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THE ASHEVILLE AVALANCHE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB

September 2019

President's Message

Hello Asheville Ski Club members,

After waking up this morning to 52 degrees in Asheville, the low temps remind me we're getting closer to winter and snow falling on our favorite ski resorts. We've got a great line up of skiing set up for you in 2019-2020. Steamboat Ski and Race Camp, White Fish, Sun Peaks, and Spain. We also have an adventure trip set up for Croatia in the fall of 2020. See the trip updates in this edition of the Avalanche and check our web site ashevilleskiclub.com under the Trips Tab for more information.

We're meeting in a new location for the September meeting. Same name, different location. We will be at Twisted Laurel - West, off Leicester Highway. See Tom's post and our web site for the address and exact location. They have 40 drafts and Tuesday is \$2 off draft day.

Be sure to check out the CSC Fall Conference coming up October 18-20. We will be hosting the Warren Miller film in October or November. We're still waiting on the dates to be confirmed with The Fine Arts Theatre.

In December, we will do a fundraiser for our Youth Ski Program and Special Olympics. If you have a vacation home or condo, services, anything of value or tickets to the World Series, please consider donating these to our December fundraiser event. The goal is to raise \$5,000.00 to be split between the two organizations and others in need.

In closing, we value you as a member! Our board, trip leaders, membership and executive committees work hard on your behalf to make your trips, events, and meetings a success. We're not perfect, however, we hope we're perfect enough for you and your family to enjoying skiing and socializing.



Wayne Bailey

President

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NEXT MEETING

Date: TUESDAY September 10, 2019

Location: Twisted Laurel West

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



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Our September meeting will be held at Twisted Laurel - West (New Location) 328 New Leicester Hwy #110, Asheville, NC 28801. Socializing starts at 6:30 pm with brief meeting at 7:00 pm.

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ashevilleskiclub.com and click on trips

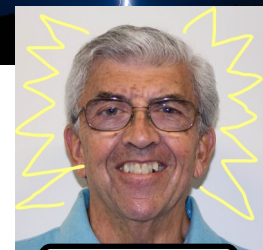
Mountain Biking at Bent Creek - Every Wednesday at 5:00pm.
Meet at Ledford parking lot.

Gary Swinea gswinea@yahoo.com

Newsletter Editor's Notes

While the picture to the right might be an exaggeration, it's pretty close to the truth. We got ZAPPED! Yes, on July 20th a sudden rain squall came over our house and it included quite a bit of pent-up electricity. As I was sitting at the computer I suddenly saw a flash of light and heard a simultaneous CRACK! My computer and other devices were still running but the gateway modem was out, which meant no TV, internet nor land line phone service. Thank goodness for wireless mobile phones.

It turned out that my back up battery for the gateway was toast but the gateway itself was checked by ATT and found to be OK. However, we lost 5 out of 10 zones on the irrigation system for our yard/gardens and I had to replace several path light bulbs and restore some thrown circuit breakers. Ah, the joys of home ownership...



Zapped!

Check out this edition of the Avalanche for specific trip updates, CSC ski race schedule and many other goodies. Be sure to read Jan's write up on how we decide trips - interesting. Visit our website ashevilleskiclub.com for details on the upcoming October 18-20 CSC Fall Conference.

HEADS UP for 2021! See the website for details on the February 2021 ASC Aspen Snowmass Trip! It may be a ways off but it's never too early to plan.

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 Dues Reminder

A seasonal reminder--Your annual ski club dues should be paid by November 1. All present and future members must fill out an application and pay the fee simultaneously by November's monthly meeting. Jim Baker, the membership chair is always willing to accept membership payments and membership forms at the monthly meeting (from March through November.)

You can pay your dues by going to the membership link on the club's website. Then make a choice:

- **Pay by check after printing out the membership form, or**
- **Pay by credit card by selecting the type of membership.**

If you are planning to race or participate on 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 all trip participants we need you to fill out a medical form and put it in an envelope with your name on the outside. We request you to seal it 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 the following page.

