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Audrey resting after lots of practice during the annual Snowshoe and Avalanche Safety Workshop organized by Akiko Kamimura (pg. 18)

ON OUR COVER:

Irene and Bret enjoying the Bostwana Safari organized by Patrick Owens

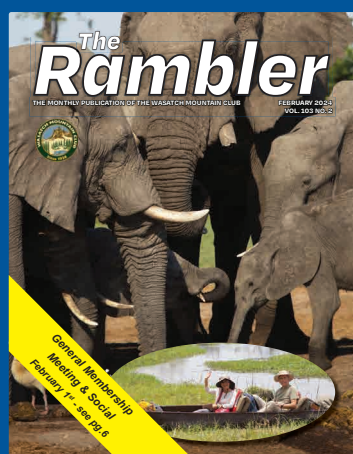


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The Wasatch Mountain Club is an outdoor recreation club for adults dedicated to fostering awareness of the scenic beauties of the Wasatch and encouraging preservation of our natural areas. Club activities include hiking, backcountry skiing, backpacking, camping, conservation, trail maintenance, canoeing, climbing, canyoneering, kayaking, mountaineering, mountain biking, road biking, river rafting, socializing, snowshoeing and multi-day adventures.

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Winter Sports Director's Message

by Steve Duncan, Winter Sports Director

The Utah Avalanche Center is a valuable resource for the safety of WMC members and thousands of others who enjoy winter backcountry recreation throughout our state. They provide not only daily avalanche forecasts filled with valuable information but have a variety of educational opportunities available through their website: <https://utahavalanchecenter.org>. See additional information below.

The Wasatch Mountain Club will be matching donations to the UAC up to \$50 per person and \$1,000 total for the 23/24 season. Just email me a copy of your donation receipt and I'll get it submitted for matching dollars.

UAC / Avalanche Safety Training

There are many ways to get training for winter travel in the backcountry. On a basic level, the Utah Avalanche Center (UAC) offers free Know Before You Go (KBYG) courses at various locations throughout the winter season. In addition to their daily avalanche forecasts, the UAC website has links to lots more free educational material and there are many informative videos on their YouTube channel.

Keep up your rescue skills! The Wasatch Mountain Club (WMC) offers beacon practices and there are local beacon practice parks located at Snowbird, Solitude, Canyons / Park City, Powder Mountain, and Snow Basin.

And increase your knowledge. The WMC is now offering backcountry activity organizers a new perk of up to \$100 tuition reimbursement for backcountry safety courses. The program will be effective immediately and run through the end of the 2024 ski and snowshoe season. Here's how it works:

- Complete one of the approved avalanche safety courses listed below.
- After completion of the course, organize up to four backcountry ski or snowshoe activities.
- The WMC will reimburse \$25 per winter backcountry activity organized after course completion up to \$100.
- To receive reimbursement, organizers must submit (1) A completed Reimbursement Request Form, (2) Course Completion Certificate, and (3) a list of backcountry activities organized.
- Reimbursement is limited to one avalanche safety course per member and may not be applied retroactively or to any courses not previously approved by the Winter Sports Director.

Current approved courses are:

Level 1 - from various providers ([Other classes - Utah Avalanche Center](#))

Backcountry 101 – from the UAC ([Classes & Education – utahavalanchecenter](#))

Backcountry 201 – from the UAC ([Classes & Education – utahavalanchecenter](#))

Online Course - [Mountain Sense Comprehensive Guide To Avalanche Safety](#)

Other courses pre-approved by the Winter Sports Director



General Membership Meeting & Social February 1st

Come one, come all!!

Plan to join our General Membership Meeting & Social on Monday, February 1st at 6:00 pm. The meeting is at the Holladay Library meeting room (2150 E Murray Holladay Rd. Holladay, UT). The agenda is:



6:00-6:30 Member Social with refreshments, New Member Orientation, and Shop Merch for Endowment Donations.

6:30-7:30 Board Business, 2023 Award Highlights, 2024 Board Election, New WMC Book Highlights, Activity Challenge Jackets, Member Benefits, Volunteer Opportunities, and more!

7:30-8:30 Adventure Presentation, Closing Social.

Also, note the following:

The new WMC Book 'Utah's Forgotten Ski Area' by Mark Jones will be available for \$20 & proceeds go to the U of U WMC Education Endowment Fund

Near items from the Outdoor Retailers Show (Welcome Back to UT!) will be available for donations to the WMC Education Endowment Fund

New Qualifiers for the WMC 100-Activity Jacket Challenge will be announced & jackets presented.

Hope to see you at the meeting!!



2024 WMC BOARD ELECTION CANDIDATE LIST

The next annual election of the Wasatch Mountain Club Board of Directors will occur at the membership meeting on February 1, 2024. The WMC is a volunteer-run organization including the Board. The candidate list to the right includes the roles to be elected by WMC members at the upcoming membership meeting. Other board roles are appointed by Directors.

The 2024 Nominating Committee members are Petra Brittner, Vince DeSimone, and Barb Gardner. Each year, this committee oversees the annual election of the WMC Board of Directors. Serving on the WMC Board of Directors is a worthwhile and rewarding undertaking.

The WMC is most grateful to its current and former Board of Directors and encourages its members to consider filling a position. If interested in serving on the Board, please contact the Nominating Committee by email at: **nominations@wasatchmountainclub.org** or by leaving a phone message at **801-463-9842**. Your information will be promptly forwarded to the Committee.

New candidates and vacant positions are highlighted.

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Boating

Luke Johnson	Boating Co-Director
Kay Tran	Boating Co-Director

Climbing/Mountaineering

Mark Maier	Climbing / Mountaineering Director
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Conservation

Dennis Goreham	Conservation Director
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Hiking

Andy Payne	Hiking Co-Director
Frank Bouchard	Hiking Co-Director

Social

Debbie Olson	Social Co-Director
Giulia Roselli	Social Co-Director

Winter Sports

Vacant	Winter Sports Director
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John Veranth	Trustee Emeritus
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Michael Budig	Trustee 2023-2028
Cheryl Soshnik	Trustee 2024-2029



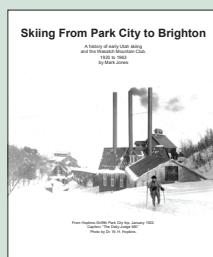
WMC Books Available at General Membership Meeting

Mark Jones will be available at the General Membership Mtg. (Feb 1st) to sign his two recent books:

Skiing from Park City to Brighton

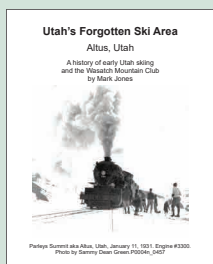
A History of Early Utah Skilling and the Wasatch Mountain Club
1920 to 1963

**Book Signing at
the February 1st
Membership
Meeting**



Utah's Forgotten Ski Area

Altus, UT
A History of Early Utah Skilling and the Wasatch Mountain Club



Both books will be available at the meeting. The cost is \$20 and proceeds will go to the U of U WMC Education Endowment Fund. If you would like to purchase a book and won't be able to attend the meeting, contacts are shown below:

Contact Mark Jones at: hikermjr@aol.com or
Julie Kilgore at: president@wasatchmountainclub.org

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New Book in-progress / Contributions Request

Mark Jones has started his new book entitled: ***'The Historic Wasatch Mountain Club Lodge, A history of the WMC lodge at Brighton, Utah (1929 to 2029)'*** and would like to get interesting stories, photos or reports about the lodge. He plans to publish the book in 2029.



If you have a story to tell about the Lodge and would like to be interviewed - please contact Mark Jones (hikermjr@aol.com)





WMC Scholarship Celebrate the Legacy by Giving

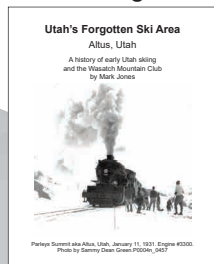


The WMC SCHOLARSHIP supports undergraduate students in the University of Utah's Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism who have an interest in community-based, muscle-powered outdoor recreation studies. Scholarship recipients are eligible for a one-year complimentary membership to the Wasatch Mountain Club, which includes a subscription to the Rambler, the monthly WMC publication.

How to support the Scholarship Fund:

- **Donate to the Scholarship / Education Endowment Fund:**
Create a lasting legacy at the University of Utah. There are limited quantities of Centennial Thank-You gifts still available if you want to contribute to the Education Endowment. Use this form to receive Thank-You gifts, or donate on-line. Those who want to make a donation to the endowment generating the scholarship should click on the "Education Endowment" link on the WMC website.
- **Advertise in the Rambler:** If you or someone you know would like to reach our 1,000+ members plus hundreds of readers, email: rambler@wasatchmountainclub.org

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<i>NEW</i> Utah's Forgotten Ski Area - Altus, UT AUTOGRAPHED	\$20	X	=	
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Help Stop the Little Cottonwood Canyon Gondola

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) started an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2018 to find transportation solutions for Little Cottonwood Canyon (LCC). In August 2022, UDOT announced the gondola as its preferred solution. UDOT issued its Record of Decision (ROD) in summer of 2023 identifying Gondola Alternative B with Phased Implementation as the selected alternative for Little Cottonwood Canyon. UDOT will implement the selected alternative in phases, starting with components of the Enhanced Bus Service Alternative and ending with the world's longest gondola up Little Cottonwood Canyon. Full implementation of Gondola B depends on available funding.



