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THE ASHEVILLE AVALANCHE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB

January 2020

President's Message

Hello Asheville Ski Club members,

We're excited about the upcoming trips.

-Spain January 2020 with Greg Caspers as the Trip Leader.

Note: Still room on this trip.

-White Fish February 2020 with Jan Van Dine, Bill Melton and myself as Trip Leaders. Note: Just a few spots left on this trip.

-Adventure Trip to Croatia in September 2020. Jan Van Dine is the Trip Leader and this trip is sold out.

-Aspen February 2021. We already have members signing up for this trip. It will fill up fast, so don't delay in getting your deposit in. We're about 60% full.

Our January meeting will be at the Twisted Laurel downtown Asheville on the second Tuesday, January 14. This meeting will be a fundraiser, so bring something that you want to offer that has value and can be auctioned off. Tickets, ski passes, condo stays, house stays would be some of the things we could auction off.

Since there will be 100 of us going to Whitefish in Kalispell the second week in February, we're planning a social February 20th at Cataloochee Ski Area. This means no regular ski club meeting in February. This would be a good time to do a night ski and some of us will work the crowds for memberships.

Steamboat was epic this year. We had about half of the mountain open to us to ski and let go of some bad habits. Already looking forward to next year.

In closing, the ski season is looking extra good. Get out there and ski and tell your new friends about our awesome group.

Think Snow!

Wayne Bailey

President wayne_bailey642@hotmail.com



NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2020

Location: Twisted Laurel Downtown

**Time: Socializing starts 6:30pm,
Meeting and Auction 7:00 pm**



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Our January meeting will be held at Twisted Laurel Downtown Asheville. It's auction night so bring stuff to provide for the auction.

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March 14-28, 2020 Portugal & Spain CSC Trip
Update: **Registration closed. See ashevilleskiclub.com**

February 6-13, 2021 Aspen Snowmass CSC Trip - see website: ashevilleskiclub.com and click on trips

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

Gary Swinea gswinea@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor's Notes

We extend our wishes to everyone for a happy and healthy New Year in 2020. Let's get ready to start a great new decade with lots of fun on the slopes and European travels! Great opportunities for fun and adventure await the lucky people who are members of the Asheville Ski Club.

I hope you all have made one or two New Year Resolutions, like improving ski technique or learning to keep out of the way of shredding snowboarders. Well, I really don't have anything against the boarders. Some of my best friends are snowboarders. But I do try to keep out of their way...



Seriously folks, we have a great year in store. A year with redundant numbers like 1818, 1919, 2020 etc. happens only once each century so let's make the most of it by joining one of the 2020 trips.

Note these important dates :

January meeting Monday January 14th at the Twisted Laurel in downtown Asheville. Bring something you no longer need that can be auctioned off at the meeting for our fundraiser.

Check out this edition of the Avalanche for specific trip updates, CSC ski race schedule and many other goodies.

HEADS UP for 2021! See our website ashevilleskiclub.com for details on the February 2021 ASC Aspen Snowmass Trip! Sign up and make your first deposit right now!!

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 or to Jim Baker at 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 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

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. 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 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>	Total

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: _____



**CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL
SPRING CONVENTION
April 23– April 26, 2020
Kingston Plantation
9800 Queensway Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, SC
843-449-0006**

LODGING INFORMATION

I am pleased to announce that Margaret Crum will continue as your rooming coordinator. Her info is listed below but you can still contact Michelle Shuford with any questions you have. Just like last year, all lodging is now in Brighton Towers. We have contracted out for a certain number of units which are available on a first come/first serve availability. Should we sell out of those, we will ask for more. However, late comers could end up in alternative condos if all Brighton Towers are sold out. It is still recommended that you get a club reservation in quickly and then add names and drop condos mid-March. There may end up being some Ocean Front Condos available and if so, they will be offered to clubs in order of original registration. They are a little more expensive than the Ocean view Condos. Don't forget to pay attention to your deadlines listed below. See you at the beach! ☺

PRICE PER PERSON:

