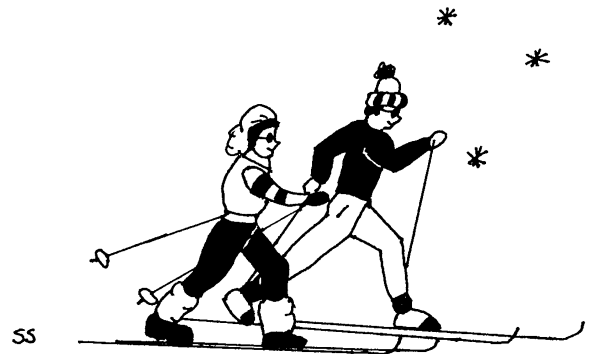


New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club Newsletter



January 2006



Meeting Schedule for 2005-2006

Next meeting: Thursday January 12, 7:30pm

- **Program:** Eddie Dry will do a video presentation and talk about cross-country skiing in the Red River area, including Angel Fire and backcountry areas. Eddie has extensive experience in the Red River area, and is leading the family trip to Just Desserts at Enchanted Forest this year.

Monthly General Meetings

October 11	January 12
November 10	February 9
December 8	March 9

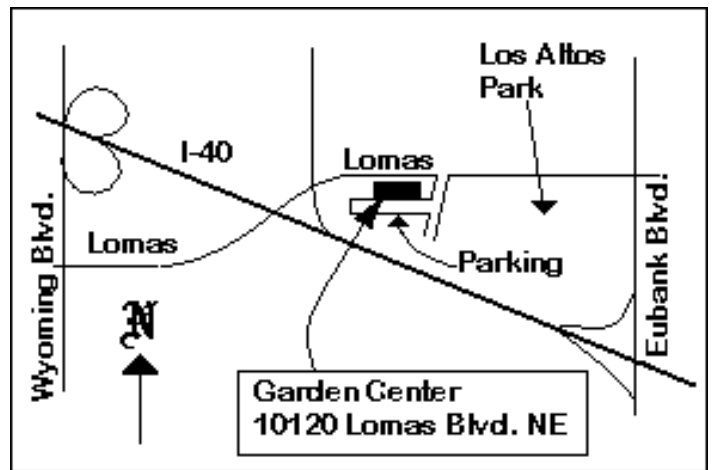
Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of each month, October through March, at the Albuquerque Garden Club Center, 10120 Lomas NE. Look for the sign on Lomas at the entrance to the Center. Please park on the south side of the building and enter through the south entrance.

Warning !!

New departure place and time for bus trips. (well, same as last year but different from all previous years)

The bus departs from the Lowes parking lot at Paseo del Norte one block east of I-25. Please park in the northwest corner. **The departure time for Frisco is 2:00pm** (Silverton 5:00pm, Crested Butte 2:00pm, Pagosa 5:00pm). Get there early – these are the departure times, not the loading times! See the more detailed article next column. →

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



Update on Bus Trips

by Louise Broadbent

Three of the bus trips (all except Pagosa) are full at this time with a "Reserve Pool" ranging from 3-19 people. Last year there were quite a few cancellations in the last couple of weeks before the trips. If you are interested in getting on one of the three trips that are full, watch your Yahoo Group email announcements. I had a single woman cancel for Frisco this week and she sold her seat to a single woman from the Reserve Pool. As we get closer to the dates of the trip, anyone canceling will want to be sure to sell their seat and they may have to resort to the first respondent to an email announcement. If you need to cancel, you should call or email me first. I want to be sure that the person you are selling your seat to is a member and fits the rooming criteria. I may also need to get menu information and the person must complete the registration information.

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Update on Bus Trips, *continued from page 1*

If you want to be assured of getting on a trip then you should register for the Pagosa Springs trip in March. There are still about 10 spots left. See the December newsletter for details and registration forms.

We are taking the larger bus (55 passenger) on the first three trips this year and greatly appreciate everyone's cooperation in arriving on-time and following the boarding procedure we established last year. We will be departing from the Lowes parking lot at Paseo Del Norte one block east of I-25. Please park in the northwest corner of Lowes lot, not in the Target parking lot. As last year, I will arrive in the parking lot one hour before the departure time to hand out boarding passes. The boarding will proceed in groups of three based on your boarding pass number. Place your boarding pass on the seat you have selected. You will be given two passes if you signed up together so you can reserve your partner's seat as well. You will not be allowed to save any other seats.

