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THE ASHEVILLE AVALANCHE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB

April 2018

President's Message

Greetings,

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow in early February this year and according to legend, we would have six more weeks of winter. Phil's prediction was partially incorrect and partially correct. February temps warmed and our local ski slopes were in the process of shutting down. Temps and snow began to fall in March that led to some fantastic conditions to ride and ski on. Numerous club members reported that they experienced some great ski days in March not only in WNC, but also in West Virginia and in the Western U.S.



Many club members are enjoying spring break trips out west and in Canada this week. While skiing is still in full motion, the club's trip leaders are busy planning 2018-2019 trips. ASC and Crescent trips from the American West and Canada to Japan are listed in this newsletter. Please contact the leaders noted with each trip to express your interest and please share this information with family and friends.

General elections will take place at the April meeting. The club continues to grow from new members, great trips and the race team. Serving in one of the positions or on a committee is a great way to know more about our club and meet lots of fantastic folks who love the outdoors. We have a few members who have volunteered or nominated someone for open positions in our club - Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and one Board position. More information about each of the nominees is noted in this newsletter. Nominations will be open prior to elections at the April 10th meeting. Contact Wayne Bailey bailey642@hotmail.com if you are interested in serving in one of the positions. Race awards will also be presented at the April meeting. Please come out and show your support for the 2017-2018 Western Division champions.

Regards,

Bill Melton skibill@charter.net

NEXT MEETING

Date: TUESDAY April 10, 2018

Location: The Twisted Laurel Downtown

Time: Socializing 6:30 pm

Meeting/Announcements at 7:00 pm



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ASC April meeting will be held at The Twisted Laurel, 130 College Street in downtown Asheville. Try to attend as we will present Race Team Awards and have Annual Elections.

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Mountain Biking at Bent Creek - Every Wednesday at 5:30pm.
Meet at Ledford parking lot.

Gary Swinea gswinea@yahoo.com

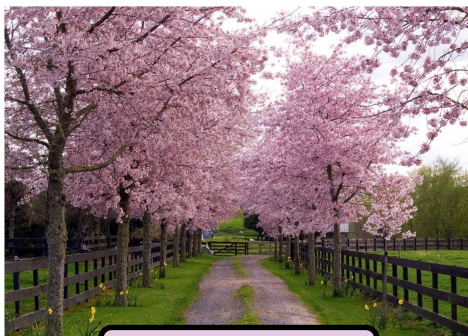
Newsletter Editor's Notes

April marks a turning point for the Asheville Ski Club. It is the time of year that we turn our attention to trip opportunities for the next ski season and also the time we nominate and elect a new slate of officers for the club. Be sure to read the candidate bios in this newsletter! As we look to the summer, there will also be warm-weather activities - so stay tuned!

Now that the winter weather appears to be behind us, I must relate that I probably had my last look on Monday, March 26th as I led the Hemphill Bald hike for our neighborhood hiking group. From the top of the bald there, a mile or so below us, I was astonished to see that the lifts and main run at the Cataloochee Ski Area were still open and people were skiing!! I don't know if there were any ASC members there - my eyes aren't quite that good - but I would not be surprised if there were.



Tom Bushar,
Asheville Avalanche
Editor



Spring is here!

While my Asheville Symphony Chorus practices preclude my attendance at the Tuesday ski club meetings, I want to encourage everyone to attend the April 10th meeting that includes election of officers and presentation of the Race Team Awards. Please be there to show your appreciation for the hard work and accomplishments of our great team leaders and participants.

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 Debbie Melton at Ashskiclub@gmail.com. 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.
- Check out the ASC Facebook page and give us a "like."
- 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.

ASHEVILLE SKI CLUB LEADERSHIP CONTACTS

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RACING

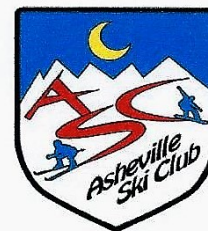
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Asheville Ski Club

Membership Application

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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: _____

New Members

This month we have two new members, Pat and Lia Reagan. After hiking with neighbor Tom Bushar and hearing about the great benefits of the Asheville Ski Club, they decided to sign up right away.



