



# Beach Cities Ski Club

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### Message from the Prez

Hello all,

There is snow on the local mountains and plenty more at Mammoth, so the ski season really has arrived. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible up at Mammoth or on the Steamboat week long trip, which I know is going to be a blast.

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that we were planning to start using some new software to manage the club events and membership database and hope to get it up and running very soon. You will know that has happened when the website changes. You should also start getting various emails inviting you to log on to the new system as well as simply telling you about new events. I do expect this to make it much easier to organize events as well as keeping you all better informed about them. You will also be able to edit your own entries in the membership database.

Talking of membership, I'd like to welcome Sue Scott to the board as our new Membership VP. I should really say, "welcome back" since she has been a board member before. She has lots of ideas for attracting new members so please support her in that role. Thank you, Victor, for your contribution as the previous Membership VP. Your efforts will make the transition to the new database system that much easier. Thanks also to Trudi for her time as Social VP and especially for the work she did on the Clambake, which was one of the best ever (the best according to many).

Have a great year,

Nick

# Summer Activities

Hi Everyone,

On Friday November 13th, we have out our awards from our summer activities. With over 60 people there, we gave out the following softball and volleyball awards.

**Softball:**

**MVP - Male- Joe Scarangelo**

**Female - Christina Craver**



**Most Inspirational - Phil Sanchez**

(He pushed himself in the last game to have his greatest game of his career, and injured himself).



**Volleyball:**

**MVP's:** Holly Miyagawa (Bruce's team, Peter Kaufman (Joe's team), Mari Passantino (Stu's team), Jeff Brunzell (Keith's team), Lisa Schoenthal (Don's team), David Bennett (Andy D's team), Michelle Ramsouer (Andy S's team), Wendy Brennan (Tayna's team), Brizan Szal (Cheryl's team), and Aaron Glass (Trudi's team).



## Summer Activities continued

**Championship Awards** -The following players received awards for playing on a championship team: Joe Scarangelo, John "Fuzz" Navagh, Peter Kauffmann, Dave Pidancet, Joseph Ypma, Kim Nakamaru, Dana Blindbury, Maureen O'Brien, Keith Nielson, Peggy Taggart, Gordan Gates, Samantha Osterman, Karely Deal, Jeff Brunnell, Tim Deal, Cheryl Tabellion, Lynette Dhillon, Ashley Grafstrom, Brian Grafstrom, Brian Peck, Larry Halvorsen, Leslie Ferguson, Brian Szal, and Tom Stangl.



**Congratulations to all the players. This would be the most championship teams at any one time in club history. Thank you to all players that played volleyball and softball. Those that didn't pick up their awards, see me or your team captain.**

**Don't forget that we play volleyball on the beach year-round (weather permitting). On Sundays, we start just after 2pm and play till dark. On Courts 1, 5, 9, and 13, there are new white Department of Beaches and Harbors nets. I'll try to bring an extra net and a couple of lines just in case.**

**Stu**

# BEACH CITIES IS GOING TO STEAMBOAT!

January 30<sup>th</sup> through February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010

***LAST CHANCE!*** We currently have one spot open! We are looking for a male to fill it, but could possibly add a couple or another lady. If you are interested in going to Steamboat, email us asap at email address listed below.

***Steamboat Ski Area:*** is known for its legendary snow quality – it 's ' Champagne Powder '. We also call this light and airy snow ' ego snow ' ! For you will be able to zoom through it with ease. It 's like floating on a cloud. Also legendary are Steamboats ' vast glades/ tree skiing. With varied levels of difficulty and widths between trees, there are glades for most rider levels and plenty of fresh tracks for the most avid powder hounds.

***New: SnowBiking!*** BCSC did this in Vail a few years ago and had a blast! Now SnowBikes are permitted on all terrain and lifts of the Steamboat Ski Area with the exception of runs designated as "Terrain Park" ( Denoted by on-site signage and fencing ). Participants must attend a Steamboat Snowbike lesson or show proof of previous class attendance at one of the participating Colorado SnowBike Passport resorts. Rentals run from one hour to half day or full day rental. We 'll definitely have a group snow bike day!

***Olympians:*** Steamboat has produced more Olympians than any other city in the world. While we are there, several USA Olympic team members will be there, practicing. On Friday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, the town hosts a major party with live music, fireworks, etc - to send off our athletes to the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver!

