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Ruth D'Alessandro
For President



B J Barger
For Board of Directors



Mary Thibault
For Board of Directors



Rita Togni
For Board of Directors



Cheryl Ann Wiseman
For Board of Directors

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am honored and excited to be the President of our club this year. It has been a busy year since I took office. We had many exciting activities this Fall and Winter. Our outdoor Back to the Slopes gathering in September was very successful. Also, there was a Club Med trip to Playa Esmeralda in October which had over 60 participants. We had our first weekly golf and tennis outing to Hilton Head, SC. Everyone enjoyed the accommodations, tennis and Pickleball facilities,

golf courses, and the weather was very pleasant. Most of our ski trips, eastern and western, have sold out this year; the season is going very well. At this time, we expect to recoup much of our financial losses due to COVID last year.

Our club has continued to follow CDC guidelines for all indoor and outdoor activities and large gatherings. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our 85th Anniversary and Volunteer Party due to CDC guidelines for large indoor gatherings. Also, due to continued Covid variants, Fairfax Racquet club decided not to hold any indoor tennis parties this year. During the past year our membership has increased by approximately 200 members, and we have attracted numerous new members.

Our Travel Chair, with recommendations from several members, has been looking into additional trips in the USA this summer and fall. We have begun a partnership with Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) and are promoting a trip in the United States to some of the National Parks including the Grand Canyon in July. If we sign up 10 participants for any trip, we will receive a commission. There has also been discussion of a possible weekly biking trip in the USA this year. We are looking for volunteers to assist in making this trip a reality. We are also considering a Mississippi Riverboat trip in the fall. Please read about upcoming events in our weekly ski and sports gram and visit our website.

Our volunteers have worked very hard in the past two years to keep our club going during these difficult times. My heartfelt thanks to all of you. We will find ways to celebrate you this year.

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in leading an event or assisting a leader, please call the club office. I welcome your input and suggestions. If you would like to contact me, please call Pete Campbell at our club office at 703 532-7776 for my email address.

Ruth D'Alessandro

Ruth D'Alessandro,
SCWDC President

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SKIING

Skiing 2023 Flight Trips

The Flights Committee is pleased to announce the ski trip lineup for the 2023 season. Trip prices and trip leaders' assignments will be announced in June, with signups/deposits to begin the first of July. Stay tuned! Keep a lookout on the scwdc.wildapricot.org website.

Trip Start	Trip End	Destination	Epic/IKON
Sat., Jan. 7, 2023	Sat., Jan. 14, 2023	Steamboat Springs, CO	IKON
Sat., Jan. 14, 2023	Sat., Jan. 21, 2023	RED Mountain, BC, Canada	IKON
Sat., Jan. 21, 2023	Sat., Jan. 28, 2023	Park City, UT, Sundance Film Festival	Epic/IKON
Sat., Jan. 28, 2023	Sat., Feb. 4, 2023	Crested Butte for BRSC Western Carnival	Epic
Sat., Feb. 4, 2023	Sat., Feb. 11, 2023	Banff, AB, Canada	IKON
Sat., Feb. 11, 2023	Sat., Feb. 18, 2023	Snowmass, CO	IKON
Sat., Feb. 18, 2023	Sat., Feb. 25, 2023	Powder Mountain/Snowbasin, UT	Indy Pass/Epic
Sat., Feb. 25, 2023	Sat., Mar. 4, 2023	Taos, NM	IKON
Sun., Mar. 5, 2023	Fri., Mar. 10, 2023	BRSC Winterfest - Lake Placid, NY	
Sat., Mar. 4, 2023	Sat., Mar. 11, 2023	Breckenridge, CO	Epic
Sat., Mar. 11, 2023	Sun., Mar. 19, 2023	BRSC Eurofest, Club Med Val d'Isere	
Sat., Mar. 25, 2023	Sat., Mar. 25, 2023	Vail, CO	Epic
Sat., Mar. 25, 2023	Sat., Apr. 1, 2023	Palisades Tahoe, CA or Heavenly, CA	IKON/Epic

Please note that the trip destinations and dates listed in this table are subject to change.



2022 SCWDC ELECTION

2022 SCWDC Election

SCWDC's upcoming election of officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Annual Meeting will be conducted virtually via "Zoom". Nominating petitions signed by no fewer than five (5) active members will also be invited. If feasible, we may also invite questions and comments from interested members in attendance.

