

# SNOW PLOW SCRAPINGS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WILMINGTON SKI CLUB

DECEMBER 2022

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## President's Message

The holidays! Family, friends, food! And time to make sure your equipment is ready for winter adventures. Chris Laughlin's presentation at our November meeting probably got you in the mood to check out new stuff. Our thanks to Chris for sharing his knowledge. Whether you're joining your Club friends on one of our trips or heading out locally, make sure you're ready.

The mention of food reminds that we have two terrific events coming up in the next weeks. On Friday, December 2nd, Suzanne and Mat Mitten host their annual holiday themed Home Happy Hour. And remember they are collecting slightly used winter coats for charity. Our December Club meeting occurs on Wednesday, December 14th at the Hershey Run Clubhouse. This meeting features a Holiday Bakeoff. There will be prizes for the winners. We'd love to have a lot of participants, so please contact Madeline Auman at [bcahma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcahma@sbcglobal.net) and let her know what you are baking. Also, thank you to Anne Ceres for hosting her November Home Happy Hour.

Speaking of activities, we have an immediate need for an Activities Coordinator. Please consider this role. Our members are great to work with for activities. Our thanks to Sue Donaldson for all her work.

Our Elk Mountain Day trip plans are being finalized. We expect to announce details soon. If you are interested in leading or assisting on a day trip, please contact Ted Patten. Your Club can use your help.

Also, I just checked out the discounts section of the EPSC website and found savings opportunities for Club members. I'm looking at a Jay Peak deal. You might want to see what's available by clicking the EPSC link at our website ([https://www.wilmski.org/epsc.](https://www.wilmski.org/epsc))

I wish you a happy and healthy holiday season. See you on the slopes.

**Chris**

Chris Bassett  
President, Wilmington Ski Club

## Next Meeting:

***This is our Holiday Party with Bakeoff  
(both Cookie and Cake Divisions!)***

**Village of Hershey Run Clubhouse  
1 Hershey Run Drive, Wilmington, DE 19804**

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

**Social: 7 to 8 pm, Business: 8 to 9 pm**

**THIS IS AN IN-PERSON MEETING. PLEASE EXERCISE THE APPROPRIATE  
SAFEGUARDS: VACCINATION and/or MASKING.**

# 2022-2023 Officer and Council Member Directory

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**Next WSC Council Meeting (NOTE DATE CHANGE)**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 pm via Video Conference**

Council meetings are held via video conference on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise noted in the *Snow Plow Scrapings*, on the website or by email. Meetings start at 7:30 pm and are open to all WSC members. Please contact a Council member for access information.

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:** Prospective members can pick up an application at the monthly club meeting or download a membership form from our website ([www.wilmski.org](http://www.wilmski.org)) and mail to WSC, PO Box 4759, Wilmington, DE 19807 along with your check made out to WSC.  
 Yearly Dues: \$40.00 (individual) or \$56.00 (family) membership.

**MEETINGS:** 8:00 PM (Social Hour at 7:00 pm) on the second Wednesday of each month. The meeting location will announced in the *Snow Plow Scrapings*, on the website or by email.  
 Check website ([wilmski.org](http://wilmski.org)) for directions.

**SNOW PLOW SCRAPINGS** is the monthly newsletter of the Wilmington Ski Club. Please contact the Membership Committee about questions concerning the *Scrapings*. In order to have *the Snow Plow Scrapings* issued in a timely manner, submissions will generally not be accepted after the 20th of each month. All submissions are subject to WSC Council approval.

