

A Taos Learning Experience

John Hubbs

The trip to Taos Ski Valley was chaos-free at BWI except for a few late arrivers and leader Bill losing his boarding pass between Security and gate B2 (how does he do that?). In Albuquerque we loaded the skiers on the bus and all the gear into a Snakedance condo van with trailer. The bus driver, Dave, provided interesting commentary on the 3-hour drive. But, about 30 minutes into the trip he pulled up behind the van that was bleeding oil onto the shoulder. Rather than get another vehicle from Snakedance, everyone chipped in to move all our stuff into the belly of the bus. In 10 minutes we were back on the road again. After a grocery & beverage stop in town, we arrived at the condos in time for our fleece vests, great appetizers, wine, and beer (for those wanting to drink at 9400 feet!), while Bill and Jim attended to all the ticket and lesson details.

Sunday morning was clear and cold (7 degrees) with two inches of new snow. Most folks were able to make a warm-up run or two before several dozen instructors sorted out the abilities of several hundred skiers into the right lesson groups. For the most part, they did a good job; anyone was able to change, if needed. In the afternoon, Jim managed to break out of his left ski and spring his right shoulder (how does he do

that?). A few hardy souls watched the NFL playoffs at the Martini Tree Bar before getting a sound night's sleep.

The next day was overcast and cold (a recurring morning theme) with snow— heavy at times—when the lifts opened only 50 feet from the condos (nice!). We skied off the 3 inches of fresh snow before the clouds cleared. The après-ski party in the leader's condo ("the penthouse") was well attended. A few of us found good New Mexican food at the Stray Dog Cantina before heading into Taos to find suitable gifts for our Tuesday dinner hosts. A warm day on Tuesday was spoiled by Deb's nasty fall; she was well tended to on the mountain and in town, but did not ski the rest of the trip. The Snakedance owners, Diana and Roger, hosted a fabulous dinner party after taking us by the Rio Grande gorge at sunset. They served appetizers, shrimp, pasta, and pork tenderloin with a special raspberry sauce. Here's the recipe:

- Mix and heat - one 18-oz jar of Raspberry Preserves, ¼ cup red wine vinegar, 2 Tbsp. soy sauce, 1 ½ tsp. horseradish, 1 ½ tsp. ketchup, and 1 Tbsp. garlic powder.
- Makes two yummy cups.

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**Next Meeting
March 14**

This is the Annual Meeting, at which elections for the Board of Directors is held. It is important to have as many members participating as possible. Please be sure to attend this meeting and exercise your voting rights.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month
Doubletree Hotel Columbia



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Results of the NASTAR Competition

The NASTAR competition was held during the BRSC Western Carnival in Park City UT on 9 February. There were 44 CSC racers—including Kitty Amdahl, who met us at Park City— out of 56 eligible to race. The CSC team garnered 27 medals; 5 gold, 5 silver, 16 bronze.

CSC took the 2nd Place trophy for participation, with a 79% participation (44 out of 56 eligible). That is quite impressive when one considers that the 1st place award went to the Fagoweys, who fielded 17 out of 20 eligible to race.

However, our CSC team took 1st place in the Team Competition. The award is determined by the three males and two female team members earning the best medal points. Although the scoring is somewhat involved, suffice it to say that the CSC team outscored the 2nd place finisher by 43 points, thanks to the performances by:

- Susan Powell
- Judith Schlesinger
- Bob Juskus
- Ken Sproul
- Lee Wilk

A large round of applause for all the participants, with a special tip of the ski helmet (see Moose Tracks) to Jan O'Connor for her efforts to encourage and organize this year's participants.

Columbia Rules, dudes



2011-2012 Ski Trip Committee

The Ski Trip Committee for the 2011-2012 ski season is forming. I will be in touch with the current committee members in January, but for those who are interested in participating we wanted to reach out to you in this newsletter.

We are looking for members who are knowledgeable about skiing, and want to give us ideas on how we can put the best ski schedule for the members of the club.

