



WICHITA SKI CLUB

General Meeting

River City Brewery

(upstairs)



150 N. Mosley

Tuesday, June 17th

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 Bowman** at

Wichita Ski Club 2008 Summer Events Calendar (tentative)

- May 31Weekend-Buffalo river or Talequah Float Trip
June 13-15 ..Council Grove Lake Trip (Gary Lowe, trip Captain)
July 4Breckenridge, Co-Thurs-Sun. (Trip Captain, TBD)
July 25-27Fall River Lake Trip (Trip Captain, June McMillan)
Aug. 30Milford Lake Trip (Steve and Andrea, Trip Captain)
Sept. 1Cheney Fest Lake Trip (Steve, Trip Captain)

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Go Take A Hike!

If you did not make the hike on the trails around Toronto Lake on April 19, you missed a wonderful day! Everyone had been tired of this cold and windy winter and was looking for a Spring day. Well, mother nature provided a mid-70's day with sunshine and no wind. We could not have asked for more, except more hikers. Many people spoke about hiking, but time to head for the trails, there were only a hearty lucky thirteen of us!

After carpooling to Toronto, our group seemed to naturally split into the group of lady fitness 'power walkers' and a group of more nonchalant 'woodland strollers'. We first hiked the Ancient Oaks Trail, which was an interpretive trail of about 1 1/4 miles that displayed some of the oldest Post Oaks and Blackjack Oaks left in the Plains.

It seemed that a search for a restroom was the next priority. After the 'nature calls', the 'Power Walkers' made it to the next trail first and headed out on the Chautauqua Hills Trail. Unlike the limestone outcroppings of the Elk City Lake trails, Toronto is in the Chautauqua Hills, a narrow region which only extends about fifty miles north of Oklahoma and are mainly reddish sandstone. **Dave Dodson, Ileen Penna, Mike Lietz, Deb Taylor, Mark Greer,** and the other 'Stroller', finally hit the trail. We walked and examined nature bursting through this early Spring. We walked in woods, grasslands, and crossed streams running with water. Modern cell phones allowed the 'Strollers' to keep in touch with the 'Power Walkers' who were trying to make the whole trail length that day. After about a 4-5 mile walk, the day started to shorten, so after

crossing the mighty Toronto Creek, the 'Strollers' started back to the trailhead when Ileen Penna tripped on a rock sticking up in the trail and took a hard fall to the forest floor. To our surprise out came the first aid kits from Mark and Debbie, to cover Ileen's scratches. It's always good to have a Boy and Girl Scout on a hike. Thanks! **Jane Moriarty, Carol French, Veronica Casados, Lisa Walls, Charlotte Farrar, and Linnea Baker,** the 'Power Walkers', caught up with us right at the trail end. Some of the group headed back to Wichita, while the rest headed to El Dorado to quench our thirst with some well deserved beverage. By the time I got home, the day was gone and I was bushed. A winter of sitting around had not prepared me for the work my legs got, but the best day of the Spring made it all worth while. If you missed out, shame on you!

J.R. 'The Wood Man'

Fall River Water Ski Outing

July 25-27th

Trip Captain: June McMillan

Event Ticket Cost: \$30



Tuesday, June 3rd

**B. G. Boltons
Sports Bar and Grill**

11423 East 13th St.

(Just off K-96 and 13th St.)

558-8600

Remembering Steve

Great Times With a Great Man

Steve Schroeder, a two-time Wichita Ski Club President and proud owner of Kirby's Beer Store, the Hippest place in town, went to the Happy Hour in Heaven on May 1, 2008.



Steve Schroeder

Steve was a great snow skier and an avid outdoors person. He rarely missed a lake event or canoe trip. Steve joined the Ski Club in the 70's and was President of the 1978/1979 and 1988/1989 seasons. In 1989 he led the ski club to win the WSC first ever overall 1st place at the Flatlands snow ski races. The Club will be 50 years old in 2009 thanks to the vision of people like Steve.

Steve was also known for some of his famous parties he put together for ski club members and friends. It was at Steve's annual Beer and Wine tasting party in 1984 that I first really met him. God those were good times. I got locked in the upstairs bathroom for about 20 minutes at one of them. The inside door knob fell off and some one took it with them to show Steve. I've joked with Steve about that for over 20 years. In fact the day he died I spoke to him in an email about starting that awesome party tradition up again. He told me he now had so many friends to invite that his back yard wouldn't hold them all so he wasn't sure how he could pull it off.

Steve started his job career as a Physical Education teacher and then moved into the banking business for several years. He got to traveling and living out of Wichita so much that he decided it was time to find something that he

loved to do and would keep him at home and near his friends. It was then that Steve purchased Kirby's Beer Store which was a place dear to his heart. Kirby's is rated in the top 50 Tavern's in the United States by the Men's Journal Magazine. Steve was heavy into the music scene and always ready to give a new group a chance to perform. I once asked Steve what kind of music the band of the evening would be performing. His answer was "Their own". It was because of

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his way of thinking that the music scene is a better place today. Kirby's is not your average

tavern. It is smaller than most living rooms. The décor hasn't changed in 36 years other than adding a new poster over the top of an old one on the wall or ceiling. But Steve's attitude made Kirby's an icon in the history of Wichita and the hearts of its patrons. Thank you Steve for the memories, on the ski slopes, at Kirby's and as a friend.

-Mark Greer



Schroeder Enjoyed Time With Friends

Long-time WSC member Steve Schroeder, 61, died suddenly May 1, 2008. Steve served as president in 1978-79 and 1988-89. He was proprietor of Kirby's Beer Store and was survived by his mother, Bernita Schroeder of Hanover; sister, Nancy Haas of Wichita; niece, Jessica McCreary of Wichita; and cousin, John Schroeder of California.

Steve previously was a stock broker with PaineWebber (now UBS) and was WSC members Lou and Nancy Myer's first stock broker. Recently Steve and Mike Hand traveled to Dallas, TX, to attend Jimmy Buffet in concert where they had a wonderful time. Steve once was a big snow skier in his early days with the Club, but his interest in the last several years has been with the summer lake events where he would be seen camping out in his 60's vintage Volkswagon camper van. Steve was always up for gathering with friends around the shoreline campfires and watching the Kansas sunsets develop as the evenings faded to night.

-Marlene Coker

Steve Will Be Missed

Steve was a long time Ski club member and past president, a quiet, soft-spoken and gentle man. He was a retired banker and Wichita businessman.

Steve loved to ski and go camping in his Volksbus. I okidded him about being an aging "hippie". Steve and I shared a condo on a ski trip to Taos, New Mexico awhile back and we enjoyed going into town and listening to the flamenco music and shopping in the various art galleries.

Thomas Mann once wrote, "There are some men to gentle to live among wolves."

I am going to miss my friend Steve. Adios Amigo!

-Leopoldo Amelio Casados Jr.



Wichita Ski Club Presents

Breckenridge 2008

July 3rd - 6th

\$170.00 per person

Featuring...

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| Whitewater Rafting (<i>Cost TBD</i>) | Hiking |
| Jeeping | Biking |
| Four-wheeling | Hot Tubbing |
| Shopping | July 4th Fireworks |

...Good Friends, Good Fun!!

Payment Schedule:

May 2: \$50 deposit due

May 23: 1st payment - \$60

June 6: Last payment - \$60

June 20: Meet for final details

**Accommodations: One Breckenridge Place
Offers full kitchen, deck with private hot tub, and is
within walking distance of main street Breck.**

The WSC will provide one home cooked dinner

**Trip Captain: Melissa Haddad
Phone: (316) 207-8704**



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\$35 SINGLE \$50 FAMILY



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