Wayne Bailey, Incoming President

I joined ASC over 10 years ago. It was the 20th anniversary for Steamboat.

I have served as a Board member in the past and most recently as VP/President Elect. I was the ASC Park City, Utah trip leader February 24-March 3, 2018 and before that the Crescent Mt. Bachelor trip leader in January 2016. I have been a trip leader for 6 trips for ASC over the past eight years.

I starting skiing around 1985.

First ASC trip – Steamboat was my first time skiing out west and I was overwhelmed with the amount of snow and the terrain.

My favorite ski trip was to White Fish, Montana.

A note from Wayne: “I was in high school when I first skied in NC. I remember everyone skiing for hours and hours, all day in fact. I was only able to get just a couple of hours. At the time, it was because of my poor technique. Once I got into lessons at Steamboat, I could ski all day thanks to my expert instructors. My word of advice is to take lessons early and often. “



Ron Shulby, Candidate for VP/President Elect



I have lived in Asheville for 30 years. I have been skiing for 43 years and a member of the Asheville Ski Club for about 15 years. I have been President, Vice President and a board member for a period of about 6 years in the past. I have seen our club and race team grow and become a wonderful part of our friendships and lives.



My daughter (18) learned to ski from other members of our club and has traveled with us on group trips. People ask me what was your favorite ski trip? I always answer it's the one I will go on next. I also have traveled with the club on the bike and barge trips to Holland and the last trip through Germany, Slovenia, Austria and the Czech Republic. Without our club I would not have ever experienced so many wonderful places and people. I am ready to be a part of the continued fun and growth.

What you might not know about Ron Shulby is his history as an FAA pilot, with a certificate to fly unmanned Aircraft Vehicles.

Here are the ski destinations that Ron has skied:

Crested Butte and Monarch

Jackson Hole, Corbet's Couloir and Grand Targhee

Steamboat Springs

Mammoth and June Mountain

Vail

Snowmass, Buttermilk, Aspen, and the Highlands

St Moritz

Snowshoe and Silver Creek

Taos Resort and Angel Fire

Park City, The Canyons and Deer Valley

Breckenridge

Keystone and A Basin

White Fish and Fernie, BC

Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, Homewood and Lake Tahoe

Mt. Bachelor

Telluride

Snow Basin, Powder Mountain and The Canyons

Beavercreek

Sun Valley

Ron recently enjoyed our February 24-March 3, 2018 trip to Park City/Deer Valley.

Donald Hummel, Candidate for VP/President Elect

While most everyone knows “The Donald,” both as a trip leader and participant, we will have to wait for the April 10th meeting to get to know this man of mystery better. He has been extremely busy lately and plans to be there for you to meet him in person. Those of you who traveled to Mammoth Mountain, CA in January will recall that he was the trip leader for that event. Donald is also serving presently on the Board as Secretary.



Dwight Moore, Candidate for Board Position

I have been an ASC member and have been skiing for 15 years. I try to take two trips a year with the club. My favorite trip was Cortina, Italy but I also think the Steamboat Springs trip is a grrat one as well. I am single and self employed. I was born in Marshall, NC and have lived in the Asheville area for the last 20 years. I have enjoyed the friends I have made thru the club.

I have been Chairman of the board of ASC in the past and I look forward to being a Board member. I plan to help the club continue to grow and prosper. I hope to see a lot of members at the CSC Spring Convention which is a very affordable and fun event.



John Sherman, Candidate for Board Position

Born and raised in Venezuela until the age of 14, I had no exposure to skiing. About 4 years ago my nephew gave me his downhill racing skis. Off I went to the slopes, rode up to the top and well. we've all seen what happens. But I was hooked...loved the speed, but realized I had lots to learn. I ordered a smaller pair of skis and tried it again.

I should mention my wife, Heidi taught skiing in Aspen. However, because I skied on weekdays when she was working she'd tell me what I should do without being able to watch me. I also peppered people on the chair lift for advice and viewed teaching videos online. My wife would go over things like planting the pole, turn, keep hands in front, bend knees, etc. Struggling with using the poles correctly, I decided to plant them permanently and haven't used them since. I'm like a snowboarder with a board on each foot.

