

SNOW PLOW SCRAPINGS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WILMINGTON SKI CLUB

MARCH 2023



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President's Message

As I write this, it's a February day that feels more like early April. However, your friends who traveled to Copper, St Anton and Schweizer still got in days of delightful skiing or riding. So, they found snow. We haven't been quite as fortunate here in the East. Our first day trip to Elk Mountain on February 3 was a success, although extremely cold. Unfortunately, aside from that rare frigid blast, this mostly warm winter forced us to cancel our February 24th trip to Elk. We are all grateful to our trip leaders who organized the February 3rd trip and those who tried to put the second trip together. Also, the leaders of our multi-day trips are to be commended for the work they have done.

Our final trip leaves on March 4th for Banff. Oddly, the Ski Big3 areas of Lake Louise, Banff Sunshine and Mt. Norquay have not exactly been inundated with snow so far this year. Although the forecast does look promising. So, while there will be plenty of snow to enjoy, it might help if we all "Think Snow".

And speaking of snow, if you are interested in getting in more runs, I recommend checking out the EPSC Trips Finder (<https://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/current-trips/>) as there may still be options for you to join a trip with another club.

With March comes the renewal of our other social activities. Just in time, I'm super happy to announce that Lois Morris has agreed to be our Activities Coordinator. If you have an idea for an event, please contact Lois. Thank you, Lois!!

And kicking off the social season, Beth Lovering found an event for us on Sunday, March 26 at Chadds Ford Winery with their Spring Food Truck Fest. Welcome spring with your Club friends. See the page in this issue of *Scrapings* or our website for details.

As I've said many times, our Club runs on volunteers. A few of our long time Council members are opting to turn over their responsibilities to new folks. We have some openings on your Council for new blood. Please look at the page about volunteers and consider bringing your talents to the Club. We need YOU!

Chris
Chris Bassett
President, Wilmington Ski Club

Next Meeting:

Grotto Pizza

1819 Pennsylvania Ave
Wilmington, DE 19806

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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 Tuesday, March 28, 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) 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) 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.

Remembering Sue Donaldson

At the end of January, we lost a dear friend and ski club member.

Sue was a very active and long-time member of the Wilmington Ski Club. She was involved in organizing many activities such as happy hours, Point-to-Point Tailgating, Hobie Day, and ski trips. Sue was active in sailing. She often served as a boat captain at Hobie Day. She led several ski trips, including New Year's trips to Lake Placid, NY and Stowe, VT. She had been *Scrapings* editor. Until recently she was the Activities Coordinator for the Wilmington Ski Club.

Sue was always full of good ideas, fun to be with and always cheerful and supportive. She will be missed very much.



Sue with the ski club at the Greek Festival in June 2022



Sue and Lynn Winkler tailgating at Point-to-Point

Link to Sue's Obituary:

<https://www.mealeyfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Susan-B-Donaldson?obId=27197511#/obituaryInfo>

Wilmington Ski Club Upcoming Meeting



March Meeting

Wednesday, March 8

Social: 7:00 pm

Meeting: 8:00 pm

Bar and food available

Grotto Pizza

1819 Pennsylvania Ave

Wilmington, DE 19806

***Our new meeting location has a meeting room
for us, a bar and food***

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 EVENTS

March 4 to March 11, 2023

Club Ski Trip to Banff/Lake Louise, AB

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Ski Club Meeting at Grotto Pizza

Sunday, March 26, 2023, Noon until ?

ChaddsFord Winery

Spring Food Truck Festival

Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 2023

Ocean to Bay Bike Tour

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>)

MEETINGS / COUNCIL MEETING / **CALENDAR** / ACTIVITIES / TRIPS /

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We have several positions open or will be open next year on Council. By distributing the effort over many people, we can keep this from becoming a burden for any one person.

The positions are:

- Meetings Coordinator

This position arranges for the monthly ski club meetings.

- Appreciation Dinner coordinator

This position arranges for the Appreciation Dinner in August.

- Business Manager

Handles business aspects such as the by laws.

- Membership Chair (or Asst. Chair)

Maintains the membership database.

- Meetings Greeters (and 50/50 hosts)

Staff the check desk at ski club meetings. Sell 50/50 tickets (sorry, no commission). Ideally, we will have several people for this position.

UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

Chaddsford Winery Spring Food Truck Festival

<https://www.chaddsford.com/pages/spring-food-truck-festival>

632 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Noon to ?

HOSTED BY BETH LOVERING

Enjoy a variety of street food to buy or bring your own.

Wine by the glass and beer will be for sale.

Bring your blankets/folding chairs and welcome in spring with your ski club friends!

Live music from 2-5 p.m.

