



Beach Cities Ski Club

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The Insider

Spring Sports 2012

SPRING 2012

Hi Everyone,

It's not quite summer yet. We at BCSC are getting ready for it though.

We have plans for volleyball and softball.

Volleyball

In volleyball, concerning our summer league, we have our dates and new changes in the format. The dates for the LAC League are: June 24, July 15, and Sept 15 at Manhattan Beach. And August 12th at Playa del Rey.

The format of the League will go from 6-man to 4-man volleyball. This is to keep up with what most people want and to preserve the League. The teams have dwindled over the years and we at BCSC are trying to get more teams and more people involved.

Teams over the years seem to have problems with getting more than one woman to show up for all the tournaments. Now it should be much easier requiring only one woman on the court and no girl rule. For the moment we will call this the BCSC Volleyball League not L.A. Council.

Softball

Last year we had over 20 members playing softball. We have gone to the playoffs two years in a row. Mary Sloane and Joe Scarangelo managed and ran the team. We plan to have practices beginning late April. The season begins the first or second week in June. We hope to see many of you out there.

Membership on the BCSC volleyball and softball teams is free. The only requirement is club membership. Most people have renewals next month.

Tennis

Tennis continues year-round at either Mira Costa High or West High. We play on most Saturdays 9 till noon. Contact me if you want to be on the email list.

Stu



Beach Volleyball

Beach Volleyball Clinic and social play

Saturday May 26, 2012. Clinic from 10:30 till 12:00 with social VB after at the Manhattan Beach pier. Join in and sharpen your volleyball skills and meet other players. Free to club members, non members just \$5. Coaching provided by Cindy Grebliunas and Chris Starczak. Cindy and Chris will cover the basics, plus 4-man offense and defense... Get ready for the 4-man league this summer!

We play

Every Wednesday at about 4:30pm.

Every Sunday afternoon starting about 2pm.

Look for a group of us playing near the end of the parking lot South of the Manhattan Beach Pier. FREE!!!

It's Volleyball Time!

Are you interested in being on a coed 4-person volleyball team this year? Beach Cities Ski Club is running a summer long Tournament. There is one tournament per month and the finals are the fourth month. There are 3 divisions of play: Advanced, Intermediate and Recreational. We have several teams for each division, but are trying to put together more teams – especially for the intermediate level. If you want to play – email us ASAP – we'll put you on a team. Please pass this info along to any friends you have who may be interested!

The dates for the Summer League in 2012 are:

June 24	Manhattan Beach	BCSC VB League 1
July 15	Manhattan Beach	BCSC VB League 2
August 12	Playa del Rey (tower 42)	BCSC VB League 3
September 15	Manhattan Beach	BCSC VB League 4 (Saturday)

Other Volleyball to look forward to are our private July 4th Tourney and WOR!

July 4	Manhattan Beach	TBA
September 9	Manhattan Beach	War of the Roses

The Prez



He's back! I'm pleased to be BCSC President again. I want to thank Nick Gillett for his leadership over the past few years. As you know, the role of ski clubs has changed over time. As group travel buying power faded, so did many clubs. In the end, the benefit of a club remains camaraderie, and done right, it becomes your second family. BCSC has always tried to provide activities that are focused on maintaining that appeal! Nick has worked tirelessly to position BCSC to continue this effort..

As I'm writing this, BCSC is wrapping up another ski season. A severe lack of snow in the west significantly impacted skier days across the board for all resorts and clubs. Despite the lack of snow in the Sierras, we had a great trip to Snowmass, joined by our friends from Long Beach Ski Club . Some said it was our best trip ever! We lucked out with a few snowstorms prior to our arrival in Colorado.

We also decided to run our own bus trips to Mammoth. Despite the low snow, we got rave reviews on the package we put together. Members loved the hotel rooms, the free breakfast (with waffles!) and the fact that the bus stopped just 20 feet from the front door. Now if we can just do something about that snow thing. A key element of both our week-long trips and our mammoth trips is the desire to travel with friends. We hope to continue that trend.

Our plans for next year point to Whistler/Blackcomb BC, site of the most recent Winter Olympics. Assuming we can get a reasonably priced package, we can try out that new gondola that connects the two mountains and enjoy the best ski village in North America! You'll want to go, your friends will be there.

Now as the days get longer and the temperatures, our attention turns to Volleyball, Softball, BBQ's and other fun activities. Stay tuned.

Bruce

BCSC Mammoth Trips - tons of fun!





BCSC Ski Club—awesome group photo at Snow Mass. Jealous anyone? So join us next year! We're looking forward to meeting you.

Ski VP

MAMMOTH TRIPS FOR THE 2012 SEASON:

We are proud to report that Beach Cities Ski Club ran three awesome Mammoth bus trips this year! One in January, one in February and one in March. It's a safe guess to assume it took awhile for some to recover from the last trip – party wise! I think there were more than a few hangovers and lost runs due to them! Bad Vaughn! Bad Nick! LOL! But we were thrilled with how happy this season's participants were with the trips!



Our rooms had 2 queen beds for 2 people per room and they also had a kitchenette – with a refrigerator, microwave, sink and coffee maker. Plus people were surprised by how nice the free breakfast in the lobby was – complete with fresh Belgian waffles (not to mention yogurt, cereals, hard boiled eggs, pastries, coffee, orange juice, etc). We had group pizza parties on Friday night and potluck dinners on Saturday nights in the conference room (except for the March trip – where they accidentally double booked the room – so no problem – we just took over the lobby for our pizza party! It was very funny – everyone loved it! And we met a lot of new friends that way!

