

Roanoke Skier

April 2009

Newsletter of the Roanoke Ski Club
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Dates to Remember!



March 21st – Sixth Ski Trip to Lake Tahoe, Nevada and California

April 1st – End-of-the-Year Party, Club Meeting, Hidden Valley Country Club, 6:30 PM

April 10th – First-of-the-Season Band Night at Valhalla. 5:30 PM at the vineyard! *Wine Tasting* (starts at 4:30) and *Band Night* (from 6:00-7:30).

April 15th – Happy Hour at 202, 202 Market St SE, 5:30 PM

April 18th – Spring Hike and Pot Luck Breakfast at Pat and Debbie Richards. 10:00 AM, hike at 11:30 AM.

April 24th – Band Night at Valhalla. 5:30 PM at the vineyard!

May 6th – Happy Hour at the Village Grill, 1802 Memorial Ave SW, Roanoke. 5:30 PM

President's Message

Dear Ski Club Friends,

Please plan to celebrate another fun-filled season with us at our annual Year-End Party on Wednesday, April 1 (no foolin') at Hidden Valley Country Club from 6:30 – 9:00. Mark your calendars now! The party will also be the last Membership Meeting of the 2008-2009 season—the next meeting after that will be in August or September—stay tuned for details.

I'd like to congratulate the newly elected officers and appointed members of the Board of Directors, who will take office May 1. The officers are: Gene Collier (President), Bill Howard (Vice President), Amy Halsted (Secretary/Marketing Director) and Karen Saunders (Treasurer). New Directors are Ted Lonitz (Webmaster), Shelly Gibson (Activities Director), Chris Nuckols (Ski Trip Director) and Mandy Pommerenke (Programs Director). Directors serving another term are: Melinda Burger (Membership) and Dave Cohan (Past President).

This will be my last newsletter, wrapping up a rewarding two years as the RSC President. I'd like to thank all of the members who supported the RSC over the past two years, and I'd like to personally thank all of the Directors with whom I've served: it's been a privilege to work with each and every one of you.

I hope to see you at the party on April 1!

Dave Cohan, RSC President

Activities

April 10th—FIRST 2009 Band Night at Valhalla Vineyards (www.valhallawines.com) with the music of Pat, Debbie and Tom Richards. Meet your friends for Friday afternoon relaxation, a picnic overlooking Roanoke and the beautiful surrounding mountains and enjoy some locally grown and produced Virginia wine from one of our own ski club members. Bring a picnic, any non-alcoholic beverages of your choice and your friends. Tasting room opens at 4:30 pm, band starts around 6:00 pm 'til 7:30 pm. For more info, check out website.



April 15th—Happy Hour at 202, 202 Market St SE, Roanoke, VA 24011 (540) 343-6644, 5:30 pm. Come and share your best ski story of the year, talk about next year AND about the upcoming summer events.



April 18th—Spring Hike and Pot-Luck Breakfast. Arrive at 10:00 am at Pat and Debbie Richards home (Rabbit Run Road on Mason's Knob) with something to share for breakfast. Around 11:30, we'll hike to the top of Mason's Knob and then back down. This is a moderately challenging hike: bring lots of water or something to drink and your camera. More details will be forthcoming with directions to their home.

April 24th—Fourth Friday (following the second Friday) for Band Night at Valhalla; same as above to start the seasonal cycle of every 2nd and 4th Friday's for band night.

May 6th—Happy Hour at Village Grill, 1802 Memorial Avenue SW, Roanoke (540.767.0057). Already missing that ski club meeting and the camaraderie???? Meet us all on the first Wednesday in May at 5:30 pm for happy hour and dinner on the outside deck (or indoors if raining or cold).

Looking forward to seeing you in April!

Lauri Goater, Activities Director

Programs

In April, once again we'll celebrate our ski season with the Year-End Party. Come see everyone, look at pictures, dance and we'll all wish each other happy trails as we head into the summer months.

I appreciate being involved in presenting this past year's programs and have enjoyed being with you both at our meetings and on the slopes.

Sue Parks, Program Director



2009 Year-End Party!!
Fun,
Memories,
Naked Skiing Give Away!

Bring Prospective Members!

