

New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club

May 2009



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Ski Club BBQ & Pot Luck

Saturday, June 6, 2009

4 - 7 p.m.

See enclosed flyer for details

***Wildlife West Nature Park
Edgewood***



Photos by Dave Saylor
Wildlife photos by Roger Holden

2010 Club Bus Trips

By Thea & Ray Berg

For the 2010 ski season we are planning two bus trips. Some of the costs are still being worked out, so we don't have prices yet, but we do have many of the trip details. The trips are scheduled and designed to complement other NMCCSC activities such as hut trips, overnight car trips and day trips.

The first trip will be **January 15-18, 2010**, (*Martin Luther King weekend*) to **Silverton, CO**. Last year we took a break from Silverton, which has been one of our more popular destinations. The trip features many back country skiing opportunities as well as skiing along the Animas River.



Nancy Costea, Katie Crawford and Jean Hanson ski along the ridge on the Salida bus trip, 3/09.

The second trip will be **February 12-15, 2010** (*Presidents weekend*) to **Leadville, CO**. This trip features some great back country skiing, a wonderful, well groomed Nordic area, and a downhill area.

For the Leadville trip we will also allow under 18 year old skiers (*down to age 12*) on an experimental basis. Our younger skiers must be accompanied by their parent or guardian. The Nordic area and downhill area are ideally suited for including younger skiers. For back country skiing, younger skiers as well as our traditional skiers must have shown their ski ability to the route leader in order to be able to go on the route.

We will have detailed information about these trips, as well as signup forms and instructions in the first Club newsletter for next year. ■

Hut Trip Update for 2010

By Guy Miller

We scored three fantastic hut trips for the coming ski year. All hold 16 people. Leader approval is required for ALL trips. Skiers must be known by leader, or must be able to demonstrate their ability, or otherwise persuade leader of their ability.

The much-talked-about **beginner trip** will be to **Sangree M. Froelicher (previously known as Belvedere) Hut**. Dates, including travel, are **January 9 - January 13/14, 2009** (*plan on an extra day case of inclement weather or other difficulties*).

Cost is \$124.

This trip is full, but there is no waiting list. Please be advised that there is a BIG difference between a beginner skier

and a beginner HUT skier. Participants must be solid class II skiers

who are able to ski with a full pack. They must be reasonably able to stay up on their skis at least part of the time, in addition to being able to climb (*climbing skins required!*), descend, turn and stop. It doesn't have to be pretty; it just has to happen. This hut is near Leadville, and is a reasonably moderate 3.5 mile ski into the hut, with multiple interesting day tours available for all level of hut skiers.



Diane Simmons pauses for a break (*check out her pack!!*) while skiing to Section House Hut, 2/09.

Photo by Cynthia Adams

In early February, we are going to **Jackal Hut** for three nights. This trip is full, however, people often drop off of the waiting list so don't be discouraged; there's always a chance that the waiting list could evaporate quicker than the participants list. This hut is also near Leadville, and features fine *tele* opportunities as well as Nordic touring options.

Cost is \$138.

Back by popular demand is another 5-night hut to hut experience. This year we are going to **Margy's Hut** for three nights, then over to **McNamara Hut** for two nights. Trip dates, including travel, are **February 27 - March 6, 2010**. These huts are near Aspen, and participants **MUST** plan an extra day to get back home due to the long distance. There are many and varied day trip opportunities from both of these huts. This trip is for experienced hut skiers only! **Cost is \$200.** This trip has eight vacancies.

For more information or to discuss hut trips in general, contact me at 294-7940 or xcskiboy@aol.com. *I'm always eager to talk about my favorite subject!* ■

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Plan to attend Ski Club picnic and pot luck on Saturday, June 6th. Sue Ann Kirkby and Bob Potter have fun at last year's picnic.

Photo by Dave Saylor

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