



..spot the Prez!..

President's Message

The new club year is beginning to take shape. As always, many thanks in advance to the Board for their continued support. And in advance to trip leaders of all stripes from local outings to full blown European (at this point) excursions.

This is a good time for any member to offer any suggestions that all of us might enjoy. We are open to new or old ideas.

Since ours is a travel club, let us hope that the world does not get any crazier than it has lately. And, even with a bit of luck, get more peaceful.

Jeff

**Jeff Wendell,
President**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 2022

No Membership Meeting

Happy Hour

- **Monday, June 20, 5:30pm**
- Mellow Mushroom,
- 2239 Franklin Road, Roanoke
- Hosted by Emily Hurst



Activity: New River Trail Bike Ride

- Saturday, June 25th, 2022, 10:30am - 3pm
- We shall do a moderately strenuous ride, 3 to 4 hours, with a stop for lunch.
- Afterwards, we shall stop at a Brewery (TBD).
- If interested, contact Clive Hillyard, at (540)-529-4761 (text preferred) or email.
- Further details to come in an email

FUTURE EVENTS – JULY- AUGUST 2022

TRIP KICKOFF PARTY

July 19, 6:30pm
Ballroom, Elks Lodge
Watch for more info for RSVP early July

Salem Red Sox Game

August, Day TBD
Salem Memorial Park, 1004 Texas St., Salem

Stay tuned for upcoming fun Summer events!
Keep an eye on the Facebook Page for last minute events we may put together!

Please assess your own risk with regards to participating in RSAC activities.

MEMBERSHIP:

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

BRENDA and TONY FALDUTO

TERESA and ROB LANAHAN



Members, please reach out to these new members and welcome them to the club

Total Active Members as of May 2022: 397

Susan Young,
Membership Director

BIRTHDAYS

May 20th - Congratulations to Jim Martin on reaching 80!

NEWS

Happy Hour at Twisted Track, May 24th

Twisted Track offered their beautiful and expansive venue to the RSAC May happy hour. Over 60 people enjoyed the brews, food, and fellowship while discussing the recent Portugal trip. Everyone is excited about the upcoming July 19 "Trip Kick-Off Party" to learn more about the upcoming ski and adventure trips the club has to offer. Traveling was the Number 1 topic of the evening..

Emily Hurst, Host



PHOTO Credits
Emily Hurst, Clive Hillyard



Activity: Hike Chestnut Ridge Trail, May 15th

14, including several recently joined, members came out on a sunny afternoon despite the rainy weather forecast and hiked a leisurely 4 miles. Thanks to Kirk McGuire for taking the lead while I was the 'sweep'. 8 members went onto the Starr Hill Brewery for after hike drinks.

Clive Hillyard, hike leader.



Where's Dudley? LOL

PHOTO Credits
Clive Hillyard

TRIPS

SKI TRIPS

THE 2023 SKI SEASON IS ALMOST FINALIZED

I'm just as impatient as all of you, to have the full details and final prices for our four 2023 Western Ski Trips. I hope to have the last trip pricing within the week and flyers emailed and posted to the club's website by mid-June. Hang tight a couple more weeks.

It's an exciting season with two favorites, and a double trip option that combines two great northern resorts known for powder, lake views, and stunning Glacier National Park. All four resorts will have convenient ski in/ski out lodging, per your overwhelming survey requests. We aim to please.

Steamboat, Colorado:	Jan 28 - Feb 4
Copper Mountain, Colorado:	Feb 12- Feb 18 (6 nights)
Whitefish, Montana:	Feb 25 - Mar 4
Schweitzer, Idaho:	Mar 4 - Mar 11

Flyers will be published just as soon as possible and mark your calendar for our July 19th Summer Trip Kick-Off Party where you can meet our two new awesome trip leaders, Alisa Colpitts and Ted Borny.

Enjoy the beginning of summer, your feet should be dirty!

