

JAN 7th -- CLUB MEETING -- CHILI COOK-OFF



JAN 13TH -- MINI-SOCIAL AT THAI TASTE



JAN 29TH - 31ST -- ROAN MOUNTAIN WEEK-END AND CLUB RACES

LET THE NEW YEAR BEGIN!

Well, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that 1999 was welcomed with tidings & good cheer & happy spirits (lots of spirits). This year holds lots of fun and exciting challenges for the club - lets get our membership up, attend more socials and make the best effort possible to support our club and each other.

Our January meeting will be tasty indeed, hope to see a lot of those crock-pots on January 7. We will also be presenting our annual check to Special Olympics. Please be there to help support this worthy cause.

At our mini-social, January 13, we will be having a good-bye party for one of the club's special members. Wilhelm Brahm will be leaving us, in body only, in January. Come out, even if you don't wish to eat just to say so long to Willie.

Roan Mountain is right around the corner - one of the club's FIN-EST weekends (right up there with Hickory Knob). Last year it was cancelled because of TOO MUCH snow. This year let's hope we at least HAVE SOME snow!

Take care my friends, see you soon.



Meeting Manners

by Tim Corbin

At our December board meeting we discussed an issue that comes up almost every year, Meeting Manners. It goes right to the heart of our club, because we are a diverse bunch of personalities with some common interests met through the ski club functions. Some of our speakers have sworn not to return due to lack of respect from some of our members. We talk while they are talking. Mamma told us long ago that was impolite.

Some of us talk because that's why we came; to socialize. Others of us talk because we can't stop; never have, never will. Some of us talk because the speakers are boring. Regardless, we have to do better.

Our current means of dealing with the bad manners is just as bad or maybe worse; yelling or whistling. This will change along with a couple of other things to make the meeting more pleasurable for everyone. First, our business meetings will be shortened to include only updates to current newsletter information from board members, instead of rehashing everything in the newsletter. We assume most of our members read or have a designated reader. Second, speakers will be limited in advance to a specified amount of uninterrupted speaking time to be followed by a less formal time for questions and hopefully answers. After this, board members will be available for individual questions in an informal/social setting.

In exchange for this reduced quiet time, members must try to be quiet or go to the bathroom or hallway or home. For those who cannot be well-mannered, a board member will quietly and personally ask you to mind your manners. If this does not work, we will call your mamma!

THAI TASTE

January 13 is our mini-social at the Thai Taste located on Southport Road in Spartanburg. The social will begin about 6:30 pm. Come tantalize your taste buds with something different – add a little spice to your life.

February we will return, by popular demand, to Captain Tony's Grille located on East Main Street. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 10. Captain Tony's specializes in seafood dishes, but has additional menu items to choose from as well.



SO LONG WILHELM

Mr. Brahm is packing his bags and heading south where he will begin a new, and we hope long, happy life with Christina. Wilhelm has been a Ski Club member for many years, and he along with his wife

Berta made numerous club, both profession-Wilhelm has served rectors for many club president in years you so much – but I again soon.

contributions to our ally and personally. on the Board of Diyears, and has been gone by. We will miss know we'll see you

Please come to our mini-social, January 13 to help us send Wilhelm off with our best wishes and love.



SKI CLUB LUGGAGE



The samples WILL be at the January meeting. Please consider purchasing some of the items offered to help support our Racing Team.

Thank you

Future Special Events: If you would like to join the committee and/or help plan an event please call Tim at 587-6645. New ideas are appreciated.

Greenville Growl trip......March '99.....about \$8/seat sign up at the January meeting.

More information at that time.

In-Line Skating....info to follow

Shag Lessons....March '99....info to follow



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The Crescent Ski Council, Inc.

1998-1999 CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL RACE SCHEDULE

November 29, 1998	Development Training at Appalachian	8:45 a.m.
December 7 - 11, 1998	Steamboat Race Week	
December 7 - 11, 1998	Killington Race Week	
December 13, 1998	Development Training at Appalachian	8:45 a.m.
December 19 & 20, 1998	Appalachian, NC Race	9:30 a.m.
January 8, 9 & 10, 1999	Silvercreek,WV Race	9:30 a.m.
January 23, 1999	Hawksnest, NC Race - Slalom	9:30 a.m.
January 24, 1999	Beech Mt., NC Race - GS	9:30 a.m.
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January 31, 1999	Development Training at Hawksnest	8:45 a.m.
Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 1999	Cupp Run Challenge at Snowshoe, WV	8:45 a.m. TBA
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Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 1999	Cupp Run Challenge at Snowshoe, WV	ТВА
Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 1999 February 6 & 7, 1999	Cupp Run Challenge at Snowshoe, WV Winterplace, WV Race	TBA 9:30 a.m.

