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The Newsletter of the Wilmington Ski Club



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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.

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Wilmington Ski Club President's Message March 2024

Dear WSC Members,

Led by experienced Canadian guides, Mike Berninger and Susan Prestileo King, the WSC explored the massive Whistler Blackcomb Complex above Vancouver in late January. As usual, the upper altitudes had the better snow and vistas with most skiers staying near the top. Suzanne arranged an epic group dinner for all with their own printed menus. And, the trip home was...uneventful, this time!

And then there was Vail. Led by veteran trip leaders Patti Bartlett and Ann Meyer, the WSC descended on Vail Feb 3-10. We both arrived and left in snowstorms and, in spite of these and other obstacles, made it to our destinations. Vail lived up to its reputation: incredible vistas, vast and varied terrain, and great snow. While our A team was crushing the Double Diamonds, the rest of us were cruising the wide snowy boulevards. Can't wait to go back!

On Feb 16, the Club ventured once again to Elk Mountain for our 2nd Friday bus trip. Led by Kit Fieber and Marianne Kennedy, we found Elk to be fully opened and full of snow. All lifts were running, hardly giving the older guys a chance to catch their breath. The apres ski was typically robust followed by a quiet return to Wilmington. Our final trip to Elk will be the "party trip" and will be led by Clare Matis and Ann Ferentinos.

Our February Club Meeting was held on Valentine's Day at Grotto's in Wilmington. Our meeting hostess, the afore mentioned Marianne Kennedy, provided many gifts to be raffled off. Surprisingly, Jim Lucas was not one of the winners. Next month, back to the Marshallton Steak House.

Our ski trip co-ordinators, Kurt Tappe and Ann Ceres, are already putting the final touches on our 2025 week long ski trip program. We need to plan this far in advance to secure the best reservations. 2025 will be an Ikon Pass year. Prepare to make your trip and pass selections in the Spring. Continue to consult the Blast, Scrapings, and the Website for up to date information on this and other Club events.

March Meeting

Wednesday March 13, 2023

7 to 8pm Social 8 to 9pm Business

Marshallton Steakhouse and Seafood

3517 Old Capitol Trail

Wilmington, DE

Be sure to thank your trip leaders,

HAPPY John

St. Patrick's

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Wilmington Ski Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2023

(second Wednesday of each month)



Members and Prospective Members

Welcome!



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. The bar *happy hour* is extended for the WSC until 9:00 pm.

(At this venue the club cannot provide food for the meeting)

More details on WSC Website

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



Any questions, contact **Marianne Kennedy**.

Next Meeting: April 17, 2024

WSC strives to provide interesting and informative speakers for our meetings. We need your input. Let us know if there is a topic of interest to the Club and we'll investigate. Is there something you would like to know more about? Do YOU have a little known skill or talent that others would enjoy? Limit 15–20-minute presentation. Let us know!

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2024 Wilmington Ski Club Trips



Our club will run the following
2024 ski trips.



WSC provides the trip, YOU provide the ski pass.

Whistler/Blackcomb, BC

COMPLETED

January 20-27

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

Trips Leader: **Michael Berninger**, Asst. Leader: **Suzanne Prestileo-King**

Vail, CO

COMPLETED

February 3-10

Staying at the Hilton Highline – Double Q/Q Rooms

Trips Leader: **Patricia Bartlett**, Asst. Leader: **Ann Meyer**

Madonna di Campiglio (Trentino) and Milan, Italy

IN PROGRESS

March 1-12 with 3 nights in Milan

Staying at the Sport Hotel Romantic Plaza and Milan Hilton

Trips Leader: **Anne Ceres**, Asst. Leader: **Dan Falcone**

Heavenly/Lake Tahoe, CA/NV

March 16-23

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

Trips Leader: **Kurt Tappe**, Asst. Leader: **Marianne Kennedy**

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2025 Wilmington Ski Trips Preview (more to come)



Andorra / Barcelonna

January 15-26, 2025

Who wants to ski in Andorra? Wilmington Ski Club kicks off 2025 with a trip to Barcelona and Andorra beginning on January 15, 2025.

We'll start out with 3 nights in Barcelona where you can enjoy architectural wonders of Antoni Gaudi, colorful markets, picturesque parks, Tapas, and wonderful Riojas. A 2 day Barcelona City Pass will be included in the trip.

We'll then travel to the town of Soldeu in Andorra. This principality is nestled between Spain and France and boasts a unique culture and amazing skiing. We'll be skiing Granvalira Resorts in the Pyrenees which boasts 188 miles of trails. Granvalira is part of the Ikon system; specific resort lift tickets are also available.

Check out our [flyer](#) and be ready to sign up in May 2024 for this magnificent adventure.