The Wasatch Mountain Club has submitted comments to UDOT throughout the process opposing the gondola. We have felt an eight-mile long gondola with 20 towers, some as high at 262 feet, would be an unsightly imposition in LCC. We feel this string of gondola towers, cables and cars will change the aesthetics and character of the canyon forever. Just imagine a line of 20 apartment buildings over 200 feet high running up the canyon.

This UDOT solution is estimated by the Wasatch Front Regional Council to cost \$1.4 billion. The gondola will only stop at Alta and Snowbird, so will do little to help solve transportation and parking issues in the rest of the canyon. Although, we all will get to pay for it.

On Monday, December 11, Save Our Canyons (SOC) filed a lawsuit against UDOT and the Forest Service challenging the decision to build a gondola in Little Cottonwood Canyon, represented by their outstanding counsel at the public interest law firm Eubanks & Associates, PLLC.

Save Our Canyons has observed (and has evidence of) what they deem to be violations of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and possibly even violations of environmental and administrative laws.

Simultaneously, SOC, and partners will work to pass legislation that would not allow a gondola to be constructed in the Wasatch, allowing state and local leaders to focus on creating a successful year-round transportation system. Legislative work would be the best long-term solution for stopping the gondola and protecting the Wasatch Mountains.

The WMC Board of Directors have agreed to donate \$5,000 to Save Our Canyons as a matching fund towards SOC's litigation and legislative efforts. Matching donations can be made to SOC from either WMC members or non-members to help reach this goal.

Please donate, if you can, at the website below or by visiting Save Our Canyons website.

[Save Our Canyons - Support The Protection Of Little Cottonwood Canyon](#)

Thank you very much!

Dennis Goreham
WMC Conservation Director





Richard Snelgrove - 2022 Alexis Kelner Award Presentation

Councilman Richard Snelgrove received the WMC 2022 Alexis Kelner Award at the November 2022 Volunteer/Organizer Appreciation Banquet. Unfortunately, Richard could not attend the event to receive his award. Just recently, Dennis Goreham (WMC Conservation Director) was able to present this prestigious award in person to Richard. To recap, Richard received this award in recognition of his years of service in preservation of many areas of Salt Lake County:

- Councilman Snelgrove was on the Salt Lake County Council from 2010 to 2022.
- He has been a Member of the WMC since 2015.
- He is a very vocal opponent of the proposed Little Cottonwood Canyon gondola and was a real leader on the County Council for the Anti-Gondola Resolution passed last fall.
- He actively opposes the proposed limestone quarry in Parleys Canyon.
- He was instrumental in limiting obtrusive development at mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
- He has championed other efforts for clean air and water in Salt Lake County.
- He is a proponent of the hiking, mountain biking and equestrian trail system in Butterfield Canyon.
- He pushed to get Coon Canyon in the Oquirrh preserved and designated as "recreation conservation" in the Salt Lake County Westside Plan. Wasatch Mountain Club members hiked in this area nearly 100 years ago. "The Rambler" had an article in a 1924 edition extolling the virtues of Coon Canyon. The trip report describes Coon Canyon as "one of the least known, closest by and most interesting spots in Utah".



Dennis Goreham (left) presents the 2022 Alexis Kelner Award to Councilman Richard Snelgrove



Boating Season Planning Party

February 28th

This is our annual meeting where you will get a chance to share permits and non-permitted trip plans, as well as sign up to learn more about other people's trips. Please consider leading or co-leading a trip this year. We have lots of great resources to help you with this!

We are meeting at Millcreek Library Meeting Room (2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT) @ 6:00pm. Pizza will be provided, please bring your own beverage, dining plates, utensils, cup.

Questions? Email Luke at: huckleberry78360@gmail.com or Kay at: ktranvt@comcast.net

Hope to see you there!

- Luke & Kay

Wasatch Back Snowshoe with Vince

Vince is invites you to snowshoe this winter!!

Meet at 10:00 am at various locations every Tuesday the rest of winter

when Vince will again be organizing snowshoe outings to many Wasatch Back locations. We go where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation: you will feel welcome. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list or check the WMC Calendar. ***Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. Email: vincedesimone@yahoo.com or text: 435 645-9344.***



New Book Release! **MOUNTAINS**

by W.S. Cooper (1884-1978)

W. S. Cooper's climbing adventures between 1904 and 1908 are set forth in this lively recollection by the man who, later in life, would persuade Calvin Coolidge to declare Glacier Bay a national monument, and was the chair of the Ecologic Society of America. His and John Hubbard's month of climbing in Colorado's San Juan Mountains is said to be one of the most productive of climbing in the state. In hob nail boots, and carrying canned pork and beans instead of freeze dried food, the two climbed some of the most difficult peaks, including three first ascents in the rugged Needle Mountains south of Silverton. This is one of the earliest Colorado mountaineering manuscripts known, and previously unpublished. Thanks to the family it is now available to the public. A mountaineering classic and a good read.

\$40.00/8.75" x 11.25" hardcover/127 pages/12 historic photographs, with a preface by John Lacher.

Book is available directly from the printer: John Lacher. Contact by phone at 303-744-9570 for more information or send a \$40 check to the address below:

*John Lacher
1597 S. Washington St.
Denver, Colorado
80210*





Congratulations!

to the WMC members who completed their 100 activities and received a jacket!



Sue Baker	Kurt Hiland	Jim Kucera	Christine Pilgram
Frank Bouchard	Akiko Kamimura	Mark Maier	Robert Turner
Mac Brubaker	Tonya Karren	Bret Mathews	Kathleen Waller
Steve Duncan	Julie Kilgore	Paula McFarland	Irene Yuen
			Joel Winter

Great news, there are still 83 jackets available! Grab that centennial journal, notebook, or calendar, and track your WMC activity participation. The first 100 club members to participate in 100 posted club activities will receive a WMC “Activity Challenge” jacket.

Here are a few rules:

- Starting January 1, 2022, start recording any activity you participate in that is posted on the WMC calendar.
- Any activity that is posted on the calendar will count. That includes club socials, membership meetings, singalongs, board meetings, boating permit parties, trainings, etc. If it's posted on the calendar (which means the activity is an approved WMC activity), it counts. No fair backdating an activity, or only give an hour notice! Stay within the spirit please.
- For multi-day activities, each day the activity is posted on the club calendar can be counted as a separate activity. You'll be doing something fun and different every day, right? If the travel day is included in the post, that counts too. It's an important “activity” of sharing resources, planning, and camaraderie.
- Take your time. All 100 activities do NOT have to be completed by the end of this year.
- Activities prior to 2022 do not count, EXCEPT the activities that enthusiastic clubbers recorded from January 1, 2020, through March 22, 2020, when the original Centennial Activity Challenge was launched.
- Once you record 100 activities (or 100 days of activities, if you participate in multi-day events), submit your documentation to the board. You will be highlighted in the Rambler, and you will get your prize at the next membership meeting.

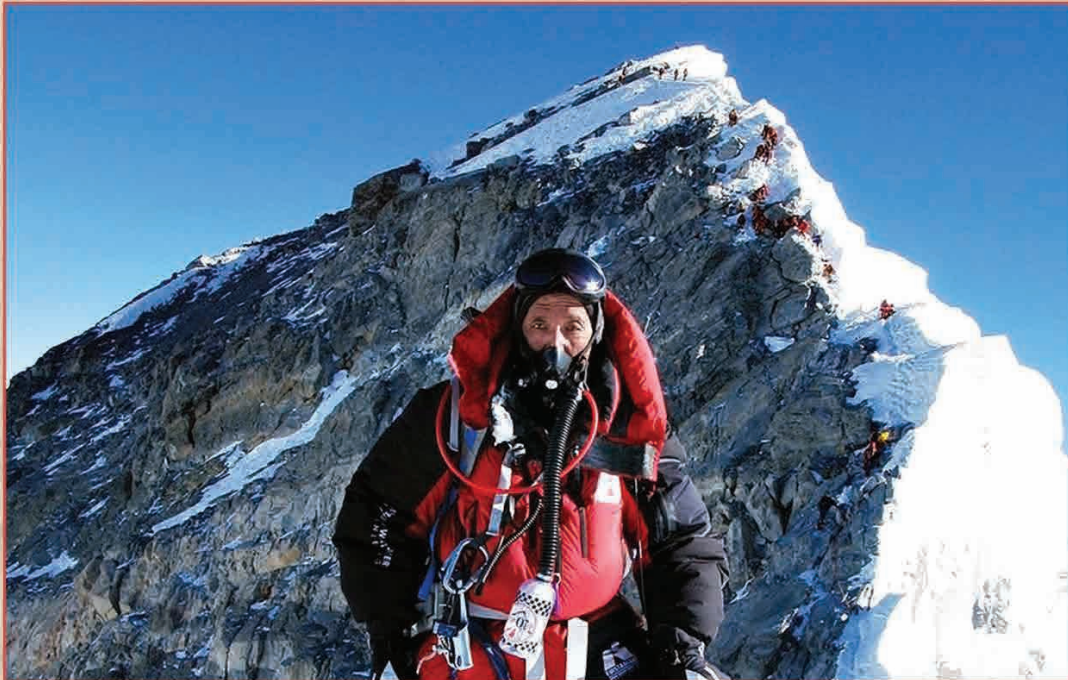
The more club activities you participate in, the sooner you reach the goal. If you don't see an activity that suits you, jump in an organize or co-organize!



