



The Roanoke Skier & Adventurer

The Monthly Newsletter for the Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club

April 2023



..spot the Prez!..

President's Message

We've returned from the disease. We are a fully functioning club once more. One heckuva good year. What a terrific springboard to the next year.

We have an experienced team leading with big plans in front of us. As large as the membership is now, plans are to meet expectations.

All of this will be seen in the next couple of months. More adventure trips. A contact now for short local ski trips. And of course, the usual exciting long-distance skiing provided the west has dug out by then.

This is my last message. It's been a fun 2 years. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Where did the time go? Jill, here's the pass to you under the basket. I'm sure you'll score.

Jeff

**Jeff Wendell,
President**

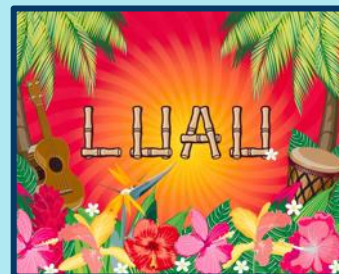
*To actively promote and engage our members' appreciation of
the outdoors, our love of skiing, travel, and adventure.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2023

Membership Meeting – A Spring Luau

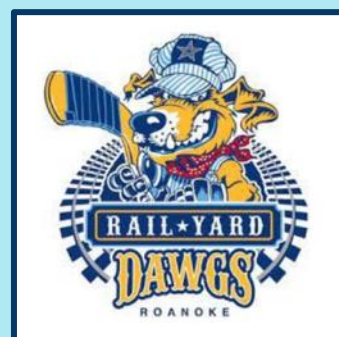
- Wednesday, April 19th, 6:30-8:00pm
- Hidden Valley Country Club,
- 4440 Keagy Road, Salem
- RSVP required by April 14th.
- Doors open at 6:15pm.
- See following page for the program details.



Event: Roanoke Railyard Dawgs vs. Roanoke Valley Game

- Saturday April 8th
- Doors open 6:00pm
- Puck starts at 7:00pm
- At the Roanoke Civic Center

*Dawgs win 3-2!
4th. Seed in the Playoffs.*



Happy Hour

- Thursday, April 27th, 5:30 pm
- Brady's Distillery
- 711 Pocahontas Avenue, NE, Roanoke
- Emily Hurst hosting



FUTURE EVENTS – MAY 2023

No Members Meeting

Happy Hour

Thursday, May 4, 5:30 pm

A Few Old Goats

515 8th Street, SW, Corner of 8th and Campbell, Roanoke.

Stay tuned for upcoming fun Winter / Spring events!

Keep an eye on the Facebook Page for last minute events we may put together!

Please assess your own risk with regard to participating in RSAC activities.



Trips Celebration Party

Party with your RSAC friends to celebrate the past year's exciting trips. The theme this year is "Spring Luau." Wear your "Jimmy Buffett" apparel.

[April 19th](#)

Hidden Valley Country Club

[2500 Romar Road](#)

Salem, VA 24153

[6:30 pm - 8:00 pm](#)

RSVP NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AND INCLUDE GUESTS

CUT OFF DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IS [FRIDAY, APRIL 14th](#)

Doors will open [at 6:15](#) for registration

You should have received an email invitation.

Please click on the link in the email if you wish to attend.

Note: **NO walk-ins will be allowed**, to ensure that those RSVP'd will be seated

Operation Warm Thank You



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February 1, 2023

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club
P.O Box 20965
Roanoke, VA 24018

Dear Members of the Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club,

On behalf of everyone at Roanoke City Public Schools, thank you for your generous donation of more than 100 new coats.

Each year, Roanoke City Public Schools sees more than 500 students who are faced with homelessness. Through the support of generous donors like you, we can help our students navigate the uncertainty and feel the support of our community. Your support ensures our students have what they need to be successful and are able to meet their greatest potential.

Thank you, again. If I can be of assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly C. Sandridge".

*Thank you
so much!*

Kelly C. Sandridge
Chief Communications & Community Engagement Officer
(540) 853.2816 | ksandridge@rcps.info

Roanoke City Public Schools acknowledges your contribution. No goods or services were received in return for this donation. Please retain this as your receipt for your tax records to comply with IRS regulations.

MEMBERSHIP:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

STEVE BAKER

MICHAEL BOGGINS

KRISTIN KNIGHT

ROBERT McADAM

CAROL & BRIAN MYNATT

MARGE PTASCHEK

LESLIE SANTAPPAUL



CONGRATULATIONS
!