Electronic voting will be enabled on March 30 and continue until 5 PM on April 5. The votes will then be tabulated, and the results announced at the meeting. SCWDC will send electronic ballots to all active SCWDC members via email. To submit an electronic ballot, members must use the voting button enclosed in the email. If you did not receive such an email, your SCWDC membership may have expired.

SCWDC members can view the Zoom meeting details and instructions at the SCWDC Website.

Voting Rules:

Only Active SCWDC members may vote. Expired members are not allowed to vote, so please ensure that your membership is up to date if you plan to vote. Votes may be cast electronically, or by paper absentee ballot. Members may only submit one ballot. For Family memberships, if two or more members share the same email address, only one member may submit an electronic ballot. This is because the membership database uses the email address as the Member ID. Other family members may update their profile to include a unique email address or submit an Absentee Ballot.

Members can request an Absentee ballot from the Club office by sending an email to scwdc@scwdc.org. Your membership will be confirmed, and you will receive, via reply email, a PDF ballot to be used for one vote. For a family membership, everyone wishing to vote via Absentee Ballot will need to request and file a separate ballot. Your Absentee ballot must be received in the Club office by April 8. Members who wish to vote in person can do so at the Club office from April 1 to April 9 (before 3 PM) but must call ahead (703-532-7776) to ensure that the Office Manager will be present to register their vote.

Candidates:

Any Active Club member who has been a member for one year or more may run for the position of Director. Any Active Club member who has been a member for three years or more may run for the office of President. Candidates must agree to serve if elected. The President and at least four of the Directors must be skiers. Members may run by petition, and nominations may also be made from attendees at the Election Meeting. For more detailed information about the Club's Bylaws, Rules of Procedure, and/or Policies regarding Club Elections please refer to the SCWDC Policy Manual.

The Club's Nominating Committee has approved the following slate of candidates:

For the office of President, elected for one year: **Ruth D'Alessandro**

For the position of Director, elected for two years: **B J Barger, Mary Thibault, Rita Togni, and Cheryl Wiseman** (you may only vote for four candidates)

Write-in candidates may be entered in the "Other" category.



2022 SCWDC ELECTION

CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

Ruth D'Alessandro



I am honored to be nominated for President of SCWDC now DBA (doing business as) Ski and Sports Club of Washington DC for a second term. I have been a member of our club for over 35 years. Initially, I participated in tennis parties, instructional tennis, weekend trips, weekly tennis, and played softball. I began skiing 3 years after I joined our club and benefited from many one day and weekend learn to ski trips. For over 30 years, I have attended approximately 3 ski trips a year. I was race coordinator on several trips, assisted trip leaders and hosted several pre-trip parties at my house. I have participated in Club Med and Viking Cruise trips. Two years ago, I led the Park City/SFF ski trip; and last year I was trip leader for Squaw Valley which was cancelled due to COVID. This year, I led the ski club trip to Winter Park, CO. Last spring, I initiated and led a Club Med trip to Sandpiper Bay; over 40 participants safely attended. I also researched the location, negotiated prices and assisted the trip leader on our first weekly golf and tennis trip to Hilton Head Island, SC.

Several years ago, I began participating in our Wednesday evening golf program. Since then, I have led 4 weekend golf trips to Blue Ridge Shadows in VA and 2 successful weekend golf trips to Shenvallee, VA. I have met many interesting people and made numerous lifelong friends while enjoying being active in our club.

Two years ago, I was able to spend more time giving back to our club; I was nominated and elected to the Board of Directors. I learned about our operations and budget. It was a difficult year due to COVID and we suffered financially. The BOD made prudent decisions to cancel some events. We discussed cancelling all events for the year including golf, tennis, and softball. However, the BOD determined that would be detrimental to our club and membership; many of our members wanted to participate in outdoor activities.

This year we have safely continued our outdoor activities, including a picnic in the spring and the Back to the Slopes gathering in the fall. Our biking, hiking and canoeing programs have been revitalized. All outdoor activities and trips have been well attended. Most of our ski trips have sold out. Our membership has increased by almost 200 members. Unfortunately, we have not been able to hold large indoor gatherings due to COVID variants as our club has been following CDC guidelines. As a result of our volunteers' work, we are doing well financially and will recoup significant losses from last year.

I have been described by friends and colleagues as enthusiastic, dedicated and hardworking. I have ideas/incentives to entice new volunteers for our programs, implement new programs, continue to recoup our losses and build our club.

Lastly, I worked for Fairfax County Public Schools for 32 years as a Social Worker and an Administrator. The organizational, human relations and leadership skills utilized in my career have benefited me as I have been a volunteer, trip leader, member of the BOD and I hope your President for a second term.

