



The Roanoke Skier & Adventurer

The Monthly Newsletter for the Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club

APRIL 2019



Amsterdam



Rhine River Cruise

President's Message

The daffodils are blooming, and our winter ski trips for the 2018-2019 season just ended with the fantastic Alpe d'Huez and Paris, France Trip. It was an epic ski year. All five of our trips were wildly successful, and the "snow fairy" was very kind to us. It would've been impossible to have asked her for more snow. She had us measuring in feet instead of inches, and as a result, we enjoyed fantastic ski conditions on all our trips, the very best in many years.

On April 10th, we gather and celebrate at HVCC for our End of the Season Party. All Club members are welcome for a Spring buffet dinner, so make sure you join us for our last official Membership Meeting of the year. We call it an End of Season Party, but that's a bit of a misnomer; we still have three incredible Adventure Trips coming in 2019. In May, we set sail on a Rhine River Cruise with an added stop in Amsterdam, and in August, we head to exotic Chile for a Southern Hemisphere Summer Ski Trip with a once-in-a-lifetime on mountain Wine Festival and three days touring in beautiful capital city of Santiago. Our grand finale takes us to the African Continent, with an exhilarating non-hunting safari and several days exploring the breathtaking city of Cape Town.

It's been a very quick two years, and I can honestly say I enjoyed every minute of the time I've invested in the Club as your president. I would like to say goodbye to everyone in person. So please, if you live in the area, please join me on April 10th for dinner and a great party!

Marla Kemsey
President

Valle Nevado

CHILE

August 16th – 23rd 2019

Santiago



Ski the El Plomo foothills in the Andes Mountains

Located just 90 minutes from Santiago, the exotic Valle Nevado Ski Resort features a summit of 12,041 feet, long runs, and excellent off-piste skiing. Built by a French designer, Valle Nevado's European flare is South America's most desirable destination.

WINE LOVERS

Enjoy the Annual Chilean Wine Festival at Valle Nevado during our stay. Each afternoon Chilean wineries, both world-renowned and niche boutique, will present their best varietals with free tastings, and wine informational seminars. Après Ski with some of the best wine in the world!

Four nights in Valle Nevado

Your trip includes four lift tickets, [\\$150.00 discount for IKON pass holders](#), breakfast each morning and four gourmet dinners. Enjoy an on mountain welcome reception, après ski Wine Festival events, a Saturday cocktail, outdoor heated pools, sauna, exercise room, game room and ski lockers.

Three nights in Santiago

Spend three days in Chile's charming historic capital city with free time to visit the exciting Mercado Central, the Plaza de Armas or any one of the panoramic hill sides. Breakfast each morning is included with your trip.

- A full day guided tour to the beautiful Matitec Winery in the Rosario Valley, where you will enjoy horse back riding through the vineyard, an exclusive wine production tour, wine tasting and a delicious on-site lunch.
- Day trip to the spectacular hilly seaport town of Valparaiso. Immerse yourself in this colorful historic city with its brightly painted houses, funiculars, artisanal shops, unique street art and bohemian eateries.

*Entire trip includes Private motor coach transfers, including day trips

THREE EASY PAYMENTS OF \$1,199

\$3,597 per person based on double occupancy with airfare out of Roanoke
Land only package \$2,103

*pricing does not reflect [\\$150 discount for IKON pass holders](#)

Payments due April 6th, May 6th, June 6th
SPACE IS LIMITED

Make check payable to Roanoke Ski Club
Mail trip application and check:

Marla Kemsey

210 S. Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060
540-230-4844 / marlakemsey1@gmail.com



To sign up for this trip you must be a 2018-2019 Roanoke Ski Club Member; include a separate check with the membership application.



**Purchase your 2019-2020 IKON PASS through
The Roanoke Ski and Adventure Club!**

HUGE SAVINGS!

There is a short term window of opportunity to participate in a very exciting program from the RSAC. Purchase the IKON Base Pass or Full Pass, whether Renewing OR First Time Purchasing you will receive a \$30 discount and a \$50 credit on your ski trip price. The club must sell 20+ passes for each member to receive this \$80 SAVINGS.

Renewals - Write a check for \$619 for the Base Pass and you will receive a \$50 credit on a RSAC 2020 Trip of your choice.

First Time Ikon Pass Buyers - Write a check for \$649 for the Base Pass and if we get 20+ total purchasers through the club, you will get a \$30 credit and a \$50 credit on a RSAC Trip of your choice.

