

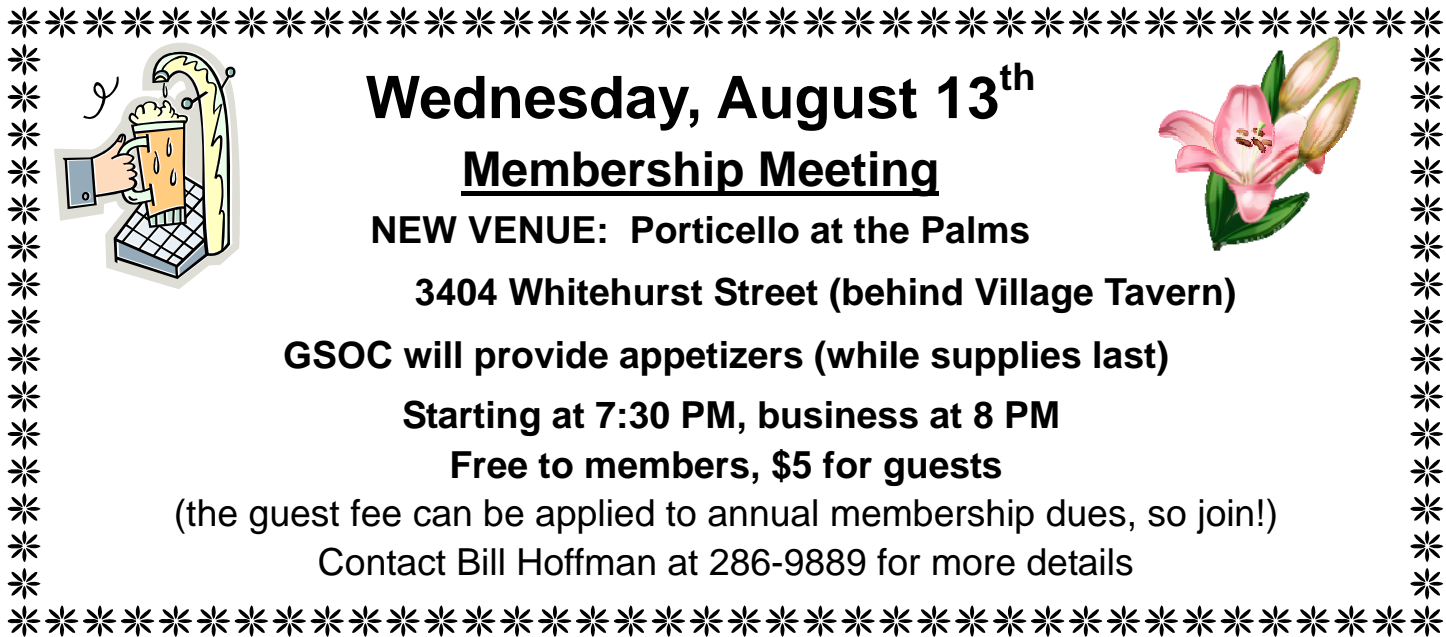


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Wednesday, August 13th

Membership Meeting

NEW VENUE: Porticello at the Palms

3404 Whitehurst Street (behind Village Tavern)

GSOC will provide appetizers (while supplies last)

Starting at 7:30 PM, business at 8 PM

Free to members, \$5 for guests

(the guest fee can be applied to annual membership dues, so join!)

Contact Bill Hoffman at 286-9889 for more details



Hurry....COPPER 2009!

There are already 47 persons renewing their vows for the Copper Ski trip 2009 with remaining spaces going fast..Don't snooze - sign up now to protect your reservation .Contact George Nauman . See page 6.

ASPEN 2009!

Filling up fast!
Reserve your spot with GSOC for the fabulous
March 14-21
Aspen ski trip.
Contact Dave Slinkard
Deadline soon.
See page 7.

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Beartree Camping

Calling all Happy Campers, Peddlers, Hikers and Tree-huggers!
Before you put the tent in the attic or retire your treads for the winter, mark your calendar for September 26th - 27th for Beartree Campout! See page 4 for details or contact Jan Geismar or Suzanne Zur.