BRIGHTON TOWER – OCEAN VIEW 1 ROOM STUDIO/1 BATH CONDO (1 queen)

# of People Per Unit	1	2
2 Nights Stay	\$382	\$219
3 Nights Stay	\$546	\$300

BRIGHTON TOWER – OCEAN VIEW 2 BEDROOM/2 BATH CONDO (1 King; 2 Queens; Queen-sized sofa)

# of People Per Unit	2	3	4	5	6
2 Nights Stay	\$288	\$210	\$171	\$148	\$133
3 Nights Stay	\$404	\$288	\$230	\$195	\$171
4 Nights Stay	\$521	\$366	\$288	\$241	\$210

OFF-SITE FEE: \$55.00 No Single Event Fee

On-Site Registration: \$65.00

PRICE INCLUDES:

Lodging and Taxes
Early Bird Reception on Thursday Night
Trade Show on Friday Night*
DJ Party on Friday Night*

Complete use of Sports & Health Club
Beach Olympics on Saturday
Saturday Night Theme Party w/DJ*
**Includes complimentary beverages*

DEADLINES:

THERE WILL BE A \$20 LATE FEE ASSESSED FOR EACH MISSED DEADLINE (3 total) BASED ON POSTMARKS

Feb. 24, 2020: Confirmation Form & Initial Club Deposit

March 9, 2020: Balance & Condo Drops

Rooming List: (Should include full properly spelled names, location choice, # Nights, # People/Unit, & Total Amount /Person...as well as who is representing your club in the capacities of: President, 2 CSC Reps, & Trips

April 6, 2020: Rooming List Changes

**Any info not included will constitute a missed deadline so please note what is required for each deadline...Esp. March 9th!*

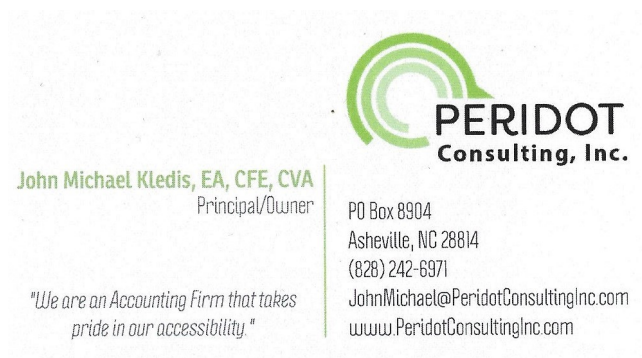
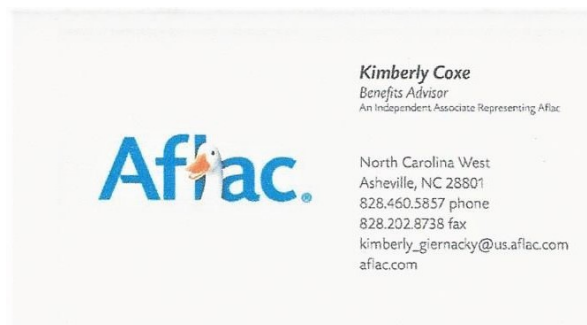
NOTE: All lodging shall be assigned to clubs. Use the Club Registration Form to reserve all units.

***Mail the completed registration form with a check payable to "Crescent Ski Council" to:
Margaret Crum
5 Sandon Cir.
Asheville, NC 28804**

**It is recommended that you email all paperwork to mcrum211@charter.net and follow up w/hardcopy versions & checks.*

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.



More next page....

Member Business Cards



Members' Ski Gear For Sale

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

Maintained, good condition \$200.00

Jacquie Wollins. Jwollins5@gmail.com



See following page for more members' ski gear for sale

Members' Ski Gear For Sale

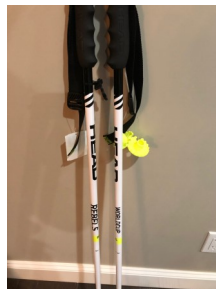
From Mark Rozof

Contact: mrozof21@hotmail.com or 724-454-6540

Head Monster 88, last season's model, length 163, used 1 season. \$400.00



junior slalom poles, \$35.00, brand new with tags.



