

NEW MEXICO CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

THE MONTHLY(ISH) NEWSLETTER

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON

ANNUAL DUES

November brought a chill to the air and snow to the higher elevations here in northern New Mexico. Ski season will be here before you know it! If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership for the 2024/2025 season by visiting the club website at ski.nmccskiclub.org.

Existing members can go to Membership -> Member Login, login to your account, and scroll down to click the "Renewal" button. Prospective members should go to Members -> Join Us.

Rates for the 2024/2025 season:

Individual Membership: \$25

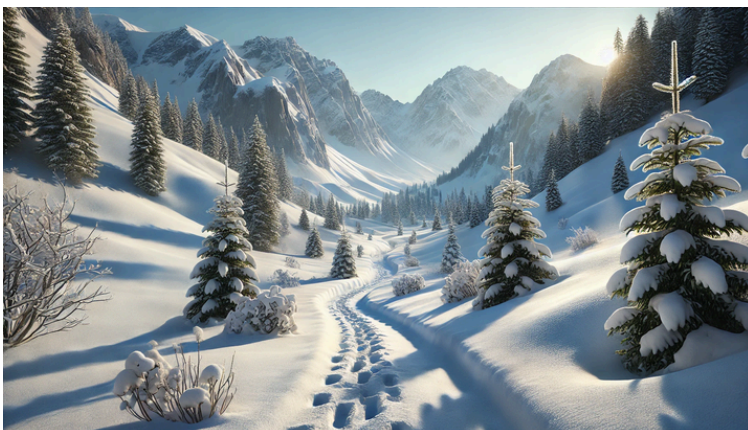
(Children <18 are free with a member parent)

Household Membership: \$45

(Use discount code 2NDHOUSEHOLDMEMBER)

Under-40 years old (First year only): \$1

(Use discount code UNDER40NEW)



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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!

Nov 15-17, 2024

What: 2024 NM Ski Swap

Where: Expo NM - [300 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87108](#)

Details: Details and information can be found [here](#). Follow NM Ski Swap on Facebook to get on their e-mail listserv, qualify for free entry coupons on Saturday/Sunday, & to win entry to the Friday night VIP sale & swap bucks. Volunteers are needed for the NMCCSC table on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Contact club VP Mary K. Gallagher if you're interested in volunteering.

Jan 18th 2025

What: Chama Chile Ski Classic (Race)

Where: Near Chama, New Mexico

Details: One of the oldest cross-country ski races in the country (running for over 50 years), the Chile Ski Classic is fun for all ages, abilities, and styles, with race distances ranging from 1K (for the rookies) to 12K for classic, skate, and wooden XC skis. There's even a snowshoe race! Go to www.chamachileskiclassic.com for more information

Jan 18-20, 2025

What: Grouse Creek Yurt Trip

Where: Near La Jarosa Peak, Colorado

Details: Join us for a weekend of skiing in the Colorado backcountry. The [Grouse Creek Yurt](#) is a 4-mile ski in from the highway, with 1k elevation gain, rewarded with beautiful views of 14er Sierra Blanca from the deck. Email David D'Antonio (lbghose@aol.com) for more information.



MONTHLY MEETING UPDATES

TRIALING A NEW APPROACH TO THE
MONTHLY MEETING FORMAT

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held on **November 14th at 7pm**. Please join us to hear from this month's speaker, **Sam Beard**, who will share about the **ski club's history**.

This month we will also be trialing a new format for the meeting. The meeting this month will begin with new member introductions, followed immediately by the speaker presentation from Sam Beard.

After the presentation, we will have refreshments and announcements from board members on **Car Trips/Yurts, Instructions, Trails, Programs, and Trip Reports** (other board member reports will be made via e-mail or on an as-needed basis).

The board welcomes input from members on this potential new format.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

CONTINUED...

Jan 25-29, 2025

What: Chuck's Cabin Hut Trip

Where: Vail Pass, Colorado

Details: This exciting hut trip will be suitable for beginners. The group will head to the [Shrine Mountain Inn](#), at 11,223 elevation. Participants will depart ABQ on Jan 25th, ski into the hut on the 26th, and stay for 3 nights. Contact Guy Miller (xcskiboy@aol.com) for more information

Feb 7-10, 2025

What: Club Car Trip

Where: Crested Butte, Colorado

Details: Back by popular demand, the club will be resuming the bus/car trip. This year we will be heading north to check out the incredible XC skiing in Crested Butte, CO and staying at the [Old Town Inn](#). Additional details and sign-ups coming soon--**Spots Limited!** Contact Guy Miller (xcskiboy@aol.com) with any question.

Feb 16-18, 2025

What: Spruce Hole Yurt Trip

Where: Near La Manga Pass in southern Colorado

Details: The club will be organizing a Presidents Day weekend trip to the Spruce Hole Yurt (more information on the yurt can be found [here](#)). This trip will be suitable for all abilities. More details to follow.



MICHAEL ARNDT PERFORMS
MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE EAST
FORK AREA

ANNUAL TRAIL MAINTENANCE UPDATES

LOG & TREE REMOVAL IN THE JEMEZ

Sam Beard has led groups of volunteers on two weekends of trail maintenance activities in October and November to remove logs and trees off of trails in the Jemez Mountains. With the support of Michael Arndt, Scott Christenson, and Mike Meier, Sam and the team removed numerous logs (some with diameters as large as 18 inches!) off of the East Fork Loop Trail, East Fork Ridge Trail, and the Crater Spur Trail. A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered!

Interested in assisting with other trail maintenance activities? Contact Sam Beard at Trails@nmccskiclub.org



TIME TO UPGRADE YOUR SKI GEAR?

OR TO FINALLY GET RID OF THOSE OLD SKIS GATHERING DUST IN YOUR GARAGE?

