

Planning the 2011—2012 Ski Season

The Ski Trip committee has been working hard at putting together plans for the 2011-2012 ski season. Here is a list of trips we are **considering** (see page 3 – ed.), not all will make the final trip schedule and dates may move as we remove locations and create our final schedule.

One major factor everyone should prepare for is the high cost of air travel. Most flights are going to be in the \$600 to \$700 range, which will raise overall prices. We may be able to offset this with some price advantage in lodging or by selecting slightly lesser properties.

One option to consider is taking one of the two sets of back-to-back trips. We are trying to offer the Breckenridge/Snowmass and Trois Vallees/Andorra trips on back-to-back weeks. You can get two weeks of skiing in with one air fare with each of these options, at significant savings.

I just got back from skiing Beaver Creek, CO last week and if you are willing to hold on for the final week of skiing out west you can really get a great value in skiing this time of year. You don't have to hang up your skis just because the grass is green at home. My trip last week was at the Mountain Travel Symposium, which is an opportunity for ski clubs, vendors, ski resorts, and others in the ski industry to meet and market to one and other. On Friday, the "group exchanged" had us meet with 40 representatives in 8-minute, pre-set appointments. We got to see properties in Beaver Creek, and to ski for a few days. In the past, other ski trip coordinators or ski trip committee members have attended this event. It's a very good opportunity to meet other clubs to compare how they offer ski trips to their members.

One exciting new option this year is the epic MIX (http://www.snow.com/epicmix/home.aspx) if you have the epic ski pass you can track your ski season with this option. and see how your friends are doing. One person has recorded 3 million vertical feet of skiing this year.

I hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to kicking off ski trip sales at the June meeting.

Finally, If you haven't put in a Trip Leader Application and were interested in doing so please consider sending one to me at bill@schrodel.com.

Bill Schrodel

<u>Note:</u> The Ski Trip Leader application form can be found on page 4 of this edition of the Newsletter. It can also be found on the CSC website at:

http://columbiaskiclub.org/Portals/0/tripdox/CSC-Trip-Leader-App-2009-2010.pdf

Membership Season

The new membership season starts in May. See Page 5 for the New Member/Renewal form. Submit by June 13 and get a \$5 discount on your annual membership.

Form also available on www.columbiaskiclub.org

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Awards

The May meeting is also awards night, when we recognize those who have given of their time and made noteworthy contributions to the CSC and its goals.

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President's Corner

Did you know May is National Vinegar Month? Now that I have your attention, Happy Spring Everyone! Although spring marks an end to our ski season, do not fear, our Ski Trip Committee is busy planning the next season. Keep watch as Wild Bill teases us with new and exciting trips. There's still a little time left to apply to be a trip leader, see the application in this newsletter.

Now that the warm weather has finally arrived, time to go out and play. We've added lots of bike rides and hikes to the Activity list recently. Check the list often, you never know when a new activity will be added. Of course, we are always looking for more activities. Please consider leading an activity, it's a great way to make new friends. Need more info? Contact Bob at

ACTIVITIES09@COLUMBIASKICLUB.ORG. He can walk you through the simple process of leading an activity.

Congratulations to our new Board members, Jean McArdle, John Hubbs, John Wetterau, director & President - Elect and returning to serve a full term, Eliezer Richmond. Also congrats to our new Vice-President, Pat D'Adamo. And, a special thank you to the outgoing Board members, Tina Dorn and Gary Prestianni for their hard work over the past two years.

You don't want to miss the May meeting. The annual awards will be announced, and it's your first chance to buy tickets to our BIG THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY dance. Like to save money? Pay your membership dues at the meeting and take the early payment discount of \$5.00. Discount period runs through the June meeting.

May is an Adopt-a-Road month. Join fellow club members on May 14, clean up the roadside for a couple of hours, then enjoy lunch on the club and talk trash. I encourage you to become more active in the club. You'll get back much more than you give, and have fun doing it. See the Help Wanted Ad elsewhere in this newsletter for more opportunities.

Lastly, everyone knows May includes the Memorial Day holiday, but did you know there is another memorial day, May 9, Lost Sock Memorial Day? Really, it's on the Web.

Deb McCune

BOD Business Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 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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... and many other activities

MOOSE TRACKS



It is 85 degrees in Pasadena and Breckenridge has a 108" base! Did you know they already passed the 500" mark for total season snowfall and

more is on the way? Vail hit 500" today and sadly the last day of the season is April 24th. This is actually later than most years because they close on Easter Sunday. I bet lots of locals will be hiking to enjoy the nine feet of snow still on the ground.