Head Titan ski - \$390.00 length 163



Youth boots like new, used only 1 season. \$90.00





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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



Cashion Porter-Shirley

Email: cashionps@gmail.com

36th Annual Steamboat Ski and Race Camp December 7-14, 2019

What a difference one week makes in this annual trip. Abundant snow and good conditions greeted some 330 Crescent Ski Council members . Steamboat had the earliest opening on record in 50 years!

Crescent's youngest member attending this year was Gwinnie Crum, 22 months.....no, she didn't learn to ski, but her older sister, Emma, 4 yrs. old, did. I wish I had learned at that early age! Some 30+ Asheville Ski club members attended this week long trip of lessons, private sales, apres ski parties, BBQ dinner/ dance, NASTAR races, door prizes and Awards Banquet.

At the NASTAR Race on Friday, the following club members earned medals:

- *Andy Crum Platinum -3rd fastest on the mountain
- *Lou James (one of our Florida members) Silver
- *Ron James (other half of above) Bronze *Emily Chang Bronze
- *James Crum (7 yrs old) Bronze

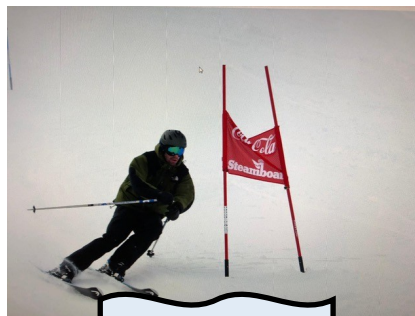
The week ended on a powder day and unfortunately Saturday was a travel day challenge for many.....close to 2 ft. of snow....wrecks were numerous on I-70 headed to Denver where a majority of the group flew into Hayden. Flights were cancelled and some members were delayed until Monday! CSC continued its 50th year Anniversary with this trip. I can't say enough about this trip and its value to members. Starting the ski season off with lessons sets you up for a great ski season! If you haven't been on this trip before, consider going in 2020!



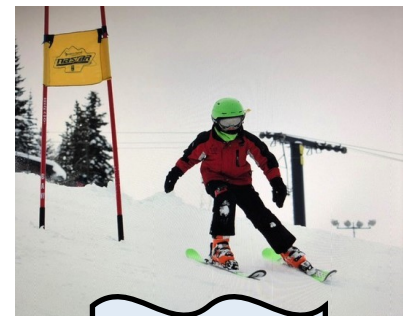
Gwinnie
22 Months Old



Emma
4 Years Old



Andy Racing



James 7
Years Old

CSC 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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Rich Mead
Race Director
864-313-1993

rich.mead@mindspring.com

2019/2020 CSC Race Series

December 7-14, 2019	Steamboat Race Camp Call Sports Am. Tours 800 876 8551
December Call 2019	Killington Masters Camp Call 802 422 6898 Chuck Hughes
December 1, 2019	CSC Development Training at Appalachian 9:00 to 3:00
December 13-15, 2019	Sugar Mt. Race Camp Call Kim Jöchl 828 898 4521 x224
December Call 2019	Timberline, WV Ski School 304 866 4801 John Anderson
Gate Training at Appalachian 1 st -4 th Friday evening before a Boone Area Crescent Race	

Race Format - Two runs of Slalom on Saturdays; two runs of Giant Slalom on Sundays

December 21 & 22, 2019 **Appalachian Mt, NC Race** **9:30**

January 04 & 05, 2020 **Sugar Mt, NC Race** **9:00**

January 11-18, 2020 Crescent Ski Council Ski Week

January 25 & 26, 2020 **Appalachian Mt, NC Race** **9:30**

February 3, 2020 Cup Run Challenge at Snowshoe, WV

February 08 & 09, 2020 **Appalachian Mt, NC Race** **9:30**

February 22 & 23, 2020 **Sugar Mt, NC Race** **9:00**

March CALL Governor's Cup Race at Timberline, WV 9:30

March TBA ,2020 Dick Trundy/Sugar Cup GS Sugar Mt. 9:00

March 06-08, 2020 **Crescent Cup, SilverCreek, WV** **8:45**

Crescent Cup race format will be both GS and SL races on Saturday, weather permitting.
GS will start at 8:45 – SL start time TBA – dependant on conditions and set-up time.