Marla Kemsey
Trip Director

ADVENTURE TRIPS

Our final 2022 Adventure trip was completed on May 6th and by all accounts our members were very pleased with the sights and adventures in Portugal and a day in Spain. High praise for the Strickland team, Bob and Karen, for outstanding team leadership over a very stressful couple of years dealing with rescheduling this trip. Please see Bob's writeup and photos included in this newsletter.

2023 TRIPS

Planning is well underway for our 2023 trips. While the pandemic is still hanging around, members tell us they want to travel. So, with that in mind, we are proceeding with diligence to provide both a memorable experience along with as flexible a cancellation policy as we are able to negotiate. Our next newsletter (July) will provide more detail on our 2023 destinations. For now, because we do not have firm contracts in place, these are our planned international destinations (These may change depending on cost and availability):

- **France-** Seine River cruise following a visit to the fabulous Mont St. Michel and the D-DAY Landing Beaches in the Normandy region and then completing the trip with 2 nights in Paris. *
- **Italy-** Hiking the Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera and biking and exploring the Tuscany region including the many sights in Florence, Lucca, and Sienna among other picturesque towns. **
- **Scotland** -Visiting the majestic Highlands and Lowlands and experiencing the majesty of Scotland including Royal Mile in historic Edenborough, cruising Loch Ness, ancient castles, and the spectacular landscape of this ancient land. *

Our destinations are decided upon primarily by the results of our member survey, but also potential trip cost as well as other factors. While we do not normally explain why a trip is not selected, I believe it necessary in the case of the Canadian Rockies trip that was cancelled and not rescheduled. The cost of the Rocky Mountaineer (\$1500 in 2020 but \$2100 in 2022) and higher air cost placed the trip cost more than \$5,000 pp.

If you are interested in more information on these trips or are ready to sign up for a trip, please mark your calendar for July 19 for the Trip Kickoff Party at the Elks Club. Trip Leaders, applications, and details on signing up will be available at the party. More information will be provided at a later date.

Note: An Asterik * denotes level of activity on trip.

* Easy does it. Moderate walking tours

** Little more active. Some hiking and/or biking as well as moderate walking tours

Bill Fleshman

Assistant Trip Leader for Adventure Trips

Portugal - Douro River Cruise and the Lisbon Area Trip Group 1- April 25 - May 5, 2022

After two years of COVID 19 and numerous rescheduling, the RSAC has finally completed two amazing trips to the incredibly beautiful Douro River Region and Lisbon Area of Portugal. Our April 26-May 6 travel group of 42 travelers showed great patience and commitment to be a part of this trip and everyone expressed that it was worth the wait. Our goal to amaze the travel group with the unbelievable charm and beauty of Portugal and Spain was met daily. The Gods smiled down on us with great weather (*sunny & warm*), beautiful natural and manmade scenery, and smells (*food & orange blossoms*) to put a smile on anyone's face.

Starting where the Douro River meets the Atlantic Ocean, we began our seven-day river cruise with a "Porto by Night" tour followed by a full day guided tour of historic sites, Port Wine Cellars (*with tastings*) and free-time to explore Porto. As the cruise made its way up the Douro and back to Porto, we had daily excursions with terrific guides who shared their vast knowledge of Portuguese /Spanish history quaint villages, churches, castles, monasteries, and of course Port Wine and Jamon (*cured ham*). When back on the ship our group experienced a relaxed atmosphere with afternoon sailing, pampering staff, fine dining (*lunch & dinner*), terrific entertainment and free-flowing wine and beverages.







As if cruising the Douro wasn't enough, we concluded our trip with three days of coach and walking tours of Coimbra, Sintra, Nazaré, and Obidos (*an incredible castle and walled village*) not far from Lisbon. Unfortunately, as it is with so many vacations there just wasn't enough time to see everything. Perhaps many of us will have an opportunity in the future to revisit and explore Lisbon and the Algarve Region.

