



## *STEEP AND DEEP*

THE Newsletter of the Kanawha Ski Club

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### What's on our Website?

- Calendar of Events
- Trips and Activities
- Club Photo's
- Monthly Newsletter
- Membership Application
- Directions and Meeting Dates

So check it out

[WWW.KanawhaSkiClub.com](http://WWW.KanawhaSkiClub.com)

### Crescent Ski Council

Kanawha Ski Club is part of the Crescent Ski Council. They sponsor Mega Ski trips, winter racing, and other activities. To see what they are up to, check out their web site

[WWW.crescentskicouncil.org](http://WWW.crescentskicouncil.org)

### 2008/09 Membership Form

The membership form for 2008/09 can be found in the newsletter. The membership year runs from July to June, so it's time to get out those checkbooks and join for another year. You must be a member to attend any of our winter trips to the west.

### Change in Dues

As of April 1st 2009, the dues increase takes effect. The new dues are \$40 for single membership and \$50 for families. Whenever you renew your membership, or when new members join, the new rates will be in effect.

## PRESIDENTIAL PONTIFICATIONS

We have concluded a wonderful year. Debbie James' hard work gave members the opportunity to participate in two local trips. Ed and Susan Kozielec's work hard to provide good food and drink for our meetings. Due in large part to the great work of Gary Cassier, Club members skied at Steamboat, Big Sky, and Keystone. The Spring Break Keystone trip was particularly successful with forty members participating. A number of the participants joined the Club to participate in this trip.

Next year Crescent is running only two trips: the annual Ski and Race Camp at Steamboat and a January trip to a big white mountain in Montana now called Whitefish. I have a hope that the Club will run its own West trip during Spring Break. My idea is to reach out to families with children in school with a high value vacation to a ski area attractive to them as well as to current Club members. This plan will work only if Kanawha County schools continue to hold Spring Break in the middle of March. I spoke about this hope with representatives of a number of ski areas and tour operators at the Crescent Spring Convention. If any of you have any thoughts about the possibility of a Club trip in March, please contact me or any other Board member.

You're probably tired of hearing this, but it is true: the Club can function only if members are willing to run for the board and contribute some time and energy to

organizing and running Club activities. Unfortunately, during the last few years it has been a real struggle to persuade a sufficient number of members to run for board so that the election conformed to the by-laws' requirements. Board members worked hard twisting arms to obtain a full slate willing to run and serve. Again this year, the meeting started without enough members willing to have their names placed in nomination. Again this year a member agreed to run on the condition that she would not be elected. Alice Taylor allowed her name to be placed on the ballot for the sole purpose of producing a valid election. She would not and could not have accepted if elected. Worse, the meeting started with NO candidate for one of the Board positions. Fortunately, first Craig Cunningham, then Todd Cook agreed to run. Obviously, this was a bad situation; one which potentially jeopardized the continued existence of the Club. For this reason, we are considering amending the by-laws to allow the existing Board or a committee of the Board to nominate members for the expiring positions. The membership would then be allowed to nominate additional candidates from the floor. This would reduce the burden on the existing board to find nominees. However, it will do nothing to address the basic problem: finding members willing to contribute to the management and functioning of the Club.

We would like to hear the thoughts of the Club members. Please contact any board member with you ideas.

### **KSC Scrapbook**

The 2007-08 scrapbook took second place at the annual Crescent competition at Myrtle Beach. Debbie James has already issued the challenge to Augusta Ski Club for next year's competition. Help her create the best KSC Scrapbook ever. She needs pictures and souvenirs of our activities, and may be looking for a theme for next year's book.

Her E-mail address is [dsjhwv@hotmail.com](mailto:dsjhwv@hotmail.com). Her home address is 874 Chappell Road, Charleston, WV, 25304. She even has a scanner, so she can return pictures after scanning them, if you only have one copy. Let's all help Debbie create more great memories for Kanawha Ski Club

Next time come join us, I promise you will have a good time and feel better about yourself.



Larry Walker at work

### **West Virginia – Make It Shine**

In April, the club had our long anticipated "West Virginia Make it Shine" litter clean up at Kanawha State Forest. We picked up litter along the road through most of the park and several picnic areas. Our litter totaled 200 pounds. It was a very nice morning with a slight chill in the air which warmed as the morning progressed. We split up into groups and a very good time was had by all. It only took up about three hours of our time. Some of us went IHOP for Breakfast after. Everyone admitted that the project gave them a good feeling knowing that we were helping the environment. I would like to thank Randy and Joyce Jones, Debbie James, John Gagnon, Todd Cook, Gary Cassier, Alice Taylor, Al Ward, Ed Weis and Larry Walker.