April 1, 2009

6:30-9:30 pm

Hidden Valley Country Club, Salem, VA

Heavy Hors D'oeuvres, Cash Bar



Share your trip photos!

Suggestion:

... bring one print per great photo
you took and ask folks for their
email in order to send them
your shots digitally ...

**Door Prizes including a Lottery
for Nude Heli-Skiing in
New Zealand (August 2012)
Valued at \$3500/day!**

DJ Music by
Island Time

♪ Pat & Debbie Richards ♪



Ski TRIP REPORTS

Club Members are Enjoying the SNOW at Lake Tahoe, our Last Winter Trip for 2009!

In the past three months, we've covered a lot of miles and a lot of snow covered trails. In addition to Lake Tahoe, we've had 5 other wonderful trips: to Park City, Taos, Jackson Hole, Winter Park and Snowmass.

And, just to refresh your memories, here are some 2009 photos courtesy of Bruce Prillaman of our very own skiers and boarders.



A big group of Roanoke Skiers Ready to Roll on the Big Burn, Snowmass, March 2009

The success of this year's winter trips has been due to the conviviality and hard work of all your trip leaders:

- Amy Halsted to Park City, UT
- Karen Saunders to Taos, NM
- Kate Steinbacher to Jackson Hole, WY
- Hal Cantrill and Bruce Prillaman to Winter Park, CO
- Gene Collier to Snowmass, CO
- Bill Howard to Lake Tahoe, NV-CA

Please give many thanks to these leaders, as well as to Lauri Goater and Sharon Clowes for their efforts on the planned trips to Schweitzer and Keystone that unfortunately had to be cancelled.

It's been my pleasure putting together this year's schedule with the Board, and I look forward to seeing all of you next year on the slopes!

Tom Landsberg, Winter Trip Director 2009

Membership

STATS ON MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL Memberships: 187 (this is not individual members, rather total memberships)

BENEFITS OF THE ROANOKE SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- Amazing Long-Distant trips at a great prices, with excellent adventures and fantastic people
- Participation in outdoor activities year-round (hiking, biking, rafting, cook-outs, etc.)
- Day & Weekend Trips to local ski resorts with group pricing, accommodations, transportation, etc.
- Discounts at local outdoor retailers (such as Back Country, Freestyle, Outdoor Trails, etc.)
- Monthly membership meetings (networking, socializing, heavy hors d'oeuvres)
- Amazing programs at the monthly membership meetings (learning about the club, adventures like Heli-Skiing, personal training, etc)
- Monthly Happy Hours at local bars and restaurants
- People ready and able to go skiing at the mention of the idea
- Fun, Fun and more Fun!

ROANOKE SKI CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP:

- A way to introduce the ski club to your friends, family members, colleagues and associates
- A way to connect and network with fellow members in between monthly gatherings
- Forum to share stories, pictures and resources
- Calendar of events

To Join the Facebook Group:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=30584313442>

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Got someone in mind that would enjoy the above benefits? Invite your friends and colleagues to join in the fun with the Roanoke Ski Club!

Membership Application: <http://www.roanokeskiclub.org/membership.htm>

With Pleasure,

Melinda Cohan, Membership Director

HIKING TIPS: CONFRONTING CRITTERS

by JJ Murphy of WriterByNature.com; excerpted from www.natureskills.com

Confront the Critters Head-on: To avoid ticks, apply Permethrin, a derivative of crushed dried Daisy Chrysanthemum flowers, to all garments, shoes, socks, hats and backpacks. If picnicking apply it to the tablecloth before you pack up. Permethrin also keeps chiggers and other biting insects away. Bears, raccoons, snakes, in fact, most wild animals will avoid you if they can. In the summer, I do not grab any handholds while climbing without looking first, just in case a snake has decided to sun itself on the trail. Accidental encounters are always possible. Don't run; that will encourage a predator to chase you. In most cases, if you stand your ground, yell, wave your arms and make a racket, the animal will run away. Never, ever feed wild animals—and never try to touch or pet a wild animal—EVER.

Roanoke Ski Club Board Members and Leaders, 2008-2009

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