

Roanoke Skier

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Monthly Newsletter of the Roanoke Ski Club

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Dates to Remember!

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October 5 – Membership meeting 6:30 @ Hidden Valley Country Club

October 13 – 5:30 pm Happy Hour “Bull & Bones” Blacksburg

October 15 – 12 noon Hike to Sharp Top, Peaks of Otter

President's Message

Although I'm sad the summer has left us so quickly, the recent cool down has hopefully gotten everyone thinking about and excited about the upcoming ski season. And just looking at our trip lineup, it's going to be a great one!

Don't miss our first formal membership meeting on Wednesday, October 5th at Hidden Valley Country Club. Cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres start at 6:30 p.m. with the program following. Our trip leaders will be providing details and updates on their trips. If you have not signed up for a trip yet, after you hear all the great things they have planned, you are sure to want join them.

If you have not done so yet, please send in your membership application and dues. We are getting ready to print the annual membership directory and we want to be sure you are included! And a warm welcome to Jane Johnson, our new Membership Director!

Check out the activities planned for October, including a hike hosted by Sue Ann Sumpter and a happy hour at a New River Valley location!

Hope to see you on October 5th!

John Schrader
RSC President

TRIP REPORTS

Trips are quickly filling up. The Star Clipper cruise, Park City, and Big Sky trips are completely full. The good news is that we have room for you and your friends to join us on several great trips – Crested Butte, Telluride, Steamboat, and the Italian Alps! Here is the line-up...

December 10-17 – Star Clipper is **SOLD OUT !**

January 7-14 – Park City UT is **SOLD OUT !**

January 22– 29 – Big Sky/Moonlight Basin MT is **SOLD OUT !**

February 11–18 Crested Butte CO

A new Roanoke Ski Club destination, Ski Magazine calls Crested Butte a resort that “locals have kept secret far too long”. **Bruce Prillaman** scouted the resort last year, knows what they are talking about, and is sharing his secret with you. Bruce has openings for singles and couples. Contact him at **540-989-3554** for more information.



February 12-24 Crested Butte / Telluride ** Double Header**

This 12-day trip gives you six nights at each of two fabulous out-of-the-way resorts that are known for both great skiing and authentic western towns. This is the club’s first “two-week” trip and a dream come true - ten days on the slopes at two great “top tier” resorts, with just one round-trip flight. There are spaces left for singles or couples. Contact **Kate Steinbacher** at **540-314-8005** for details.



February 18-25 Telluride CO

Telluride is the only Bed & Breakfast on the club's line-up, and you will love the intimate atmosphere. A central meeting area is the gathering place, where you will enjoy cooked to order breakfasts every morning, gather your group for the day's skiing, and tell your tall tales at day's end. Rooms are lovely, with each one being a little different, but with so much to do in Telluride you won't spend much time there. Learn more by contacting **Kate Steinbacher at 540-314-8005**. She has room for singles and couples.



March 3-10 Steamboat CO

Steamboat is Colorado's third largest ski resort without the crowds. While it can challenge any ability, Steamboat offers acres of terrain for whatever ability skier you are. From groomed intermediate cruisers to world class tree skiing. If you prefer black diamond challenges, Steamboat is the place for you. Mix in the famous champagne powder that Steamboat is known for, and this will be a ski week to remember. With an authentic Western town and tons of outdoor activities, you will enjoy every minute at Steamboat. The large luxurious slope side La Casa Condominium units feature complimentary high-speed internet access, gas fireplace, private patio, and washer/dryer. **Gene Collier** has been there many times and keeps on going back. Call him and he will tell you why. Gene has room on his trip for families, couples, and singles. Contact him at **540-529-1208**.



March 11-21 Italian Alps, Chamonix, & Venice

So you want to have a great trip with your friends and family, but don't NEED to ski every day? This is the trip for you! Dave and Melinda Cohan have come up with a spectacular offering. You'll be immersed in some of the most beautiful scenery in the world in the Aosta Valley, crowned by three of the most wonderful mountains in Europe: Courmayeur, Monte Rosa, and Matterhorn. Spend fascinating days visiting prehistoric megalithic monuments, Roman ruins, medieval castles, towers and fortresses, and Romanesque and Baroque churches. That is not to say that great skiing is not a possibility. A dedicated bus will take you to the world-class resorts of Chamonix, Courmayeur, and Cervinia.

