

CRESCENT

SKI COUNCIL

— Since 1969 —

CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL RACING

Crescent Ski Council (“CSC”) was formed on February 10, 1969. The original Clubs were the **Greensboro, Charlotte, Raleigh and Durham-Chapel Hill clubs**. The purpose of CSC was to promote skiing and fellowship and plan trips to resort areas.

The Best Club Racing you'll find anywhere!

The Crescent Ski Council operates one of the finest amateur ski and snowboard racing programs in the nation. Authorized Clubs of the Crescent Ski Council come from Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia. Any member of an Authorized Club can race for that club's racing team. Typically, 18 to 22 of Crescent's Authorized Clubs field a racing team. Races are held on six weekends at North Carolina and West Virginia slopes: Slalom races on Saturdays, Giant Slalom races on Sundays, two runs each day. Additional options are available (most must be booked in advance) for the annual three-day weekend at Silver Creek, WV.

Crescent racing offers more than high-quality ski competition. The camaraderie and friendships that develop are a key benefit that grows out of participation in racing. At many events, Crescent racing is a family affair, where two or three generations compete. Crescent racing is highly social, and the racers are a friendly group. Of the reasons current racers list for participation, camaraderie is always among the first. Second, of course, is a love of competition. Crescent racing provides an opportunity to meet, ski, and compete with a group of extraordinary individuals from all walks of life.



Crescent Racing also sponsors two local training days in the regular season and a week-long race camp the first week of December in Steamboat, Colorado . Qualifying (establishment of a racing handicap and eligibility for the regular racing series) is available at each race day, training day and camp.



In 2004, Crescent Racing became an official NASTAR (NAtional STandard Race) racing venue. Crescent results (at all races except Sugar) count toward NASTAR national rankings and invitations to regional and national NASTAR races.

Crescent uses age, category of race and mode of transport to determine qualifying handicaps for entry into the regular Crescent Series races. Gender is not a factor. See table, below. A racer who becomes qualified and races in at least one regular Crescent Series race every two seasons, remains qualified, regardless whether their handicap exceeds the thresholds listed in the table. In practice, males and females of all ages compete in the flights with racers of similar ability as determined by their handicap (and the kids frequently show up the adults!). Racers aged 4 to 75 have raced in Crescent Series races. One family, the McCalls of the Spartanburg Ski Club, has active racers in three generations!

Crescent Racing Series Qualifying (entry) Handicaps

Another rule requires racing in at least two races per season to be eligible for the season-ending Crescent Cup races. Except for that and the “once every two years rule”, there is no minimum number of required races. Some racers race only on Saturdays, some only on Sundays, some race once or twice per season; others race both days and every race. Regardless of the frequency of your participation, when you do race, you will compete in a flight with racers of similar ability as determined solely by your Crescent racing handicap. Flights 1-10 and the qualifying Flight 21, race on a separate, typically more challenging, course. Flights 11-20 and the qualifying Flight 22 typically race on a course that is similar to a NASTAR course. Crescent’s handicap scoring system, based solely on performance in the regular races, determines placement in the flights.

A potential racer must complete and submit the Crescent Waiver to his/her racing team director, who then submits it to the Crescent Racing Registrar, before the racer can participate in a Development Race or regular Crescent Series Race. Crescent also requires all aspiring qualifiers and all regular racers to wear helmets and goggles at the start of any racing run.

Racers receive lift ticket and lodging discounts, and discounts at special equipment sales at local ski shops in October or November through your club's race team. This makes racing with Crescent a fun and affordable family outing.

At the end of each race day, the top three racers in each flight receive prizes at the awards ceremony. In addition, there are door-prize style drawings for fabulous free ski trips and equipment donated by our sponsors. Also at the Awards, the Crescent Scorekeeper prints the complete record of the days’ racing results and provides a copy to each racing team director.

Trophies and, or, prizes awarded at the season-ending Crescent Cup races in March include:



- Regular season, first, second, third place Teams in Eastern Division and Western Division
- Regular season including Crescent Cup, Most Improved Racer
- Regular season including Crescent Cup, Highest Point Total, Female Racer and Highest Point Total, Male Racer. These prizes include a free trip to the Crescent Steamboat Race / Ski / Ride Camp.
- Crescent Cup, first, second and third place Team
- Crescent Cup, first, second and third place Racer in each flight
- Crescent Cup, Fastest Male Racer and Fastest Female Racer