The abundant snow did make for an epic season of skiing, and plans are already in the works that have the potential to top this one. Say prayers and light candles for another La Nina. We may be doing two back-to-back trips; two resorts in Colorado, and two resorts

in Europe. Like I always say, it's more than a ski trip, it's a vacation. Can you imagine a week in Breckenridge and then busing to Snowmass for another week? Now that is what I call a dream vacation. For those that want to combine skiing with sightseeing, the committee is getting bids for a back-to-back trip in Europe; two countries for the price of one flight schedule. Sound extravagant? Not for CSC!

Did you know we welcomed over 30 new skiers from other clubs because they would rather ski with us? Can't blame them can we? You do know what this means though, competition for signups and even more reason to come to the June meeting with checkbook in hand. Because you know what you have to do—sign up early ... and often.

The Moose.

Panzer House

Date	Artist
May 21	Steve Seskin
July 30	The Refugees
Sept 24	Jim Photoglo
Oct. 22	Kat Eggleston Kate Macloed

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

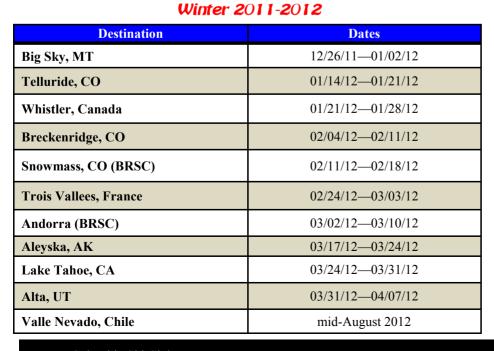
Special Events

Month	Dates
May 14	Indoor Go-Karting
Jun 10-12	Cape May Weekend
July 23	30th Anniversary Dance at Savage Mill

Community Service

Date	Event
May 14	Adopt-a-Road Cleanup
Sept 10	Adopt-a- Road Cleanup

Tentative Ski Trip Schedule



The always anticipated ski trip schedule for the coming season. The usual caveats apply—it is subject to change.

The trips go on sale at the June meeting, at which time the details should be available. So be sure to come to the meeting to gather information about the trips that interest you, meet the trip leaders, and sign up for some great venues.

30th Anniversary Celebration

The CSC 30th Anniversary dance will be held on July 23, 2011 at the Savage Ballroom at Savage Mill.

Music by CPR. Tickets will be approximately \$45 per person, and will go on sale at the May general meeting.

COLUMBIA SKI CLUB 2011-2012 SKI TRIP LEADER APPLICATION

Please complete this application if you are interested in leading or assisting a CSC Ski Trip next season. Submit this form no later than April 11, 2011, to Wild Bill Schrodel 825 Caren Drive, Eldersburg, MD 21784. If you have any questions, call Wild Bill Schrodel 410-935-6595.

Please read the information for Trip Leaders provided at the bottom of this page before completing this application. NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____ ADDRESS: _____CELL PHONE: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP: E-MAIL: Choose One: I am applying to be a Trip Leader I am applying to be an Assistant Trip Leader. (I understand that if called on I am willing to step up and lead the trip) I am applying to be an Assistant Trip Leader. (I am not willing to lead the trip if the situation requires a new leader) Membership: Number of Years with CSC Skiing Ability: Beginner Intermediate Advanced Expert Number of Ski Days with CSC in 12/10 through 4/11 CSC TRIP LEADER EXPERIENCE 2007 THROUGH PRESENT Ski Area / Location Ski Trip Dates # of Participants Comments CSC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE 2007 THROUGH PRESENT (COMMITTEES, BOD, ETC): **ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS ORGANIZED / LED FOR CSC:** LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE CSC TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING YOUR APPLICATION, Please list dates you will not be available during the 2011-2012 season: Note: Leading a CSC Ski Trip can be both a rewarding and frustrating experience, it can be a challenging and time consuming undertaking. If selected as a leader or assistant, you are required to attend the trip leader training session and the monthly General Membership Meetings. Extensive management, organizational, people and sales skills are required. Trip leaders must plan, sell and execute all facets of the CSC Ski Trip. Trip leaders will be expected to demonstrate a good attitude and mature judgment in all situations. Travel agents, transportation companies and airlines can create issues that need to be resolved under pressure situations. If you feel you have the necessary skills to be a CSC Trip Leader or Assistant Trip Leader, or wish to develop them, CSC wants you to apply. Signature: **Date:** _____

