

# TEXAS SKI COUNCIL

TSC Newsletter—Summer 2006

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Fall Roundup  
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January 6-13, 2007

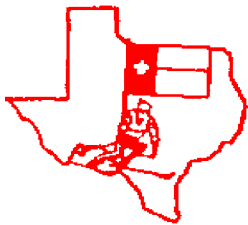
Winter Expedition  
Neustift, Austria  
January 27-February 3, 2007

Winter Shootout  
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Final Showdown  
Jackson Hole, Wyoming  
March 10-17, 2007

Summer 2007 Expedition  
Thailand  
June 30-July 8, 2007





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# Report from VP Marketing, Peggy Montgomery

The 2005-06 Ski Season took us to some old favorites such as Keystone, Steamboat and Big Mountain, as well as new locations like Levi, Finland and Big White, Canada. As the summer starts I am looking toward the 2006-2007 Trips becoming events to remember and working with TSC Member Clubs marketing the Texas Ski Council. As VP of Marketing I will be working with the current TSC Vice Presidents of Fall Roundup, Traditional, Winter Shootout, Final Showdown and the Expedition Coordinators for Neustift and Thailand to assure that all their trips are successful. I will also be working with the Ski Industry on for the 2007-2008 Ski Season. My primary goal this year will be to continuing working with all TSC officers and member clubs to assure that The Texas Ski Council maintains its reputation of



professionalism and integrity, provides great destinations for future trips and opportunities for clubs to increase their memberships. I look forward to working with the TSC Foundation Board in providing an excellent opportunity to work with the Ski Industry in increasing skier days and developing the future generation of skiers and snowboarders. I hope to see an expansion of our partnering with Sun & Ski Sports, as well as working with other ski related area businesses to promote and sell our trips. As we go through the 2006-07 ski season, I know all will agree that the Texas Ski Council will be a leader in working with the snow sports industry to

promote all snow "sports" by having quality ski trips for a reasonable price.

## Bid Meeting

After two years with the Annual Bid meeting in Austin, the Texas Ski Council went back to San Antonio for the 2006 Bid Meeting. The weekend began on Friday morning with a golf tournament. Friday evening Texas Ski Council Delegates and guests as well as Snow Sport Industry Representatives registered and attended the TSC Reception meeting new friends and catching up with past ones. After the reception many went down to the River Walk to enjoy night life San Antonio style! Saturday morning started with the TSC Breakfast for our Platinum Sponsors – Sportours, World on Skis and for the Second Year Vail Resorts consisting of Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly Valley, and Vail. Throughout Saturday bids for the 2006-07 Domestic Trips and 2007 Summer Expedition were presented with time out during the day for a lunch with the Snow Sporting Industry Reps and of course our annual Snow Sport Show featuring all the Industry Vendors. After a long day of paying attention to all the bid presentations, the Delegates broke and had the clubs caucused to discuss the various bids. In the evening we all gathered for our Annual Award dinner with dancing afterwards and then once again to the Riverwalk to continue the partying. Sunday morning we continued with the presentations for the 2007 Winter Expedition Trip. When all was said and done the following trips were selected for the 2006-07 Season:

**Fall Roundup** – Breckenridge (Vail Resorts)  
**Traditional** – Park City (Sports America)  
**Winter Expedition** - Neustift, Austria (Sportours)  
**Winter Shootout** – Crested Butte (Moguls)  
**Final Showdown** – Jackson Hole (Sportours)  
**Summer Expedition** – Thailand

The TSC would also like to thank the following sponsors for making a commitment to the Texas Ski Council for 2006-07 -

**Platinum Sponsors:** Vail Resorts, Sportours & World on Skis

**Gold Sponsors:** Ski Salt Lake, Intrawest Mountain Resorts (Whistler, Tremblant, Panorama, Copper, Winter Park & Village at Squaw) and Sun Valley Resort

**Silver Sponsor:** Sports America

**Bronze Sponsors:** Beyond Boundaries, Davis Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, National Ski Rental and Northstar-at-Tahoe/Sierra-at-Tahoe

Finally, we all need to give a big thanks to Mary Beth Wilson (Lone Star), Anne Myers (Los Amigos) and all the people that assisted them in making sure the Bid Meeting ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

Peggy Montgomery, TSC VP of Marketing



# Secretary's Report

by Joe De Mott



Hi, I'm the Secretary for the Texas Ski Council. (Again?!) I'll be taking minutes at the meetings, and pictures at meetings and on ski trips, and sending out this newsletter. I hope to facilitate communication between the clubs and the council. Please let me know if there is information I can help to disseminate. Thanks to those who have forwarded me pictures and articles for use in these newsletters. I try to include as many as possible.

You can contact me by email: [babyjb@aol.com](mailto:babyjb@aol.com) or call me on my cell phone (210) 219-3826. I look forward to working with you.

