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<http://www.spartanburgskiclub.org>

Opening Remarks For May ~



Well, here I am once again writing on the Presidential page of the newsletter. Who knew? Your new Board of Directors has already been working on some things for the coming year. We have activities, club meetings and trips in the planning stages and we also have some commitments – beginning with Spring Fling weekend. Many thanks to Conni; she has worked so hard to line up workers for this event. Remember, in order to reap the “rewards” (making money on Music on Main, June 11th), we have to sow a few “seeds” (flings & such) and it takes a lot of people volunteering some time to pull these off. So, if you have not yet signed up for Spring Fling or Music on Main, and can help us out, PLEASE contact Conni today!

Our program for the May membership meeting will be our own Master Gardener, Virginia Wilson, who I hope can give us some god tips on Spring plantings, especially those of us whose thumbs are anything but green! The club meeting begins at 7:00 pm with some social time followed by our program and club announcements. Please remember that the club is unable to provide alcoholic beverages for our members at the Cultural Center, however, you are more than welcome to bring your own. Soft drinks, bottled water and ice will be provided.

Coming up this month we have a hike on May 9th into Pisgah Forest, a mini-social at the Jade House Asian Buffet in Boiling Springs on the 13th, and our board meeting at Conni & Ted's home on the 21st. Board meetings are open to all club members who would like to attend; advance notice would be appreciated. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find scheduled dates and locations.

That's about it for my debut ` I look forward this year to sharing the camaraderie and the events of this club which have come to mean so much to me over the years.

Alisa L. Kenball

SCHEDULE of CURRENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars !

May

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| 1,2 & 3 weekend | Spring Fling Fundraiser > page 5 |
| 7 Thursday | 7:00 Club Meeting - Master Gardener > page 4 |
| 9 Saturday | 10:00am Hike in Pisgah Forest > page 7 |
| 13 Wednesday | 6:30 Mini Social at Jade House > page 4 |
| 21 Thursday | 6:00 Board Meeting - Conni Harrell |

June

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| TBA | Club Meeting - TBA |
| 11 Thursday | Music on Main > TBA |
| 18 Thursday | 6:00 Board Meeting – Alison Kimball |
| 20 Saturday | 4:00 Boat Float on Lake Bowen > page 8 |

July

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| TBA | Club Meeting - TBA |
| 16 Thursday | 6:00 Board Meeting – Ted Mueller |

August

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| 8 & 9 weekend | Camping/Float Trip on French Broad River - TBA |
| TBA | Club Meeting – TBA |
| 20 Thursday | 6:00 Board Meeting – Marcy Cassady |
| 23 Sunday | 2:15 Flat Rock Playhouse > page 7 |



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR, AGAIN, GARDENING!

This month we will have a Master Gardener, who also has a degree in landscape design. Come and get the answers to all your gardening questions. From what I've heard she has a very impressive garden herself. Yes, it's one of our own, Virginia Wilson. Please show your support and join us at the Chapman Cultural Center at 7 PM on Thursday, May 7.

Conni Harrell

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Mini-Social

For the month of May the mini social will be at the Jade House in Boiling Springs. Save the date May 13 at 6:30 for this great Asian food!! We have been having a great turn out for our Mini Socials so keep it up!! If you need directions, let me know.

Be sure to sign up at our May meeting or you can contact Diane Butscher by E-Mail: dianebutscher@yahoo.com or call 864-592-3910. Any suggestion for our future Mini Socials would be greatly appreciated.



Diane Butscher

SPRING FLING May 1 - 3

Volunteers are still desperately needed for this event. Unfortunately, but fortunately, we only have the same 12-14 volunteers that always show up to work. Many more are needed to man 1 beer booth to cover the entire weekend. Volunteers are needed both Friday night and Saturday afternoon and night. Sunday is already covered. PLEASE, the club needs your help. If you can make time to donate 3 – 4 hours next weekend to help the club, call me ASAP at 592-3405.

Thanks, Conni Harrell

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TENT for RENT ???

For rent: A portable shelter consisting of an oh so fashionable metallic silver flexible covering. This covering is supported by; not 2, not 4, but 6 vertical circular shaped galvanized rods in a coordinating silver white color. Each rod is secured to the surface of the earth with a lovely red shade of synthetic material affixed to a rigorous form of iron implanted into the upper stratum of the third rock from the sun.

