# NEW MEXICO CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR THE 2026-2027 SEASON

### ANNUAL DUES

The Aspens are changing and the nighttime temps are starting to drop. And, frankly, our excitement for the potential super el Niño couldn't be much higher. Which means it's also high time to renew your NMCCSC membership! Make sure you (and everyone you know and love) don't miss out on a single lesson, group trip, or social event NMCCSC offers, especially during a winter like this one. Wax those skis, inventory your gear, start those pre-season strength and mobility exercises you've been putting off, and renew that membership by going to: https://www.nmccscmembership.org.

Members can also go Membership -> Member Login, login to your account, and scroll down to click the "Renewal" button. Payment can be with credit card or PayPal.

Rates for the 2026/2027 season:

**Individual Membership:** $25
*(Children <18 are free with a member parent)*
**Under-40 years old (First year only):** $1
*(Use discount code UNDER40NEW)*
**Household Membership:** $45
*(Each adult must sign up for their own Individual Membership. The second adult can use discount code 2NDHOUSEHOLDMEMBER for a $5 discount)*

### CONTACT US:

- **MAILING LIST**: NMCCSCEGROUP@MAILMAN.SWCP.COM
- **WEBSITE:** WWW.NMCCSKICLUB.ORG
- **MEETUP:** HTTP://WWW.MEETUP.COM/NEW-MEXICO-CROSS-COUNTRY-SKI-MEETUP-GROUP/
- **FACEBOOK:** HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PAGES/CATEGORY/SPORTS-CLUB/NEW-MEXICO-CROSS-COUNTRY-SKI-CLUB-199720217573925/
- **MAIL:** NEW MEXICO CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB, PO BOX 50534, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87181



# UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Oct 8, 2026

**What:** First membership meeting of the 2026/2027 ski season - Starts at 7pm
**Where:** Lomas Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112
**Details:** Membership meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Kerry Jones will talk to us about the El Nino forecast at this month's meeting. Contact Bill Heitz, NMCCSC Club President, for any questions or specific agenda items.

### Oct 30-Nov 1

**What:** 2026 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 more information. Volunteers are needed for the NMCCSC table on Saturday and Sunday. Contact club VP Mary K. Gallagher if you're interested in volunteering.

### Nov 12, 2026

**What:** November General Meeting
**Where:** Lomas Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112
**Details:** Meeting details and speaker to be announced soon. Contact Bill Heitz, NMCCSC Club President, for any questions or specific agenda items.

### Dec 10, 2026

**What:** December General Meeting
**Where:** Lomas Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112
**Details:** Meeting details and speaker to be announced soon. Contact Bill Heitz, NMCCSC Club President, for any questions or specific agenda items.

### Jan 9-11 & Feb 7-9, 2027

**What:** Spruce Hole Yurt Trips
**Where:** Near La Manga Pass in southern Colorado
**Details:** The club will be organizing another TWO trips to the Spruce Hole Yurt this season (more information on the yurt can be found here). The trips will be suitable for all abilities. **Look for registration information soon!** Contact David D'Antonio (lbghose@aol.com) with any questions..

### Jan 9, 2027

**What:** Tentative beginner-on-snow lesson
**Where:** TBD
**Details:** More details (including the dates for the classroom session) are coming soon. This is always a great learning opportunity! Please contact Dana Price with questions.

### Jan 14, 2027

**What:** January General Meeting
**Where:** Lomas Garden Center, 10120 Lomas Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112
**Details:** Meeting details and speaker to be announced soon. Contact Bill Heitz, NMCCSC Club President, with any questions.

### Jan 19-22, '27

**What:** High Lonesome Hut Trip
**Where:** On 160 acres of spruce forests and alpine meadows in the Arapaho National Forest
**Details:** The trip to the Hut involves a 2.5 mile long ski to a hut with a cozy base camp complete with solar electricity, hot running water, an indoor toilet (complete with shower!) and space for 11 skiers. See here more details. Contact David D'Antonio (lbghose@aol.com) with any questions..

