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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.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

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| Tuesday | 04 | Board Meeting 6:30 pm
Tony Cerko's |
| Friday | 14 | Happy Hour 6-8 pm
Creekside Bar & Grill on
Shem Creek - Mt. Pleasant |
| Friday | 14 | Crescent Convention
Sign up Deadline! |
| 15 - 22 | | GCSC Killington VT Ski Week
Killington Vermont |
| Wednesday | 26 | Membership Meeting
Sunfire Grill West Ashley |

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| Tuesday | 01 | Board Meeting TBA |
| Saturday | 05 | Spring Party 7 - 11 pm
125 Cainhoy Landing Ln |
| Wednesday | 16 | Membership Meeting
Wild Wings Mt. Pleasant
<i>** New Location **</i> |
| 24 - 27 | | Crescent Spring Convention
Myrtle Beach |
| 4/27 - 5/4 | | Eastern Caribbean
Cruise  |

Attention All Skiters...

This is officially **my last edition** of the SKI RAPPER - It may be your last one too if someone does not step up and take over the job of editor! I have enjoyed preparing this newsletter for the last 6 plus years but now need to step down -

If there is someone in our club that would like to take over this responsibility, I will gladly lend my time to help them get started!

Please contact me if you are interested!

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March Membership Meeting



Wednesday

March 26th, 2008

Sunfire Grill & Bistro

1090 Sam Rittenburg Blvd.

Join us for happy hour about 6 pm and
Meeting around 7 pm.

The Nominations for the GCSC 08/09 Officers Are...

- President Russell Jewell
- V. President Larry Hendrix
- Secretary Debbie Croxton
- Treasurer Linda Compton

Additional nominations may be taken from the floor

**We will be voting on these positions at the March 26th
Membership meeting...**

Be there and support your club!

THE PREZ SEZ...

Hello Skiiters

Well, actually, au revoir, adios, arrivedechei (that's gotta be wrong!). This is my last month as II Presidente. It appears that, barring unfortunate successful assassination attempts in the remaining days, I will be able to hand over the Presidency, together with the Presidential palace, the Limousine and the \$500,000 annual salary to the incoming President.

Hmm, I detect a sudden and inexplicable rush to be nominated for this position!? Well don't be fooled – I was just kidding about the Limousine.

The past two years have been...interesting. The club has experienced a period of change and continues to evolve. We have a core of members who have in the past and will continue to serve as volunteers on the board, but we really need YOU to actively participate by volunteering to take part in the running of the club.

In April, the GCSC will have a new President, a new treasurer and a couple of new board members to ensure that it continues to offer winter sports enthusiasts in Charleston and the surrounding areas the best in low cost, well organized and above all – great fun, trips. The club will also continue to offer great fun, organized events that occur throughout the year. But these events do require a lot of work, so if you have ideas for new events, outings, trips etc – the board wants to hear them. BUT, please remember that your idea will likely receive a far better response if you also volunteer to help organize it.

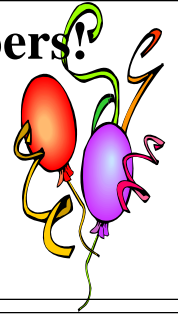
On that note, I would like to thank all of the Board members for their time, dedication and hard work over the past two years. Remember, they are all just regular members like you, providing their time and effort to ensure your enjoyment.

Adios

Angus

Welcome New Members!

- Carissa Hellberg
- Bobby Barron Jr.
- Victor Prockow
- Charles Rackley Jr



Happy Hour
Friday March 14th
Creekside Bar & Grill
On Shem Creek
(Mt. Pleasant)

Come on out and start your
St. Patricks day celebration early!

**Its Spring - and that's
a great reason to have
a Party!**



Saturday April 5th
7 pm - 11 pm

125 Cainhoy Landing Ln
(The home of GCSC Member Greg Ingram)

Music * Food * Adult Beverages

DIRECTIONS: 125 Cainhoy Landing Rd.

FROM CHAS. WA & JAMES IS.: 17N over Ravenel Bridge, through Mt. Pleasant, to Hwy 41 N (10 miles) - up Hwy 41 6 miles, cross over the Wando River. Go another 2 blocks and take first left onto Clements Ferry Rd. Go 1/4 mile and turn left at "Cainhoy Landing" - head straight back to 125 Cainhoy Landing Rd (on left.)

FROM N. CHAS, SMVLL, GOOSE CREEK: I-26 to 526 toward Mt. Pleasant. Go 5.5 miles to Clements Ferry North. exit. Go 7.5 miles down Clements Ferry till you see "Whitten Marine" building on right. Travel 2 more blocks and turn right onto Cainhoy Landing (look for small street sign).

