



President's Message

I hope you all had a relaxing and fun Thanksgiving with friends and family.

One thing that really sets our Club apart is people's generosity. People give their time to be on the board, lead sports or events, organize picnics and parties etc. But the one I most want to talk about today is TGIFs. It struck me at the TGIF Jim and I hosted recently, and again at Pris and Bill's home just before Thanksgiving, how lucky we are to have members who are willing to open their homes and host TGIFs. The other thing I noticed was the amazing food members bring to the potluck TGIFs. Just a sample from last Friday – dumplings, spiralized ham, pork tenderloin, chicken wings, soups, hot filled rolls, quiche, meat balls, salads, coconut shrimp, hummus, stuffed vine leaves are you feeling hungry yet?.....and then the desserts – OMG – so yummy – brownies, cookies, apple pie, nutty bourbon fudge pie (and gluten free – thanks Jeri) Now you really are hungry! We have some amazing cooks in our Club. Which led to the next thought (thanks Jim) – we could make a TGIF and Après Ski Club Cookbook. Things you have brought or would bring to a TGIF or Après Ski. This could be a great winter project. Look out for an email about this in the next few weeks on how to share your recipes. And if you make it soon, take photos that we can include.



If this has sparked your interest in hosting a TGIF or Après Ski it's so easy. You provide the venue, plastic utensils, paper plates, bowls and napkins (the Club helps with the cost), and people bring food and their own drinks. TGIFs start at 6pm and are over at 8pm (Après Ski 4-6pm). People take home all their leftovers and put their garbage in the bin. Minutes after everyone has left, you would barely know they had been there.

TGIF contact: Sophia Lucey at sophialucey1@gmail.com or message her at 480-254-3698

Après Ski contact: Kathy Kelleher at kathykel2@aol.com or message her at 732-245-6022

In case you missed it, we now have a Club Facebook Group. It is a private group. Only members can join, and we ask that you agree to the set of "rules" governing how we act in the group and answer two questions. The link to join is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/psmsc>

November Events

Events

There were only 11 Club events in November, given many people are away and it is shoulder season. They comprised 2 MTB, 6 hikes, 1 Knit & Stitch activity and 2 TGIFs.

Sports Events

Mountain Biking:

There were 2 MTB events in November, an eMTB led by Rich and Mary Laudon and one led by Ellen Sherk.

Hiking:

In November we had the opportunity to join 6 hikes. One semi-strenuous led by Ellen Sherk (1), one moderate plus led by Ellen Sherk (1) and four moderate led by Ellen Sherk (3) and Donna Sims (1).

Social Events

Knit & Stitch:

One Knit & Stitch event at the Park City Library organized by Caryn Harkins and Jennifer Gurss.

TGIF:

There were two TGIFs in November at the homes of Kate Stephenson and Jim McClave, where the band had fun playing, and Bill and Pris Watson.

Thanks to everyone who helped make these events happen.

Keep doing the snow dance....

Kate Stephenson

President

Facebook

Please join our new Facebook page so you can post pictures and possibly see the latest news

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/psmsc>

Volunteer Spotlight

Bill Hertzling

Like so many in the Club, my wife JoAnn and I sing the common refrain "Came for the skiing, stayed for the summers". We met, married, and raised our family, first in Raleigh and then at Lake Norman near Charlotte, with many a holiday spent on the slopes in Park City. After the kids were grown and scattered, I said to my wife "Remember that promise you made to me, 34

years ago, to eventually move out West"? So we came in the spring of 2019 with the intent to rent for a year and see how we liked it, and by late summer decided to make the move permanent.

We joined the Club in 2019, I think, particularly for the Christmas Bash (as it was called then). That first gathering we made friends with 5 people at our table, who have remained fast friends for hiking, skiing, and hanging out.



I spent a winter skiing with Rusty and Diane's Wednesday group out of PCMR Miners Camp, and learned so much about the mountain. I started to lead some small groups of friends, and last year decided to share that with others. I started leading a group skiing black terrain on Fridays at PCMR. I enjoyed it but quickly learned how easy it is for folks to get scattered if they miss a turn or a lift. That led me to my next volunteer activity, helping on the committee that is investigating a web application for the Club with a focus on fast and flexible communications. We started investigating options in the summer of 2024, and the group has made good progress towards a solution. You will be hearing more about that in the coming months.

My favorite activities with the Club are skiing, hiking, and the social events (especially those that include dancing!).

What I enjoy most about volunteering is when, leading a group, I hear grumbles about where I'm taking them, then hear after the run "that was the best!" In general, volunteering usually gives me the satisfaction of sharing my love of the outdoors with new folks, and making friends of the folks who show up regularly. I was super nervous the first couple of times out, but the other volunteer leaders who go out of Miners Camp on Friday mornings helped me a lot. So even if you feel nervous at first, there are plenty of experienced, friendly Club members who will help you through the first few times. As soon as you mention, even casually, your interest in volunteering, there will be lots of folks to support and encourage you.

At 15, I became enamored with electronics, and would scrounge the cast-offs from radio and TV repair stores (anyone remember those?). After getting an EE degree, when computers came out, I gravitated towards them, and spent a 45 year career doing almost every computer-related job there was. I did quite a few conversion projects, taking older computer systems and converting the data and the users over to newer systems. This background is why I volunteered to participate in the new web application project.

Finally, a big shout-out "thank you!" to all the folks in the Club, current and past volunteers, for making this Club what it is today!

Photos

Have you taken any pictures on club outings that you'd like to share?

Please send them to photos@pcmsc.org and post them to

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/psmsc>









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