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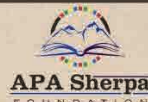
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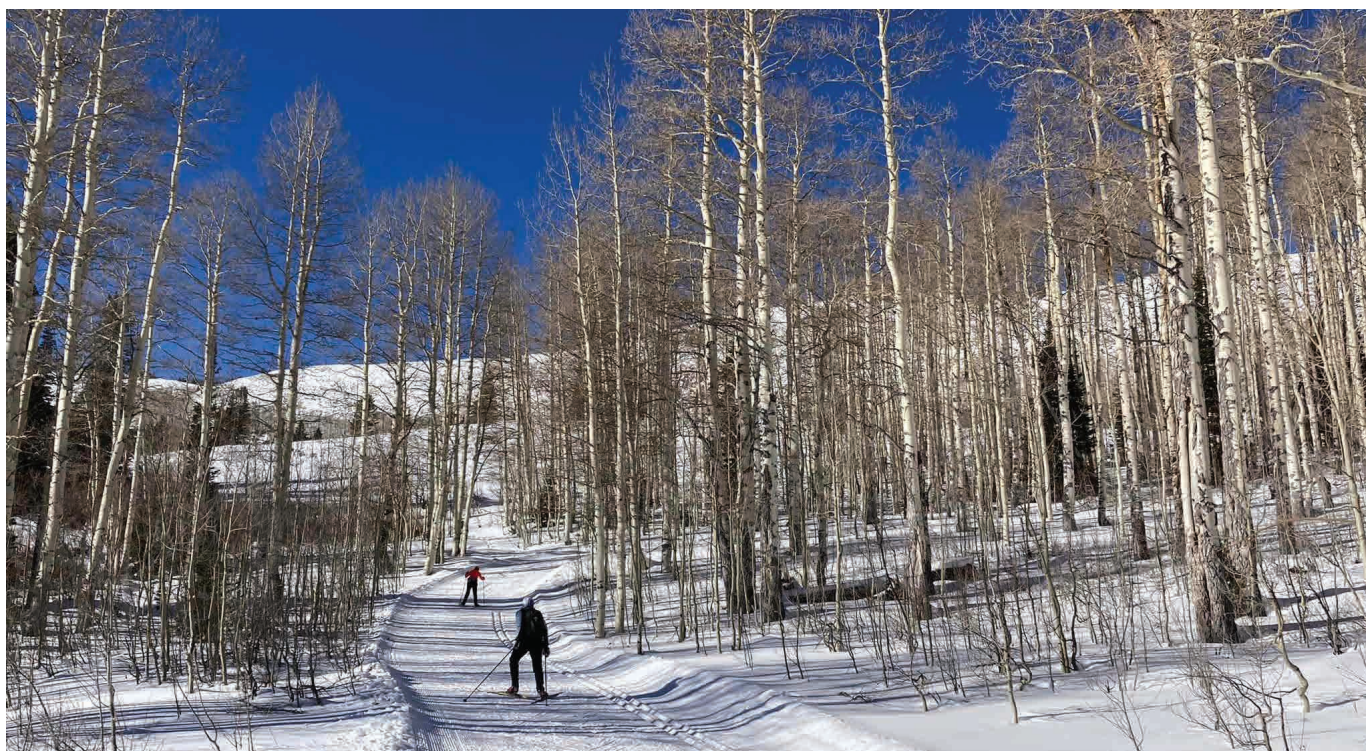


Trip Reports

Nordic Ski - Bonanza Flat, December 15th

Organized, report, and photos by Mike Berry

Five participants for nordic skiing above Park City on 12.15.23. Everyone chose the skate skiing option and the grooming crew did great work up at 9,000 feet in Bonanza Flat. The Transit-to-Trails shuttle driver was very friendly and well compensated. We had two Mountain Club trips converge at the same spot at the shuttle pick-up (yurt) location. Good camaraderie with the WMC snowshoers today!



Point 9093 Snowshoe, December 17th



Group photo at Point 9093. From left – Akiko, Kerry, Frank, Alyssa, Bryan, Sree, Al, Jim, Katie, Eric & Andy

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Ten snowshoers and one skier started from the Nobletts TH to bag Point 9093. Three of us attempted the point last winter but did not make it due to too much snow. The amount of the snow was about right to go to the peak this time. The first part of the trail (Trail# 064 – Log-Hollow Trail) was shaded and was chilly. But once we got sunlight, it became warm. From the junction with FR 286, we followed the FR. We had a lunch break before making the top. After we celebrated at the summit, we took some detours to enjoy beautiful weather and powder snow. There were several people who participated in the club activity for the first time. We had a great time together. The distance of this snowshoe/ski was 8.6 miles with 1,500 ft elevation gain.



Approaching the next junction with FR 547



Lunch break

Snowshoe & Avalanche Safety Workshop, December 10th



Group photos. From left – Akiko, Lisa, David, Andre, Ben, Jason, Amalia & Josh

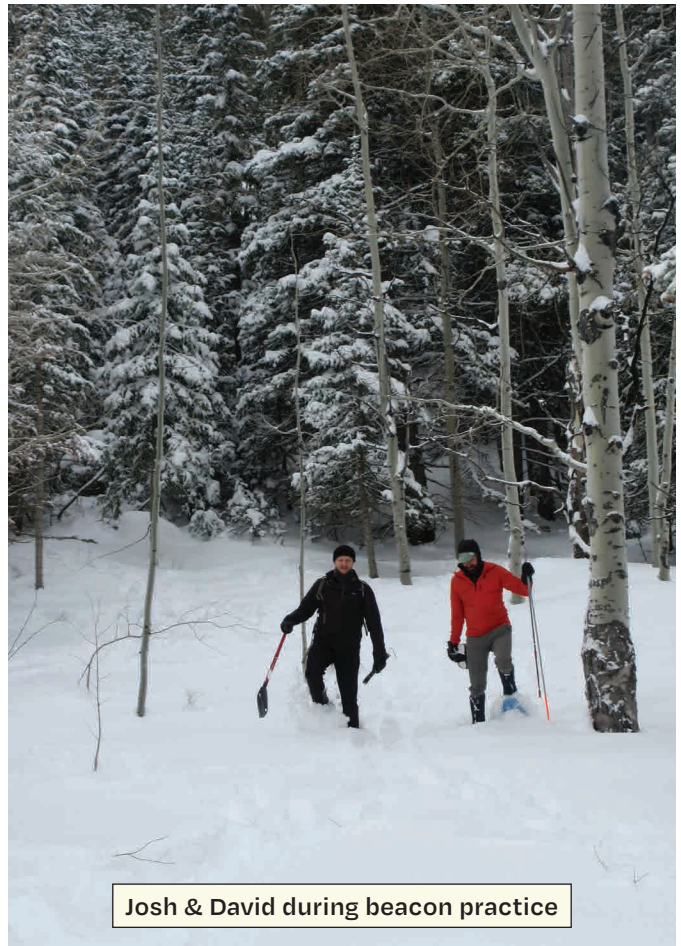
Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

Annual snowshoe & avalanche safety workshop. We met at the Spruces Campground Paring Lot. Most of the participants were new to Utah and/or to the club. After introducing each other, we did gear check and discussed the weather avalanche forecast. Each of us checked a beacon with a avalanche safety board at the Days Fork TH. We reviewed avalanche red flags (recent avalanches, signs of unstable snow, heavy snowfall/rain, wind drifting & rapid warming) and checked slope angles. By following the AIARE's avalanche rescue checklist and quick reference, we practice avalanche rescue the following scenarios: 1) One victim & 2 or 3 searchers; and 2) two victims & 2 or 3 searchers. We practiced not only transceiver search but also probing and shoveling. Finally, we dug a snow pit to the ground to test snow pack. It was a great day. We practiced a lot.





David, Audre and Josh trying to find a "victim" (an extra beacon buried under snow).



Josh & David during beacon practice



Josh checking snow pack

Snowshoe - Bonanza Flat, December 15th

Organized and Report by Vince Desimone / photos by Dea Nelson

Rick Kirkland, Greg Lott, Jim Kucera, Ellen Sherk and Dea Nelson met Vince Desimone at the meeting place for the free bus that takes skiers, snow bikers and snowshoers to just above Bonanza Flat. We traveled the ridge above the Deer Valley and new Mayflower ski development to observe where new ski lifts would be built in the next year. Expansive views of back country were seen in all directions: Heber, Midway, the backside of Brighton, Park City and Bonanza Flats. While waiting for the return bus we met a group of WMC skiers that had been on the groomed trails of the Flats.



