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www.CharlestonSkiClub.org

The Greater Charleston Ski Club is a non profit organization that enjoys social functions and events throughout the year, including but not limited to ski trips. Our membership is open to anyone without regard to age, color or creed.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MOVED TO Monday DECEMBER 14TH.



Upcoming events:

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Mon, Dec 7

HAPPY HANUKKAH
First Day Sat, Dec 12

MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Mon, Dec 14
Social 6 pm-Meeting 7p
The Point Grill

In Shriners' Building
176 Patriots Point Road
Mount Pleasant
Please bring food items and/or toys for
HALOS

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Fri Dec 25

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Thurs Dec 31

Newsletter Articles
To the editor
By the 25th of each month

On the Board?
Board Meets
First Tuesday at 6:30p
Sunfire Grill and Bistro

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Business And Articles

The Prez says.....

Hey Charleston Skiters!

They are getting snow in West Virginia and I have seen announcements of ALL the west coast slopes opening! Are you ready to start skiing! ☺ We will be heading up to do some refreshing and training here soon, have you gotten with Mike to secure your spot?

I hope that every one of you had a warm and wonderful Thanksgiving! We are very lucky to live in one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The Christmas season is rapidly approaching so remember the membership meeting has changed for December. Still the same place and time just happening on Monday instead of Wednesday. Hope to see all of you there. Please remember to bring a canned or dry food item for our charity donation; let's show our Christmas spirit in a big way!

Got lots going on over the next several months, Mike's trip this month, Whitefish in January, Telluride in February as well as the annual Oyster Roast at Bob Watt's house. Then in March we will be having our Membership Appreciation/Re-up party at the James Island County Park. While all of this is going on, we will be searching for some new people and ideas for the upcoming board year. If you would like to serve on the nominating committee or nominate someone for the several positions that will be opening up, please contact me via email with you interest or suggestions.

Wow, the year has just seemed to fly by and it has been a good one for you I hope. May you have a joyous Christmas and safe and Happy New Year!

Merry Christmas!

Russell Jewell

President, GCSC



The WILLIAM C. "Bill" BRADLEY MEMORIAL AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize the Greater Charleston Ski Club member(s) who contributed the most to the success of the Club during the current club year.

Members in good standing are eligible for this award for their contributions made during the current year (April 1 to March 31). A Club member may be the recipient of the Award for two (2) years in a row but no more than three (3) times overall.

Nominations must be submitted by Club members in good standing. Nominations must be in writing and include justification for nomination. Nominations must be received by the Board no later than the regularly scheduled February Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP:



127 Memberships
39 Family memberships
88 Single memberships

166 adults
21 children

Check out our web site for more details regarding the ski club, trips/flyers, photos, and **becoming a member.**

www.CharlestonSkiClub.org or
Call Kelly at 843-225-3627

The membership year runs from April 1 thru March 31. Yearly dues are as follows:

New members	Single*	\$40.00
	Family	\$55.00
Renewals**	Single*	\$30.00
	Family	\$45.00

*Single is age 21 and older

** Discounted renewal amount due by March 31 of each year. After this date, pay full amount.

BECOME INVOLVED with YOUR CLUB:

We need a **Scrapbook Director**. It's not hard and is lots of fun. Call Debbie at 843-469-4264.

We need a **Special Events Director**. Get involved while having fun. Call Russell at 843-817-3939

2010 SPECIAL EVENTS

Oyster Roast	Feb 27
Membership Appreciation	Mar 20
Spring Convention	Apr 22-25
Harbor Cruise	Jun 25
Beach Party	Jun 26
Fall Convention	Oct TBA
Kingstree Trials	Nov TBA

Event details will be included in subsequent newsletters.

NEW EVENT: For all those who are missing the Charleston Cup, we are looking into the Kingstree Trials for 2010. It appears this race is almost identical to the Charleston Cup we used to have here, infield parking, tailgating and actual horse races!



**Business
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Articles**



HALOS (Helping And Lending Outreach Support) provides assistance to abused and neglected children in Charleston County and to their caregivers. Through a variety of programs and initiatives, we help to improve the lives of these children.