**CRESCENT SKI TRIPS
MEDICAL INFORMATION**

The following emergency information is submitted to aid medical personnel, as well as Crescent Ski Council (CSC), its contracted travel agency, and Authorized Club Trip Directors, in dealing with any medical emergency that should arise during this trip. It is understood that no one will open my sealed envelope unless I am personally unable to communicate with medical staff.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

On-Site Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Home Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

Chronic Conditions (such as high blood pressure, diabetes, etc.):

Allergies:

Any prescription or non-prescription medications taken that may be important to medical staff: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

I attest that this information is accurate and that I have granted permission to CSC, its contracted travel agency, and Authorized Club Trip Directors to share it with medical personnel if I am personally unable to do so.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Asheville Ski Club Membership Information

Mail to:

Membership
P.O. Box 211
Asheville, NC 28802
www.ashevilleskiclub.com

Check All that Apply:

- ☐ \$35 Single or ☐ \$60 Family
☐ \$15 Junior Membership (non-family)
☐ \$35 Racing Fee
☐ FREE 2 Year Subscription to SKI Magazine


Payment Method:

- ☐ Cash
☐ Check (Chk #: _____) \$_____ Total Dues Paid (cc add 4%)
☐ Credit Card (add 4%)

Last Name	First Name		
Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	E-Mail
Spouse's Name	Cell Phone	Work Phone	E-Mail
Children (if members):			

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

I would like information on the following:

- ☐ Day trips (skiing) ☐ Youth Skiing
☐ Ski Race Team ☐ Distance Ski Trips
☐ Learn-to-ski Trips ☐ Area Discount
☐ Cross Country Skiing ☐ Swap Shop

I am interested in the following social activities:

- ☐ Softball ☐ Rafting
☐ Golf ☐ Socials
☐ Volleyball ☐ Bicycling
☐ Tennis ☐ Other _____

Would you like to serve on any of the following committees?

- ☐ Socials ☐ Racing ☐ Trips ☐ Membership ☐ Advertising ☐ Publicity
☐ Programs ☐ Newsletter ☐ Hospitality ☐ Special Events ☐ Phone ☐ Youth Ski League

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: _____

August 13th Monthly Meeting

Our August meeting was held at Asheville Outdoor Center, 521 Amboy Road. We met under the shed and enjoyed great brats and burgers cooked up by premier chefs brought in specifically for this event. You might recognize these internationally known culinary artists, despite their low profile behavior.

Everyone had a great time and we met some prospective new members.



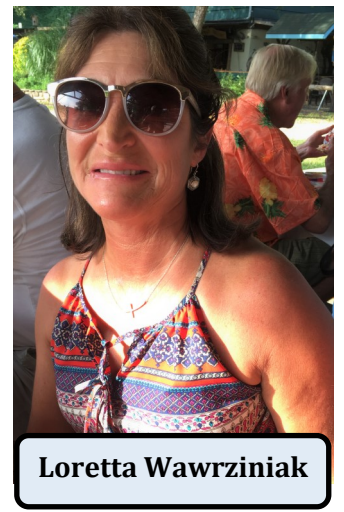
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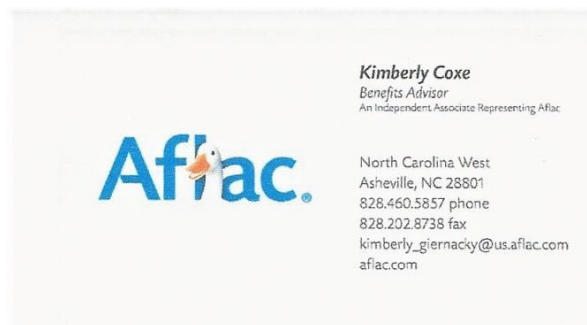
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Member Business Cards

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.



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Member Business Cards



Member' Ski Gear For Sale

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

Maintained, good condition \$200.00

Jacquie Wollins. jwollins5@gmail.com





Rich Mead
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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>

How We Decide on Trips

Pssst! Want to know a secret? Well, here it is.

People who go on trips decide what trips we'll do next. We ask the people who are on our trips what they would like to do next, narrow the field, get bids from tour operators, and go with the best deal. Or deals. Then we offer the trips to the club and public (in order to get new members to join). Occasionally a really good deal comes up that we can't refuse, even though no one asked specifically for that resort (think Courmayeur, Italy and Whitefish). Everyone recognizes a good deal when they see it.

