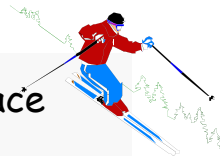


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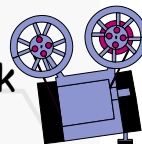
Feb. 1st-3rd

Roan Mountain Ski Week-End & Club Race



Feb. 7th - 7:00 PM

Club Meeting - Officer Nominations, Book Sale, & Movie



Feb. 13th - 6:30 PM

Mini-Social at Steak & Ale



Feb. 16th - 6:00 PM

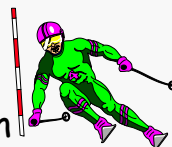
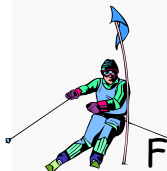
Appetizers and Games Night
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RACES

Feb. 8th-9th: Hawksnest

Feb. 23rd-24th: Sugar Mountain



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Ted's Corner

What a Day. I ready to go skiing tomorrow and not even packed yet. Well I've heard great reports on the Mammoth trip. Weather was perfect and crowds were non-existent. Ski season is in full swing despite the fact that we have not had a Crescent race yet. All the major resorts seem to have a lot of snow, except for North Carolina.

The board is hard at work planning events for this year. Roan mountain is coming up and from what I understand there is still a loft or two available. Check with Carol. Come early for the meeting next month. The book sale with 400 volumes to choose from will start at 5PM. There are really some good selections available. Everything from novels to cook books. We'll also have an extreme skiing video running. Remember the best books go first. Prices range form \$3 down.

Games night will be on February 16th at Ted and Conni's and Bingo at Mike and Barbara's on March 29th.

We will have a pig roast (the old fashioned kind) on June 7th of this year and we are looking for volunteers to help. Mark your calendars and don't miss it. We haven't had one for several years. It's an all day beach party on Lake Bowen. Please contact a board member if you would like to help out. If you don't volunteer we will come and get you.

Everyone who attended the mini social at Ruby Tuesdays enjoyed it. Food was good and the beer was cold. Don't miss the next one at Steak and Ale on February 13th.

We received a very nice thank you letter from Perry Mixter the President of the Chapman Cultural Center for our participation and in helping make the first few month of operation a success. So far over 15,000 people have visited the center since October.

Come join us at the membership meeting.

Ted



Become a Member

A copy of our membership application is located at the following web address:

<http://www.spartanburgskiclub.org/membership/ssocappl.doc>

THE CLUB BOOK SALE IS FINALLY HERE!

Thursday February 7

After months of anticipation and many donations from all of you, our book sale is finally here! Please come and see what we have to offer.

My goal was that our members could supply me with at least 150 –200 books, but nooooo.....you went far beyond that call of duty. We have approximately 400 books to offer. And folks, we have quite an assortment too, fiction, non-fiction, “how to” books, biographies, gardening, cookbooks and more. Due to the large amount of books, the sale will begin at 5 PM at the Chapman Cultural Center, right off the main lobby in the west wing. I don’t believe there is a book over \$3.00 and most are a lot less than that.

First Thursdays are the “free to the public” days at the museums and exhibits, so try to come on down early, buy a few books, tour the new Center and then join us at our monthly meeting at 7 PM. Or come early, ***buy a bunch*** of books, go get a bite to eat then join us afterwards for the meeting that starts at 7 PM. The sale will go on until the meeting is over or around 8:30, but don’t wait too late, the best ones will go quickly.

Conni Harrell. Fundraising



Mini-Socials

Our valentine mini social will be held on Wednesday February 13 at Steak & Ale. We'll meet at 6:30 and wear something red! The restaurant is on Charisma Drive and you can reach it by business 85, exit 4. Their phone number is 503-0777. Coming up for the next couple of months are March 13 - Hickory Tavern, April 22, Jade House. Details will be provided in future newsletters.



Appetizers & Games Night at Ted & Conni's
Saturday, February 16th
6:00 pm - ?
280 Bertha Burns Road in Inman

Always a club favorite as we have many a skilled game player! Bring an appetizer to share and perhaps your favorite game. Lots of action & drama with this one! The club will provide beverages, and you will provide the fun. The cost, simply bring your appetizer! Guests are always welcomed, but we ask that non-members pay a \$5 fee. Please sign up at the February membership meeting. If you need directions, call Conni at 592-3405. See you there!



