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# THE ASHEVILLE AVALANCHE

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB

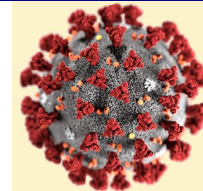
April 2020

### President's Message

Hello Asheville Ski Club members,

A lot has happened since our last newsletter.

The COVID 19 virus has made its way to the United States. As I write this, Buncombe County has put an order to shelter in place, to exclude trips to the grocery store, drug store, and exercising while staying 6' away from others. Below are the stats from the CDC. I highly recommend you only trust the CDC, official state and county web sites for up-to-date information. If you're a believer or not, pray or send up good thoughts that the world's scientists, doctors, and research facilities find a cure to stop the virus dead in its track.



### People Under Investigation (PUI) in the United States\*†‡

Travel-related	584
Close contact	986
Under investigation	52,883
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>54,453</b>

\* Data include both confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 reported to CDC or tested at CDC since January 21, 2020, with the exception of testing results for persons repatriated to the United States from Wuhan, China and Japan. State and local public health departments are now testing and publicly reporting their cases. In the event of a discrepancy between CDC cases and cases reported by state and local public health officials, data reported by states should be considered the most up to date.

† CDC is no longer reporting the number of persons under investigation (PUIs) that have been tested, as well as PUIs that have tested negative. Now that states are testing and reporting their own results, CDC's numbers are not representative of all testing being done nationwide.

**The source is :**

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/dpk/diseases-and-conditions/coronavirus/coronavirus-2020.html>  
dated March 26, 2020

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## **President's Message (continued)**

As most of you heard, the Spain trip was canceled at the 11th hour. Members found out the day before they were to leave that the trip was canceled. It was a good thing if you're reading what's happening in Spain right now.

The April CSC Spring Conference has also been canceled.

As of today, the ski members going to Croatia have voted to cancel their trip in September.

Looking to the future, we're excited about the upcoming trips. Note: The details of each trip will be in our trip section of the newsletter.

-Steamboat Springs December 2020. This will be a Crescent Trip.

-Telluride January 2021. This will be a Crescent Trip

-Aspen Snowmass February 2021. This will be a Crescent Trip. We can take 12 more skiers

-Heavenly March 2021. This will be a club trip

-Bachelor April 2021. This will be a club trip

We're trying to plan a baseball game and a bowling party in the summer. Right now the baseball league is shut down and bowling alleys are closed due to the virus here in Buncombe County. Stay tuned for details.

In closing, one of our own, ASC member Marci Lucas has been deployed to one of the hospital ships that will be docked off the coast of New York. Keep her and other military, doctors, medical support, nurses, and first responders in your thoughts and prayers. Hellen Keller said it best. "Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

We have elections coming up in May. be thinking of who you want to nominate and if you would like to run for an office. Let me know if you want to serve or nominate someone.

Be safe and abide by the rules in place where you live. #Stayhome so nurses and doctors can #savelives.

*Wayne Bailey*

President      [wayne\\_bailey642@hotmail.com](mailto:wayne_bailey642@hotmail.com)

## **NEXT MEETING**

**Date: NO MEETING IN APRIL**

**Location: na**

**Time: na**



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There will be no meeting in April 2020.

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February 6-13, 2021 Aspen Snowmass, CO CSC Trip - see website: [ashevilleskiclub.com](http://ashevilleskiclub.com) and click on trips.

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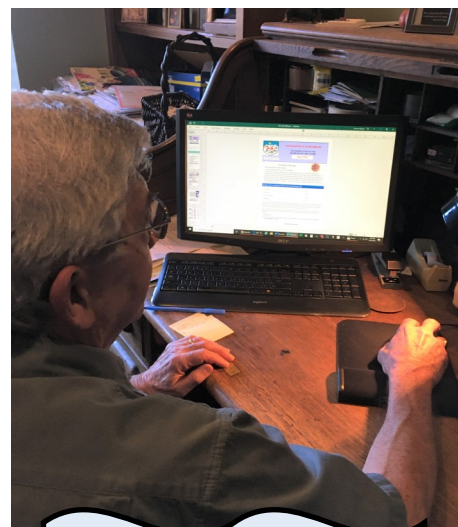
Mountain Biking at Bent Creek - Every Wednesday at 5:00pm.  
Meet at Ledford parking lot.

