



The SKI-RAPPER

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Members of the Crescent Ski Council &
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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.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MOVED TO Monday DECEMBER 14TH.



Upcoming events:

Fall Back

DST ends at 2 am Nov 1

Happy Hour

Fri, Nov 13
6 pm - 'til

[Mad River Bar and Grille](#)

32 N Market St - Downtown

Membership Meeting

Wed, Nov 18

Social 6 pm - Meeting 7 pm

The Point Grill

In Shriners' Building
176 Patriots Point Road
Mount Pleasant

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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



Crescent Ski Council Race Schedule



Greater Charleston Ski Club TRIPS



Officers and Committee Directors

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Business And Articles

The Prez says.....

How ya doin' Skiters? The snow season is rapidly approaching and I can smell the sweet scent of new powder already! If you haven't booked your spot on one of the many ski trips we have going this year, THAT'S WRONG!!!! Bobby has several on the waiting list for Telluride (thought about Whitefish?) and I have seven spots booked for Whitefish. The Crescent Trip to Steamboat is always a great trip for beginner and expert alike.

Let me express my apologies for missing last month's membership meeting, I totally spaced it. I am sorry I was unable to see you all and left you without an agenda, please forgive me. I heard there was a great turnout and had a couple people visiting to check us out! Hope you introduced yourself and gave them a warm Skiter welcome!

As you have heard me express numerous times over the last year, we need some volunteers and help in the management and administration of the club. We have been in existence a very long time and would hate to see the club go away from apathy. Elections are coming up in March, if you would like to be part of the process, I need a nominating committee by December, please contact me. We are looking for a new President, secretary and numerous committee chairs; please consider being more than just a spectator! We will be voting at the March Membership Appreciation party, save the date!

In other news, we have decided to discontinue the printing and mailing of the newsletter. As we move into greener practices and with the rising cost of printing and mailing. The newsletter will always be available via the website and we will start emailing a direct link to the membership as of April, the start of the new membership year. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Well fellow Skiters, until I see you again, may the sun shine in your life and the powder be deep!

Your president,

Russell Jewell

MEMBERSHIP:

Condolences to the family of Stephen Cerko. You are in our thoughts and prayers.



Welcome NEW member:

Steve Butcher



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.



Hear ye, Hear ye! YOUR ski club needs a Scrapbook Director. Someone, who loves this club, enjoys getting together with your friends and using your unlimited talents to put together a history book filled with examples of the fun we have at every event.

It's not hard and is lots of fun.
Call Debbie at 843-469-4264



**Business
And
Articles**

HALOS

Turning help into hope.

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.



Caribbean Cruise

Our October cruise was a great success with a pleasant surprise. Each cabin in our group received a \$25 refund and we all enjoyed a private happy hour with free drinks.. Not bad for a 5 day cruise that cost \$259. That's the perks you get when you have a large group and sign up early. We had 79 people. most of them were part of the VA employee group and their friends . But, the ski club had about 20 people representing our club.

There were lots to do on the ship. Las Vegas style shows, comedy shows, live music, putt putt golf, karaoke, etc. Yes, I witnessed four ski club members singing. Enough said about that, they had more guts than me.

We stopped at a private island, Half Moon Cay. Shuttle boats came out and took us ashore. They had open air shops where locals sold souvenirs and things like pearls from live oysters, carved coconut sculptures, home made dresses, t-shirts etc. There was a palm branch roofed open air bar on the beach with a live band on a deck out front. There you could order exotic drinks in a carved coconut heat or the usual. As the band played, there was some line dancing on the beach and in the water. There were plenty of beach chairs on snow white sand (think snow) and crystal clear water. Of course, there were plenty of other things to do like swim with the strings rays, horseback riding, wave runners, parasail, kayak, sail, snorkel or scuba dive. A lunch was included. They served hamburgers, hot dogs, and jerk chicken with plenty of sides and lots of desserts.

Our next stop was Nassau. When we docked, Our group hit the humongous straw market first, looking for great deals. I left the shoppers and went on my own to check out the historical district, rainbow colored buildings older than Charleston set in banyan trees, various palms, and flowering tropical trees and vines.

That afternoon some of us took a snorkel tour on a catamaran. The reef looked untouched with a wide variety of coral, sea fans, and plants. there were plenty of colorful fish in all sizes. Some iridescent blue, orange, red, yellow, multicolor, etc. Then we started the boring ride back to Nassau. Or, boring until the captain asked Corinne Woolley to hoist up the jib sail, then announced "The bar is open, rum for everyone". Corinne got a special drink for being first mate. Then we sailed slowly back to port. About ten minutes later the crew started a line dance at the stern of the boat and the party began for those who were not too tired to dance. I found that watching them was almost as much fun.

Next stop Jacksonville and then the 3 1/2 hour ride to Charleston.

(Look for photos on GCSC web site)

By the way, The next cruise is out of Charleston. An eleven day cruise on the Celebrity Cruise lines' ship The Mercury with five ports of call. Starting at \$1,058 PP. Go to the ski club trip web site for details and application and remember, it's the early bird that gets the good deal.

Now, It's time to start thinking ****SNOW****

Bobby

Notice: Wanted a Special Events Director. Here is your opportunity to help run this club, get to know your fellow members AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN.

Call Russell at 843-817-3939.



Word of the Month:

APPETIZER: a small dish of food or a drink taken before a meal to stimulate the appetite



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

You say you like to ski or snowboard....do you like a challenge? Do you want to stand out from the other skiers in your club? How about trying your hand (or legs) at RACING! It's FUN and we want YOU to go for it!

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

- 6 race weekends in North Carolina and West Virginia in the season: Slalom on Saturdays and Giant Slalom (FS) on Sundays.
- Races as many or as few as you desire.
- Racers receive discounted lift tickets and lodging prices.
- A handicap scoring system is used and you end up racing against 9 racers with similar ability and handicaps within 20 levels (flights). No sex or age discrimination in scoring, only ability.
- There are always 2 courses, one for beginners and one for more seasoned racers. The top 3 racers in each group win prizes.
- Other great prizes are offered to, like vacations out west, trips to the Crescent trips, ski racks, helmets, poles and goggles, as well as ski gear from the various sponsors.
- A weeklong race clinic in Steamboat Springs, CO is also available. Improve your skills, racing abilities or just learning something new.

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

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 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 Trips



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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