# Wilmington Ski Club Upcoming Meeting



## December Meeting

### Call for Bakers!!

*This will be our Holiday Meeting*

*We will have Cake/Cookie Bake-Offs*

Those interested in baking, please contact  
Madeline Auman ([bcahma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bcahma@sbcglobal.net))

*Prize for Winners of Cake and of Cookie Divisions*

Wednesday, December 14

Social: 7:00 pm

Meeting: 8:00 pm

BYOB; some food will be provided

Village of Hershey Run Clubhouse  
1 Hershey Run Drive  
Wilmington, DE 19804

More details on WSC Website <https://www.wilmski.org/meetings>

**This will be an in-person meeting. Please follow  
COVID-19 safeguards: vaccination and/or masking.**

# UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

**Friday, December 2, 2022**

***Home Happy at Mat and Suzanne Mitten's***

**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

***Ski Club Meeting, Cookie/Cake Bakeoffs***

Upcoming club activities are shown on the WSC website under the tab for **Activities** (<https://www.wilmski.org/>) and under the tab for **Calendar** (<https://www.wilmski.org/calendar>)

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# UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

## WSC Home Happy Hour

### **Mat and Suzanne Mitten's Annual Christmas Party**

**Friday, December 2, 2022  
6 to 10 pm**



***Mat and Suzanne will be collecting slightly  
used winter coats for charity.***

**Bring a bottle of wine or beer to share, an appetizer  
or dessert for four and relax with your club friends.**

**Please RSVP to Suzanne  
302-832-2828**

**so they can have an idea of expected attendance.**

**RSVP by Wednesday, November 30, 2022.**

**Healy Court.  
Bear, DE**



<https://www.wilmski.org/happy-hours>





# 2023 Ski Trips Preview



## **Copper Mtn, CO**

<https://www.coppercolorado.com>

January 8- 13, 2023

Bob Jamieson/Clare Matis

<https://www.wilmski.org/copper-mountain-co-2023>

**SOLD OUT, Waiting List**



## **St. Anton/Arlberg, Austria and 3 Days in Zurich**

<https://www.wilmski.org/st-anton-arlberg-2023>

January 27 - February 7, 2023

Anne Ceres/ Marianne Kennedy

**SOLD OUT, Waiting List**



## **Schweitzer, ID**

<https://www.schweitzer.com>

February 11 -18, 2022

Kurt Tappe /Bob Cann

<https://www.wilmski.org/2023-trips>

**SOLD OUT, Waiting List**



## **Banff/Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada**

<https://www.skilouise.com>

March 4 - 11, 2023

Michael Berninger/Suzanne Prestileo

<https://www.wilmski.org/banff-lake-louise-ab-2023>

**SOLD OUT, Waiting List**

Please note that the trip sign up forms are now posted to the website on each individual trip's information page.

Elk Day Trip signups will begin in December



## **Elk Mtn Day Trips**

Specific dates to be determined. Generally, there are three Friday trips: one in January, one in February and one in March.



## Focus on 2023 EPSC trips



One of the benefits of being a member of the Wilmington Ski Club is the ability to join trips offered by other area organizations. Through our affiliation with the **Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council**, you can opt to travel to other ski/snowboard destinations in addition to the trips we offer.

For Winter 2023, we're featuring three trips offered by nearby organizations.



**Jay Peak, Vermont (spots still available)**  
(In conjunction with King of Prussia Ski Club)  
**February 12-17, 2023**



**EPSC Eastern Council Drive-up Trip**  
**Saddleback, Maine**  
**February 26 – March 3**

**Tiroler Ski Club**

**Whitefish, MT (spots still available)**  
(In conjunction with Tiroler Ski club)  
**March 18-23, 2023**

Visit our TRIPS page on the website at <https://www.wilmski.org/2023-trips> to link to the complete information. Note that these trips are subject to the procedures of the sponsoring club.

For other Winter 2023 trips, please visit the EPSC site through <https://www.wilmski.org/epsc>.

**Note: Copper Mtn. trip is Full. Accepting Wait-List Applications.**

## Copper Mountain, CO

January 8-13, 2023



**STATUS: EARLY SIGN UP WILL BE ACCEPTED JUNE 1-14, 2022**

- Price: \$1,495\* Double Occupancy - add \$470 Single Occupancy, **Land Only discount, \$395**
- 2738 Vertical feet - Base elevation 9712 feet
- Over 140 trails on 2,490 acres
- 21% beginner, 25% intermediate, 36% advanced, 18% expert
- 305 inches annual snowfall