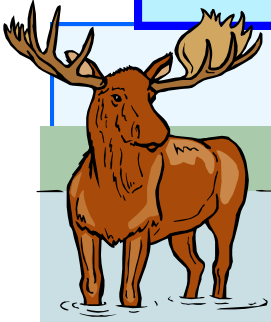
Meetings will be held from February until June, on Wednesday nights. If you want to gain a better understanding of the process of putting our trip schedule together and selecting bids on trips, please contact Bill Schrodel, Ski Trip Coordinator (bill@schrodel.com) for the next ski season.

Bill Schrodel

BOD Business Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm, in the Owen Brown Community Center. Business meetings are open to all members. Please contact the President in advance to have an item included on the agenda.

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MOOSE TRACKS



Columbia wins in Park City, the trophy is ours! We took first place in the BRSC race and second in participation, no small feat with 63 on the trip, or no small feat with 126 of them! Ski helmets off to Jan O’Conner who did an excellent job coordinating all of our racers for the event. The other performance results—how well we provide for our members on ski trips—are in as well, and so far everyone has had a good time. Very positive comments also came from those that just joined our club so I am sure they will be back for more. Very high praise goes to our trip leaders who always go over the top when making sure everyone has a good time.

The good times were definitely on the menu in Crested Butte for New Years. They put on a spectacular torch parade combined with fireworks. No glow sticks but real torches burning bright from mid-mountain to the bottom. They must have used every ski instructor, ski patroller, and mountain host staff because the torch parade went on and on. The mountain was awesome to ski too, and the food on and off the mountain was the best we have had anywhere. Everyone was asking, “Where do they find these chefs way out here?” Grooming on the slopes was perfect too. Most of the trails were only groomed on one side so everyone had a choice between smooth terrain and untouched powder; awesome indeed. The terrain off the “T” bars was fun to explore also, and not nearly as hard as the trail map would suggest. The double diamond marking did however, keep some skiers away so a few of us pretty much had the upper left side of the mountain to ourselves. Everyone on and off the mountain went out of their way to make us feel welcome. This is, without a doubt, the friendliest resort the moose has ever been to.

Vail greeted us with fresh powder and 100% of the mountain open for skiing. We received 45” of light fluffy powder snow while we were there. Thank you, Mother Nature! Most of us took the mountain tour at Beaver Creek and, I must say, these tours are getting better. I used to last no more than 20 minutes before I had to take off for more adventurous skiing, but these folks did a lot less talking and much more skiing, and not on green trails. It was a powder day too! Our own John Matsuzaki became the adventure guide for some of us the rest of the day. Did you know he is house-sitting this winter in Silverthorn? Poor guy! I’m thinking of retiring as a ski bum.

By the time you get this our last trip of the season to Mammoth, CA. will have left and we will be planning our next ski season. If next year is anything like this one you are in for another real treat. Can you believe some people are still calling our trip leaders to see if there is space on a trip? It just goes to show you, pay attention to the moose and, as always ...

Sign up early and often,

The Moose

Panzer House Concerts

Date	Artist
Mar 13	Patty Larkin
Apr 30	Buskin & Batteau
May 21	Steve Seskin
July 30	The Refugees

Donation \$20. BYOB
Light refreshments served.
Bring dessert or appetizer to share if desired.

Special Events

Month	Dates
Mar 20	Cinema Sunday at the Charles
Jun 10-12	Cape May Weekend

Community Service

Date	Event
Mar 19	Adopt-A-Road Cleanup
May 15	Adopt A-Road Cleanup
Sept 17	Adopt-A- Road Cleanup

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For those not skiing all six days, I was privileged to lead a small group into town for lunch and a private tour of the Taos Pueblo, a World Heritage Site, home to special indigenous Americans for over 600 years. Check it out at www.taospueblo.com. The next evening most of the group visited the historic Taos Inn with old-time Adobe Bar (good margaritas). Dinner at Doc Martin's restaurant featured local ingredients fixed as they have been in Taos forever. The rattlesnake and rabbit sausage is not to be missed.