CHARLESTON SKI CLUB MEMBERS: Please bring food items and/or toys to the December membership meeting (Monday December 14, 2009) to help make this holiday season a little brighter. Monetary donations will be accepted. Please make checks payable to HALOS.

Skiing & Our National Parks

I don't know how many of you saw the Ken Burns series "Our National Parks" on ETV a few weeks ago. If not, you missed out. A number of the parks are located very close to Charleston ski club trip destinations. If you have a 5 out of 6 day lift ticket and you're looking for something to do with that extra day, visiting one of the parks is often a great option.

This year both the Teluride and the Whitefish trips are close to Mesa Verde and Glacier National parks, respectively. To get there, rent a car in town for the day or befriend a local who has one. Go to <http://www.nps.gov/index.htm> for more information, including "Operating Hours & Seasons". Select the state from the drop down list "Find a Park".

Using a GPS system and/or preprinted directions from a mapping program like MS Streets & Trips will make your journey more seamless and enjoyable.

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October 23-25 Crescent Fall Conference

Gatlinburg, TN in late October is a sight to behold. A short 5 1/2 hours from Charleston, driving through beautiful foliage on rolling mountains was picture perfect. The Crescent Ski Council did a wonderful job picking this venue for the Fall Conference. We started the weekend off on Friday with a Pub Crawl through some of Gatlinburg's finest watering holes. We were offered a free tram ride to the top of the mountain, but I chickened out. Saturday, it was down to business. Bobby and I; Mike and Eileen Hadbavny headed out to our workshops. I think we all learned new ideas about how to make our club better. In the coming months you will be hearing about some of the new ideas we received from other ski clubs. Saturday night was the dinner and dance and pumpkin carving contest. Bobby did the honor for us and created a carved pumpkin that resembled our GCSC "Ski-ter", including skis. Our pumpkin won and I am sure that there will be lots of photos floating around the other clubs of our winning pumpkin. Sunday morning, it was back to business after a wonderful buffet breakfast at the hotel. After the final meeting, it was time to come back home but not before we voted to go back to Gatlinburg next year for the Fall Conference. Even though each club is only allowed two voting representatives, the conference is open to all club members and we want to encourage our members to participate and see what it takes to run these clubs. I look forward to the Spring Convention 2010, which will again be held in Myrtle Beach and will also plan on attending the Fall Conference 2010 in Gatlinburg. I am always up for learning something new.

Linda Tompton

Word of the Month:

MODERATION: Within reasonable limits; not to an excess.

Ski and snowboard tuning

Ski/snowboard sharpening/hot waxing.

Skis - Sharpen - \$25 and up*

Snowboards - Sharpen - \$15 and up*

Skis - Hot wax - \$15

Snowboards - Hot wax - \$10

* Depends on condition of edges and special angles.

Please call Ed @ 843-906-7734

Cruising Along on Charleston Harbor:

Did you enjoy this year's cruise? Many folks had a great time. 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 on Saturday) and another one in the fall. The fall one would be a Dinner Cruise on a different boat. The cost would be around \$44-55pp. So, members, what are YOUR ideas? This is YOUR club. We appreciate your input. Share your ideas. Call Russell at 843-817-3939 or Debbie at 843-469-4265

Subaru is a proud sponsor of the Crescent Ski Council (CSC) Racing program. Part of their sponsorship package this year includes the **VIP Discount program** for all CSC members. Qualifying members of a CSC club can PURCHASE OR LEASE a new Subaru at **2% below dealer cost minus any incentives which are currently being offered**. To qualify, you must have been a member of a Crescent Ski Council authorized club for at least six (6) months. If you are interested, please notify GCSC Race Director **Debbie Ostrander, (843) 276-5110**, of your intent to participate. Subaru will mail the VIP information to you and to the local Subaru dealer that you have selected to trade with. Once you have received the information, you can go to a local dealer; pick out the Subaru that you want, the dealer will pull the invoice and let the purchaser know if there are any current incentives. Please take advantage of this wonderful benefit that Crescent Racing has secured for all CSC clubs.