Snowshoe - Pinebrook, January 2nd

Organized and report by Vince Desimone / photo by Cheryl Soshnik

Mark Jones, Rick Kirkland, Greg Lott, Susan Allen, Bob Myers, Chris Winter, Cheryl Soshnik, Ellen Sherk and Vince Desimone met at the trailhead behind Ecker Hill School. The trip was on Mountain Regional trails thru dense forest on thin snow. Some used snowshoes others traction devices on their boots. As we climbed, the snow got deeper and the hill steeper and the improved trail ended. We then followed our instincts making our own trail to a summit. Six of the group turned back and five continued on to a summit overlooking the Snyderville Basin and the mountains to the south. We then plunged down to the trailhead.



Happy snowshoers (LtoR): Ellen, Cheryl, Bob, Susan, and Vince

Snowshoe - Park City, January 9th

Organized by Vince Desimone / Report by Ellen Sherk / Photo by Greg Lott

Not a lot of snow (yet) in Park City, so only spikes were needed on the Tuesday, January 9 outing. We started out in 14° weather on the Mother Urban trail above town and came down through Woodside Gulch. It flurried on us almost the entire way, as a big storm system started to work its way through. We finished with a walk through town so everyone could sample the heated bench outside the No Name Saloon.



Smiles all around (LtoR): Vince, Ellen, Jim, Tim, Greg

Botswana Camping Safari, Nov. 29th - Dec. 11th

Organized, report and photos by Patrick Owens

Seven intrepid WMC members enjoyed the trip of a lifetime on a 12-night camping safari in the wilds of Botswana over parts of November and December. The trip was custom designed by the camping safari experts of Bushways based in Maun, Botswana. www.bushways.com

The trip began in the peerless Okavango Delta after a 3-hour game drive where our mokoro (traditional Delta canoe) captains awaited. That game drive had plenty of fireworks including a rare roan antelope sighting, a breeding herd of elephants in the middle of the road, and a pride of lions resting under mopane trees after a satisfying lunch. Our mokoros were the perfect vehicle to access the rivers and islands where we set up our dome tents on a rise above the Boteti River. Our knowledgeable guides led us on walking safaris where we got close to African wildlife in the most intimate and invigorating way.



This included a close encounter with a gargantuan bull elephant which required the group to hike sideways and downwind to safety. The intensity increased when our group had to pause our hike for a parade of African buffalo literally hundreds strong. We were finally able to return to camp when a subgroup of buffalo hesitated, and we snuck between them and the massive herd. Finally, we had the most unusual and stunning sighting of all, a pack of the threatened painted wolves of the continent, African wild dogs. Time in camp was equally eventful with a buffalo herd feeding just across the river, visits from lots of elephants and even an African wildcat, the progenitor of modern housecats. Leaving our mokoros behind, we camped on a wide lagoon amongst crocodiles and hippos, two of which

rocketed out of the water and ran just outside our campsite. Some of our group took the rare opportunity of a door-free helicopter flight over the Delta.



The next day's game drive began a pattern that would hold for the rest of the safari, wake up at 5:30, eat a quick breakfast and venture out among the vast numbers of animals. Midday meant siesta but the wildlife often resided just outside our camp, elephants, hippos, zebra, buffalo, impala and more. Every evening we drove into the bush, often with the canvas top of our vehicle pulled back so we could stand barefoot on the seats and scan for wildlife. Lions were seen almost daily but the most unbelievable moments were our frequent interactions with the second rarest species of African predators (after the Ethiopian Wolf), African wild dogs. After seeing them on foot in the delta, our group spotted them multiple times. We had the privilege of a visit from Peter Brack, a researcher from Botswana Predator Conservation. Our photos of wild dogs will contribute to conservation of this endangered species.





Dave Sanderlin taking photos



Ready to go (L-R): Lynn McAdams, Bret Mathews, Irene Yuen, Steve Susswein, Rosemarie Owens, and Dave



The next two nights were spent in Botswana's premier wildlife reserve, Moremi National Park. Moremi is known for the diversity of its wildlife, and it certainly didn't disappoint. Botswana is home to over 130,000 elephants and we enjoyed them in a thousand different ways. Perhaps the best line of the trip was quipped in Moremi. A man in a self-drive 4X4 stopped briefly to tell our guide cryptically that there were 'lions on the road'. Then perhaps 20 minutes later we found 'lions on the road' a pride of 10 sound asleep in the middle of the road. Of course, the giraffes often rose majestically above us, not to mention the kudu, the wildebeest, the warthogs, zebra, baboons, and impala around every turn. Delicate baby impala scampered by the hundreds. We had another lion sighting in Moremi plus two wild dog encounters and a stunning evening sighting of a cheetah and her 3 cubs. The group even cooled off in a swimming hole in the Khwai River completely safe from hippos and crocs.



Rosemarie, Irene, OT (guide), Lynn, Bret, Dave enjoying the Khwai River



A Lioness keeps a close eye on Rosemarie

The next night offered a real bed and cool swimming pool when the group took a break from camping to stay at the simple but elegant Khwai Guest House in the Khwai private concession. Botswana is a model among the wildlife-rich countries of Africa of community-centered development. Safari companies bid for camping and lodge concessions within the community-owned game reserves directly benefiting the local population and incentivizing conservation. The wildlife in Khwai is at least as impressive as that in Moremi.

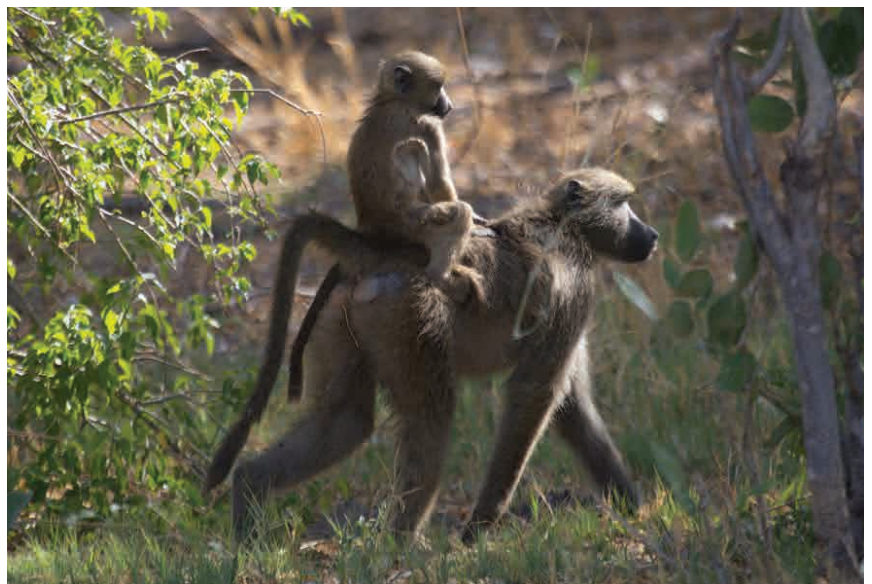


Khwai Guest House (L-R): Bret, OT (chef), OT (guide), Dave, Lynn, Patrick, Rosemarie, Steve, Irene

Thousands of buffalo greeted us on our way to the unusual Savuti region where the sand and streams of Botswana yield to vast plains and rocky hills. Our beautiful dryland camp had multiple nighttime visitors including a honey badger and hyenas. As at our other campsites we heard lions and hyenas nightly. Savuti's waterholes produced endless drama, particularly with elephants who sparred and challenged each other sometimes within yards of our vehicle. True to form we had not one but two wild dog sightings, the second during the golden hour just before the pack set off at warp speed on a hunt. General game sightings were plentiful, and the pattern of daily lion encounters also held true.

Our final campsite was in Chobe national park where elephants and hippos dominated. On the 12th evening we sadly departed Botswana enroute to the adventure capitol of Africa, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Members of our group experienced the notorious gorge swing, swam in the scintillating Devil's Pool at the very precipice of Victoria Falls, and rafted the mighty Zambezi River among other things. Everyone enjoyed the opulent Pioneers Lodge, shopping, restaurants, and a stroll above the falls.







Steve close-up with an elephant



Dave, Bret, and Irene
observing the wildlife









Watching the Cape buffalo (L-R): Lynn, Irene, Dave, Bret, Rosemarie



Group photo (L-R): Bret, OT (chef), Steve, Lynn, Dave





Little Black Mtn. Hike, December 17th

Organized, report, and photos by Julie Kilgore

As this inversion settled in, I must admit, I was concerned about my hike today. But it turned out to be a beautiful day, the perfect route, and a wonderful group for a beautiful blue sky day on the ridge to little black mountain. As long as I kept my gaze pointed ahead of me, my heart could be filled with joy! We also got a very useful avalanche slope lesson from our Winter Sports Director Steve Duncan. I had my eye on the next ridge over for another winter adventure. Dude Bench Ridge? Keep an eye on the calendar. Who knows 😊.



Holbrook Ridgeline Snowshoe, December 23rd



The weather became nice during descending

Organized, report & photos by Akiko Kamimura

From the Holbrook Trail Parking Lot, we took the North Holbrook Route to make Holbrook Peak. Driving conditions to the TH were not good – poor visibility due to the mix of rain and snow. The weather forecast said that the rain/snow would stop by 9:30 am. While there was a brief break from snow, the snow falls continued. We had high wind around the elevation 8,500 ft. Although Holbrook Peak was not far from there, we decided to turn around. The weather became nice during descending. We did not make the summit but had a great time together. It was the first club activity for Tali who joined the club several days ago.