As usual, on each trip, there were many who were happy to call it a night after dinner, but always a group who had dinner with the gang and then went dancing. Best part? They didn't wake the whole condo when they stumbled home! Other comments included 'how much nicer it is to stay at a hotel' and how great it is that 'there is still a group environment with the group dinners and bus rides' yet one 'gets a better night's sleep'.

Our appreciation to all those who participated! And we are looking forward to next year, as those who came this year said they would be back next year for sure!

Wendy

MAMMOTH SEASON 2013: We are in the process of planning next season's Mammoth trips – and are leaning towards hotel and bus trips – if we can get more participants. If you prefer condos accommodations or hotel accommodations – or bus trips or drive up trips... please let us know! We appreciate any and all feedback on what our membership wants to do next season! We also need your help in spreading the word about how fantastic our hotel trips are!



It's official! We are heading to WHISTLER!

Saturday, January 26 through Saturday, February 2, 2013

We are in the process of finalizing the details and prices. We will be staying at the Delta Whistler Suites, with 2 bedroom, 2 bath units. Keep an eye on the BCSC website for more details! If you have questions, email: ski@bcskiclub.org

SAVE THE DATE FOR CLAMBAKE: September 21 – 23, 2012

We have confirmed that our favorite band '3 Car Garage' will be there! Always an excellent weekend in wine country! And... we need you! We are seeking volunteers now – for any of the following: hauling, cooking, shopping, picnic, etc. Any and all help is always appreciated – and needed to make this event a success!

Membership VP

Welcome new members ! We are happy to have you with us.

It is membership renewal season. 98% of all our memberships are due for renewal on May 1st. So we will begin sending you email notices. The best thing to do is just get on the website and make your payment online.

We are actively seeking new members, so you may have met some of them on a recent ski trip or happy hour. Unfortunately, the lack of snow this winter made it a little harder to attract new members to our awesome trips, but that doesn't mean we are giving up. Oh No! We will be running a number of events this summer to attract new members.

One of the recent changes we are making is to change the LA council 6 man Volleyball league into the Beach Cities 4 man Coed Volleyball League !! Yes! We are going to retire the 6 person league and begin a 4 person league. So get your teams together and help us get the word out.

We would like to improve our social networking by having more activity on our Facebook page. So please LIKE our page and post pictures and comments there about your club related activities. Look for a contest soon to help us gather LIKES there... but you can be ahead of the curve by LIKEing us now. You will still qualify for prizes later !

Susan

Activities

Hello from your activities director,

We have a great 2012 lined up with many fun activities planned. I am in the planning stages of a horseback ride in PV, a Dodgers Game, a concert to the Hollywood Bowl, bike and motor cycle rides. The Concerts in the Park this summer will be planned as soon as the line up is announced by the City of Manhattan. Shakespeare by the Sea is already on the Calendar on 2 separate summer dates so check the website! It is a live play in the park, it is free and a lot of fun. We are going to have a great year!

On a personal note-I am engaged!! Yes it is true. Most of you have met Anthony and those who have not will meet him soon. I am very happy and it just goes to show you that life can take the most unexpected turns. I swore I would NEVER get married again as I had been married for 28 years and it was tough. But, then I met Anthony...I will keep you posted as we should have a big party!!

Well back to the Beach Cities events...save this date-

Upcoming event information:

Polo Match, picnic, historic home tour!! Will Rogers State Historical Park

Date: May 19, 2012 - 10:00 AM

Come spend a day at The Will Rogers State Historical Park. We will start at 10am with a 2 mile hike in the Santa Monica mountains on the park grounds to inspiration point and then tour the famous historical home.

At noon we will picnic in the grassy open spaces so bring lunch, wine and beach chairs.

Then at 2pm we will head over to the Ronald Reagan Polo Tournament it is Captivating, heart-stopping, thrilling, enthralling - the list of superlatives used to describe the game of kings is almost endless, and YES we will stomp the divots!!

any questions email Janet Watts at myrealtorjan@gmail.com

Social

Upcoming event information:

Date: April 25, 2012 - 7:00 PM

Shellback Social and Elections
116 Manhattan Beach Blvd
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Starts around 7pm after volleyball. We will also hold elections.



Come and vote for your board members
Positions up for election are:

- Ski VP
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership VP
- Webmaster
- Newsletter Editor

The club will be buying some. For more info contact [Stu](#)

Social activities to look forward to this summer ...

...all the summer bbq have been confirmed...check the web site calendar.....tentative kayak and stand up paddleboarding and lunch afterward in Sunset beach.around the Huntington Harbor waterways June and July.date tbd...[For those of you that have never tried paddleboarding, it's really very easy. It's a great way to sight-see and get some exercise.](#)

Happy Birthday January, February, March, April, and May Birthdays



Fuzz N	1/3	Bruce B	2/8		
Kat P	1/12	Michael H	2/9		
Lisa S	1/12	Al W	2/10		
Lee G	1/12	Bill C	2/21		
Larry H	1/13	Darrin L	2/23		
Debra TT	1/15	Terry E	2/29	Mel S	4/23
Karen D	1/16	Joe C	3/3	John W	4/25
James S	1/16	Bruce R	3/9	Frank H	4/28
Lynda N	1/17	David B	3/10	Peggy T	4/28
Art C	1/18	Donna B	3/10	Ann N	5/1
Roger B	1/19	Mari P	3/14	Eric S	5/1
Rebecca T	1/19	Rob R	3/16	Josh P	5/3
Cheryl T	1/20	Jim L	3/17	Don A	5/10
Lynette D	1/23	Kevin T	3/17	Al D	5/19
Michael B	1/28	Trudi L	3/24	Heidi K	5/20
Joe S	1/30	Keith N	3/24	Sharon B	5/20
Karely D	1/30	Shannon KG	3/25	Ed H	5/22
Gary P	2/5	Lynell C	4/19	Lauren L	5/30

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