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Message from the Prez

Ski season has pretty much drawn to a close, although Mammoth has just received more snow as I write this. It certainly has been a

great snow year there. Some of us were there for the Ski Club Appreciation Weekend and while it was warm enough to ski in shorts they have enough snow to keep them going until July. The end of skiing means more time for the beach and volleyball. You'll find the dates for the various tournaments elsewhere in this newsletter as well as on the website. Do join in. You don't have to be a good player. Learning the game is half the fun.

Talking of the Website, Wim has done a great job of migrating us across to the Wild Apricot based server. It will enable us to run events much more effectively and will also make keeping an up-to-date membership database easier. The latter relies on you, the members, maintaining your own data. All you have to do is log on and you can edit your own details as well as de-

cide who else can see them. It all relies on having your current email address. You need that to log on, to receive updates, to sign up for events at member rates, and to receive the newsletters. Our dilemma is that without a valid email address, it is difficult to reach the members whom have changed it, or not supplied one! If you know of any members who believe they are a member but are not hearing from us, please get them to contact

Wim(webmaster@bcskiclub.org)
or Susan
(membership@bcskiclub.org).

Elections will be happening Fri. April 30 at El Torito. They will be for Ski VP, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Activities VP, and Treasurer. We are always looking for new faces on the board. It's fun and contributes significantly to the way the club runs. Oh, did I mention that there are perks? Free entry to BBQ's, and several other events are some.

See you on the beach.

Nick

Summer Competition – Spring 2010

Hi Everyone,

It is the start of another year of BCSC volleyball on Wednesday nights. This year it started earlier because of the time change. We start at 5 pm and end at dusk. Some of us are there at 4:30 so you could play before 5. We generally play on courts 13, 14, 17, and 18. This year the County Beaches have put up white nets on 5 courts. If they're still up we'll use them. I usually bring down another net and extra lines.

If you missed it we already had our "Welcome Party" from Shellback Tavern. It was on April 7th. Next year we'll try to move it a little later in the month to get more people. (about 25 showed up).

L.A.Council volleyball begins June 20th. We would like to add a few more teams to the tournament. As of right now the following members are captains: Joe Scarangelo, Bruce "Mellow" Brown, Keith Nielsen, Don Abbe, Andy Smith, Andy Deva, Cheryl Tabellion, Tanya Domasco, and myself. If you would like to get on a six-man team please contact one of the captains or contact me: stugutten@aol.com. The tournaments this year will be at Dockweiler, located 2 miles north of Manhattan Beach and just south of Imperial Hwy. Parking is cheaper than Manhattan Beach (\$3) if you get there before 9am. Carpool and biking is also encouraged. The schedule is June 20, July 18, August 15, and September 19.

Softball:

We are in the process of organizing our softball team. The last 3 years we have played at Marine Park in Manhattan Beach on Thursday nights. Check the website for current information.

Tennis:

Most of the time we play Saturday mornings at Mira Costa High School. Usually we start at 9 am and play til noon. If you would like to join us contact me.

Golf:

Once a month Fred Wylds organizes a golf outing. Usually it's at the Marriott Hotel in Manhattan Beach. He usually starts at 10am. Costs are \$18 a round and there's discounts available. If you are interested contact Fred at fredwylds@yahoo.com.

Stu

Ski News

HOLD THE DATES:

Slope Surfers End of Season Party*

Friday, May 21 at 6:30PM

At Mr. Pockets, located at 516 N. Sepulveda Blvd in Manhattan Beach

* Open to all those who participated in a 2 or 3 day Mammoth bus trip this season with Slope Surfers & Beach Cities

BCSC Steamboat Picture Party

Hold the date: Saturday evening, June 5, 2010

We'll have food, beer & wine, sodas & more

Just bring yourselves and your pictures & videos

Open to all Steamboat 2010 Participants & Board Members

Email ski@bcskiclub.org for further details

MAMMOTH:

Don't put away your skis just yet! Mammoth has announced that they will be open until July 4th! What seemed like a sketchy season is ending with a bang. So far in the month of April alone, Mammoth has received 73 inches of snow! The season total so far is 528 inches! And more snow is predicted for the end of April and into May! Looks like May will have some amazing spring skiing!

Reminder: Don't forget to purchase next years Mammoth Ski Pass by April 30th!

MVP PASS – on sale until April 30th

Pick-up the two-year Adult MVP Pass for \$1218 for two years, but you must pay for both simultaneously to get this price and ride/ski to your heart's delight for the 2010/11 and 2011/12 seasons. Or maintain your exclusive MVP membership with a one-year Adult MVP Pass for \$639.

Plus: Get a 20% bonus on Pass Cash and Gift Cards when you buy your MVP.

MAMMOTH Season Pass (for non MVP holders)– on sale until April 30th

Mammoth Season Pass - \$849. (regularly \$1698)

~ Unlimited skiing and riding at Mammoth and June Mountain next winter.

~ Unlimited skiing and riding at Mammoth THIS winter, starting May 1.

~ Free money - a 20% bonus on Pass Cash and Gift Cards when you buy your Mammoth Season Pass!

