

SNOW PLOW SCRAPINGS



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WILMINGTON SKI CLUB

October 2011

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RESTAURANT**



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*Denotes a non-voting position.

Council meetings are held at 7:00 PM the last Tuesday of each month, Delcastle Golf Course & Restaurant. Council meetings are open to all WSC members.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Prospective members wishing to join Wilmington Ski Club 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 1331, Wilmington, DE 19899 along with your check made out to WSC. Yearly Dues: \$30.00 (individual) or \$42.00 (family) membership.

CHANGE OF SNAIL-MAIL OR E-MAIL ADDRESS: Send any change of address information to: **Wilmington Ski Club, P.O. Box 1331, Wilmington, DE 19899** or wscScrapings@gmail.com.

MEETINGS: 8:00 PM on the **second Wednesday** of each month

Delcastle Golf Course, 801 McKennan's Church Road, Wilmington, DE 19808.

SNOW PLOW SCRAPINGS is the monthly newsletter of the Wilmington Ski Club. *Please contact the Membership Committee about subscription problems.*

In order to have the Snow Plow Scrapings printed in a timely manner, no submittals will be accepted after the 15th of each month.

Please e-mail submittals to wscScrapings@gmail.com. All submissions are subject to *WSC Council* approval.



President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Another Sign-Up Night is over ...

First I would like to thank all of the individuals who made this possible. This includes the trip leaders, the trip co-leaders, the number announcer, the individuals manning the membership and 50/50 tables, the bouncer and line coordinator, the individuals giving out the tickets, and the treasurer who took all of your money. (Hopefully she has not fled the country but I will have to wait until the Council Meeting to find out.)

I hope that you were able to get onto the trip (or trips) that you wanted. The New Year's trip to Lake Placid met its minimum number so it's a definite go. The Heavenly (Tahoe) trip had an okay sign-up. I understand that there are still several places available. The Vail trip filled up and as of sign-up night every place was filled. The Telluride trip was slightly oversubscribed. There is an opening for one female for Telluride, however any others will be waitlisted. The Val Gardena (Italy) still has numerous openings. Now that surprises me. If I remember correctly, an Italian ski trip received a large number of votes in the "where do I want to ski this year" poll. However, the number of sign-ups is nowhere near as many as what was obtained for Zermatt last year. I realize that it was slightly more expensive but with the large increase in the cost of fuel, all of the trips were more expensive. So why didn't more of you sign up for Italy?

Anyway, Heavenly (Tahoe) and Val Gardena are still open and looking for skiers, boarders, snowbladers, or what have you.

The October meeting will be Oktoberfest with a fine selection of brews. The November meeting will feature the Ski Team Waxing Clinic. The "Ski Bum" will be there to tell us about all of the new "stuff" which is available that will make us ski so much better. Remember to get the EPSC sticker for the back of this year's membership card. It is good for lift ticket discounts at some of the ski areas in Pennsylvania. Also, your membership card entitles you to a discount on normally priced merchandise at the "Ski Bum." I believe that this also includes waxing and base finishing.

Thank you again for another successful "Sign-Up" Night.

Bob Viskup



Memberships

A reminder to those of you who have not yet renewed your WSC membership. Membership forms are available on our website at www.wilmski.org/ and click on "Membership."

Meetings

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 12, 2011
OKTOBERFEST**

DELCASTLE GOLF CLUB & RESTAURANT

801 MCKENNAN'S CHURCH ROAD
WILMINGTON, DE 19808
Socializing at 7:30 PM Cash Bar
General Meeting at 8:00 PM

[Get directions](#)



We will be tasting about a half dozen beers selected by **Mike Roberts** ranging from light flavor to medium to heavy-duty. **Marty Drinan** will bring home-brewed beers (if he does not drink it all trying to decide which to bring to the meeting).

LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO HAVE DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING???

LOOK NO FURTHER ...

DELCASTLE GOLF CLUB & RESTAURANT

Stop in and get something to eat. Check out the website for the menu:

www.delcastlegc.com



Events



WSC FIRST ANNUAL FALL GOLF OUTING

**Wednesday, October 12
(prior to Monthly Meeting)**

Delcastle Golf Club

1:00 PM Shotgun Start

Non-member guests welcome!