*Same discount applies if purchasing the Full Pass Renewal or First Time

It's to all club member's advantage that we all purchase through the club by April 20th. Based on last year, the Ikon Pass increase by \$100 after the April 20th deadline. We are working hard to make your ski experience as cost effective as possible.

IKON Pass covers 38 Destinations in the West, Rockies, Canada, South America and UNLIMITED skiing at Snowshoe Mountain in West Virginia. If you ski two trips with the club, or one trip and ski at Snowshoe, the IKON Pass saves you money.

PURCHASE BY APRIL 20TH

Registration form and payment details to follow via email

*SNEAK PEAK to provide you with the greatest benefit, we are currently working on choosing
Four 2020 IKON destinations*

*To actively promote and engage our members' appreciation of the outdoors,
our love of skiing, travel, and adventure.*

Upcoming Events:

We ask that you RSVP for this Membership Meeting to help ensure adequate seating and food. (No fee)!



RONOKE

SKI &
ADVENTURE
CLUB

End of Season Party

Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Hidden Valley Country Club

2500 Romar Road, Salem, VA

Please RSVP below!

Please click on the link below to RSVP

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZXATtjor0lKnbKzaDCaoMMge50Ee84mwnGgifqlmhZOjTA/viewform>

Happy Hour

- [Thursday, April 25 at 5:30 p.m.](#)
- Rodeo Grande
- 4826 Valley View Blvd,
- front patio so bring a jacket
- Emily Hurst hosting



Keep an eye on the Facebook page for last minute events we may put together!
[Click the dates to easily add the events to your Google calendar!](#)

2018 - 2019 TRIPS

We are approaching the end of the 2019 ski season with four trips completed—Canaan, Deer Valley, Snowbird, and Jackson Hole. Our Paris & Alpe d’Huez trip will be completed by the time of this newsletter publication. The trip satisfaction results I have seen to date have all been positive and with some helpful recommendations that we will implement on future trips.

You may have been surprised by the addition of a summer ski trip to Chile planned for this August. While this was not in our new trip roll out last July, it was added based on member interest and due to Marla’s initiative and perseverance to put it together on short notice. We expect this to be a fantastic opportunity for our die hearted skiers and adventure seekers.

Our ski surveys for 2020 trips have been received, and we are now in the process of evaluating the results and planning for next year’s trips. Our Non-Ski survey, now called the “Adventure Survey”, is now in review. Results will be published soon. Look for information of future exciting ‘Adventure’ trips in future newsletters!

TRIP LINEUP FOR 2018 – 2019

The following is a summary of the 2018-2019 trips. See the following pages for more detail and for links to the full-color flyer on the RSAC website or visit our website at <http://roanokeskiclub.org/trips.htm>.

Ski Trips

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| • Canaan | Jan 27-Jan 30 | Shelly Gibson |
| • Deer Valley & Sundance | Feb 2-9 | Marla Kemsey |
| • Snowbird & Alta | Feb 9-16 | Marla Kemsey |
| • Back to back (Deer Valley/Snowbird) | Feb 2-16 | Marla Kemsey |
| • Jackson Hole | Feb 23-Mar 2 | Jack Orsinger |
| • Alpe d’Huez/Paris | Mar 16-26 | Dave Cohan |

Non-Ski Trips

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| • Beach Trip | Oct 8-13 | Pat Oberlin |
| • Amsterdam/Rhine River cruise | May 22-31 | Bill Fleshman |
| • African Safari/Cape Town | Oct 17-27 | Melinda Cohan |

Bill Fleshman,
Trip Director

BEACH TRIP – KIAWAH ISLAND, SC

October 8-13, 2018 (Monday – Saturday)

Trip Leader: Pat Oberlin
patoberlin67@gmail.com

Completed!



TIMBERLINE/CANAAN VALLEY, WV

January 27-30, 2019 (Sunday – Wednesday)

Trip Leader: Shelley Gibson
shellgbsn@aol.com

Completed!



DEER VALLEY with SUNDANCE, UT

February 2 – 9, 2019

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey
marlakemsey1@gmail.com

COMPLETED—Read the following summary!

Forty-one Members of the RSAC spent the first week of February in the charming Swiss inspired village of Midway, Utah. The beautiful, award winning Zurmatt Resort and Spa was an excellent hub for our ski days at 2018's Best U.S. Ski Resort - Deer Valley and Robert Redford's iconic Sundance Resort. Heber was recently voted Utah's favorite town, and we had the perfect central location to enjoy Utah's world-renowned magical recreation and outdoor adventures.