DEADLINES FOR 1998 - 1999 CRESCENT RACE WEEKENDS

This year clubs will again be assessed a \$10.00 fee for EACH missed deadline. These club deadlines are set as close to Crescent Activities' deadlines as possible to allow you as much time as contracts allow us. We continue to receive almost everything late and we are left with no choice.

Following is a list of each deadline you are expected to meet. As usual, call the Trip Leader if you have questions and/or problems and we will work with you if at all possible. Your club has the potential for \$50.00 in fines for each weekend so please be punctual. We will keep envelopes for the postmark!

The following are the dates you can be assessed penalties for missing. In addition to these, the North Carolina due dates need to be met but you are on your own to do so with no penalty.

TRIP	INFORMATION DUE	DUE DATE			
PENALIZED DEADLINES:					
Silver Creek I	Confirmation form	Nov. 1, 1998			
Silver Creek I	50% deposit	Nov. 15, 1998			
Winterplace	Confirmation form	Nov. 15, 1998			
Winterplace	50% deposit	Nov. 30, 1998			
Silver Creek I	Balance	Do 19, 1998			
Silver Creek I	Room list	Dec. 19, 1998			
Silver Creek I	Room changes	Dec. 31, 1998			
Winterplace	Balance	Jan. 3, 1999			
Winterplace	Room list	3, 1999			
Silver Creek II	Confirmation form	Jan. 3, 1999			
Winterplace	Room changes	Jan. 15, 1999			
Silver Creek II	50% deposit	Jan. 15, 1999			
Silver Creek II	Balance	Feb. 1, 1999			
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NON-PENALIZED DEADLINES:					
Dec. North Carolina	Block rooms	$A \otimes AP$			
Dec. North Carolina	50% deposit	Nov. 19, 1998			
Dec. North Carolina	Balance (check-out)	Dec. 20, 1998			
Jan. North Carolina	Block rooms	ASAP			
Jan. North Carolina	50% deposit	Dec. 22, 1998			
Jan. North Carolina	Balance (check-out)	Jan. 23, 1999			
Feb. North Carolina	Block rooms	ASAP			
Feb. North Carolina	50% deposit	Jan. 19, 1999			
Feb. North Carolina	Balance (check-out)	Fch 20 1999			

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FALL CONFERENCE A HUGE SUCCESS

On November 13-15, the Crescent Ski Council conducted its annual Fall Conference in Boone, North Carolina. 93 people -- from 20 Crescent Clubs -- attended! Many thanks to Terri Tokaz, Crescent's Fall Conference Director, for organizing the Conference and to the following people who led workshops at and/or prepared materials for the Conference:

Administration Betty Housel (Charlotte)
Creating a Home Page Jim Bennett (Raleigh)
Mike Jones (Kanawha)
Pam McElwain (Kanawha)
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Newsletter/Advertising Jo Widener (ETMM)
Racing Ron Scott (Raleigh)
Trip Leader Training Lisa Beregi (ETMM)

Thanks also to Appalachian Ski Mountain and the French-Swiss Ski School, who once again hosted the Fall Conference free of charge!

Saturday night, about 70 of the attendees gathered at the Sagebrush Restaurant in Boone for dinner. The weekend concluded with the Fall Crescent Board Meeting on Sunday at the Daniel Boone Inn.

At press time, Terri Tokaz had received survey responses from over 40% of the Conference attendees. The consensus was that the Clubs preferred workshops at the Fall Conference, but not at the Beach Convention in April, In general, the attendees believed the workshops were very

informative. The most helpful workshops this year, according to the survey results, were Finance and Creating a Home Page.

Editor's Note: For those who did not attend -- you missed a hilarious "do-rag" fashion show and the peanut fight of the century! Who were the ladies with the big lips? Don't miss next year's Fall Conference.

It's no wonder our resorts are the most popular in North America. Each one is blessed with a personality all its own. The lay of the land, the scent of the pines, even the feel of the snow is different from one Intrawest **Mountain Resort** to the next. And although we can't improve upon Mother Nature, we can bring out the best of her features. So we're continually discovering more ways to enhance these special places while taking great care to preserve their souls.

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CRESCENT BOARD MEETS IN BOONE

Crescent Ski Council held its Fall Board Meeting at the Daniel Boone Inn in Boone, North Carolina on November 15. Representatives of the following member Clubs attended the meeting: Asheville, Augusta, Blue Ridge, Cape Fear, Catawba, Charlotte, Chattanooga, Coastal, Columbia, East Tennessee, Greensboro, Greater Charleston, Kanawha, Knoxville, Nashville, Palmetto, Raleigh, Spartanburg and Winston-Salem.