SKI VPs:

STEAMBOAT 2010



We had an amazing trip to Steamboat this year! Great accommodations, weather, mountain and friends! We flew directly into Hayden, and we all arrived safely as did all of our luggage! Whoo Hoo – ALL of our luggage! Off to a great start! The Lodge has a nice conference room, like a large living room, where we had a great welcome party. Of course if I had \$1 for every person that looked up at the Elk head mounted above the fireplace and said ‘oh look – what a pretty moose’...

Sunday we set off to tackle the mountain, but it nearly tackled us. The face of the mountain was in need of new snow, as the existing snow was very hard packed and one had to be careful on certain runs to avoid small rocks. I had my skis go out from underneath me a couple of times on the hard pack. Of course the guys were happy to point out that it wasn't the snow that was the problem, but my skiing! We were fortunate in that the snow off the Morning-side Lift was much better, especially in the glades. Après ski, we joined the gang (almost everyone on the trip showed up!) over at the Saddles Lounge. We spent much of the night toasting to the snow gods and trying to get Don & Chris' room number -for billing purposes...

Monday we discovered the snow gods liked our dedication and efforts - we awoke to a couple of inches of freshies. It was a brilliant day with flurries and sun. The BCSC picnic was held at an indoor/outdoor Bashor Cabin. We had the entire group, plus many BCSC guests who were in the area (Stu & Karen, Bill C, Terry E, Chet, Jim & Pat, Gail & Ben, and Adrienne & Briant). The only one who missed it was Little Rachel, as she was in ski school. Word is she was very bummed until Nick promised to digitize her into the group photo. The race was fun. We had two courses dedicated, so it only took less than 30 minutes for all 24 racers to do two runs down the course. Most of the group won medals too. Thanks to Karen D for taking so many great photos – you can view them on the website.



SKI VPs continue:

Tuesday was another great day of skiing, followed by the annual BCSC Wine & Cheese Party. Bruce did his usual funny job handing out awards. And thanks to Valli for scouting the town and getting/buying the awards! And Rob & Anne finally announced to all the group that they were married! Congratulations you two! Big thanks to all those who really went out this year and brought some great stuff to this party. Wine selection and food was aplenty. There was so much, one did not need to go out for dinner afterwards – so the party lasted until late. And who knew we had so many chefs in the club? And bakers? People really went about cooking up some original stuff. Ray S. even baked up an apple dessert that was to die for! Note to Bruce Lee – hit these people up to help cook at Clambake!



While many skied on Wednesday, others took a day off to explore the town of Steamboat Springs. It's built along the Yampa river, and is full of quaint, cowboy charm. You know Paul H. was loving it! There were galleries, boutiques, ski shops, coffee houses and restaurants galore. Poor Don even got dragged thru a bead shop. That night, 20 of us went to the Strawberry Hot Springs. They say it was only 6 miles away, but after a hard day of skiing and a van ride straight out of Mr. Toads Wild ride, I was ready for a good hot soak. Getting into the springs was ecstasy. It was really hot at first, and took a moment to get used to it. There were 4 pools, starting from a hot spring, running down to the river. The pool closest to the river was like an average hot tub, but each pool up along got progressively warmer. Of course Wim was the first to try jumping into the actual river. Brrrr! (Wim, what's that they say about shrinkage?)

On Thursday, was another awesome day of skiing. We spent much of the day (and week) up in the Christmas Tree Bowl area. Including (but not limited to): Bruce L, Nick, Wim Rachel, me, Valli, Don, Bruce R, Roger, Russ, Rob, John, Susan, Heidi, Nina, Tracy, and others. Awesome doing some runs with you folks! That night, 12 of us went on a Sleigh Ride Dinner excursion. It was a chilly night, but well worth the trip. After a scenic ride, taking in snow white mountains under a dark sky filled with stars, we settled in for a real Cowboy dinner. Rib eye steak or chicken, along with all the 'fixins, wine, entertainment and square dancing. Well ok, not 'square dancing' per say, more like Square's dancing... but it was a blast!

SKI VPs continue:

Friday is always a special ski day, knowing that it is our last of the trip. We also learned not to follow Wim into the trees. Or at least Nick and I did – we went the other way while Bruce L, Valli and Rachel L followed Wim into the trees – where they had to blaze a new trail around the tight aspens. This is why I like to have Wim sweep, people! Friday evening a group went into town where over 5000 participants gathered for a special evening. It was the end of the town's Winter Carnival Week and a send off party for the 2010 Olympians heading off to Vancouver. It included a parade, live music, fireworks, and even a 20 foot tall Cauldron.



FYI, our 'most dedicated skier' goes to: Rachel Abbe! Not only did she do 5 straight days of lessons, she skied 6 straight days – from 8:30am to closing. Rachel was so taken with skiing, that she dragged her parents out at 8:30 am – so that she could practice prior to her 9am lesson. Then when the lesson ended at 3pm, she refused to leave the mountain until the lifts closed on her! In fact, one of Chris' favorite memories of the trip was at the end of the ski day on Friday, it was almost 5pm and starting to get dark. They were at the top of the mountain and skiing down, when they realized that the mountain guides were sweeping them!

