



Richmond Ski Club

The Pacesetter

May 2018

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Time to Renew Your Membership!!

Your 2017-2018 Membership ends on April 30th. Don't forget to renew for the 2018-2019 Club Year which begins on May 1. You can renew online at our website or send in a Membership renewal form (page 11) and payment. (see page 7 for details)

Member Appreciation Picnic

Our 6th Annual Member Appreciation Picnic at American Legion Post #354 was a rousing success!! We had a beautiful day and over 180 members & guests attended. Everyone enjoyed a delicious fried chicken lunch with all the trimmings! A big "Thank you!" goes to Mike Larson for organizing this years event and to the many volunteers who helped with set up, check-in, buying, serving and clean up - couldn't have done it without you!!! For photos see Page 6.



New Board Takes Office May 1

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Richmond Ski Club, Inc.
P. O. Box 8912 · Richmond, VA 23225



Our Club is a nonprofit organization made up of a diverse group of families and individuals of all ages who share a love of snow sports. We have two simple goals: make **skiing** and **snowboarding** easier, more fun and more affordable; bring people together who enjoy these winter sports.

Regular Membership Meetings are held October through March (the April meeting is a designated social meeting,) on the first Wednesday of the month at the Jefferson Lakeside County Club. 1700 Lakeside Ave, Richmond, VA 23228 Doors open at 7 pm.

www.RichmondSkiClub.org

Our website offers all the information in our newsletter, *plus*:

- **RENEW** Memberships online
- Email links to all **Trip** and **Activity** leaders
- **Memories** of trips and activities, including articles with pictures
- **Newsletter** archive
- More to come

The Pacesetter is available online the last few days of each month.

The Pacesetter

Our monthly newsletter is your guide to great trips, fun and activities with people who share your love of snow sports and the outdoors.
Copy deadline is the 10th of the month.
Email news and items of interest to: News@RichmondSkiClub.org

ADVERTISING IN *The Pacesetter* PAYS! Especially when you target a select group of potential customers. With a distribution of almost 400 copies each month to active members, your message will be reaching the most comprehensive group of skiers and snowboarders in the Greater Richmond area! **The demographics** of the reading audience are just what you want to reach—people with above average incomes, leading a healthy, active lifestyle.

Ad Rates:

Inside pages: 1/8 page	\$15	15% discount for advertising in multiple issues
1/4 page	\$25	
1/2 page	\$40	

Anyone can advertise Non-member ads must be club-related.
All advertisements are subject to approval by the Board.
Copy deadline is the 10th of the month.
Email ads to: Sales@RichmondSkiClub.org

Board of Directors

Board@RichmondSkiClub.org

OFFICERS

President	Brenda Bird	<i>President@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
President-Elect	Robyn Larson	<i>PresidentElect@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
VP Activities	Joyce Parkey	<i>VPActivities@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
VP Operations	Valerie Chafee	<i>VPOperations@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
VP Trips	Karen Noakes	<i>VPTrips@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Treasurer	Juanita Weber	<i>Treasurer@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Secretary	Nancy Tickle	<i>Secretary@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Advisor	Mike Larson	<i>Advisor@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>

DIRECTORS

Meetings	Andrea Shimko	<i>Meetings@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Membership	Steve Switzer	<i>Membership@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
News	Stacy Sprowl	<i>News@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Marketing/Sales	Heidi Chadwick	<i>Sales@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Social	Cynthia Stebbins	<i>Social@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Activities	Marianne Opilla	<i>Activities@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Fund Raising	Sue Mullins Ramsey	<i>Fundraising@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Info Systems	Ed Quigley	<i>Webmaster@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>
Race Director	Jimmy Cochrane	<i>Racing@RichmondSkiClub.org</i>



POLICIES

Adopted by the Board of Directors on 5/18/16

Discrimination Policy

Richmond Ski Club (“RSC”) is a 501(c)(7) non-profit organization. It is the policy and commitment of RSC that it does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, or otherwise as may be prohibited by federal and state law. Richmond Ski Club is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members, guests, volunteers and vendors.

