

The History of the Birmingham Ski Club

A small band of enthusiasts got together in 1961 and formed the Birmingham Branch of the Gatlinburg Ski Club. Dr. Tom Brigham, local dentist, known as the father of southern skiing was elected President. In 1962, with Percy Perkins as President, the group adopted the name "Birmingham Ski Club". The "big" trip for that year was to Cataloochie, North Carolina with members of the Comer Class of the Highlands Methodist Church and others who liked to do something different.

The Club made another trip to Cataloochie in 1963 and during this season, began holding regular meetings at the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce building. Ambition for greater things arose in 1964 and work began on incorporating the Club along with multiple bus trips to Cataloochie and Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

The Birmingham Ski Club, Inc. was incorporated in January 1965 and in March; the first charter took off in full glory for Aspen, Colorado. The Club has made one or more flights in each subsequent year.

The Club has enjoyed phenomenal membership growth; and has skied throughout the world with trips to several resorts in the Western United States, Canada, Europe, and the Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains. Many of our members ski several resorts each year and recommend new locations for Club sponsorship.

The Club's membership has expanded to national proportions which retaining the warm atmosphere of Southern hospitality. The Club features a wide range of activities designed to promote skiing and ski safety, including scheduled meetings, hikes, social events, golf, white water rafting, and every Friday a Friday Night Social for the enjoyment of the membership.