Taking advantage of all the excellent après ski opportunities in the Heber Valley: we enjoyed an evening soak in a Geothermal Crater located under a 55ft. limestone rock dome; a horse drawn Sleigh Ride through the valley's winter wonderland; a Dark Sky Park



demonstration with a local professional astronomer at the Wasatch State Park Welcome Center and pampering in the luxurious on-site spa. In addition, next door was the award-winning frozen attraction, Ice Castles. Hundreds of thousands of icicles were hand placed by professional Ice Artists, creating breathtaking frozen thrones, ice-carved tunnels, slides and fountains all lit by multi colored LED lights. Good fun was had at our group yurt dining experience at the award winning Back 40 Restaurant.



With over 8 feet of snow during our week, we enjoyed magical ski days with some of the best ski conditions in several years. To celebrate our memorable week packed full of laughter and friendship, we partied like rock stars with an 80's themed closing gathering. Enjoy the pictures!



Marla Kemsey
Trip Leader

SNOWBIRD/ALTA, UT

February 9-16, 2019

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey
marlakemsey1@gmail.com

COMPLETED—Read the following summary!

The RSAC spent a spectacular week, Feb 9-16th, at Snowbird Resort enjoying the majesty of Little Cottonwood Canyon from our incredible views in the slope side Cliff Lodge and Spa. The ski-in/ski-out convenience, personal heated ski lockers and excellent après ski amenities set the tone for a luxurious week of first-rate skiing. The world-famous Snowbird Tram soaring to 11,000 feet, dropped us off into some of the most beautiful scenery you will ever have the chance to see, on or off skis. We partied in the glamorous Moët and Chandon Champagne Lounge with gourmet appetizers, rocked the local's hangout with a fun



evening in Tram Club Bar and enjoyed a feel-good homemade pasta, lasagna dinner in the Executive Mt. Superior Suite (the room was a gift from Snowbird management).

It snowed every day but one, and we started counting the snowfall in feet instead of inches. Snowbird offers over 2,500 skiable acres, but we also took advantage of Alta Resort, which connects to Snowbird at the top of Mineral Basin. With over 5,000 skiable acres between the two resorts, we were hard pressed to cover all the runs in just one week.

It was a challenging bus ride out of the canyon with the significant new snow accumulation during our last night, but we made a group decision to stick to the original plan, braving the avalanche prone canyon for an exciting ride downhill and a safe tip home.

Marla Kemsey
Trip Leader



BACK TO BACK TRIP



DEER VALLEY/SUNDANCE – SNOWBIRD/ALTA

February 2-16, 2019

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey
marlakemsey1@gmail.com

COMPLETED!

JACKSON HOLE with GRAND TARGHEE, WY

February 23-March 2, 2019

Trip Leader: Jack Orsinger

Jack.orsinger@gmail.com

COMPLETED! Read the following Summary!

Twenty-nine Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club members recently enjoyed record breaking snowfall conditions at Jackson Hole, WY. The month of February 2019 proved to be the snowiest February in history for both the resort and the town of Jackson. On top of the already record snowpack, a winter storm arrived around the time of our touch down on Saturday, Feb 23rd, and the storm didn't abate until Thursday afternoon. Overall, the mountain received over 5 ft. of fresh snow during our week there! Sunday's light powder conditions made for epic skiing as the resort received 21 in. of fluff during our first 24 hours on the ground!

While the snow turned a little wetter and heavier early in the week, our day at Grand Targhee on Wednesday provided delightful ski conditions with great groomers and several inches of "whipped cream" on the expansive ungroomed terrain and in the trees! Amazing skiing! A few in the group said they never had more fun skiing! Temps dropped for our last two days, and Friday was an amazing Bluebird day on the mountain! Jackson Hole was truly a winter wonderland!



The club stayed at the nicely remodeled 49er Inn for the first time in several years. A nice gathering space in the breakfast room and a gorgeous pool / hot tub area on the 2nd floor with great views of the surrounding mountains were enjoyable spaces to hang out!

Trip participants enjoyed several social gatherings throughout the week. Our tour operator sponsored a nice welcome reception for the travel weary group Saturday night! The club enjoyed multiple happy hour / après ski events at a local brewery, on the mountain and back at the 49er. A highlight of the week was a delicious Chef's Table dinner at the highly rated Gather restaurant in Jackson.