Harassment Policy

Harassment is generally defined as a course of conduct which annoys, threatens, intimidates, alarms, or puts a person in fear of their safety. Harassment is unwanted, unwelcomed and uninvited behavior that demeans, threatens or offends the victim and results in a hostile environment for the victim. Harassing behavior and communication may include, but are not limited to telephone calls, emails, and other forms of communication, epithets, derogatory comments or slurs, lewd propositions, assault, impeding or blocking movement, offensive touching or any physical interference with normal work or movement, and visual insults, such as derogatory posters or cartoons. Harassment or intimidation of a member, guest, volunteer or vendor of RSC is specifically prohibited and may be grounds for revocation of membership.

President's Message



As another great ski season comes to an end, I am reflecting on my past years as a Richmond Ski Club member. I joined the club many years ago as a non-skier, attending the warm weather trip in April. On my fiftieth birthday, I felt it was time that I learned to ski. After all, I was a member of a ski club! That year, although there was very low snowfall, I did manage to get in a few ski lessons. At Massanutten, as I panicked on the beginner slope, a friend made me stop at the bottom, look up and revel at what I had just accomplished. It may seem silly to most veteran skiers, but as a very new skier, it was just the encouragement I needed to continue my journey.

On my first trip out west to Snowbird/Alta Utah, I would rate myself as a “barely being able to make it down the slopes” skier. I owe a huge thanks to my RSC coaches

Rich Naus and Paige Kurtz who took the time to help me “conquer” getting off the chairlift. Boy, did that take patience! Then we were off to the slopes! I remember them both skiing ahead of me, and in pinball fashion, alternately yelling “turn” so that I could practice the rhythm of making the S-turns. To this day, while skiing, I hear them saying “turn” in my head and it helps me to relax and make those turns. To me, this is what RSC is all about; sharing your knowledge and love of this beloved sport so that others may learn to experience that same love.

My journey to become a skier has included many lessons from some wonderful ski instructors as well as lots of assistance from many generous fellow RSC members that helped me on my journey. Although you are too many to list, I want you each to know just how important you are and how very grateful I am that you were and are willing to share in my journey. Today, I can proudly say that I am a skier, not a very good one, but a skier none the less.

If you are a newer member or skier, please know that we all started in the same place, and we welcome you to the family. Veteran skiers and members, you all have your stories to tell. I encourage you to reflect, share your stories and continue to help make our club the best it can be.

There are not enough words to express how grateful I am for being a part of the RSC Family. I look forward to serving as your President for the 2018/2019 year and working with the new board, seasoned and new members alike, for another great year!

I hope to see you soon at a RSC event!

Brenda Bird
President

**Announcing the
2018 - 2019 NEWLY ELECTED
OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

Officers & Directors were elected at RSC's Annual Membership Meeting in March.

Nominating Committee – Brenda Bird, Mike Larson, Marcus Hanlon, Tom Foard, and Sonny Clarke

RSC 2018-2019 Board Members are:

OFFICERS:

President	*Brenda Bird
President-Elect	Robyn Larson
VP of Activities	Joyce Parkey
VP of Operations	Valerie Chafee
VP of Trips	Karen Noakes
Treasurer	Juanita Weber
Secretary/Archivist	Nancy Tickle

DIRECTORS:

Meetings Director	Andrea Shimko
Social Director	Cynthia Stebbins
Activities Director	Marianne Opilla
Fund Raising	Sue Mullins Ramsey
News Director	Stacy Sprowl
Sales & Marketing Director	Heidi Chadwick
Membership Director	Steve Switzer
Webmaster (Info Systems)	Ed Quigley
Race Director	Jimmy Cochrane

Advisor:

Past President 2017-2018	*Mike Larson (Non-Voting)
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*Denotes previously elected

Congratulations to all of the 2018-2019 Board!!