Alison



Officer Nominations

On January 8, 2008 the Spartanburg Ski & Outing Club nominating committee, consisting of Ted Mueller, Gerhard Buettner, Barbara Rogers, Taylor Bomar, and Joy Bobo, met and the following officers were nominated for the 2008-2009 club year:

President:	Ted Mueller
Vice President:	Samuel Linder
Secretary:	Joy Bobo
Treasurer:	Art Mall

At the February club meeting the floor will be opened for further nominations from the general membership. If no further nominations are made the officers may be elected by acclamation if so moved by a member. Otherwise, an election will be held at the March 2008 membership meeting.

CSC/SUBARU RACE SERIES SPONSORS OF THE MONTH

The following businesses 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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THE FIRST FIFTY FEET

People who shy away from participating in club races do so for many reasons, but the principal reason for many of them seems to be that the first 50 feet.

Beginners are often terrified by the first drop out of the starting gate. As a general rule, most starts have a very steep drop for the first 10-15 feet because they're built on an elevated deck. The course may be set on an easy beginner slope, but the start may have a pitch of up to 30 degrees or more. The first few Feet can look like the side of a cliff to someone who's only just left the bunny hill to join the club for the race. It helps to get them to the coin-op course early in the week and give them a chance to practice so they won't be as nervous when they have to do it with everyone watching.

That's the second problem. Some people are very nervous about having to "perform" in front of a large group, even if it's their friends. Even very good skiers are sometimes reluctant for just that reason.

Some feel that if they can't go fast enough to earn medals or points, why bother? Why not suggest that all they have to do is go around the poles. It's not a race, just an obstacle course. Forget time' just concentrate on going around all the poles. A lot of people are happy to ski the course as long as they don't have to feel like they're "racing". Many of them get to the bottom and say, "Hey, that wasn't so hard. Bet I could go it faster next time."

And then there are those who shoe up every time and give it a go, knowing that they're not going to earn a medal. But they give it their best shot, and that's what it's all about. The heart of the club racing is participation.

Getting a skier to race with the club takes patience and understanding and a little salesmanship. Keep in mind that no one should feel they HAVE to race if they truly don't want to. They can show up and start the cheering section, take snapshots, or stand at the top and help the club's Race Director check bib numbers and get everyone in line. Club racing is supposed to be fun. Let's not lose sight of that in our zeal to pile up the medals and points.

*** Things To Come ***

OK ... we are getting our year off to a great start with all kinds of activities for both the adults & the younger ones as well. Here's what will be happening in the next few months:

March 29th ~ Rescheduled Stone Soup & Bingo For Bucks

April 5th ~ Hike Into The Wilderness

May ~ (I'm working on something)

June 7th – The SSOC PIG ROAST EXTRAVAGANZA!

The club does it's best to provide a variety of opportunity for each of you to enjoy some of your favorite things. Indoor & outdoor activities, snowy slopes or sunny skies, brains or brawn, klutzy or coordinated ... there is something for everyone! Make it a point this year to support your club and the things we do.

Thanks to all who help me, do a good job ~ for you!

AK

Your Activities Director



FOR SALE: New Smith Goggles, still in box \$20.00

Contact Marcy @ 585-1718 or 494-5720 or mouseworks2@yahoo.com

Stone Soup and Bingo
March 29, 2008
6:00 PM
Barbara & Mike Rogers

Save up your \$ bills for Bingo night with the SSOC. We will begin with a traditional favorite, Stone Soup. A hearty base will be waiting for your ingredients to be added. Don't make us veto your ingredients (peanut butter?). We'll eat when it appears to be done. The SSOC will provide beer, wine and soft drinks.

We will have an official Bingo cage so it will appear we know what we are doing. Cards will be \$1 each with a maximum of three cards per Bingo. Proceeds will go to the first Bingo with a possible 2nd Bingo prize depending on the number of participants. Anyone who has any "funky" Bingo games can bring their suggestions-- but Alison dictates the Chinese auction and the Rogers rule Bingo.