<https://www.coppercolorado.com>



### Trip Includes

- Round-trip air from Philadelphia to Denver
- Round trip ground transportation to and from the airport
- Food and adult beverage stop on way to resort
- 5 nights lodging Element 29 Hotel
- Walk to lifts, restaurants, bars and all services
- Welcome party
- Group dinner
- 4-day lift ticket

### PAYMENTS:

1st deposit \$500  
2nd deposit \$500 by August 10  
Balance by September 14

### Trip Leader:

**Bob Jamieson**  
401 Ketch Lane  
Middletown, DE 19709  
302-373-8278

### Assistant Leader:

Clare Matis  
302-540-9649

Please see WSC website (<https://www.wilmski.org/copper-mountain-co-2023>) for more details, including Trip Signup form, Signup Policy and Trip Cancellation Policy.



**ST. ANTON/ARLBERG, AUSTRIA AND ZURICH, SWITZERLAND**  
**January 27 – February 7, 2023 – 10 Nights – NONSTOP FLIGHTS FROM PHL**  
**\$3,135 (Sold-out, Waiting List)**

**FIRST, WE SKI**



**St. Anton/Arlberg Highlights**

Run of Fame in Arlberg is 85 km of Pistes  
Warth-Schröcken, Lech Zürs, St. Anton am Arlberg

4\* Hotel Karl Schranz

Includes Half Board; Indoor Pool; Sauna;  
Steamroom; Spa; Hotel Bar/Lobby; 5 Min Hotel  
Shuttle to Gondola. Remodeled 2022

Lift Ticket Not Included; 2023 prices for 4/5/6  
days is 254/308/358 euros and Seniors  
220/266/309 euros.

**Zurich Highlights**

4\* Glockenhof Zurich (with breakfast)  
Restaurants and Spa; located in heart of Zurich very  
near to the banks of Lake Zurich and Zurcher  
Bahnhofstrasse; visit Grossmunster Church, Swiss  
Financial Museum and FIFA Museum, take a boat  
trip on River Limmat or meander thru the Old Town  
<https://www.glockenhof.ch/en/>



**New signups, payment in full required.**

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Travel Insured is no longer offering group post-departure plans and Alphorn Tours is looking into other options. Purchase of trip insurance is **highly recommended**. For those wanting CFAR coverage, purchase is required within 14 days of initial deposit. To include pre-existing, purchase **before** final payment.



**Note: Schweitzer trip is Full.  
Accepting Wait-List Applications.**



# Schweitzer

**FEBRUARY 11-FEBRUARY 18, 2023**

**\$2400 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)**

**2900 ACRES OF SKIING!**

- 10 % ● BEGINNER
- 40 % ■ INTERMEDIATE
- 35 % ◆ ADVANCED
- 15 % ◆◆ EXPERT



## Trip Includes

- Round trip airfare Philadelphia to Spokane on Delta
- Ground transportation: 2-hour ride to Selkirk Lodge at Schweitzer
- 7 nights lodging at Selkirk Lodge at Schweitzer (4000 feet; no altitude issues!)
  - 2-queen bed or 1-king bed rooms (let us know your preference)
  - Free daytime shuttle service to Sandpoint (taxi or Uber get you home from later outings)
  - Outdoor hot tub and pool
- Mid-week outing to Sandpoint for an evening of beer & wine-tasting, shopping, & group dinner
- 5-day lift ticket (optional 6th day \$89), or use your Ikon Pass (7 days), Ikon Base Pass or Base Pass Plus (5 days) to save \$460. 6th day can be purchased @ \$89 for Ikon Base pass holders.

Prices subject to change. **Payment Schedule:** 1st deposit of \$400 on June 1st  
50% of total by September meeting, 100% by October meeting

**The sign up form for this trip is on the WSC website for this trip.**

[ktappe@mac.com](mailto:ktappe@mac.com) - (302) 290-4371



# WILMINGTON SKI CLUB TRIP

## **Banff/Lake Louise, AB**

**March 4-11, 2023**

Banff/Lake Louise is an incredible western ski destination. Banff National Park is home to one of the longest ski seasons in North America and two world-class ski areas, which are all located within 45 minutes of the Town of Banff: Mount Norquay, Sunshine Village, and the Lake Louise Ski Resort. We will be staying at Moose Hotel & Suites, which is a new 4 star hotel property.

