

Roanoke Skier

December 2009

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ROANOKE SKI CLUB

Visit our web site: www.roanokeskiclub.org

Dates to Remember!



December 5th – Ski Club Holiday
Dinner Party; Loch Haven.

December 15th– Happy Hour at SoRo
Chill & Grill, Roanoke – 5:30 pm.

Many more activities in the works!

President's Message

Dear Ski Club Friends,

Thanks to all of you for a great attendance at the annual Ski Show on November 4.

Close to 200 of you turned out for great food and drink, incredible

door prizes and a smoking hot fashion show! Thanks to Bill Howard for doing a fine job in pulling all the factors together in making this show possible.

We hope all members whose dues are current will join us on Saturday, December 5 for the Ski Club's Annual Holiday Party!

Please note that the Holiday Party takes the place of our

December monthly meeting, so we will not be meeting at Hidden Valley Country Club in December. Also, new ski trips are being announced in this newsletter, so check out the details.

We hope to see you at the Holiday Party!

Think Snow,

Gene Collier, RSC President

Programs

Our program for December is not actually a program, but our annual Holiday Party. We are fortunate to be invited back to Loch Haven by fellow ski club members Gene and Becky Bane. Loch Haven is an awesome venue for the party. We'll have a fantastic meal prepared by each attending party goer, live music, dancing and door prizes. So, come on out, Saturday, December 05, at 6:00pm to Loch Haven, 2755 Loch Haven Lake Dr., Roanoke, Va. 24019. www.lochhavenlake.com

Watch your future newsletters for the featured programs in January, February & March, 2010!!!

Mandy Pommerenke
Program Director

Activities

December Roanoke Ski Club Activities

Saturday, December 5, 2009 - Roanoke Ski Club Holiday Dinner Party 6pm - 11pm

Hoping you will join us at Loch Haven for the holiday dinner party! Appetizers and beverages will be available starting at 6pm followed by dinner at 7 pm. Dinner will be "covered dish" based on your last name/alphabetical assignment. Entertainment will begin at 8 pm - 11 by , "Off The Cuff Productions", vocalist, Gregory Kirby, playing music from the 50's to the 90's! Great fun to sing and dance with!

Please note that this is a MEMBERS ONLY event, however, single members may bring a guest. If your membership is not current, you may renew your membership at the door.

Tuesday, December 15 - HAPPY HOUR @ SoRo Chill & Grille 5:30 pm - Hosted by Linda Staley

Join your ski club buddies for good beverage, food and fellowship! 3117 Franklin Road, Piccadilly Square, Roanoke - 540-982-7676

PAST EVENTS

We had a wonderful fall overnight at the October 31, Wilderness Adventure! Approximately 15 attended for dinner, group hayride, haunted zipline, dessert & coffee and overnight lodging in the Sly Cabin. We even had a late-night rain and had the pleasure of listening to "rain on the tin roof" to lull us all to sleep!

November 15 took us to a lovely spot on the Blue Ridge Parkway, Apple Orchard Falls. Due to the excessive rainfall during the prior week we were in for a "spectacular cascade" of water at the multi-tier falls. The National Forest Service has constructed a lovely wooden bridge with a viewing platform right below the falls. The "main event" was definitely worth the visit as 20 or more of us stood in awe at the sight. The hard part was coming back up.....we followed this with a nice dinner at the Peaks of Otter, Lakeview Restaurant.

Thanks to all who have participated in our many activities and I look forward to even more of our club members and friends joining me for future events.

Shelley Gibson, Activities Director

2009/10 Ski Trips

SKI TRIP UPDATE

Long-distance trips for this upcoming season are sold out! However, if you do want to go on one (or more) of the trips, contact the trip leader to get your name on the wait list. Each year it's a safe bet that someone will have to drop out of a trip due to illness, job situation, etc. And, it can be a win-win: you can get on the trip and the person dropping out is relieved of his/her obligation.