Greg Ingram Hm 843-849-1160 Office 843-849-8688

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A Guest**

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Breckenridge Ski Trip

Another great ski trip accomplished

How good was it? Well, pictures are worth a thousand words or is it a thousand dollars? Can we say what falls in the snow stays in the snow? Snow way, this is a ski and tell group. So, those who took pictures, please bring your incriminating evidence to the next couple of meetings and happy hours so that everyone can see what they missed.

First, I would like to thank those who helped make this trip fun and successful.

**Pam Marsh for getting people together for dinner as a group at the Breckenridge Brewery and organizing a snowmobile ride. **Jean Holst for organizing the slay ride with dinner trip. **Angus for handling the NASTAR race. ** Eddie for putting on the Mardi Gras party.



The trip went well without any major delays and no one was hurt. What more could you ask for? We started our week with a welcoming party. The wine and cheese quality was more than I expected. Sports America did good. A Breckenridge representative was there to tell us about the area and to answer questions.

Sunday, most of us gathered at Eric's Sports bar after a great day of skiing, for the Super Bowl game. Was that a great game or what? Right down to the wire. The place was packed. But, some of my group got there early and were holding a long table. Thanks to whoever got there first.

Monday - Yeah, that's right, another great day of skiing. Don't you wish you were there? Then we jumped in the hot tub. Ouch, it was hot but oh so good. That night we had our, no cost to you, group dinner at the Blue River Bistro. Did I hear any complaints? Of course not. By the way, pistachio encrusted Salmon was the favorite among our group.

Fat Tuesday - Right, great day of skiing and hot tub. Some went to the Mardi Gras Parade on Main St. That night we had a Mardi Gras party with games, beads, drinks and chili. We dressed up kind of crazy and had a great time. Come to the meetings and happy hours if you want to see the pictures.

Wednesday - Wrong, not another great day of skiing. It was a great day of rest, sight seeing, and shopping for me and most of the group.

Thursday - Race day. Ed Holst NASTAR Race. The Great Charleston Down Hill Racing Team in action. Speed Skitters on snow. We had a fun time and if you were not there then you missed a great time. Angus has the time sheet with a list of those who won medals. Maybe he will publish it in the news letter. USA Future Olympic racers!

Friday - Great day, last day, all good things must end. But after summer is over, ski time winter will come again. Sign up early and we will do it all over again.

Saturday - Trip home. Enough said.

Now, I want everyone who went on this trip to pat themselves on the back for making this such a good trip and I would be glad to ski and party with you again, anytime. By the way, no one ran over me on the slopes this time. Thanks Larry, for skiing responsibly.



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 a new Subaru at dealer cost minus any incentives**, which are currently being offered. To qualify, you must have been a member of GCSC (or other CSC Club) for at least six (6) months. If you are interested, please notify Lea Givens at Livens2002@hotmail.com of your intent to participate. Subaru will mail the VIP

information to you, which will include information about local dealers participating in the VIP program. 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. The VIP Program will be in effect from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. Please take advantage of this wonderful benefit that Crescent Racing Chairperson Ron Scott has secured for all CSC clubs.

Additional discounts can be found on the National Ski Council Federation website: www.skifederation.org. Go to the Members Only section and sign in (user name is skiclub and password is member) then check out the benefits.



2007/2008 CSC/Subaru Race & Terrain Park Competition Schedule

Race Format - Two runs of Slalom on Saturdays and two runs of Giant Slalom on Sundays

December 15 & 16, 2007	Appalachian, NC Race	9:30 Park Comp.
January 4, 5, & 6, 2008	Timberline, WV Race	9:30
January 26 - 27, 2008	Beech Mt., NC Race	9:30
February 9 & 10, 2008	Hawksnest, NC Race	9:30 Park Comp.
February 23 & 24, 2008	Sugar Mt., NC	9:00
March 7, 8, & 9, 2008	<u>Crescent Cup, SilverCreek, WV</u>	9:30 Park Comp.

If you wish to race, you must contact Lea Givens at 556-4460 10 days before scheduled race

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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.

Ed Holst Racer of the Year Award 2007 – 2008 Season

The Ed Holst Racer of the Year award is presented annually to the member of the Greater Charleston Ski Club who has the lowest NASTAR handicap average at the end of the current ski season. The award is presented in April.



To be eligible to win the Ed Holst Award you must participate in a NASTAR race. Crescent Ski Council Racing qualifies for Racer of the Year eligibility under NASTAR. It is a tremendous amount of fun and open to everyone in GCSC, from beginners to experts. To participate in Crescent Racing, please contact the GCSC Winter Sports Director. To run a NASTAR Race outside of Crescent, all you have to do is sign up at the participating ski area and run the course. You must let the GCSC Winter Sports Director know that you ran the course, so that your results may be verified. To learn more about NASTAR and to view Racing Results go to: www.nastar.com.