**42 SPOTS AVAILABLE**

### **TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Air Transportation from PHL to Calgary
- Ground transportation to/from hotel
- 7 nights at Moose Hotel & Suites
- FULL Hot Buffet Breakfasts
- Welcome reception and ski resort briefing

### **PRICING:**

- \$2,100 Double Occupancy\*
- Single occ. add \$550
- \$615 - Land-only reduction
- 5 Day Skiing, Seniors +65 minus \$65
- 6th Day of Skiing plus \$65 (Seniors \$50)
- IKON pass users minus \$330 (minus \$265 age 65+)
- Trip sign-up will start June 01, 2022.
- Please make your checks out to: Wilmington Ski Club

*\*Flight cost estimated final payment may be adjusted.*

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

- **Initial payment:** \$650.00 (June 1st, 2022)
- **Second payment:** \$700.00 (August 30th, 2022)
- **Final Payment:** Balance (December 16th, 2022)

**Note: Banff/Lake Louise trip is Full. Accepting Wait-List Applications**

**Send to Michael Berninger at 2119 Swinnen Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810**

*Trip Go/Cancel decision date is November 1st, 2022. Trip insurance is highly encouraged.*



### **WSC Trip Leaders**

**Leader:** Michael Berninger • 302-275-1791

**Co-Leader:** Suzanne Prestileo • 302-234-7979

**The sign up form for this trip is on the WSC website for this trip.**



## Independent Bike and Barge Tour Offered to Wilmington Ski Club September 6, 2023 to September 17, 2023

<https://www.wilmski.org/brusselsamsterdam>

**Post-trip extension \$445 per-person (double occupancy)  
Subject to availability – Return September 19**

Anita O'Donnell with Cruise Planners has offered to put together a bike and barge tour beginning in Belgium ending up in Amsterdam in Holland. Currently, there are 11 cabins for 22 people; however, availability may change. VBT Bicycling Vacations (Williston, VT) is the vendor.

We are advertising this trip to Wilmington Ski Club members and guests. This is not an officially sanctioned trip from the WSC, so you won't be signing waivers of liability with WSC, and your arrangements for this trip will be made with VBT through Cruise Planners. Your tour leader is VBT, and they will take care of airfare, the trip details, and transfers for transportation if you select airfare with them. You will have two tour guides with VBT during the barge portion of the trip.

You have three options:

1. **AIR PACKAGE:** VBT books your international air from PHL; roundtrip transfers are included, 2 nights in a Bruges 4-star hotel; 1 night in an Amsterdam hotel at the end of the trip; see LAND ONLY for the remainder of the package description. The air package is **\$5645** from Philadelphia per person double occupancy. Quotes from most major airports are available (price will change based on Gateway) and you may extend your trip.
2. **OWN AIR:** You book your own air, but participate in the full 11-day vacation; this option is **\$4876** per person, double occupancy. Refer to LAND ONLY for the remainder of the vacation.
3. **LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** 7 nights aboard a private canal barge, 15 meals (7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners); 2 bilingual tour guides, support vehicle, bike and helmet, facilitated cultural experiences. Price is **\$4295** per person, double occupancy, no extensions allowed.

**Deposit of \$500 per person is due before December 1; balance of trip (including air) is due May 5.**  
The air package is a good deal. When you purchase your own air, your purchase it immediately.

If you choose to purchase your own air, do not do so until you have been confirmed by VBT.



## **Independent Bike and Barge Tour Offered to Wilmington Ski Club**

**September 6, 2023 to September 17, 2023**

<https://www.wilmski.org/brusselsamsterdam>

**The Ski Club's Group space will be released on December 2 so space is subject to availability after then!**

*Please confirm the details with Anita. All payments will be via credit card through Cruise Planners. No cash or checks for this trip.*

**CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS:** <https://bit.ly/3FG7I34>

General Questions: Marie Maks (302) 545-2103

For questions on this Bike & Barge trip: Anita O'Donnell, Cruise Planners (302) 607-8216

PLEASE NOTE: When you visit the VBT website, you're going to ask "Why is the price less on the website?" It's the Gateway. They've priced it with the least expensive Gateway. Also, if you want to extend the trip and your roommate doesn't, you can pay the single supplement to extend your trip. Then, you'll have your own hotel room too. ALSO, we need your height and bike choice (step-over, step-through with slated top tube) at time of booking.