The final three days of your vacation will be spent in the heart of Venice, where you will be just steps away from the Rialto Bridge, St. Marco's Square, the Basilica, gondola rides, and other historic attractions. Daily breakfasts are included on this trip as are SIX four-course evening dinners. **Dave & Melinda Cohan** have room for you and your friends. Give them a call at **540-330-3312 or 540-314-9779** for more information.



Local Trips - Local Trips - We are looking for help coordinating "local" trips. We would like to do a New England trip, overnight trips to Snowshoe and Canaan/Timberline, and a couple of day trips. Let me know if you can help.

Jack O'Connell
Trip Director



Activities

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Thursday, October 13, 2011 - 5:30 pm - Happy Hour @ *BULL & BONES*

BREWHAUS & GRILL in Blacksburg! 1470 South Main St, Suite 120, Blacksburg - 540-953-2855. Join us at this locally owned, one of a kind restaurant and brewpub! Host, John Schrader!

Saturday, October 15, 2011 - 12 Noon - Join the leaf peepers in the group

for a hike to Sharp Top, Peaks of Otter on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Mile Post 86. For those wishing to car pool, we will meet at the Bonsack, Kroger parking lot at 12 noon. From there we will make the 27 mile scenic drive to the Sharp Top parking lot. The hike will begin at 1:00 pm and is considered a "strenuous" hike of approximately 3 hours. The panoramic 360 degree view at the top is totally worth the hike...not to mention the leaves should be "at peak"! A shuttle bus is available (on the hour, weather permitting) to accommodate those who would like to enjoy the view from Sharp Top without the hike! The historic Johnson Farm is also close by for those wishing for a less strenuous hike. Dinner will follow at the Peaks of Otter Lodge in the Lake View Restaurant which overlooks lovely Abbott Lake. The restaurant does not take reservations. Our group will plan to eat at 6:00 pm. Please contact host, **Sue Ann Sumpter** with questions. Email: ongoldenpond88@yahoo.com or phone **540-904-7777**. Please RSVP by October, 11, 2011

****Upcoming Activities****

Saturday, December 3, 2011 - Holiday Dinner Party

Please let me know if you would be interested in planning/organizing any of the following as we ARE in need of volunteers to make our party a success! food, entertainment, decorations, beverage and clean-up. Contact **Shelley Gibson @ 434-444-3951** or email, **shelley@roanokeskiclub.org**

Shelley Gibson
Activities Director

Bluegrass & BBQ @ the Phlegar Family Farm July 23, 2011

"River-guide ? "



Old Glory

"July Summer Fun" on the New River



A big **"thank you"** to Dan & Kathy for hosting this event

Wanted: A few good outdoorsmen (and women)

As part of membership marketing for 2011-12, the Roanoke Ski Club plans to exhibit at the first Roanoke Outdoor Circus, a new annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor recreation.

Sponsored by Roanoke Parks and Recreation, the event will be **Oct. 21-23** and features a variety of activities including live music, demos, gear swap, adventure films, ultimate Frisbee and a unique \$40,000 outdoor gear giveaway. The downtown Rivers Edge Sports Complex will serve as festival headquarters.

Volunteers are needed for **all three days** to staff our booth and help attract other fun, outdoor-loving skiers and boarders to our club. How about making plans to come join the fun with the Ski Club by agreeing to volunteer at least a two hour shift Friday Evening, Saturday or Sunday. To sign up, contact Gene Collier at gcoll325@comcast.net or 540-529-1208.

Trip Leaders: If you have space left on your trip, this would be an excellent venue to market your trip. So, come on RSC help share all the wonderful things that your club offers and is all about.

First Volunteer- Gene Collier- Saturday 10/22

(Please don't let me do this alone!)

For more about the event, visit www.theoutdoorcirucs.com

Membership

If you haven't already renewed, please send in your renewals now so that there are no questions about your eligibility for your trip(s) of choice!

Complete your Membership Application and send your check to:

Membership Director
Roanoke Ski Club
Box 371
Roanoke, VA 24003

Jane Johnson

Membership Director

Club Classified Ads:

For Sale:

Burton 13 Snowboard with Burton Mission Bindings

Purchased new three (3) years ago and not overly used.

Still in great shape! 145. Original cost was almost \$500.

New to you for \$200. Photo available if requested. Call Neal or Kathy Kinsey at 540.345.1510. Leave a message with your question(s) if we're not in - we'll call you back pronto



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