We already know Crescent Ski Council (of which we are a member) will be offering the early December Steamboat race camp, as well as Telluride in mid-January, 2021. We have booked Feb. 6-13, 2021 for Snowmass for just under \$1400, ski in/ski out 2 bd/2ba condos. This trip will fill in days. Keep that in mind. We have only 28 spots.

So, if you are signed up for a trip with us, start thinking about next year. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

Spring break for most schools in 2021 will be Friday, April 2- Sunday, April 11th. All resorts are open, snowy and sunny. It's a great time for spring skiing. It's also a popular time for flights, so groups must book early to get affordable rates.

I'm ready for another European trip! France is looking good to me. Anyone else? Val d'Isere, Paradiski, Meribel all sound wonderful. When would you like to go? Do you want an optional extension? St. Anton, Austria is fun, and they have connected lifts for up to 600 miles of ski terrain.

Vail is a option we haven't done in a long time. It's expensive but generally worth it. Or maybe a budget trip is more appealing to you.

Many people have asked about a summer trip skiing in South America. If we're going to make such a long trip, we might as well include extensions, such as Buenos Aires, Iguazu Falls, Bariloche, Rio de Janeiro. The prices I am getting are high--\$3500 per person. Keep that in mind. It's definitely a bucket list trip.

We're obviously not talking about just one trip here. We could look at Europe in January (or April!), a bike and boat trip in October in, perhaps, southern Italy or even Hawaii. Maybe you want Telluride, but not in January. Make it April so the kids can go. Who knows? Let your imagination decide.

But be realistic on how much you are willing to spend. Tour operators get very upset when we book a trip then have to cancel because it doesn't sell. We can be fined \$1000+ for canceling.

CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL

CSC TRIPS FOR 2019 AND 2020

Below are the dates and important info that you need to know.

DECEMBER 7-14, 2019 STEAMBOAT SKI/BOARD AND RACE CAMP

****Early Bird ONLINE sign up begins June 1 for the first 70 people.....\$1198... after the first 70, lodging increases significantly due to management and The Lodge HOA .Tour op has no control of HOA etc., DO NOT PROCRASTINATE as you may end up without a condo.

Update: Steamboat is already at 239 registrants! Everyone is excited it is a week later and hoping for the same snow we had last year for the 35th! Registration is open until November 1st - so lets shoot for 300!

JANUARY 11-18, 2020 SUN PEAKS RESORT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

This is the 2nd largest ski resort in Canada, 4000 acres. Lots of non skiing activities (hockey games, ice skating, cross country, sleigh rides etc), 22 seats out of Greenville on United at \$323! All lodging is ski-in, ski-out. ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1. Price is \$1350 for 7 nights lodging (6 Sun Peaks, 1 Vancouver), RT transfers from Vancouver, 5 day lift ticket, plus CSC activities (welcome, mt lunch, farewell).

Online Registration through SAT for both Steamboat and Sun Peaks is at: www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips.

Update: Sun Peaks is just over 100 and the second payment is coming due - October 1st. There are currently (4) king rooms, (2) double queens, and 1 female spot available.

MARCH 17-25, 2020 GRANADA AND SIERRA NEVADA SPAIN WITH TOURREMOLINOS Costa del Sol (beach) and extensions to LISBON PORTUGAL (March 14-18) and BARCELONA (March 25-28). See details in later pages of this newsletter.

This trip is being run by Holidayz (they ran club trip to Japan) This is considered an adventure trip for the council. Skiing is optional, daily tour packages (Gibraltar, Cordoba, Alhambra, Alpujarra, Nerja -just to name a few -will be available). You can basically do all 3 components of the trip , or just 1.....lots of choices! REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN JUNE 1 and at this point there is no online registration... hopefully, they may have it up and running.

Spain is also doing well. As of last week Holidayz had registrations/deposits in hand for 68 participants. Please keep selling the trip as Sean has informed me that cut for air and lodging is December 1st. We requested initial deposits by August 30th, but will continue to take registrations until December 1. The second payment of \$500 per person is due Oct 31st

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SKI COUNCIL

Since 1969

Steamboat

DECEMBER 7-14, 2019

- 7 nights lodging at The Lodge
- 6 day lift pass to Steamboat
- 5 day lesson package w/3 lunches
- Optional Roundtrip transfers
- Welcome Reception
- Apres Ski Party
- Midweek BBQ Dinner
- Final Awards Banquet



The Lodge at Steamboat

STARTING
PACKAGE **\$1198**

per person/double occ.

