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THE ASHEVILLE AVALANCHE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB

March 2020

President's Message

Hello Asheville Ski Club members,

Whitefish was a huge success this past month. We did have some challenges with transportation, however we worked through them by mid week. I think we overwhelmed them with our presence.

We're excited about the upcoming trips:

- Spain with Greg Caspers as the Trip Leader.
- Adventure Trip to Croatia in September 2020. Jan Van Dine is the Trip Leader.

Note: Sold out.

-Aspen February 2021. We have more pillows (slots) opened up and take about 12 more skiers. Check out our trips page for more details.

We have more trips planned for 2020-2021 that we're working on like Heavenly and Mt. Bachelor as well as Crescent's trips to Steamboat and Telluride. See the trip summary on page 10.

We're planning a baseball game and a bowling party in the spring and summer. Stay tuned for details.

In closing, the snow is still falling and the resorts are enjoying an abundance of snow. Be sure to take advantage of these conditions at your local ski mountain.

Think Snow!

Wayne Bailey

President wayne_bailey642@hotmail.com



NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday March 10, 2020

Location: Twisted Laurel Downtown

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



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Our March meeting will be at the Twisted Laurel, 130 College Street, Asheville NC 28801. Socializing at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.

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March 14-28, 2020 Portugal & Spain CSC Trip

Update: **Registration closed. See asheilleskiclub.com**

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

Update: **Added 12 more slots, so sign up soon.**

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

Gary Swinea gswinea@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor's Notes

February 2020 might not have been the best month for skiing in western NC but it sure was great in Whitefish, MT. Our thundering herd of 100 Asheville Ski Club members invaded this small town and skied, snowshoed and partied hearty. Despite the fog at the busy summit (fondly referred to as the ant hill) no one was injured on this trip. See Jan's follow up report and lots of pictures pages 7-9!

It is hard to believe that this is just one of many trips and events available to ASC members. Maybe you are on board for the March 14-28 CSC Spain and Portugal trip. Or perhaps you have signed up for the CSC Spring Conference, April 23-26 at Myrtle Beach. We also have exciting trips lined up to Telluride, Aspen Snowmass and Heavenly in 2021! See Jan Van Dine's summary of these upcoming trips in this edition of the Avalanche, page 10. There will be more details on these trips in the April Avalanche and on our website: ashevilleskiclub.com



Tom Bushar about to be attacked by a Snow Ghost

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

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. 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: _____

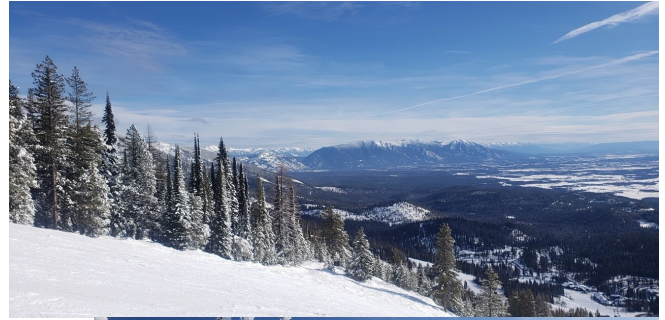
Guardian (if child is under 18 years old): _____ Date: _____

ASC Whitefish, MT Ski Trip

February 8-15, 2020

What A Trip!

Wonderful Whitefish truly lived up to the hype! One hundred Asheville Ski Club members were welcomed to the resort and mountain with a great welcome reception, fantastic snow and weather (we even got used to the morning fog, knowing it was clear on the backside of the mountain and always a bluebird afternoon!). There were also plenty of extracurricular activities to keep us all busy.



Our red ASC bandannas got plenty of notice and possibly some new members, and helped us identify each other. Everywhere we went people asked about us, Asheville, and where the club would be going next. People wore them snowshoeing, snowmobiling, on sleigh rides, cross country skiing, and of course, downhill skiing. In addition to the welcome reception, Susan Robinson, Deb Olsen and Dot Klopp hosted a Valentine party in their condo. Wine flowed freely and there was plenty of food to go around--mostly chocolate!

Although people enjoyed reading about the scavenger hunt, most were too busy skiing or doing other things to participate. Everyone who did was a winner and took back a bottle of wine. No losers in our club! Those who didn't participate had to drink their wine in the club room and nosh on pretzels. The trip was hugely successful not only in numbers and fun, but also in the fact that there were no serious injuries or illnesses. People made new friends and improved their skiing skills. Trip leaders couldn't ask for a better group of people. This trip may need a do-over!



Susan and Bill pay airplane restroom toll



Mary Moody, John Godts, Lee Merrill, Todd Sluder, Mark Moody and Liisa Andreaasen



Festival Acrobats at Firebrand Hotel

More pictures next page.