The comparative magnitude of the aforementioned portable shelter exists to be 18 by 20 measurable English feet. This sheltering will shield your assemblage general atmospheric conditions. It may be employed for any number of logical (or illogical) operations, ie: consuming nourishment or libations to one's body, protecting one's epidermis from the self laminating orb that gives heat and light to the solar system, or to shield existing inhabitants or material from moisture precipitating from the atmosphere.

Said shelter is available to every part of the Ski and Outing Club membership for a financial commitment of not 50, not 45, not even 40, but only 35 dollars in US currency.

More knowledge on this security shelter is attainable through any member maintaining a state of being on the board or by manipulating the digits of your hand to a communication device that connects one human being's speech to another's.



A special thank you goes out to Mark & Carol McCall who, after serving ten years on the Board of Directors for your club as Racing & Overnight Trips directors, are taking some time off. Both Mark & Carol have made valuable and generous contributions to the club with their time, and it has been deeply appreciated. I expect they will remain actively involved in our club as Mark is leading our hike this month and Carol could perhaps do a future program for us entitled "How to Stay Out of Surgery" or "How Many Pins, Screws & Plates Can a Body Have Without Setting Off the Metal Detectors in the Airport"! (Sorry Carol – couldn't resist ... continue to heal gracefully as you always do!)

I am pleased to announce that two very good skiers and teammates, Sammy Linder & Marcy Cassady, have filled their positions. Please give them both your support and any assistance if needed. Also, our newest board member taking on the task of planning mini-socials for us is Diane Butscher. Welcome Diane – looking forward to some new restaurants to try as well as returning to some of our favorites!

Some of the rest of the board members this year have switched positions, others are even juggling two & three positions ~ for their support, I am indeed grateful.

Alison



Sunday, August 23 at 2:15pm, Flat Rock Playhouse
presents **"Real Estate"**.

A romantic comedy about selling the house!

Tickets are now available for purchase at the cost of \$26 each.
A sign up sheet will be available at the club meetings
throughout the next few months.

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Hiking in Pisgah

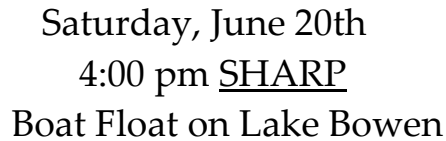
Saturday, May 9

Spring is here; let's go for a walk in the woods. Our trail is approximately 5 miles and starts at the Pisgah fish hatchery on the Davidson River. We will meet at the Flat Rock playhouse parking lot at 10:00 and drive together to our trailhead. Bring a picnic to enjoy on the trail.

After we view the trout at the fish hatchery we will drive to Haus Heidelberg in Hendersonville for more food and beverages.

Please sign up at the May 7 meeting or by phone, 864 580-0891 or e-mail at mmccall1@windstream.net

Mark McCall



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It pays to follow skiers who ski better than me because it forces me to ski better.

Helmets are not just for hardcore skiers. It's now just common sense for everyone. I hope that everybody wears a helmet

If someone lags behind on the slope, we wait until they catch up. If someone is late for the bus, we call the ski patrol to see if they were injured. We look out for each other and that's part of what skiing with a club is all about.

When on the slope or trail, always carry a neck wallet or a plastic bag containing a copy of your passport and emergency phone numbers. Always carry a current trail map or topographic map of the area.

Always carry your cell phone on the slopes. One of our members who did so probably-saved a fellow member's life last ski season, as a result.

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Transporting Film Via Air

With the increased security procedures in place in airports today, there are certain things travelers should do to protect their undeveloped film. Some of them are:

- Equipment used to screen checked bags will damage undeveloped film, so never place undeveloped film in checked bags.
- Place film in your carry-on baggage or request a hand inspection.
- Carry-on screening equipment may also damage some film if it passes through more than five times. If your film has already passed through security more than five times, if it is higher than ASA 800, if you intend to push process the film or if you intend to underexpose the film, you may request a hand-inspection.
- However, non-U.S. airports may not honor this request, so if you plan to hand-carry undeveloped film on an airplane at an international airport, contact the airport security office at that airport to request a manual inspection.
- To hand check, carry your film in clear canisters or take the film out of solid colored canisters and put it in clear plastic bags, to expedite the screening process.
- None of the screening equipment used for checked baggage nor carry-on baggage will affect digital camera images or film that has already been processed, slides, videos, photo compact discs, or picture discs.