Because of so many conflicts with our members in January we have postponed to March. We certainly hope you join us for this new date.

Please e-mail or call to confirm your participation and to obtain directions. We would appreciate your response at least a week prior to the event.

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kwizen@bellsouth.net

CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL
2008 Spring Convention

April 24-27, 2008

Kingston Plantation
9800 Queensway Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC,
843-449-00

While ski season is still going strong, it's not too soon to be thinking Spring, and the Crescent Convention at Myrtle Beach! Join us for parties, trade show with all the ski resorts, and, of course, the Grand Strand.

For more information, contact Carol McCall. Please see Registration Form in this newsletter for pricing. Deposit deadline: March 1, 2008

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE SPARTANBURG SKI AND
OUTING CLUB THE CRESCENT SPRING CONVENTION**

APRIL 24 – 27, 2008

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Convention participation is limited to members in good standing or guests of members in good standing of Authorized Crescent Clubs. A deposit is required with this registration form to hold all units. A complete rooming list must be submitted for each unit. **ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON.** Please mail this form along with a check made out to Spartanburg Ski and Outing Club to Carol McCall at 185 Thoroughbred Ln, Tryon, NC 28782 or bring it to the February meeting. Please circle your rooming from the following:

ON-SITE 1 BEDROOM/1 BATH CONDO (1 queen)

2 people

2 night stay \$170.00

3 night stay \$241.00

ON-SITE 2 BEDROOM/2 BATH CONDO (1 queen; 2 twins; Queen-sized pull out sofa)

2 people

3 people

4 people

2 night Stay \$190.00 \$141.00 \$116.00

3 night stay \$271.00 \$195.00 \$158.00

BRIGHTON TOWER – OCEAN VIEW 2 BEDROOM/2 BATH (1 queen; 2 twins; Queen-sized pull out sofa)

2 people

3 people

4 people

2 night Stay \$257.00 \$186.00 \$140.00

3 night Stay \$371.00 \$262.00 \$208.00

\$50.00 Deposit per person required by March 1 Balance Due no later than March 15

TOTAL DEPOSIT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Deposit Deadline: March 1, 2008

Balance Due & non used Condo Drops: March 17, 2008

Names of all people rooming in your unit

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Saturday, April 5th TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE



Join us as our expedition leaders, Carol & Mark, take us on a hike somewhere in the wilderness! There's nothing quite like a good hike on a beautiful day ~ so let's hope for some good weather. More details will be coming as the "hike of the day" location is determined, but put this one on your calendar!



Good for all ages.

Alison

Racing Report

After two canceled races the Crescent race series got underway January 26th at Beech Mountain. Saturday was beautiful and sunny as nearly 150 southeastern ski racers competed in 19 flights. Sunday morning greeted us with fog so thick you could cut it with a knife. However, sunshine and blue sky returned for the afternoon. A good time was had by all.

Saturday results: Taylor - 3rd, Marcy - 5th, Carol 7th, Stephany 4th, and Elke - 6th.

Sunday results: Bryan - 4th, Taylor - 1st, Marcy - 2nd, Bobby Joe - 3rd, Sam - 7th, Carol - 10th, Megan - qualified snowboard, Stephany - 3rd, and Elke - 7th.

Club standing: after Saturday - 6th; after Sunday - 3rd; overall - 5th.

SPARTANBURG SKI & OUTING CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2007-2008

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Subaru VIP Discount Program

Subaru is a proud sponsor of the Crescent Ski Council racing program. Part of their sponsorship package this year includes the VIP Discount Program for all CSC members. Qualifying members of a CSC club can purchase a new Subaru at dealer cost minus any incentives which are currently being offered. To qualify you must be a member of a CSC club for at least 6 months. If you are interested, please notify Ted or Mark of your intent to participate.

Subaru will mail the VIP information to you, which will include information about local dealers and participating in the VIP program. Once you have received the information, you can go to a local dealer, pick out the Subaru that you want, the dealer will pull the invoice and let the purchaser know if there are any current incentives. The VIP program will be in effect from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2008. Please take advantage of this wonderful benefit that our own Ron Scott secured for all CSC clubs.

REMINDERS

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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