March 22-28, 2020 NASTAR Nationals Aspen/Snowmass, CO. Rich Mead

DEC. 7-14, 2019 CSC Racing's 36th RACE CAMP @ STEAMBOAT—PLAN NOW!
REGISTER ONLINE <https://www.crescentskicouncil.org/clubtrips.html>

SKI Magazine's Top 10 Resorts of the West

These are the results of a reader-based survey for the top resorts in Western North America.

- 1. Aspen Snowmass (Sign up now for our trip next year, 2021. Only 28 spots)**
- 2. Sun Valley, Idaho**
- 3. Whitefish, Montana (It's not too late to sign up, but hurry. Room choices are limited)**
- 4. Steamboat, Colorado**
- 5. Deer Valley, Utah**
- 6. Whistler Blackcomb, B.C.**
- 7. Telluride, Colorado**
- 8. Beaver Creek, Colorado**
- 9. Breckenridge, Colorado**
- 10. Park City, Utah**

CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL

CSC TRIPS FOR 2019 AND 2020 UDATE

This message from Lisa Beregi , CSC trips chair.

Ski season is here! Steamboat's 36th Annual trip and Crescent's last 50th celebration are in the books. I hate that I missed it, but sounds like 318 folks had a great week, even if some difficulties getting home with the snow. This weekend is the first Crescent Race of the season at Appalachian Ski Mountain, so the air is cold, snow is coming or being made for us to enjoy!

The January Ski Week to Sun Peaks is shaping up and only 3 weeks away! As we start our international tour in 2020, we look forward to the Canadian hospitality and a new mountain to explore for many. If you have anyone last minute interested contact Sara at Sports America to see if there are any spaces to add them on.

Finally - Crescent will be in Spain in less than 3 months! Remember that trip balance and day trip costs are all due by January 15th. Registration for the trip is closed.

At this wonderful time of year, I wish each of you a very Happy Holiday season, and a safe and healthy New Year!

Lisa

Lisa Beregi, Trip Chair

Crescent Ski Council

drlab88@aol.com

Wonderful Whitefish!

3808 Big Mountain Rd, Whitefish, MT 59937

February 8-15, 2020, ASC Trip contact:

<http://asoc-whitefish.SAT.Tours>

Last Chance for Whitefish!



This is your last chance to sign up for a ski trip with the club for this year. All the other trips are closed now, and there are only TWO spaces left on the Whitefish trip. We have room for one single woman and one single man. Join the 97 signed up already!

Now, if you didn't find a trip you like this year, I'm not sure what you want.

We had a Learn to Ski/Race trip at Steamboat in early December; a Canadian trip to Sun Peaks set for mid-January; an awesome, budget-friendly trip to Whitefish, Montana set for February; a European ski and sightseeing trip to Spain in March; and a multi-sport adventure in Croatia for late summer.

Looks to me like we've covered all the bases, yet about 200 of you are not signed up for any trip. Now, I realize young racers will be going to Mt. Hood in June, so we'll subtract 50. That still leaves 150 members not enjoying what makes joining a ski and outing club fun.

We'll be working on next year's trips as we speak, so speak up!

And think snow!

Wonderful Whitefish for Non-Skiers (and also Skiers)!

Howdy, Amigos!

With more than 70 people signed up already for Whitefish, I've noticed a dozen or so non-skiers. I expect we'll have at least 20 non-skiers, and skiers taking off a day or two for a break. With that in mind, I have put together a possible agenda which, of course, is optional. Here is my proposed agenda:

Saturday, arrival; go into town to catch the evening's festivities at the Winter Carnival.