Group photo. From left – Akiko, Tali, Sree, Alyssa, Jim, Chris, Jason & Ed



Thank You!

December 2023 Activity Organizers

We appreciate you for your leadership, energy, and time for organizing amazing activities for our members

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Jim Kucera
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Kathleen Waller
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Lisa Verzella
Mark Maier
Michael Berry
Paula McFarland
Sharon Vinick
Steve Duncan
Steven Gadd
Vince DeSimone

Volunteer Raffle (2023-24)

Each year the club holds an appreciation banquet to show our support and appreciation for our organizers and other volunteers. To qualify for the banquet, a member must organizer at least two activities or one multi-day activity. This year, the banquet will include a raffle. Everyone who qualifies for an invitation to the Banquet will get a raffle ticket. Throughout the year, we'll collect a variety of fun and interesting prizes.



Let's show our volunteers & organizers how much we appreciate them. If you have an idea or prize donation you'd like to share, send an email to: **info@wasatchmountainclub.org**.



Activity Calendar

WMC members should stay informed on current COVID guidelines. Those who are not feeling well, whether COVID symptoms or other illness, should not participate in WMC activities. During a club activity, the use of face masks or carpooling is up to each individual, unless otherwise specified by the organizer. Organizers can opt for a group size they are comfortable with, except for the group size limit of 10 in wilderness areas.

Feb 1 Thu	<p>Social, Orientation, Book Signing, Membership Meeting, Presentation <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 pm at Holladay Library (2150 E Murray Holladay Rd, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org</p> <p>The Wasatch Mountain Club is directed by its By-Laws to hold two general membership meetings a year, so we make them useful, informative, and fun! The schedule is as follows: 6:00-6:30 Member Social with refreshments, New Member Orientation, and Shop Merch for Endowment Donations with refreshments; 6:30-7:30 Board Business, 2022 Award Highlights, 2023 Board Election, Book Signing for New WMC History Book "Skiing From Park City to Brighton," Activity Challenge Jackets, Member Benefits, Volunteer Opportunities, and more! 7:30-8:30 Adventure Presentation, Closing Social.</p>
Feb 2 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Feb 3 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Feb 2, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Feb 4 Sun	<p>Death Valley Winter Escape Car Camp - Bike - Hike <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Cheryl* Soshnik 435-649-9008 csoshnik@yahoo.com</p> <p>Mark your calendars, and grab your tent/RV site/cabin early, as things fill up fast at Furnace Creek. Our annual week of camping, hiking and biking, Dutch oven cooking, and hanging out at the pool is once again happening in early February. We have already reserved as many tent-only camp sites in the mesquite trees as we could, and we encourage you to check out recreation.gov right away to reserve your own RV, tent site or motel. Details to follow, just let me know if you have reserved a site on your own and for which days, or to see if there are any available shared tent-only spaces available. We will be doing a couple of group dinners, at least one by Dutch oven, but most meals will be on your own or go over to the restaurant when the dinner bell tolls. Everyone is invited to the afternoon happy hour around the campfire, where plans are made for the next day's activities -- usually road biking and hiking. There will be a nominal per-person fee to be involved in any of our group activities, more on that to come. Contact me if you have any questions</p>
Feb 4 Sun	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Feb 2, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Feb 5 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Feb 6 Tue	<p>Snowshoe With Vince - Wasatch Back – mod – Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Disseminated via the <wmc-snowshoe> email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vinedesimone@yahoo.com</p> <p>Meet at 10:00 am at various locations every Tuesday the rest of winter when Vince will be organizing snowshoe outings to many Wasatch Back locations. We go where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation and you will feel welcome. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. E-mail vinedesimone@yahoo.com or text at 435 645-9344. Avalanche safety gear recommended, but not required.</p>



Feb 7 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Feb 7 Wed	<p>WMC Board Meeting Meet: 7:00 pm at See agenda for Zoom meeting info, or WMC Office (1390 S 1100 E, Salt Lake City, UT) Carpool: 5:40 pm at Pre meeting appetizers at Fiddler's Elbow (1059 E 2100 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 president@wasatchmountainclub.org Monthly Board Meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Members wishing to bring topics to the Board's attention should email the President 7 days prior to the meeting.</p>
Feb 8 Thu	<p>Indoor Ropework Training: Hauling And Lowering (Date Change) Meet: Registration required Organizer: Mark Maier 703-408-6912 maiermw@gmail.com Number Three in the Indoor Ropework Training series. This seminar will cover setting up hauling and lowering systems from the top belay. I will cover: 3:1 direct haul from a top belay, drop-loop 3:1 haul from a top belay, lowering with an ATC, belay to lower transitions with a guide-mode ATC. I will also cover other top hauls used to haul gear and sometimes part of crevasse rescue systems. The pre-requisite is you must be able to set up a guide-mode top belay with your choice of belay device (guide ATC preferred, but others work). You need to bring a harness, a guide mode ATC or equivalent (not a regular ATC), 2-4 locking carabiners, 1-2 regular carabiners, 2 prussik cords, and a long sling or cordelette. If you have a microtraxion, other pulley, or ascender please plan to bring it. Duration will be around 90 minutes. Donation to the WMC Rope Fund requested. Subsequent seminars will include top managed belays, rappel set ups (beginning and advanced), and hauling and lowering.</p>
Feb 9 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
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Feb 10 Sat	<p>Day Hike - Organizers Choice – ntd – 4.0 mi Out & Back – 1000' ascent – Slow pace Meet: Registration required Organizer: Paula McFarland 801-657-2818 pmcfarland82@msn.com The hike description is an estimate. The trail will be chosen based on weather and trail conditions. We'll make a final decision closer to the date. Once the hiking trail has been finalized, the on-line calendar will be updated with the details and changed to be open to all without registration. Be sure to check the on-line calendar for updates.</p>
Feb 11 Sun	<p>Winter Mountaineering Risk Management Workshop - To Be Rescheduled Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu TO BE RESCHEDULED - This workshop will provide skill development on risk management for winter mountaineering as well as ski mountaineering/touring and snowshoe touring. We will have an instructor from the U of U's Department of Recreation and Tourism. Topics to be covered are included, but not limited to, risk management in winter conditions; winter terrain hazards - avalanche risks, cornices; whitout navigation; clothing; additional gear for winter - e.g. avalanche gear, snowshoes/skis; overnight gear & skills - bivy, shelter; climbing gear & skills on snow/ice - climbing protection on snow/ice; food & drinks in winter conditions. Approximately 8:00 am-2pm. Location TBA. Instruction donation - \$20/person. Limit 15 participants. Registration is required. WMC members only. Max 15. Registrants will receive more detailed info including the list of required and optional gear.</p>
Feb 11 Sun	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+ Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Feb 9, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Feb 12 Mon	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>