Gary Swinea [gswinea@yahoo.com](mailto:gswinea@yahoo.com)

## Newsletter Editor's Notes

It is often said that March rolls in like a lion and out like a lamb. 2020 is different in that the lion stayed and threatened the population of the entire world. World preparedness for a pandemic such as the coronavirus was found sorely lacking. Now, despite herculean efforts to contain and mitigate the spread of the virus, it continues on its march like the proverbial juggernaut.

While we members of ASC are sorry to cancel exciting trips and events, the risks of the virus to humanity are enormous, both in terms of public health and financial well being. Please read Wayne's comments and heed all official health updates, recommendations and requirements. Stay home and stay safe.



Tom Bushar trying to think of something clever to say in the Avalanche



Some good news - Here are new members Dahlia, Jen and Dalton Baker! Welcome to Asheville Ski Club!

As we look hopefully to the future we do have exciting trips lined up to Telluride, Aspen Snowmass, Heavenly and Mt. Bachelor in 2021! See Jan Van Dine's summary of these upcoming trips in this edition of the Avalanche. There will soon be more details on these trips in the Avalanche and on our website: [ashevilleskiclub.com](http://ashevilleskiclub.com)

## Some Other Reminders

- If you are a new member please try to get another member to take your picture at any ASC meeting and email it to me at [tbushar@gmail.com](mailto:tbushar@gmail.com) or to Jim Baker at [james\\_baker100@att.net](mailto:james_baker100@att.net). We try to feature new member names and pictures in the Avalanche so folks can get to know you.
- Find out what's going on throughout the skiing world by visiting the website: <http://skifederation.org> and scroll down to tab called Fed News Beat.
- If you have something that's "fit to print" in the Avalanche, you can email me directly at [tbushar@gmail.com](mailto:tbushar@gmail.com) with your story and pictures. Your story does not need to be written in final form. I generally edit, elaborate and embellish as necessary to generate interest.

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## **Membership Application and Dues Requirement**

At our last Ski Club meeting, one of our members asked, "What do our annual Asheville Ski Club dues pay for?" Here's short list of what your \$35/\$60 provides.

- o Monthly meeting expenses
- o Membership dues in the Crescent Ski Council
- o Internet presence/Our Web site
- o The cost of attending the Spring and Fall Crescent Conferences for the trip leader, race leader and our club's representatives. (These club positions are required to attend both the Spring and Fall Conferences by the Crescent Council.)
- o Payment for our tax preparation
- o Administrative costs such as banking fees, PO Box storage fee, and accounting software
- o Liability insurance for our club

As a nonprofit organization, we do not make a profit. Our dues and fundraising equal the amount that we spend. If we have an auction, the proceeds are passed through to support Special Winter Olympics or the race team. Our fund raising always has a specific and advertised purpose. Right now we are on track for our dues to cover our expenses so that we can continue to have fun skiing together.

Your annual ski club dues should be paid by **November 1** each year. All present and future members must annually fill out an application form and pay the fee simultaneously by each November monthly meeting. The membership chair will accept membership payments and application forms at any monthly meeting from March through November.

You can apply for membership and/or pay your dues by going to the membership link on the club's website: [ashevilleskiclub.com](http://ashevilleskiclub.com). Then make a choice:

- Print out, complete and mail the membership form with your check, or
- Pay by credit card by selecting the type of membership.

If you are planning to race or participate in an Asheville Ski Club or a Crescent Ski Council trip, you must be a current member. Our club sends part of your membership dues to the Crescent Ski Council which provides some insurance on trips and gives each member access to the many programs and benefits.

## **Medical Form Requirement**

For each trip, all trip participants must fill out a medical form and put it in an envelope with your name on the outside. Seal it, bring it on your trip and give it to your trip leader when you arrive on location. This is solely to help you in case of emergency. If not used, we will either return it to you or destroy it. This form appears on our website: [ashevilleskiclub.com](http://ashevilleskiclub.com) by clicking on Trips then Medical Form.