Even with the constant threat of COVID looming over our trip and Herd of Traveling Cats, we all got to experience Portugal to the fullest (*happy, healthy, and COVID free*). I'd like to thank everyone in the herd for being so understanding when it would have been easier not to be.

Thank You Very Much (Muito Obrigado)

Bob Strickland / Trip Leader



2022 SKI TRIPS

Snowbird, Utah

January 30-February 5, 2022

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey,

COMPLETED

marlakemsey1@gmail.com

Deer Valley, Utah

February 5 - 12, 2022

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

COMPLETED

marlakemsey1@gmail.com

Double trip

January 30 – February 12, 2022

Trip Leader: Marla Kemsey

COMPLETED

marlakemsey1@gmail.com

Aspen - Snowmass, Colorado

February 26 - March 5, 2022

Trip Leader: Steve Worman

COMPLETED

sworman@gmail.com

Big Sky, Montana

March 12 - March 19, 2022

Trip Leader: Bruce Prillaman

COMPLETED

hbshp@aol.com

2022 ADVENTURE TRIPS

Lisbon and Portugal River Cruise (Group 1)

April 25-May 6, 2022

Trip Leader: Bob Strickland

COMPLETED

bobtwo02@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Member, Gordon Hamilton contributed the following story

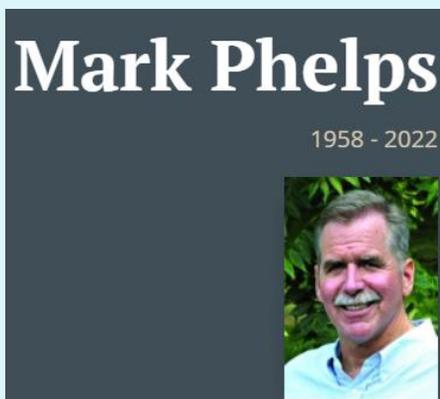
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Today's (May 15th) Roanoke Times newspaper has an obituary for Mark Phelps who suffered a disabling après ski injury on a Roanoke Ski Club ski trip many years ago.

The trip was to the newly opened Silver Creek resort at Snowshoe, which was 1984 as I recall. Mark and another Ski Club member shared a condo with my late wife and me in Silver Creek Lodge, but we left early that Sunday afternoon before Mark suffered his injury.

After his accident the Ski Club designated him as an honorary member. Mark lived in my neighborhood, and on occasions I would be in my yard when he passed by in his electric wheelchair, and we would call out to each other. I'll miss his friendly face and greeting.

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Member, friend, GE colleague, Mark Phelps passed away on Saturday, May 7th, around 9:50pm.

Visitation is planned for Friday, June 17th from 6 to 8 pm at Oakey's South Chapel in Roanoke.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Oakey's South.

Memorial gifts may be made in Mark's name to the F.R.E.E. Foundation of Roanoke, Virginia, <https://www.free-foundation.org/get-involved>

Please visit <https://memorial.oakeys.com/mark-phelps/4924771/index.php> for a tribute to Mark's life.

Link to [Obituary in Roanoke Times](#)

Embroidered RSAC logo now available!

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SKI & ADVENTURE CLUB

Show your club spirit and look great on your next trip!
For only \$5 per item, you can now get the RSAC logo embroidered (as shown above) in black or royal blue on your favorite jacket, sweater, vest, shirt, hat or tote!
(No leather, please.)

Take your items to:
Embroidery Concepts
146 W 4th Street
Salem, VA 24153
Phone 540-387-0517



Marketing:

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!

Please email fun pictures from your favorite ski and adventure trips to us!
We are updating our social media and websites to encourage new membership, and we would love to include your memories.

Email photos to:
Bill Hamill at billh1970@yahoo.com or
Clive Hillyard at RSAC.newsletter@gmail.com
Thanks!

