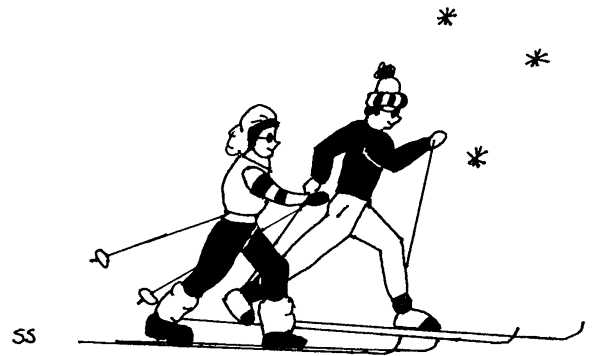


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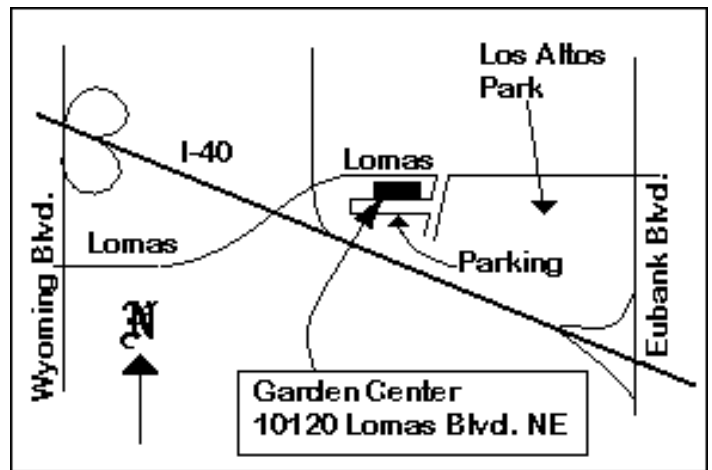
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Meeting Schedule for 2004-2005

Next meeting: Thursday October 21, 7:30pm

- **Election** to fill the Secretary position, left vacant by the unfortunate death of Patricia Kerr-Sanders. We are soliciting volunteers for this position. Please contact our vice-president Janie Gilmore-Daniels at 259-0502; email janiegil@aol.com.
- **Program** by John Thomas and Guy Miller (aka Click and Clack) - Preparing yourself and your gear for the upcoming ski season. Learn about waxing skis, checking bindings, preparing emergency gear for the season, exercise and conditioning to get your body in shape for skiing!



Monthly General Meetings

October 21	January 15
November 18	February 17
December 16	March 17

Meetings are held at 7:30pm on the third 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 east side of the building and enter through the east entrance.

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!

Patricia Kerr-Sanders

1933 - 2004

Patricia Kerr Sanders died on October 2 after a brief illness. A loyal, always helpful and hardworking member, she contributed to the club in various capacities for over 20 years. She loved people, and her warm smile welcomed many new members. Her enthusiasm, involvement, and sense of adventure kept us all motivated.

On the bus trips Patricia liked to be first on the bus so she and her husband John could be right in the middle of the action. It didn't matter however, because where she sat *was* where the action was.

Many of you will remember her from the Chama Chili Classic ski race. She set, and met, a goal to do 20 years, and she won many ribbons in those years. Her friendly manner, inquisitive mind and positive attitude will leave an enduring memory on the ski club and all who knew her.

See donation information on Page 2.

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



The Prez Sez ...

by Mike Martin

Another ski season is upon us and I am tickled pink! We'll have huge mounds of fluffy snow from 6000 feet elevation and up, November to April (I'm always optimistic). Your club has been planning this year's overnight trips since March and they have a great slate lined up for you. There are significant changes to how the bus trips will be run so please read the articles for them carefully.

Member Bob Potter has taken a job as a foreman at an ice plant in Iraq and has kept his club membership; please send him your best at:

Robert Potter
Ice Plant (KBR)
Unit #91499
APO/AE 09333-1499

On a sad note, longtime club member Patricia Kerr-Sanders passed away this month. We will have a card at the General Meeting on 21 November that members can sign. Patricia was an active member and was serving as this year's club Secretary, we will miss her very much...

