

# SPARTANBURG SKI & OUTING CLUB



May 11<sup>th</sup>: Mini-Social at Hops



May 13<sup>th</sup>: Summer Party at Elke's



# MAY 2006



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From Gerhard . . . .

A new President new ways?

First I thank the old board under Barbara for their commitment to the club. I have to admit that I was pleasantly surprised by the turnout we had for the installment at the Piedmont Club. Thank you all.

Lets get straight to the point. Fact is that the average age of the ski club members is going up with every passing year. Hell even the “young” ones are in their mid forties. Not that this is a bad thing it is just if we continue this way then the club will fade away pretty fast. The older members don’t want to work for the club anymore because they have done it for many years and the “young” members are few and some of them have already been on the board for many years. That means that nobody is in the pipeline to take over in a few years.

I am member of the ski club for 13 - 14 years now and I have not seen any real attempt to recruit new members with the exception of some valiant efforts of a few members that actually brought in some new members. We simply have to go out and advertise for the club and try to attract new members. Ironically I have never seen any ski club event that was geared toward children, youth and families, but I have seen events where young children and therefore younger people with families where unwelcome, and I think that is what we need, young people.

Here are some of the problems I am facing:

If we go out and try to get families then we will have to change parts of the program to accommodate them then of course we run the risk of running of some (many?) of our current members so we would need two programs.

If we go out and try to recruit younger people they come in look at all that old folks and walk away. In order to make them stick we need to have a whole group of young people they can hook up with. Regardless of how we get a group together we need actually three programs and I don’t think we have the manpower to do so. Hey prove me wrong. Of course we could let it go on the way it always has been, then in a few years, the club will collapse because nobody wants to work for the club anymore and nobody is physically able to participate.

Positions that still need to be filled

Memberships

Activities / Events coordinator

Fundraising

**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

**2 PM UNTIL?**

**(Grilled meats served at 5:30)**

**MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING &  
KICK-OFF-THE-SUMMER SOCIAL  
(A COMBINED EVENT)**

**ON LAKE BOWEN AT ELKE'S**

**\$5 per person—pay at the driveway  
(children under 12 free)**

**The club furnishes drinks, paper products, grilled chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, and condiments.**

**You bring a side dish, salad, or dessert and chairs, blankets, and towels.**

**RSVP to Barbara Rogers by Wednesday, May 10  
864-578-0618**

**[kwizen@bellsouth.net](mailto:kwizen@bellsouth.net)**

**(From Hwy. 9 north of Spartanburg: After the Lake Bowen bridge, turn left onto Foster Rd. Immediately after crossing the bridge over I-26, turn left. Take the 2<sup>nd</sup> right. Elke's home is on the right. 472-5738)**

Mini-socials on the schedule:

May 11 Thursday 7:00 pm  
Hopps  
180 East Blackstock Road  
(864) 592-9511  
behind west side Lowes

# **PICNIC AT LAKE BOWEN**

**Where.....280 Bertha Burns Rd, Lake Bowen**

**When..... Saturday, June 24, 2006 2 P.M. until**

The summer is HOT and the water is cool. After partying at Elke's home in May we will party at Lake Bowen once again in June. Ted and Conni have offered their home for another day of playing, relaxing and cooling off. This time it will be a **BYOP** (Bring Your Own *Picnic*). This is very important because *the only* things the club is providing are the beverages and paper goods. Conni and Ted are supplying lake water, a couple of kayaks, badminton and a grill for those of you who would like to bring something to cook on it. Feel free to bring your own water vessel (whether it be a canoe or just a float), or any other outdoor game. Don't forget those extra chairs and towels too.

For beverage purchasing reasons an RSVP **IS** required. Please RSVP to Ted or Conni at 592-3405 NO LATER than JUNE 22, 10 PM. **And** you may RSVP any time before that, so don't wait around until the last minute.

Parking will be in the *their* driveway (only if you get there first) and roadside only. NO parking in neighboring driveways.

So, don't wait too late to call and make your reservation for the June Picnic!

**Once again RSVP** to Conni or Ted 592-3405.

## **MUSIC ON MAIN**

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Mark your calendars, as SSOC has been awarded a date to work Music on main. We will need 24-25 volunteers to man the tables and beer stations on June 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30. The band will be “Threshold” and keep your fingers crossed that we don’t get rained out. Please sign up at the April meeting at the Piedmont Club or the May meeting. This is a major fundraiser for the club and we need your support and participation. If you have any questions, call Bryan Bobo at 486-8900 (h).**

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### 2006-2007

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720 Shoals Road  
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## **REMINDERS**

The Skiliner (Crescent's newsletter) may be downloaded in ".PDF" (Adobe Acrobat) format from Crescent's Web site at <http://www.rtpnet.org/crescent/skiliner.html>. (You may also need to download the Adobe Acrobat reader program so you can view the newsletter.)

Any Spartanburg Ski Club member may submit items for publication in the newsletter. Publication deadlines can be found on the pullout calendar included in the newsletter each month. Call Taylor for information on how to submit your newsletter item.

Also, don't forget - the club has a "tent" available for rent. It is an 18 X 20 tent, and it is easy to assemble. We also have 4 tables that can be rented with or without the tent. We have the makings for that special occasion and it is all very reasonably priced! Tent rental is \$ 25. Tables can be rented for \$5 per table. Remember; don't have a party without the comfort of shade. Your guests will appreciate it and so will the club! For rentals of either tent or tables contact Joy Bobo.

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