I joined the ski club when I saw a flyer at Ski Country sports. I signed up for the Banff Trip and asked a friend to join me as Heidi was unable to go. Five of my friends joined in. What a fantastic ski trip! Being new to the ski club. I was impressed by the organization from door to door, (great job Jeff and Ilona). Everyone was so friendly and we all bonded right away. We even went Curling, the best sport ever... seriously.



Other outdoor adventures I've done include running 14 marathons and the Louisville Ironman. Some of my kayak trips include paddling from the headwaters of the French Broad in Rosman to Knoxville. I've also paddled from Henderson County to Charleston. I do hot yoga 2-3 times a week for balance and flexibility.



I've been a helicopter flight nurse for 25+ years and moonlight as neurology nurse practitioner. My wife and I have been married almost 21 years. We enjoy traveling. Our first big trip was trekking to the Base Camp of Everest in Nepal.

I'm grateful for my two wonderful step children. Brianna is a pediatric nurse in Denver and Drew is doing his post doc in biochemistry at Princeton. We have our first grandchild, Cormac, who is three months old and lives in Colorado. We try to visit as often as possible and take advantage of the great outdoors in whatever season.



Beech Mountain Resort's Installation of TWO New Chairlifts Will Decrease Travel Time, Increase Capacity to Summit and Riding Comfort

Beech Mountain, NC—Beech Mountain Ski Resort announces the replacement of two of its main chairlifts, to be ready for the 2018/2019 winter season. Lift 5, which ascends to the 5,506-foot summit, and was originally built in 1987, is currently being disassembled in preparation for the installment of a new Doppelmayr fixed-grip quad lift. The Doppelmayr quad lift will include the addition of a loading conveyor to ensure safe boarding, higher travel speeds and shorter trip times. Lift 5 will now offer 144 chairs with a 6-1/2-minute travel time accommodating 2,400 people per hour.

Lift 6, currently a double chair lift, also ascends to the 5,506-foot summit and will be replaced with an identical Doppelmayr fixed-grip quad lift. This new Doppelmayr quad lift will feature 106 chairs offering a 6-1/2-minute travel time with a capacity of 2,000 people per hour.

Both Doppelmayr quad lifts will feature foot support with upholstered seating and a back rest. Patrons can now expect to reach the 5,506-foot summit with easy on/off loading, comfortable seating, and a more efficient layout to eliminate line congestion.

Specs and details:

Lift 5

- Doppelmayr Fixed-Grip Quad
- Loading Conveyor
- 144 Chairs
- 6 1/2-minute trip time
- Upholstered seating and back support
- Foot rest
- 2,400 people per hour

Lift 6

- Doppelmayr Fixed-Grip Quad
 - 106 Chairs
 - 6 1/2-minute trip time
 - Upholstered seating and back support
 - Foot rest
 - 2,000 people per hour
- Total Capacity= 4,400 people per hour

Beech Mountain Resort will open for summer operations soon, including mountain biking, disc golf, live music, and yoga. Transportation will be provided to the summit and more information will be released in April.



PRESIDENT'S UPDATE –March 2018

March came through bringing lots of snow all over the country, including the North Carolina and West Virginia mountains. We saw reports that Snowshoe had some of the best conditions just last week that anyone has seen in years. If anyone thought Punxatawny Phil was wrong in his prediction of 6 more weeks of winter, he certainly showed all of us his forecast was right on track!! Hope some of you got to enjoy the powder – we know the Killington trip participants did.

Spring does finally appear to be showing up here in the South. Time to focus on the outdoors – take time to enjoy it!!

CRESCENT TRIPS (Lisa Beregi)

Crescent had another successful season for long distance trips!! Steamboat in December, Mammoth in January and the “Limited Edition” Killington trip last week. Everyone in Vermont wanted to know how we picked the best week of the year two years ago. Please ask any participant about the trip. We were treated great at the Killington Grand, Okemo and Mt. Snow!

Make sure Clubs discuss where they would like to go in 2020, including how interested they are in Spain for March 2020 so their trip leaders can vote appropriately at the Trip meeting during Spring Convention. Thanks to all the Club Trip Leaders and each participant for a great year.