Members, please reach out to these new members and welcome them to the club.

Total Active Members: 417

If you need help with your online profile, please contact me.

Susan Young,
Membership Director
rkeski.membership@gmail.com

NEWS

Membership Meeting, March 15th

Over 120 RSAC members present at the March 15th Membership Meeting were treated to a delicious Irish meal at Hidden Valley Country Club followed by an informative presentation by Sean Bryant of Roanoke Mountain Adventures. A good time was had by all....No Blarney!

Jill Betters,
Activities/Program Director



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Jill Betters, Tony Donato, Clive Hillyard



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Happy Hour at Macado's, Salem, March 21st

Over 35 RSAC members enjoyed happy hour at Macado's in Salem. Their outdoor patio was heated and the perfect place for a happy hour. Clive Hillyard who is retiring the end of March was surprised by Carol Via with a Ski themed Happy Retirement cake. All the attendees enjoyed the cake and were happy to help Clive celebrate.

Clive has been in the club for 12 years. His official title is Newsletter Editor / Director. This position requires a lot of dedicated hours and the information he receives is always evolving. He has done an excellent job with the newsletter and we are so lucky to have him on the Board. Having worked for GE in Salem for over 28 years, he decided to retire and will have plenty of time to join the RSAC on their ski trips and adventure trips. To all of his fellow RSAC members "please read your Newsletter."

See you April 27 at Brady's Distillery for happy hour.

Emily Hurst, Host



PHOTO Credits
Emily Hurst,
Clive Hillyard



TRIPS

SKI TRIPS

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The 22-23 ski season is a wrap and the only way to summarize our fantastic season is Powder Days. We thoroughly enjoyed and took advantage of the record snowfall out west this year. Great snow was the norm, and many resorts are recording the snowiest season in their history. Over 700" of snowfall in Colorado and Utah, and they are still counting. What a hugely successful season. Enjoy the trip summaries and pictures, and join us for the April Party to visit with your club friends and share all our great memories and stories.

After tallying the results of the survey, the club has decided to move forward with IKON for the 2023/2024 Ski Season.

SAVE MONEY AND HELP THE CLUB PURCHASE YOUR IKON PASS THROUGH THE RSAC

Renewals will still claim the exclusive \$100 renewal discount in addition to the \$50 credit towards a future RSAC ski trip. The \$100 discount will be good for several weeks, at least towards the end of April.

Sneak peek... Two weeks in Utah, with 4 Resorts; Snowbird - Alta and Snowbasin – Powder Mountain. A week in Colorado at Winter Park, staying right in the center of the village, and a European Trip to either Austria or Italy. The contracts have not been finalized, so we are still in the “subject to change” stage, but you can go ahead and purchase your Ikon Pass as soon as convenient. See attached IKON Pass info.

“Snowfall rouses your inner child to dream and play once more.” — Angie Weiland-Crosby

Marla Kemsey
Ski Trip Director



**SKI WITH THE RSAC AT IKON DESTINATIONS for the
2023/2024 Ski Season**

IKON Pass Prices Increase Next Week

**SAVE MONEY AND HELP THE CLUB BY PURCHASING YOUR
IKON PASS THROUGH THE RSAC**

Click the link below for order form

[Ikon pass order form 23-24.pdf](#)

SAVE \$100 by renewing now

Receive an additional \$50 credit towards a 2024 RSAC Ski Trip

Don't wait, order your passes now!

2024 Destinations:

Winter Park, CO Jan 27-Feb 3

Kitzbuhel and 2 days Innsbruck, Austria Feb 9-7

Snowbird and Alta, UT Feb 25-March 2

Snowbasin and Powder Mountain, UT March 2-9

(Snowbasin requires the Full Pass or the Base Pass Plus)

Double Trip Option Feb 25 - March 9

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Marla Kemsey 540-230-4844 or marlakemsey1@gmail.com

Steamboat Colorado, January 28th - February 4th

Steamboat Springs is known as Ski Town USA (more Olympians call Steamboat home than any other ski resort), and has a charming Main Street, a hip ski village vibe, and seven mountain peaks

Pre trip newsflash – “Steamboat has the MOST SNOW of any resort in Colorado!!!! “
That news was certainly confirmed when 40 inches fell during the week making our trip perfect.