Most Taos slopes face the northeast. So despite the lack of additional snow, the ski conditions hold up quite well; little daytime melting with overnight

freezing. Most of the group found the lessons to be quite worthwhile, despite having to unlearn all that we'd been told in the past. Several folks took their instructors to lunch the last day. Our trip leaders hosted a "clean out your fridge" pot luck après-ski party that was particularly special with a 90-minute "Tech Talk" by Doug DeCoursey, leader of the Taos area instructors.

A groggy group got up at 5:30 for breakfast on Saturday before heading home. Bill had a few anxious moments (normal life for a leader) when the bus did not arrive when expected. But everyone was on their way in time for the flight from ALB to BWI for another successful Columbia Ski Club trip.

Elections for Board of Directors

The CSC Annual Meeting, at which we elect the President-Elect and members of the Board of Directors for the coming year, will be held on March 14.

The nominees are:

- President-Elect
John Wetterau
- Board of Directors (3)
John Hubbs
Jean McCardle
Eliezer Richmond

In order for the election results to be considered official, a quorum is required by the bylaws. So please make a special effort to attend the meeting, and exercise your right to vote.

Statements from each of the nominees are on the following pages, and will also be available at the meeting.

If you are going to submit an absentee ballot, note that the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots is 12 March. The should be mailed to:

ATTN: Elections
Columbia Ski Club
P.O. Box 204
Columbia MD 21045

Also, note that not all the nominee statements are in the newsletter. Unfortunately, not all of the write-ups were received in time to be included prior to printing and mailing. However, they should be available at the March 14 Annual Meeting. So, be sure to arrive early enough to study the statements of each of the nominees.

John Wetterau

Nominee for President-Elect

I have been a member of the Columbia Ski Club since October 1997. After about a year or so of taking part in most every activity the club offered, I decided that I would like to start giving back. I joined the activities committee, led several dining outs, a couple happy hours, various day trips, and several minor league baseball games. I then helped out at the membership table before heading up the night skiing program and was able to double its size to nearly 60 members in the two years that I was there.

I became an assistant treasurer in April 2000, and eventually became Treasurer during the 2003-2004 year. For my time at Treasury from 2000-2004, I won a couple Mogeys awards, the Chair Lift Award, and the Marty Womack Award. I led the Steamboat trip in December 2001, which was the club's first trip after 9/11. I also assisted on the club's trip to Snowshoe in 2006.

From 2005 through 2007, I served on the Board of Directors and held the post of Vice President during the 2005-2006 year. Starting in January 2006, I became the club's Database Administrator; a position that I still hold. By processing membership application/renewal forms, the Database Administrator provides mailing lists for our newsletter, most of the information provided in the club's directory, as well as lists of current members to leaders of ski trips and more than ski trips, the activities committee, and the web team for MTS purposes. Last year, I was presented with the Ed Graf Lifetime Achievement Award for my service to the club over the years.

Since I joined the Treasury more than ten years ago, I have been a regular attendee at Board meetings. As a result, I believe that I have built up a lot of institutional memory and have been able to contribute upon occasion at these meetings even when not a Board member or Officer. This background, along with the various other ways that I have contributed over the years, I believe would help me to be a good President-elect for the upcoming year. I would work hard at learning the presidential ropes from Deb McCune so that I would be well prepared to become President the year after.

The club has done a lot for me over the past years. I've developed a lot of close friendships and one that is especially close. If you've been in the club for awhile, I encourage you to become involved and volunteer to lead activities or become involved with one of the committee's. It's the volunteers that make this the best damn ski club in the region. I would like to continue to do my part to make it stay that way. I would appreciate your support.

Thank you!



Some of the NASTAR competition at Park City on 9 February. See page 2 for a report on how the CSC fared in the competition.