With respect to member Clubs, the Board made two decisions. First, the Smoky Mountain Ski Club, which has not attended a Board meeting in several years, was removed as a member of Crescent. Regular attendance of Board meetings is required of all member Clubs. Crescent and Smoky Mountain still maintain amicable relations, however, and we hope that Smoky Mountain will want to re-apply for membership in Crescent in the near future.

The second membership issue was the consideration of the Central Florida Snow Skiers, based in Orlando, Florida, as a member club. Central Florida has historically had between 350-600 members. Based upon the materials is shared with the Board, Central Florida appears to be a very well-run club. After some discussion, the Board voted Central Florida into Crescent as a full, voting member. Congratulations and welcome to the Crescent Ski Council!

The Board meeting also featured reports from Crescent's standing committees: Racing, Long Distance Trips, Winter Activities (including Beach Convention and Fall Conference) and Newsletter. Alan Lange, Crescent's Treasurer, discussed Crescent's budget for the current fiscal year. Linda Doyle, Crescent's Long Distance Trips Director, reported that the Long Distance Trips Committee had approved the new Trip Policies and Procedures at the Fall Conference. Carl Cook, Crescent's Discounts Director, also announced his resignation, so if anyone is interested in taking over that position, please contact Ken Lumsden at (336) 768-2851 or e-mail him at Joonone@ix.netcom.com.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Bluefield, West Virginia during the Winterplace race/ski weekend, on February 6, 1999. The time of the meeting will be announced later.



MORE RACE SPONSORS ADDED

In addition to the race sponsors listed in the August/September 1998 issue of the Skiliner, the following resorts, restaurants, manufacturers and others have agreed to sponsor the 1998-99 Crescent Race Series: Ski Banff/Lake Louise, Lake Louise Ski Resort, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., Killington, Crested Butte, Heavenly Lake Tahoe, Sugar Mountain, Chateau Lake Louise, Thorlos, Gates-Mills, Inc., Scott USA, Extream Comfort, Boeri Sport USA, Up Rising Enterprises, Smith Sports Optics, Wintersteiger, Hot Foot, Motorola, Ski Condom, Spyder, Peet, Opti-Mist, and Food Lion.

These sponsors are helping Crescent to make this race season the best ever! Make sure to patronize them whenever you have the opportunity!

A BRIEF WORD ON 1999 SKI WEEKS

<u>Gray Rocks 1999</u> -- Approximately 100 people have signed up for this trip with a sign-up deadline of December 15th having passed. Lisa Beregi is heading this trip and will plan several Crescent socials in addition to the regular Gray Rocks functions. This trip is an excellent value and includes all meals and lessons.

Lake Tahoe 1999 -- Approximately 100 people have signed up for the March Ski Week. Some space was dropped December 1st so don't delay if you plan to go. Linda Doyle is coordinating this trip and will plan a week full of activities. We will visit a different ski area almost every day.

New Zealand Summer 1999 -- We currently have approximately 130 people signed up for the New Zealand, Australia, Fiji trip. Numerous options are available to make this trip fit everyone's desires. Linda Doyle is the coordinator and Jim Bennett will be planning the optional activities.

SPARTANBURG SKI CLUB ANNUAL CLUB RACE SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1999

WE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE CONDUCTING OUR ANNUAL CLUB RACES AT SUGAR MOUNTAIN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROAN MOUNTAIN WEEK-END (AND JOINED BY GREENVILLE CLUB). PICK UP TICKETS AND BIBS BETWEEN 8:30 AND 9 AM (UPSTAIRS). GROUPING WILL BE AT 9:45 ON "BIG RED" AND THE RACE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 10 AM (SUGAR MTN. "WILL" BEGIN ON TIME). LIFT TICKETS WILL COST \$32.00 (REG. \$43 OR REG. GROUP \$36), AND THE RACE WILL COST \$4.00 FOR TWO RUNS (ADDITIONAL RUNS \$1.00, WHEN THE COURSE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC AT NOON).

NASTAR FORMS "MUST" BE FILLED OUT AND PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. IF YOU ARE NOT STAYING AT ROAN MOUNTAIN, YOU MUST GET THE MONEY FOR YOUR LIFT TICKET TO BRYAN BOBO **BEFORE** FRIDAY, JANUARY 29. **ABSOLUTELY, NO GROUP TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED ON SATURDAY MORNING**. FOR INFO. CALL 433-0802.

Roan Mountain Weekend Jan 29,30 & 31,1999

Roan Mountain is full, but call me if you wish to get on the waiting list. I will send out cabin assignments and directions to everyone already signed up in the middle of January.