Signup at: www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips

Asheville Trip Leader: Margaret Crum
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TRIP INFORMATION

36th ANNUAL STEAMBOAT RACE / SKI / RIDE CAMP

December 7-14, 2019



May 7, 2019

SIGN-UP: All applicants must be a member of a Crescent Ski Council affiliated club **by Nov 1, 2019** to participate. Applicant's membership will be verified by CSC. Everyone must register directly with CSC's travel agent, **Sports America Tours (SAT)**. All registrations must be completed online at www.sportsamerica.com/csctrips. Assistance is provided by calling 800-876-8551 ext 125. If paying by check, **make payable to SAT**. (Payment must be received within 15 days of online registration).

REGISTRATION PERIOD: Registration begins **June 1, 2019** and ends **November 1, 2018, or when 400 participants are reached**, whichever occurs first. SAT will not accept any form of registration prior to, nor after this period.

PACKAGE COST (VARIES): \$1189 is the "Early" rate, limited to 70 spaces. Other rates/options are shown below.

CSC/SAT reserves the right to assign unit type without regard to "Early" vs. "Regular" rate (does not apply to 1B/1B rate). Rate for "extra pillow" in Private Bedroom will be as listed in table below.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

- 7 nights lodging at The Lodge @ Steamboat
- 6 day lift pass
- 5 full day lessons w/NASTAR or "CSC Format" race
- 3 Lunches (M-W-F)
- Welcome Wine & Cheese
- Western BBQ Dinner
- Awards Banquet w/Door Prizes
- Keg Party
- Ski Socks

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE:

- Credit Card Fee (3% add-on if CC is used)
- Air Fare (SAT will handle for you if you wish)
- Ground Transportation (SAT has bus & rental car options)
- Trip Insurance
- Other meals not specifically listed
- Equipment rentals (CSC discount at Christy Sports)

This trip is set-up as a race camp/ski school program, and everyone is encouraged to participate. Previous participants can attest to the overall benefit of this type program. If you have never tried it, you should, you will probably be pleasantly surprised. However, if you desire, the lesson portion may be deducted. Also, there are other deducts & adds, especially for teens & children. For each person (adults and children), start with a total price rate from the table below, then apply any applicable Deducts or Additions.

per PERSON RATES (prices based on payment by check - add 3% if using credit card)

RACE CAMP w/Lessons (5days)			
The Lodge	EARLY	Standard	1bd/1ba
Normal Occupancy	\$1,198	\$1,280	\$1,595
Extra Guest - +1 Occ.	\$1,105	\$1,187	-
2 Extra Guests - +2 Occ.	\$1,050	\$1,132	-
Private Bedroom Upgrade	\$460		\$806

DEDUCTS	
Lodging Off Site	(\$460)
No Lessons	(\$350)
No Lessons or Lunches	(\$410)
No Lift Ticket	(\$260)
Base Pass 1 day	(\$215)
Child 13-18	(\$16)
Child 6-12	(\$28)
Child 5 & under	n/c

KVC INFORMATION:
A "walk-in" daily rate of \$95.00 is also available. All KVC pricing for this trip is based on one parent/grandparent per child participating in the adult lesson package, otherwise regular published rates apply. Also, Trip Leader must be informed prior to trip.
KVC Childcare is available for kids 6mths to 6 years at \$95 per day. Only kids 3 ½ & older are eligible for the program that includes snow time. Lunches are included for kids 12mths and older. Diapers, formula, baby food not included.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS	
Denver Charter	\$110
*see schedule below	
Hayden Adult	\$60
Hayden Senior 65+	\$45

QUESTIONS:

Travel Agent - Sports America Tours
 Sara Clemons – csc@sportsamerica.com
 120 Stony Point Rd, Ste 245
 Santa Rosa, CA 95401
 800-876-8551 or 707-791-3215

CSC Steamboat Trip Leader
 Cathie Mulgrew
 336-473-6869
cathiemulgrew@yahoo.com

Wonderful Whitefish!