***Winter Carnival:*** Boy did we pick the right week to visit! Steamboat will be hosting the Winter Carnival beginning on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be many fun activities such as: free concerts, a film festival, ski jumping, dual slalom bike race, snowboarding jam sessions, horse skiing for the kids, tubing parties and much more.

With 2,965 acres, 165 trails and an average snowfall of over 331 inches - Steamboat is always a favorite destination. Now add in our parties, mountain picnic, NASTAR race, and evening hot springs trip and our gang of great people – this is sure to be an awesome trip!

Wendy

PS: Bring your cowboy hat!

## SKI VP's:

### STEAMBOAT LAND PACKAGE ( January 30 - February 6, 2010 ) :

\$995 for BCSC members\* \$1035 for Non-members\*

7 night stay at The Lodge at Steamboat: These are highly recommended, very nice, 3 bedroom/ 3 bath units, only 200 yards from the gondola, shops and restaurants. They all have: a fully equipped kitchen, free high speed wireless internet access, a balcony or deck. The complex has: 4 outdoor hot tubs, an indoor hot tub, a heated pool, and on site guest laundry facilities. They offer a free private guest shuttle, and complimentary morning coffee & doughnuts, served in the clubhouse.

5-day ( out of 6 day ) Lift Tickets ( at mountain price is \$95 per day! )

Baggage handling fees, taxes and service charges.

Planned are: An On-Mountain Picnic, a NASTAR Race, Strawberry Hot Springs night trip, Wine & Cheese parties & more!

Changes: If the need arises, we reserve the right to make any changes to the components of the trip listed above. This includes passing along any price increases.

AIR OPTION: Talk to Wendy or Bruce about prices

To Sign Up: Email Wendy Brennan or Bruce Lee at: [skivp@bcskiclub.org](mailto:skivp@bcskiclub.org)

State of California Seller of Travel #: Beach Cities Ski Club # 2084767-40

### *Skiing News- For Immediate Release*

This winter, California-based eMotionCam launches its HD helmet camera rental service for ski and snowboard enthusiasts at major retail stores in North American ski resorts. For the first time ever, customers can rent super-compact, ultra-light HD cameras from self-serve kiosks and record up to two hours of footage.

The eMotionCam kiosks have an easy-to-use touch screen interface and are available at Mammoth Lakes. You can download the footage to a data DVD, USB stick, or MicroSD Card. For more info you can contact Thomas Richter at 323-620-5628 or

[Thomas@emotioncam.com](mailto:Thomas@emotioncam.com) Just thought some of you might be interested in this!

Cheryl

## Join us on our MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN TRIPS with Beach Cities & Slope Surfers

Why drive? Why drive when instead you can sit back on the bus, have a beer and socialize with friends, watch a movie or take a nap. So forget that long exhausting drive home after skiing all day. I bring my pillow on the bus and nap on the Sunday ride home – then I am rested on Monday morning!

There are six remaining trips this season. Spaces are still available, but not for long. Send in your trip form and check now to reserve your spot.

**2-Day Trips are \$240:** Our 2 Day Mammoth Mountain trips are by deluxe motor coach, departing on Friday evening at 5:30pm sharp from the NG parking lot in Redondo Beach. Lancaster pick ups are available. We depart Mammoth Mountain at 4:30pm on Sunday. The trip price includes 2 nights lodging (at Chateau De Montagne townhomes – 3 or 4 bedroom units, no lofts! ), bus ride, munchies, beer, sodas & water on the bus, breakfast items, Saturday dinner (meat lasagna, vegetarian lasagna, garlic bread, salad and red wine) plus dinner (sandwich or pizza – depending on the trip leader) and sodas on the trip home. Bonus: the bus will take us to and from the main lodge each day! No waiting and squeezing onto the Red Line. There is a jacuzzi at the condo complex, so bring a suit and towel. Must be 21 or older.

Dates: February 19-21, 2010  
March 5-7, 2010  
March 26-28, 2010  
April 9-11, 2010 (Hawaiian party )

**3-Day Trips are \$335:** The 3-day trips are the same as the 2-day trips with the following exceptions: we depart Mammoth Mountain on Monday at 4:30pm, and you'll have to provide your own dinner for that extra night. Must be 21 or older.