Social/Activities Calendar

Date & Time	Activity	Location	Contact	Price & Information
May 16 5-8pm	Happy Hour New Location!!	Casa Del Barco's Outdoor Patio Second level near Macy's Short Pump Towne Center 804 729-5088	Cynthia Stebbins littlear1@yahoo.com	\$1 off draft beer \$3 off wine \$3.50 highballs 1/2 off tacos & empanadas
August 4	Wintergreen Summer Party	Wintergreen (Summer Condo Crawl)	Mike Larson mikelarson1@gmail.com	Detail TBA



Welcome New Members



Tim Chisenhall Aspen Horsley
 David Horsley Geoff Petrick
 Christina Horsley Suzanne Sherif
 Brooke Horsley Deborah Williamson



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| 3 | Marty Casey | 12 | Rick Mattox | 21 | Gregg Gammon |
| 3 | Bill Eldridge | 13 | Ronald Jones | 22 | Martie Wiedeman |
| 4 | John Childress | 13 | Wendy Stone | 23 | Marianne Opilla |
| 4 | Andrea Shimko | 14 | Anne Clendenin | 24 | Deborah Williamson |
| 4 | Shannon Williamson | 14 | Matthew White | 25 | James McGuffin |
| 5 | Robert Hill | 16 | Colin Steele | 25 | Tina Neal |
| 7 | Judy Burlbaugh | 18 | Floyd Backley | 27 | Susan Ptak |
| 8 | Carl Hultgren | 18 | Colleen Moring | 28 | Johanna Huijssoon |
| 9 | Deborah Meacham | 18 | Dan Walker | 29 | Janice Law |
| 9 | Randy Noakes | 19 | Susann Hallahan | 30 | Dean Williams |
| 9 | Sue Mullins Ramsey | 20 | Jack Eden | 31 | Robert Self |
| 10 | Kristoffer von Ow | 20 | Chuck Smith | | |



MEMBER APPRECIATION PICNIC



Time to Renew Your Membership

Your RSC membership year ends on 4/30/2018. We've made it easy for you to renew online at the RSC Website. If you still prefer snail mail, please send the current application form along with your payment.

I'm happy to report Membership Fees are the same as last year! Yay!

Dependent children 25 and under, who reside at the same address, may be included on family memberships. Children older than 25 are required to have their own membership.

Significant others may also be included on family memberships provided they reside at the same address.

Questions may be directed to Steve Switzer, Membership Director.

Volunteers Wanted



ENCOMPASSE TOURS

From takeoff to landing, we've got you covered.

44050 Ashburn Shopping Plaza
Suite 195, PMB 608
Ashburn, VA 20147

www.EncompasseTours.com

The RSC Board is looking for members who want to become more involved in the club!

We are looking for members who want to:

- ◆ Help out at Monthly Meetings
Contact: Meetings@richmondskiclub.org
- ◆ Lead an activity
Contact: Activities@richmondskiclub.org
- ◆ Help out with a trip next year
Contact: VPTrips@richmondskiclub.org
- ◆ Become part of the board
Contact President-Elect@richmondskiclub.org