Feb 12 Mon	<p>Foothills Flashlight Winter Workout Hike - Jack's Mountain – mod – Out & Back – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Jacks Peak Trailhead (1830 Lakeline Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>A bit more daylight each day! But still, bring a headlamp and dress in layers. There are a few different routes to choose from on this brisk 2-hour hike behind the “H” rock, but they are all STEEP. If there is snow on the foothills, micro spikes or other studded footwear will be needed. If inversion is in, we'll move the hike into Millcreek to get above it. Dogs are ok. Prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>
Feb 13 Tue	<p>Snowshoe With Vince - Wasatch Back – mod – Out & Back – Slow pace <i>Meet:</i> Disseminated via the <wmc-snowshoe> email list <i>Organizer:</i> Vince DeSimone 435-645-9344 vincedesimone@yahoo.com</p> <p>Meet at 10:00 am at various locations every Tuesday the rest of winter when Vince will be organizing snowshoe outings to many Wasatch Back locations. We go where snowshoes are the best means of travel. Expect friendly conversation and you will feel welcome. For meeting location and last-minute details, join the WMC snowshoe e-mail list. Vince prefers cyberspace for questions and info. E-mail vincedesimone@yahoo.com or text at 435 645-9344. Avalanche safety gear recommended, but not required.</p>
Feb 13 Tue	<p>Social - Virtual Book Club <i>Meet:</i> 5:30 pm at ZOOM <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Book Club in Michigan, which focuses on environmental issues, welcomes participants from Utah. Participants do not need to be members of Sierra Club. The format will be hybrid most likely - some participants will meet in-person in Ann Arbor, Mi while others will be on ZOOM. The February book is Don't Even Think About It: Why Our Brains Are Wired to Ignore Climate Change by George Marshall. The meeting will be on February 13 Tuesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm MST. If you would like to participate, please contact Akiko for the ZOOM access information.</p>
Feb 14 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd <i>Meet:</i> 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Feb 15 Thu	<p>Indoor Ropework Training: Multi-Pitch Rappelling Basics <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Mark Maier 703-408-6912 maiermw@gmail.com</p> <p>Number Four in the Indoor Ropework Training series. This seminar will cover the basics of rappelling in a multi-pitch environment. I will cover the basic setup and rappel sequence for double line and single line rappels to get off a climb using the extended device and backup hitch method. You should have some experience using an ATC to belay to do this seminar. You need to bring a harness, an ATC or equivalent belay/rappel device, 2-4 locking carabiners, 1-2 regular carabiners, a prussik cord (or hollowblock or equivalent), and a long sling/PAS/Petzl Connect or similar for extension and tethering. Duration will be around 90 minutes. Donation to the WMC Rope Fund requested. Subsequent seminars will include top managed belays, rappel set ups (beginning and advanced), and hauling and lowering.</p>
Feb 15 Thu	<p>Foothills Flashlight Hike, Avenues Twin Peaks – ntd+ – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Terrace Hills Trailhead (1021 Terrace Hills Dr, Salt Lake City, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com</p> <p>Microspikes, headlamps, and dress in layers. Dogs good with winter conditions ok.</p>
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Feb 20 Tue - Feb 25 Sun	<p>Snowshoe Bryce Canyon Meet: Registration required Organizer: Zig* Sondelski 801-230-3623 zig.sondelski@gmail.com Join us for some (or all of) snowshoeing (and maybe hiking) in/around Bryce Canyon. Make reservations at Ruby's Inn using their Winter Warmer special at \$60 per room (2 people) with 2 queen beds and a great breakfast included (link below). Trails to be taken will be chosen the night before or morning of and will depend on weather and trail conditions. Expect multiple groups with different activity levels going to different locations. Registration will get you on the email list to find a carpool and get more info.</p>
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Feb 23 Fri - Feb 26 Mon	<p>Motel Car Camp: Yellowstone Wolves, Wildlife, & Winter Activities - ntd Meet: Registration required Organizer: Robert Turner, Julie Kilgore 801-560-3378, 801-244-3323 r46turner@gmail.com, jk@wasatch-environmental.com Join us for wildlife watching and general winter activities in the northeast corner of Yellowstone Park. Sightings of wolves, foxes, coyotes, bighorn sheep and eagles are common. We'll motel it in Gardiner, MT, where we have secured the entire bottom floor for group meals and socializing. We'll drive into the Park each day on the only road kept open in Yellowstone in the winter. Some will get going very early each morning (about 6:00am), while others can linger and mingle over breakfast. There are also lots of opportunities for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, so bring your skis or snowshoes if you want to enjoy some time trekking around in Yellowstone's spectacular winter wonderland. The drive to Gardiner in the winter is about 500 miles since we can't go through the Park to get there. Another option is to fly into Bozeman. e-mail Robert or Julie for more details, to register, and get instructions to reserve a room at the lodge.</p>
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Feb 25 Sun	<p>Winter Mountaineering Training Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We will have IFMGA certified instructors from the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) to learn about winter mountaineering skills. This training would be beneficial for those who are interested in winter mountaineering, high-altitude mountaineering (e.g. Denali), and/or multi-day ski mountaineering/touring. The topics that will be covered include snow camping, cooking, storm proofing; risk management in winter conditions; rescuing a climber half buried in deep soft snow; snow/ice climbing, belaying, rappelling; group management on a steep slope; snow vs ice anchors; self care in extreme conditions; camp maintenance; and emergency shelters. The training location will be selected when it gets closer. Registration is required. \$133.33 per person. No tax. WMC members only. Limit 6 per group (Depending on the availability of instructors, we will have one to three groups). If we have more than one groups, each group will have a specific focus (e.g. a Denali group, a Mount St Helens - beginner - group, high altitude group, etc.). Registrants will receive more detailed info including gear list.</p>
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Feb 29 Thu	<p>Winter Night Hike - Mt. Olympus To First Stream - mod- - Out & Back - Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 5:45 pm at Mount Olympus Trailhead (5432 Wasatch Blvd, Holladay, UT) <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com We will hike up Mt Olympus for an hour to the first stream crossing, returning by way of a short BST section. We will be hiking in the dark so come prepared: Bring a working headlamp, microspikes, extra insulation, wind/rain gear, water, and food. There will be a prompt 5:45 pm departure.</p>
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Mar 5 Tue - Mar 11 Mon	<p>San Ignacio Lagoon Camp And Whale Trip <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Julie Kilgore 801-244-3323 jk@wasatch-environmental.com I'm putting together another group to join me for one of my favorite adventures. I've done this trip several times with family, friends, and fellow WMC members. We just have to get to the Hacienda Hotel in old town San Diego. The Pure Baja Travels team takes full care of us from there. The San Ignacio World Heritage Biosphere Reserve is Latin America's largest wildlife sanctuary, and is located about half way down the Pacific side of the Baja Peninsula. San Ignacio Lagoon is one of only two undeveloped nursery and breeding grounds of the Pacific gray whale worldwide. I choose this particular time of year because the lagoon has 200 or so mama, baby, and juvenile whales that very interested in and interactive with we humans :-). This is NOT whale "watching", this is a whale experience! This is a very remote and rugged area. There are only about a half a dozen outfitter/camps at the edges of this lagoon, some more glampy than others. I always go to the same place with the same naturalist, Jose Sanchez. The Pure Baja Travels cost is about \$3,500/person and is all inclusive from the time we are picked up in San Diego until we are returned to San Diego. Let me know if you were interested and I will put you in direct contact with the owner to secure your spot. Give me a call or drop me an email if you have questions.</p>
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Mar 27 Wed	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Mar 28 Thu – Apr 1 Mon	<p>Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument Car Camp – mod+ – 12.0 mi Out & Back – 1,500' ascent – Moderate pace Meet: Registration required Organizer: Donn Seeley 801-706-0815 donn@xmission.com This exploratory trip will visit a remote area south of St George that was declared a National Monument in 2000. It lies east of Gold Butte National Monument and north of Grand Canyon National Park, and has scenery that's reminiscent of both places. We'll visit the Grand Wash Cliffs area, including the Grand Gulch Mine, and we'll check out rugged gorges such as Pigeon Canyon. We'll drive down on Thursday and return on Monday. The roads here are terrible, so we'll need to carpool in high clearance 4x4 vehicles. You can expect off-trail hiking in the desert, at peak spring flower time.</p>
Mar 29 Fri	<p>Early Morning Rock Climb: Momentum Millcreek – ntd Meet: 6:00 am at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek (3173 E 3300 S, Salt Lake City, UT) Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu I will be at Momentum Indoor Climbing Millcreek approximately from 6 am to 7:30 am. You are welcome to join me. There aren't many people there early morning. So it should be easy to find me. *I have three free day passes in addition to a buddy pass per month. Please let me know if you want to use it.</p>
Mar 30 Sat	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+ Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Mar 29, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
Mar 31 Sun	<p>Snowshoe (Ski/Hike) - Location TBA – mod+ Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to snowshoe in BCC/LCC, Provo, Farmington, American Fork, the West Uintas or somewhere, weather, conditions and situation permitting. The specific location will be posted when it gets closer to the date. Please bring 10 Essentials, microspikes, and snowshoes. In addition, bring poles and gaiters if there is sufficient snow for snowshoeing. Avalanche safety gear (beacon, probe & shovel) is recommended but not required. If this changes, I will update the information. I have an extra set of avalanche safety gear - if you want to use it, please let me know. Depending on a location, we can have skiers too. Skiers must carry avalanche safety gear. If there is not enough snow, we will hike. Please email before Friday, 6 pm, Mar 29, for the meeting place and time. Registration is required. Registration priority will be given to WMC members. Registrants will receive more detailed info. Limit 8.</p>
May 3 Fri – May 5 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Mt. Waas Loop – msd Meet: Registration required Organizer: Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu We plan to make the Mt Waas Loop that includes Mt Waas (12,331 ft), Pilot Mt (12,000 ft), Green Mt (12,163 ft), Castle Mt (12,044 ft), and La Sal Peak (12,001 ft). We may do Horse Mt (11,130 ft) and Mineral Mt (11,608 ft) as well. Mt Waas is a Grand County's high point. The loop involves 8.9 miles with 4,163 ft gain. If we add the other two peaks, we will have extra distance and elevation gain. Trip schedule: road trip (approximately 4 hours from SLC) & hike to the TH on May 3 Friday; climb on May 4 Saturday; and hike back from the TH & road trip on May 5 Sunday. We will camp at the TH. The schedule may be adjusted depending on the conditions. This is non-technical mountaineering. But participants must: 1) have excellent stamina; 2) be willing to buy/rent/lend required individual gear if necessary; 3) know how to use crampons & ice axe; and 4) no history of altitude problems above 12,000 ft. Back-packing experience strongly desired. For more details, please contact the organizer (please include your current fitness level and mountaineering experience). Limit 8. WMC members only.</p>
May 4 Sat	<p>New Member Spring Social And Multi-Sport Event Meet: 10:00 am at Hidden Valley Park (2860 Wasatch Blvd, Sandy, UT) Organizer: Debbie Olson, Nina Shah 801-372-6814 socialdirector@wasatchmountainclub.org Are you new, newish, or renewed to the WMC and want more information about how to engage? Join some current and former WMC board members, coordinators, and activity organizers to sample a WMC activity, followed by a picnic at Noon, sharing of club information and resources, and answer questions. Bring a dish to share. We'll have small bites and finger food on hand. PLEASE RSVP SO WE CAN PLAN FOOD ACCORDINGLY</p>
May 17 Fri – May 19 Sun	<p>White Water Rafting Beginners Trip – class II+ – 7.0 mi Meet: Registration required Organizer: Luke Johnson 801-755-7575 huckleberry78360@gmail.com Beginner Whitewater Training Trip-- Moab Daily - May 17, 2024 Besides being a fun river trip this trip introduces you to WMC Boating trips. On a commercial boating trip the Guides do everything for you (inflate the boats, make the meals, guide you down the river, ...) but on Club trips there are no paid guides. Hence everybody on the trip contributes to completing the tasks that need to be done. Club members will share with you what they know about running rivers. This should include how to "read the river", throw a throw bag, right a flipped raft, paddle a paddle boat/paddle a duckie (inflatable kayak)/row an oar rig, what it's like to swim a rapid, and other safety skills. Non-river skills you will learn about are what personal gear works well on river trips, how to make group meals using the WMC Boating's kitchen, what gear the club owns (and is available for cheap private rentals when it's not being used on a club trip). Experienced boaters--we need you to help make this a successful learning experience!</p>