\$45 includes:

18 holes of golf – prizes for closest to pin (2 holes)

Door prizes

Guests can win a free WSC membership!

Monthly WSC meeting will follow – our annual Oktoberfest beer tasting!

For more information and registration visit www.wilmski.org

Your activity leaders: **Bob Jamieson** — 302 737 8278 — bob.jamieson@verizon.net

Joe Rusche — 302 602 4540

Events



**Fridays
Starting at 5:30 PM**

OCTOBER, 2011

OCTOBER 7

Kid Shelleen's
14th & Scott Streets
Wilmington
302 658-4600

http://www.harrys-savoy.com/kidshelleens_contactus.asp

OCTOBER 21

At the Rail
White Clay Creek Country Club (Delaware Park)
777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington
302-994-6700

<http://www.whiteclaycreekcc.com/HTML/attherail.html>

OCTOBER 14

Scrimmages
4723 Concord Pike (Concord Mall)
Wilmington, DE 19803
302-478-8638

<http://eatatscrimmages.com/index.php>

OCTOBER 28

Two Stones Pub
2 Chesmar Plaza, Newark, DE
(formerly "Piece of Ireland"
Restaurant)
Route 4/Chestnut Hill Road and
Marrows Road
(302) 294-1890

<http://www.twostonespub.com/>

For more information, contact **Bob Jamieson** at 302-376-1319.

Call the *Wilmington Ski Club Hotline*
for Happy Hour dates and times at 610-241-8477.

SPICED APPLE SUNDAY

Chadds Ford Winery
Sunday, October 30
12—6 p.m.



Meet at 1pm (or join us anytime) and "enjoy the splendor of fall foliage, the sights and sounds of harvest, and the mouth-watering aroma of hot mulled Spiced Apple Wine!" Relax, bring a lawn chair or picnic on the outdoor deck, enjoy music from 2—5. Nick;s Chicks will be selling great BBQ foods or bring your own picnic. Tasting fee = \$10.00; other wine available for purchase if you don't want to do tasting.

Questions: Beth Lovering—bllovering@comcast.net—302-290-9200
<http://www.chaddsford.com>

EAGLES FOOTBALL @ THEATRE N (vs Dallas)

Sunday, October 30
8:20 p.m.

Admission is free and includes free popcorn. Drink specials; beer, wine, soda available for purchase. Outside food is permitted. Watch the game on the big screen; downtown Wilmington.



Questions: Beth Lovering—bllovering@comcast.net—302-290-9200

Racing News

The race team will do ski waxing at the November meeting. As in years past, we will charge \$8 for skis 150 cm and longer, \$6 for skis less than 150 cm. Unfortunately we are not going to be able wax snowboards.

Our race season starts in mid-December with Season Openers at Killington, VT and ends with the ASRA Finals in mid-March at Pico, VT. We have several races in Pennsylvania, including Elk. The Elk race is January 7 and 8. The Ski Club day trip to Elk is that Friday, January 6.

Our racing is a club activity. It is recreational racing and open to people of all skiing ability. Our major focus is in having fun and improving our skiing. Come join us!

Our schedule for the upcoming year is not complete. So far our races are:

Date	Location	
December 5-8, 2011	Killington, VT	ASA Race Camp
December 9-11, 2011	Killington, VT	Openers: GS, GS, SL
December 18, 2011	Hunter, NY	GS
January 7, 2012	Elk Mountain, PA	GS
January 8, 2012	Elk Mountain, PA	SL
January 22, 2012	Hidden Valley, NJ	2-run GS in AM, SL afterward
February 11, 2012	Roundtop, PA	2-run GS in AM, SL afterward
February 18, 2012	Belleayre, NY	SL
February 19, 2012	Belleayre, NY	SL
March 3, 2012	TBA	Training Courses
March 4, 2012	TBA	Training Courses
March 8-11, 2012	Championships at Pico, VT	TR/SG/GS/SL

THINK SNOW!
Bill Champion

Contest

WSC members who brought new members to the club were eligible for a drawing to be first in line on Sign-up Night. The following members won that honor:

**Kelly Bell
John Lenz
Arta Travant**

Day Trips

2012 Tentative DAY TRIP Schedule

Elk Mountain (Elkfest Demo Day)	Friday, January 6
Blue Mountain (Beginners Trip)	Friday, January 20
Elk Mountain	Friday, February 3
Elk Mountain	Friday, February 17
Elk Mountain	Friday, March 2 (Party Trip)

All day trips will leave from Brandywine Town Center on Rt 202 (across from Loews)

A WSC TRADITION: The WSC will subsidize up to \$30 for a first time Beginner Skier on any Day Trip. This includes rentals, lessons and beginner area lift pass.

