

SPARTANBURG SKI & OUTING CLUB



Feb. 3rd - Club Meeting
Mike Atkins on SCUBA Diving



Feb. 5th & 6th -- Race #5 at Canaan Valley
Feb 12th & 13th -- Race #6 at Sugar Mountain



Feb. 16th -- Mini-Social at Stefano's



Feb. 18th -- Greenville Growl Game



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GREETINGS FROM THE P (2)

Our illustrious President is without power today, and I have offered to write her page. I miss my monthly write-ups for our newsletter, so the pleasure is all mine! What wintry weather we are having this weekend, Spartanburg in the snow - what a sight to see, especially all the yahoos on the road who simply cannot find it within themselves to go a little bit faster than 10 mph! Our Crescent race was scheduled this weekend and congratulations to the Krussig's & Mark McCall who were smart enough to spend Saturday night up in NC so they could get to the ski resort. Pieter, Elke and I made a valiant effort on Sunday, but it took almost an hour just to get to Chesnee! Needless to say, we turned around, ate breakfast and went back to the confines of our warm, safe homes.

The crew from Park City made it home safely! There were a few accidents for Margaret, Mark & Dean (from Columbia). Glad all of you are back on your feet. Some first time NASTAR medals were earned and the snow was fabulous. I heard they had a large time, and others were just confused about where or with whom to share a bed ... ask Mr. Bomar, Mr. Darling & Mr. Beck about that one!!! Please join us for our club meeting on Thursday, February 3 at 7:30 PM. We have a guest from one of our local SCUBA shops who will enlighten us on the joys of self-contained underwater breathing apparatus stuff! Let's think warm waters, not ice fishing ... plans for a SCUBA trip could be in the works! Sure would be nice to see Peter Lyttle at the meeting. I've heard some good stories about his SCUBA adventures!

Our mini-social will be at Stefano's restaurant located on Union Street on Wednesday, February 16th at 6:30. Good food! Please call Charlie or e-mail him if you wish to attend.

Tickets are still available for the Greenville Growls game on Friday, February 18th. The cost is \$7.10 - please call Bryan to sign up A.S.A.P. Hope lots of you will join us to GRR the team to victory!

That's about it - let's hope our trip to Roan Mountain went well, and we all skied our finest See you all at the meeting.

Respectfully filling in,

Alison
Your P (2)

The February meeting program will feature Mike Atkins of The Scuba Shop, who will fill us in on, what's new in scuba and snorkeling. Mike is also involved with the local scuba club and will let us know what they are up to. There are a few common members between the two clubs. There should be a possibility of joint activities in the near future. So, for any of you ready to consider spending some time in a more comfortable form of water come out for this meeting. I know that The Scuba Shop has a trip planned to Little Cayman and Cayman Brac this summer. Mike is in Bonaire as this is being written while the author is experiencing an ice storm. Hmmm.....



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March and April Special Events

It's getting close! March 4th, 2000. The R O A D R A L L E Y ! ! ! !

This promises to be a really F U N event. We will assemble at Doug and Martha's house at 2. P.M. Saturday for refreshments and some inspiration. You will be given a list of questions that can only be answered by locating areas in Spartanburg and solving clues. Fun huh? When you have finished your list, we will meet at Dale and Shela's house for a ski club favorite of frogmore stew. Sign ups begin at the February meeting. Five Dollars per person and a knowledge of Spartanburg gets you in. Here is a few teasers to get you started.

ROAD RALLEY CLUES

1. What is the diameter of the NCAA logo found on "Law Field"?
2. What golf related name still appears in the parking lot of Spartanburg's restored depot?
3. What if the height (in inches) of the letter "F" used to label the "Industrial Training Facility" at one of Spartanburg's higher education institutions?
4. College students might not fully appreciate Virginia Tyler's sculpture (although, on second thought, this phallus symbol might be just their speed). It is not in the shape of a firearm nor is painted in the school's trademark green, what color is it?

Hummm... Just enough for you to get the picture....Teams welcome..Sign up soon!

A P R I L MYSTERY PARTY

APRIL FOOLS!! The mystery party has been changed to April 8th. Mark your calendars for this one. It should be B I G !!

MINI - SOCIAL

The February Mini-Social will be held at **Stefano's** on Union Street, **Wednesday the 16th** and the time is set at **6:30**. Please sign up at the meeting, call 574-0376 or send e-mail to cdarling@spartanburg.net.

In upcoming months we are considering the Kanpai (or Shogun), Kudzu's and others. Suggestions and requests are always welcome.

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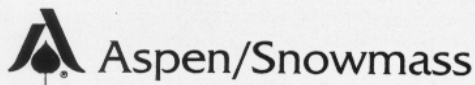
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The following is the January meetings winning chili recipe, as chosen by the Stroller. Del Haynes Second place recipe is also included.

Mariel's Prize Winning Chili Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 giant can of crushed tomatoes
- 1 giant can whole tomatoes
- 1 large onion
- 2 16 oz cans of spicy chili beans
- 1 16oz pack of Jimmy Dean maple sausage
- 2 Cuban peppers
- 1 finely chopped Habenero pepper
- 2 heaping tbs. chili powder
- sour wine (secret ingredient)

Directions

- 1 brown onion and sausage and then drain
- 2 add all the other ingredients
- 3 cook for one hour
- 4 eat

A BOWL OF RED
SPARTANBURG SKI AND OUTING CLUB CHILI COOKOFF
YEAR 2000 SECOND PLACE

Be aware that this recipe takes considerable time and effort, but the results are very rewarding.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 bacon slices, chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 plump garlic cloves, minced
- 4-pound chuck roast, trimmed of surface fat and cut into ½ inch cubes
- ½ cup good-quality chili powder, such as Gebhardt's
- 1 tablespoon cumin seeds, toasted in a dry skillet and ground
- 1 tablespoon mole paste (see ingredient tip below)
- 2 teaspoons crumbled dried oregano, preferably Mexican
- 2 teaspoons salt or more to taste
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper or more to taste
- Approximately 2 cups beef stock, preferably homemade
- 1 to 2 tablespoons masa harina
- Additional chopped onions, minced fresh or pickled jalapenos, and saltine crackers, optional

Fry the bacon in a Dutch oven or other large heavy pot over medium heat until brown and crisp. Remove the bacon from the drippings with a slotted spoon and reserve it. Add the onion to the drippings and saute briefly until softened. Mix in the garlic and saute until the onion is translucent. Stir in the beef and saute it until it loses its raw color. Add the reserved bacon, the chili powder, cumin, mole paste, oregano, salt, vinegar, and cayenne. Pour in just enough stock to cover. Reduce the heat to very low and cook uncovered for about 3 hours, stirring about every 30 minutes. Add more stock as needed to keep the mixture from getting dry and sticking. In the last 30 minutes of cooking, stir in the masa harina, a couple of teaspoons at a time, to thicken or "tighten" the chili. Serve immediately or let it cool, cover, and refrigerate for later reheating. Serve the chili steaming hot in bowls, with garnishes as you wish.

Ingredient Tip

Mole paste is a ground mixture of chocolate, toasted chiles and seeds, and seasoning, used to flavor black mole, the dark sauce often served with chicken or turkey in Mexico. If you cannot obtain any, you can use my accompanying recipe which follows.

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