2019 Tentative Trip Calendar

Week Long Trips

Dates	Leader	Co-Leader	2019 RSC Trips
Jan 5 -Jan 12	Sonny Clarke (804) 350-1566 SClarke@aol.com	Joyce Parkey (804) 304-3479 jocasta68@gmail.com	Steamboat, CO Music Festival
Jan 12- Jan 19	Marshall Walsh (804) 301-3520 Marshall.Walsh@verizon.net	Brenda Bird (804) 437-3609 Brenann0812@gmail.com	Big Sky, MT
Jan 25 - Feb 3	Steve Switzer (804) 387-7484 sgswitzer02@msn.com	Charlie Wintzer (804) 543-2882 cdwinz@verizon.net	Club Med Meribel SOLD OUT WITH WAITING LIST
Feb 9 - Feb 16	Mike Larson (804) 839-1361 mikelarson1@gmail.com	Donna Henshaw (804) 731-2233 Dhenshaw9@yahoo.com	Panorama, BC
Feb 16 - Feb 23	Karen Noakes (804) 337-5934 KarenNoakes2@verizon.net	Anne Clendenin (804) 276-8872 aclend917@comcast.net	Telluride, CO
Feb 23 - Mar 2	Valerie Chafee (804) 241-3966 Valeriec456@gmail.com	Bruce Gibson (804) 763-1137 snowwizard1231@verizon.net	Park City, UT
Mar 2 - Mar 9	Karen Cameron (804) 932-5055 karenleecameron@gmail.com	Ed Quigley (804) 307-1878 edquigleyjr@gmail.com	Crested Butte, CO
TBD	Ken Oriole (804) 796-5480 koriole1@yahoo.com	TBD	BRSC Sunday River
Late April	Jim Willis (804) 350-9194 jimwillis3rd@yahoo.com	Cami Raimo (804) 221-0487 craimo111@gmail.com	Warm Weather TBD

Weekend Trips

Dates	Leader	Co-Leader	2019 RSC Trips
Feb 1 - Feb 4	TBD	Eddy Long (804) 317-5775 longae@vcu.edu	Super Bowl in Snowshoe
Feb 22 - Feb 24	Robyn Larson (804) 337-7277 robyn.larson@gmail.com	Stacy Sprowl (804) 513-3712 smsporwl@comcast.net	Canaan Valley, WV
TBD	Lynn McGuffin (804) 543-9159 LynnZuna.McGuffin@Pfizer.com	TBD	Ballhooter Weekend

If you ever wanted to ski Europe, this luxury resort and ski area is the experts' first choice!

**TRIP FULL
ACCEPTING WAIT LIST**

Club Med in Méribel L'Antarès, France at Les 3 Vallées Ski Area Jan.26-Feb.3, 2019

Les 3 Vallées is the world's largest ski domain which includes ski resort areas of Méribel, Van Thorens and Courchevel. There are 373 miles of slopes and 180 ski lifts for skiers and snowboarders of all levels: 68 green slopes, 104 blue slopes, 110 red slopes, & 35 black slopes

This Amazing "All Inclusive" \$3195 Trip Package includes:

- Roundtrip Air & all ground transportation (must use group air)
- Seven day luxury lodging at club room level for 24 participants
- All meals, international gourmet dining: breakfast, lunch, dinner
- Unlimited free alcoholic drinks and refreshments at bar & restaurant
- 6 day lift ticket, 5 days with RSC group lessons or guides from beginner to advanced levels, groups have priority access to lift lines



Don't delay: minimum of 20 participants needed before 10/25/18 or trip will be cancelled!

Additional Club Med Features: (Non-skiers: deduct \$182)

Ski in/ski out access to the slopes* cross country skiing* snowshoeing available
Outdoor/indoor heated pool* Optional charge: sauna, massages, facials at Club Spa
Price includes Carre Neige mountain rescue insurance & basic travel insurance
Excursions to historical towns available for an additional charge through Club Med.

For more information Contact: Steve Switzer- 804-387-7484-sgswitzer02@msn.com
Charlie Wintzer- 804-543-2882-cdwinz@verizon.net

Reserve space; send trip app & \$500 deposit: Steve Switzer 8304 Gwinnett Rd Henrico, VA 23229

Payment Schedule: \$300/April, \$300/May; \$300/June 1; \$300/July 1; \$300/Aug.1; \$300/Sept.1;
\$300/Oct.1; \$300/Nov.1; \$295/Dec. 1 **Final Balance due**

Make checks out to: RSC Club Med Meribel 2019 **Current valid US Passport is required!**

If you are one of the lucky skiers who will take multiple ski trips next year, then you need to research the Epic and Ikon passes available to you. You just might save yourself some big buck\$!! The article & phone number below is from ski.com and is a great place to start! Also, here are a couple of sites you can cut & paste for info.