Photo courtesy of Eli Connor.

To see all of Eli's photos, go to:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/conner.eli/ParkCity#slideshow>

Jean McCardle

Nominee for Board of Directors

Hi, I'm Jean (Pohl) McCardle and would like to serve you as a member of the Columbia Ski Club Board of Directors.

I have been a member of the Columbia Ski Club since the late 1990's. I have been a member of the board and the ski trip committee; have participated in the bowling league, a number of ski trips (European and U.S.), Christmas in April, and many other activities. I now hope to be able to serve all of you as a member of the board.

My leadership positions include:

- Columbia Ski Club Board of Directors – Member or Vice President (2007 – 2010)
- Columbia Ski Club Trip Committee – Member (2006 - present)
- Columbia Ski Club Bowling League – various positions since 2005
- NGWE (Women Engineers) at Baltimore – various offices including Campus Chair (2006 – present)
- WORTHY (Worthwhile to Help High School Youth) – Mentor (2005 – 2007)
- Single Volunteers of Baltimore/Annapolis – President (2001 – 2003)
- Capital Gains of Maryland, An Investment Club – Treasurer (1994 – 2002)

I'm a Principal Systems Engineer and hold degrees from Polytechnic Institute of New York University (MS Computer Science) and Purdue University (BS Computer Science).

As an engineer, I am used to gathering data, examining it, investigating tradeoffs and alternatives, and then making an informed decision based upon the facts presented. If elected to the board, I will use these skills to examine the issues and make decisions that are in the best interest of the club and its members.

Thank you.

John Hubbs

Nominee for Board of Directors

Hello, fellow CSC Members. My name is John Hubbs and I am running for a position on your Board of Directors.

You may remember me from last year when I met many new friends on the Park City trip or this year's trips to Taos and Paris – Aosta Valley. In Taos, I led a side tour to the sacred Pueblo site and helped the leaders with two special dinners. I also started the horseshoe pitching activity and did the DC Segway tour with Chris and friends last year. I am currently helping Bill Schrodell with the Ski Trip Committee.

I have several reasons for running to serve you on the Board of Directors. Firstly, I just retired and, although hardly bored, am looking for constructive use of my time and energy. Also, I have a long history of being fully involved in voluntary organizations of interest to me. The most recent was the Magothly River Sailing Association, where I served their Board as producer of the club's annual Red Book. This sailing club has similar characteristics to CSC with two distinct groups that frequently overlap: we have active skiers and MTS participants; the sailing club has racers and cruisers. The significant point is that both Boards have to support members with very different interests – a special challenge for an organization run by volunteers.

I have a lot of energy, experience, and ideas; am looking forward to applying them to further the goals of the Columbia Ski Club.

Please cast a vote for John Hubbs.

SKI TRIP LEADERS WANTED

CSC is looking for a few Good Guys & Gals to be Ski Trip Leaders. Have you thought of being a ski trip leader? Wondered how to become one of our "Go to Group" who make the ski trips such fun! Well here's your chance to sign up. We promise to get you in shape to sell and lead a great trip. Please email me if you have any questions at: bill@schrodel.com. Our Ski Trip Leader Application form can be found on the CSC website, under the Documents tab, and is due no later than April 11th.

Below is a rerun of an excellent article by Tim Kempisty from the 2009 newsletter. It is a great summary of what you will be undertaking as a trip leader.

Bill Schrodel

As a relatively green trip leader (assisted Breck 08, led Vail 09), I have a pretty fresh perspective on the art and science of leading a ski trip with our club. It's a constant learning experience. With that in mind, I've written a little article about leading one of our ski trips, in the hopes that you'll see what's involved and decide that you're ready and willing to volunteer for the job yourself. It may help give you an idea of a few of the things you'll need to do behind the scenes.