CRESCENT RACING HISTORY

1969 TO 2009 (Taken from Charlotte Ski Bees Newsletters)

- February 13-15, 1970, a CSC weekend was held at the Holiday Inn in Boone, NC. Each Club had 14 rooms. Ski Races were held at Sugar Mt. and a dance scheduled for Saturday night.
- February 14-15, 1970, a CSC Mid-Winter Weekend was held at Appalachian Mt. for a cost of \$8 which included a dance, lift tickets for Saturday and Sunday, and races. Lodging cost was extra. A Valentine Party was held as part of this weekend on February 14, 1970. It was called "Crescent Ski Ball."
- Races were held at Gatlinburg. The Smoky Mountain Ski Club took "most of the honors".
- A CSC BOD meeting was held April 25, 1970 in Gatlinburg. Asheville, Durham-Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Raleigh, Winston-Salem and Charlotte clubs were present. Dave Hogg was CSC Chairman for 2 years. Ralph Tate was Secretary. A Ski-Jamboree was held on 2/20-22/70 at Sugar Mt. and included inter-club ski races. President for the coming year was elected. Bob Wearn of Winston-Salem was elected.
- CSC Inter-Club races were held at Sugar Mt. in 2/71 with 10 Clubs participating: Asheville, Columbia, Charlotte, Durham-Chapel Hill, Hickory, Greensboro, Greenville, Richmond, Raleigh and Winston-Salem. Winston-Salem took 1st place, Charlotte Ski Bees 2nd and Richmond 3rd.
- Ski-Jamboree Races were held on 2/21/71 at Sugar Mt. with 7 Clubs participating. The Ski Bees Challenge Cup was won by Spartanburg, 2nd place was Richmond. Also racing were Linville, Winston-Salem, Raleigh-Durham combined team and Charlotte Ski Bees.
- CSC SkiLiner was included in the 2/73 newsletter: 12/9/72 meeting of CSC was held in Winston-Salem. Alamance Ski Club, Burlington, NC, and Central Virginia Ski Club from Lynchburg were accepted as provincial members. Jim Cogdell was CSC Chairman. Winston-Salem was the winner of the CSC Challenge Cup last year.
- In 1973 the Charlotte Challenge Cup was won at Sugar Mt. by Charlotte Ski Bees. The Challenge Cup was started several years prior by Jim Cogdell challenging all CSC Clubs to race at NASTAR course during a CSC weekend at Sugar.
- March 1974 Crescent Cup was new.
- CSC race results: 1st Charlotte, 2nd Asheville, and 3rd Columbia.
- 7/74 SkiLiner listed Ernie Spangler of Nat Greene Ski Club as Chairman for a 2nd term and Ralph Tate as Trip Director.
- Race team results for 1976 show Charlotte Ski Bees as winner.



- Crescent weekend was scheduled for January 21, 1978. Crescent trophy is the prize for winner of racing.
- Southern Star Classic weekend was held 2/11-12, 1978. \$10,000 cash was the prize for the winning Club's team.
- 1978: Ski Bee Race Team won 2nd place in the Southern Star Classic. The prize was \$5,000.
- 2nd Annual Southern Star Classic was scheduled for 2/9-11/79. Prize was \$10,000 and the race was held at Beech Mountain.
- CSC Winter Club Weekend was scheduled for 2/25/79 with inter-club races.
- Southern Star results for 1979 show Charlotte Ski Bees in 6th place. Winston-Salem won \$10,000 first prize in the Southern Star in 1979.
- 7/79 newsletter has an article on Todd Little, 17-year old racer.
- The 1st Grand Marnier Ski Club Challenge was scheduled for 1/26-27/80 at Beech Mountain. Information is in the 11/79 Ski Bees newsletter.
- Southern Star Classic was scheduled for 2/9-10/80.
- Charlotte Ski Bees won the 1980 Southern Star Classic for a prize of \$10,000. Article is included in the 3/80 newsletter. Date was 1/26-17 at Beech Mt.
- CSC Finals for 1980 were held 2/4/80.
- 1980-81 Racing: 3-day "Snow Race" clinic to be held in Snowshoe 12/19-21/80. CSC Series races scheduled for 1/24-26/81 at Snowshoe.
- Grand Marnier and CSC Weekend were scheduled for 1/23-25/81; CSC Ski Fest at Snowshoe 1/23-26/81 for cost of \$160/person. Race schedule for 1980-81 is included in the 10/80 and 11/80 Ski Bees newsletters. Ken Lumsden, Winston-Salem, organized the first Ski Fest. This was the first 3-day weekend allowed at Snowshoe.
- Grand Marnier Weekend was held 1/22-24/82. Charlotte Ski Bees took first place.
- CSC Ski Fest was held 2/26-3/1/82 and Southern Star Classic was held 2/8/82.
- 1983 Racing: Grand Marnier was held 1/22-23/83 at Snowshoe and CSC Finals 2/12-13/83 at Beech Mt.
- 12/82 Ski Bees newsletter includes CSC race rules for 1982-83.
- Snowshoe SkiFest 2/24-27/83. April Briggs Curtis (Raleigh) led the trip.
- Snowshoe SkiFest is reported as held 2/24-2/27/84. We believe that SkiFest was offered for only three years: 1981, 1982 and 1983.