3808 Big Mountain Rd, Whitefish, MT 59937

February 8-15, 2020, ASC Trip contact:

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

Wayne Bailey, Bill Melton and Jan Van Dine will all be on board to help make this trip the best ever. The trip to Whitefish, Montana near the Glacier International Park will be priced well under \$900! Non-skiers, children under 6 and adults over 70 can deduct \$305 for lift tickets.



Our two 4**** hotel picks both have spas, pools, fitness centers and great locations. The Lodge at Whitefish Lake was featured on The Bachelor, it is so romantic. The Firebrand in town is convenient to all that Whitefish has to offer. The Winter Carnival will be taking place when we arrive. Rooms in both hotels have walk-in showers as well as separate soaking tubs. Robes and slippers, mini fridges, coffee makers, hot tubs, fitness centers, spas and restaurants are in each of our luxury hotels.

We have reserved 30 suites at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, and 20 deluxe rooms at the Firebrand Hotel in town. Both provide a shuttle to each resort or to the slopes.

Get On Board! Come on and join all your friends and skiing buddies for this affordable luxury trip. The link you want is: <http://asoc-whitefish.SAT.Tours>

Whitefish ski resort has also been awarded accolades. Here are a few:

#11 top ski resort in N. America by SKI magazine, 2016

Best in the US--Where to Visit in 2017 by Lonely Planet, 2016

Best Ski Town, USA Today Top 10, Nov. 2016

Best Ski Resorts in the Rockies, Outside Online, 2015

Top 10 Winter Carnivals in the World, National Geographic Traveler

10 Best Small Towns in America, Men's Journal, 2014

Whitefish is 3,000 acres large with 105 groomed trails, plus plenty of powder and tree runs, and four terrain parks.

You don't need a passport and you support our own economy. So sign up now to get the hotel of your choice.

"Young men and babies,

Grab the old ladies.

Everyone goes.

Everyone knows

it's fun in the snow!

Hallelujah!"

(apologies to Neil Diamond)

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

Crescent Ski Council Presents Portugal & SPAIN!

CONTACT GREG CASPERS for more info:
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March 14-28, 2020: CSC Spain (These dates are a combination of the Pre, Base, & Post Trips dates)

March 14-March 17: Pre-trip to Lisbon, Portugal:
\$640 pp double, \$890 single

March 17-March 25: Main trip to Granada & Torremolinos, Spain: \$1141 pp double, \$1526 single

March 25-March 28: Post-trip to Barcelona:
\$752 pp double, \$1095 single

ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN - See Form Below.
PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO ONLINE SIGNUP FOR THIS ADVENTURE.

Main Trip Includes:

Round Trips Ground Transfer from/to Malaga Airport

5 nights stay in Granada @ the 4 Star Hotel Carmen

Welcome Orientation

3 days of transfers to the Sierra Nevada Ski Area

Breakfast Daily

4 nights of Group Dinners

Ground Transfer to Torremolinos

2 nights stay @ the 4 Star Hotel Melia Costa del Sol

Daily Breakfast

Local Taxes

Passport Cases & Luggage Tags

Options:

Group Air in/out of Malaga. Air travel pricing is currently under way and will depend on how many people sign up for which available options. Stay tuned!

3 Days of Skiing @ Sierra Nevada Ski Resort

Daily Group Excursions to: Alpujarra, Cordoba, Alhambra Palace, Granada City Tour, Nerja Caves & the tropical Coast, & Gibraltar (from Torremolinos)



Portugal and Spain (continued)

Pre-Trip to Lisbon, Portugal Includes:

Transfers between Airport and Hotel Portugal and Granada
3 nights star @ 4 Star Hotel Mundial (Not Included: \$2/City tax)
Daily Breakfast
Half Day City tour with an English Speaking guide
Air Travel between Portugal and Malaga

Post Trip to Barcelona Includes:

Bus Transfer between Torremolinos & Malaga w/ luggage transfers
High Speed Train Transfer from Malaga & Barcelona
Transfer from Train Station to 4 Star Avenida Palace Hotel for a 3 night stay
Daily hotel Breakfast
Half Day City Tour with English Speaking Guide
Transfer from Hotel to airport

Options:

Group Air for Pre and Post Trips
CONTACT GREG CASPERS: ggcaspers@gmail.com, 970-445-7041 for more info

CSC Spain & Portugal March 2020 Important Update

To date we have 68 on board for Spain and Portugal. August 30th is still the signup deadline, but the Tour operator has indicated they may be able to accept forms until December 1 (??).