Running a CSC ski trip is more involved than simply showing up at the meetings and collecting money. After all, we are running a business, and there's more to running any business than collecting money. We sell a product: ski trips at bargain prices, with the promise of big winter fun without the hassle. That requires putting a bit of effort into the travel arrangements, a few parties, happy hours, dinners, other on- and off-mountain activities, etc. There are lots of ski clubs in the area to choose from, so we strive to make the Columbia Ski Club experience stand out from the others.

Sell The Trip!

We're not going anywhere if you can't sell the trip. Some of the trips sell themselves based on location and time of year, but it helps if the trip leader is enthusiastic. You're selling yourself as an amiable and confident leader just as much as you are selling the ski trip itself. You'll make instant friends with people who want to go on your trip.

Work Well With Others

Columbia Ski Club works with several travel agencies to put together our annual selection of trips. We, the trip leaders, act as liaisons between the travel agents and our participants. We have to stay on top of things like flight changes, ground transportation, lodging arrangements, etc. It is very helpful to establish a good working relationship with your travel agent to solve any problems that may crop up.

You'll also be working with our trips coordinator, our treasurer, the folks at the condo or hotel, the ski resort itself, bus companies, airport personnel, restaurants, etc. The more pleasant you are to work with, the more these folks are willing to go out of their way for you. You wouldn't believe all the freebies and niceties that Breckenridge lavished upon our Vail group this year. "Please" and "Thank You" go a long, long way.

Pay Close Attention To Detail

Travel agents are human, and they make the occasional mistake as well. Another of the trip leaders' jobs is to double check all the arrangements to make sure everything is in order. That includes meticulous details like making sure we have the right number of airline tickets, tickets for the correct flights, the right number of deviations from basic trip packages (extra days of skiing and whatnot), right down to the correct spelling of names on airline tickets.

As I learned this year, you even have to make sure you didn't get two airline tickets with the same name, leaving another participant without a ticket at all! (...oops ...). Employers call that "Detail Oriented." In layman's terms, the more anal you are, the better suited you are for this job!

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Balance Your Budget

Attention to detail is important when dealing with the trip finances as well. If you pride yourself on keeping good track of your own finances, then you are a natural for this aspect of trip leading. CSC has an Excel spreadsheet designed to help you keep track of your trip's income and spending, accounts receivable, and accounts payable. Being good with computers is another plus.

Communicate Clearly

Your trip participants will appreciate clear, concise, and easy to read information about the trip. The spell checker is your friend!

You'll still get someone asking you what time an event is scheduled or how much it costs, even if you put it in **GIANT BOLD RED TEXT**, but do it anyway. You'll have fewer confused people.

I've found it also helps to use your outdoor voice, even when you are indoors, when you need to get the attention of your group.

Stay Calm Under Pressure

You cannot solve problems when you are stressing out, so you need to be able to stay calm and collected under pressure. A good start is simply knowing what to do and who to call if situations arise. We provide Trip Leader Training sessions to help with this as much as possible. The more seasoned trip leaders are a wealth of knowledge and experience, and are always happy to help you out.

Remember... You're On Vacation Too

"All work and no play makes Homer...something." There will be stressful moments, but you have to get through them and forget about them. Let it roll off your back. After all, you are on vacation too. Get your responsibilities taken care of, and make sure you find time to relax and enjoy your trip.

Ready to take on the challenge?

Ready to make a ski trip truly your own? Fill out the application and return it to Bill Schrodel before April 11th!

Tim Kempisty

A Note From the Editor

Another ski season is almost in the books; by the time of the next general meeting, the Steamboat trip will have returned, and only the Mammoth trip will remain to close out the season.

From all accounts it has been an exceptionally fine year, with a bountiful snowfall at most resorts—or, if you are addicted to alliteration—a *plenitude of perfectly puffy powder*. Peggy & I were on both the Vail and Park City trips, and judged this season to be among our best. We had fresh snow every day but one at Vail. On the Park City Trip, we skied Park City, The Canyons, Deer Valley, and Snowbird. Most of the week was clear and bright with absolutely spectacular skiing conditions, and the scenery at Snowbird was awesome. As an added bonus, the Park City contingent was met by Steve and Sherry Panzer, and Kitty Amdahl. And, it appears that the reports from the other outings have been uniformly positive. With many resorts having surpassed their average yearly snowfall amounts by mid-January, the ski trip committee is to be commended for arranging a season of exceptional skiing conditions.