I encourage everyone to take the Silverton Avalanche School course and learn more about backcountry safety. The 3-day course provides some great information on how to identify potential winter terrain hazards, information can be found at their website <http://www.silvertonavalancheschool.com/> or by calling them at (970) 387-5018.

We'll be looking for day trip leaders for excursions in the Sandias, Jemez, San Mateo and Sangre de Cristo mountains. Please volunteer to lead a trip - day trips are the life blood of our club.

See you on the trail!



Patricia Kerr-Sanders Memorial Fund

Patricia's friends have established the "Patricia Kerr-Sanders Student Award for Best Dramatic Performance, National History Day". Contributions may be sent to NMHC, MSC06 3570, 1 UNM, Albuquerque NM 87131-0001. You may also bring checks to the Membership table at the October meeting. Checks should be payable to "NMHC - Patricia Kerr-Sanders Award".

2004-05 Budget

by David Floor

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

2004-2005 BUDGET PROPOSAL	
INCOME	
INSTRUCTION	\$ 200.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 2,500.00
HUT TRIPS	\$ 2,432.00
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$ 24,148.00
OVERNIGHT TRIPS	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 34,280.00
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	\$ 4,910.00
WEB SITE	\$ -
TREASURER	\$ -
LONG BUS TRIPS	\$ 22,500.00
HUT TRIPS	\$ 2,207.00
OTHER	\$ 200.00
MEETING ROOM	\$ 560.00
INSURANCE	\$ 929.00
P.O. BOX	\$ 136.00
CORPORATE REPORT	\$ 10.00
SUMMER PARTY	\$ 100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 33,302.00
NET	\$ 978.00

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 newsletter is mailed. If you get that email, fine. If not, email Debbie O'Callaghan (docalla@hotmail.com) and ask her to fix you (no, she's not a veterinarian).



The Word on the Long Bus Trips

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

by Louise Broadbent

As most of you are aware, Susan Swan resigned her position as Long Bus Trip Chair after serving the club wonderfully for 16 years. I volunteered to take over the position and was voted into the office for the 2004-2005 ski season. Based on responses to the ski survey, the Board voted to have earlier departure times on the three-day weekend trips. Also, some trips this year include group meals! **Please note the departure time changes on two of the trips. Also note that the buses will now depart from the Lowe's parking lot near I25 and Paseo del Norte.**

Bus Trip Descriptions

Leadville CO

Jan 14-17, 2005 (Martin Luther King holiday)

– \$215. per person – 2:00pm departure

– includes Friday night group dinner

Durango CO

February 4-6, 2005

– \$125. per person – 6:00pm departure

Ouray CO

February 18-21, 2005 (Presidents Day weekend)

– \$235. per person – 2:00pm departure

– includes Friday and Saturday night group dinners

Leadville: The bus will stop around 6:00pm in Alamosa, Colorado for a pre-arranged buffet style banquet dinner at the Taqueria Cavillo Restaurant. There will be American and vegetarian food items as well as their normal Mexican fare. The club will be staying at the Columbine Inn in Leadville. Their amenities include a hot tub and continental breakfast each day. All rooms will be either one or two queen size beds. The Inn is allowing our group the use of their meeting room for an après ski party/planning session on Saturday and Sunday evenings. The club will furnish beer, wine and light snacks for these gatherings. The Columbine Inn is about ½ mile from the center of town so it will be necessary to schedule some bus shuttles to take us into the restaurants downtown. We will make a fast food stop on our way home on Monday in Espanola. One of the ski options will be the Piney Creek Nordic Center at Ski Cooper.