Herb Lindsay 864.579.5884 (W) Fax 579.5060 864.576.0322 (H)

Chili Cook-Off @ January Meeting

by Tim Corbin

Our annual chili cook-off will be held at the January meeting. The SSOC will provide one large bottle of antacids (or maybe James Ables could concoct a more soothing RX). If this event is like previous versions it will be a hotly contested event with peppery debate over who's recipe is best. We need some new entrants this year to make up for the relocation of former winner, Jill Menzel. Jill, we miss you and your beans. For first-timers, we recommend bringing a prepared crockpot of your best recipe. Electricity, napkins, utensils, etc are provided.

The winner and first runner-up receive fine wines as prizes. Please come and help judge the winner of this prestigious contest. Bring your own bib.

Future Programs:

February '99......Board Nominations, Mock disaster and Red Cross speaker

March '99.....Gag awards, Elections, & actual disaster (just checking your reading skills!)

CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL RACE SERIES SPONSORS OF THE MONTH

The following business have donated merchandise and or certificates to the Crescent Ski Council. Their merchandise and certificates will be used as prizes to the top three finishers in each flight of the CSC Race Series. Please support these establishments and product lines at every possible opportunity.





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Lake Louise Banff Trip -- Feb. 20 - 28, 1999

By now you should have read Dave's (LTA) explanation of why we are returning on Sunday February 28th instead of on Saturday. I hope that another day of skiing will make up for the loss of our "recovery day".

To help minimize the cost of this extra day I (Spartanburg Ski Club) will be handling the Lift Tickets, Race and Torch Light dinner options. The savings amounted to \$18 on a 6 day lift ticket. The savings come from eliminating the credit charge cost of LTA's and their service fee. Thus make your check out to the Spartanburg Ski Club and mail them to me.

Herb Lindsay 107 Riveredge Drive Moore, SC 29369

Note: I will not deposit your checks until the end of January. Thus, please go ahead and send in your options check before you misplace your sign up form. We must purchase the lift tickets the first of February. You may also, purchase a 3 day for \$99 or a 4 day ticket for \$124. Without above lift ticket the shuttle bus will cost from \$9 to \$15.

Please be sure to sign up for the race on Monday 2/22/99. It is on an easy slope so everyone can participate. Bryan Bobo is going to help me with the para-mutual betting like we did at Big Sky. We will group you by ability so everyone can have a chance to win. We will have electric wand gate starts this year.

The Torch Light dinner is an event that I am sure you will enjoy. Everyone who I have talked with who has done this has really enjoyed it. A complete description is with your letter from LTA -- it will be held on Friday 2/26/99.

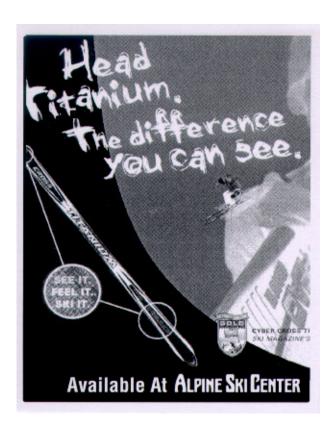
Everyone will need proof of citizenship to get into Canada -- (see your LTA letter). Also, you need a picture ID (drivers license) to get on the airplane.

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for making the Chinese audtion such a success. Your participation and your wonderful spirit made it so much fun!

Barbara Rogers



Can Tim throw a party or what? Great food, great games, great time. Thanks, Tim!



Many thanks to those of you who brought toys for children to our December club meeting. I know that we warmed the hearts of those in need by our generosity, and it makes me proud that our club contributed to such a good cause. Thanks to Martha for playing Santa and those toys.

Alison

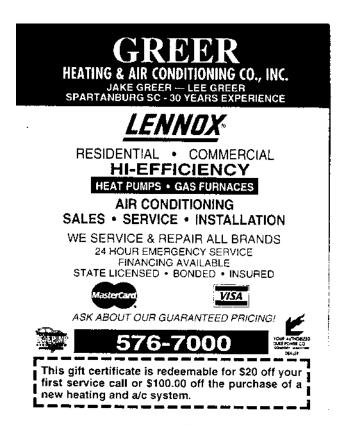


Membership News

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and got lots of presents. The weather is finally cold enough to start enjoying winter sports. I'm sure the ski resorts have made the most of the weather and are looking forward to our visits.

We have a new member we wish to welcome to the Ski & Outing Club. **Ed Chandler**, who found out about us through Fred Mussel (we won't hold that against him), has been skiing for ten years. He's already signed up to go skiing with us in Canada in February. Ed is married with two teenage children. He's originally from Charlotte and has been in our area for eighteen years. Ed works in the agricultural field (no pun intended) and is a big Panthers fan. He's big into organic gardening and reading about science and technology.

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