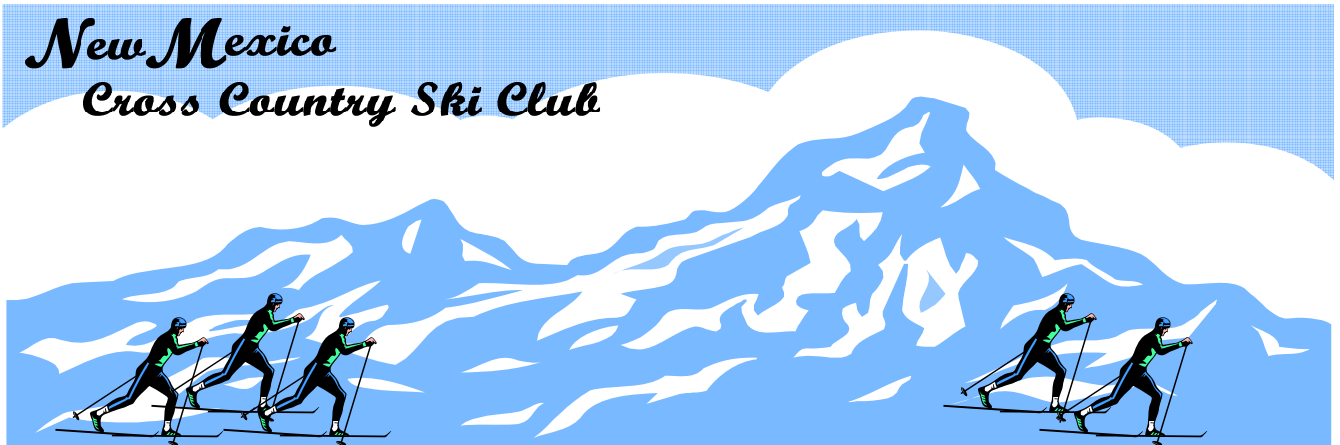


*New Mexico
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**Ski Club Summer
BBQ &
Pot Luck**
Saturday, June 14, 2008
1 - 5 p.m. – eat at 2 p.m.
**At the home of Alan Burns
East Mountains**



Photos by Dave Saylor, Louise & Tom Broadbent

Hut Trips Update

By Guy Miller

Uncle Bud's to 10th Mountain Hut:

This, our first-ever 5-nighter, and only our second hut-to-hut adventure, filled up only a couple of days after it was announced in an e-group message in mid-March. Although there are 7 people on the waiting list, there is a strong probability that at least some people will drop out between now and January. This trip is for experienced hut skiers. Don't be shy about getting on the waiting list.



Photo by Phyllis Pryor

Section House

This Colorado Historic Site was, in the late 1800's, home to a railroad section supervisor and his family. We are told it is currently inhabited by ghosts. Seriously! Right next to it is Ken's Cabin, which also carries historic site credentials. This 3 person hut was a miner's shelter that was moved in the 1990's to its current location. These huts are unlike any to be found in the 10th Mountain or Summit Huts systems.

We will visit Section House for three nights, March 1-3 of 2009. **Please note that this time frame may conflict with one of the Club bus trips.** At this time we are looking at taking only 10 skiers to the one hut, but we could squeeze in two more, and we may try to reserve Ken's for a few more people if there is demand. These huts sit astride scenic Boreas Pass, right outside of Breckenridge. There are three routes in to the hut, none of them particularly daunting. One of the routes is especially suitable for strong beginners, and will be the one we take if there is sufficient interest from that particular demographic.

Because it appears that we may have four bus trips in 2009, these are the only hut trips scheduled at this time. It is possible that there could be additional, perhaps smaller, trips announced later.

For further information on these hut trips, or to discuss hut trips in general, contact Guy Miller at 505-294-7940 or xcski-boy@aol.com. He loves to talk about this topic!

2009 Bus Trips

By Ray & Thea Berg

We are planning four bus trips this year, with a couple of new wrinkles to keep the interest up. As with previous years, we will start accepting names when the final details are available in the fall. The drawing will be the weekend after the November Ski Club meeting.

Telluride, CO, January 16-19, 2009

This is *Martin Luther King Day* weekend, so you can get in an extra day without having to take vacation. We plan on leaving Albuquerque early afternoon on Friday and return by 10 p.m. on Monday. Telluride is one of the great Colorado ski sites and it has a lot of

diverse cross-country routes. We will stay at the Victorian Inn, which repeat skiers will remember from our last visit to Telluride. The price will be a little over \$300.

Lake City, CO, February 13-16, 2009

This is *Presidents' Day* weekend. We plan on leaving Albuquerque mid-afternoon on Friday and return by 10 p.m. on Monday. We will stay at the only two locations open in winter and we will take all of the rooms at the Alpine Moose Lodge and the Matterhorn. Because this location has very limited motel/hotel availability, we are limited to 30 to 35 skiers, depending on how Spartan quarters you are willing to accept. There are also no prepared track areas, so the skiing will be back country, exploratory routes. We will be strongly emphasizing Class II and Class III capable skiers. The price will be around \$300.

Salida, CO, February 26-March 1, 2009

We plan on leaving Albuquerque mid-afternoon on Thursday and return by 10 p.m. on Sunday. The hotel is tentatively the Comfort Inn. The price will be in the range of \$250.

Pagosa Springs, CO, March 6 to 8, 2009

This will be a shorter trip because it is much closer to Albuquerque. We plan on leaving Albuquerque late afternoon on Friday and return late Sunday. The hotel is tentatively the Econolodge. We are looking into getting group tickets to the Hot Springs. The price will be under \$200.

While it is still early, it is never tooo early to think snow!

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