We will be taking 52 passengers on a 55 passenger bus. That means there will not be much extra room. Please be considerate of everyone and limit your baggage as much as possible. We have always allowed each passenger one large suitcase or two small cases. If you are taking two ski bags, you may consider limiting your other luggage as

much as possible. We don't want to leave luggage in the parking lot of Lowes.

I will be sending additional information to the trip participants by email. If you did not give me an email address and you have access to one, please send it to me. For those of you who are not on email, I will have information for you on the bus. For those of you who do have email you should print out the information I send you and bring it with you on the trip.

Trip dates and departure times:

Frisco	Jan 13	2:00pm
Silverton	Feb 2	5:00pm
Crested Butte	Feb 17	2:00pm
Pagosa Springs	Mar 17	5:00pm

Final payments due:

The final payment for trips is as follows:

Frisco	due last month!
Silverton	due last month!
<i>still some Silverton payments missing!</i>	
Crested Butte	\$100 due January 1 st
Pagosa Springs	\$100 due January 15 th

Please check the Web site to see if you have been credited for your payments. Go to the Members Area, log in, and click on the Trip Documents button.



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.

<u>Carpooling/Meeting Places</u>	
These abbreviations are used in some trip descriptions:	
Lowes	Lowes, on Paseo del Norte east of I25 <i>Park in northwest corner of lot, but not in the new Target lot.</i>
WF	Wells Fargo Bank Franklin Plaza Central & Juan Tabo NE <i>Use the parking area away from the money machine.</i>



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:

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Sun Jan 8 Sandias
Class I
Leader: Roe Maier, 869-2928

Only if snow. Call leader first!

Sat or Sun, Feb 4 or 5 Sandias, probably
Class I-II
Leader: TBD

Tentative trip; check your email for announcements.

Sun Jan 15 Survey Trail, Sandias
Class II
Leader: Marlene Brown, 265-0406

Out on the undulating Survey Trail (maintained by our ski club!) and back on the Crest Trail. Some pitches get a bit steep, but they are relatively short, and there are several places where one must be quick with the step turn.

Sun Feb 12 Mount Taylor
Class II+
Leader: John Thomas, 298-5234

Call leader for details; need some 4WD vehicles. Trip roughly approximates the annual quadrathlon route. Bring lunch, water, good attitude, and camera..

Sun-Fri 22-27 Jan Peter Estin Hut, CO
Leader: Guy Miller, 294-7940
(Please call before 9:00pm.), xcskiboy@aol.com

See article in December newsletter. This trip is full, with one person on the waiting list.

Fri-Sun Feb 24-26 Red River, NM
Class: Novice – I
Leaders: Eddie and Barbara Dry, 792-2532, edry@unm.edu

Trip designed for families and children for the Just Desserts festival at Enchanted Forest. (Class II and III available.) See detailed writeup in previous newsletters.

Sat Jan 28 San Pedro Parks Wilderness
Class III
Leader: Alan Burns, 281-3922

An out-and-back trip in this little-visited Heart of the Land of Enchantment. Rated Class III primarily for distance, but some portions also require a modicum of back-country skills. This is a marvelous cruise through an exquisitely beautiful forest.

Sun-Thurs 26 Feb-2 Mar Fabi's Hut, CO
Leader: Guy Miller, 294-7940
(Please call before 9:00pm.), xcskiboy@aol.com
See article in December newsletter. This trip is full, with a very short waiting list.

Sat Jan 28 Sandias, trail TBD
Class I
Leader: Bob Long, 897-7906
Meet: Lowe's on Paseo del Norte

There will be snow by then, won't there??

Mon-Sun 27 Feb-5 March Yellowstone Park
Leader: Michon Johnson, 332-8929
Trip is full, but ask about the waiting list. See writeup in last March newsletter.

Become Famous: Send photos and articles to the newsletter editor!!

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