**DISCLAIMER:** *The **Wilmington Ski Club** is not a sponsor or administrator of this trip and is not responsible for the information provided by VBT or Cruise Planners, and shall not be liable for any outcomes of or claims arising out of this trip.*

## **Independent Bike and Barge Tour Offered to Wilmington Ski Club**

**September 6, 2023 to September 17, 2023**

<https://www.wilmski.org/brusselsamsterdam>

### ***Itinerary: Destination-- Brussels to Amsterdam:***

Day 1 Sept 6, 2023 PHL-Brussels

Day 2 Sept 7, 2023 Arrive in Brussels; night in hotel

Day 3 Sept 8, 2023 Brussels; explore yourself for day

Day 4 Sept 9, 2023 Embark Brussels on barge and cruise to Ghent; choice of biking 11 mi; breakfast and dinner

Day 5 Sept 10, 2023 Tour Ghent and bicycle to Dendemonde; 18 mi a.m. 2 mi p.m.; breakfast and dinner

Day 6 Sept 11, 2023 Cycle to Antwerp 16 mi+ 8 mi+14 mi ; breakfast

Day 7 Sept 12, 2023 visit Antwerp and cruise to Tholen; breakfast and dinner

Day 8 Sept 13, 2023 Cycle Tholen to Willemstad; cruise to Dordrecht; 27 mi +1 mi; Breakfast, lunch

Day 9 Sept 14, 2023 Cruise to Alblasserdam/cycle to Kinderdijk/Schoonhoven/Vianen; 20 mi+16 mi; Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 10 Sept 15, 2023 Arrive in Amsterdam: Cruise and bike; 14 mi+8 mi; Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 11 Sept 16, 2023 Depart barge and explore Amsterdam; breakfast; stay in hotel

Day 12 Sept 17, 2023 Departure from Amsterdam after breakfast with transfers; arrival in PHL p.m.



# Wilmington Ski Club



## November Ski Club Meeting

Talk by Chris Laughlin of Ski Bum on  
Advances in Ski Equipment

*Always a well attended meeting –  
Thanks Chris!*





# UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

## WSC Home Happy Hour

**Friday, November 11, 2022**

**hosted by Anne Ceres**



Art hanging out with the girls,  
Marianne, Patricia, Madeline, Art,  
and our host, Anne – THANKS, ANNE



Suzanne hanging out with the boys,  
Michael, Larry, Mat, Suzanne, Dave



# UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

## WSC Home Happy Hour

**Friday, November 11, 2022**  
**hosted by Anne Ceres**



Brian, Ken, Bill, Gary, Marianne, Bob



Dave, Sarah, Jane, Kim, Coleman

# UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

## Happy Hour at 1937 Brewing Company

Hosted by Beth Lovering



# EPSC and National Ski Council Federation NEWS



## EPSC

The **Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council** website is a good resource for snowsports happenings in our area.

For more information, see:

<https://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/home/>



**National Ski Council Federation** newsletters.

Catch up with happenings around the country with

<https://skifederation.org/>



# LINKS

## **Trip Application.**

This is the link to the WSC Forms Page on our website where you can access the various trip applications:

<http://www.wilmski.org/policies-and-forms/>

The link also takes you to WSC Trip cancellation policies and review is recommended for anyone who has signed up for a Wilmington Ski Club ski vacation.

## **Membership Application.**

This is the link to the WSC membership information and application form:

<http://www.wilmski.org/membership/>



## **Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council and National Ski Council Federation**

Use these links to find discounts and activities from the National Ski Council Federation and EPSC and other member clubs:

<https://skifederation.org/>

<http://www.wilmski.org/epsc>

# THINK SNOW!