Don't miss out— Co-ed Volleyball At Hal's

"Tall Tuesdays". Limited to 9 female & 9 male players each week (advance commitment/RSVP to Karen Dexter). See page 8.



GSOC Calendar & Local Events

August

02-Tubing on the Dan River

02-Margaritaville #5 GSOC members invited to Dick Rhyne's on Belew's Lake

05-Volleyball at Hal's on Belews Lake

13- **Membership Meeting** Social starts at 7:30 pm; **Porticello at the Palms**, 3404 Whitehurst Street off Westridge, behind Village Tavern. Contact Bill Hoffman 286-9889 .

19 -Volleyball at Hal's on Belews Lake

20-Golf at Ironplay Golf Course

September

9 - **Membership Meeting** Social starts at 7:30 pm; **Porticello at the Palms**, 3404 Whitehurst Street off Westridge, behind Village Tavern. Contact Bill Hoffman 286-9889

17 –Golf at Ironplay Golf Course

26-27 - Beartree/Virginia Creeper Campout located in the Mount Rogers area

THANKS TO JAN GEISMAR!
JAN HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BE
OUR NEW OURINGS DIRECTOR. .



IMPORTANT NEWS!
New GSOC newsletter schedule—one every two months. The next newsletter will be the October/November edition.

Trivia Question:
Did you know???
There are currently
277 adult GSOC
members plus 56
children as of mid
July, 2008

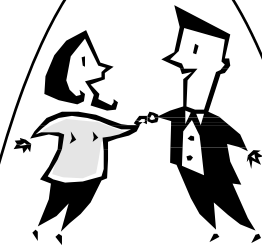
Location of August
Membership Meeting
Upstairs at **Porticello at the Palms**, a new restaurant located at 3404 Whitehurst RoTavern. From Battleground Ave. turn onto Westridge, go right at first light onto Whitehurst ad Behind Village Road, the Palms is on the right.

Mark your Calendars!
GSOC is going to Aspen
in March, 2009

And

Copper Mountain
in February 2009

See pages 7 & 8
for details



WELCOME NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

- L Authur
- Sheila Bassett
- Martha Britt
- Tamara Crist
- Karen Dexter
- Karen & Jeff Eubanks
- Art & Barbara Gilbert
- Helen Haar
- Marilyn Hager
- Motty Hedrick
- Jim & Kim Hutson
- Vince Jones
- Blake Justice
- Patricia Kohler
- Jan Lhotsky
- Kelly Livengood
- Patricia McDonell
- Walter McCulley
- Corliss McGinty
- Jim & Jan Parker
- Clint Petree
- Doris Ragsdale
- Doug & Gail Roberts
- Ron Roberts
- Bill Snell
- Jill Stewart
- Lisa Yow

Grayson Highland Fun!



Grayson Highlands State Park Virginia

What a fine weekend trip led by Jan Geismar, Terry Beck and Suzanne Zur. For many of us in the GSOC, the Rockies provide our winter thrill seeking. But for summertime fun, our local Appalachian mountains can't be beat. Most of us arrived Friday to an ominous thunderstorm. The rain was short-lived and didn't dampen a thing. Tents were set up, grilling began and chairs were unfurled for kick your feet up major R&R by the campfire.



Saturday morning Jan sounded the bugle call at 6 am (Well, maybe more like 10 or 11) and off we headed to the hills. Grayson Highlands and the surrounding Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area offers striking scenery and panoramic views of the countryside. We hiked from Massey Gap, named after early 1800's settlers of the area. Our elevation gain took us to high alpine meadows with low grasses. Bears and wolves roamed here long ago, but on this hike we didn't happen upon anything ferocious, just wild ponies. Actually, quite tame, the ponies barely noticed us as we negotiated the trail. Colts gave us curious looks. The herds awoke innate herding instinct in Guy's Aussie Shepherd mix, Tibedee. Fred Mann did an excursion to Mount Rogers, Virginia's highest point at over 5,700 feet. While Fred was peak bagging, the rest of us managed to get slightly off course. The compass must have been to close to a magnet. Should we backtrack or forge intrepidly ahead with the risk of getting totally lost? We took a vote and after deliberation, bushwhacked through terrain barely explored by humans. What a bunch of troopers we were. How is that for exploration?