<https://www.ski.com/epic-vs-ikon>

<http://unofficialnetworks.com/2018/03/19/this-one-graphic-will-help-you-decide-which-pass-to-buy-next-season/>



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PURCHASE PASS NOW PLAN TRIPS LATER

SPEAK TO A MOUNTAIN TRAVEL EXPERT:

[800-299-0656](tel:800-299-0656)

With the recent addition of many new resorts to the Epic Pass and the all-new Ikon Pass, skiers and riders have more options and opportunities to save than ever before. [Ski.com](#) is here to help you determine [which pass is right for you](#), aid in the purchase process and to work with you to plan out your winter travel—whenever you're ready.

About the Epic Pass

The Epic Pass offers skiers and riders access to 64 resorts around the globe for \$899. New this year, Epic Pass holders receive 7 days at each of the following resorts: Telluride, Crested Butte, Fernie, Kicking Horse and many more, as well as 5 days at Hakuba, Japan.

See full list of resorts accessible on the [Epic Pass](#) →

About the Ikon Pass

For \$899, the new Ikon Pass grants skiers and riders access to 63,000 acres across 23 resorts in North America. Unlimited resorts include Steamboat, Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows, Mammoth, Winter Park, Copper Mountain, Stratton and Mt. Tremblant. Ikon Pass holders enjoy 7 days at Aspen Snowmass, Jackson Hole, Big Sky Resort, Killington, Deer Valley, AltaSnowbird, Revelstoke, Banff's SkiBig3 and many more.

See full list of resorts accessible on the [Ikon Pass](#) →

Purchase your pass now to get the best price, plan and book your trips later with the help of [Ski.com](#).

JOIN/RENEW ONLINE AT WWW.RICHMONDSKI CLUB.ORG

You can join online and mail in a check!

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[PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!!!!]



Membership Application

Please Mail and Make Checks Payable to:

RSC Membership 8304 Gwinnett Road Henrico, VA 23229 Phone: (804) 387-7484 membership@RichmondSkiClub.org

Membership Term 5/1/18 - 4/30/19

[] New Application [] Renewal

Name: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____ Male Female
First Last

Address: _____
Number Street City State Zip

Phone #: () _____ Phone #: () _____
Home 2nd Phone # Work Cell

E-Mail: _____
E-mail address will be used for sending our monthly newsletter, The Pacesetter, and notifying members of upcoming events.

Occupation (or Employer): _____
For listing in our annual Membership Directory.....

Snow Sports Interest: [] Skier [] Snowboarder [] Non-Skier [] Downhill [] Cross Country [] Racing

Other Interests: [] Golf [] Tennis [] Hiking [] Biking [] Camping [] Scuba Diving [] Other _____

Type of Membership Desired: Junior (Age 18-25): [] \$25 Individual (40+): [] \$40
Young Adult Individual (Age 26-39): [] \$30 Family (40+): [] \$60
Young Adult Family (Age 26-39): [] \$50

Complete this section for Family Membership (Must have same residence, can include dependent children 25 and under):

Name (2): _____ Birth date: _____ Relationship to Applicant _____
(Second Adult Family Member) (i.e. spouse/sibling/roommate/other)

Email address: _____

Child: _____ Birth date: _____ Child: _____ Birth Date: _____

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(Continue on next page if necessary)

New Members: How did you hear of us? _____

I'm interested in volunteering for RSC Committees: Activities/Social Fundraising Marketing Membership Special Events

(Optional) Order club name tag (s): \$6 per tag - Name if different from above _____
(Pick up at monthly meeting)

(Optional) Newsletter by mail: \$25 newsletter by mail per membership year (Emailed at No Charge)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (Include cost of membership & Optional Items)

In consideration of the benefits of membership in RSC, I do hereby absolve, release and waive any and all liability claims or demands against RSC, its Board and Officers, and each and every member thereof, which may arise out of, or be related to any injury, damage or pecuniary loss to me or any member of my family by reason of such club membership and participation in club sponsored activities. Any disputes arising from this contract will be settled under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Disputes will be adjudicated using the courts of the City of Richmond, Virginia. Payments, Contributions or gifts to The Richmond Ski Club are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.