Looking for Leaders and Co-leaders for all of the above trips.

Contact **Mary Thurman** @ thurmski@verizon.net or 302) 529-7616.

WILMINGTON SKI CLUB BEGINNER PROGRAM AND COMPENSATION POLICY

Purpose of this Program and Policy:

To promote the activities of downhill snow skiing/snow boarding.

To encourage members who have not tried downhill skiing/boarded to attend a day trip, and participate in a beginner program that includes a lesson.

To promote the Wilmington Ski Club as an all-skills-level club, and to encourage non-members to join the club and to try the sport.

To help make first time downhill skiers/boarders as comfortable as possible with the idea of trying the sport, and with the process of signing up for a trip.

To ensure that funds are available for the express use of providing beginner lessons for first time downhill snow sports participants.

Those Eligible:	Any first time skier/boarder who is a Wilmington Ski Club Member in good standing.
Exclusion:	Those who have previous downhill experience in either skiing or boarding.
When Applicable:	Any Wilmington Ski Club sponsored Ski/Board Day Bus Trip.
What is Covered:	The Mountain's Beginner Program, which typically includes Rentals, Lesson, and Beginner Area Lift Pass.
Amount Allowed:	Price as per the Mountain's Beginner Program Package, up to \$30.00
Trip Leader Responsibilities:	The Day Trip Leader will make the arrangements to obtain the Beginner Program Package for the participant. Upon arrival at the mountain, the trip leader will assist the beginner with any directions needed to the ski school and rental areas, and assure that the beginner is appropriately enrolled in a beginner lesson. The trip leader should realize that the beginner may be completely unfamiliar the whole process. For instance, he or she may not know what items are included in the rental package, or how to secure the lift pass to their jacket. As such, the trip leader should make any reasonable attempt to assist the beginner with details such as these. The trip leader will submit the cost of the Beginner Program Package, not to exceed \$30.00, in the trip accounting. If the cost is more than \$30.00, the balance will be collected from the participating member at the trip sign-up.

Trips



JOIN WITH 27 FELLOW SKIERS SKIING SOUTH TAHOE MOUNTAINS HEAVENLY AND KIRKWOOD

January 7-14, 2012



Price \$1,260 with \$630 at sign-up September 14 and \$630 by October 15, 2011

Trip includes: Lodging, 5-day lift ticket, air and ground transportation, luggage handling at Forest Suites and our group dinner.

Lodging: Forest Suites Resort located near the California/Nevada line.

About 2 blocks from the Heavenly Gondola

A little over a block from the ski bus pick-up point

Near the Nevada Casinos

A no smoking facility in California

Two persons per room with either 1 king or 2 double beds.

Resort amenities:

2 outdoor pools

Sauna

Continental breakfast

2 outdoor hot tubs

Laundry facilities

Check Forest Suites web page (<http://www.forestsuites.com/>) for additional amenities

Current Air					
1/7/2012	United 445	Depart PHL	7:58 am	Arrive SFO	9:50 am
	United 5308	Depart SFO	11:06 am	Arrive RNO	1:00 pm
1/14/2012	United 6336	Depart RNO	11:00 am	Arrive SFO	1:09 pm
	United 556	Depart SFO	3:07 pm	Arrive PHL	11:23 pm

If possible, the air will change to Southwest once they release those dates. Stay tuned.

Lift tickets: 4 of 6 day ticket at Heavenly, 1 day ticket and bus fare included to Kirkwood. Let me know at sign-up if you prefer 5 days at Heavenly and no Kirkwood.