We found our way to the Appalachian Trail, had lunch and enjoyed more wide vistas at Rhododendron Gap. Upon arrival back to the campsite, we enjoyed more R&R. What a dinner we had. Chef Terry grilled chicken. Suzanne created a shrimp cocktail. We dined on burgers, sausage, baked beans and an array of salads. Sue Broadwell claimed it was the best camp meal she had ever eaten. How about this dessert? Cherry cobbler, peach cobbler and gingerbread cake all baked in dutch ovens. The cherry cobbler served as the birthday cake for Charlotte's 29th birthday. The candles melted into the cake, but no worries. Sheila and Kelly made s'mores. Terry stoked the campfire and told stories, mostly belittling Hal. Midnight brought another deluge as the skies re-opened. Sunday morning we had a wonderful breakfast in the great outdoors, packed up and headed back to Greensboro that afternoon. What a great weekend! (More pictures page 3)



Deep Sea Fishing? Reserve your spot Now!

Mark your calendar for **October 24 & 25** for the annual GSOC trip to the coast with Capt. Will Cathey. Limited to 8 anglers per day. Cost is **\$140** includes condo accommodations. Non-angling GSOC & guests are invited to stay at the condo and enjoy the Cape.

Thanks to Will, the fishing costs cover gas, bait, ice and Will's diner should be about only \$90 per day. Bring cash for fish cleaning as well. Contact Roger Witt @ rwitt@triad.rr.com or call 644-2748.



Send deposit to: 5558 Murphy Rd. Summerfield NC 27358

Happy Campers, Peddlers, Hikers and Tree-huggers!

Join us for our GSOC Beartree/Virginia Creeper Campout!

Double the fun!

Beartree Camping:

Before you put the tent in the attic or retire your treads for the winter, mark your calendar for Friday Sept. 26th, & Saturday Sept 27th for Beartree Campout! We have combined two great activities to double the fun. Reserve now for your place under the starry starry night!

Beartree is located in the Mount Rogers area and sits at approximately 3,000 ft.

Shaded camp sites

Hot showers

Hiking trails

Beautiful 14 acre lake

Group Cookout and campfire

Virginia Creeper Trail Ride:

That Saturday morning we will enjoy a scenic leisurely ride on the old railroad bed 17 miles back down to Damascus. Approximately a three hour ride, fall foliage, old train trestles, and flowing water will decorate our path. The shuttle will take us from Damascus to Whitetop, the Virginia Creeper trailhead. (Or ride your bike *up* if you wish). Bring yours or rent one at Blue Blaze in Damascus.

Dust off the bicycle, grab your tent, canteen and mess kit and be ready for some early fall fun!

Cost: \$16.00 per person for two nights at campground. Everyone responsible for their own Creeper transfer and/or bike rental.

More details to come!

Space is limited!!! Reserve NOW with

Jan Geismar: jgeismar@bellsouth.net

or Suzanne Zur: showe@triad.rr.com



Copper Mountain #6

Sun. Feb. 8 to Fri. Feb. 13, 2009

- **5 Nights Lodging at Mountain Plaza Condos**
Great in-town Location,
2 Bedroom / 3 Bath Condos
Just 50 yards to the American Eagle Lift
- **4-Day Lift Tickets**
Special Bee-line access means no lift lines
- **Includes 3 Parties with Food and Drinks**
- **Luxury Coach Transportation to and from the Denver airport. Porterage is included at the condos**

Land Only Price - \$565

(air from Greensboro or Charlotte)

(Price to be published when available)

- **Easy Credit Card Charge Plan is now available. With this option we split the cost into 3 or 4 credit charge transactions depending on the air option-Surcharge applies**
- **Application forms are on the website:
www.Greensboroskiandoutingclub.org
(click on "Ski Vacations & More")**

Mail Application and Payment to:

George Nauman

Greensboro Ski & Outing Club

PO Box 10175

Greensboro, NC 27404

Note: The air price has not been established yet.

