

Bus Trips

Adrienne McConnell and Bob Potter have volunteered to fill the positon of Bus Trip chairs for the winter 2019 bus trips. We extend a warm welcome to them. Bob, a lifelong avid skier, has been a member of NMCCSC for the past nine years and has been on almost every bus trip since joining. Bob has supported the club in several ways over the years, including managing the Facebook page. Adrienne is new to the club; she was an avid skier, but her skis have been in storage for 17 years so she considers herself a beginner again. She has many years experience in coordinating large events and is looking forward to using her skills to make the 2019 bus trips successful!



Sign up now for one or both bus trips to Crested Butte in mid January (cost of \$325 per person) or Frisco in early March (cost of \$405 per person). The NM Cross Country Ski bus trips are at cost and can sell out fast. If a bus trip is overbooked a lottery system will be put in place along with a waiting list.

Each trip is different, but the commonality of bus trips can be found at <http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/bus-trips/>. These documents cover the most frequent questions that arise regarding bus trips.

Crested Butte is scheduled from January 12 through January 15, 2018. Crested Butte is an old mining town, now serving as a yearlong recreation town with plenty of skiing and dining opportunities. Trail options include groomed Nordic facilities, back country skiing following creeks that flow toward Crested Butte, and lift-served skiing at Crested Butte. Historically, discounted lift tickets for Crested Butte can be purchased at local retailers, and various Ski Swaps before Thanksgiving. 50 kilometers of groomed Nordic trails, and numerous restaurants are within easy walking distance of the motel. Please submit your application and deposit of \$150 before or during our next general meeting on Thursday, November 9. If you cannot attend the next general meeting in person, the application form provides a mailing address and costs, which is attached as separate document in the email distribution of this newsletter.

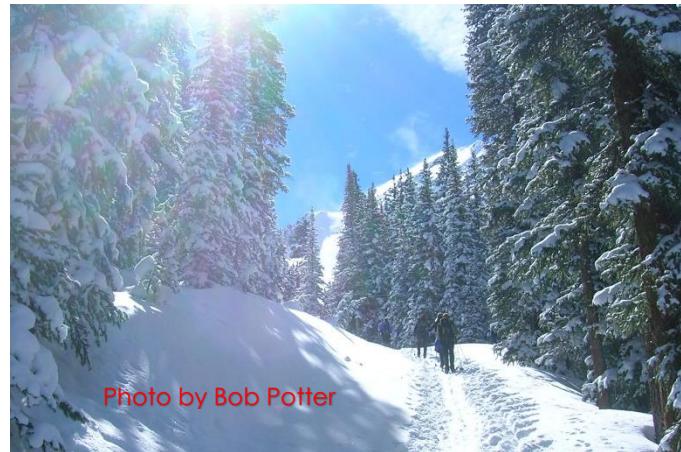
Frisco is scheduled for March 2 – 5. The Frisco Nordic Center is just minutes from Frisco's charming Main Street, offering an excellent high altitude facility for skate skiing, classic cross-country skiing and even snowshoeing, all with exceptional views of peaks in every direction. The Center offers 27k of ski trails, 20k of snowshoe trails, rentals, skate or classic lessons available. There is also excellent backcountry skiing in the mountains between Breckenridge and Frisco. The trails can accommodate all levels of skiing. Nearby Copper Mountain offers downhill skiing. Per the application form, the deposit is \$200 with a due date of the November general meeting (November 9). If you cannot attend the next general meeting in person, the application form for the Frisco bus trip provides a mailing address and costs, which is attached as separate document in the email distribution of this newsletter.

New Year's Trip - Silverton

New Year's eve at Silverton is back! A reminder that we have reserved 22 double occupancy rooms at the newly remodeled Grand Imperial Hotel for New Year's in Silverton, grandimperialhotel.com. The dates are December 29th, 30th, and 31st with check out the 1st. All double occupancy rooms are now \$125.00 per night plus tax of \$24.50 tax for a total of \$150.00 per night. The rate does not include breakfast but breakfast will be available in the hotel. Come join us for New Year's Eve with friends in Silverton and skiing on what has traditionally been incredibly good snow on Mineral Creek, Molas Pass, Andrew Lake et al.

Please contact Max Shepherd at (Max.shepherd@comcast.net) or sign up at our regular club meeting on November 9th.

Here are a couple of pictures from the Silverton area.