November is a great time of year to be reviewing your ski set-up(s), getting any needed repairs or tune-ups, and preparing for the upcoming season. Luckily there are numerous options to buy new or used ski gear locally (not to mention online), or to get rid of equipment you no longer need.

Buying or Renting New Ski Equipment:

Albuquerque Sports Systems: Local retailer carrying new Rossignol cross-country ski equipment (including kids gear!) as well as used skis and equipment. Their full-service ski & snowboard repair shop is already open for the season. They also do rentals & rental packages. More information can be found at their website [here](#).

New Moon Ski & Bike Shop: Located in Hayward, Wisconsin (home of the famed Birkebeiner ski race), New Moon is your online source for all things XC ski. From metal edged touring skis to the World Cup level racing skis, plus a great selection of apparel, poles, bindings, boots, and more, New Moon will have you ready for whatever the season may throw at you. With knowledgeable staff, online resources, and a great blog they are worth a look on their website, [here](#).

Buying or Selling Used Ski Equipment:

Albuquerque Outdoor ReGear: A local outdoor gear-focused consignment shop that sells used clothing and equipment for a range of outdoor sports, including cross-country skiing. Their website is [here](#).

NM Ski Swap: This year's Ski Swap will be held November 15-17th. It's a great opportunity to find good deals on used ski gear, including a whole department dedicated to Nordic skis, boots, and equipment. They also have a great selection of children's gear! The swap supports the Sandia Peak Ski Patrol and winter safety education. It's also a great chance to get rid of skis and gear you no longer need. For more information, see the Ski Swap's website, [here](#).

Have skis to donate to the Ski Swap? Drop off equipment to sell at the Swap on **Friday November 15th** at the Manuel Lujan Jr. Building near the Gate 6 entrance area (just south of Lomas off of San Pedro) on the east side of NM Expo (see website for more details). **Parking is FREE for all volunteers and attendees!**

INSTRUCTION UPDATES

NEW TO CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING?
AVALANCHE BEACON SKILLS RUSTY?
TELE-CURIOUS? JOIN THE CLUB FOR
SOME LEARNING SESSIONS THIS
SEASON!

Dana Price and our roster of incredible instructors are planning for a great season of instruction, including classroom sessions, virtual classes, on-the-snow practice, and hands-on skills building. While dates are still being finalized, below is a sense of the learning opportunities in store for club members this season:

Beginners Classroom Session: Introduction to Cross-Country Skiing

In-Person Only

Tuesday, December 17, 2024
6-7pm at the International District
Library

Beginners Virtual Class (Same Content as the Introduction to Cross- Country Skiing class above, but offered online)

Zoom

Thursday December 19, 2024

Beginners On-the-Snow Ski Day

In person

January 4th or 5th, 2025

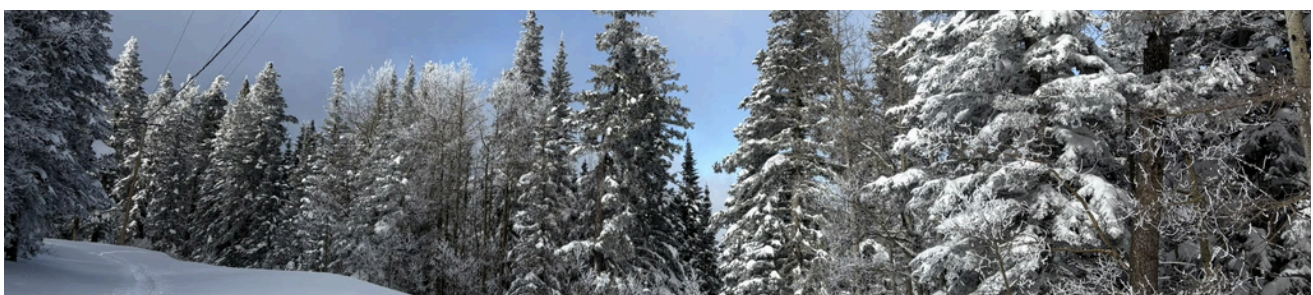
Numerous other learning opportunities are in the works for this season (though dates are still being determined), including:

- **Avalanche beacon practice**
- **“Know before you go” avalanche awareness (classroom session)**
- **Intermediate downhill skills practice (hopefully at Sandia, dates to be determined)**
- **Telemark clinic**
- **Intermediate cross-country clinic with Jon Dellios**

More details on these opportunities will be coming soon. If you have questions about instruction, or ideas for potential course, please contact Dana Price at dana_price@gmx.com.

CLUB T-SHIRTS

Members have recently expressed interest in club t-shirts. **Would anyone be interested in working on an ad-hoc committee to design a new t-shirt for the club?** We would like to invite members to create a design. If there are several designs submitted, we would vote on a winner! We are open to any ideas. We will keep the current logo (the skiers on a hill) and add a new graphic. Please contact any of the Board members if you are interested.



EPIC START TO THE 2024/2025 SEASON!

EARLY NOVEMBER BROUGHT INCREDIBLE SNOW TOTALS TO THE ENTIRE REGION, AND THE CLUB WAS OUT IN FORCE TO ENJOY THE UNEXPECTED WINTER BOUNTY! BELOW ARE SOME PHOTOS CLUB MEMBERS SHARED OF OUTINGS FROM THE SANDIAS TO THE JEMEZ IN LITERAL FEET OF POWDER. HERE'S TO HOPING THIS IS THE FIRST OF MANY STORMS THIS SEASON!



Thank you to Louise & Tom Broadbent, Amy Mathis, Jennifer von Rohr, Kristen Little, and others for sharing photos. Please keep passing along stories and photos from your adventures this winter!



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