16 skiers flew from Roanoke to Denver. The coach drove on snow covered roads and through a snowstorm in the dark. We were thankful that we arrived safely at the resort hotel, The Ptarmigan Inn (aka The Gravity Haus) located near the base chairlifts.

The travelers met up with others, for group total 24, for a Welcome reception Saturday evening.

Besides the foggy, snowy conditions on the first day, there were multiple bluebird days on the slopes, and the skiers enjoyed the fresh snow every morning. The aspen glades offered the advanced skiers a fun time.

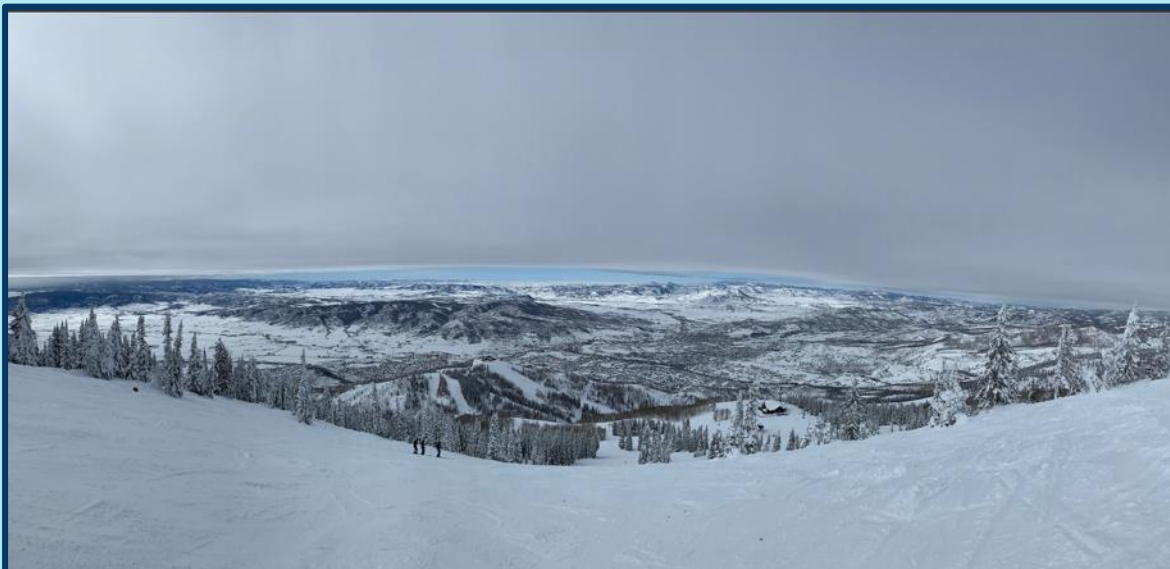
The social activities included.

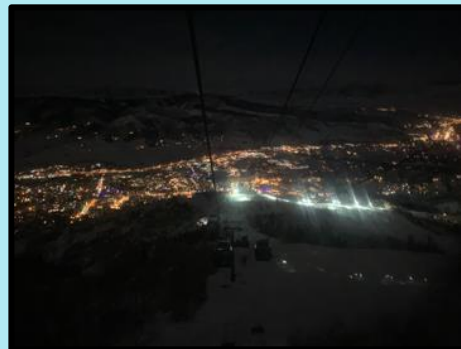
- meeting at Storm Peak Brewing Company for drinks and food on Thursday
- gondola ride up to Thunderhead Lodge (at 9000 feet) to enjoy a Western Barbecue buffet dinner with music and dancing by a local Colorado Western Band.

It was a week full of skiing, but also a week full of laughter and fun as we ventured out to the town almost every evening.

Submitted, Clive Hillyard

For Trip Leader, Alisa Colpitts





Copper Mountain Colorado, February 12th – 18th

Twenty-Four RSAC club members arrived at Copper Mountain's Element 29 Hotel on Sunday, February 12th, just in time to watch the Super Bowl at the Hotel bar. The bar was technically closed which allowed for our group to consume our own alcohol and food while enjoying the game. Monday morning began with breakfast at Jack's Cafeteria and an informative orientation to the mountain by our Copper Mountain Ambassadors. This was immediately followed by a sunny bluebird day on the slopes. The only downside to the day was discovering that Mike Maunz was dealing with a significant bout of altitude sickness that kept him off the slopes until Thursday.