May 24 Fri – Jun 9 Sun	<p>Mountaineering - Illimani & Huayna Potosi, Bolivia – ext <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>Illimani (21,122 ft) is the second highest peak in Bolivia. We will also plan to climb Huayna Potosi (19,974 ft) and Pequeno Alpamayo (17,643 ft). In addition, we will trek at Lake Titicaca and Sun Island and hike to Pico Austria (17,480 ft) for acclimatization. Participants must 1) have excellent physical condition with previous mountaineering experience (rope travel, glacier travel, the use of crampons, and ice axe arrest) and have skills in crevasse rescue; 2) have no history of altitude sickness at 14k peaks; 3) be willing to buy/rent required individual gear if necessary; and 4) ice climbing experience (tip rope) or be willing to learn ice climbing before the trip. Mountaineering training sessions will be offered in winter-spring to prepare for this high altitude expedition, in collaboration with the School for International Expedition Training (nonprofit organization) and the U of U's Department of Park, Recreation and Tourism. Due to the complexity of the trip logistics and demanding alpine climbing, we will use a local company's package that has a fixed fee. The estimated cost for the local company is approximately \$2,210 including ground local transportation, meals in the mountains, certified guides (1:2 ratio), hut/camps in the mountains, camping gear, full base camp infrastructure and services, donkeys/porters, hotels in La Paz, tickets to museums, and entrance to mountains. The additional cost will be for international flights, compulsory travel insurance, personal expenses, personal equipment, and gratitude. Each participant will pay directly to the company. If interested, please contact the organizer with a description of your fitness level and your climbing resume and to receive more detailed information. WMC members only.</p>
Jul 22 Mon – Jul 26 Fri	<p>Hike - CO 14ers & Car Camp In The Sawatch Range – msd <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to make class 2 CO 14ers in the Sawatch Range. The planned schedule is: July 22 Monday Road Trip. July 23 Tue Mt Princeton (from the 2 WD TH 13.25 miles RT with 5,400 ft gain; from the 4WD TH 6.5 miles with 3,200 ft gain; class 2). July 24 W Hot Springs (Mt Princeton Hot Springs \$40 for a day pass). July 25 Thu Hike - Mt Antero (from the 2WD TH 15.5 miles RT with 5,200 ft gain; from the 4WD TH 7 miles RT with 2,400 ft gain; class 2). July 26 F Road trip/ to the next campground. We may hike to different peaks depending on weather and conditions. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The hikes will be exploratory. We will stay at a developed campsite. Partial participation is fine. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer. Note (10/25/2023): The campground reservations have not started for the dates. I will update details about cost ect after I make a reservation.</p>
Jul 26 Fri – Jul 28 Sun	<p>Hike - Mt. Of The Holy Cross (14,007 Ft) & Car Camp In Co – msd – 12.0 mi – 5,600' ascent <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Akiko Kamimura kamimura@umich.edu</p> <p>We plan to summit Mt of the Holy Cross (14,007 ft) in Colorado (class 2). The planned schedule is: July 28 F Road trip; July 29 Sat hike; and July 30 Sun Road trip. Due to a high possibility of afternoon thunderstorms in CO, we will start a hike very early. The plan may change depending on weather and conditions. This hike will be exploratory. We will stay at a developed campground. Limit 8. WMC members only. For more details, please contact the organizer. Note (10/25/2023): The campground reservations have not started for the dates. I will update details about cost ect after I make a reservation.</p>
Aug 22 Thu – Sep 2 Mon	<p>Yellowstone Car Camp – ntd+ <i>Meet:</i> Registration required <i>Organizer:</i> Michael* Budig 801-403-7677 mlbudig@gmail.com</p> <p>We will camp at the following campgrounds on the following dates: Grant Village: Aug 22-25, Bridge Bay: August 25-28, Canyon Village: August 28-31 and Madison Campground: August 31- September 2. We will be doing different hikes every day and getting together for food and drinks at night. You can join us for part or all of the trip, but you need to make your own campground reservations --- through Xanterra's Yellowstone website. You should make reservations ASAP if you want to come as the campground reservations will fill up as we get closer to the actual date. You can get a full refund of your deposit up to one month before the reservation date. Campsite numbers will not be revealed by Xanterra until the date of the reservation, but we should be able to get campsites in the same general vicinity. Please contact me by email.</p>
Aug 23 Fri – Aug 25 Sun	<p>Car Camp -Dinah-Soar Days... Vernal, UT. -Bike - Hike - Kayak – mod- – 7.7 mi Out & Back – 620' ascent – Moderate pace <i>Meet:</i> 1:00 pm at Vernal Utah. Camping on Reed Fleet State Park or McCoy Flats. <i>Organizer:</i> Dea & Phil Nelson formidable.ser@gmail.com</p> <p>Our plan involves camping at Red Fleet State Park or if we decide as a group, BLM camping is available at McCoy Flats (9 miles from Vernal) . On Friday evening, we'll head into Vernal to experience the vibrant display of Hot Air Balloons (NIGHT GLOW) along Main Street, they have food vendors and live music. For the second day, post the spectacle of the Hot Air Balloon launch, we intend to hike towards Jones Hole, aiming to reach the banks of the Green River. In the afternoon, we'll catch the Car Show on Main Street. As the day winds down, we'll explore downtown Vernal. On the third day, we'll catch the third Air Balloon launch. Then, we'll return to our campsite, taking the opportunity to kayak on Red Fleet reservoir and explore the dinosaur tracks through a hike or bike.</p>

More activities will likely be added to the on-line calendar. Check wasatchmountainclub.org/calendar for updates, and join the activity email list for short notice postings.



In Memoriam: Stephen Pace

Stephen Charlier Pace

1947 - 2023

Steve always knew when to leave a party, and he never overstayed his welcome. He is the greatest character many of us will ever meet, and the world feels strange without him since his passing on September 21, 2023.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 11, 1947, Steve was the eldest child of William D. and Maxine Charlier Pace. The family later returned to SLC, and he spent his formative years in their home on Cottonwood Lane at the base of the Wasatch Mountains—a natural fit for this lover of nature. He attended Olympus High School, where he met many of his lifelong and closest friends, graduating in 1965. The city of his birth beckoned to him and he continued his studies at MIT, where he graduated with both a B.S. and an M.S. in business. That discipline led him to a long and successful career in independent health care consulting for major hospital systems across the U.S.

He loved to ski, run rivers, fish streams and lakes, camp, and create the most impossible gourmet meals for hungry friends on river trips. Steve was active in the Wasatch Mountain Club, especially with boating. He always had a ready list of small rivers and creeks to run in his Achillies duckie. His duckie carried everything one could imagine, including dutch ovens and coolers. His detailed knowledge of river information and current conditions was remarkable. Steve knew everyone who had any information about or control over flows and also everyone who could provide a shuttle. After so many years monitoring flows, Steve had a pretty good sense of what might be runnable in the coming season, along with a good dose of optimism. Steve's most often run river was the San Juan, which was always run a time or two each year and always the "plan B" trip when "plan A" wasn't runnable. It seemed that he could always snag a permit for the San Juan. Steve gave us a better appreciation of the small rivers and was willing to share his extensive knowledge and contacts. Newcomers were always welcome and always returned with amazing stories of Steve's antics.



A Pisces, Steve lived for water. From river running to skiing to gardening to his daily swims, water was a primary focus of his life. His last day consisted of reading the news, taking a good nap and going water walking. When it came time to shuffle off his mortal coil, he was halfway through a lap in the pool. He had spent much of the past year planning river trips down the small creeks of southern Utah, and organizing restoration plans for his property in the Avenues. He was deeply connected to history and the experience of this place.

From a very young age, Steve loved to explore and learn, a quest that never ceased. He especially relished Emily's companionship with whom he shared his curiosity, wit and never-to-be-humble opinions.

