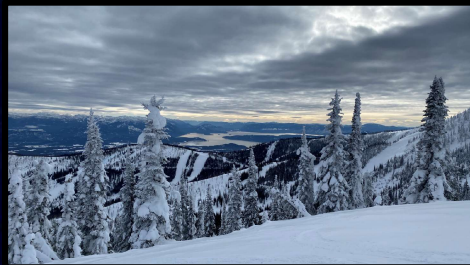


# SNOW PLOW SCRAPINGS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WILMINGTON SKI CLUB

MAY 2023

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## President's Message

*All things seem possible in May.*

These words from American naturalist and author, Edwin Way Teale, strike me as being especially appropriate as I write this message. Your Club is healthy. We have maintained our membership base, even growing slightly. We are in a solid financial position. These two factors mean that we can continue to offer a variety of ski trips each year without the fear of becoming overextended. Indeed, your Club is one of a few members in the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council in such good shape. Because of you and your membership, this is possible. Thank you.

I note the above for a couple of reasons. First, we'll soon begin the trip sign up process for the 2023-2024 winter season. Second, these trips and all our activities happen because members volunteer to do them.

This is why "all things seem possible in May." We need **YOU!** There are two officer positions, Vice President and Assistant Treasurer, that still need nominees. There are voting Council positions, Meeting Coordinator and *SnowPlow Scrapings* Editor, that need new people to take over. And we have a couple of other openings that need your help. The simple truth is that without new volunteers, there will be fewer activities and, perhaps, fewer

trips. Events could even be cancelled for lack of leaders. I believe we can fill these roles. **You** can make the difference for your Club. **You** make your Club possible. Please help out. Thank you.

May Meeting: New Location

As we mentioned at the last meeting, our May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at a new location. We'll convene at The Marshallton Steakhouse and Seafood (3517 Old Capitol Trail, Wilmington.) This venue is larger than the one we've used so far this year. The owner is extending the Happy Hour menu through our meeting. Please note that with that offer, the restaurant does not allow the Club to provide food.

Our first 2023 Home Happy Hour - Thanks, Frank.

We open the Home Happy Hour season with a gathering hosted by Frank Maderich at his house on Mt Lebanon Road. Is it possible to think of a better way to celebrate Cinco de Mayo than with your ski Club friends at Frank's house? Muchas Gracias, Frank!

*Chris*

Chris Bassett

President, Wilmington Ski Club

## Next Meeting:

**The Marshallton Steakhouse & Seafood**

**\*\* NOTE New Location \*\***

**3517 Old Capitol Trail  
Wilmington, DE 19808**

**Wednesday, May 10, 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

## Elected Officers

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\*Non-voting position

## Next WSC Council Meeting Tuesday, May 23, 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

## Volunteers Needed

The Wilmington Ski Club is an all-volunteer organization. We can succeed only with member participation. Most of the positions in the club are filled, however we still have some critical openings that need to be filled. Since last month we have filled some of the positions. But we still need volunteers to fill the following positions:

- **Asst Trip Leader for European Ski Trip**
- **Vice-President for 2023-24 Year(\*)**
- **Ski Club Meeting Coordinator(\*)**
- **Asst Treasurer(\*)**
- **Ski Club Meeting Greeters**
- **Day Ski Trip Coordinator**
- **Asst. Activities Coordinator**

Positions marked with (\*) are voting Council memberships.

Contact [Chris Bassett](#) or refer to WSC website for more information.