Tuesday through Thursday featured snow then sunny but cold weather. The slopes were laden with abundant snow cover, which allowed for great opportunities to discover all that Copper has to offer. The mountain has enough varied terrain to please skiers of all abilities. Club members took advantage of the great conditions. It turned out that the Hotel Bar never opened all week despite promises from hotel staff to the contrary. This led to impromptu fun-filled parties in the hotel lounge every evening, many of which were hosted by Cary and Marla.

The ski week ended on Friday with a sunny bluebird day! Everyone that ventured onto the slopes enjoyed a delightful day of skiing. However, the wonderful day was marred during the afternoon when news spread that Mark Hanson was hit in the back by an airborne snowboarder leading to a trip to the emergency room and the affirmation of 3 broken ribs. Mark, being the trooper that he is, made it back to the hotel just in time for our Friday evening happy hour/pizza party.

Our return trip home on Saturday went smoothly. Many thanks to the club members on this trip who graciously made it easy for me to lead my first Club ski trip despite a few minor hiccups along the way!

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Whitefish Montana Feb 27th - March 3rd

Schweitzer Idaho March 3rd - March 10th

Something a little different and much enjoyed!

Two unique and rewarding Ski Trips. The travel details for the northern Montana and Idaho trips were challenging and many sleepless night were spent managing the 3 different airlines, and 8 separate flights, but it was absolutely worth the extra effort.

Whitefish Mountain hosted 38 RSAC skiers who were awestruck by the spectacular snow ghosts. Snow Ghosts are a natural phenomenon, special to Northwest Montana. While they look soft and ghost-like, they are actually made up of ice, called rime, which is formed from fog that settles on the trees. Truly remarkable.

In addition to the ghost parties going on outside, the club enjoyed many indoor après events and gatherings. We started the week with a yummy and warm Welcome Dinner of fried chicken with all the accompaniments. We shared a special Happy Hour on Monday at The Hellroaring Saloon, a historic chalet on mountain, one of the coolest ski bars in North America. On Wednesday afternoon, 22 members toured Glacier National Park and Hungry Horse Dam by private shuttle. Hungry Horse is one of the largest concrete arch dams in the United States, and its morning-glory spillway, with water cascading over the rim and dropping 490 feet, is the highest in the world. Of course, all the exciting travel and sightseeing excursions made us thirsty, so a private tour and tasting at Glacier Distillery's Whiskey Barn, specializing in small-batch whiskeys and spirits, was the perfect way to end the day. We celebrated the end of the week and the beginning of the next adventure with a pizza and salad party that all members enjoyed, hosted in one of the luxury condos.

Twenty skiers travelled by private coach across Northern Montana, apx 60 miles from the Canadian border, where we were joined by 10 new skiers for a week in Idaho. Schweitzer Resort did not disappoint with its beautiful landscape of incredible giant cedar trees. The Grandfather Tree, the largest and oldest on the mountain, needed 11 club members stretched hand to hand to encircle. A really profound experience to see its majesty while blanketed in recent snowfall. What's the best way to start a week in Idaho? A Giant Idaho Baked Potato Bar Welcome Reception of course! On Monday evening we shuttled down to the charming town of Sandpoint. We enjoyed shopping, a brewery tour and tasting, and dinner at the #1 Trip Advisor restaurant, Trinity at City Beach, where we watched the most spectacular sunset over Lake Pend Oreille. Wednesday's après event was a charming Wine and Cheese Tasting at Gourmandie Wine Shop. A fun closing Pizza Party at the local watering hole Sam's Alley closed out a great week, and for 20 lucky folks, two weeks. — Marla Kemsey, Ski Trip Director





ADVENTURE TRIPS

Hello World Travelers,

We have begun the 2023 RSAC Adventure Travel schedule with a bang. Our first trip which was lead by Carol Quarles, departed for a week long Caribbean Royal Clipper Cruise in late March and returned April 1st. Current reports are that everyone (30 people) had a terrific time.

We have 4 more adventure trips to follow. The annual RSAC Beach Trip will be the next trip to take place in May. Jill & Jerry Betters are the trip leaders, and they have an outstanding trip planned. The beach trip will be followed by the France Cruise Trip in July, being led by Dave & Sharon Brammer; the Taste of Scotland Trip in August, being led by Bob & Karen Strickland; and the Best of Italy Trip in September, being led by Bill Fleshman.