Ed Holst was one of our more prolific skiers. He liked it Steep and Deep. I am sure he would be proud to have this award named after him. Ed is sorely missed by all those who knew him.



FYI...

Killington: No NASTAR racing.

There is a race on Yodeler Trail every Thursday from 1:00 – 2:00 PM. Sign up is at the top of the race course and is, I believe, a free event. This is not a NASTAR event and therefore does not qualify for the Ed Holst Award. The Chevrolet U.S. Snowboarding Grand Prix is being held on Bear Peak, March 15 – 16. You may want to go have a look at this as the best snowboarders in the country will be competing in Slopestyle & Superpipe.

Eastern Caribbean Cruise

\$729/8 days

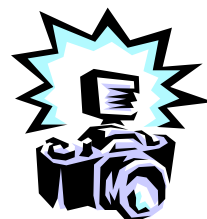
This is a VA employees sponsored cruise and our Ski Club is invited to participate in this excellent deal. Some Ski Club Members are already on this trip. But, you don't have to be a Ski Club Member to participate. You can bring nonmember friends. The ship sails from Port Canaveral, FL 4/27/08 and returns 5/4/08 aboard The Royal Caribbean's Mariner of the Seas. Inside cabins start at \$729. PP (price incl. port charges but must add in \$36.74 Govt. taxes). Ports of call are San Juan, St. Martin and St. Thomas and 3 great days at sea. Go to www.royalcaribbean.com/gohome.do to see this ship. Note, advertised cruise prices normally don't include port taxes.



For booking or more info contact:
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Photo Reminder...

Please don't forget to get your trip / event pictures, and or propoganda to Debbie Croxton for our 07/08 Scrapbook resurrection!!! - It's your input that will make this years book the best!

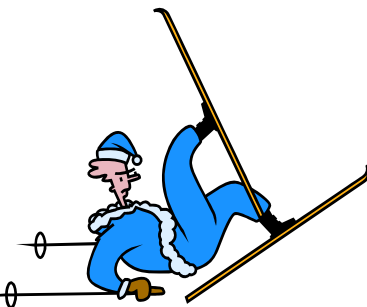


Contact Debbie at 469-4265 for more info!

CLUB CONVERTS NEVER-EVERS TO BEGINNER SKIERS

It has been years since we have had any Learn-To-Ski and Improvement Programs. Since, our numbers include 16 Non, 27 Beginner, and 8 with unknown skiing ability. These number reflect a significant percentage of our Club, so your club board decided to re-implement a Learn To Ski/ improve program. This program will continue nest year with ground sessions during the Summer and Fall which will include snow boarding and cross-country skiing with enough interest.

In January, three non or beginner skiers responded to the directed mailing and attended Phase 1 of the Ski School. During this covered: dressing for the putting on the equipment, equipment, how to avoid are in the South East US, different Ski Schools in of job issues or illness, two and the second phase of instruction at Cataloochee Ski Area was completed on Saturday March 1. A total of 3 (including 2 new recruits) completed this phase and the third phase, skiing with a Ski Mentor.



A Ski Mentor is one of the 7 volunteers with our club that are Advanced or Expert level who have volunteered to ski a day with either the new or the beginner classes. By following them, the beginner skiers can learn a few tricks of the sport with regard to picking a descent, moving from one slope to another and how to avoid the short sections of a slope that cause it to be rated much more difficult than it is. For example; many slopes are rated blue or black just because of one short section of that advanced terrain. The ski mentor shows them how to negotiate or bypass that section so they can see more of the mountain without fear of becoming stranded.

Some beginner skiers have also had the chance to ski with mentors on the Breckenridge Colorado trip and some are planning to ski with them on the Killington Vermont trip. Watch future editions of the Ski-Rapper for more on the summer and fall Learn and Improve Ski Classes. If there is sufficient interest, one or two-day trips will be planned and scheduled. The week before or after Christmas and one week end in February avoiding the holiday weekend appear to be the best candidates. Formal 3-day weekends are usually avoided because ski slopes in the Southeast are traditionally oversold and over crowed slopes are not favorable for ski training. If you want to learn more, or provide any recommended dates, call or email Mike Hadbavny (Membership Committee).

Last CALL for Myrtle Beach!

Costume Theme is
"Your Favorite Advertisement"
Let your imagination run wild!!!!



Hey there fellow Skiters!

Have I been able to work a deal for us! I have been able to get a reprieve on the deadline for the Spring convention and have SIX (6) spots left for the convention.