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

B J Barger



After two knee replacement surgeries, I'm back to skiing and loving it! I have SCWDC to thank for getting me back on slopes; I want to pay it back by continuing to serve on the Board. After one year on the Board I have a better appreciation for Club operations. This year we've struggled with the impacts of COVID, so my goal is to get the social and sports aspects of SWCDC back to normal. I'm a retired AF employee with experience in HR, training and development. I have Board experience with my homeowner's association, LPGA Amateurs and American Singles Golf Association. With the Club, I've skied, biked and gone to baseball games. This year I'm going to add pickleball. I'm looking forward to another year of representing the members of SCWDC.

2022 SCWDC ELECTION

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

Mary Thibault



I have been a club member for about 20 years and it has been a fantastic experience. My introduction to the Club began on the Potomac River on a 19-foot 'Flying Scot' sailboat. As a trip leader I organized many Tuesday and Saturday Potomac sails and was also able to take sailing lessons (provided by our volunteer skippers). In addition, I had the pleasure of participating in a week-long sailing trip in the Caribbean. Skiing is also very much a part of my background, beginning back in the 1970s at Sugarloaf Mountain in Maine. More recently, it has been great to take advantage of 'good times' on Club Med trips; a magical Bike and Barge trip in Italy, golfing and hiking.

Needless to say – I benefited from all the wonderful experiences our Club offers. As a result, I have decided to seek a term on the Board of Directors. I am now retired and have more time available to focus on a new undertaking. As far as my skills, I have both education and career experience in the financial areas. Specifically, I have a degree in accounting from Boston College. Most of my work experience comes from positions with the federal government. Several years in auditing with Dept. of Health and Human Services., several years in budgeting and a then a stint as a management analyst with DOD. My last, longest and most gratifying was with US Geological Survey as a financial manager. I learned how to listen and understand a variety of situations that were new to me. I believe that this background gives me a solid foundation for analyzing data/information and exploring possible solutions as part of a team effort. Thank you for your consideration.

Rita Togni



- *A member of the Ski and Sports Club since the early 90's
- *Currently serving on the Board of Directors for the past 2 years
- *Ski trip leader for many years, leading USA and European trips
- *Hiking leader for several local hikes

I enjoy skiing, hiking, tennis, pickleball and other sports with family and friends. The Club has evolved and expanded from being only a ski club to including other sports and social events. Volunteers work hard to make it successful.

This is what I would like to develop:

*PICKLEBALL... my latest "passion" (it is the fastest growing sport in USA). We just started with a few Pickleball events In Northern Virginia and we need to expand to include Maryland and DC members.

*Re-instate HIKING... at all levels

*...and more

*My background?

I lived in many different countries in Europe, South America and the Middle East.

Large family...

*Professionally?

I worked as an Architect, as an Interior Decorator and currently in Real estate. I ask for your Vote and support, we need to work towards a club for all seasons and all ages. Thank you.

2022 SCWDC ELECTION

CANDIDATES FOR DIRECTOR

Captain Cheryl Ann Wiseman, Ret.



Since becoming a SCWDC member in 1990, and subsequently a Columbia Ski Club member as well, the social and experiential experiences have been nothing short of transformational. I have been close friends with past presidents and board members, giving me their unique perspectives as well. I am a strong advocate of recruitment and marketing the club's leadership opportunities to more young people. Our current leadership is at the helm in navigating the club's future, and as our society begins to venture out again in pursuit of more freedom of movement and social interaction, now is the perfect time to become more aggressive in marketing the club's potential.

As a retired O6 of 30 years (USAF and USPHS), I have time now to give back to the SCWDC that did so much for my quality of life. My education includes 4 Master's degrees (Psychology, Epidemiology, Human Resources Management and Social Work). I have served as a Government

Task Leader / Contractor Officer Representative at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; a Senior Program Management Officer Consultant in CDER, FDA; a Regulatory Health Project Manager at the Office of Generic Drugs, CDER, FDA; a Senior Instructional Officer for the USPHS as well as a Transportation Officer (USAF) at Langley AFB and 32 TFS, Soesterburg, Netherlands.