News about the 2024 RSAC Adventure Trips schedule will be coming out in the next couple of months. The trip survey was closed for further input on April 1st, so it is now time to tally the results. The membership response to the survey was pretty good with more than half of our members responding. We have a number trips that had very positive feedback and the suggestions about how we put our trips together will be very helpful as we go forward. It is the club membership that helps us build the best possible trips to the most desirable destinations. Stay tuned for further information about the 2024 RSAC Adventure Trips / List of Trips.

Thank you all for your interest and feedback!

Bob Strickland

Adventure Trip Director

ADVENTURE TRIPS 2023



Caribbean Royal Clipper Sailing Cruise

March 24 - April 1, 2023

This trip is full, however if you are interested in this trip, please contact trip leader to get on waitlist.

Carol Quarles 540-750-0218 or jcquarles@verizon.net

Completed



Outer Banks Beach Trip

May 20 - 27, 2023

This trip is full, however if you are interested in this trip, please contact trip leader to get on waitlist

Jerry Betters 540-597-4087 or jerbetters@hotmail.com, and

Jill Betters 540-597-4250 or jbettters@live.com



Normandy/Paris/Versailles and a Seine River Cruise

July 4 - 15, 2023

This trip is full, however if you are interested in this trip, please contact trip leader to get on waitlist.

Dave Brammer 540-529-7392 or daveb@vt.edu



A Taste of Scotland

August 8 -18, 2023

This trip is full, however if you are interested in this trip, please contact trip leader to get on waitlist.

Bob Strickland 540-588-3889 or bobtwo02@gmail.com




Exploring The Best of Italy

September 17 - 28, 2023

This trip is full, however if you are interested in this trip, please contact trip leader to get on waitlist.

Bill Fleshman 540-354-3417 or bill.fleshman1@gmail.com

 *Link to flyer on RSAC website*

Trip Leaders are needed for Ski Trips and Adventure Trips

Part of what makes our RSAC Trips so successful is the outstanding performance of our Trip Leaders. We have had a history of recruiting club members that are dedicated to providing our membership with terrific destinations that are affordable, scenically beautiful and great fun. With our membership growing as it has it is now very important that we recruit more Trip Leaders to handle the demand for more trips (skiing and adventure). If you have ever thought about being a trip leader now is the time to volunteer or look into what it takes to lead a trip. Yes, there is time and effort required to run a trip but the rewards for being a leader are substantial. You get to plan the great trip(s) you always wanted to travel on, you get to develop a better relationship with the travelers on your trip(s), and you have the potential for receiving price breaks on the trips you run. We have an established trip accounting software that we utilize on all of our trips, and we will train everyone on how to use it.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact:

Ski Trip Director

Marla Kemsey

Email: marlakemsey1@gmail.com

Phone & Text: 540-230-4844

Adventure Trip Director

Bob Strickland

Email: bobtwo02@gmail.com

Phone & Text: 504-588-3889

Thank you and please volunteer.



Treasurer's Report: February 2023

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club General Account Budget & Summary Through February 2023 FY May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023

	As of 2/28/23 FY 2022/23 YTD Total	2022/23 Budget	Difference
<u>Income Category</u>			
Membership (incl. \$2 online fee)	16,331.00	15,500.00	831.00
50/50 Raffle	376.00	630.00	(254.00)
Guest Fees	-	75.00	(75.00)
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to expenses)	4,790.00	3,555.00	1,235.00
IKON Pass (referral commission)	1,200.00	500.00	700.00
Misc.	1,452.00	-	1,452.00
TOTAL INCOME	24,149.00	20,260.00	3,889.00
<u>Expense Category</u>			
Activities	109.53	1,700.00	1,590.47
Insurance	644.00	644.00	-
Marketing	109.34	500.00	390.66
Membership Meetings	8,147.68	10,500.00	2,352.32
Domain & Email (\$6/mo email; \$12/yr domains)	48.02	72.00	23.98
Membership & Email software	2,113.56	2,114.00	0.44
Credit Card Fees - Membership Dues	281.48	300.00	18.52
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to sales)	4,626.65	3,555.00	(1,071.65)
Office (stamps, name badges, folders...)	39.91	150.00	110.09
Corporate (PO Box, SCC reg)	237.00	225.00	(12.00)
Transfer to Trip Escrow Acct (for deposits)	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Misc.	1,503.70	25.00	(1,478.70)
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,860.87	24,785.00	1,924.13
<u>NET INCOME (LOSS)</u>	1,288.13	(4,525.00)	5,813.13