Other tips and precautions:

- Consider having exposed film processed locally before passing through airport security on your return trip.
- The TSA recommends that you do not place film in lead-lined bags since the lead bag will have to be hand-inspected. If you have concerns about the impact of the X-ray machine on your undeveloped film, you can request a hand inspection.
- You may still consider bringing a lead-lined bag if you are traveling through airports in other countries as their policies may vary. Check with your airline or travel agent for more information on foreign airports. See www.tsa.gov for more detailed information.

From the Transportation Security Authority's Website

< Courtesy of The National Ski Club Newsletter 11/04 >

CRESCENT FALL CONFERENCE

Yes, it's time for the Spring Conference, but it's never too early to mark the date for the Fall Conference. This year, as last, it will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Mark your calendar for October 24-26. More info to come in following months.

Conni Harrell, Crescent Rep.

Ski Helmet Recommendations

A recent federal recommendation that skiers and snowboarders wear helmets on the slopes has made ski resorts nervous in that the endorsement may be one step closer to helmet laws. In November, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued the results of a snow sports study it conducted on head injuries last season, with the recommendation that skiers and snowboarders wear helmets.

The study concluded helmets could prevent or reduce the severity of 44 percent of the head injuries to adults and 53 percent of head injuries to children younger than 15 years of age. Additionally, the CPSC study indicated that helmets might prevent up to eleven deaths each year. The CPSC's recommendation prompted a swift, written response from the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) which emphasized responsible skiing and boarding as the first line of defense in avoiding injury. "NSAA urges all skiers and boarders to consider wearing a helmet as one of many safety considerations -- the first of which should be always skiing and boarding in a controlled and responsible manner."

Skiers apparently have decided that trees and unprotected heads aren't such a good match. As you might expect, helmet sales increased dramatically in the weeks following the deaths of Michael Kennedy and Sonny Bono. Both died of head injuries after colliding with trees. From the frantic media coverage that followed, skiers learned that Kennedy's and Bono's deaths shared many similarities with other fatal slope accidents -- experienced skiers on intermediate slopes, accidents late in the day when the snow pack turns slick, heading off into the trees, and not paying full attention to their skiing.

Dr. Jasper Shealy of the Rochester Institute of Technology, an academician who has made a life-long study of skier injuries, claims that the sort of helmet protection being considered for recreational use typically offers some direct contact protection in speeds of up to 12 miles per hour but only limited protection at speeds in excess of that. There's much evidence, says Shealy, that the catastrophic direct impact of skiers with trees or fixed objects involve much higher speeds than this threshold. Although the debate rolls on and no definitive consensus has been reached, many adults have decided that the extra protection can't hurt.

from the Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs' Newsletter

< Courtesy of the National Ski Club Newsletter - Jan 2004 >

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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 included the VIP Discount Program for all CSC members. Qualifying members of any CSC club can purchase a new Subaru at 2% below dealer cost minus any incentives which are currently being offered. To qualify you must have been a member of Spartanburg Ski Club [or other CSC club] for at least 6 months. If you are interested please notify Mark McCall of your intent to participate.

Subaru will mail you the VIP information, which will include information about local dealers participating in the program. Once you have received the information you can go to a local dealer, pick out the Subaru you want, and the dealer will pull the invoice and let the purchaser know if there are any current incentives. Please take advantage of this benefit that Crescent Racing, through Ron Scott, has secured for all CSC clubs.

CLUB MEETINGS

The Spartanburg Ski & Outing Club normally meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM. We are located at the Chapman Cultural Center (West Wing) on East St. John Street in Spartanburg on the first floor. During the months of June, July and August, meetings are held, more informally, at different sites and times, therefore it is necessary to consult the club website or a current newsletter for time and location. April's meeting is held at the Piedmont Club.

Become a Member

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

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

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