The Lisbon pretrip is currently sold out. Everyone who has already signed up from our club is secured on these flights. Please feel free to request Lisbon, as Holidayz is working on additional flights. They may be about \$50 more.

Best bet is to get your forms to me ASAP, as I am still worried about some legs selling out. (Greg Caspers 97 Cove Creek Ln., Weaverville, NC. 28787). And remember the \$\$deposit is fully refundable up to 90 days before the trip. And also remember to check your passport expiration dates.

The Council's departure hubs so far are Atlanta and Raleigh, so I am working with Sean at Holidayz to get us flights out of either AVL or GSP to the hubs.

Beunos Tardes, Greg

(See official sign up form and posters on following three pages)

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EXTENSIONS TO BARCELONA, AND LISBON, PORTUGAL

March 17 – 25, 2020

\$1141.00 p.p. Double \$1526.00 p.p. Single

BASIC TOUR PRICES INCLUDE:

- Meet and greet with local guide at Malaga Airport.
- Transfer between Malaga and Granada via private coach and English Speaking Assistant
- 5 night's accommodations in Granada at the 4 Star Hotel Carmen
- Welcome Orientation at the hotel in Granada.
- 3 days of transfers between Granada and the Sierra Nevada Ski Area.
- Breakfast daily at the hotel in Granada.
- Dinner for 4 nights at the Hotel. (The whole group has to eat on the same nights)
- Optional Tour Program and hospitality Desk nightly in the hotel.
- Transfer from Granada to Torremolinos, Costa del Sol.
- 2 night's accommodations in Torremolinos at the 4 Star Hotel Melia Costa del Sol.
- Breakfast Buffet Daily at Torremolinos Hotel.
- Optional Tour Program in Torremolinos.
- Private bus transportation from Torremolinos to Malaga Airport
- Local Taxes
- Passport Cases and Luggage Tags.

LISBON PRE-TRIP:

March 14 – 18, 2020

\$640.00 p.p. Double

\$890.00 p.p. Single

PRICES INCLUDE:

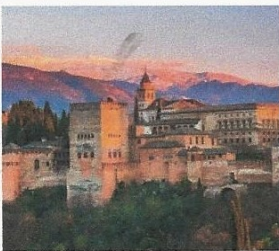
- Transfers between Lisbon airport and Hotel via private coach with English speaking assistant.
- 3 night's accommodations at a 4* Hotel Mundial in Lisbon
- Breakfast daily in Lisbon.
- 1 Dinner at hotel
- Half Day City Tour with English Speaking Guide. (3-4 hours)
- Transfer between hotel and Lisbon airport with English speaking assistant.
- Air Travel between Lisbon Airport and Malaga via TAP Airlines.
- Transfer between Malaga Airport and Granada via private coach with English speaking assistant.

**** There is a local city tax of \$2.00 per day that must be paid to the hotel upon check-out.**

POST TRIP TO BARCELONA: March 25 – 28, 2020 \$752.00 p.p. Double \$1095.00 p.p. Single

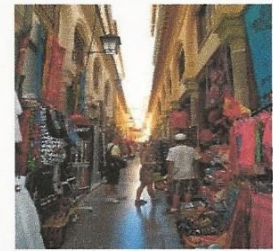
PRICES INCLUDE:

- Transfer between Torremolinos and Malaga via private coach with English speaking assistant.
- Luggage van transfer between Torremolinos and Barcelona
- High Speed Train between Malaga and Barcelona (2nd class)
- Transfer between Train Station and hotel
- 3 night's accommodations at a 4* Avenida Palace Hotel
- Breakfast daily in Barcelona.
- Half Day City Tour with English Speaking Guide. (4 hours, ends at Sagrada Familia, but does not include entrance)
- Transfer between hotel and Barcelona Airport with English speaking assistant.