But, although this ski season is almost concluded, there are many activities planned for the months ahead, including a trip to Hawaii. Also, it won't be very long before we will be making choices for the 2011-2012 ski season.

Be sure to attend the Annual Meeting in order to help select the President-Elect and members of the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Also, on a final note, because the printing and mailing of newsletters is time-intensive, I will always post the newsletter to the website prior to the monthly general meeting. Thus, if you haven't yet received the newsletter as the meeting date nears, be sure to check the website, in the event something is scheduled for the meeting about which you should be aware.



SKI TRIPS 2010 -2011

Crested Butte, CO
 December 28 to January 3
 \$1374 per person
 Trip Leader: Dave Hodges
 Assistant Trip Leader: Deb Dwyer

Gone and Returned

Jackson Hole, WY
 February 12—19
 \$1284 per person
 Trip Leader: Molly Hochman
 Assistant Trip Leader: Tom Stanitis

Gone and Returned

Vail, CO
 January 15—22
 \$1324 per person
 Trip Leader: Bob Craig
 Assistant Trip Leader: Michelle Horton

Gone and Returned

Steamboat Springs, CO
 February 19—26
 \$1390 per person
 Trip Leader: Gary Prestiani
 Assistant Trip Leader: Kat Rhee

Gone and Returned

Taos, NM
 January 22—29
 \$1475 per person
 Trip Leader: Bob Schroeder
 Assistant Trip Leader: Jim Ferrant

Gone and Returned

Aosta, Italy
 February 25—March 5
 \$1865 per person
 Trip Leader: Judith Schlesinger
 Assistant Trip Leader: Tina Dorn

Gone and Returned

Powder Moutain/Snow Basin, UT
 January 28—February 4
 \$1220 per person
 Trip Leader: Cathy Homens
 Assistant Trip Leader: Julie Slater

Gone and Returned

Copper Mountain, CO
 March 5—12
 \$1154 per person
 Trip Leader: Alvin Friendlich
 Assistant Trip Leader: Renee Speer

Gone and Returned

Park City, UT
 February 4—13
 \$1773 per person
 Trip Leader: Tom Donohue
 Assistant Trip Leader: Mike DiProspero

Gone and Returned

Mammoth, CA
 March 19—26
 \$1479 per person
 Trip Leader: Maria McDonough
 410-456-8111
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 Assistant Trip Leader: Jim Miller
 410-263-2250
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A c t i v i t i e s