I would be honored to serve SCWDC and play an instrumental part in making this organization thrive, grow and become a cogent social epicenter

2022 OFFICIAL SCWDC MAIN ELECTION BALLOT

2022 Official SCWDC Main Election Ballot

Member number (can be obtained from My Profile on Website): _____

For President, vote for no more than one

☐ Ruth D'Alessandro

☐ Write in _____

For Director (vote for no more than 4)

☐ B J Barger

☐ Mary Thibault

☐ Rita Togni

☐ Cheryl Wiseman

☐ Write in _____

☐ Write in _____

Printed Name _____

Signature _____

SAILING



The SCWDC Sailing Program will get underway again around May 1, 2022. The Sailing Program has a long history of teaching new sailors how to sail and to experience the thrill and excitement of operating sailboats, from 19-foot Flying Scots to 40-foot plus yachts. We focus on crew safety while developing our sailing skills, as well as having fun on the water.

The Sailing Program consists of three parts: Tuesday evening and Saturday morning “social sailing” on the Potomac River via the Belle Haven Marina; Chesapeake Bay sails on 40 ft plus yachts; and week-long adventure sailing in the Caribbean. For all the events, safety is paramount, while learning to sail is a primary goal, and meeting other like-minded folks is a popular side benefit. We advertise all the events in the Weekly SkiGram and on Meet-Up.

Tuesday evening and Saturday “social sailing” take place on 19-ft Flying Scots with qualified skippers and 3-5 crew on the Potomac River. You can enjoy a pleasant two-hour sail on the Potomac where you can meet some new people. Cost is \$25 pp for the two-hour events and are, of course, weather-dependent.

We also sponsor day sails on 40-foot plus yachts on the Chesapeake Bay in addition to occasional sailing regattas in the British Virgin Islands or Belize. We are sponsoring a Sailing Regatta in the British Virgin Islands in April of 2022 for which we have chartered several cruising yachts.

Watch for our announcements in the Monday Ski and Sports Club SkiGram and come join us!



Nationals Baseball: 2022 Season

We have exceptional seats in the club section 221, The price of our tickets at a drastically reduced price are limited to 14 without the ability to expand. Check out our website for pricing and details.

Saturday, April 9, 7:05 PM Nats vs. NY Mets

Saturday June 18, 4:05 PM Nats vs. Philadelphia Phillies

Monday July 4, 11:05 AM Nats vs. Miami Marlins

Tuesday September 13, 7:05 PM Nats vs. Baltimore Orioles

Saturday October 1, 4:05 PM Nats vs. Philadelphia Phillies



NOTE - With the players strike, we are currently in a limbo state regarding signups. We will be posting updates as they occur in our weekly SkiGram and on our website: <https://scwdc.wildapricot.org/> and click on Sports and Recreation then Spectator Sports. Once things are settled, we will open the door for you to register.

Early Spring Golf Weekend in Luray Virginia For Hikers and Golfers

Date: April 8 - 10

Cost: Golfers \$320, Hikers/Non-Golfers \$190 (non-members add \$25)

Leader: Pete Campbell 703-532-7776 (day)/pcampbell@scwdc.org

Location and Directions: Luray Caverns Motel West, Luray, VA 970 Highway 211, Luray, VA 22835

I-66 West to Gainesville; US 29 South to Warrenton

US 211 West to Luray, VA

(45 minutes from Warrenton, 90 minutes from Capital Beltway)

Price includes 2 nights lodging PLUS breakfast and dinner.

For Golfers - Three rounds of golf at the Caverns Country Club Resort.

For Hikers - A great time to hike the Shenandoah Valley and Shenandoah National Park.

Plus, our Motel is down the 211 road from the Luray Caverns. There's also plenty of antiques and other historical sites to see.

Wednesday Night Golf at Jefferson District Park

Date and Time: Weekly, starting on Wednesday, March 16. Tee Times 3:57, 4:06, 4:15, 4:24, 5:36 See Website for details.

Contact: Geoffrey Pennoyer, 202-702-6044/cometjeff.gp@gmail.com

Cost: \$24 for nine holes. Pay at the course.

Location: Jefferson District Park, 7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church VA 22042, 703-573-0443.



TENNIS

Sunday Instructional Tennis 2022-23

Dates: Alternating Sundays, September 12, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Co-Leaders: Janet Brown, brojanet@gmail.com, Ying Prince, ying2018travel@verizon.net

Traditionally, the Sunday Instructional Tennis Program has been a mixture of doubles play and professional instruction at Fairfax Racquet Club. Twenty-six teams play on alternating Sundays. Each session is for two hours, with 80 minutes of free play and 40 minutes with an instructor. SCWDC benefits from reduced rates for court time and instruction. Due to COVID, instructors were not available in 2021-22 and may not be available for the 2022-23 season. If you would like to be placed on the sub list or are interested in forming a team for the 2022-23 season, please contact the co-leaders.



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