



## WICHITA SKI CLUB

### General Meeting

#### River City Brewery

(upstairs)



150 N. Mosley

Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Social Hour      6:30 p.m.  
Meeting            7:30 p.m.

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please e-mail **Mark**

### Member Dues

Member dues are due Single person is \$30.00 and a family is \$50.00 they are due by the end of May. Any New members to the club, will receive a free Wichita Ski Club t-shirt.

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Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Louies Bar and Grill

9747 East 21st Street

(Behind the Quick Shop at 21st and Webb)

Ph. (316) 636-5422

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### WSC Membership Report

Our membership for the year 2008-09 was greater than 120 strong! This year lets shoot for 180! Currently we have 61 members that have paid for the 2009-10 membership year! Please welcome the following new WSC members and record their information in your directories:

**Susanne and Hanfried Renken**

**Brian Copeland**

**Gerty and Mike Abraham**

**Patty Beck**

**Val Howard**

was in the directory last year it will not be included this year. The 2009-10 Directory will be available in October (or if things go well like last year, I will have them available for the September Ski Trip sign up meeting!!!) The membership registration forms can be found on the website at [wichitaskiclub.com](http://wichitaskiclub.com).

### WSC Lake Party

Swim - Ski - Wake Board - Tubing -  
Windsurf - Sailing - Fishing -  
Eat & Drink & have fun!

**Saturday, May 30th**

2:00 pm till after dark  
Eat at 5 pm

**Dave Pauly's House**

2610 N. North Shore Ct.  
Phone 250-2045

\*\$5.00 members \$10.00 non-members

#### **Please Bring:**

- Dish to share
- BYOB
- Lawn chair
- Swim suit & towel
- Fishing pole, if you would like to fish
- Life jacket (if you have one)

**Provided:** Hamburgers, brats, hot-dogs, buns, bboat, windsurfer, sailboat

**Directions:** From west 21st street, turn North on North Shore at the new traffic light just west of Players Bar & north of Sedgwick County Park (east of Ridge). Go North approx. ? of a mile on North Shore . Turn right across railroad tracks onto North Shore Circle (entrance to Bare Foot Bay). Take first right on North Shore Ct. Go to end of cul-de-sac to 2610 North Shore Ct.

\*\*In case of rain, makeup day will be Sunday, May 31st.\*\*

### Membership Renewal

Spring is here and so is membership renewal! dues for singles are \$30 and for family, \$50. You may submit your payment to a board member at any WSC function or by mail to PO Box 2451, Wichita, KS 67201. Dues are considered late after June 30th.

Please pay by check and fill out a membership registration to go with your payment. Include all information you would like available in the directory. If you do not include information that

## Join The Wichita Ski Club in Breckenri

**WHEN:** July 1-5, we have lodging the nights of the 1st thru the night of the 4th. We will drive out on Wednesday the 1st and come home on Sunday the 5th!

**WHERE:** We will stay at Saddlewood Townhomes, below is the link to our two condos!

<http://www.resortquestbreckenridge.com/rental/house.html?ID=387>

<http://www.resortquestbreckenridge.com/rental/house.html?ID=385>

**COST:** Member cost is \$160/ non member cost is \$190 for lodging and a meal and snack night.

**RAFTING:** Will be an additional \$62. For those interested we will raft the Royal Gorge, half day on Friday July 3 at 1:00 pm. If you want to rent a wet suit it will be an additional \$5 the day of rafting. Link to rafting <http://www.raftecho.com>

### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

*May 5:* \$50 non refundable deposit due  
*June 9:* \$110/\$140 remainder of trip due  
*June 16:* \$62 rafting payment due in full  
Payments will be collected at Sno's, meetings, mail or pay at the following additional locations set up on payment dates:

June 9th: Get together, Emerson Biggins west at 6:00 pm  
June 16th: General Meeting, River City Brewery  
June 18th: Car pool planning, Heroes

### **Planned activities while in Breck!**

As other people are interested in doing other things and arrange them, we will let you know!

*Wednesday, July 1:* Meet at Bubba Gumps up stairs on patio after arrival, 6:00-ish

*Thursday, July 2:* Mexican dinner in Michelle's Condo, 6:30 pm. Margaritas provided, BYOB any other beverages.

*Friday, July 3:* Rafting, leave at 9:30 am, arrive, eat lunch and check in at 12:15 pm.

*Saturday July 4:* 8:00 pm, Snacks and socializing in Michelle's Condo

*Sunday July 5:* Leave as wanted, checkout by 10:00 am.

Trip Captain: **Michelle Grillot**

Cell # 316-304-4127

Mail payments to Michelle at:  
770 N. Silver Springs Blvd. #723  
Wichita, KS 67212

**Lodging is limited!**  
**Room assignments will be determined on the order of signing up and payments!**

## WSC Member Kimball Awarded Bronze Star Medal

John Kimball was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Maj Gen Tod Bunting, the Adjutant General of Kansas, presented the Bronze Star Medal on behalf of Lt. Gen. Gary North, commander of USAF Central Command. With him in the photo are his two daughters;

Elizabeth and her husband Nathan Jackel and Rebecca and her fiancé Kevin Belcher.