### **Bring a Friend**

Do you enjoy belonging to the ski club? Do you have fun at meetings and on our trips? Then bring a friend. For us to continue to exist, we need members. One of the best recruiting tools that we have is our current membership. So, invite some buddies to our next meeting. It's easier to join a new organization when you already know someone who belongs. "Bring a Friend"

## **Keystone: Fun in the Sun at the top of Colorado!**

In mid-March, members of KSC joined other members of the Crescent Ski Council for a fantastic week of skiing in Colorado. KSC was well represented on the trip, with 42 of the 92 total Crescent trip participants coming from our club! Since 42 is close to 50% of our club membership, that was an impressive turnout for a single trip! Due to the timing of the trip (spring break for Kanawha County and several collages), we picked up new club members who joined specifically to go to Keystone. It turns out that they were not disappointed.

While there was no fresh snow during the week, the weather was otherwise perfect: sunny every day with temperatures in the mid 30's – low 40's. The club lodged at Keystone Resort, but during the week many KSC members embarked on day trips to other resorts in the Summit County area. A-Basin, Breckenridge, Copper, Beaver Creek, and Vail were all visited by KSC members during the week. In fact, Crescent had arranged for a charter bus to take trip participants over to Vail for the day, and 27 KSC members took advantage of the bus, while several more joined the group by driving over.

Trip activities included a welcome reception with wine and excellent desserts, a picnic lunch on the sundeck of the Keystone base lodge, and a farewell party with a DJ and a fantastic buffet at the end of the

week. There was also a fun race at Keystone one day, although “fun” isn't really a good description for the course that was set for us. “Exhausting” would be a more accurate description, since the course included quite a few “uphill” obstacles that needed to be completed. In the end, Kanawha had a very strong showing by capturing three of the top five finishes, including Andy Cassier, who nudged out his uncle Gary by just under two seconds to capture the “fastest on the hill” honors. Also on the podium were June Sale, who won top honors in the women's division, and Jay Hash, who won in the male youth category. Tom Connelly won the prize (a faux trail sign) for having the median time of the “racers” which, if you ask Tom, I am sure that he will say was his strategy all along. We just hope that Bridget uploads the video of Tom running the course to YouTube!

As is always the case, departure Saturday came too soon and the group began the long trip home. This year however, we REALLY left too soon since, about the same time that our plane was touching down at Yeager, the first flakes of what would turn out to be over three feet of snow were beginning to fall in Colorado. Fortunately, one lucky KSC member (Gene Teaney) had the foresight to stay an extra week to make tracks in all that powder in our honor. I don't know what deal Gene struck with Ullr (the Norse demi-god of snow and ice), but I am sure Gene will be bringing some not-so-virgin Rossi race skis to sacrifice on the bonfire next fall!

In all, Keystone was a great trip and was the perfect end to the club's west trip excursions for the season. Between Keystone and our January trip to Big Sky, we had a dozen simply gorgeous sunny and warm days of fun sliding down the sides of mountains with boards strapped to our feet. If that sounds like fun to you, then plan to join us for our next west trip, which will be to Whitefish Mt. in Montana in January.

## **TODD COOK WINS CLOSE ELECTION**

### **NARROWLY DEFEATS CRAIG CUNNINGHAM**

The Club's annual election was held at the April membership meeting. The three incumbents, Bill Sale, Debby James, and Al Ward coasted to easy victories. The election for the fourth seat was very close. After an impassioned speech promising that he will see that the Club continues to serve beer at its membership meetings, Todd Cook defeated Craig Cunningham by two votes. Craig declined to ask for a recount and graciously accepted the members' decision.

The four elected at the April meeting will join Gary Cassier, Linda Redd, Larry Walker and the writer of this article on the Board of the Kanawha Ski Club.

- Ed Weis

## **May Munch & Mingle**

Rain? You think that a little rain is going to stop the members of Kanawha Ski Club from having a lot of fun? No way! About twenty five hearty souls ventured out into the downpour to settle into the Barge's bar area to enjoy an evening of food, drink, and great company. Gary Cassier handed out flyers with the early information on our 2010 trip to Whitefish Montana, and Debbie James was looking for interested parties to try out the Zip Line trip into the New River Gorge. Both sound like a lot of fun.

We have tentatively decided to meet at Tomahawk's in Jefferson, on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our July M&M will be held on July 1<sup>st</sup>, although we don't have a location pinned down. This is a great way to keep in touch with all of your KSC friends through the summer. So join us next month.

## **Myrtle Beach Spring Convention**

Crescent Ski Council celebrated its fortieth anniversary at Myrtle Beach on the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup>. The weather was great. It was sunny and warm all weekend. (While this was great for us, the fire fighting crews weren't so happy about that.) Alice Taylor, Crescent's current president, Ed Weis, and Linda Redd represented KSC at the convention. Along with the great weather, we enjoyed a Thursday night early bird reception, the Friday night trade show, and DJ party later, beach olympics and the big bash on

Saturday night, which celebrated Crescent's 40 years.

