

Notice:

1. We need to find volunteers for Board positions of Newsletter Editor, Special Events Director, and Community Service Director. Here is your opportunity to help run this club and get to know some really neat fellow skiers and boarders. Call Russell to volunteer.

2. The July Canoe/Kayak Float Trip was canceled due to insufficient participation.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Aug 4 Board Meeting 630 pm
 Wed 19 Membership Mtg Patriots Point
 Grill Mt Pleasant
 Sep 1 Board Meeting 630 pm
 Wed 16 Membership Mtg TBD

Schedule of Upcoming Ski Trips

Dec'09 4-6 Winter Warm-up/Ski Improvement
 Appalachian Mountain NC –
 French Swiss Ski College
 Dec'09 5-12 Steamboat CO Race Camp
 Jan '10 16-23 Whitefish MT Crescent
 Mega Trip
 Feb '10 7-14 Telluride CO

The Prez Says:

Helloooooo Fellow Ski-ters:

It is with a great sense of urgency that I feel it necessary to share my observations with you in regards to our club and its future.

We face the same problems as other clubs and non-profit organizations in the environment of a tightening economy. The increased demand for activities and events and functions is exceeding the volunteers to support these functions. A perfect example of this situation is that your club has a number of vacant positions on the Board of Directors- - Newsletter Editor, Special

Events Director and Community Service Director just to name a few.

The newsletter position is extremely critical since it is through the newsletter that both on-line and other members stay connected. Our nonprofit bylaws of incorporation require a monthly newsletter to keep the members informed. And a number of members have opted to receive a mailed copy of this newsletter because they have insufficient download capacity or speed to view it on-line. We have had several temporary editors but have experienced difficulties retaining a person that has both the time and the expertise to produce a high quality newsletter. The present temporary editor has conflicts with several trips and the coming ski season and will not be available for future issues.

Special events Chairperson assists with the plans and coordinates the many annual and new functions we do each year. This allows us all to enjoy and participate while we make the minimum mistakes and refine the repetitive functions so they are able to run like clockwork.

Community services allows us to work with and cooperate with other non profit organizations in the community to expose others to our club, attract high performance volunteers, and recruit others to join us. Although this was the third one listed, EACH AND EVERY ONE of these functions is vital to our having an effective ski, board and outdoor oriented club.

The situation and difficulty of having more activities and events than volunteers came up at a recent meeting. And while some felt we needed to recruit more event volunteers. *Some others felt we needed to start reducing the activities because there was no one to chair or put on the functions.* I am dead set against this path of least resistance since it will ultimately lead to less participation, less membership, and eventually the demise of the Greater Charleston Ski Club. Similarly, I strongly believe we need to promote

having the Board take a more active role in both mentoring and training of our replacements. Let's set up a system where by we start training people to take over some of our various positions. For this to work, you need to express interest in joining the team since our club's success will be only as good as the caliber of the people running it.

Lastly, we are looking for a better location for having our meetings and desire to have a fairly central location for the upcoming year, same time, same place each month. This allows long range cooperation and better communication between the location and us. Unfortunately, everyone cannot have the club meeting down the street from them. If you know of a place, please feel free to contact VP Jean Holst, who has the lead for meeting locations. We are looking at 4 Ski and Board trips this coming year. Pray for snow so we can board and ski.

In closing let me just say that without your participation, stepping up and taking some leadership and responsibilities, do not count on having this social club in existence in the next five years. We all need to be a part, recruit new members and share with everyone the many great things that the Greater Charleston Ski Club brings to its members and the residents of the Low Country!

See you at our next meeting, and please let me know how you would like to help make our club the best it can be!

Russell Jewell

Winter Warm-up and Ski/Board Improvement

Building upon the success of the second annual ski training trip, and the outstanding

caliber of instruction that French-Swiss Ski College provided our novice skiers and boarders, we are returning this winter. This past down-season, they added more snow making equipment to the awesome layout they already had. Remote controlled snow nozzles means, *no '@#&' snow mobiles running up and down the slope*. In fact for this season, their web-site has pushed back their closing date. Scheduled opening is Nov. 20 and closing is APRIL 11.

A poll was taken at the July Meeting at Wild Wings, and 12 tentatively signed up, with 4 checking car-pool and 10 a bus. There is also the possibility of renting a 12 passenger van, since one already volunteered to use his pickup to haul skies and baggage. One member questioned if they will have snow on the tentative December 4-6 date - - for every 1000 feet one gains in altitude, it becomes about 4 degree cooler and traveling north, and the year round temperature also is usually much colder. Plus, their water reclaim pond allows them to reuse any snow-melt from warmer days at night when it is cooler.

Presently, they are offering various packages from the basic with lift, equipment, a one hour lesson ski and board, up to their standard 3 lesson packages which our group used last year. Contact Mike Hadbavny, Training Director 556-6504, for more information.

A Reminder from the Board

With check payments for membership, trip deposits, payments, etc., please make them out to GCSC or Greater Charleston Ski Club rather than an individual by name.

With the rush to sign up for the planned Ski Warm Up/Improvement-Appalachian Ski Mountain trip and the Telluride CO trip, keep in mind that "the early bird catches the worm." And prices will be more costly trying to get extra slots beyond the original allocated 12 or 26 slots

planned for the trip. There is more “wiggle room” far in advance. Another hurdle that trip leaders face is that destinations, lodging, and travel has become very competitive. For example, airlines, lodging, and tour agency deposits for the Telluride trip alone are quite significant and canceling later than 90 days before the trip has no refund to the club.

And, how did she get involved with us? Barb Holloway brought her to a couple of meetings and she realized just how much fun this club has. “Not to mention it was a wonderful way to get to know so many fantastic folks just like YOU!” she added. Do now you know the rest of the story. And all of our hats are off to Barb for the outstanding mentoring and recruiting such a neat Secretary, who by the way is now a skier.

Scrapbooking

Hear ye, hear ye, YOUR ski club needs a new creator. Someone, who loves this club, enjoys getting together with your friends and others, and using your unlimited talents to put together a history book filled with examples of the fun this club has at every event.

It’s not hard, and lots of fun . . . and I know some of you ladies are quite experienced at scrapbooking. So give Debbie a call at 469-4265 or email her.

Cruising Along on Charleston Harbor

Did you enjoy this year’s cruise? Many folks had a great time and we are always looking for ways to improve all of our events. Do you have any ideas? One idea suggested is to have TWO of them! One in June (with the beach party Saturday), and another one in the fall. The fall one would be a Dinner Cruise on a different boat, and would cost somewhere around \$45-55 PP. So, members, what are YOUR ideas? This is YOUR club, and we appreciate your input. Share your ideas with Russell or “Little Debbie.”

How’s this for a Human Interest Story?

Who is the GCSC Secretary and member of the executive board? We know her as “Little Debbie” Croxton, but did you know she came to Charleston because ‘05 Hurricane Katrina chased her out of Mississippi? Yep out of all the places to run to, Charleston won out - - -and talk about our good luck! She came here and didn’t know anybody, except for one gal who was in the Air Force with her son, when he was here for “tech school”. So, with no job, no place to live, and didn’t know a soul, she literally jumped into SC. Crazy? She thinks so, but is really glad she took the plunge and a host of us are also extremely pleased she did.

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GCSC 2009-10 Trips

Dec 4-6 App Ski Mtn NC

Dec 5-12 Steamboat Race Camp CO

Jan 16-23 Whitefish MT

Feb 7-14 Telluride CO

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