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club

Treasurer's Report

February 28, 2023

General Checking Account:

Beginning Balance 2/1/2023 **\$ 16,923.36**

Income

Feb 50/50	\$ 47.00
American Express incentive	\$ 100.00
Membership Dues (check)	\$ 45.00
Membership Dues (credit card)	\$ 231.00
Total Income	\$ 423.00

Expense

Credit Card Service Charge	\$ 1.64
Google domain name	\$ 6.00
Feb Membership Meeting - Olde Salem Brewery	\$ 450.00
Feb Membership Meeting - supplies and prizes	\$ 264.29
Activities - Bowling prizes	\$ 10.53
Total Expense	\$ 732.46

Ending Balance 2/28/2023 **\$ 16,613.90**

MARKETING

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!

Please email fun pictures from your favorite ski and adventure trips to us!

We are updating our social media and websites to encourage new membership, and we would love to include your memories.

Email photos to:

Bill Hamill at billh1970@yahoo.com or

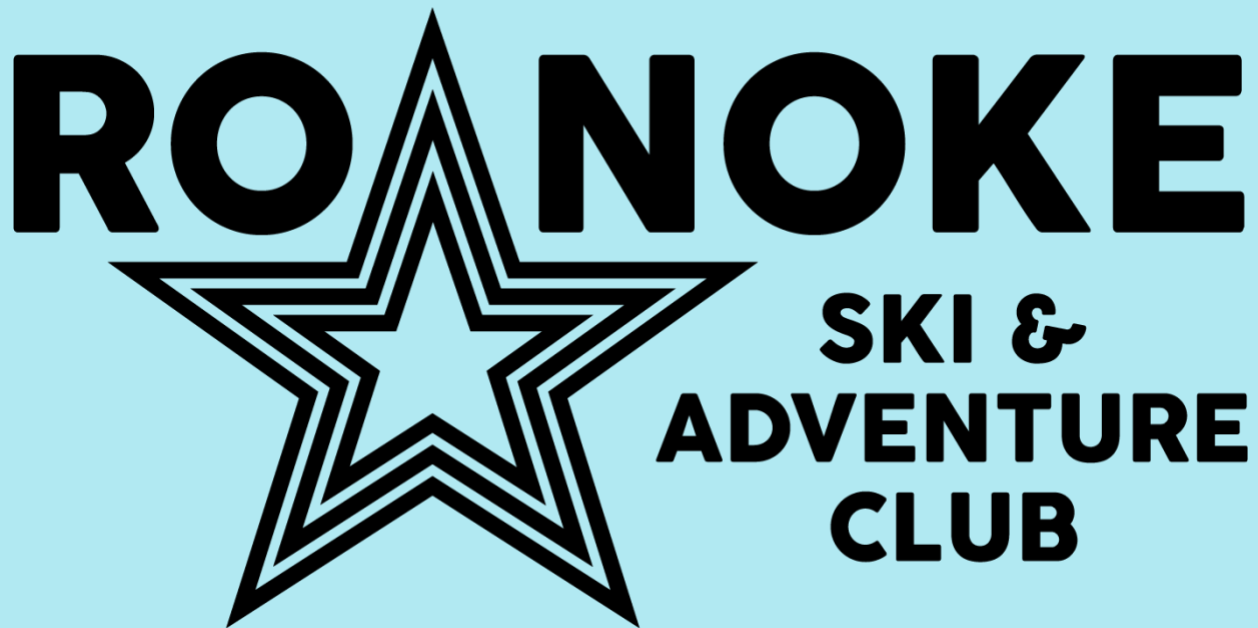
Clive Hillyard at RSAC.newsletter@gmail.com (Please note that this is not my private email address)

Thanks!

Carol Quarles
Marketing Director

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**Embroidered RSAC logo now available!**



Show your club spirit and look great on your next trip!  
For only \$5 per item, you can now get the RSAC logo embroidered (as shown above) in black or royal blue on your favorite jacket, sweater, vest, shirt, hat or tote!  
(No leather, please.)

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**THAT'S ALL FOLKS!**

Stay tuned for next month's news  
and activities.



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Jill Betters  
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