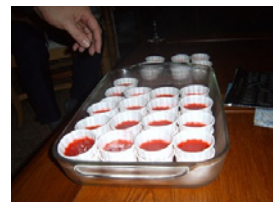
Dates: February 5-8, 2010  
March 12-15, 2010

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**To Sign Up:** It 's easy - go to [bcskiclub.org](http://bcskiclub.org) or [slopesurfers.org](http://slopesurfers.org) and download the Mammoth Trip Reservation Form and follow the instructions on it ( whom to make check payable, where to mail, etc ) Full trip details are posted on the website. Mail it in with check to hold your spot! All participants must be a member of Beach Cities or Slope Surfers. Email Wendy if you have any questions at: [ski@bcskiclub.org](mailto:ski@bcskiclub.org)

**January 8<sup>th</sup> Mammoth Bus Trip Report:** Whew. Just returned from the first bus trip of the season.

My legs are very sore. But well worth it - what a blast! It was so great to get back to the mountain and ski with all of my ski buddies! All the regulars were there: Nina S, Heidi K, Roger B ( thanks for the great wine & appetizers! ), Betty C ( this girl has got a lot of energy! ), Steve R, Russ G, Tom S ( both of them! ), Mark A, Lillie F, Chris K, Marianne C, Jan & Vic, Lynette & Paul, etc. I 'm thrilled to announce that Bruce R and Rachel L also joined us and are 100% back and on the slopes, as great skiers as ever. Yes, Bruce has a new helmet! Tom S brought extra, extra strong jello shots for the bus trip – I think it 's safe to say that no one was feeling any pain. He also brought the shotski to the Jacuzzi. Flashbacks of the old days... Cheryl T. brought Larry H on his 2<sup>nd</sup> bus trip ever. Woo Hoo! He had fun and I 'm sure he 'll be back! And we were all so glad that Fred W joined us at last



minute! Although my sides hurt from laughing as much as my legs did from skiing! There were also several nice new people: Katie B, Michelle B, Eric, Ken C, etc. The weather was wonderful all weekend – low 30' s , mostly sunny and no wind! Yes, we were in Mammoth! While Mammoth hasn 't had much snow this January, I was pleasantly surprised to find that the snow from December is holding up quite well. The snow quality was great – good coverage and dry snow - not icy.

If you are ever looking to ski with someone, we 've gotten into the habit of meeting at ' The Mill ' mid-morning to connect up. Check out the photos of the crew at our Mill breaks - soon to be posted on the website. There we met up with a few people who drove who drove up: Trudi L ( who came down Cornice very impressively and at record speed! ), Terry H and ( the newly married ) Rob R! Oops – was that supposed to be a secret? Congratulations Anne & Rob! We hope to see more of Anne on future Mammoth weekends! I 'm also pleased to report that The Yodler is back! They have new tables, chairs and it is a little more upscale than it was – but it 's basically the same old Yodler! I look forward to seeing many more friends and new members on future trips this season!



Think Snow! Wendy

Mammoth—in all its glory



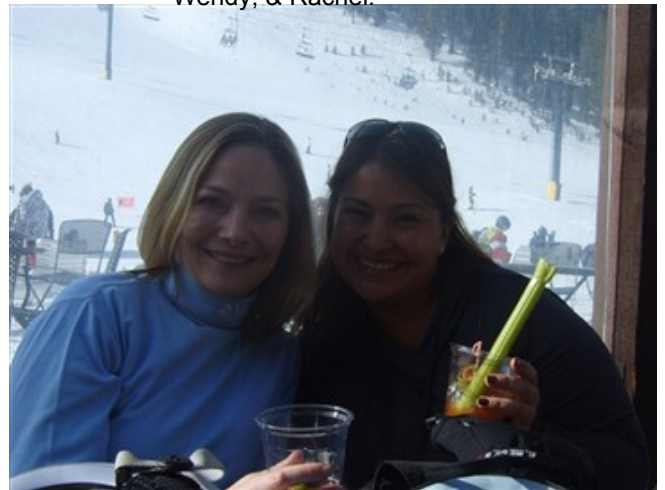
Anyone ready to ski?



The 10:30 Mill break with Fred, Betty, Wendy, & Rachel.



Pranks at the Yodler.



Awesome!!!!!!!!!!



The Minarets



Relaxing in the condo.