# EL NINO IN NEW MEXICO - KERRY JONES IS EXCITED!

Kerry Jones has had a long career with NOAA's National Weather Service as a lead meteorologist. More recently he has worked with the US Forest Service as a liaison to NM Environment Dept. Kerry's presentation at the October 8th club meeting will highlight the latest on the very strong, and strengthening, El Nino pattern that is currently in place and how it will likely influence the upcoming winter in New Mexico. He will also discuss technologies that are accessible to us and that benefit the field of meteorology itself. **Come and see- we all want to know about our winter!**



The Cross-Country Ski Club Recruitment Poster

The Board of Directors is important to the success of the club, not as important as a good snow season, but important nonetheless. And Board is just club members who are willing to volunteer some time to shape club plans and activities, like where does the club want to go on car trips, or hut trips or yurt trips, should the club expand its instruction programs and how does the club encourage more input from members, etc. And equally importantly, new Board members bring new ideas to the club which is usually a good thing,  A description of Board positions is listed on the club website. **If you are interested in volunteering for any of these positions, please contact Bill Heitz or Mary Kay Gallagher or Max Shepherd.**

**Call out for a third Refreshment Committee Volunteer.**
Responsibilities include: Shopping once a month for simple snacks (sweet, salty and fresh), cups, napkins, tea and bottled water. Board has agreed that a less complex menu for the refreshment break going forward will allow the refreshment volunteers to attend the presentation and business meeting portions of the meeting. Snack choice/menu is up to the Refreshment volunteers. Monthly allotted budget is $70.00. Monthly collaboration with Amy Mathis and Debbie Pierson organizing Refreshment tasks is required as one of the committee members may be unable to attend the meeting.  **Contact Mary Kaye Gallagher (mkg2404@hotmail.com) or Amy Mathis (Yavanna1259@yahoo.com) if you're interested!**

# HUT TRIPS 2027

WE HAVE TWO HUT TRIPS SET UP FOR THE COMING SEASON, AND THEY'RE GEARED TOWARD BEGINNERS (FOR THE MOST PART, ANYWAY) PLEASE NOTE THAT TRAVEL DATES INCLUDE AN EXTRA DAY TO GET HOME, IF NEEDED, AFTER SKIING OUT OF THE HUT.

## HIGH LONESOME HUT

JANUARY 18-23, 2027

This hut is located near Winter Park, Colorado, at an elevation of 9300 feet. The ski in to the hut is under three miles, with minimal elevation gain. There is running water and, yes, a shower and toilet. Cost, exclusive of travel, food, and lodging expenses, is $260. **NOTE:** As of press time, this trip is full, but there is NO waiting list yet.

Check out the hut: https://share.google/15tXYkOWRFydwapAI



## CONTINENTAL DIVIDE CABIN

FEBRUARY 6-11, 2027

This is one of two small huts located at Tennessee Pass, near Leadville, Colorado, at an elevation of 10,500 feet. The ski in to the hut is less than one mile, with virtually no elevation gain. Day skiing opportunities around the hut abound, and there's something for everyone, including Class I skiers. Cost, exclusive of travel, food, and lodging expenses, is $245. **As of press time, FOUR vacancies remain.** Check out the hut: https://huts.org/hut/continental-divide-point-breeze-cabins/continental-divide-cabin/



To inquire about signing up for hut trips, contact Guy Miller. Contact information is found on the Club website.