Sunday, meet at The Firebrand to go witness the Penguin Plunge and the carnival parade. The welcome reception will be this evening in The Lodge.

Monday, tour the town to see the shops, galleries and museums, including the Museum of the Plains Indians. Hundreds of artists call Whitefish home. Check out the Hockaday Museum of Art and the Sunti World Art Gallery.

Tuesday, let's go snowmobiling! With enough interest, we can get a group discount. Or, if that doesn't appeal to you, go dogsledding, indoor ice-skating, take a ski plane tour, outdoor laser tag, ice fishing behind The Lodge (they provide a heated shanty and all equipment), fat tire snow biking on specially groomed trails, tour one or more of the dozen breweries or work out in the hotel fitness rooms.

Wednesday we can go on a sleigh ride. Cookies and hot beverages are served, or you can go all out and have a full meal. Later that evening, have a \$10 burger and beer combo at the Boat Club.

Thursday will be an urban scavenger hunt and the winning person or team will receive a bottle of wine. Skiers will have a mountain scavenger hunt so they also have a chance to win a bottle of wine. Enjoy live jazz at the Boat Club later.

Friday (Valentine's Day**) pick up a pair of snowshoes at The Lodge and walk the Candy Cane trail in the nature preserve behind the Lodge, then treat yourself to a hot toddy, lunch, a massage and the hot tub. The Boat Club will be having dinner specials this evening and you can take in a play later at the Alpine Theater Company in the Whitefish Performing Arts Center (beside the Firebrand) or the O'Shaughnessy Cultural Arts Center with its Whitefish Theater Company.**

I'll bet you had no idea there was so much to do in Whitefish!

For skiers, there are 105 marked trails, four terrain parks (one has a 350' half-pipe), lessons and rental equipment, complimentary ski guides, a bordercross (I love those things!) snowcat back country skiing, 3000+ acres with 300+ inches of snowfall, night skiing, and magnificent views from the top of the Glacier Chaser Lift.

See you there! Jan

Whitefish Options

We have been approached by a transportation company in Whitefish to provide transportation to various activities.

Transportation to Fernie Ski Resort in Canada roundtrip \$125 per person. Does not include lift ticket or any food or beverages.

Distillery tour is \$95 per person includes tasting and tour.

Glacier National Park is \$85 for two hours in the park. Does not include a \$20 park admission fee, but does include a discussion on the history and ecology of the park.

However,

I have checked the cost of vehicle rentals for a week and they are as follows:

\$695 for a 7 seat minivan

\$349 for a compact Ford Focus

\$491 for a mid-size SUV

The first 800 miles are free, and you have the vehicle for the entire week. Clearly, this is the most cost effective way to go if you would like to explore outside of Whitefish. The cost can be split among several people.

Cripple Creek received the best reviews for sleigh rides. It is 37 minutes north of Whitefish. With cocoa and cookies, the cost is \$45 per person with a \$125 minimum. Sleigh ride with dinner is \$70 per adult, \$50 for kids 4-10 with a \$200 minimum.

The Montana Brew Bus in Whitefish is \$65 per person 21+ and includes three 50 minute stops at breweries, distilleries, wineries and cideries. You get an initial flight or pint at each stop, snacks, souvenir glass and fun included in the ticket price. No vehicle needed to get there.

Snowmobiling at Swan Mountain has a full day guided tour for \$225 (6 hours), half day for \$125 (3 hours), and a 2 hour quickie tour for \$95 (\$45 for non-driver). The company will provide transportation to and from your hotel for \$100 per person. (Save money by renting a car for the week!)

Cross country skiing and snowshoeing are available at the Lodge at no charge, and equipment rental is close by.

If you choose to go to Fernie, you must have a passport and no DUI convictions. Seriously, they will not let you in the country. The cost of a lift ticket is (in US dollars) about \$93 for a adult, \$74 senior, \$72 youth 13-17, \$20 child 6-12, free for children under 6 years old. It is on the Epic pass, also.