

GREATER CHARLESTON SKI CLUB 2022 - 2023

During our Officers' Meeting March 8, 2023 several topics were covered and the minutes from the meeting are used as a basis for the following report.

It was determined that the club continues to be viable. We are having fun, and while our membership numbers have slowly been increasing over the past couple of years, they remain low, partly due to the aging member population and competition with other activities. The current officers have agreed to continue in their positions but are **looking for any qualified member interested in filling one or more of these positions to please let us know!**

The club year runs April 1 – March 31st. Renewals are due April 1st and dues remain \$20.00.

Business cards have been printed and are available for those who wish to assist in advertising. Mike Hadbavny recently attended a meeting where each attendee discussed their past month's activities. One mentioned he was going skiing which had Mike approach him after the meeting to ask if he was aware there is a local Ski Club. He gave him one of GCSC's business cards and he subsequently joined GCSC. Mike usually carries these cards when going on a ski trip and asks the same question at the airport of anybody checking a ski bag or board protector. We also discussed printing a few small posters to advertise the club at several local businesses such as Time Out Sports and Ski, Half Moon Outfitters, and REI.

Happy hours and special events remain popular due to the efforts of Pam Brown and Gina Kee. We are continuing the monthly happy hours, every third Wednesday unless notified otherwise.

Special events this past year have included the Luau (thanks to Bill and Pamela Marsh for hosting), dinner and dancing at the Charleston Rifle Club (thanks to Billie Attaway for arranging and Gina Kee for assisting), two tubing events on the Edisto (thanks to Kenny and Saron Donaldson for hosting), an

evening sail on the Palmetto Breeze (Gina Kee), gathering at the Charleston Cup Steeplechase (big thanks to the Marshes again for hosting and supporting), the December holiday party (Gina Kee, Sue Chadwick and Anne Robichaux), and the Oyster Roast (kudos to Bob Watts, Suzy Evans, Steve Fidler and the oyster meisters for another successful event!).

Discussion was held regarding the Holiday Party. Post Covid has made it more difficult to find good locations with affordable prices. To have a separate room to meet and greet now has a cost of several hundreds of dollars, with possible added administrative fees, and credit card fees. This is one of the club's major expenses and actual attendance figures are key. There is some financial loss as a result of people signing up for events and not being able to or forgetting to attend. The occasional last minute "Walk-ins" number is generally much less than the "No Shows." But the club would like to have a couple of events continue to be free to members. The need to find a less expensive venue, with better food, for the holiday party was discussed.

The past season ski trips were discussed. Continued thanks to Bobby Compton for being our Trip Leader and liaison with Crescent. Those of us who have either led trips or helped a spouse who led trips, have found Sports America's website very user friendly and the staff very responsive with situations that pop up requiring assistance.

Details for the Crescent Ski Council (CSC) ski trips for next season will be finalized at the CSC convention in April, but dates are available now. Sign up for the **Steamboat Springs Ski Camp, December 2-9, 2023**, starts in June, and usually the 'early bird' sign-ups get the best price. This trip is generally priced low because skiing conditions are sometimes less than ideal. But the ski instructors are world class, charge CSC less than their normal rate, and will accompany you all day for five days. This is the 40th year for this trip and many have taken it multiple times.

The **Taos trip, January 13-20, 2024**, will most likely have a choice of lodging at slope side (9,600 elevation) and in town (7,500 elevation). As skiers know, the

comfort level and need to get up to hydrate during the night is significantly greater when sleeping at the higher elevations.

The short list for CSC's January Ski Week in **2025** is Aspen/Snowmass and Big Sky. Requests for proposals have been submitted to four tour operators and more information should be available at the spring Trip Committee meeting held at the CSC spring convention.

CSC would like to sponsor an Adventure (Non-Ski) trip on an annual basis if club members are interested. The trip to **Iceland** is planned for May 26 -June 4, **2024**, estimated pricing around \$5,000. Details will be available after April. CSC would like to know if members would like **Alaska** to be re-explored for **2025** or to suggest other destinations that are of interest.

Sue Chadwick will be the club's representative to the CSC convention the end of April. Please forward any suggestions you have to her by April 25th to: chadwick_sue@yahoo.com.

Thanks to Mike Hadbavny, Secretary, for the basis of this report.

Bobby Compton, President, Linda Compton, CSC representative and past Treasurer, Anne Robichaux, Vice-President, and Sue Chadwick, Treasurer.