# Asheville Ski Club

## Membership Application

www.ashevilleskiclub.com; ashskiclub@gmail.com



### Mail to:

Membership  
Asheville Ski Club  
P.O. Box 211  
Asheville, NC 28802

### Membership Type & fees:

\$ _____	Single \$35
\$ _____	Family \$60
\$ _____	Junior \$15 (under 18 not part of a family membership)
\$ _____	Racer fee \$35 per racer
<u>\$ _____</u>	<b>Total</b>

### Payment method:

☐ Cash  
☐ Check

Last Name

First Name

Last Name - spouse

First Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Primary contact: Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Primary email address \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse contact: Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse email address \_\_\_\_\_

Children names (if members)

Do you understand and agree that the information given here will be shared in the Asheville Ski Club Directory? ☐ yes ☐ no

### I am interested in the following activities:

☐ day ski trips, ☐ long distance trips, ☐ racing, ☐ learn to ski programs, ☐ hiking, ☐ bicycling, ☐ camping

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Long distance resort/ski town trip request(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Waiver

By signing this Application for membership in the WNC Skiing and Outing Club, I agree and understand that the Club is a voluntary organization, composed of and run by volunteers. I also understand that the Officers and the members have no professional or special training in conducting Club activities and do not hold themselves out as having such. I acknowledge that the skiing and outdoor sports have certain innate dangers and I understand these risks. I hereby release the Asheville Ski Club and the WNC Skiing and Outing Club, Inc. from any and all liability for any injury that I, or any member of my family, may incur as a result of participating in any Club activities, including economic loss. I understand and agree that the information given here is truthful and honest to the best of my knowledge and will be shared in the Club Directory.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (spouse if also joining): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian (if child is under 18 years old): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **So, what's next?**

**We have a great lineup of trips for 2021 so start saving your money because you won't be able to decide and may have to do more than one. I think I'll be doing three. . .**



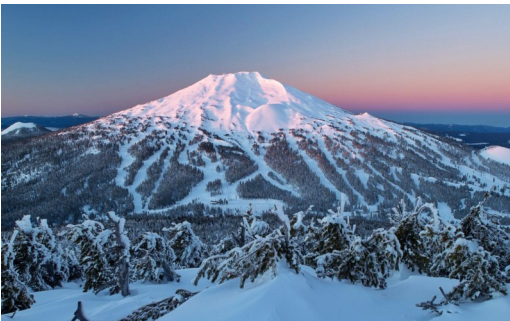
**First off, is the council's early December trip to Steamboat where you can improve your ski skills or learn to race. This is an annual trip and lessons are included in the price.**

**Next up is the mid-January council trip to Telluride and will be led by Greg Caspers, who promises to make the trip even more fun than the usual council trips.**



**The Snowmass trip in early February you all know about, but did you know that we requested (and got!) more space to take a larger group? Join Wayne Bailey, Susan Robinson and the 30 people who have already signed up for this club trip. Only 12 spaces left.**

**Looking for a heavenly early spring? Well, mid March we will be going to Heavenly Ski Resort in South Lake Tahoe, California. We haven't been there in about 10 years and it's a great resort, with loads of things to do for non-skiers or those taking a day off. This trip will be led by Bill Melton, who is planning lots of extras.**



**And last is the early April spring break trip, which may very well be the best spring break trip of your life (and your children or grandchildren) because it is to Mount Bachelor in Bend, Oregon. This trip will fall exactly over the Easter break for young people in Asheville, Buncombe County, and several other school districts. Mt. Bachelor is known for getting tons of snow and having the longest ski season in the country. It doesn't close until the end of May even though the days are sunny and relatively warm.**

**We will have much more on these trips in the May newsletter and we can't wait to tell you all about them.**

**See? You'll want to do more than one, too. Tell your friends. The more, the merrier!**

**Jan Van Dine**



## **Brace Yourself for the Best Spring Break Ever!**

**What do Asheville City Schools, Buncombe County Schools, Transylvania County Schools, Macon County Schools, Henderson County Traditional Schools and McDowell County Traditional Schools have in common?**

**They all have their spring break April 3-10, 2021 (Easter is April 4, 2021) and that's the week the Asheville Ski Club has booked Mt. Bachelor, Oregon—the Best of the Far West! Mt. Bachelor is 4,300 acres of the driest snow in the Cascade Mountain Range and since it gets so much snow, it stays open until the end of May! Sometimes they reopen just for the Fourth of July.**

**But the real beauty is that spring skiing is the best. No heavy layers, no frostbite or cold fingers and toes. Ski in the morning and ride bikes in the evening. Days are long and sunny (Bend gets 300 days of sunshine a year in its high desert location).**