As you know, both the EPIC & IKON Passes went on sale March 6th. Lisa received a very good question this week about the EPIC Pass and how much if you buy one you would save on the Crested Butte January Ski Week. Although we haven't finalized the Crested Butte pricing, the lift ticket portion will be the same. 5-day lift ticket included in the package is \$214, so if one has the EPIC pass, they can deduct that amount from the trip. Remember, if you buy your EPIC pass from SAT you will get an additional \$30 or \$50 off the trip depending on which pass you purchase.

The only flexible component to that price is we will be offering a Monarch Day Trip during the week at an additional day trip fee. So - if one wanted to go to Monarch but only ski 5 days total, they would only be purchasing a 4-day Crested Butte ticket and the savings would be less.

Sara Clemons at Sports America also forwarded the below links on the EPIC Passes being offered for active and retired military (and dependents) for \$99 and the discounted pass offered to any vet! **These cannot be purchased through SAT, so share with your clubs. The Military Passes are only good at Vail resorts, not partners, so they would not be valid at Crested Butte, Telluride or A-Basin.** Please read all the FAQs associated with each type of pass.

<https://www.epicpass.com/pass-results/military.aspx>
<https://www.epicpass.com/info/military-faqs.aspx>

See you in a month! Lisa

Member Business Cards

How about letting Asheville Ski Club help you advertise your business? Or maybe you would just like to let your fellow members know what you do for a living. 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.



Local ASC Yahoo Group

Be sure to catch all the opportunities for joining other ASC members in local group activities. You can tie in with other members that might be skiing, hiking, tubing or camping together beyond planned ASC events. Just go to the following website: groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ASCskis/info.

You can join in the general group and join the conversations and plans.

Skis For Sale

BRAND NEW - 2018 Salomon QST Lux 92 Women's Ski, 161cm All-Mountain Ski

Asking \$400 or best offer

Contact Ron Shulby [828-777-9511](tel:828-777-9511)

**Salomon QST Lux 92
Womens Skis 2018**



**Men's 2017 Rossignol Experience 84 HD skis
with Look SPX 12 Dual Konect bindings**

Men's 2017 Rossignol Experience 84 HD, 170cm All-Mountain skis with Look SPX 12 Dual Konect bindings

Skis used for 1 season only - in very good condition

\$260 for skis & bindings –or– \$220 for flat skis (no bindings)

Contact Peter Lourekas [828-772-9320](tel:828-772-9320)



Women's K2 Burnin Luv, 153cm w/Marker bindings

Maintained, good condition \$200.00

Contact Jacquie Wollins Jwollins5@gmail.com



ASC Members in Action

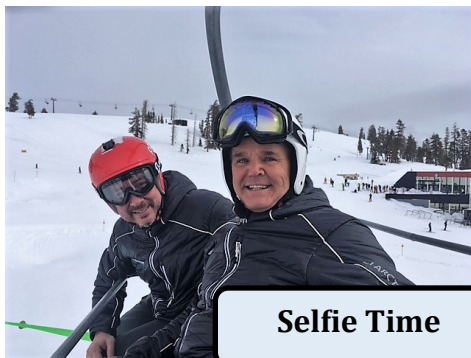
Bobby Roland and David Harrison competed at the Nastar slalom racing finals at Squaw Valley, California. March 21-24, 2018 with Bobby taking silver in the 55-59 platinum category