# Treasurer's Report

By Gary Roth

Last year was a financially challenging year. For the third year in a row, the revenue from club dues and participation fees were down due to declining membership and fewer club members taking the TSC trips. In spite of the declines, the TSC was extremely successful in saving more than the revenue shortfall. The plan was to have a surplus of \$2,840 and we ended the year with a budget surplus of \$10,377, which leaves the treasury in excellent condition. The year before last, the TSC donated \$10,000 to the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation. This year puts the TSC Treasury back to the level before that donation.



The Bid Meeting in San Antonio is a major source of funds for the TSC operations. Even though the expected meeting revenue was under plan by \$1,432, the cost savings achieved by Mary Beth Wilson and Anne Myers was terrific. They beat their cost plan by \$5,513, which put the meeting \$4,081 above the plan. Please join me in thanking Mary Beth and Anne for a job well done.

This was the first full year for the TSC Youth Foundation and it had a strong financial year too. The foundation started the year with \$10,000. There were 35 qualifying children on the Fall Roundup Trip and the foundation gave \$100 to the parents (or grandparents) of each child to help defray travel costs. The tour operators, vendors and resort operators are very supportive of our efforts to attract and retain families to snow sports. They

showed their support with their wallets. In some cases they donated items for raffle and some of them donated cash. The result was that the foundation collected more in donations than was spent and now has \$10,865 in its accounts. The Trip VP's were especially helpful in raising this money. This gives the foundation a strong financial base for the future.

As I write this article, the council has prepared the budget for next year. A large part of the budget is for travel costs to attend Board and Delegate Meetings. As you all know, the cost of travel has increased significantly for both driving and flying. It will be a challenge to

break even next year.

Please remember that:

1. Club Dues are collected at the August Delegates Meeting
2. Participation Fees for all Trips are due on October 1, 2006
3. Activity Fees are due 30 days before the trip departs

If you are not familiar with the fees, please email me at [groth@ausitn.rr.com](mailto:groth@ausitn.rr.com) or call me at (512) 261-1306. I will be happy to explain them and help you.

I look forward to working for you and hope to see you at the meetings or on the slopes.



# Big Mountain, Montana

By Cheryl Mann, Trip Vice President

Incredible! Awesome! Best trip I've taken with the TSC! Best trip of the 35 I've taken! Best awards banquet! Best races! Best individual course! Everyone at Grouse went out of their way to make us feel welcome! The town was great! I want to come back in the summer! I hope the TSC comes back here soon! These are just a few of the numerous comments made by the 207 participants during the TSC's 2006 Final Showdown trip to BIG MOUNTAIN, MONTANA!

**Saturday** saw the beginning of the Texas clubs arrivals to Big Mountain. The bar and restaurant at Grouse was the hot spot for the evening with many people enjoying Grouse's hospitality. Sunday most people enjoyed skiing Big Mountain, happy hour at Moguls and then on to the TSC Welcome Party. Many mountain and White Fish businesses donated auction items for the welcome party. The auction items included: snowmobiling, ski vacations, massages, lessons and even a stuffed teddy bear. The proceeds went to the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation.

Grouse prepared several great h'ordoeuvres options for the evening and everyone received two free drink tickets. Mountain ambassadors, ski school and Montana Adventure Company reps were on hand to answer questions and sell activities.

**Monday** was another great ski day at Big Mountain – great sunshine and picturesque views of Glacier Park and the surrounding mountain ranges. Happy hour was at the Hellroaring Saloon with dollar draft beers and \$1.50 slices of pizza – needless to say, it was enjoyed by all. Monday night found several Texans enjoying the pub crawl especially designed and orchestrated by 'Rachel Double Tall Spicy VandeVoort' and 'Dori Vanilla Vodka Vixen Hamilton'. Some people opted to do the mountain Dine n-Ski.

**Tuesday**, seventy of us woke up early and went to Fernie. What a wonderful mountain and great day trip! We had a continental breakfast, transportation, lift ticket and happy hour on the bus back. Everyone saw numerous deer, some great wood carvings and beautiful scenery on the drive. While the seventy were at Fernie, Mother Nature was providing fresh snow to Big Mountain.

**Wednesday** – another great day of skiing at Big Mountain with fresh snow and sunshine. Late in the day, we got more snow – Yeah! Happy hour was at Moguls. Several clubs had their club parties – venues included McKenzie River Pizza, Grouse, Great Northern and Truby's.