Heavenly Mtn. info: Great mountain for advanced and intermediate skiers; better than good for beginners; not much expert terrain.

Check web for more info on both Heavenly and Kirkwood. Travel to South Tahoe from Reno Airport takes about 1-1/2 hours not including a stop for snacks, beer and wine.

Transportation surcharges, though not likely, are possible. If any occur they will be passed on to the trip members.

Trip Leaders: **Clyde Dossett**, 302-994-2001, dossetts@comcast.net

Ed Talarowski, 302-379-0749, etala@comcast.net

Make checks payable to Wilmington Ski Club

Mail checks to: Clyde Dossett

27 Duvall Ct.

Wilmington, DE 19808-2143

Trips



WILMINGTON SKI CLUB Presents VAL GARDENA & FLORENCE, ITALY!

January 20 - 29, 2012

\$2298 per person (double occ.)**



Val Gardena/Gröden



Val Gardena and the small Italian province of Südtirol and the majestic Dolomites await your arrival next winter. Our group will be in the heart of Val Gardena, staying in the quaint mountain village of Selva. Spend a week exploring the Dolomites – Ski the Sella Ronda-- a circular ski route leading round the mighty Sella Mastif. The Dolomiti Superski pass (not included) entitles you to 450 lifts and over 600 miles of meticulously maintained runs! The Val Gardena region of the Dolomites offers some of the most challenging skiing in Italy.

Stay at the four star **Hotel Oswald****** in the central village of Selva—easy walking distance to some of the best lifts in the network. The hotel also offers gourmet dining, a social lobby and bar area, full-service Spa and all of the amenities and service typical of a "Sud-Tyrolian" family hotel. **Hotel Oswald recently renovated all the rooms** to make your holidays more pleasant. All rooms are provided with balcony, shower or bathtub, hairdryer, telephone, WI-FI internet access, TV-SAT, minibar and safe. Hotel provides a **guided ski safari** and free access to the wellness centre.

Trip concludes with one night at the 4* **Hotel Grand Cavour** in **Florence** on 28 January allowing easy access to the airport the following day.

For a price of \$250 per person (double occ.), an **ADDITIONAL TWO NIGHT Extension in Florence** is offered. It includes 2 additional nights at the Hotel Grand Cavour with breakfast, city tour with English guide and more. Price based on at least 10 people traveling as a group. Single Supplement.....\$200 pp.

Trip Price Includes All of the Following:

- ◆ Air between Philadelphia & Munich and back from Florence on Lufthansa
- ◆ Transfers between ALL hotels & airports
- ◆ SEVEN nights lodging at 4* Hotel Oswald in the heart of Val Gardena
- ◆ ONE night accommodation at 4* Hotel Grand Cavour in Florence
- ◆ Full European breakfast daily & Four-course gourmet dinner each evening in Val Gardena
- ◆ Wine and cheese party upon arrival in Val Gardena
- ◆ All hotel & resort taxes, surcharges, & portorage

****Note:** Price includes \$475 credit toward Int'l Departure Taxes, Fuel Surcharge & Fees. However, these charges are subject to change until the entire group is ticketed. (usually December) Additional funds may be needed.

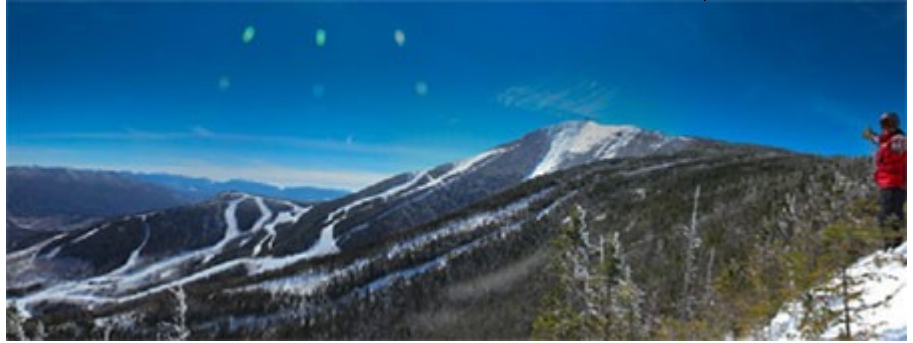
Single supplement: Val Gardena & 1 night in Florence is \$300 per person.