This year's theme was a combination of 1969/Anniversary party. Costumes ranged from hippies, to an astronaut, to people in formal wear. Clubs were asked to bring a display highlighting their involvement in Crescent, plus what ever they wanted to say about their club. Kanawha's display was put together by Debbie James, with a little help from Linda Redd. It stood up well against all of the other club displays. We will bring the poster to one of the fall meetings, so that everyone can see it.

It was a great weekend. You should all think about coming along next year. The beach trip is always a lot of fun.

## KSC Summer Fun

Don't forget your KSC friends over the summer months! Let's get together to enjoy the events and activities of our local community and our beautiful state.

Our popular Munch & Mingle's started May 6 with a crowd of 20 or so at the Barge. The pouring rain didn't dampen our spirits as we enjoyed some brews and started thinking about what to do over the summer. Here are some ideas. . .

- TreeTops Canopy Tour - a zipline adventure at the New River Gorge. We have

enough interest to put a trip together, so watch your emails and the website.

Approximate cost is \$95 for a 3-hour guided trip which includes 10 ziplines of various lengths, short hikes and sky bridges. For more information go to [www.class-vi.com](http://www.class-vi.com). If you're interested, contact Debbie James at 304-610-1403 or [dsjhwv@hotmail.com](mailto:dsjhwv@hotmail.com). We'll plan the date of the trip based on availability of interested parties.

- Charleston's FestivALL - Held throughout the city June 19-28. Popular events include Blues, Brews & BBQ and Wine and all that Jazz, both on the lawn of the University of Charleston. KSC members typically enjoy these events, so why not make it a club gathering? FestivALL needs volunteers - you can get free tickets to select events with as little as 4 hours - check out their website at [www.festivalcharleston.com](http://www.festivalcharleston.com).
- Take me out to the ballgame! WV Power at Appalachian Power Park - it's a great way to socialize while supporting

the home team. We can plan a group outing or just meet up some night. Check them out at

<http://westvirginia.power.mt.com/index.jsp?sid=t525>.

- Cranberry Mountain Lodge - Last year's trip was so much fun, some people want to go again! Activities include biking, hiking, general outdoor fun. Possible timing is late August or early September. Think about it.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters Myrtle Beach Dinner Dance - July 18 at Little Creek Park in South Charleston. KSC usually secures a table by selling 10 tickets - \$65 each includes dinner, drinks, live music and dancing. Proceeds benefit BBBS - [www.littlemomentsbigmagic.com](http://www.littlemomentsbigmagic.com).
- Don't forget all the summer activities at our ski resorts and state parks:

<http://www.snowshoemtn.com>

<http://www.canaanresort.com>

<http://www.timberlineresort.com>

<http://www.wvstateparks.com>

### **Munch & Mingles** **Summertime Fun**

April was our last regular meeting until October. All summer, we will continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month at local watering holes to keep in touch, let members know about our planned summer activities, and to just have fun.

June's M&M will be at Tomahawks on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The dates for our other outings are July 1<sup>st</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, and September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The locations for the later dates will be communicated as soon as we have them.

These get togethers are a lot of fun, so try to make them if you can.

**KANAWHA SKI CLUB**  
**July 2009 - June 2010 MEMBERSHIP**  
 (please print)

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Single Membership - \$40**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Family Membership - \$50**

All persons twenty-one (21) years of age, regardless of race, color, sex or creed, and regardless of geographic location, are eligible for individual membership. Your membership covers activities, monthly meetings held from September through April, ten informative newsletters, participation in group discounts for our trips and many discounts from local merchants. Your membership is good through June 30, 2010.

**AGREEMENT**

I (we) do hereby absolve, release and waive any and all liability claims or demands against the Kanawha Ski Club, its officers, directors, and each and every member thereof, which may arise out of, or be related to, any injury, damage or pecuniary loss to me or any member of my family by reason of such club membership and participation in club sponsored activities.

I (we) understand that by action of the Board of Directors, my Membership in the Kanawha Ski Club also includes membership in Crescent Ski Council, Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Member's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Signature

<b>Mail check to:</b> Kanawha Ski Club P.O. Box 1775, Charleston, WV 25326 Website: www.kanawhaskiclub.com	<b><i>For office use only:</i></b> Date Received: _____ Membership Card Issued: _____ Added to Membership File: _____
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CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER FOR  
ALL THE UPCOMING SPRING/SUMMER CLUB ACTIVITIES

KSC Website - <http://www.kanawhaskiclub.com>

We, the KSC Board of Directors, are elected to plan and administer enjoyable activities at a reasonable cost for our club members.

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