3/14/2011	Monthly General meeting at the Doubletree Inn (old Columbia Hilton). Socializing starts at 7:30pm with the meeting starting at 8pm. Elections will be held. Door prizes, raffle and cash bar
3/17/2011	March Happy Hour - Join Eliezer Richmond for the March Dining Out at El Azteca Restaurant in Clarksville at 6:30 pm. Contact Eliezer at edrichmond@juno.com
3/19/2011	March is Adopt-a-Road cleanup month. Please volunteer to help clean up our adopted ski club road near Princeton Sports in Columbia. Meet at Princeton Sports at 9:00 AM. Bring garden gloves to wear and wear long sleeves. Reflective safety vests and garbage bags provided. Contact Pat D. at 410-740-4946 by email at pwda2@yahoo.com
3/20/2011	Cinema Sundays at the Charles - Time: 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$15.00 includes ticket and simple brunch. Cost \$15.00 includes ticket and simple brunch. Get there at 9:30 am to secure a table. Brunch begins at 9:45 am. The film begins at 10:30 am followed by a spirited Q and A discussion. Titles are generally announced the week before each screening on the web site and in the Today section of The Baltimore Sun each Friday. Contact Marge C. by email margecollins618@hotmail.com or 410-340-6645
3/29/2011	Special trail hike planning meeting. Hiking season is near and we would like to plan some hikes for the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons. Light refreshments provided. If you have a favorite hiking trail and are interested in leading a hike please plan to attend the meeting. Hikers of all abilities are welcome. Meet at Bob and Deb's house at 7:30pm. E-mail or call for directions. Contact Bob M. at 410-637-5454 by email at activities09@columbiaskiclub.org
3/31/2011	Please join Aries babies at a general happy hour at Union Jack's Columbia (http://unionjacksolumbia.com/) on Thursday, 3/31/11, starting at 6 p.m. From 6-8 p.m., there will be a complimentary appetizer platter, \$3 drafts, and \$4 rail drinks and wine. From 7 p.m. to close, Miller Lights are \$1. From 9-10 pm, all non-top-shelf drinks are \$1. Union Jacks would like a general head count so they put out enough appetizers, so if you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Karen Law at karenl329@gmail.com.
4/5/2011	Special bicycle ride planning meeting. Come to the meeting and help us plan our schedule for the season. Last year we scheduled 21 rides. We would like to plan a diverse set of rides for all abilities. We will also be training for several Century rides. Call for directions. Meet at Bob and Deb's house at 7:30pm. Light refreshments provided. Contact Bob M. at 410-637-5454 by email at activities09@columbiaskiclub.org
4/7/2011	Monthly Happy Hour - Join Anne at Bare Bones in Ellicott City at 5:30pm. New members and prospective members welcome. Contact Anne via email at annetrent@yahoo.com
4/11/2011	Monthly General meeting at the Doubletree Inn (old Columbia Hilton). Socializing starts at 7:30pm with the meeting starting at 8pm. Sign up for activities and ski trips. Door prizes, raffle and cash bar
4/14/2011	Join Frank for dining out at one of our favorite places: Bangkok Delight in Columbia (8825 Centre Park Dr # A Columbia, MD 21045). Meet at the restaurant at TBD time. Contact Frank at FrankMacJr@aol.com.
4/27/2011	CSC Mini Golf Tour 2011. Join us for the second season. Fun, active, new friends, inexpensive. Only \$5 entrance fee to join the tour (playing fees are separate. Last Weds of each month plus Sunday double bonus event. Socials after each event. Rain date is always one week after the event. Start times: 7pm-7.15. This month's location is Laurel Golf Center. (http://www.Laurelgolfcenter.com). Contact Chris at chrismlaw@yahoo.com or 443-955-0955.
4/30/2011	Panzer House Concert - Acoustic music in an intimate setting at the Panzer home in Columbia. Featuring Buskin and Batteau. Show starts at 7pm. Suggested donation of \$20.00. BYOB. Light refreshments served. Bring dessert or appetizer to share if desired. Doors open at 6:30pm. Reservations required. Please RSVP to Sherry P. at spanzers@gmail.com or 410-531-9233
5/5/2011	Happy Hour - Join Brad for this months happy hour at the Twist and Turn Tavern in Clarksville. Time to be determined. New members and prospective members welcome. Contact Brad at Farrell.Brad@bls.gov.