Hut Trips

Betty Bear Hut trip is January 28-February 2 (includes travel time). The Betty Bear hut is at the upper end of the Fryingpan River, at an elevation of 11,100 feet. Cost of the Betty Bear Hut is \$148.

Jackall Hut trip is February 19 to February 24 (includes travel time). The hut is north of Leadville at an elevation of 11,600 feet. Cost is \$165.

Contact Guy Miller (xcskiboy@aol.com) if you would like to participate.

Chama Chile Ski Classic

Skiers! Can't make it on the MLK weekend trip to Crested Butte? Come on up to the Chama Chile Ski Classic 2018, January 13 - 15. There are classic and freestyle races, snowshoe races, ski bike races, and a costume contest. Stay in Chama and participate in all the activities on Highway 17, just above the Colorado border. New for this year, the Durango Nordic Club is sponsoring a Southwest Nordic Series of races, and the Chama Chile Ski Classic 18K freestyle race on Saturday the 13th will be a part of this series of races. Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers of the series. For more information, go to www.skichama.com. Hope to see you in Chama!

Ski Racing

Four events are in the Southwest Nordic Race Series, sponsored by the Durango Nordic Club. The race schedule is:

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| Sunday January 7, 2018 | Pagosa Springs Duathlon, 7 km freestyle + 7 km classic |
| Saturday January 13, 2018 | Chama Chile Ski Classic, 18 km freestyle |
| Saturday February 10, 2018 | Butch Cassidy Ski Chase Telluride, 15 km freestyle |
| Saturday February 17, 2018 | Pine Needle Langlauf, Durango Nordic, 30 km freestyle |

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 male and female finishers of the series.

Wayne Kirkby

For all who loved and cared for Wayne Kirkby, his memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 18 at 10am. It will be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 7834 Tennyson St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87122. All are welcome to come and share in Wayne's memory. For more information, you can reach Kathryn Fraher at her email katryn.fraher@gmail.com.

Trails Updates

Sam Beard's trails crews have been working in the Jemez Ranger District clearing ski trails and putting up blue diamonds in October following the recent Cajete Fire on Los Griegos Mountain (Ladera and Elk Ridge Trails). In the Peralta area, the volunteers have worked on the Calzada and Corral Canyon Trails. It appears more trees that were burned in the Las Conchas Fire have come down on Calzada Trail than ever before.

Crews have removed fallen trees from Coyote Call Trail and Rabbit Ridge Trail on the Valles Caldera National Preserve south of NM-4 across the highway from Valle Grande. In this area most of the dead trees killed in the Las Conchas Fire in 2011 have fallen on parts of the Coyote Call Trail. Trees were removed from the South Mountain trails last May.

Friends of the Sandia Mountains (FOSM)/Ski Club crews are also clearing our ski trails in the Sandias year-round - in anticipation of an outstanding ski season on our mountain!"

Membership

We are now using PayPal, as the 'engine' to maintain our membership database, and submit membership dues. You do not have to sign up as a PayPal user to renew/start membership submit dues etc. Dues can be submitted via numerous methods from the webpage. It drastically reduces the time and effort keeping the membership database current.

Go to the new membership site:

<https://www.nmccscmembership.org>

Or alternatively, go to the home page of the ski club, scroll down a short way. On the right hand side under Club News is the poke point that will take you to signup page. As you work through the pages, one of the pages will show 'Pay with PayPal'. If you are not a PayPal user, poke the button at the bottom 'Pay with Debit or Credit Card'.

CLUB NEWS

Online Membership Signup Now Available

There is now an online membership renew/new form and payment through Paypal available at <https://www.nmccscmembership.org> .
(10/2017 - Note: cut and ... [Read more](#)

It would be splendid to have a person to help with data-entry for our Membership Chair, Stacey Kittner. Membership@nmccskiclub.org, or vicepresident@nmccskiclub.org.

NOTICE: Hardcopy subscriptions for the newsletter expire on Dec 17, 2017. To continue to receive the newsletter you must renew your NMCCSC membership and pay the additional \$10 fee. This will guarantee a HARDCOPY in your mailbox until Dec 17, 2018.