Durango: The club will be staying at the Best Western Rio Grande. They offer a free continental breakfast and two drink coupons per person for their happy hour from 5:00 – 7:00pm. Each room has two beds, microwave, and fridge. It is located near the

train station and within walking distance of many restaurants. The facility has a hot tub and indoor pool. Plan to bring your dinner or eat before you get on the bus Friday night and Sunday night as there is no quick place to stop for food between Albuquerque and Durango. Ski options will include the prepared track at Durango Mountain Ski Resort.

Ouray: We will be stopping in Durango Colorado to pick up pre-ordered meals from Applebee's. There will be four menu items to choose from. The club is staying at the Box Canyon Lodge in Ouray. For those unfamiliar with the lodge, there are hot tubs built into the hillside behind the lodge that are fed by natural hot springs. The lodge does not provide breakfast but is within 3-4 blocks of restaurants and a grocery store. The trip also includes a group dinner on Saturday at the Outlaw restaurant. You will have a choice of salmon, prime rib, pork ribs, or chicken D'Angelo and it will include soup or salad, potato or pasta, soft beverage, and dessert. Alcoholic beverages will be available for individuals to purchase.



How to Sign Up for the Bus Trips

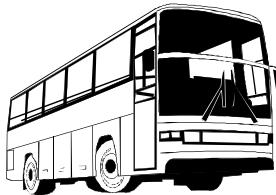
Enclosed in this newsletter you will find registration forms. Fill out a registration form for each trip accompanied by a separate check for each trip. **For couples or friends who want to room together send two names on one registration with either one check or two.** Please mail registration forms and checks to Louise Broadbent, 367 Horseshoe Loop, Jemez Springs, NM 87025, or bring them to the October 21st meeting. Please do not send checks to the Club's PO Box.

I reside in the Jemez Mountains which is long distance from Albuquerque, and in an effort to keep my phone bill reasonable I am asking everyone who has email

capability to include it on your registration form. My email address is louise@sulphurcanyon.com. My intention is to send as much information as possible to the trip participants via email. If you email me and do not receive a response, please try again or call me at 829-3840. The system is not perfect and I do not want messages to get lost.

There will be a lottery drawing as long as the demand for bus trip seats exceeds our capacity. Board members have first priority to sign up for trips as an incentive to serve this organization.

As registrations and checks are received they will be placed in a corresponding box for that trip. If you want to room with a certain person you must register together on one slip and send checks together. 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. The drawing for bus trips will be held November 3rd to allow for registrations after the first club meeting on October 21st. There will be at least 2 board members present at the drawing. The trip participants names will be posted in the “Members” section of the Web site. After all 44 seats for that trip are filled, we will continue to draw names and the waiting list will be established in that order. Everyone on the waiting list will be notified either by email or phone. You may decide at that time whether or not you want to remain on the list. All checks for waiting list participants will be torn up. For those drawn to be on the trip – your cancelled check will be your receipt. If a member has to cancel, they may sell their seat to someone on the waiting list or to any NMCCSC member who is at least 18 years of age. Based on Susan’s previous experience, the waiting list people have a good chance of getting on the trip.



- ***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: Buses will now depart from the Lowe’s parking lot near I25 and Paseo del Norte. The bus will start loading about ½ hour before the scheduled departure time. Times will depend on the trip – check the individual trip descriptions.

Bus Ride: The Friday evening meal will be provided on the three-day trips. We do not stop for dinner on Friday or Sunday evening on the two day trip. We will make a fast food dinner stop on the return trip from Leadville and Ouray. The club supplies cold sodas, waters, wine and beer on the bus. There is a restroom on the bus.

Luggage: Pack your skis in a ski bag. You are allowed one large or two small suitcases per person. This year we are going to sell 44 seats which means the cargo area is **really** at a premium. 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. You will be asked to pre-order some meals. This will be done via email in most cases. All other meals are your responsibility. No cooking is allowed in the rooms. You may bring breakfast & lunch foods in your cooler. You must bring your own food and water when going out to ski. The bus normally leaves the hotel about 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 groomed trails for cross-country or downhill skiing available, but our main pursuit is backcountry skiing. **ALWAYS SKI WITH SOMEONE.**

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

Cost: The cost of the trip is derived from the estimated cost of the bus, hotel, snacks, meals, etc 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 the names on the waiting list.