Free admission

No outside alcohol is allowed

In case of bad weather, club event will be cancelled

Questions?? Please call Beth at 302-290-9200

<https://www.wilmski.org/happy-hour-chadds-ford-winery>

Annual Ocean to Bay Bike Tour



For all you cyclists out there, the Annual Ocean to Bay Bike Tour is being held this April 28-29. On Saturday the 29th, it's a loop ride of either 30, 50 or 100 miles from downtown Bethany, through the farmlands to the bay and back around to Bethany. <https://oceantobaybiketour.com/>

Some club members have already registered for the 30-mile ride on 4/29/23 under the team name of Pickled Skiers (some pickleball players are planning to ride too). **Lois Morris** is designated captain and if you register that way by 3/31/23, you save \$10. You are not limited to the 30-mile ride by registering as a team member. Feel free to opt for the 50- or 100-mile rides, if that's your sweet spot.

Registration includes the ride, refreshments at each of the 2 rest stops, a ticket for lunch and a commemorative shirt.

For more information, please contact Lois Morris at lcm2unow@gmail.com

This is not a ski club trip but rather just a heads up that the ride is available for anyone interested in participating.

Next Year's Trips

2024 Ski Trips Preview

ANNOUNCING FUTURE WSC SKI TRIPS

<https://www.wilmski.org/2024-trips>

2024 WILL BE AN EPIC PASS YEAR

2024 EPIC Pass Sale Starts in March 2023 (plan to buy yours now)

Our club will run the following 2024 ski trips. WSC provides the trip, YOU provide the ski pass. If demand warrants, we may add a 4-5 day or long weekend trip. Sign-up procedures/rules will be reviewed/updated at our May meeting.

Whistler/Blackcomb

January 20-27 (with a possible 8th night in Vancouver)

Staying in the Delta Whistler Village Suites (1 and 2 bedroom; full kitchen)

Vail, CO

February 3-10

Staying at the Hilton Highline – Double Q/Q Rooms

Madonna di Campiglio (Trentino) and Milan, Italy

March 1-12 with 3 nights in Milan

Staying at the Sport Hotel Romantic Plaza and Milan Hilton (4*)

Heavenly/Lake Tahoe

March 16-23

Staying in the Harrah's Lake Tahoe Hotel, Premium King and Q/Q Rooms

The Ski Trips Committee is looking for volunteers to lead a couple of trips. If you are an experienced leader and enjoy organizing trip(s) please contact Kurt Tappe and Anne Ceres. Willingness to be a team-player is highly desired. If you would like to learn how to lead, you can start with an Elk or Blue Mountain daytrip and build from there. Training will be provided.

2023 Ski Trips



Copper Mtn, CO - COMPLETED

<https://www.coppercolorado.com>

January 8- 13, 2023

Bob Jamieson/Clare Matis

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

St. Anton/Arlberg - COMPLETED

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

January 27 - February 7, 2023

Anne Ceres/ Marianne Kennedy

Schweitzer, ID - COMPLETED

<https://www.schweitzer.com>

February 11 -18, 2022

Kurt Tappe /Bob Cann

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

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>

Need One Male

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

Elk Mtn Day Trips

Friday, February 3, 2023 - **COMPLETED**

Friday, February 24, 2023 - **CANCELLED**



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.*

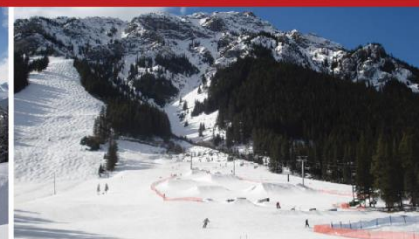
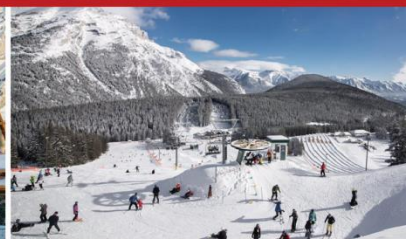
PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

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

**Note: Banff/Lake Louise
Opening for single male**

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

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



2023 EPSC Ski 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. Visit EPSC website at <https://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/>.

To link to member clubs' trips go to:
<https://easternpaskicouncil.org/wp/current-trips/>

Note that these trips are subject to the procedures of the sponsoring club.

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

Pictures from the Schweitzer Ski 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.

***The Skier Responsibility Code
developed by the National Ski Areas
Association***

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY CODE

- 1** Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
- 2** People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
- 3** Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
- 4** Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
- 5** You must prevent runaway equipment.
- 6** Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
- 7** Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- 8** You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
- 9** Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- 10** If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

**Know and Obey the Code.
It's Your Responsibility.**

If you need help understanding the Code, please ask an employee.

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!