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### Big Mountain continued

**Thursday** – race day – the Big Mountain event staff out did themselves by setting up a technical, yet fun, club course followed by a longer, yet more vertical individual course. All of the racers did a great job! Lone Star Skiers had 100% participation! Los Amigos's Lowry family had great success on the mountain with father, mother and son (9 years old) receiving awards. Space City's Dang girls – 9 and 11 years old – each received medals in the individuals. Jo Cobb had a successful day beating the pace setter on all three runs. You Go Girl! The mountain hosted a fantastic lasagna and manicotti lunch. Everyone was back at Moguls for apres ski. Thursday evening found people throughout the town at the sushi restaurant, the golf course restaurant, Bull Dog, Truby's, Great Northern, McKenzie Street...

**Friday** was another great day of sun and snow. Views from the summit were absolutely breathtaking and the Snow Ghosts really stood out against the blue sky. Happy hour was at the Bier Stube – ice cold beer.

Final Awards dinner was held at the Grouse Mountain Conference Center. Grouse hosted a sit down dinner including Caesar salad, salmon, beef filet, mashed potatoes and chocolate cake – it was absolutely fabulous! Glenn "Hopper" Strother presented the race awards while the DJ played background music creating a fun atmosphere for the presentation.

Big Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge, Moguls and the town of White Fish did an incredible job of hosting 207 Texans. Each and every person involved did a fantastic job! Thanks for making the 2006 TSC Final Showdown a very memorable experience. I also want to thank Gary Butler, Joe DeMott, Gary Roth, Marta Hollowell, Mary Beth Wilson, Hopper Strother, the trip leaders and all the participants for making the running of my first TSC trip a very positive and rewarding experience. THANKS!

### 2006-2007 Committee Chairs

Bid Meeting: .....Mary Beth Wilson  
Race: .....Gene Gilliam  
By-Laws:..... Karen Mann  
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March 30-April 1, 2007  
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## Big Mountain Race Results

### Division 1

Space City – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Los Amigos – 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Austin Skiers – 3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Division 2

Capital Downhill – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Clear Lake – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

### Division 3

Dallas Ski Club – 1<sup>st</sup> place  
West Central – 2<sup>nd</sup> place

### Individual Races

#### Women's Super Senior

Karin Schidiowski.....Space City.....1<sup>st</sup> place

#### Women's Senior

Linda Barber .....Dallas .....1<sup>st</sup> place  
Vivian Benjamin .....Lone Star.....2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Nancy Roth .....Austin Skiers.....3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Women's Open

Jo Cobb .....Lone Star.....1<sup>st</sup> place  
Lynnell Lowry.....Los Amigos.....2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Kim Finder .....Los Amigos.....3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Men's Super Senior

Kenneth Walton.....Lone Star .....1<sup>st</sup> place  
Billy Lynum .....Los Amigos .....2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Kurt Schidiowski .....Space City.....3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Men's Senior

Dave Whitehead.....Space City.....1<sup>st</sup> place  
Steve Finder .....Los Amigos.....2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Tom Mowdy.....Capital Downhill.....3<sup>rd</sup> place

### Men's Open

David Pennington.....Lone Star.....1<sup>st</sup> place  
Rob Lowry .....Los Amigos.....2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Glenn Strother.....Lone Star.....3<sup>rd</sup> place



# Winter Expedition--Levi, Finland

## by Peggy Montgomery, TSC VP of Marketing

Holoykynkolokyn or Cheers in Finnish! Well, the group that went to Finland found it incredible!!! The trip started with a small group going early to Copenhagen. Copenhagen is beautiful--it does not have tall sky scrappers because the city government controls the height of the buildings because of a number of old towers style buildings would be blocked ruining the view of them--Copenhagen is called the city of Spires. It also has this incredible pedestrian walkway that is the oldest brick pedestrian walkway today, starting at City Hall and going through a remarkable shopping district. The pedestrian and bike traffic is incredible, particularly bikes as they are constantly ringing their bells. The city tour was excellent and included a tour of one of the Queens palaces where she receives guests and a changing of the guards at her home. One of the best known attractions is the Trivoli, an amusement park in the middle of the city, which supposedly was the inspiration for Disneyland

The time in Copenhagen was much too short, but all were excited to head out to Levi, Finland. We met up with some of the main group in Stockholm and then the rest in Lulea where we boarded a bus for Levi and the skiing part of our trip. While in route to Levi, we had a longer than expected planned stop at the Artic Circle to obtain another bus because one of the original buses had trouble. We were all amazed at how quickly another bus arrived considering the distances between towns! All were tired from a long day of traveling, but the buffet meal that awaited us was a great end to the day. We found the Levitunturi Spa Hotel to be excellent accommodations with large rooms and a second smaller room and heated bathroom floors. The design was definitely had a Swedish influence with clean, distinctive lines to the furniture.