1/29/10 - Daily Grill  
HH 4-7

[www.dailygrill.com](http://www.dailygrill.com)

2/5/10 - Shark's Cove, MB  
HH 4-7

[www.sharkscovebeach.net](http://www.sharkscovebeach.net)

2/12/10- El Torito, MB HH 4-8  
[www.eltorito.com](http://www.eltorito.com)

2/19/10 - Sharkeez, HB  
HH 3-7, 2 for 1 drink specials  
[www.sharkeez.net](http://www.sharkeez.net)

2/26/10 - Summers, MB  
103 Highland Ave  
(310)545-9333

3/5/10 - Mickie Finnz  
HH 4-7 [www.mickiefinnz.com](http://www.mickiefinnz.com)

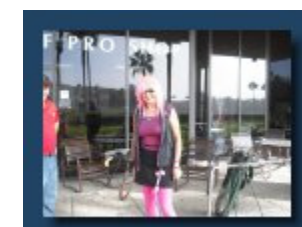
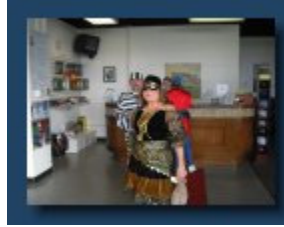
*I will be working on a few other activities for our club members for the upcoming months. Keep checking website and emails for updates.*

Lynn

## 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](mailto:fredwyls@yahoo.com)



## Progressive Superbowl Party

Save the Date : Feb 7, 2010 - Superbowl XLIII

Expect good fun, Potluck food, contests of no skill, and good friends, some of whom will be exhausted from skiing Steamboat the day before.

Watch for a flyer for details



## A Note from the New Membership VP - Susan Scott

I have no idea what inspired me to volunteer for this job! I must have lost my mind there for a minute. I will have to talk to Jim and make sure he monitors my drinking more closely in the future. Especially when I am in dangerous club situations like the Pray for Snow party, when elections are being held !

But here I am, so like a good skier, I will point them down the mountain and go for it. After, I opened my big mouth, I learned, the job was no longer a desk job, maintaining the database and such... cuuuuz, very soon, you will be able to maintain your own data on the website ! OOOh scary, and sorry for stealing that thunder ! But they want me to be out there bringin' in new blood, fresh people... fresh young faces ! eek !

Well I will certainly need all the help I can get. I am no people magnet, nor do I really have the gift of gab like some others... wish that I did. But I digress. Here's what all of you current club members can do to help the old club out.

1. If you have a friend or 2 that might be interested, invite them. This is the best !
2. If you have any great ideas about attracting new members, tell me... you can email me at [membership@bcskiclub.org](mailto:membership@bcskiclub.org)
3. When you see new people around, try to include them in your group or conversation... seems like that goes w/o saying, but we are all such creatures of habit, it doesn't really come naturally to most people.

I have few ideas of my own. I will keep you posted on that. In the meantime, have fun out there and get some freshies for me !



# Happy Birthday December, January, and February Birthdays

Mark H	12/1
Jessica M	12/4
Chris P	12/6
Tayna D	12/11
Patrick McG	12/12
Kim N	12/13
Paul H	12/14
Maureen O'B	12/16
Alan T	12/17
Larry T	12/19
Joe Y	12/19
Steve S	12/19
Chelan G	12/20
Don C	12/21
Christopher B	12/24
Susan M	12/25
Linda M	12/26
Andrea D	12/26
Lee A	12/27
Daniel	12/30
John M	12/30
Jeanne D	12/31

Cristi L	1/1
Fuzz N	1/3
Renee S	1/6
Kat Palm	1/12
Lee G	1/12
Patrick K	1/13
Aaron G	1/13
Larry H	1/13
Debra T	1/15
Karen D	1/16
James S	1/16
Lynda N	1/17
Brian S	1/17
Rebecca T	1/17
Roger B	1/19
Cheryl T	1/20
Randy P	1/21
Lynette D	1/23
Marlene M	1/24
Nancy W	1/28
Art C	1/28
Sharon C	1/29



Joe S	1/30
Karely D	1/30
Lynda J	2/1
Peter K	2/2
Gary P	2/5
Frank S	2/6
Mark M	2/7
Bruce B	2/8
Roxanne K	2/8
Michael H	2/9
Al W	2/10
Molly B	2/14
Kim S	2/17
Bill C	2/21
Darrin L	2/23
Dave L	2/25
Terry E	2/29

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