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List of Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday, March 13, 2024 Wilmington Ski Club Meeting**

**Marshallton Steakhouse
and Seafood**

**3517 Old Capitol Trail
Wilmington, DE**

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

- **Friday, March 15, 2024 Elk Ski Trip**

- ***Mar 1 last day for \$25 discount***
- ***Mar 8 signup deadline***

- **Saturdays thru March 2024**

- ***SkiFit at Hockessin Athletic Club***

- **Friday, April 5, 2024 – Happy Hour at Corner Cover**

- **Friday, April 12, 2024 – Home Happy Hour hosted by Lois Morris**

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Happy Hour – Corner Cove
Friday, April 5, 2024
5:45 - ?



Corner Cove

410 Hockessin Corner
(next to Back Burner)

Hockessin, DE 19707

[Corner Cove Menu](#)

Hosted by Anne Ceres

*Please **RSVP by Wednesday, April 3** to (302) 229-9905 or aceres9@gmail.com.

20 seats reserved on the 2nd floor.

Corner Cove Restaurant & Bar is a new seafood and Italian restaurant with a great casual bar menu that includes \$3 beers; has a lively atmosphere and band plays at 7:00 pm.

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Home Happy Hour
Friday, April 12, 2024
6pm - 9:30pm

Hosted by
Lois Morris



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

Please **RSVP by Monday, April 8** to [Lois](#) or call 474-431-6769.

Balmoral
806 MacDuff Court
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

Hope to see you at 6:00pm on April 12!



If YOU would like to host a happy hour at YOUR home, contact [Lois Morris](#)

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SkiFit at Hockessin Athletic Club

Tackle that Black Diamond!

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with Chris
Dollard

PREMIER
PERSONAL TRAINER

SkiFit

Hockessin Athletic Club

Saturday until March 2024

10:00 AM to 10:45 A.M.

Location: downstairs in
tumbling room, next to staircase

Boost your ski performance, prevent injuries, and become a stronger, more confident skier. This class will target those muscle areas that are essential to being productive on the slopes. Together, we will focus on injury prevention, core strength, agility, and strengthening weak muscles.

Unused purchased sessions can be used for next ski season.

Contact:

[Maria Crennan](#) at HAC

[Marie Maks](#) 302-545-2103

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

<https://www.hachealthclub.com/smallgroup-skifit>

6 sessions for HAC members \$150; for nonmembers \$180.

10 sessions for HAC member \$250; for nonmembers \$300



2024 Elk Day Trips

DETAILS AND SIGN-UP FORMS:

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

BASE COST FOR EACH TRIP: \$145 FOR WSC OR EPSC MEMBERS – DEDUCT \$25 FOR EARLY SIGN UP

- Senior for age 65+ deduct \$10
- Non-members pay an extra \$10 (which goes towards their membership if joining)
- Includes bus, lift ticket, light breakfast food, and après ski subs, chips, water, wine/beer

Note: *We cannot hold reservations unless full payment has been received. The standard trip policies for cancellation apply. See website for details.*

- Friday, Mar 15 - Clare Matis - Trip Leader 302-540-9649
Ann Ferentinos - Asst Leader
3/1/24-early sign up \$25 discount – 3/8/24 sign up deadline

Elk Mountain

All trips leave from [Brandywine Town Center](#) at 6:00 a.m. sharp!
Stop and Go Pick-up 6:30-6:45 a.m. at
the I-476/76 Interchange in Conshohocken.



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Barcelona / Andorra

Wilmington Ski Club

January 15 – 26, 2025



- \$3,089** per person / double occupancy.
- Add **\$1,842** single occupancy (limit 4).
- Land-only subtract **\$920** (limit 4).
- Ikon pass accepted or 5/6-day group lift tickets offered.

Trip includes:

- Round trip air to Barcelona
- All ground transportation between Barcelona and Andorra



GRANDVALIRA

Grandvalira Resorts
ANDORRA

Barcelona:

- 3 nights at [Hotel Acta Atrium Palace](#)
- 2-day Barcelona City Pass
- Daily breakfast

Andorra:

- 7 nights at [Sport Hotel Village](#) in Soldeu
- Gondola access in the building
- Daily breakfast
- 5 Dinners



- ❖ **May 1, 2024, early sign-up for Continuous Members.**
- ❖ **May 15, 2024, early sign-up for Current and New members.**
- ❖ [Link to member definition](#)
- ❖ **Passports must be valid to July 30, 2025.**
- ❖ **Signup form required with initial payment.**

Payment schedule:

- \$1,000 due at sign-up
- \$1,000 due Oct 1, 2024
- Balance due Dec 1, 2024

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[Leader]

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Marianne Kennedy
[Asst Leader]

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Barcelona: 3 nights at the [Hotel Acta Atrium Palace](#) in the heart of the city.