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5/7/2011	Join Ron C. for an outdoor adventure at Terrapin Adventures in Savage Mill. More details to follow. Contact Ron C. at Coteassoc@aol.com.
5/9/2011	Monthly General meeting at the Doubletree Inn (old Columbia Hilton). Socializing starts at 7:30pm with the meeting starting at 8pm. Sign up for activities and ski trips. Door prizes, raffle and cash bar
5/12/2011	Monthly Dining Out at a TBD location. Contact Joyce W. at joycewronka@hotmail.com.
5/14/2011	May is Adopt-a-Road cleanup month. Please volunteer to help clean up our adopted ski club road near Princeton Sports in Columbia. Meet at Princeton Sports at 9:00 AM. Bring garden gloves to wear and wear long sleeves. Reflective safety vests and garbage bags provided. Contact Pat D. at 410-740-4946 by email at pwda2@yahoo.com
5/21/2011	Panzer House Concert - Acoustic music in an intimate setting at the Panzer home in Columbia. Featuring Steve Seskin. Show starts at 7pm. Suggested donation of \$20.00. BYOB. Light refreshments served. Bring dessert or appetizer to share if desired. Doors open at 6:30pm. Reservations required. Please RSVP to Sherry P. at spanzers@gmail.com or 410-531-9233
5/25/2011	CSC Mini Golf Tour 2011. Join us for the second season. Fun, active, new friends, inexpensive. Only \$5 entrance fee to join the tour (playing fees are separate. Last Weds of each month plus Sunday double bonus event. Socials after each event. Rain date is always one week after the event. Start times: 7pm-7.15. This months location is Nighthawk Golf Center, Gambrills. (http://www.nighthawkgolfcenter.com). Contact Chris at chrismlaw@yahoo.com or 443-955-0955.
6/10/2011	Cape May Weekend - June 10-12. Stay at the historic Chalfonte Hotel in beautiful Cape May. Trip includes: 2 nights lodging, family style. dining on Friday and Saturday evening, plus extensive buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres before dinner on Saturday. Dining room has a dress code, no jeans, bathing suits or tank tops during dinner. Take a short bike ride around town to see the Victorian homes or the longer ride to the lighthouse. Helmets are required. Or, just explore antique shops, go to the beach, shop or relax and read in a rocking chair on the veranda. Nominal cost for the beach. The Chalfonte Hotel, 301 Howard St. Cape May, NJ 08204, can be accessed by driving around the bay, or by taking the Lewes, DE Ferry, 1-800-64-Ferry. Ferry fees are not included. Rooms are double occupancy, some rooms have baths and some baths are in the hall. Single supplement extra. Children extra. The hotel has installed baths in most rooms. Also, there will be air-conditioning in the Grand Magnolia Dining Room. There are multiple room options from \$205pp to \$360pp (see flyer). Contact Molly H. via email at mollyhochman@verizon.net or at 410-721-4407.
6/13/2011	Monthly General meeting at the Doubletree Inn (old Columbia Hilton). Socializing starts at 7:30pm with the meeting starting at 8pm. Sign up for activities and ski trips. Door prizes, raffle and cash bar
6/29/2011	CSC Mini Golf Tour 2011. Join us for the second season. Fun, active, new friends, inexpensive. Only \$5 entrance fee to join the tour (playing fees are separate). Last Weds. of each month plus Sunday double bonus event. Socials after each event. Rain date is always one week after the event. Start times: 7pm-7.15. This months location is Columbia Sports Park (http://www.columbiasportspark.org). Contact Chris at chrismlaw@yahoo.com or 443-955-0955.
7/11/2011	Monthly General meeting at the Doubletree Inn (old Columbia Hilton). Socializing starts at 7:30pm with the meeting starting at 8pm. Sign up for activities and ski trips. Door prizes, raffle and cash bar
7/24/2011	CSC Mini Golf Tour 2011. Join us for the second season. Fun, active, new friends, inexpensive. Only \$5 entrance fee to join the tour (playing fees are separate. This is the Sunday double bonus event. Rain date is always one week after the event. Start times: 3pm-3:30. This double bonus event location is Adventure Park USA, New Market (http://www.adventureparkusa.com/) Contact Chris at chrismlaw@yahoo.com or 443-955-0955.

Note: The above descriptions have been abbreviated in the interest of space. For a more complete description of any specific activity, check the website: www.columbiaskiclub.org/activities/activities.aspx

Next Meeting

March 14

This is the Annual Meeting, at which we will be electing Directors for the coming year. Be sure to attend and vote.

Nominee write-ups are included in this issue

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