The Basic Tour also includes the following Travel Insurance:

Trip Delay up to \$750.00 (\$150.00 per day)
 Baggage and personal effects up to \$1500.00
 Baggage delay up to \$400.00
 Return Air Transportation up to \$500.00
 Accident & Sickness Medical Expense of \$50,000.00
 Emergency Evacuation & Repatriation of \$250,000.00
 Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services



DAY TOUR OPTIONS IN GRANADA:

Alpujarra • Alhambra • Granada • Tropical Coast • Gibraltar

SKI AREA FACTS:

ELEVATION:	Base: 6,896 Feet	Summit: 10,843 Feet	Vertical: 3,947 Feet
# OF LIFTS: 21	TRAIL BREAK-DOWN:	49% Blue 43% Red	7% Black
RUNS: 124 (66.4Miles of groomed trail)	LONGEST RUN: 3.8 Miles	1.9 Miles of Night Skiing	
DISTANCE FROM GRANADA: 25min by bus			

FINANCIAL DETAILS:

DEPOSIT POLICY:

- ** \$600.00 per person + Additional \$150.00 for each extension Due August 30, 2019
- ** \$500.00 per person 2nd deposit due October 31, 2019
- ** Final payment due January 10, 2020

CANCELLATIONS:

Up to 90 days prior to departure.....	NO PENALTY
Between 89 & 60 days prior.....	\$ 250.00 PER PERSON *
Between 59 & 45 days prior.....	\$ 500.00 PER PERSON *
Between 44 & 30 days prior.....	\$1500.00 PER PERSON *
After 29 days prior.....	FULL PENALTY

NO SHOWS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

* PLUS ANY OTHER NON-REFUNDABLE CHARGES FOR AIRLINES, HOTELS AND SUPPLIERS.

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SIGN-UP FORM

Passport Name: _____ Number: _____ Expiration: _____

Please send a copy of the passport page with 1st deposit to group leader

D.O.B.: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club Affiliation: _____ Membership Expires: _____

I would like to book a: Double: _____ Single*: _____
***Singles are on request only and cannot be guaranteed.*

My Roommate is: _____

I would like to Book:

Basic Only: _____ \$1141 double \$1526 single \$ _____

Pre & Basic: _____ \$1781 double \$2416 single \$ _____

Basic & Post: _____ \$1893 double \$2621 single \$ _____

All 3: _____ \$2533 double \$3511 single \$ _____

I will need Air from: _____ \$ _____

(Air Cost will be advised once booked – See GROUP AIR)

TOTAL \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**PLEASE fill out and return with copy of passport and check for initial deposit made out to Holidaze to:
Greg Caspers, 97 Cove Creek Lane, Weaverville, NC. 28787**

GROUP AIR:

Group air consists of 10 or more people traveling on the same schedule.

There will be group air available from select cities. Currently, these cities include RDU, MYR & ATL. (More to come)

If you wish you book your own air, you must adhere to the PPPI policy below:

PPPI: Passengers Pursuing Personal Itineraries: Any passenger booking their own flights needs to be aware of the following conditions:

1. Transfers between airports and hotels are always arranged for the main group and are coordinated with the main group's flight itineraries.
2. The transfers also pick up and drop off at airport terminals that are in the main group's itineraries.
3. It is the responsibility of such PPPI passengers to coordinate their flights with the group and for them to be at the appointed place and time that the group is being picked up.
4. There can be no special arrangements made for PPPI passengers for alternate pickups or drop offs by the transfer companies involved.
5. All of the above is equally applicable to any luggage that such PPPI passengers are bringing.
6. There is no reduction in cost for not participating in the group transfers,
7. Neither Holidaze or the CSC are responsible for any costs associated with your personal itinerary

TRIP CANCELLATION/INTERRUPTION INSURANCE: As indicated on page 2, the program includes your medical insurance while outside the US, but it does not cover trip cancellation or trip interruption. If you wish you purchase this insurance, you will need to visit the following links and sign-up for the insurance online:

The premium depends on the amount of coverage desired and is based on the tour cost as indicated and will cover all non-refundable amounts in the event of a covered cancellation or trip interruption up to the amount of coverage selected, plus the following additional coverage:

\$ 750. for Travel Delay (\$150. maximum per day)

\$ 1,500. for Baggage and Travel Documents.

\$ 400. for Baggage Delay.

\$ 50,000. for Medical Expense.

\$250,000. for Emergency Medical Transportation.

