



President's Message

A few weeks ago, former Park City Mountain Sports Club members, Rob and Nancy Follett, reached out to me saying they had two albums of photos from the 90s – “were we interested?” Of course we were interested! I went down to Salt Lake to see them, and we talked about the history of the Club. That got me thinking that I didn’t really know exactly when the Club started or what the Club was like then compared to now. So, I’ve asked a few members who have been in the Club from the early days for their input and have some great answers to share with you all. Thank you, Rob and Nancy, Duane, David and Charlie.



Park City Mountain Sports Club was preceded by Park City Ski Club, which was a for-profit Club with one employee who organized ski and social events and sold tickets to members. When that closed, some members of that Club decided to set up Park City Mountain Sports Club. The Articles of Incorporation were filed on March 31, 1993, establishing PCMSC as a nonprofit organization. By-laws and liability waivers were introduced in October 1993. This means our Club turned 32 yesterday - Happy Birthday PCMSC!

The first president resigned after only a couple of months due to work commitments and Don Priest was the first full year president. Jeri Brooke has uploaded the list of past presidents to the website. You can see it here: <https://pcmsc.org/mission/> (and scroll to the bottom of that landing page).

PCMSC in the 90's

- Much smaller but growing fast. Started with 30-40 members but grew to 200-300 in the first two years
- Events were mostly scheduled for weekends as many members worked full time. They alternated – Saturday one weekend, Sunday the next
- There were no levels for activities – and there are stories of people being left behind on hikes, or leaders getting lost
- Members arranged exotic trips to places like Tahiti, Baha, Courchevel/Chamonix skiing, Spain, canal boat and hiking in France, wine country bike trips, China (Great Wall and Terracotta Army) and Volga riverboat trip from Moscow to St Petersburg.

- Members also arranged classes such as bike maintenance, CPR and ski tuning
- TGIFs were smaller and mostly took place at bars such as Saddle & Spur, Down Under and The Major

PCMSC now

- Average of 800 members by the summer
- Hundreds of sporting and social activities each year
- Event levels are classified so people can choose their level
- Events take place primarily on weekdays
- Trips to Moab and Zion
- TGIFs are hosted as potlucks in members' homes and even include live music (had to give a shout out to our Club band - Face Plant!)
- Apres-ski's have been added to our winter social schedule

While the range and number of events has increased, the spirit and principles of the Club remain the same – bringing people together to have fun around shared sporting and social events and experiences. And if any of you are interested in leading trips or classes please reach out. This is a volunteer organization and events only happen because of you.

Each month we are going to share two or three photos from the 1990's and 2000's in a separate section at the end of the newsletter. We'd love you to take a look at them and tell us who's in the picture, where it was taken, maybe something funny you remember about the event. If any of the above details are incorrect or you have more stories to tell about the early days of the Club, please reach out to me at stephensonkate38@gmail.com and we will incorporate it into future newsletters.

The Annual General Meeting (AKA The Bash) took place on Saturday March 15 at Jeremy Ranch Country Club. The theme was disco and there were some excellent costumes. At the meeting, our Treasurer Rich Marx reviewed the Club finances, we thanked the outgoing board members (Tim Ricks, Rick Bolduc and Lillian Laszlo), and the new board was approved for this year as follows:

- Maggi Messina (VP)
- Rich Marx (Treasurer)
- Michele Liencre (Secretary)
- Ruth Mather (Membership)
- Ellen Sherk (Winter Sports)
- Jeri Brooke (Communications)
- Jackie Oken (Summer Sports)
- Irene Tendler (Social)
- Sophia Lucey (TGIF)
- Kate Stephenson (President)

Thank you to Irene Tendler for organizing another great event and to Ellen and Lisa for assisting with member check in.

As the winter season draws to a close, the board also wants to thank everybody who has volunteered to make winter sports activities happen. All the ski leaders, people who have opened their homes to host TGIF and Après-skis, people who have led snowshoe hikes, cross country skiing, uphill skiing and backcountry, organized the Snow Blast and Bash events (and anyone else I've missed!). Thank you all so much, we can't do it without you.

Events

In March, the Club sponsored 52 events, comprising 28 downhill ski events, 3 cross-country ski days, 5 snowshoe hikes, 1 uphill ski event, 1 backcountry touring event, 1 MTB, 1 Knit & Stitch activity, 5 Après Skis, 3 TGIFs, 3 Mah Jongg events and the

AGM/Bash party.

Sports Events

Downhill Skiing:

There were 28 downhill skiing events in March.

The downhill skiing schedule had us skiing at Deer Valley on Monday and Thursday, at Park City on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, at Canyons on Wednesday and two outings to Brighton.

We extend our thanks to the leaders of these downhill ski events, which included Pris Watson, Bill Watson, Billy Mitchell, Jane Sagerman, Steve Peer, Don Winsor, Kathy Kelleher, Diane Jamail, Ray Naudain, Bruce Woelfle, Sharon Heckman, Dan Albano, Howard Kantor, Larry Rose, Don Roll, Lisa Hunter, Bruce McLeod, Judy Peterman and Bill Hertzinger. Many of those mentioned led one or even two of the events each week.

Cross Country Ski:

Three cross-country ski events took place, led by Eric Klosterman (2) and Ellen Sherk (1).

Snowshoe hikes:

Five snowshoe hikes took place led by Ellen Sherk (4) and Tim Lanz (1).

Uphill Skiing:

There was one uphill skiing event at Empire pass led by Kate Stephenson and Maggi Messina.

Backcountry Touring:

Our first backcountry tour took place in the backcountry behind Empire Pass led by Jim McClave.