Trip Leaders: **Craig Wemmers**, (302) 239-9698, SCWemmers@AOL.com
Lynn Winkler, (302) 658-1701, Lynn.Winkler@comcast.net

After September 14, make checks payable to Wilmington Ski Club.
After September 14, mail checks to Craig Wemmers, 7 Cottonwood Ct., Hockessin, DE 19707 (half due on 9/14, balance by 10/12/2010)
Trip leaders strongly recommend purchasing trip insurance. (Available at extra cost)

Trips



WHITEFACE OLYMPIC MOUNTAIN, LAKE PLACID

DECEMBER 29 – JANUARY 1, 2012 ~ HOLIDAY

PRICE: \$500 pp dbl occupancy

**ADDITIONAL \$\$ (incl tax/tip) FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/PARTY
WITH ENTERTAINMENT (See details below)**

Round-trip Motor coach Transportation (VCR/DVD & Lavatory Equipped)
Stop on the way up and back for dinner (on your own)
Leaving from Brandywine Town Center Park & Ride (across from Lowe's) at 4:00 PM

- LODGING:** [THE NORTHWOODS INN](#), Main Street, Lake Placid, NY.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday nights, December 29, 30, 31, 2011. The Hotel has all the charm and convenience of a Main Street location. Walk to everything including the Olympic Arena and quaint Main Street shops.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, December 30, 31, January 1, 2012
- NY EVE's PARTY:** 8:00 pm to 1:00 PM, Buffet, Champagne Toast at Midnight
Appetizer assortment, Salad Station, Carving Station: Stuffed Turkey Breast with Spinach, Roasted Red Peppers and Provolone
Herb encrusted Sirloin of Beef with Assorted Accompaniments
Salmon Filets with Crab and Shrimp Stuffing, Pinot Grigio Burre Blanc, Grilled Vegetable Ravioli, Vodka Sauce Fafarille Carbonara, Bow Ties tossed with Pancetta, Roasted Garlic, Parmesan.
Vegetable Station, Desserts.
NY Eve's Party Additional \$48.00
Open Bar 8-1 Additional \$40.00
- LIFT TICKETS:** 3 day all area lift Whiteface & Gore Mountains December 30, 31, January 1, 2012, with the Passport to Adventure which provides VIP entry to all Lake Placid region Olympic venues
\$25/person Bobsled or Skeleton run on the Olympic Track. **Non skier deduct \$100, two day lift deduct \$30, one day lift deduct \$55.**
- TRANSFERS:** 2 morning and 1 afternoon shuttle (our bus) to mountain or Free Lake Placid Village Shuttle during the day only.

Whiteface Mountain: host of the 1932 & 1980 Winter Olympic offers the greatest vertical drop in the East, 3,430 feet. Whiteface features 85 trails, accessed by 11 lifts including 1 gondola. 44% expert, 36% intermediate and 20% beginner, 98% of the area is covered with snowmaking. Ride the Cloud-splitter Gondola, New High Speed Quad, and Gladed Areas & Terrain Park!
Lookout Mountain opened in 2009, with a new triple chair accessed from the Easy Street trail, 2 new trails (intermediate trail meandering toward Kids Kampus and expert trail running parallel to the lift) 2,200 vertical feet, more Glades will open for the 2010-2011 season.

TRIP LEADER: Sue Donaldson 302-379-5656, susan_donaldson@comcast.net
CO-LEADER: Jo-Ell Malloy, 302-836-6299, joellm@udel.edu

Make checks payable to Wilmington Ski Club
Mail to: Sue Donaldson, 528 Cabot Drive, Hockessin, DE 19707

Trips



**OPENING FOR
1 FEMALE**

TELLURIDE 2012

February 11-18

.....Bigger and Better Than 2010.....

\$1,690 per person, double occupancy...\$2,360 single supplement

Philadelphia to Montrose thru Houston, 7:55 AM Departure,
11:38 PM Return, Continental Airlines

Exclusive use of the Aspen Street Inn with overflow in the Victorian Inn...across the street from Aspen Street Inn

Easy walk to lifts, hot tub, cozy atmosphere. Welcome reception, pizza party, hot breakfast daily at Aspen Street Inn.