COLUMBIA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Membership period June 1, 2011 - May 31, 2012 Early payment discount of \$5 up to June 13, 2011 Dues: Individual: \$35.00(one adult + dependents under 21, all at same address) Membership Dues Joint: \$50.00(two adults + dependents under 21, all at same address) Non-refundable Return form to Membership or mail to: Columbia Ski Club / Membership P.O. Box 204, Columbia, MD 21045 * [] RENEWAL or [] NEW MEMBER Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. [] CHANGES Enclose changes in parenthesis. Please notify us of any changes that may occur during year. Please PRINT CLEARLY - this information is used for the newsletter labels and membership directory. Dues and contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. DO NOT INCLUDE PAYMENTS FOR ANY SKI TRIP. EVENT, OR ACTIVITY WITH THIS FORM. ☐ Single ☐ Married Number of Children: Individual Member \Box M \Box F **Joint** Member □ M □ F *Last Name *First Name *Address Please note that the Preferred Phone will be the *City number that will appear in the Directory, unless *State and Zip otherwise requested. Please write legibly. **Preferred Phone** Alternate Phone **Email** Occupation Hobbies Date of Birth ☐ Non skier Date of Birth-□ Non skier ☐ Alpine ☐ XCountry ☐ Snowboarder ☐ Alpine ☐ XCountry ☐ Snowboarder Skier Type I learned of CSC from: CSC Member Referral Referrer Name Flyer/Trifold Promotional Event CSC Website/search engine Newspaper Ad **Do not include** [] **phone** numbers and/or [] **address** in the Membership Directory. * Required Information. Form must be signed by individual member or both joint members and then dated to be valid! I, the undersigned, do hereby attest that I am 18 years of age or older and furthermore, by joining the Columbia Ski Club (CSC) as a member, I hereby release the CSC and its officers, directors, leaders and volunteers from any liability, damages or claims arising from any injury or property damage sustained by me related to any CSC activity or event.

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05/12/11	Join Joyce for the May dining out. Meet at the restaurant at TBD time. Contact Joyce W 410-730-6841 at joycewronka@hotmail.com
05/14/11	Indoor Go-Karts Event Location: Allsports GP, near Dulles Airport www.allsportsgp.com Format: Sprint Heats Racing: 5 races of 10 laps over a 2 hour period Cost \$85. Carpooling: Leave mid-morning or noon; Return late afternoon or evening. Optional visit to Dogfish Head brew pub in Fairfax, VA afterwards for dinner. (Dinner is not included in cost). www.dogfishalehouse.com Refunds and dates: There is a minimum of 12 sign-ups needed to proceed with the event. Maximum of 20. Space still available. Contact Chris at chrismlaw@yahoo.com.
05/14/11	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.
05/14/11	Saturday, May 14 - Annual Columbia Association Bike About Ride. Meet at 9:30 at the Lakefront in Columbia. Approximately 12 miles. Somewhat hilly ride through Columbia neighborhoods west of Route 29. Optional lunch at the Lakefront after the ride. No fee to register. Pre-registration is encouraged, but no required, at http://www.columbiaarchives.org/ Contact David I 410-258-4947 at davidisquith@gmail.com
05/15/11	Cinema Sundays at the Charles - Time: 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$15.00. Cinema Sundays begins with a simple brunch - a buffet of Sam's bagels and cream cheese, gourmet Coffee Mill coffee, tea, and steaming hot chocolate. Get there by 9:30 am to secure a table. Brunch begins at 9:45 am. The film begins at 10:30 am. 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
05/15/11	HIKE – The BILLY GOAT TRAIL. 5.5 miles, DIFFICULT. This is a popular and scenic local hike along the Potomac River gorge near Great Falls, on the Maryland side. Involves risky boulder scrambling. Also, will go to the Great Falls overlook. Because of the bouldering and the steep inclines, this is a difficult hike; not for beginners/novices or those afraid of heights! Hiking Boots required. Bring a snack and water. Lunch will be at our favorite Deli in Cabin John. Leave from Dobbin Center at 9AM. Contact Don Andberg at dbandberg@aol.com or 410 772-3233.
05/15/11	Happy Days are here again at Toby's Dinner Theatre! Join Richie, Potsie, Ralph Malph and of course, the Fonz! Based on the TV series, this musical reintroduces one of America's favorite families, the Cunninghams. This show will have you rockin' and rollin' all week long! Cost will be \$40.50 per person. Money will be collected at the March & April meetings. Contact Sue for more info at 301 498-8462 or sonicsue@verizon.net.
05/17/11	Bowling meeting for the start of the new league with bowling afterwards. Will need to set teams, decide feel and time. Meet at the Columbia Bowling Center on Snowden River and Carved Stone at 6:30. Contact Howard S. for additional information. Contact Howard S 410-788-1788
05/18/11	Join Bill for a 90 minute ride around Lake Elkhorn with dinner at Somona's after. Meet at 6:00pm in front o Sonomoa's. Contact Bill P. at 410-379-0481 or bikeskiandswim@gmail.com.
05/21/11	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 Sherr P. at spanzers@gmail.com or 410-531-9233.
05/22/11	Cinema Sundays at the Charles - Time: 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$15.00. Contact Marge C. by email margecollins618@hotmail.com or 410-340-6645