I/We have read and agree to abide by the By-Laws and policies of the Richmond Ski Club.

Signature (1): _____ Date: _____

Signature (2): _____ Date: _____

Application invalid unless signed

Directory Info: RSC publishes a Membership Directory each year (distributed to members and directory advertisers only). Please check if you DO NOT want your information published in this directory: Do Not [] List My Information



Richmond Ski Club Trip Application

Liability Disclaimer: In consideration of the benefits of membership in RSC, I do hereby absolve, release and waive any and all liability claims or demands against RSC, its Board and Officers, and each and every member thereof, which may arise out of, or be related to any injury, damage or pecuniary loss to me or any member of my family by reason of such club membership and participation in club-sponsored activities.

Membership Qualification: Per Article III of the By-Laws of Richmond Ski Club, Inc., all trip participants must be a member in good standing of the RSC in order to participate on an RSC trip. I/We understand that if my/our RSC membership is/are not current and paid in full at the time the Trip Application is submitted, that said Trip Application and Deposit will be held until membership verification is confirmed by the Membership Director and that my/our space on trip is not guaranteed until confirmed.

Cancellation Policy: The fees listed below will be charged for all cancellations except when the date or destination changed after a member signed up for the trip, when the price exceeds the estimated published price range in effect at the date of sign-up by 5% or more, if membership is revoked for just cause (Article III Section 6 of By-Laws), or by permission of the VP of Trips in the event of a cancellation out of the control of the individual for injury, death or serious illness in the family, or job related. Refunds (less administrative fees) will be made only if a replacement person is found. A cancellation can only be replaced if an activity is full, and cancellees will be replaced in order of their cancellation. If no replacement is found, any unrecoverable expenses paid by RSC will be deducted from the refund.

Disputes: Any disputes arising from this contract will be settled under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Disputes will be adjudicated using the courts of the City of Richmond, Virginia

Charitable Disclaimer: Payments, Contributions or gifts to The Richmond Ski Club are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes.

Cancellation Fees: Weekend Trip-\$25 Week Trip-\$50

The Purchase of Trip Insurance is highly recommended for weeklong trips.

Trip Destination: _____ Trip Date: _____

Important Note: Print Names as they appear on your Driver's License, Passport or other form of acceptable ID when flying.

Participant's Name(s): _____ Date of Birth: _____
(Include Nickname in _____ Date of Birth: _____
Parentheses) _____ Date of Birth: _____
_____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State, Zip _____

Phone Numbers: (1st Participant) Home _____ Cell _____
(2nd Participant) Home _____ Cell _____
(3rd Participant) Home _____ Cell _____
(4th Participant) Home _____ Cell _____

Primary Email Contact: _____@_____ Prefer to be contacted by: Email__HomePh__Cell__

Emergency Contact: _____ EC Contact Phone #: _____

I/we would like to room with: _____ (Non-smoking/Smoking) _____

Enclosed is my check/cash in the amount of \$ _____ as trip deposit for _____ spaces.

The cost of this trip is \$ _____ per person; Non-skier/other adjustments are \$ _____

Week Deposit =\$250; weekend=\$75; per participant. Make check payable to RSC-name of the trip. Mail to respective Trip Leader. I/we have read the liability disclaimer, cancellation policy, RSC By-Laws and policies and agree to be bound by them.

Participant's Signature (s):

Date: _____ (1st Participant)
Date: _____ (2nd Participant) Minor (Y/N)
Date: _____ (3rd Participant) Minor (Y/N)
Date: _____ (4th Participant) Minor (Y/N)

Parent/Guardian must sign for any minor children