Purchase of trip insurance is highly recommended.

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Whistler/Blackcomb BC, Canada Pictures

The Whistler Story:

Another Canadian ski trip is in the books. Travel was much smoother this time. The people who wanted to bring their skis could. We had 30 skiers staying in condos. This allowed us to pack lighter because we could do some laundry.

Whistler is actually two mountains, which included Blackcomb. The snow was decent; however, the weather was a little iffy, more specifically, the visibility was not ideal. Most days, it was cloudy (so flat light) and raining in the village with snow falling at higher altitudes.

My co-leader Suzanne arranged an epic group dinner with our own printed menus from the restaurant. There was a great selection of entrees cooked to perfection. We had a group leftover gathering, which most people attended. The bus driver regaled us with a lot of fun facts and attractions as we traveled through Vancouver and up the Sea to Sky Highway. Overall, everyone had a great time.



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Whistler/Blackcomb BC, Canada Pictures



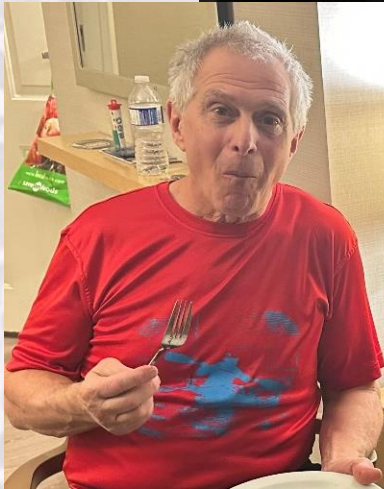
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We're all about skiing, snow boarding and a whole lot more!

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Vail, Colorado Pictures



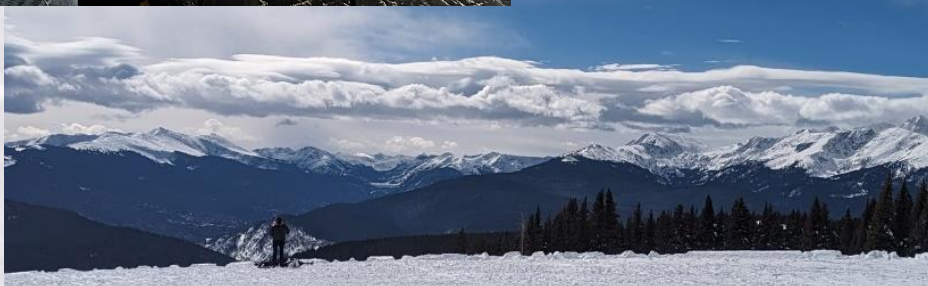
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Vail, Colorado Pictures



Assistant Leader Ann did well on skis and chatting up a cute Argentina lad on the Beaver Creek shuttle. We enjoyed dinner at the restaurant where he works. VIP treatment!



Ruth and John Norman celebrated their 50th Anniversary, he proposed at Vail! We surprised them w/ the Honeymoon suite complete with a fireplace.

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Volunteers Needed

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 several openings that need to be filled. Contact John Lenz or refer to WSC website for more information.

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

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Renew your Membership for 2023-24



Renew your membership! Wilmington Ski Club

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

Your annual dues fund club activities like **meetings (room rental and/or food), barbeques and club dinners**. They allow us to procure outings **supplies** and support other club costs such as **website hosting, email services, surveys, printing, insurance, taxes and other fees**.

Your dues do not fund ski trips which are self-funded by those who go on them. Thus even if you do not ski or snowboard, but participate in club activities, we ask that you renew your membership. This will help the club continue to operate and provide fun social activities for all our members.

**Yearly Dues: \$40.00 (individual)
\$56.00 (family)**

Our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Thank you and we look forward to another active year in the WSC.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Prospective members can pick up an application at the monthly club meeting or download a membership form from our website and mail to WSC, PO Box 4759, Wilmington, DE 19807 along with your check made out to WSC.

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2023-24 Officer and Council Member Directory

<u>Elected Officers</u>			
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Racing:-*	Bill Champion	302-475-2466	wlchampion.wilmski@gmail.com

Positions marked with (*) are non-voting Council members.

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March WSC Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 7:30 pm via Video Conference

Open to all WSC members, contact a Council member for access.



EPSC and National Ski Council Federation NEWS



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

For more information, see:

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

[EPSC 2025 International Trip - Japan](#)



National Ski Council Federation
newsletters.