<u>Trip</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Leader</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Banff/Lake Louise	Jan. 9 – 16	David Rogers 540 344-5464	david-donna@att.net
Big Sky	Jan. 23-30	H. Cantrill 540 387-2347 B. Prillaman 540 989-3554	hacantrill35@comcast.net Hbshp@aol.com
Telluride	Feb. 6-13	K. Steinbacher 540-989-7797	Kate@coachesconsole.com
Steamboat	Feb. 20-27	Gene Collier 540 389-9091	gcoll325@comcast.net
Interlaken/Paris	Mar. 5-16	M. Pommerenke 540 774-5823 MaryAnn Koch 540 774-5503	pommerenke@cox.net mmcdkoch@aol.com
Breckenridge	Mar. 6-13	Bill Howard 540 989-9399	psd89@cox.net

And, if you're on a long distance trip, we hope you have arranged trip insurance. It is really a good idea! Contact your trip leader if you need information.

Short-distance trips are great alternatives! And we have two for you. You've already seen information on the weekend trip to Canaan-Timberline, WV Jan. 29-31. For \$335 per person/dbl. occ. this is a terrific offering. The club has had many fine trips to Canaan-Timberline, and Melinda & Dave Cohen have put together this trip. Contact them at melinda@coachesconsole.com or 540 314-9779. Don't miss this fun trip!

The latest addition to our trip lineup is Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Pennsylvania. It will be Feb. 21-24 (Sun.-Wed.) and Shelley Gibson is leading the trip (Bill Howard is assisting). Go on their website, www.7springs.com to learn about this resort. We'll have details very soon, but the price will be about \$500, including bus transportation, lodging, lift tickets, daily breakfast buffet, and much more. Watch for more information shortly!

Chris Nuckols
2010 Trip Director

250 MEMBERSHIP GOAL

Current Status: 156 Memberships
Needed: 94 Memberships

Who do you know that:

* based on double occupancy

- Loves to ski and enjoys outdoor activities?
- Hasn't skied in a while and is ready to get back into it?
- Loves to win door prizes?
- Loves having fun?

What is their name? go ahead, pick up your cell phone... open your email and send them an invitation to come to the November 4th Ski Show. Visitors are welcome and encouraged! They can win special prizes and will have a lot of fun!

WHAT YOU GET WITH YOUR ROANOKE SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

- **Value-priced trips to major ski resorts in the U.S. and abroad.** Enjoy world-class skiing, camaraderie and special adventure excursions, site-seeing and other outings. *2010 Ski Season offerings include: Big Sky, Telluride, Steamboat, Breckenridge, Banff/Lake Louise and Interlaken/Paris.*
- **Day & weekend trips to area ski resorts** such as Snowshoe, Silver Creek and Canaan Valley with group pricing, accommodations and transportation.
- **Discounts at local outdoor retailers** such as Back Country, Freestyle, Outdoor Trails
- **Monthly membership meetings** featuring cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres followed by a brief program. Topics have included heli-skiing, personal training and "how-to" clinics.
- **Year-round outdoor activities** such as hiking, biking, rafting, and cook-outs.
- **Membership Directory.**
- **Monthly Happy Hours.**
- **Fellow Skiers & Boarders at**

FIND US ON FACEBOOK:

learn about up-coming events...
connect with other members...
check out photos...

IT'S FREE; anyone can join the facebook group!



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*

Roanoke Ski Club Weekend Ski Trip CANAAN VALLEY, WV

www.skithevalley.com



\$335/person*

- ◆ One 2-Day Ticket for Skiing at Canaan Valley and/or Timberline
- ◆ Optional Cross-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing at White Grass
- ◆ Transportation Provided – chartered luxury bus
- ◆ Discount for Additional Options: Lessons, rentals, ice skating, tubing
- ◆ Wine & Cheese Party on bus
- ◆ Sat. & Sun. Breakfast included
- ◆ Sat. Group Dinner included
- ◆ 2 Nights Lodging included
- ◆ Sun. Pizza Dinner on bus
- ◆ Optional Tubing and Ice Skating
- ◆ Blue & Green Friendly Slopes
- ◆ Fun Black Diamond runs



Roanoke Ski Club Board Members and Leaders, 2009-2010

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