<u>Note:</u> 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

05/25/11	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 afer each event. Rain date is always one week after the event. Start times: 7pm-7.15. This months location is NightHawk Golf Center (http://www.nighthawkgolfcenter.com/) Contact Chris at chrismlaw@yahoo.com or 443-955-0955.
05/26/11	Join Bill for the second 90 minute ride around Lake Elkhorn with dinner at Somona's after. Meet at 6:00pm in front of Sonomoa's. Contact Bill P. at 410-379-0481 or bikeskiandswim@gmail.com Contact Bill P at bikeskiandswim@gmail.com
05/28/11	The Long Corner Tour from Glenelg. Ride 33 miles on the hills of Western Howard Country near Glenelg. Meet at Tridelphia Rd. & Ten Oaks Rd. in Glenelg at 10:00. Bring water and a snack. Bike helmets are mandatory on all CSC bike rides. Contact Diane M. at dianemastr@aol.com for details
06/03/11	Join Pat and Rob at Rocky Gap State Park for our annual camping trip. Due to a very busy May we had to move the camping into June. We have reservations for the first weekend in June, the 3rd-5th. We will be in loop A, site 6. If you'd like to join us, and we hope you will, you can make reservations through the Rocky Gap State Park website. Just let us know that you're coming and what site you'll be on. Thanksand happy camping!! Contact Pat D 410-740-4946 at smokeater46@yahoo.com
06/05/11	Cinema Sundays at the Charles - Time: 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$15.00. Contact Marge C. by email margecollins618@hotmail.com or 410-340-6645
06/08/11	Bike the BWI loop for a faily easy 10 mile ride with dinner afterwards. Meet at the Andover Middle School at 6:00pm. Contact Bill P. at 410-379-0481 or bikeskiandswim@gmail.com Contact Activities at bikeskiandswim@gmail.com
06/09/11	Happy Hour – Ramshead Tavern in Savage Mill. Meet on the deck at 5:30 pm. For information contact Gar P. at zebraterp@comcast.net
06/10/11	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 se 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. 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.
06/12/11	Cinema Sundays at the Charles - Time: 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$15.00. Contact Marge C. by email margecollins618@hotmail.com or 410-340-6645
06/26/11	14th annual Gettysburg Battlefield Bike Ride. Ride 15 miles on roads around the battlefield stopping at historic locations to discuss this cival war battle and aftermath. Meet at Long Gate Park-N-Ride at 8:30am. Bring a snack, lunch and water. We will eat lunch at a picnic ground on the battlefield. Helmets required on all CSC bike rides. Contact Bob M. at goldmac@comcast.net
06/26/11	Cinema Sundays at the Charles - Time: 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$15.00. Contact Marge C. by email margecollins618@hotmail.com or 410-340-6645
06/29/11	CSC Mini Golf Tour 2011. 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.
07/11/11	Monthly General meeting at the Doubletree Inn (old Columbia Hilton). Contact Membership at membership09@columbiaskiclub.org
07/17/11	Bike Ride to Mt. Vernon - Meet at the National Marina at 9:00am. More details to come. Contact Tom S at activities09@columbiaskiclub.org
07/23/11	30th Anniversary Dance - <i>SAVE THE DATE</i> . More info to come. Contact Activities at activities09@columbiaskiclub.org

Next Meeting May 9 Doubletree Hotel Columbia

at 7:30 p.m.

The following positions are vacant. If interested please contact Deb McCune at mccunedcsc@gmail.com

Coordinator for the Annual Crab Feast to be held on Sunday Aug 28. Much of the work is done already such as securing a location and finding a source for the crabs and other food. We've locked in the picnic pavilion at the Applied Physics Lab which also has a big field area for games.

Web Team - Jake needs someone to post the trip flyers and maintain the table of trips. Contact Jake for specifics at jamiloquai@yahoo.com

Committee chairs:

- Meetings and Programs
- Publicity
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