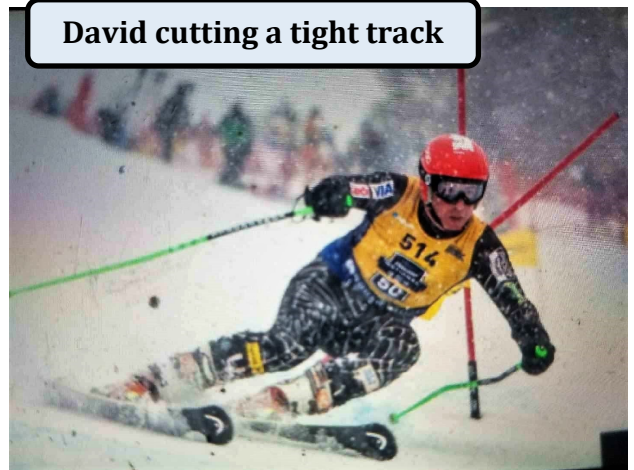
Bobby on the stand



David and Bobby



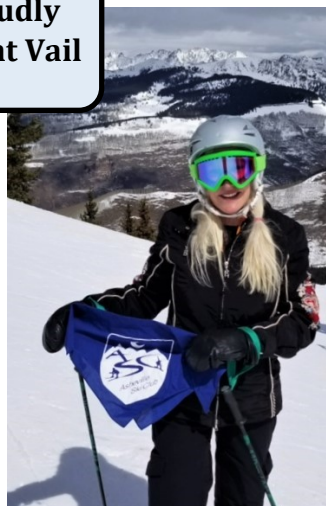
Selfie Time



David cutting a tight track



Greg and Susan proudly display the ASC Flag at Vail



ASC Mount Hood Race Camp

Sun, Jun 24, 2018, 7:00 PM –

Sun, Jul 15, 2018, 10:00 PM

Hey folks!

**Hope you're surviving racing season!
Registration is now open for the ASC Racing & Development Camp on Mt. Hood.**

The racing lane is reserved, Nanitch Lodge is reserved and staff is being hired.

Brenda Barbour-Mulcahy is returning as camp director, along with Coaches Sara Beekman and Thea Van Sickie Young. We are working to confirm fabulous Coach Ericka as well, and will be adding a few other coaches to the roster.

We are taking applications for 4 parent volunteers each week, as well as Counselors in Training. All documents can be found on the website.



We're also looking for sponsors of the camp - whose logo would appear on materials such as sweatshirts and other swag.

Please email me at stephaniecarson123@gmail.com if you have any questions.

You can also contact Joe Lackey or Ken Porter-Shirley.

Here is the link to registration payment:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asheville-ski-club-racing-development-camp-tickets-38148935493>

The following link takes you to the website home page:

www.ascrdt.com.

Next page of newsletter shows the flyer.

Thanks again and we look forward to another fabulous and memorable summer!

Stephanie Carson


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In its second year, the Mt. Hood Summer Training Program organized by the Asheville Ski Club Racing and Development Team and supported by the Asheville Ski Club aims to foster and build on the tremendous racing talent we have in the region.

Interested? Sign up so we can add you to our distribution list.

[Subscribe Now](#)

In our 2017 Inaugural year, we trained more than 40 athletes at Timberline Lodge in Oregon, under the guidance of expert coaches, with activities coordinated by parent volunteers, that included rock climbing, white water rafting, mountain biking, hiking, swimming and more.



Beyond summer training, we offer training and racing opportunities to capitalize on the fact that some of the south's best skiing is found in our backyard.

Our goal is to provide year-long training opportunities for racers in the region to ensure they are prepared to compete on the regional and national level at SARA, USSA, Nastar and Crescent Race Events.



We are a parent-led volunteer organization and welcome your support and feedback as we develop this institution for our talented youth.

TRIPS TRIPS TRIPS 2018-2019 TRIPS TRIPS TRIPS

A lot of time and effort goes into trip planning. We have some of the best trip leaders in all of the Crescent Ski Council network of clubs working on next season's trips now. Some preliminary information follows so everyone can plan ahead for some great trip opportunities. If you are interested in any trip let us know now. The club trips are preliminary and subject to change. More info next month. Trips go on sale June 1st

Where do you want to go?



First week of December - 35th Annual Crescent Ski Council Race/Ski/Ride Camp.

(IKON PASS)

Email contact: Margaret (mcrum@charter.net)



January 12th -19th - Crescent Ski Council trip

(EPIC PASS)

Email Contact: Greg (ggcaspers@gmail.com)



Late January/Early February - Club Trip

(EPIC PASS)

Email Contact: Jeff (jphenrick@aol.com)



February 16th-23rd - Club Trip

(MOUNTAIN COLLECTIVE PASS)

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March 2nd-9th - Club Trip

(IKON PASS)

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Late March - International Club Trip

(EPIC PASS)

Email Contact: Jan (janvandine@gmail.com)



TBD-End of Season Crescent Ski Council Race Finals- All Welcome

(IKON PASS)

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