Waiting List: The waiting list will be started once a trip is full. It costs nothing to be on the waiting list 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!

Leadville January 14-17 Departing 2 PM - Cost \$215

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email address _____
Roommate _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email address _____
Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____
Roommate Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____
Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Leadville? Yes ____ No ____
Have you paid your membership dues?

Deposit due now **\$115** Balance **\$100** due December 10, 2004
Keep a copy of the registration for your records. Louise's email address is louise@sulphurcanyon.com

Durango February 4-6 Departing 6 PM – Cost \$125

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email address _____
Roommate _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email address _____
Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____
Roommate Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____
Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Durango? Yes ____ No ____
Have you paid your membership dues?

Deposit due now **\$75** Balance **\$50** due on December 20, 2004
Keep a copy of the registration for your records. Louise's email address is louise@sulphurcanyon.com

Ouray February 18-21 Departing 2 PM – Cost \$235

Name _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email address _____
Roommate _____ Home Phone _____
Work Phone _____ Email address _____
Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____
Roommate Ski Ability: Beginner ____ Class One ____ Class Two ____ Class Three ____
Would you be willing to lead a ski trip in Ouray? Yes ____ No ____
Have you paid your membership dues?

Deposit due now **\$135** Balance **\$100** due January 1, 2005
Keep a copy of the registration for your records. Louise's email address is louise@sulphurcanyon.com

New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club Membership Form

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.

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

Year 2004 -2005 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 during the year. 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



Major Overnight Trips

Winter Park 2005

by Lester Byington

Announcement

Sharon and I will lead a Winter Park trip again in 2005. We will leave on Wed March 2, spend one night on the road and three nights at Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park, and return on Sun Mar 6. This provides three full days of skiing (Thurs-Sat) and an optional part-day on Sunday. The general experience will be similar to what we did last year, with perhaps some new back-country routes. (See trip report in the March 2004 newsletter.)

Lodging; Meals; Logistics

We again will be staying at Snow Mountain Ranch, a part of the YMCA of the Rockies. Our lodging will be a beautiful near-new 8-bedroom 8½-bath cabin located right on one trail of their 100-km groomed track network. We will be assigning only one couple (or 2 singles) per bedroom, but the cabin is designed to accommodate 32 people (40 with all the floor futons), and the kitchen, dining, and living room areas are designed for that number! Those common areas are truly spacious and elegant, with great views through large window areas. The kitchen has a huge capacity.

NOTE: The cabin is full, and we are now placing people in Indian Peaks lodge. Indian Peaks is the nicest of their hotel-room-style lodging, and is less than a half-mile from the cabin. The cabin will be the center for meals, socializing, trip planning, and trip departures for everyone, including the Indian Peaks folks.

Breakfast and dinner for all three days will be prepared by volunteer gourmet cooks selected from the trip participants, with serving and clean-up assistance from the SMR staff. Menus will be planned in consultation with all trip participants. We should be able to accommodate *almost* all preferences/needs. This is included in the trip cost.

The nominal plan is to stay in a cheap room in Idaho Springs or Georgetown (both this side of Berthoud Pass) on Wednesday, then cross the pass into Winter Park Thursday morning. Thursday will offer a choice of a moderate backcountry ski or two excellent

groomed track areas. Of course, you may choose to drive up directly on Thursday.

We will spend Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights in the cabin, then drive home Sunday (with an optional Sunday-morning ski for the indefatigable).

Cost

The cost of the Club-organized part of the trip (food and lodging at SMR) will be approximately \$275. per person. Additionally, you should expect about \$70. per person carpooling expense (unless you're the driver!), and about \$60. per room at a motel Wednesday night. Trail passes at either SMR or Devil's Thumb will be additional.