ASC Whitefish, MT Ski Trip

More Pictures



Eagles over Tyler



**Greg Caspers leads Happy Birthday
serenade to Bill Melton**



**No more Rum Runners
for Bob Van Dine**



**Marci Lucas, Dad Don
and Liisa Andreassen**



**Richard Boyum and
Kitty Curran**



**Jan Van Dine sporting
ASC Banner**



**Tom Bushar, Liisa, John Godts,
Wes Morse & Leslie Scannell**



**Lia Reagan and sister
Helen Valkavich**

Even more pictures next page

Whitefish MT- More Pictures



Some went snowmobiling and captured this shot



Dot Klopp, Gabrielle Stobbe, Dot's sister Deb Olsen and Helen & Peter Wallenborn



Vikings



Annlee Simpson, John & Liisa



The Kubitschek Family



Alex Wang



Sunny Ruble & Dot Klopp



Fond Goodbyes
The Last Supper at
Chicago Airport



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. . .



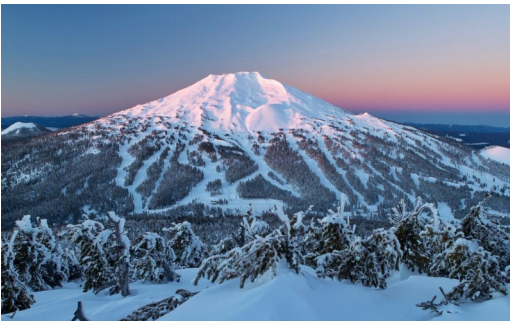
First off, is the council's early December trip to Steamboat where you can improve your ski skills or learn to race. This is an annual trip and lessons are included in the price.

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 April 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



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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!*

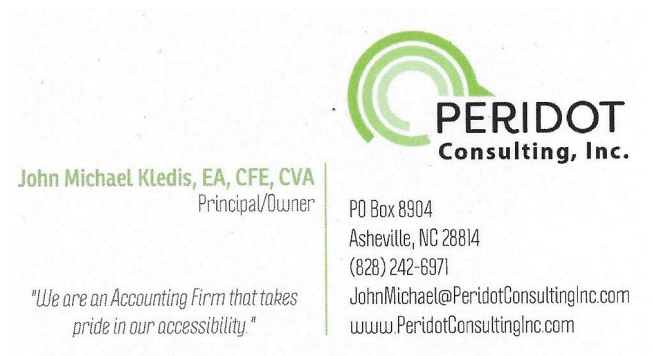
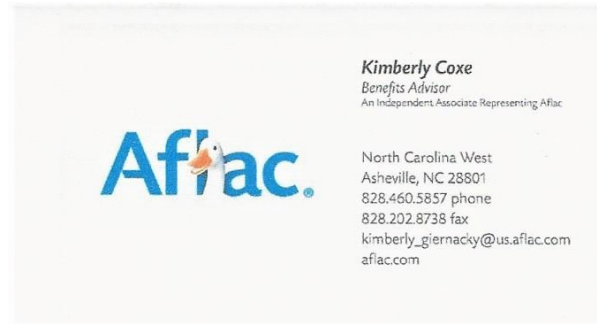
NOTE: All lodging shall be assigned to clubs. Use the Club Registration Form to reserve all units.

***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



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Members' Ski Gear For Sale

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Jacquie Wollins. jwollins5@gmail.com



See following page for more members' ski gear for sale

Members' Ski Gear For Sale

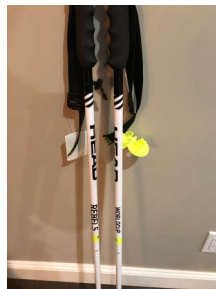
From Mark Rozof

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

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



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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

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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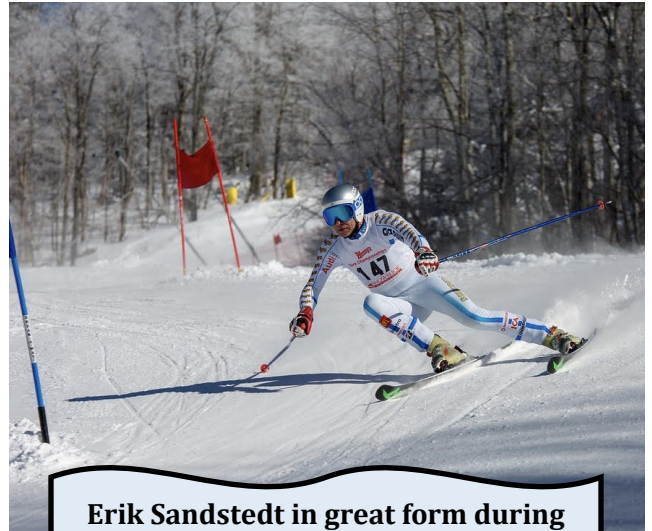
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Racing News

Unfortunately, 2019-2020 is another challenging season where we have had three races canceled due to weather and other reasons. The ASC team ended up 3rd overall for the regular season. The last race is the Crescent cup at Snowshoe, WV on March 7th.

The normal race hill at Silvercreek does not have enough snow so the race have been moved to Widowmaker at Snowshoe this year. This will be a fun weekend with a great place to race.



Erik Sandstedt in great form during 2018, a season with better snow

The team effort from Asheville to bring safety nets to our races has received a lot of positive feedback and we will continue to push this matter for next year. Thank you to everyone that raced so far this year and also helped with safety.

Let's keep the racing spirit up for our last race.

Please reach out to me if you are a new racer and would like to try some fun ski racing.

Thanks,

Erik Sandstedt
Asheville Ski Club Race Director
sweski@gmail.com



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>