5/7 Day Lift Ticket

Group Dinner, NASTAR and on-mountain picnic

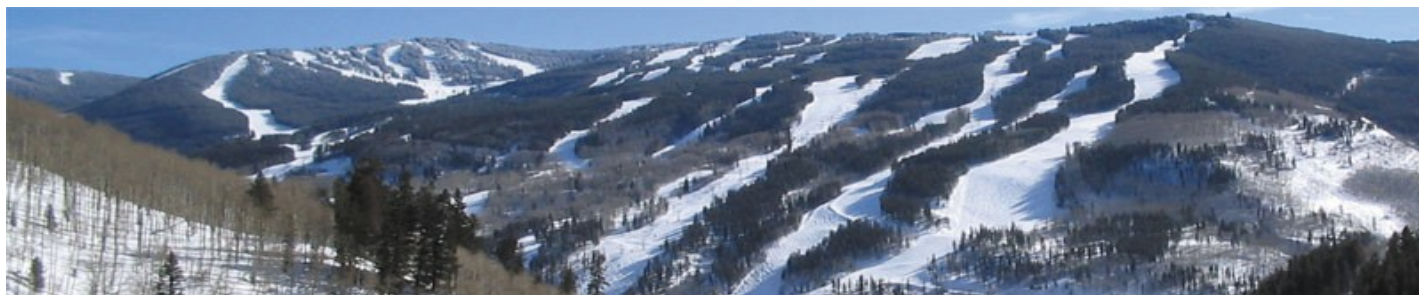
Trip Leaders: **Sam Severance** (610-388-0922), severasw@gmail.com;
Scott Allen (302-998-7436), yall1999@yahoo.com



**JOIN WILMINGTON SKI CLUB AT
VAIL, COLORADO
March 3—10, 2012**

\$1,690 (tentative) per person (double occupancy)

**WAITLIST
ONLY**



5-day lift ticket (extendable)

193 runs / 5,289 acres / 34 lifts

11,570 ft. peak / 3,450 ft. vertical

Direct air, Philly—Denver, Bus to Vail

Midweek group dinner

Wine, cheese, beer and pizza reception

Optional NASTAR race and picnic

Evergreen Lodge:

- ◆ 7 days breakfast
- ◆ Walk or shuttle to Lionshead gondola
- ◆ Apres ski happy hours
 - ◆ Hot tub
 - ◆ Heated pool
 - ◆ Sauna
 - ◆ Internet
 - ◆ Fridge
 - ◆ Hair Dryer
 - ◆ Ski storage
 - ◆ Baggage handling



Trip leaders: **Kurt Tappe** (ktappe@mac.com, 302-290-4371)

Larry Kiss (larry.r.kiss@gmail.com, 302-358-8963)

National Ski Club

Visit the [National Ski Club Newsletter](#) latest issue:

- ◆ Pennsylvania's Ski4Life Invites Ski Clubs
- ◆ Killington Pub Destroyed by Irene
- ◆ Significant Transitions
- ◆ New Lifts in North America
- ◆ Annual Ski Club Trip Survey is 10 Years Old This Year

Eastern PA Ski Council

**Philly Winter Expo and EPSC Auction
November 6, 2011
Crown Plaza Hotel—Valley Forge
4:30pm to 7:30pm**



The EPSC Board is excited to announce a partnership with PRW Travel Shows! Paul Webber approached the Board with a proposal to combine the Philly Ski Travel Show with the EPSC Auction. Noting the huge success of Paul's joint venture with the NJ Ski Council, the Board accepted his offer immediately! Philly Winter Expo is Sunday, November 6, 2011. And the event is FREE!! More information at: www.easternpaskicouncil.org and look under "Events" > "Philly Winter Expo & EPSC Auction."

WSC TRIP PAYMENT SCHEDULE

With planning for winter ski trips upon us, we wanted to review the club's "Ski Vacation Trip Payment Policy and Schedule." Sign-ups commence with the September meeting. We have only two payments. Payment #1: at least ½ trip price; Payment #2: balance of trip price (see trip ads for exact amounts). The first payment is due at the time that you sign up, and the second payment is due by October 15.