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?!?**

Club Facebook Page

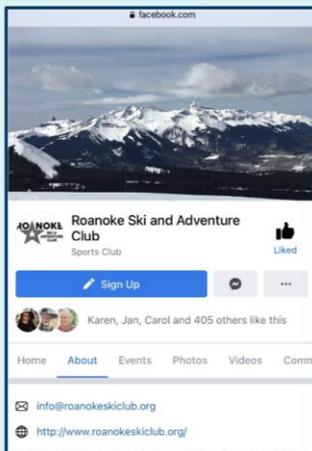
Clarification: The Club's official Facebook Page is to be the go to place for activity updates. We encourage members to post pictures here and not at the Group page.

Members, please review your connection status with Roanoke Ski and Adventure Club Facebook Page.

Go to the Roanoke Ski and Adventure Club Facebook Page and hit "like" and also hit "follow" and that will get you connected to our Official FB Page.

*If it says "join" it is not the Page, it is the Group.

Facebook Page - Use



Facebook Group – Don't Use





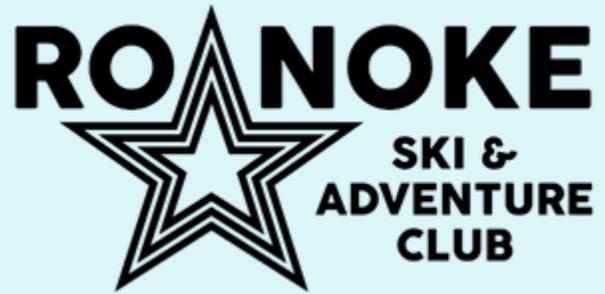
Treasurer's Report: April 2022

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club			
General Account Budget & Summary			
Through Mar 2022			
FY May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022			
	As of 4/30/22		
	FY 2021/22 YTD	2021/22	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<u>Income Category</u>			
Membership (incl. \$2 online fee)	11,396.00	11,000.00	396.00
50/50 Raffle	980.00	750.00	230.00
Guest Fees, Memb Mtg Supplemental Charges	1,088.00	1,000.00	88.00
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to expenses)	3,690.00	3,555.00	135.00
IKON Pass (referral commission)	600.00	600.00	-
Misc.	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	17,754.00	16,905.00	849.00
<u>Expense Category</u>			
Activities	1,600.00	1,800.00	200.00
Insurance	644.00	644.00	-
Marketing	37.29	500.00	462.71
Membership Meetings (incl May 2021)	10,650.18	10,500.00	(150.18)
Domain Name & Email Hosting	48.00	300.00	252.00
Membership & Email software	2,113.56	2,052.00	(61.56)
Credit Card Fees - Membership Pmts	223.18	200.00	(23.18)
Holiday Party (budgeted equal to sales)	3,525.89	3,555.00	29.11
Office (stamps, name badges, folders...)	160.80	150.00	(10.80)
Corporate (PO Box, SCC reg)	213.00	175.00	(38.00)
Misc.	7.50	100.00	92.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,223.40	19,976.00	752.60
<u>NET INCOME (LOSS)</u>	<u>(1,469.40)</u>	<u>(3,071.00)</u>	<u>1,601.60</u>

Roanoke Ski & Adventure Club			
Treasurer's Report			
April 30, 2022			
<u>General Checking Account:</u>			
Beginning Balance	4/1/2022		\$ 15,325.77
<u>Income</u>			
	Total Income	\$	-
<u>Expense</u>			
	Total Expense	\$	-
Ending Balance	4/30/2022		\$ 15,325.77

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

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Contact us at info@roanokeskiclub.org

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Marketing Director
Webmaster
Newsletter
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Linda Harrison
Dave Cohan
Cathy Kern
Marla Kemsey
Bill Fleshman
Jill Betters
Susan Young
open
Bill Hamill
Clive Hillyard
Don Hanley

ITEMS FOR SALE?

To place a "For Sale" notice in the newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Editor.