**We'll be staying in Bend with a car assigned to every group of four so that you can get out and enjoy all there is to do. And there is a lot! Hiking, rock climbing, road bikes and mountain bikes (and family bikes that hold up to four people), fishing, golfing, snowshoeing, Nordic skiing, dog sledding, sleigh rides, canoeing, sightseeing, shopping, arts tours, brewery tours (Bend has been named Beer City three times), and so much more.**

**Bend is 20 miles from Mt. Bachelor, but will have daytime highs in the mid to high 50s. The elevation is just 3,600 feet, making sleeping easy. Mt. Bachelor has a base elevation of 5,700 feet and a summit of just 8,222 feet. Bend is so similar to Asheville that you'll feel right at home. The population is almost identical to Asheville at 91,000. Our hotel offers family suites and complimentary bicycles for riding around Bend and along the Deschutes River that runs through town. Or drive a bit further to Crater Lake and snowshoe with a ranger (no charge) to learn about the area.**

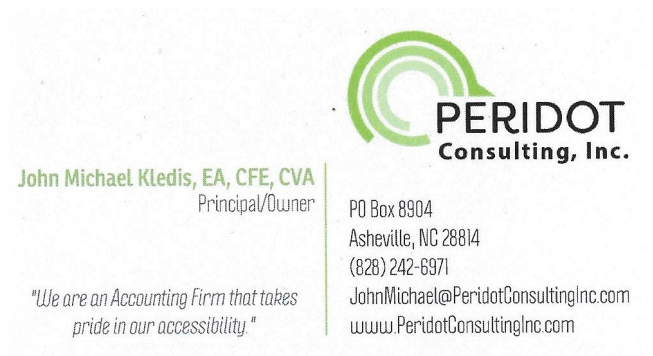
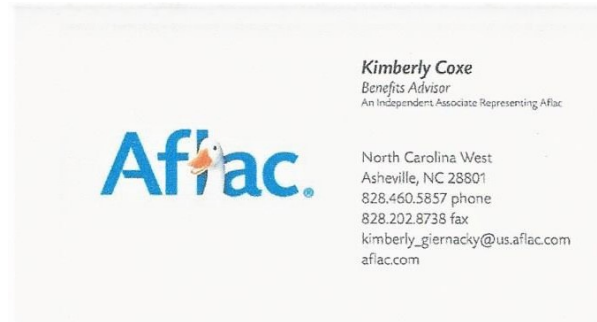
**This is a trip you'll love, so bring the kids, grandkids, grandparents - there's something for everyone! Plus, we've added in fun things like a snowblast snowtubing party, on-mountain lunch, group photo, and more.**

**I'll be telling you more about this great trip soon, but in the meantime, why not go to [visitbend.com](https://www.visitbend.com) and request a free Visitor Guide? It won't cost you a thing and you can get busy planning a fantastic Easter vacation.**

**Jan Van Dine**

## Member Business Cards

We welcome you to share your business card by having it published in the Asheville Avalanche monthly newsletter. Just send a copy of your card to Tom Bushar at [tbushar@gmail.com](mailto:tbushar@gmail.com).



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## Member Business Cards



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## Members' Ski Gear For Sale

For sale. K2 burning love 153cm w/Marker bindings

Maintained, good condition \$200.00

Jacquie Wollins. [jwollins5@gmail.com](mailto:jwollins5@gmail.com)



See following page for more members' ski gear for sale



## Members' Ski Gear For Sale

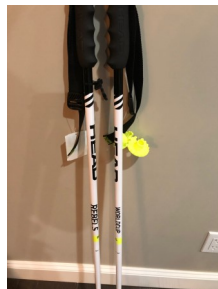
From Mark Rozof

Contact: [mrozof21@hotmail.com](mailto:mrozof21@hotmail.com) or 724-454-6540

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# Omega Ski Tuning Pricing

## Omega Ski Tuning

Tuning ----- Cost

- ☐ Wax ----- \$15
  - Clean base, brush off excess wax, hot wax, and scrape
- ☐ Wax and edge ----- \$25/20\*
  - ☐ \* If you have received tuning from Omega Ski Tuning BEFORE, circle this
- ☐ New ski tune\*\* ----- \$25
  - Set edge, sidewall setback, hot wax and scrape
- ☐ Rough ski tune/rusty ----- \$35
  - Clean up edge, wax and scrape

**\*\* Fill in this section if you have a new ski**

Do you know what angle you want on the edge?

2°                      3°  
Recommend 3°

*Note: Prices vary with condition of skis*



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