Catch up with happenings around the country with

<https://skifederation.org/>

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Japan



EPSC EASTERN PA
SKI COUNCIL

TRIP OF A LIFETIME

FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 7, 2025

Lodging

- 3 nights in Tokyo - Keio Plaza Tokyo 4.5-star (with breakfast)
- 7 nights in Hakuba - Mominoki Hotel 3.5-star (with breakfast)
- 3 nights in Kyoto - Gran Via Hotel 5-star (with breakfast)

Included

- Round-trip Economy flights
- Airport meet and greet
- Assistance with shipping paperwork
- Private group transfer from the hotel to the airport
- 13 nights lodging
- 13 breakfasts
- Tour of Tokyo
- Gonpachi Dinner Welcome to Japan
- Suica (Metro) card
- Transfers to Hakuba
- Welcome Gathering
- JR Rail pass
- Lift pass 5 days
- Snow Monkey tour
- Tour of Zenkoji & Nakamise
- Lunch at a traditional Sake brewery
- Visit the 1400-year-old Zenkoji temple in Nagano
- Transfers to Kyoto
- Tour of Kyoto
- Transfers to the airport.
- Local guide throughout the trip
- Alpine Adventures staff member to assist in resort with all aspects of the trip

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Tour of Tokyo
- Gonpachi Dinner Welcome to Japan
- Snow Monkey tour and
- Tour of Zenkoji & Nakamise
- Visit the 1400-year-old Zenkoji temple in Nagano
- Tour of Kyoto



Please call Max for more details: 1-800-755-1330 Ext 210



EPSC EASTERN PA SKI COUNCIL

Japan EPSC Council Trip – February 21 – March 7, 2025

Trip of a Lifetime!!

Additional Information

Trip Description:

EPSC INTERNATIONAL TRIP

- EPSC has put together an amazing trip of a lifetime for the 2025 ski season for people who have always dreamed of traveling to Japan and skiing Japan's amazing powder!! The details of what is included are listed on the other side of the flyer.
- First, we will spend three nights in Tokyo to unwind from the flight and do some sightseeing in Japan's biggest city which has a lot to see. Some of Tokyo's standout, must see attractions include: the pulsating city lights and shopping of Shinjuku, Shibuya and Ginza, the electronic district of Akihabara and the world famous Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo Disney Sea, the amazing sumo stables, Tsukiji Fish Market, Imperial Palace, Tokyo Tower and Tokyo Skytree, along with the must see Sensoji Temple. A tour of Tokyo will be provided as part of the trip.
- Then we will head to the Hakuba Valley Ski region which is located just over 200km from Tokyo. Hakuba is located at the foot of the Japanese Alps which tower above Hakuba, reaching over 3000m above sea level.
- With over 200 runs and almost 150 lifts and gondolas across the resorts; Hakuba really has to be skied to be believed.
- On top of the great powder snow which Hakuba is famous for (Hakuba averages over 10m of snow every year), Hakuba also offers great skiing and snowboarding for the whole family. Hakuba has a balance of 40% Beginner Runs, 40% Intermediate Runs and 20% Advanced Runs.
- Due to Hakuba's size and scale you will often find yourself on beautiful undisturbed runs and no lift lines. You get to enjoy more of what Hakuba has to offer. Due to the investment and infrastructure that Hakuba gained when it helped host the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics getting around the mountain is fast and easy.
- Hakuba also has a great range of traditional restaurants and bars for great Après action and some of the best onsen Japan has to offer to help take away the aches and pains of the day.

Skiing:

- Hakuba is not a single resort, but is a spectacular valley's spread over 40km, home to 10 resorts providing vast terrain for all levels of skiers and snowboarders. With so many Hakuba ski resorts to visit, there is truly something for everyone.
- You can ski any of the mon the Standard 5-day lift pass included in the trip pricing.
- All ten Hakuba Valley Ski Resorts are also partners with the EPIC Pass which provides 5 consecutive days of skiing. If you plan to have an EPIC Pass in 2025, you can deduct the lift ticket cost (approx. \$250) from the trip pricing listed below. You can get details on the EPIC Pass details with Hakuba at the following website: <https://www.epicpass.com/region/partners/hakuba-valley-japan.aspx>
- You can get information on all of the ski resorts that are covered by our lift pass at the following websites:
https://www.hakubavalley.com/en/ski_resort_info_en/
<https://japan.skiexperience.com/resorts/hakuba/#?text=Hakuba%20is%20not%20a%20single%20run%20something%20for%20everyone>.

Approximate Trip Price:

- **Package Price: ~\$5050.00** (This approximate price is based on estimated airfare and may change somewhat depending on how the airfare changes - price is subject to changes)
- **Deposit: \$500 at time of sign-up***
* You must be a member of an EPSC ski club or from a ski club who is a member of a Council within the National Ski Council Federation

If you are interested in signing up for this trip, please contact David Schoneker at dschoneker@aol.com or call him at 267-251-3123 for a Trip Application.

dschoneker@aol.com



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:

THINK SNOW!

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

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