The trip price increases by \$30 for those who sign up for a trip (or its wait list) after October 15. If you sign up after October 15, the full trip price plus \$30 will be collected at that time.

If the second (October 15) payment is received by the trip leader more than seven days after it is due, the late fee penalty is \$20. In other words, the second payment is due by October 15, so a late fee will be charged if the payment is received after the one week grace period (after October 22). Also, a \$20 penalty fee will be charged for any check returned to the Club's Assistant Treasurer for non-payment by the bank.

The trip leader will inform the trip participant of any late or penalty fees, which must be paid immediately. The trip leader may cancel a member from the trip if full payment, including all applicable penalty fees, is not received by the trip leader within 17 days of the final payment due date (by November 1). If a member is cancelled from the trip for these reasons the member will receive a refund in accordance with the club's Cancellation and Refund Policy. All applicable penalty fees and the cancellation fee will be deducted from the refund. Any Council member and your trip leaders can provide a photocopy of the full Payment Policy and Schedule upon request.

WSC TRIP INSURANCE

Every year at least a few members need to cancel from a trip at the last minute, or are injured on a trip. Unfortunately, there is often a financial loss that just adds insult to injury for those members. The week-long ski trips typically have trip insurance available through their tour operators or travel agents. If you are interested in purchasing trip insurance, ask your trip leader for the information at trip sign-ups. There is generally a purchase deadline, so it is important to ask about it when you sign up. The prices vary, as each trip is contracted with a different tour operator or travel agent, so each trip will have a different insurance policy to offer.

The Council and trip leaders just want to make you aware of the availability of this insurance. As always, this is strictly optional, but as the cost of travel goes up, it may be something for the members to think about. The travel insurance generally provides coverage for such things as necessary cancellation from the trip, lost or delayed luggage, missed flights, emergency medical care, and death or dismemberment (let's not test this one, please).

WSC TRIP CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

What happens when you cancel from a WSC trip?

According to club policy, the member becomes responsible for financial losses to the trip. (However, if a trip is cancelled by the club for any reason, the club's contingency fund covers non-recoverable losses, and the members receive full refunds.)

If you cancel from a trip, you must submit your cancellation in writing to the trip or activity leader, and your letter must include your handwritten signature. The date the trip or activity leader receives your letter serves as your official cancellation date.

If you cancel from a vacation trip (defined as 5 or more nights) more than 60 days before the trip departure date, and your spot on the trip is filled, you will receive a refund of your money minus the \$50 cancellation fee. If you cancel from a vacation trip 60 days or less from the departure date, you will receive a refund of your money minus \$50 or any non-recoverable and fixed costs, whichever is greater. Any penalty fees you may have incurred will also be deducted.

If you cancel from a weekend trip more than 60 days before departure, and your spot is filled by another member, you will receive a refund minus \$30. If you cancel from a weekend trip 60 days or less from departure, you will receive a refund minus \$30 or any non-recoverable and fixed costs, whichever is greater.

If you cancel from a day trip more than 30 days before the trip date, and your spot is filled, you will receive a refund minus \$10. If you cancel from a day trip 30 days or less from the trip date, you will receive a refund minus \$10 or any non-recoverable and fixed costs, whichever is greater.

Refunds are paid after the trip's final accounting report has been reconciled by the assistant treasurer, typically about one month after the trip has returned. Exception: if the cancellation is from, and more than 60 days before, a vacation trip. In this case the refund will be paid within 30 days of receipt of the cancellation letter.

If a member wants to transfer from one vacation trip to another vacation trip sponsored by the WSC, the cancellation fee will be waived when done before October 15th or more than 90 days before the trip departure date, whichever comes first. Transfers may be done only to an open space, and cancellation from one vacation trip to transfer to another vacation trip must be done on the same day. A transfer to a waiting list is prohibited (the cancellation fees will be charged in such a case).

If you would like a copy of the un-abridged policy, please ask any trip leader or council member.

WSC COUNCIL MEETING

October 25, 2011

7 pm

DelCastle Golf Club and Restaurant