbent, 367 Horseshoe Loop, Jemez Springs, NM 87025. Your registration form must be received no later than November 9th by mail or you can bring your registration to the club meeting on November 10th. The drawing for slots on the ski trips will take place on Friday November 11th. Questions – send them to louise@valornet.com.

Club Cancellation Policy

In the event that a bus trip cannot be completed due to events beyond Club control, such as weather, road conditions, mechanical failure, etc. any money that is not already committed will be equally divided and distributed among trip participants.

Deposit due with registration **\$135**

Balance **\$100** due January 1, 2006

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Email address _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone _____

Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____

Roommate _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Email address _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone _____

Roommate Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____

Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Frisco? Yes ____ No ____ Maybe ____

As a reminder, have you paid your membership dues?

New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

Membership Form

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

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.

Year 2005 -2006 If new, how did you hear about the club?
 Renewal New Web site Current member
 Change of address: No Yes Yellow pages Newspaper
Other

Cell/other Phone: _____
 Work Phone: _____
 Home Phone: _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 (please) _____

E-mail addresses (up to 3) _____

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 and will appear in the members-only (password protected) section of the Web site. 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 _____



Articles

Need Refreshments co-Chair

Holly Noland will not be able to do the refreshments job this year. Lucy Miller, the other half of that team, is looking for a helper! You need to be able to make all (or nearly all) of the meetings, and hopefully have time on meeting days to pick up the key to the Garden Center at noon. The position pays off with gratitude and adulation from the multitudes, first shot at signing up for the bus trips, and all the refreshments you can eat. Speak with Lucy at the meeting, or call her at 293-5673.



Need Yahoo Groups Email Administrator

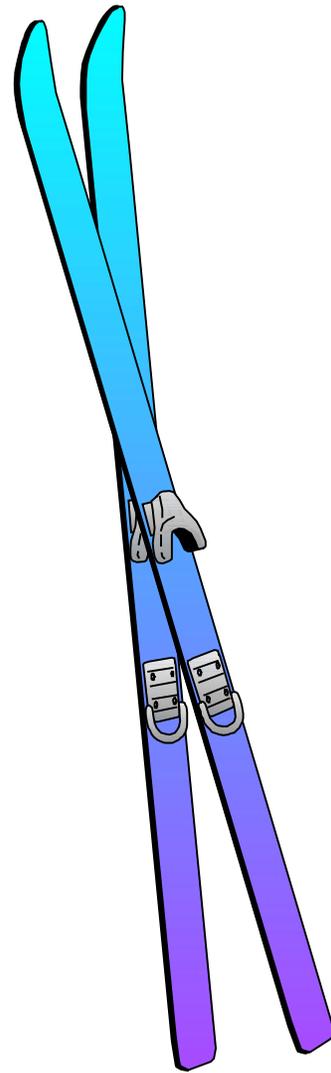
Debbie Brunt has been the administrator for our Yahoo Groups email facility (formerly called eGroups) for several years, and would like to pass that position on if someone suitable volunteers. This job carries massive power that can be used for good or evil, at your whim – plus of course first dibs on the bus trips.

This position requires a modest familiarity with computer usage and the Internet, but you certainly don't need to be an expert network administrator. You may be qualified if any one of the following apply to you:

- You know the difference between an email address and a Web address.
 - If you suspect that an IP address is different from both the above, you are hereby drafted.
 - If you call a Web address a URL, you are hereby drafted.
- You know the difference between an email program and a Web browser.
 - If you use Thunderbird and Firefox under Linux (but can still speak Windows), you are hereby drafted.
- You refer to your email program as an email client.
 - If you call your email program an MUA, you are hereby drafted.

Sandy Ballard Wins Free Bus Trip!

Sandy Ballard won the drawing for a free bus trip held at the summer picnic. Ski trip leaders and trail maintenance workers get an entry in the hat for each trip led or day worked. Congratulations, Sandy, and be sure to tell Louise which trip you'd like!





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 last Thursday of the month to be included in 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.

Send trip information to:

Bill Heitz
53 Valle Vista
Corrales, NM 87048-6400
898-3573
bill.heitz@ieec.org





Practice Sessions

Nov 13, 14, 19,20 Santa Fe

Nov 26,27; Dec 3, 4, 10, 11 Sandias

Leader: Roe Maier, 869-2928

Schedule is tentative and depends upon snow. Call leader first!

The idea is to go to the ski areas before they open and use their groomed slopes. Santa Fe is scheduled to open Nov 24, and Sandia Dec 16.

The organization will be informal. We will divide into groups of two or more people with similar skiing ability. Each group must decide what it wants to do, practice or enlist someone of greater ability to teach. In any case, they must stay fairly close to each other for safety, buddy system.

This will permit working on techniques for skiing down the hill. This practice can 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. We will meet at the Bank of America at San Mateo and Academy at 8:00am, form car pools, and drive to Santa Fe, until Sandia which is an easier drive has adequate snow. Then we will meet at Smith's, Tramway and Central, at 9:00am for the drive to Sandia.



Hut Trips 2006

Sun-Thurs 22-26 Jan 2006 Peter Estin Hut, CO

later in winter: Fabi's Hut, CO

Leader: Guy Miller, 294-7940

(Please call before 9:00pm.), xcskiboy@aol.com

Peter Estin Hut: Only one space remaining. Drive up on Sunday Jan 22, and probably not get back until Thursday Jan 26. Stay at the hut Jan 23, 24, 25. This hut is known for the excellent skiing in the area around the hut. Note that this is the very first three-day hut trip the Club has done!

Fabi's Hut: This trip is full.

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.

Family & Children – Red River

Fri-Sun Feb 24-26 Red River, NM

Class: Novice – I

Leaders: Eddie and Barbara Dry, 792-2932, edry@unm.edu

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 still in the planning stage, so *please* contact the leader soon to say you might be interested.

Just Desserts is Saturday Feb 25. 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.

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

Yellowstone 2006

Mon-Sun 27 Feb-5 March 2006 Yellowstone Park

Leader: Michon Johnson, 332-8929

Trip is full, but ask about the waiting list. See writeup in last March newsletter. Emphasis on natural history and wildlife; ski trips led by graduate-degreed experts from the Yellowstone Association Institute.



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