While in Afghanistan, John was engaged in ground combat against an enemy of the United States at Camp Phoenix, near Kabul, Afghanistan, from Sept. 2007 to May 2008. He served as the chief enlisted manager of the 755th Expeditionary Support Squadron and the 755th Air Expeditionary Group, both part of the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing.

According to the award citation, John aided in the integra-

tion of more than 500 airmen into a cohesive unit performing non-traditional roles such as embedded training teams, combat support service teams,



**John Kimball, center, with family**

brigade support teams and garrison support teams for the U.S. Army and coalition partners at 26 locations throughout Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and the International Security Assistance Force. Undaunted in his pursuit of his Airmen's well being, he traversed the battlefield on 80 combat missions to visit them at forward operating bases and remote work sites, putting himself in nearly constant danger from small arms fire, improvised explosives devices, and rocket attacks.

## WSC Kanopolis Hike, 2009

Hikers met at 8:30 am Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Cracker Barrel in Park City. It was a small group,

John Hough, Mike Lietz, Ileen Penna, Debbie Taylor, Linnea Baker & Brian Coplend, Roger Skaer, Charlotte Farrar, and Tony

(Toothfairy) Hoss! After a hearty breakfast we headed north in our caravan towards Kanopolis State Park. We initially missed a couple of hidden Highway #4 turns through Lindsborg, but after our brief 75 min. drive we got to our trailhead to Horsethief Canyon. Several of our crew must have been getting outdated weather forecasts, because they showed up wearing only t-shirts, anticipating 80 degree temps and lights winds, but instead discovered at the trailhead a very cool low 60's with gusty north-eastern winds!

Without even thinking to toss a jacket into their car, for those with 'goose bumped arms, anything long sleeved, immediately developed a high 'market value'! After those with layered clothing donated to the clothing

'poor', we started out on our trails in and out of the canyons of these Smoky Hills.

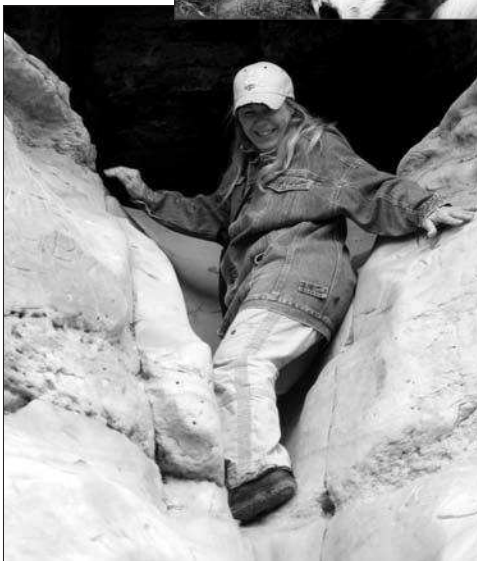
At first we hiked up one side of the bottom of a broad valley with steep walls. There was a creek running down the center with beaver dams about every 50 yards. Lots of little springs trickling out from the walls meant that we had to navigate numerous muddy

break. Partner up the main canyon was a smaller 'box canyon' where Indians had hidden stolen horses, and a unique water fall that was carving a 'mortar & pestle' formation at the end. At the end of the canyon we had to climb up over the legendary steps that were supposedly worn into the cliff wall by buffalo that travelled into the canyon to get to water.

From the top of Horsethief Canyon we crossed in and out into the prairie, by heavily eroded sandstone rock formations, and into several more canyons. We wound through canyon floors filled with woodlands shelters by high walls from the winds above. Crossed numerous small streams and saw countless beautifully colored sandstone formations that could take what ever shape your imagination could envision. Eventually at our highest point we came to a gate, where on the other side was the beginning of 24 miles of trail in Wildlife Preserve. We very wisely thought, 'another time!!' We were getting on the tired side of the day, taking more,

and more short breaks. Our hardy group decided it was time to head back to our motorized chariots and

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spots along the trail. But, the canyons at least protected our group from the winds on the prairie above. It seems that the sandstone of the walls had for a century encouraged everyone to scratch their names into the rocks. It was as if the stone facing had become a Travelers Directory. Several caves offered an adventure to climb up to an

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find the mythical watering hole we had heard of in Lindsborg. Again, we had to twice cross a wide lake inlets using one of the many dams that the busy beavers had built. After about four hours on the trails, our vehicles were a welcome site.

We headed for the legendary "Ole Stuga" in Lindsborg where we had heard the refreshments were guaranteed to relax. The "Stuga" is one of those earthy college type hangouts with doors that are perpetually open. Thumbtacked dollars on the ceiling attested to the talents of student creativity at its finest. After a light meal of Ruben's and brew everyone loaded up and headed back to do-da. I'm sure all who ventured out into the hills with us this day, enjoyed a very good nights' sleep that glorious Saturday. Be sure to join us this fall for another hiking adventure into the beauty of Kansas that is too seldom seen by its residence. Remember, we're all getting older, but you never have to be old. Ileen, you are a model for us all!

## Wichita Ski Club Membership Registration

\_\_\_ \$30 SINGLE    \_\_\_ \$50 FAMILY



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HM PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your payment and registration to:

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