**<https://www.wilmski.org/open-council-positions>**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, May 5, 2023**

***Home Happy Hour at Frank Maderich's***

**Sunday, May 7, 2023**

***Winterthur Point to Point Steeplechase***

**New Location - Wednesday, May 10, 2023**

***May Ski Club Meeting at Marshallton  
Steakhouse & Seafood***

**Madonna di Campiglio Ski Trip Signup Opens**

***- May 15, 2023 – Continuous WSC Members***

***- May 29, 2023 – All WSC Members***

***- June 5, 2023 – Members of EPSC Clubs***

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

***Pickleball, Hershey Run***

**Friday, June 2, 2023 Home Happy Hour  
at Mike and Sarah Berninger's**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023 (*First Wed of June*)**

***June Ski Club Meeting, Cook Out***

***Hershey Run Club House***

**Note - *Special Location and Special Date***

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>)



# Wilmington Ski Club Upcoming Meeting



## May Meeting

Wednesday, May 10

**The Marshallton Steakhouse & Seafood**  
**3517 Old Capitol Trail**  
**Wilmington, DE 19808**

<https://themarshallton.com>

**Social: 7:00 pm, Meeting: 8:00 pm**

**Drinks and food are available for purchase from the Happy Hour Menu. Unfortunately, at this venue the club cannot provide food for the meeting.**

Please note that this is a **new location** for our ski club meetings. We will have a larger meeting room. The bar **happy hour** is extended for the WSC until 9:00 pm.

**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.**



# Wilmington Ski Club Cook-Out



## JUNE Meeting Preview

### Ski Club Cookout

Please Note, Adults Only

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

Wednesday, June 7

Social: 7:00 pm, Meeting: 8:00 pm

The June meeting will be the club BBQ. It will be held at the Hershey Run Club House. Please note, that the June meeting is being held the **FIRST** Wednesday of June (June 7) because of the availability of the Hershey Run Clubhouse. Upcoming activities, including the 2024 ski trips, will be discussed. The results of the election of officers for 2023-24 will be announced.

For the BBQ, the WSC will provide the food for the grill, buns, condiments and some snacks as well as water. Everyone please bring an appetizer or desert to share, as well as a bottle of wine or other desired beverages. We are looking for volunteers to help with the set up, clean up and to man the grill. Please contact Madeline if you are able to help:

[BCAHMA@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BCAHMA@sbcglobal.net)

## UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

# First Wilmington Ski Club Home Happy Hour of 2023!

**Hosted by Frank Maderich**

***May 5, 2023 from 6 pm to 10 pm***



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

**Please RSVP to Frank by Wednesday, May 3, 2023,  
[fmaderich@gmail.com](mailto:fmaderich@gmail.com) or 302.478.5798,  
so he can have an idea of expected attendance.**

**611 Mt Lebanon Rd,  
Wilmington DE 19803**

***Mt Lebanon Rd is a wide street and parking is permitted  
on both sides.***

**<https://www.wilmski.org/home-happy-hour-maderich>**

# UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

## UPCOMING Home Happy Hours for 2023

- June 2, Sarah and Mike Berninger
- June 30, Sandy Dobbs
- July 28, Anne Ceres
- Sept 8, Pam and Larry Kiss
- Oct 6, Maria Kosmidou and Keith Hutchenson
- Nov 3, Sue and Jim Gargel
- Dec 1, Suzanne and Mat Mitten

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

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





## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Winterthur Point to Point Steeplechase

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

**Sunday, May 7, 2023 - 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Contact:** Lois Morris 104 Vineyards Court, Wilmington, DE 19810  
[Lcm2unow@gmail.com](mailto:Lcm2unow@gmail.com), 484-431-6769 <https://www.wilmski.org/pointtopoint>

**Price:** \$60 + bring a dish and beverage to share.

Join us on Sunday, May 7, 2023, for the 45th Annual Point-to-Point, a festive day that has it all—steeplechase racing, pageantry, and fun for the entire family - even the pups! The sights and sounds will thrill spectators while the Winterthur Hunt area will entertain with games and activities for all ages. WSC has Racing Member Tailgate parking spot #193, which gives an ideal view of the Steeplechase and access to all the tailgating activities. Bring a chair, a dish and beverage to share, a blanket and sunscreen. Meet at 10 AM at the AI DuPont High School to load the tailgate vehicle.

**Advance sales only.** Admission wristbands must be purchased for \$60 through a Winterthur link that you get by emailing Lois Morris [Lcm2unow@gmail.com](mailto:Lcm2unow@gmail.com). Deadline to purchase is May 1st.