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Please submit all newsletter information & articles to me by the 25th of the month.



Greater Charleston Ski Club 2009 – 2010 Racing Schedule

The following is the 2009 – 2010 Crescent Ski Club / Subaru Race and Terrain Park Competition Schedule.

Dec 5 – 12, 2009	Steamboat Race Camp
Date to be determined	Killington Race Camp
Dec 6, 2009	CSC Development training at Appalachian
Dec 11 – 13, 2009	Sugar MT. Race Camp*
Jan, 2010	Timberline, WV camp
Jan 24, 2010	CSC Development Training at Appalachian

Race Format: 2 runs of Slalom – Saturdays
2 runs of Giant Slalom – Sundays

Dec 19 – 20, 2009	Appalachian, NC
Jan 8- 10, 2010	Appalachian, NC
Jan 30 – 31	Appalachian, NC
Feb 1	Cupp Run Challenge at Snowshoe, WV
Feb 6 – 7	Beech Mt, NC
Feb 20 – 21	Sugar Mt, NC
March 7	Dick Trundy/Sugar Cup Sugar Mt, NC
March 5 – 7	Crescent Cup, Silver Creek WV
March 5 – 7	Governor's Cup race at Timberline WV
March 25 – 28	NASTAR Finals

**Call Debbie Ostrander at 843-276-5110
(Debbie.ostrander@yahoo.com)**

* See www.seesugar.com/sugarfest for more details.

FOR RACE APPLICATION CONTACT DEBBIE OSTRANDER

PLEASE FILL IN OR CHECK THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL _____

NEW CRESCENT RACER _____ CURRENTLY QUALIFIED RACER _____

PREVIOUS CSC RACER FROM OVER 2 YEARS AGO AND NEEDS TO RE-QUALIFY _____

NASTAR ID NUMBER _____ CLUB NAME: _____

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Greater Charleston Ski Club 2009-2010 Trips



Where	When	Price Per person	Contact
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Learn to Ski School

Appalachian Ski Mtn. 940 Ski Mountain Road, Blowing Rock, NC 28605	Dec 4-6, 2009	\$262-290	Mike Hadbavny 843-556-6504
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This is a great opportunity for beginner and experienced skier. Includes: Group transportation, lodging and a 'Learn to Ski' package. Crescent Ski Council Development Training for Racers: Sunday December 6, 2009 at 8:45a (for an additional fee)



Ski School / Race Camp

Steamboat Ski School and Race Camp Steamboat Springs, CO	Dec 5-12, 2009	\$860 + airfare	Sara at Sports America Tours 800-876-8551 x109
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Includes: 7 nights lodging; 6 day lift tickets; 5 full days of lessons; 3 lunches; welcome wine and cheese party; BBQ dinner; keg party; NASTAR Race; pair of SmartWool socks; awards dinner w/door prizes and free shuttle bus service within Steamboat (incls downtown).



CRESCENT MEGA TRIP

Whitefish Mountain Whitefish, Montana	Jan 16-23, 2009	Grouse Mtn Lodge \$915 Mtn Condos \$960 Upgraded condos \$1030 Airfare \$564 Non-skiers deduct \$241 Skiers 70+ ski FREE	Russell Jewell 843-817-3939
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Includes: 7 nights lodging; 5 day lift pass; on hill activities; mountain tours; après ski party; welcome reception; farewell dinner and dance; round trip charter transfers; souvenir Crescent T-shirt; discounted group lessons and ski rentals and optional ski Fernie Day (price TBA).



Greater Charleston Ski Club Trip

Telluride Telluride is located in Southwestern Colorado on State Highway 145 in the San Juan Mountains	Feb 7-14, 2009	\$1270 Includes airfare Sold out Call about wait list	Bobby Compton 843-553-0803
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Non-Ski Trip



From Charleston to San Juan, PR; St Thomas; St Maarten; St Kitts and Tortola.	Mar 8-19, 2010	Inside cabinets \$999 Ocean view \$1058	Sue w/Clearwater Travel on the "Mercury" cruise ship 813-334-4626
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Have a Happy and Safe New Year!