The Copper trip is nearly full, 47 persons have mailed in their deposits and applications as of mid July. The good news is: We have reservations for 51 beds so you can still reserve one 50 yards form the American Eagle lift.

Now for the bad news:

The Seats on the American Airline group air are almost gone.

The seats on the bus are nearly full so soon new participants will need to find there own transportation to & from the Denver Airport.

Once all the condos are full a Cooper Ski trip waiting list will be started.

George Nauman 693-5979 or Naumangl@triad.rr.com

Aspen, Colorado Ski Trip

Sat. Mar. 14 to Sat. Mar. 21, 2009

- **7 Nights Lodging at the Gant Condos in Downtown Aspen**
Great location, Nice Condos
Free In-Village Bus Transportation
- **5 of 6 Day Interchangeable Lift Tickets**
4 Ski Mountains including:
Aspen Mountain - Snowmass Mountain
Buttermilk - Aspen Highlands
- **Includes 3 Parties with Food and Drinks**
- **Luxury Coach Transportation to and from the Denver Airport. Porterage is included at the condos**
- ♦ **Land Only Price**
1st 20 skiers - \$960
Next 20 skiers - \$980

(Optional Air from Greensboro or Charlotte)

(Price to be published when available)

- **Easy Credit Card Charge plan is now available. With this option we split the cost into 3 or 4 charge transactions depending on the air option minimal surcharge applies**
- **Application forms are on the website:
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(click on "Ski Vacations & More")**

Mail Application and Payment to:

Dave Slinkard

5417 Rambling Rd.

Greensboro, NC 27409

Note: 22 skiers are now signed up, 6 more have expressed a strong interest and will probably make a decision in the next few weeks.

Please don't delay if you are interested in this fabulous trip.

Haven't heard of the new "ning" site yet? Be sure to check it out!

The gsoskiandouting.ning.com site or "ning" for short was created as a means of getting more interaction from *GSOC* members and more information concerning various kinds of activities, whether these activities are planned by a community sponsor or by anyone who just wants to do something and invite other members to join in. Examples are to meet at a local establishment for conversation and refreshment, or an outdoor activity such as a bike ride in the park, or tennis on the weekend, or a local day trip. Not all *GSOC* activities need be a long excursion or consume a sum of money from your savings account. This site gives you an opportunity to share photos, experience, and discussions concerning activities or topics of interest that you can start yourself.

Make the *GSOC* membership a community experience. But you have to Join Us in the brown area on the right side of the page and you must be a *GSOC* member to join "ning". Non-members can see most of the site but cannot interact with it. We invite non-members to become a member of the *GSOC*, and then join the "ning" activities site. You can go directly to

www.gsoskiandouting.ning.com or from the original site

www.greensboroskiandoutingclub.org and hit the link to **Photos/Forum** on the left or "**NING**" link on the bottom of page. To participate on the site follow the steps "to add" an Event, Forum, Discussion etc and don't forget to save before moving off the page. It may ask you to submit some extra info, or photo to complete the task in order to save it and to be posted. There is a feature button if you wish to put on the main page. And don't forget to save it. Don't worry you won't mess the web site up and if you make an error you can either edit or delete your info and start over with your correction. We have all done that once or twice at least.

Please send information for the website to gsoc08@gmail.com. Any other questions about Ning can go directly to this address or to klambeth@triad.rr.com.



Subaru is a proud sponsor of the Crescent Ski Council (CSC) Racing program. Part of their sponsorship package this year includes the **VIP Discount program** for all CSC members. Qualifying members of a CSC club can purchase a new Subaru at 2% below dealer cost minus any incentives, which are currently being offered. To qualify, you must have been a member of GSCO or other CSC Club) for at least six (6) months. If you are interested, please notify David Lippucci at dlippucci@nc.rr.com of your intent to participate. Subaru will mail the VIP information to you, which will include information about local dealers participating in the VIP program. Once you have received the information, you can go to a local dealer, pick out the Subaru that you want, the dealer will pull the invoice and let the purchaser know if there are any current incentives. Please take advantage of this wonderful benefit that Crescent Racing has secured for all CSC clubs.