The deposit requirements are more severe than usual for Club trips since the cabin comes as a single unit – we can't cancel just one room if someone backs out! The deposit to secure your space is \$225. per person. Since we are beginning to overflow into the nearby Indian Peaks lodge, the deposits now have a slight degree of refundability.



Hut Trips 2005

by Guy Miller

Eiseman Hut: Dec 29-Jan 1 (or Jan 2). Trip is full, but just so you know what you're missing: Eiseman Hut is quite a prize. Eiseman is one of the most popular huts, which is why we haven't been able to schedule it previously. This hut is famous for the skiing opportunities around the hut, most particularly the endless slopes that start right out of the front door of the hut. We have booked the entire hut for Dec 30 and Dec 31, 2004, which means another New Year's party for hut goers!

Shrine Mountain Hut: Sun Jan 23-Wed Jan 26. Six spaces left! Great first hut trip for reasonably experienced skiers! Only 2-3 miles ski in; indoor bathrooms and showers, ...! Drive up 23rd, ski in 24th, day ski 25th, out and home 26th. Requires leader approval; call Guy Miller at 294-7940 before 9:00pm.



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 first Thursday of the month to be included in that 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





Avalanche Beacon Practice

Sun Dec 4 Sandias
Class I 3 miles (round trip), probably less
Leader: Mike Martin, 836-6520

We will practice beacon use and search techniques. If time and snow conditions permit we may dig snow pits to study the snow pack and practice probing techniques. Please bring your beacon (fresh batteries), back country shovel and probes if you have them. Bring your skis or snowshoes but we'll try to remain close to the road to minimize travel time. Wear lots of warm clothes as we will not be moving much.

This session is open to anyone who wants to learn more about skiing in avalanche terrain. You are welcome to attend even if you don't have a beacon, shovel or probe. If there's no snow, we'll practice in the dirt. Please call leader if you have any questions. Meet at Smith's at Tramway & Central, in the SW corner of their parking lot, 9:00am.



Hut Trips 2004-2005

Wed Dec 29-Sat Jan 1 Eiseman Hut, CO
Sun Jan 23-Wed Jan 26: Shrine Mountain Hut, CO
Leader: Guy Miller, 294-7940
 (Please call before 9:00pm.)

See the article earlier in this newsletter. The Eiseman trip is full, but Shrine Mountain still has openings! It's a great first hut trip for reasonably experienced skiers. Only 2-3 miles ski in; indoor bathrooms and showers, ...! Requires leader approval – the experience and ability requirements for the hut trips are somewhat more stringent than for other Club trips, but Shrine Mountain is at the easy end of the scale.

Winter Park 2005

Wed-Sun Mar 2-6, 2005 Winter Park, CO
Class I – II – III ski miles: mild to massive
Leaders: Lester & Sharon Byington,
 286-9100, lester@byington.org

See the article earlier in this newsletter.

We will be traveling by carpool (driving Wed Mar 2), and staying in an 8-bedroom deluxe cabin next to the groomed track at Snow Mountain Ranch. Cost for food and lodging at SMR will be about \$275. per person. Driving expense and lodging on the way there will be additional.

This trip will give priority to long ski-intensive days, should there be demand for such. The gung-ho ski group would be on the road as early as 8:00am each day, returning late afternoon. (This has never actually happened, but if you're that type the leader wants to talk with you!) Most groups do much shorter days.

Winter Park is at 9000' in northern Colorado, west of the Continental Divide. It usually has better (often *much* better) snow conditions than southern Colorado. The Fraser Experimental Forest (no snowmobiles!) and two Wilderness areas are just outside town. There are two large groomed areas, Snow Mountain Ranch and Devil's Thumb, each with 100 km of trails, plus some smaller groomed facilities.

The backcountry skiing on this trip will be Class II and III, but the trip is suitable for Class I skiers and even novices since we're right at Snow Mountain Ranch (and just a few miles from Devil's Thumb). Both facilities offer lessons, equipment rentals, and trails for all abilities.



**NEW MEXICO CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB
2004-2005 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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