Instruction

New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club events

Cross Country Beginner Ski Indoor session details:

When: Wed evening, Dec 13, 2017, 6-7pm

Where: Lomas Tramway Library, 908 Eastridge NE, Albuq, NM 87123, 291-6295

Who: Open to the public

Cross Country Beginner Ski Outdoor session:

When: Saturday, Jan 6, 2018, If more snow is needed, back-up date of Jan 20, 2018

Where: Sandia Mountains

Who: NMCCSC members

Classes date are TBD:

Dec- Avalanche beacon practice

Jan/Feb- Telemark skiing lessons, Santa Fe Ski area

Feb- Downhill techniques (beginning & Intermediate), Sandia Peak Ski area

REI Events (may need to register):

Albuquerque:

Visit with Sandia Nordic Ski Club, Nov 18 & 19, 10am-2pm, Free

How to ski uphill- Alpine Touring (AT) opportunities, Mon, Dec 4, 2017, 6-7:30pm, Free

Snowshoeing Basics, Thurs, Dec 14, 2017, 6-7:30pm, Free

Santa Fe:

Snowshoe basics, Thurs, Nov 2, 2017, 6-7:30pm, Free

Snowshoe basics, Thurs, Dec 2, 2017, 6-7:30pm, Free

Cross country skiing basics, Tues, Nov 14, 2017 6-7:30pm, Free

Cross country skiing basics, Wed, Dec 14, 2017 6-7:30pm, Free

Future ski clinics/lessons resources:

Sandia Nordic Ski club, Instructional clinics, www.sandianordic.org/

Sophrosyne, NM Health & Wellness, www.sophrosynenm.com/

Ski clinics available at the Chama Chile Ski Classic, Jan 13-15, 2018

Instruction available at Crested Butte or Frisco Nordic Centers, 2018 Bus trips

Ski Swaps



New Mexico Cross-Country Ski Club participated in two community affairs in October- the KAFB Ski Fair and the Sandia Ski Patrol Ski Swap. At both events, volunteers were able to assist participants in learning about the Club's winter cross-country ski events, instruction, and equipment. Much Club literature was handed out, and more importantly, personal contacts were made. Many kudos go out to David D'Antonio, Rob Suminsby, Peter Marks, Adrienne McConnell, Ruth Bargman-Romero, and Bet Gendron for volunteering for these community outreaches. Pic is of Bet at KAFB Ski Fair.

Programs

The October program was a film on the young men who trained at Camp Hale to serve in US Army 10th Mountain Division during World War 2. The training included all the classical army training plus skiing. Wow, those guys did some incredible skiing considering the equipment available at the time.

In March of this year Dan Roberts and Linda Stiles traveled to Norway to do a guided hut to hut ski tour in a remote region of Norway following a traditional ski route named the Skarveihem Traverse. Over four days they toured over plateaus, high passes, deep valleys and frozen lakes. During this 15 minute presentation they will show some slides and answer questions. For those that want to do a bit of research, the outfitter was the Telemark Ski Co. based in England.

Ratings

Hiking, Biking, Climbing, Rafting, and Skiing will typically provide a rating system for the excursion under consideration. Club ratings are 1 through 4. A tabular format of the ratings are included at the end of the newsletter, complete descriptions are available on the website.

Calendar of Events 2017-2018		
Thursday	November 9 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club Program: Trip Report Due date for bus trip deposits
Wednesday	December 13 6:00-7:00 PM	Class room Instruction – Beginning Cross Country Skiing Lomas & Tramway Library community room
Thursday	December 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club
Saturday	January 6	Field Instruction - Beginning Cross Country Skiing Details announced at classroom session
Thursday	January 11 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club
Friday-Monday	January 12 – January 15	Bus Trip Crested Butte, Colorado
Sunday-Friday	January 28 – February 2	Hut Trip - Betty Bear Hut
Thursday	February 8 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club
Monday-Saturday	February 19 – February 24	Hut Trip - Jackal Hut
Friday-Monday	March 2 – March 5	Bus Trip Frisco, Colorado
Thursday	March 8 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club

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Ratings		
Class	Vertical Climb (ft)	Distance (miles)
One	Less than 1000	Less than 5
Two	Less than 2000	Less than 5
Three	Greater than 2000	Greater than 10
Four	Unpatrolled, mountainous terrain, with the purpose of downhill skiing. Slopes can be greater than 25 degrees. Knowledge of use of climbing skins, avalanche gear needed.	
Steepness of slopes, skill level, and stamina can also dictate the ski tour rating. Please see the webpage for more information. http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/		

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