A man of many mantras ("Make pain your friend!"), Steve was also a master of irony, teaching Emmer the most important lesson she could ever learn: The greatest weapon one can ever wield is an intelligent mind and a sharp tongue. He never hesitated to take up the pen to share his humorous, often pointed, observations about life, politics and government bureaucracy. Steve and Emily spent many "bisits" regaling one another with the tidbits they had learned that day, and what they were planning to discover next. They traveled many places together, but still had many more yet to visit; Emily and Mary Ellen will be taking up those adventures.

He is survived by his daughter (and best pal) Emily Sloan-Pace, and her mother, Mary Ellen Sloan, his long-time friend and former wife,-who (among many) will miss his warmth, humor, jokes and insights. They grieve him with each passing day and find that their three-way hugs feel most incomplete without his loving presence included in the circle. Steve is also survived by his brother Richard "Skitch" Pace (m. Katherine), his sister Patricia Barker (m. Paul) and his many (grand) nieces and (grand) nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Daniel C. Pace, and his nephew Danny Pace.

At age 8, Emily scribbled a note in her summer school journal. Steve copied and posted it on a kitchen cabinet where it remained on display for the next 35 years. It is the best encapsulation of his ethos we could imagine: "Today, we learned about space. I wish we could've learned more, but we ran out of time. I guess that's the way life is."

Our family will host a private memorial service in the Spring. We would love to collect your stories, photos, memories and bon mots about Pezo, Peach, Pace, Pa-poose and Evets E. Cap (his spy name revealed at last!). Please send them to Emily at Shakespeareprof@gmail.com or user031147@aol.com.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Save Our Canyons and help stop the Little Cottonwood Canyon Gondola. Steve was dedicated to protecting the wildness and beauty of the Wasatch Mountains and Southern Utah, and passionately endeavored to save those treasured spaces that he and so many of us have enjoyed.

We also invite you to read Emily Wilson's translation of The Iliad. Steve had been eagerly awaiting his copy, and poignantly, it was published just a few days following his death. During the early months of Covid, our socially distanced family read Homer's Odyssey aloud to one another; Dad immensely looked forward to gathering again to savor The Iliad. Please read a few pages out loud for Steve--and for all of us who loved him.

Editor's note: Obituary reprinted from The Salt Lake Tribune, The Salt Lake Tribune from Dec. 7 to Dec. 10, 2023.





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- THE RAMBLER, WMC's monthly publication has articles and scheduled activities.
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WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC) MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Do not use for renewals.)

Please read carefully and completely fill out both sides of the page. Print legibly, *please*.

I am applying for membership as: _____ Single _____ Couple

Name: Applicant 1: _____ Birthdate*: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

Applicant 1: Main phone: _____ Email address: _____

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PRIVACY INFORMATION: The WMC defaults to listing your name, address, phone and email in a *Member Directory*. This information is only available to current members, and to access it they must either log in to the WMC website (www.wasatchmountainclub.org) or request a printed copy from the Membership Director.

YOU NEED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION: To not have your address, phone, and/or email listed in the *Member Directory* – if you don't have computer access or need help contact the Membership Director, otherwise on the WMC website use the **MEMBERS > Privacy & Activity Preferences** webpage.

Membership dues:

- \$40.00 for single membership (Annual dues \$35.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- \$55.00 for couple membership (Annual dues \$50.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- \$25.00 for student membership (Annual dues \$20.00 plus \$5.00 paper application fee)
- Student members must be full-time student.

Enclosed is \$_____ for application fee and first year's dues. Check or money order only. Please make checks payable to Wasatch Mountain Club.

How did you learn about the Wasatch Mountain Club: _____

* Your birthdate is only used to verify you are at least 18 years old and membership age statistics.



WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB (WMC)

Applicant Agreement, Acknowledgement of Risk and Release from Liability

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION: I acknowledge that my participation in all WMC activities is voluntary. No one is forcing me to participate. I agree to abide by the rules of the WMC.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK: I am aware that WMC activities involve risks, and may result in injury, illness, death, and damage to or loss of property. These dangers include but are not limited to: the hazards of traveling in remote areas without medical services or care, the forces of nature, the inherent dangers involved in participation in sports, wilderness travel, and social activities, and the negligent actions of other persons or agencies. I understand that all activities should be considered exploratory, with the possibility of unexpected conditions and route variations. The WMC is not, nor does it provide, a professional guide service. In order to partake in the enjoyment and excitement of WMC activities, I am willing to accept the risk and uncertainty involved as being an integral part of the activity. I acknowledge this risk, and assume full responsibility for any and all risks of injury, illness, death, or damage to or loss of my property.

PREPARATION: I understand that it is my responsibility to evaluate the difficulties of any WMC activity I participate in, and decide whether I am prepared by having the experience, skill, knowledge, equipment, and the physical and emotional stamina to participate safely.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE: I agree that I, my heirs, personal or legal representatives hereby do release and hold harmless from all liability, and promise not to bring any suit or claim against the WMC, its activity organizers, directors, agents or representatives for any injury, illness, death or damage and loss of property resulting from my participation in any WMC activity even if they negligently caused the injury or damage.

LEGAL FEES: Should it become necessary for the WMC, or someone on their behalf, to incur attorney fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay the WMC reasonable costs and fees thereby expended, or for which liability is incurred.

INSURANCE: I understand that the WMC strongly recommends that I maintain insurance sufficient to cover any injury, illness or property damage that I may incur while participating in WMC activities. In the event of injury, illness or death related to any WMC activity, I recognize that I, or my estate, will bear the full cost of my evacuation or recovery, and any related medical care that I may need. I acknowledge that the WMC carries no insurance whatsoever for any participants in WMC activities.

PHOTOS: I understand that photos taken during a WMC activity may be used on WMC social media sites and in The Rambler.

SIGNATURE: My signature below indicates I have read this entire document, understand it completely, understand it affects my legal rights, and agree to be bound by its terms. I certify I am at least 18 years old.

Signature 1 _____ Date: _____

Signature 2 _____ Date: _____

Mail completed application to: WMC Membership Director
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50 Years Ago in The Rambler

Transcribed by Donn Seeley

Club activities for February 1974 [...]

- FEBRUARY 9
Saturday SMITH-MOREHOUSE CANYON NORDIC TOUR. Intermediate. The first Uinta outing of the year will be in an area that the club has not visited previously. We will ski up Smith-Morehouse and down to the Mirror Lake road. It's a fairly long trek, so you'll need to be in good shape. A relatively early start is anticipated. For details call [...]. Leader: Don Carlton.
- FEBRUARY 13
Saturday ELECTION MEETING. The election meeting will be held in the Zion Lutheran Church, 1070 Foothill Drive, at 7:20 p.m. Come help us choose the officers from all those thundering hordes panting and battling for each and every office. After the battle clouds clear, Del Wiens (who has in fact returned from Africa) will present another especially nice slide show. This will be the second half that he promised us the last time. Those of you who were there will remember how exceptionally realistic his slides were. Refreshments will be through the courtesy of whomever I can catch at the other end of the phone this a.m. before I go skiing. See page 10 for nominations.

Igloo? Someone bring the glue

by Bill Rosqvist and Mel Davis

[...] Armed with all the knowledge that written literature on the subject could provide, we toured into the mountains above Alta. So high was our confidence that a tent was not carried. Only a simpleton would approach such an outing with a do or die attitude. We must have had little regard for our fingers and toes.

Carefully, the site was prepared and each block cut with exactness. The size and shape had to be just right or the block was discarded. Slowly the blocks, as large as could be cut and handled, took shape. The first row sloped up in a spiral and leaned toward the center at an angle. Each block was beveled in the right places and tapped firmly into position. The same principle was applied, no matter the angle of the block, to the horizontal. Almost like a miracle, the blocks hung in position. Even the top block (which was set by the use of a flashlight), lying perfectly horizontal, held its position. Five hours of dedicated work and a pile of broken, discarded blocks had produced a primitive engineering feat. With a candle burning inside, all the holes and cracks could be seen easily from the outside. All of these were filled with new snow, much as a cabin of logs is chinked with river mud.

The inside was nine feet in diameter and had a six and a half foot ceiling. A block was used for a door to keep out the cold. Soon supper was cooking and the light from the two candles provided more illumination than a 100-watt bulb in an ordinary room. The heat from the stove, candle and body slowly warmed the interior. An inside-outside thermometer was installed and revealed through the night that the temperature outside dropped to four above zero while inside it remained a comfortable 35 degrees. Compared to a tent or snow cave, an igloo is the ultimate in luxury for winter camping.

1974 Nominations:

President: Dale Green; Secretary: Betty Hendricks; Treasurer: Mel Davis; Boating: Ken McCarty; Conservation: Virginia Loudon, Betty Bottcher; Entertainment: Karen Weatherbee; Hiking: Bill Rosqvist; Lodge: Phil Nelson; Membership: Jane Daurelle, Marlene Austin; Mountaineering: Paul Horton; Publications: Audrey Stevens and Mary Welch (co-editors); Ski Touring: Dwight Nicholson; Kayaking: J. Dewell; 3 Yr. Trustee: Bob J. Wright; 4 Yr. Trustee: Charlie Keller.



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