**Parking:** Auxiliary Premium Parking North is available to purchase at \$25/car close to the Infield tailgate area where Tailgate Parking Space #193 is located. General parking is included in your ticket.

Winterthur is located in Delaware's beautiful Brandywine Valley on Route 52, 5105 Kenneth Pike, Winterthur, Delaware 19735, six miles northwest of Wilmington.

***General Admission wristbands are not allowed in tailgating areas.***

# UPCOMING HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS



**LET'S PLAY PICKLEBALL!**

**Wed. May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm**

**(Raindate 05/24/23)**

**Village of Hershey Run Pickleball Courts**

**1 Hershey Run Drive, Wilm. 19804**

What do you do in the off season when there's no skiing? You play the fastest growing sport in the nation - pickleball! I have 2 private pickleball courts where I live and I'd love to share what I've learned so far. It's a super fun sport, easy to learn, (harder to master)! No experience necessary and we have enough equipment for 8 players. If we have more than 8, we'll rotate new players in. Both experienced and newbies players are welcome. Also feel free to come and watch.

Rain/high winds/extreme temps will force a cancellation. Please email or text with your contact info if you'll be playing. I'll contact those who've confirmed if a cancellation occurs. If you're interested in future pickup games email me with your info. See you on the courts!

Kathy Chidester 302.545.4817 or via email at [skikat9@hotmail.com](mailto:skikat9@hotmail.com)

# **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 Started 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. Trip sign-up begins in May for European trip and June for North American trips. Exact dates will be on the trip announcement and the [website](#).

#### **Whistler/Blackcomb, BC**

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\*)

Need Asst Trip Leader

#### **Heavenly/Lake Tahoe, CA/NV**

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.

# MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO (TRENTINO) AND MILAN, ITALY

## March 1-12, 2024 – FULL Epic Pass (only) = 7 days at Madonna



SportHotel Romantic Plaza – March 2-9  
Hydro pool, Sauna, Spa, and Fitness  
Located in the center of Madonna di Campiglio  
50 meters to chairlift; 150 meters to cable car

Hilton Milano – March 9-12

(5) Dinners included, 2 group nights on our own  
and all Breakfasts

Lift Tickets Extra (~\$350-\$400, no senior disc.); or

<https://www.skirama.it/en> (full epic pass only)

**Trip Insurance is Encouraged**

### TRIP SIGNUPS BEGIN

May 15 – 29 Consecutive Members Only

May 29 – June 12 Non-Consecutive and New Members

June 12 on – EPSC Members welcomed

(15) Superior Rooms with balcony - **\$2,990.00 per**

(2) Comfort Rooms (single occupancy) - **\$3,500 per**

(7) Panoramic Rooms (living room or balcony) - **\$3,050.00 per**

Land Only – (spots 43-46+ only) - **Less \$1,067.00 per**

**Trip Payments: \$1,000 (2) at signup; balance divided equally, due August 15 and October 15**



Madonna di Campiglio (Trentino), one of the world's best ski resorts with lots of activities for skiers and non-skiers; and Milan, the fashion capital of the World with not to miss attractions including the Duomo, Sforza Castle, the Scala Theater, Navigli (canals), art galleries and museums.



**Leader: Anne Ceres**

**(302) 229-9905; aceres9@gmail.com**

**Asst. Leader: NEEDED**

**\* British Air Economy to/from Philadelphia via London now confirmed, will continue to monitor for lower cost air**



# **\*\*NEW\*\* WSC TRIP MEMBER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

## **Implementation: March 2023**

Given the popularity of WSC trips, Council believes it is important to establish a clear trip application process in order to make the process fair for all members. [This process will also provide our trip leaders with a consistent process.](#)

Please carefully review the information below for a list of changes and some highlights.

1) Postmark

ALL applications **must be** Postmarked (or an express delivery ship date). Postmark will be the date used to determine how applications are considered, not date received.

1) Date Trip Opens (publicized sign up date)

The earliest Postmark date is the publicized “Date Trip Opens” or sign up date.