I MUST HAVE YOUR CHECK BY MARCH 14TH!!!! There are two spots in my condo and one other condo available. Get in touch with me ASAP if you are interested in going!! From what I have been able to figure out, we have the last remaining spots in the tower with the ocean view, how lucky can you get!!!

There is a registration form available for download on the web site (Thanks SUE!!), print it out, complete it and send it to me via Fax (576.3401) or via snail mail. Wouldn't advise that as the first six people to respond are going to take the spaces! I would hate it if I could not assist someone who wanted to go. It truly is a blast!

The convention starts on Thursday but that night you will be on your own. Our condos are available for Friday and Saturday. There is a trade show on Friday night where most of the major ski resorts and equipment dealers will have booths, stickers and slope maps available for all who are interested. Great way to make some suggestions to our board and trip leaders about where you would like to ski next year and learn more about the Crescent Ski Council.

The whole schedule for the convention should be available in the next couple of weeks at the Crescent website (<http://www.crescentskicouncil.org>) I've gotta tell you folks, the costume party is a hoot, there are some cities that get really caught up in the themes and go all out. Are we going to be one of those clubs this year??? I am counting on you! Let me know if you are interested in being a team leader for one of the beach Olympic events, horseshoes, volley ball, and others. Let's dominate this event as we have done in the past. There are no better "beach athletes" than those in the Greater Charleston Ski Club!!

If you have any questions at all about this wonderful event, please don't hesitate to call me @ 817-3939. I am waiting to here from you. Thanks to all of you who have already gotten your registration and checks to me, your promptness is greatly appreciated! I have been told they have added a Deep Sea Fishing trip to the available activities as well as miniature golf. There is something for everyone so come on and join in the festivities!

Your Convention Trip Leader, Russell

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Change of Address?
(Physical or email)
To continue receiving GCSC correspondence be sure to notify the **Membership Chairperson**
Mike Hadbavny at
556-6504 or you can send an email to
Hadbavny@usit.net when you have a change of address or any other information! (please add change of address in subject line).

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There has been no better time to buy a first home or an investment property than there is right now. Interest rates are again at an all time low under 6% and there are over 10,000 homes for sale. What a wonderful buying opportunity for anyone.

Please give me a call. I am a Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) with 30 years experience.

JOHNNY JOYCE, CRS

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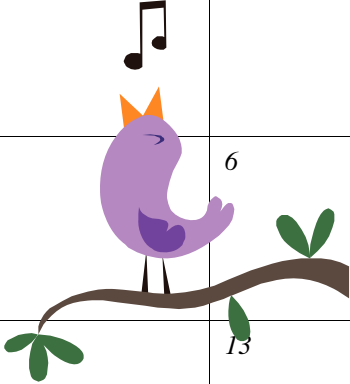







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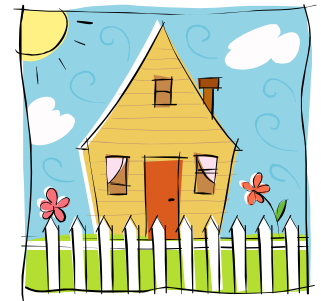
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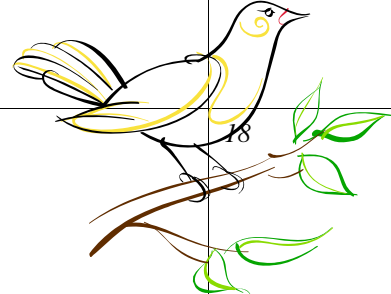



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2	3	4 <i>Board Meeting</i> <i>Location TBA</i>	5 	6	7	8
9 <i>Daylight Savings... Spring Forward!</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Happy Hour</i> <i>Creekside Bar & Grill</i> <i>On Shem Creek</i>	15
16	17 	18	19	20 	21	22
GCSC Killington VT Ski Week 15th - 22nd						
23  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	24	25	26 <i>Membership Meeting</i> <i>Sunfire Grill</i>	27	28	29
30	31					



April 2008

Greater Charleston Ski Club



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Board Meeting</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Spring Party</i> 7pm - 11pm 
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13	14	15	16 <i>Membership Meeting</i> <i>Wild Wings</i> <i>Mt. Pleasant</i>	17	18	19
20	21	22  <i>Earth Day</i>	23	24 <i>Arbor Day</i> 	25  Crescent Spring Convention 24th - 27th	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Eastern Caribbean Cruise				4/27th - 5/4th		



Greater Charleston Ski Club

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*Happy Hour March 14th
Membership Meeting / Officer Elections March 26th*

**GREATER CHARLESTON SKI CLUB
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE DIRECTORS**

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