- 9/84 Ski Bees newsletter contains flyer on CSC First Annual Race Clinic to be held at Keystone, 12-2-8/84. Cost was \$785 and it was run by Accent on Travel, travel agent in Charlotte and Trip Leader was Dave Eudy of Charlotte Ski Bees.
- CSC Racing Trips, 1984-85:
 - Canaan Valley, 12-29-1/1/84
 - Winterscene '85 at Wintergreen, 1/11-14/85
 - CSC Race Finals were held 2/23-24/85
- 8/85 Ski Bees newsletter has article on 2nd Annual Keystone Race Camp scheduled for 12/8-13/85. Dave Eudy was Race Director
- Racing 1986: CSC finals held at Beech Mt. 2/22-23/86. CSC Duals Championship held 2/28-3/2/86; Peppi Cup, series for juniors offering a college scholarship for the winner, was cancelled for 2/86; Spring Fling at Wintergreen – cost \$128.
- March 1986 newsletter for Ski Bees contains January 1986 SkiLiner. Report on New Snowshoe given by David Tanner, Marketing Director for Whistlepunk Village. Reported that in 1986 Snowshoe was in and out of Chapter 11. Lift tickets at Snowshoe reduced to \$25 for weekends and \$21 for mid-week. CSC Trip Program report for 1985/86 was given – Tom Broughton was Trip Chairman. Reported Keystone Race Camp held 12/8-14/85 was a success and will be offered next year.
- Tom Broughton ended his term as CSC Trip Director. In fall EXCOMM meeting, Denver Board appointed Jane Brissette Trip Director to succeed Tom. A Trip Committee of 6 people was formed: Dave Taylor from WSSOC, Chris Fiege of Knoxville, Linda Doyle from Nashville, John Casey from Palmetto and Sandra Griffin from RSOC and Jane Brissette from Columbia.
- Winterscene at Wintergreen was held 1/9-11/87 for a cost of \$122/person
- Spring Fling at Wintergreen was held 2/27-3/1/87.
- Racing – 2/14-15/87 – Subaru “Alpine Ski Club Championship” at Wintergreen. Prizes were \$20,000 in ski equipment including 50 pairs of skis and a 1987 Subaru.
- CSC Winter Meeting was held 12/20/86 at Appalachian following Division 1 race results.
- CSC Finals were held at Wintergreen 2/21-22/87.
- Spring Fling at Wintergreen scheduled for 2/27-3/1/87. On 2/28 an interclub Allstar race scheduled.
- Chrysler Series Finals held at Wintergreen 3/1/87.
- 1987-88 Race Schedule was published in 12/87 Ski Bee newsletter.



- An article “In Memoriam” was published in the July 1989 Ski Bee Newsletter regarding Tom Broughton who died 5/14/89.
- Crescent Ski Week held 1/13-20/90 – LTA was the TO. Lodging was at Timber Run and the Lodge. NASTAR races held for everyone.
- Crescent Cup Races held 3/3-4/90. Plymouth All American Series Races held 3/10/90 and location was moved to Silver Creek.
- Racing schedule: Club Challenge set for 2/23/91 and Plymouth Finals 3/9/91.
- Racing scheduled CSC Cup and Plymouth Finals for 2/29-3/1/92.
- Crescent Race Workshop/Development Race was scheduled at Appalachian 12/5, 12/5 and 12/13/92.
- Steamboat Race Camp scheduled for 12/4-11/93 for 7-day trip at \$562/person; 12/9-14/93 was 3-day trip at cost of \$389/person. Lodging, lift tickets and lessons were included.
- Crescent Cup Finals held 3/5-6/94 at Silver Creek, WV.
- Crescent Cup Finals held 3/9-10/96 at Silver Creek.
- Ski Council Challenge scheduled for 3/30/96 at Timberline
- Ski Bees won first place racing in 1996.
- Steamboat Ski School & Race Camp scheduled for 12-6/13/97 at cost of \$660. LTA handled.
- 1st CSC Racing sponsors of the month was published in 12/97 Buzz.
- Steamboat Camp & Ski School – 12/2-9/2000 – Lodge at Steamboat – LTA handled.
- Steamboat Ski & Race Trip – 12/1-8/01. LTA handled \$1093 with 6 day lift ticket.
- CSC Race Finals – 3/9-10/02 at Silver Creek.
- CSC Steamboat, 12/7-14/02 – Lodge at Steamboat
- Steamboat 20th Anniversary Trip – 12/6-13/03.
- Steamboat trip was 12/4-11/04.
- Newsletter reports 1st adaptive racers on Ski Bees race team – including Chris Jefferson and Jas Bambur.
- Steamboat trip 12/3-10/05
- CSC Cup finals, 3/10-12/06 at Silver Creek.
- Spring Convention 4/24-27/08 at Kingston Plantation.



- Steamboat Ski & Race Camp, 12/1-8/08.
- CSC Cup Finals at Silver Creek, 3/7-9/08
- Crescent started Terrain Park Competition I 2008.

NOTE: Charlotte ceased printing newsletters in 2009.