Plus More **

**** Optional "Cancel for Any Reason" provision:** For an additional 50% of the insurance premium, you can add this feature which will allow you to cancel for ANY REASON up to the day of departure and receive 75% of your total trip cost refunded. *(This must be purchased within 14 days of first deposit to the group or Holidaze. **THIS BENEFIT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK STATE**)*

PERSONAL PROPERTY, LUGGAGE DAMAGE, ETC.: Personal property, including luggage, is at the owner's risk unless insured. Damage or theft of such items during travel and handling does not fall under the responsibility of the Tour Operator. It is expected that normal handling can, and sometimes does, cause damage to luggage and or personal affects. The above insurance can cover such loss and it is again suggested that all participants be advised of the benefits of enrolling in the Trip Cancellation Insurance program.

NEW INSURANCE LINK FOR ENROLLMENT: Please note: the group will be given a link to purchase insurance via credit card for immediate enrollment. The purchaser will receive confirmation immediately upon completion of sign-up and by using these links; insurance can be purchased up to 48 hours prior to departure of your trip. *We no longer accept checks to purchase insurance. Please note that insurance premiums are not refundable. Each traveler will need to sign up separately.*

Basic Premium:

<https://www.travelinsured.com/group.signup?group=104505&guid=a96fb4ff8bb44cfbab976f3729476fa9>

Cancel for any Reason Premium:

<https://www.travelinsured.com/group.signup?group=104506&guid=d0be17d0d3594c24b57691cf941e464d>

*(This must be purchased within 14 days of first deposit to the group or Holidaze. **THIS BENEFIT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK STATE**)*

Asheville Ski & Outing Club
presents
8 –day Multi-Sport Soft Adventure in Croatia
Sept. 5-12, 2020



Itinerary:

- Day 1, Ferry ride Dubrovnik to Sipanska Luka (D)**
- Day 2, Sea Kayak Elaphiti Islands 3-4 hours (B,L)**
- Day 3, Sightseeing in Mostar, Bosnea, canoe 1 hr., ferry ride (B,D)**
- Day 4, 3 hrs. rafting Cetina River, Sightseeing in Split (B,D)**
- Day 5, Cycle 3-4 hrs. along Krka River SP (B,L)**
- Day 6, Sea Kayak 4 hrs. on Zrmanja River (B,D)**
- Day 7, Hike 4-5 hrs. Plitvice Lakes Park (B,D)**
- Day 8, Transfer to bus, rail station or airport in Zagreb (B)**

Approximate cost of \$1450 includes lodging, equipment, guide, all transfers, transportation insurance and meals as listed.

Does not include airfare, beverages, tips for guides.

Contact: janvandine@gmail.com

Croatia Multi-Sport Trip September 5-12, 2020

For two years people have asked me for an active adventure in Croatia during the warm months. It has taken me this long to find the perfect trip, but I finally have it. The trip is a small group adventure (maximum of 16) and begins in Dubrovnik, Croatia, includes a visit to Mostar in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Krka National Park, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Split and the Elaphiti Islands. We will sea kayak, cycle, hike, raft and canoe from Dubrovnik to Zagreb through forests, caves, lakes, waterfalls and rapids. We will also take a boat and train ride as well as our own private coach.

The trip is 8 days and includes 15 meals, all equipment, lodging, taxes, insurance, a guide and ground transfers. Since the trip is more than a year away, I only have an estimate of the cost, between \$1350 and \$1550, without air.

Update: The first group of 16 has already filled with people who have been asking for this trip. The second trip will run from Sept. 5-12, 2020. The second group is filling--so far with just women! *Girls Rule. Boys Drool!* Although it would be kind of fun to have a Women Only trip, this trip is open to both women and any men brave enough to sign on with this group. Children must be at least 12 years old.

It's a small group adventure for 16 and we must fill all 16 spots for it to go. We have about 8 right now.

No deposit will be required until the end of October, when we will need \$700 per person from everyone planning to go. The next payment will be the final payment due in May and will be approximately \$700-\$800 (depending on the Euro). Airfare from Charlotte to Dubrovnik is anywhere from \$450-\$780, depending on when you book it. I would wait until May to start looking for air.

So let me know if this trip is for you!

Contact me at: janvandine@gmail.com and get on the list.