MTB:

One moderate event was led by Don Winsor at Deer Creek.

Thanks to our winter sports coordinators Diane Gower (downhill), Joan Entwistle (XC), Jeri Brooke (snowshoeing) and Jim McClave (uphill and backcountry).

Social Events

Knit & Stitch:

One Knit & Stitch event at Hugo's Coffee Shop organized by Caryn Harkins and Jennifer Gurss.

TGIF:

Three TGIF events were held, hosted by Maggi and John Messina, Kathy and Steve Holmes and Sandy and Neil Rypkema

Après Ski:

There were five Après Ski events hosted by Marianne Birch-Jensen and Frank Traczyk, Michael Bergeson, Herb Lichtenstein and Barb Hylander, Andrea Ware and Jeri and Rob Brooke.

Mah Jongg:

Three Mah Jongg events were hosted by Kathy Manangan Marriott.

Annual General Meeting/The Bash:

The AGM was held at Jeremy Ranch Country Club, organized by Irene Tandler.

Thank you as always to all the event coordinators, leaders and hosts who help us make the Club what it is.

Until next time

Kate Stephenson
President

Volunteer Spotlights

Sheree Anshel

For many years we came from Dallas, Texas as well as Reston, Virginia to downhill and Nordic ski in the winter, then hike/bike and golf in the summer. We always hoped Park City would be a home for us.

There are so many things to love about living in Park City. First of all, the beautiful surroundings and the culture of being active promote a sense of serenity. Furthermore the proximity to an international airport, outstanding health care and the bountiful offerings within the state of Utah are what sold us on making this our home! We looked at other states but truly loved everything that Park City has to offer.



Joining the Club in 2014 was a unique accident as I was searching online for a local hiking Club and I came across Jeri Brooke's name with a little online blurb about the Club. At that time, PCMSC was just developing an online profile and my search was one of luck as the Club relied upon a paper newsletter. Hard to believe how information management for the Club has changed!

Throughout the years I have been a volunteer in several different ways. In 2014, I became Secretary for the PCMSC board. The next year I moved into the Vice President role, followed by President, then Past President over the ensuing years. I left the board for a few years and then returned for one more year as the Social Director. I also have been a leader or co-leader for many hikes, bike rides, Nordic skiing and even a CPR class!

Hiking, Nordic skiing, golfing and biking are my favorite physical activities with the Club. And one can never forget how fun TGIF's and Club events/parties are!

When leading a hike, it is so fun to see the joy on everyone's face as they experience the beautiful scenery. Or, to go on a cross-country ski day after fresh snow and marvel at the beauty of everything covered in the fresh snow. And I started volunteering on hikes and bike rides as a sweep so I could get comfortable with the locations of hikes and bike rides.

If volunteering as a leader is intimidating, then start by being a sweep (tail end of the group to ensure all arrive back)! You will quickly gain confidence and find that being a leader is not difficult at all. Also, there are so many people in the Club who would be happy to help anyone wishing to become a leader of an event so reach out for help.

PCMSC has been a great way to develop a supportive community here in Park City. And research (yep, that's the geek in me), has proven that community is one of the pillars of wellness as one ages. And most importantly, the wealth of friendships that has developed from being a member of the Club is priceless!

Rick and Michele Bolduc

We came to Park City to be with family and grandchildren in July 2018. Our son, Onie and wife, Lindsey had twins in November 2017 and after six trips from Colorado in as many months, we started to discuss options. They were anxious for some help, so we said why not move to PC. We had been residing in Vail Colorado for 40 years, so the decision was not



all that easy. But off we went, in fact, we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in the cab of a U-Hall truck. Now that is a “styling” way to celebrate together. However, we did pop a bottle of “bubbly” upon arrival.

We now love it here in PC and are so very happy to have made the move. With all there is to do, everything is a new adventure and isn't that what life is all about? To quote a friend and fellow PCMSC member, Billy Mitchel, “Park City, a college town for retirees.” That sure sums it up for many of us who call this home.

Soon after arriving in PC, we built a home and also heard about the PCMSC and joined right away. Our very first activity was a hike in Deer Valley led by Ellen Sherk. About a year later Rick became Secretary of the Club and was in that position for 3 years. Thank you to Michele Lienres for recently taking over as Secretary. To volunteer in that role has been a wonderful opportunity to serve in a fun capacity with a great group of caring board members and assist in the direction of the Club. Not one to remain idle, Michele found other ways to assist. She has organized and decorated numerous functions including the Halloween Party at Sun Peak and The Bash. Dogs and Suds is another favorite of ours that we always assist with.

In retrospect, being part of the PCMSC helped in the transition from Colorado to Utah in numerous ways. Most significant was the opportunity to meet many like-minded individuals who have a passion for adventure and the outdoors. Today, we are proud to call many of these people friends! These friends and Club members have been instrumental in introducing us to ski runs, hikes and snowshoe trails that would have taken years to discover on our own. Let's not forget all the fun gatherings like TGIF's and après ski events with lively energetic people socializing together.

We were recently asked, “why do you volunteer for the Club”. Well, simply put, it is a small way to contribute while enjoying the many fun people in our area and collectively participate in all there is to do here. We get much more from it than we put into it.

See you on the hill and on the trails!

Blast from the Past

Below are three photos from the 1990s and 2000s. For each photo, do you know:

- Who is in the photo?
- Where was it taken
- What was the event?
- Do you remember something funny or notable about the event?

Let us know via stephensonkate38@gmail.com





Photos

Have you taken any pictures on club outings that you'd like to share?
Please send them to photos@pcmsc.org.









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