# 2026/2027 CLUB BUDGET FOR REVIEW

WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK

| Income | Income | Expenses |
|---|---|---|
| High Lonesome Hut | $2,046.60 | $1,911.00 |
| Continental Divide Hut | $1,686.72 | $1,567.00 |
| Spruce Hole Yurt | $352.77 | $353.00 |
| econd Spruce Hole Yurt Tri | -- | $384.84 |
| Car Trip Frisco | $17,065.00 | $17,065.00 |
| Instruction | $250.00 | $450.00 |
| Membership & Fees | $5,000.00 | $75.00 |
| Donations | $50.00 | -- |
| Interest Income | $6.00 | -- |
| Advertising | -- | $100.00 |
| Corporate Report | -- | $0.00 |
| Filing Fee | -- | $10.00 |
| Insurance | -- | $650.00 |
| Meeting Room | -- | $1,475.00 |
| Social Media | -- | $400.00 |
| Officer Expenses | -- | $28.00 |
| PO Box | -- | $240.00 |
| Programs | -- | $4,337.53 |
| Refreshments | -- | $450.00 |
| Southwest Cyberport | -- | $130.00 |
| Summer Party | -- | $450.00 |
| Trails | -- | $100.00 |

**TOTAL INCOME**

**$26,457.09**

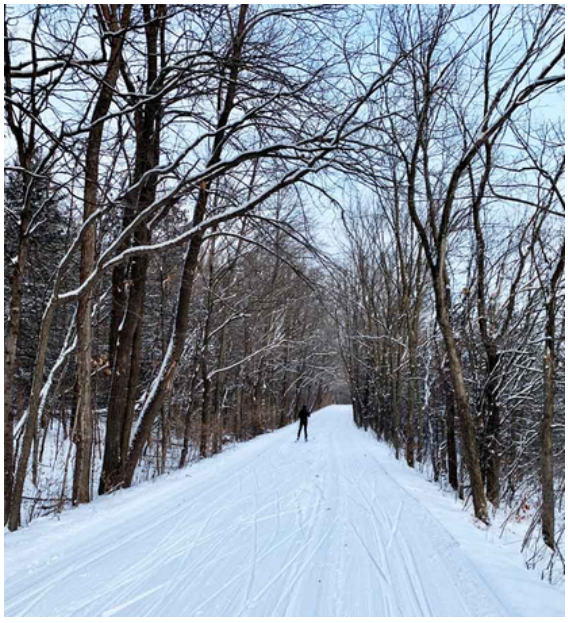
**TOTAL EXPENSE**

**$30,176.37**

**NET INCOME**

**-$3,719.28**

WE WILL BE VOTING ON THE BUDGET AT THE OCTOBER 8TH CLUB MEETING



# BOARD MEMBERS 2025-2026

| Position | Name | Phone | E-mail |
|---|---|---|---|
| President | Bill Heitz | 505-259-8745 | President@nmccskiclub.org |
| Vice President | Mary Kaye Gallagher | 651-269-0477 | VicePresident@nmccskiclub.org |
| Secretary | Nancy Jenkins | 505-269-0855 | Secretary@nmccskiclub.org |
| Treasurer | Max Shepherd | 505-270-5258 | Treasurer@nmccskiclub.org |
| Programs | Bet Gendron | 505-228-8025 | Programs@nmccskiclub.org |
| Membership | Nancy Shane | -- | Membership@nmccskiclub.org |
| Newsletter | Kristen Little | 812-614-0387 | newsletter@nmccskiclub.org |
| Website | Lisa Hales | 925-528-8393 | Support@nmccskiclub.org |
| Social Media | Nelly Taveras | -- | SocialMedia@nmccskiclub.org |
| Refreshments | Amy Mathis<br>Debbie Pierson<br>Elizabeth McGrath | 808-344-8543<br>505-450-8646 | Refreshments@nmccskiclub.org |

# SKI ACTIVITY COMMITTEE 2025-2026

| Position | Name | Phone | E-mail |
|---|---|---|---|
| Instruction | Dana Price | 505-417-9787 | Instruction@nmccskiclub.org |
| Day Trips | Guy Miller | 505-306-2628 | DayTrips@nmccskiclub.org |
| Hut Trips | Guy Miller | 505-306-2628 | HutTrips@nmccskiclub.org |
| Car Trips | CIndy Kuenzi & Hillary Armstrong | 913-515-0352 or 505-379-8164 | BusTrips@nmccskiclub.org |
| Trails | Sam Beard | 505-828-0673 | Trails@nmccskiclub.org |