This group of Club members was a delight to hang out with and made this trip leader's job a breeze!

Jack Orsinger, Trip Leader

ALPE d'HUEZ and PARIS

March 16-26, 2019

\$2,600 Alpe d'Huez, \$680 Paris add on
per person, double occupancy

Trip Leader: Dave Cohan

dcohan@associatedasphalt.com

Completed – Look for trip summary next month!



AMSTERDAM and RHINE RIVER CRUISE

Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland

May 22-31, 2019

\$3,188* per person, double occupancy

Trip Leader: Bill Fleshman

bill.fleshman1@gmail.com

Sold Out—Wait List – Contact Trip Leader!



SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI and CAPE TOWN

October 17-27, 2019

\$2,690 per person dbl. occ + airfare*

(*airfare approx. \$1500)

Trip Leader: Melinda Cohan

Melinda@coachesconsole.com

Sold Out—Wait List – Contact Trip Leader!



Membership:

Welcome to our newest members!

**Cyntyia Metts DeNeal
John and Linda VanLuik**

Membership dues are: **\$35 for individual, \$50 for family and \$40 single family.** Our Membership year runs from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. Membership applications received on or after April 1st will extend through June 30th of the following year. Please remember that your membership must be up-to-date before registering for any trips.

Applications can be obtained via the Club website under the Membership tab or you can [click here](#). We need the application completed and signed even if you are a returning member!

Marketing:

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures! As we continue into 2019 and our wonderful ski and adventure trips continue, please email me your best pictures. We are updating the back wall of our event tent and would like to show off the fantastic trips the Club offers.

Please email me at: Hmarer@msn.com

Cheers,
Heidi

CHECK THIS OUT!



We will post our events to our new Facebook page so make sure you follow it and share with your friends! Now if you're wondering how to conquer any of these tasks, you'll be relieved to hear we will share these actions plus a few more at an upcoming membership meeting. Stay tuned!

[Click the logo on the left for a direct link!](#) Have you checked it out yet?!?



**Treasurer's Report:
FEBRUARY 2019**

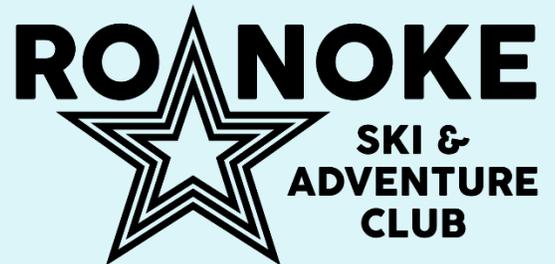
Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club
2018/2019 General Account Summary
February, 2019 Fiscal - Year to Date

<u>Income Category</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Membership	10,840.00	9,500.00	1,340.00
50/50 Raffle	631.00	850.00	(219.00)
Guest Fees	-	-	-
Holiday Party ticket sales**	4,655.00	4,500.00	155.00
Misc.	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	16,126.00	14,850.00	1,276.00
<u>Expense Category</u>			
Activities	234.96	200.00	(34.96)
Insurance	574.00	574.00	-
Marketing	545.23	1,000.00	454.77
Membership Meetings	7,488.90	5,600.00	(1,888.90)
Website	-	25.00	25.00
Email & Member software	1,829.84	1,500.00	(329.84)
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to sales) **	4,896.73	4,500.00	(396.73)
Office (stamps, name badges, folders...)	18.89	135.00	116.11
Corporate (PO Box, SCC reg)	170.00	145.00	(25.00)
Misc.	-	250.00	250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,758.55	13,929.00	(1,829.55)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	367.45	921.00	(553.55)

General Checking Account:

Beginning Balance	2/1/2019			\$ 11,006.70
<u>Income</u>				
Membership Income			\$	70.00
50/50 Raffle			\$	90.00
Lasagna Dinner Collections				360.00
Total Income				520.00
<u>Expense</u>				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>For</u>	
2/23/2019	1808	Hidden Valley CC	Membership Lasagna Dinner	2,023.58
Total Expense				2,023.58
Ending Balance	2/28/2019			\$ 9,503.12

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!



Stay tuned for next month's news and activities.

WE ARE NOT JUST A SKI CLUB!

CHECK OUT OUR YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES AT:

www.roanokeskiclub.org

And [click here](#) to follow us on Facebook!

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