All in all, I think this was one of our better trips ever. We had most of our 'regulars', including: Russ, Roger, Lynette, Paul, Betty, Wim, Rob, Heidi, Nina, Trudi, Art, Lynn, Tracy, Susan, Rocky, Nick and Valli. Even Bruce W and Toni P were able to drive up for the week! Plus, we are thankful that Bruce R was back with us - in top form! His mother Frances joined us again from Chicago. When our week ended, they went to Snowmass for another week of skiing – lucky dogs! Plus we were thrilled that Dan W was able to join us for the WHOLE trip! And Chris Casebolt was able to join us for part of the week! My sides still hurt from laughing with that one! Plus we had some great new additions – John A (who went with us once, way back when), Ray S and Anne R!

My wish list would have included more new snow... but with such a great group, good weather, great lodgings, a fun base area and downtown to explore, the extra activities, and best of all – No injuries this trip! This was an awesome trip! We'd like to sincerely thank all those who participated and helped out. As always, we appreciate you and your participation. We couldn't do it without you!! Thanks again!

Wendy & Bruce

Activities

Elections and Happy Hour

Come and vote for your board members

Positions up for election are:

- Ski VP
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Membership VP
 - Webmaster
- April 30, 2010
El Torito Grill
600 S. Sepulveda Blvd.
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

HOLD THE DATE: BCSC CLAMBAKE 2010
Friday, September 24 – Sunday, September 26th

They're baaaaack!!! Three Car Garage is back!
- and so are our wonderful, new chefs!

Included in the Clambake package:

- ~ Friday night Steak Dinner
- ~ Saturday night's Seafood Feast
- ~ Live Music Saturday night (3 Car Garage)
- ~ Sunday morning Mimosas and Brunch
- ~ Camping at Live Oaks Campground (in Santa Barbara)
- ~ Morning Coffee Bar
- ~ Morning Bloody Mary Bar
- ~ Evening Margarita Bar
- ~ Campfires
- ~ Free hot showers
- ~ And more!

Options include:

- ~ Thursday night camping
- ~ Friday Golf Tournament
- ~ Saturday Winery Picnic
- ~ RV Hookups available, but limited. Awarded on a first come/first payment basis system (pay for them when you sign up).

* Prices and exact details to be determined. Stay tuned for more details!

Social



Happy Hours

- May 7 Mickie Finnz, RB
- May 14 Union Cattle, HB
- May 21 Beaches, MB
- May 28 Salt Creek Grill, El Segundo
- June 4 Kilkenny's, RB
- June 11 Shark's Cove, MB
- June 18 Ortega 120, Riviera Village, RB
- June 25 The Shore, HB

BBQ Schedule

- June 23 - Location TBD
- July 21 - Carl & Kyoko's
- Aug. 18 - Tracy Johnson's
- Sept . 15 - Location TBD

Join Fred 's 9 Hole Gang

We play the last Sunday of the month. Here are some pictures from our Halloween outing.

fredwyls@yahoo.com



Membership VP

It is that time of year again... when flowers bloom and the fog rolls into the beach cities, and your ski club membership renewal is due. A big thank you to everyone that has already gone to the website and updated their membership and renewed. We have the new website up, and it gives you great opportunity to control your information and keep in touch with all that is going on in the club. <http://www.bcskiclub.org/> is the address in case you forgot. When you go there right now, you will see the latest group picture from Steamboat and you will also see a notice about a member that has passed on. He was a good friend, gave great parties and loved to have a good spirited discussion... I'm not telling who that was, go to the website for more info on our dearly departed friend.

We are recruiting new teams to join the 6 man volleyball league (LA Council), so if you know anyone interested please send them to <http://www.bcskiclub.org/SummerLeague> for more info.

See you on the April 30th at El Torito for Margies and club elections. Come on out and throw back a few and volunteer to help out the club !

Susan Scott

Happy Birthday to March, April and May Birthdays

Sandra S 3/2
 Anna C 3/2
 Joe C 3/3
 Sonya S 3/4
 Danny S 3/7
 Bruce R 3/9
 Donna B 3/10
 David B 3/10
 Mari P 3/14
 Robert R 3/16
 Jim L 3/17
 Trudi L 3/24
 Keith N 3/24
 Shannon K-G 3/25
 Theresa S 3/30
 Jim O 3/30
 Ken C 4/3
 Vera S 4/4
 Mary S 4/5
 Connie R 4/5
 Michael G 4/8
 Valli L 4/9

Gordon G 4/14
 Bobbie B 4/14
 Molly L 4/15
 Wilfred K 4/17
 Timothy P 4/18
 Cheryl B 4/18
 Rick R 4/19

Lynell C 4/19
 Mel S 4/23
 Danielle B 4/23
 Maria M 4/25
 Frank H 4/28
 Peggy G 4/28
 Josh P 5/3
 David T 5/9
 Don A 5/10
 Lee Anne M 5/11
 Diana C 5/11
 Al D 5/19
 Sharon B 5/20



Heidi K 5/20
 Edward H 5/22
 Amy J 5/26
 Peter M 5/29
 Diane S 5/30

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