1) Early Applications

Any applications Postmarked before the “Date Trip Opens” will be deemed postmarked 2 days after the “Date Trip Opens”.

1) Complete Application

To be considered timely, an application must include all the necessary documents. A checklist has been created to assist. Important: An incomplete submission may delay or disqualify your application for the trip.

The details are posted on our website under the *Policies & Forms tab > Policies & Procedures >* or can be accessed through the links below.

A) Details: For complete details click on the link below:

***Trip Application Member Instructions*** <https://www.wilmski.org>

A) Checklist: For a helpful checklist to ensure your application is completed click on the link below:

***Trip Application Member Checklist*** <https://www.wilmski.org>

For any questions about this new process, please contact Kurt Tappe ([ktappe@mac.com](mailto:ktappe@mac.com)) or Anne Ceres ([aceres9@gmail.com](mailto:aceres9@gmail.com)).

# **It's not really an epic adventure to select the right pass for next season.**

**Chris Bassett**

As you know, the Club's 2024 North American ski trips are all to ski areas operated by Vail Resorts. Accordingly, Whistler Blackcomb (January 20-27,) Vail (February 3-10,) and Heavenly (March 16-23) all accept the Epic Pass®. And for our European trip, Madonna di Campiglio (March 1-12) accepts the full Epic Pass as well. Indeed, you may well find it less expensive to use some version of an Epic Pass than trying to buy tickets directly from the resorts.

But you may be thinking, "I only plan to go on one of the trips next year and I don't think that a full-blown Epic Pass will be right for me." That is certainly a reasonable concern. But the good news is that the Epic Pass program has a variety of pass options, from a single day for one resort to up to 7 days at each of over 40 locations.

Probably you know about the full **Epic Pass**; 7 days of skiing, over 40 resorts, no blackout dates. Or, maybe you've considered the **Epic Local Pass** that gets you 5 days at most of those resorts but with some restrictions, such as holiday blackouts or 10 combined days at Whistler Blackcomb, Vail, and Beaver Creek. But did you know about the **Epic Day Pass**?

**The Epic Day Pass might be right for you.**

Depending on which trip you go on, you may find that the **Epic Day Pass** will fit your needs. Quoting from *epicpass.com*, "The Epic Day Pass can be customized to fit your plans for the season. You can build your own pass based on the number of days you plan to ski or ride (1-7), whether you

want access on restricted days, and how many resorts you want access to (All resorts, 32 resorts, or 22 resorts). You can use your days when you want throughout the season – they do not have to be consecutive."

To help you figure out which option is best for you, the Epic Pass website has a tool to assist. Go to the [Epic Pass](#) website and select the *Passes* dropdown list and then select **Epic Pass**. You will see a description of the pass options. Scroll down to "Not Finding the Pass for You?" and there's a link for "View All Passes." Check out the section on **Epic Day Pass**. You'll see a tool to help you select the right option. And remember that an **Epic Day Pass** allows you to ski at a variety of the Epic resorts, not just one. So, you could ski several days on one of our North American trips and save a day or two for something in Pennsylvania, Vermont or New Hampshire. The tool is quite helpful. You just need to identify where you want to ski and how many days.

Again, if you think you will ski more than 7 days, then an **Epic Local Pass** or a full **Epic Pass** may be right for you. Remember, though, that while **Epic Pass** products have just gone on sale, historically, the prices have increased as we get closer to the season. So, you may save some money by deciding sooner rather than later where you want to ski next season.



# PICTURES FROM HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

## Happy Hour at 1937 Brewing Company



BREWING **1937** COMPANY

# PICTURES FROM HAPPY HOURS AND EVENTS

## Chaddsford Winery Spring Food Truck Festival

**Sunday, March 26, 2023**





WILMINGTON SKI CLUB TRIP  
**Banff/Lake Louise, AB**  
— **March 4-11, 2023** —



**Apres**



**Be One with the Mountain**

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**Walking on the Ice at Lake Louise**



**Skiing the Canadian Rockies**



**Skiing in Sunshine at Sunshine**

# 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!