The next four days we skied at Levi, which was primarily accessed by a gondola and T-bars. According to Doug with Beyond Boundaries, however, the area is planning to put in chair lifts within the next couple of years. I think all of us will agree that is an excellent idea! The mountain was not large, but everyone enjoyed the skiing. I think we were all a bit surprised that the cold was not as bad as expected and we had daylight from about 9:00am to 4:00pm. One day a group traveled to Yllas, another Ski area and on the way back stopped at a Snow Village with an Ice Hotel, which everyone enjoyed. Besides skiing different groups toured the near by city of Rovaniemi and a Lapland Museum, with a stop at the Article Circle to see Santa Claus on the way home. There was also a snowmobile safari one evening in search of the Northern Lights. Many also enjoyed trips to the Reindeer Farm and Dog sledding trip and of course all the spa facilities. While shopping was limited in Levi, many managed to find gifts to take home.

The last evening started with a Vodka tasting at the hotel and then a farewell dinner at the K-5 Kammi restaurant which was a traditional Lapland hut and entertainment by Laplanders. The meal was incredible with numerous types of reindeer dishes and glowfried salmon--salmon cooked on a wooden plank in an open fire.

We all agreed that the timing for our departure from Levi couldn't have been better as it had gradually been getting colder each day we were in Levi and the morning we left, we definitely knew we were above the Article Circle. We made one last stop at the Artic Circle on our way back to Lulea and a flight to Stockholm. Arrival in Stockholm was to its first snow of the year. While the temperatures were not as cold as Levi it seemed colder because of how wet it was. The city tour, including a tour of the Wasa Museum (a museum centered around a wood ship from the 17th century that sunk shortly after being launched) was great and many opted to get off in the walking shopping district of Stockholm to finish out the afternoon. That evening we had our final group dinner at a local jazz club called the Stampede, where the food was outstanding and jazz wonderful!

The next morning the main part of the group departed for the States, while a small group boarded a ship for a post trip extension to Tallinn, Estonia. The group cruised overnight to Tallinn, spent two days touring the Old Town. They once again boarded the ship for a return overnight cruise to Stockholm and the flight home.

Doug Lofland with Beyond Boundaries and Merja Hart with The Travel Experience, the local Finland tour operator, did an incredible job on this trip making a memorable experience for all.



# TSC TRADITIONAL PARK CITY, UTAH January 6-13, 2007



Trip VP Cheryl Mann (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with members of Sports America team for Traditional Ski Week in Park City, Utah

Hi, for those of you who do not know me, I am Cheryl Mann the TSC VP of Traditional – yes, we are going to Park City, host of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

This promises to be a fabulous trip! You have the opportunity to ski the Canyons, Deer Valley and Park City. Great skiing, great parties and wonderful dining.

Sports America is the tour operator for this trip. They are offering each participating club Korbel champagne at their pre-trip parties. A day trip to Snowbird is also being offered, details still to be finalized.

For those who have not been to the Park City area – don't miss it. There is something for everyone – skiing, snowboarding (not at Deer Valley), sleigh rides, cross-country skiing, shopping, dining and partying! Come join your fellow TSCers.

Looking forward to seeing all of y'all in UTAH!

# WINTER 2007 EXPEDITION NEUSTIFT, AUSTRIA

By Steve Abrey

Austria and Skiing go hand-in-hand....BUT, what about skiing the Stubai Glacier year around. Our 2007 Winter Expedition is to Nuestift, Austria, located in the Stubai Valley and only 2 minutes, "up the road" to Stubai Glacier and only 20 minutes "down the road" to Innsbruck. From January 26 (Fri.), through February 3, 2007 (Sat.), approximately 200 of TSC's finest will be traveling to Munich and then to the ski village of Neustift. Neustift, a fabulous Alpine village, is located in the southwest province of Tirol, the world famous ski area of Austria. In addition to Stubai Glacier, Elfer ski resort is only a block or two from our hotels and Schlick2000 is only a 10-minute bus ride from your hotel. TSC has five 4 star (\*) hotels booked. All have wonderful spa amenities and a wellness focus. Breakfasts and a four-course dinner are included at all hotels.

My site visit in May was awesome!! Elizabeth Finger, from the local tourism office, and Adventure On Skies (Ski.com) have put together an exciting welcome party, with a parade featuring each participating club, the local press band, and dignitaries from the village and the entire valley. Our farewell party will be equally special and show off all the local customs. Optional day activities include: Toboggan fun night, Salzburg, Venice, St. Moritz, and Innsbruck, just to mention a few.

The pre trip excursion includes Vienna and Salzburg and the post trip includes Florence and Rome OR Prague....what a choice. It will be fantastic, come join us!!

Steve Abrey, [srjabrey@comcast.net](mailto:srjabrey@comcast.net).





Hi, I'm Sean O'Brien. I'll be leading the TSC Winter Shootout to Crested Butte, Colorado from February 3-10, 2007. It will be a great trip to beautiful setting, with something for everyone. Stay tuned for more details soon.

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Hi, I'm Ted Mallory here on the right, and I'll be the VP for the Fall Roundup over Thanksgiving to Breckenridge, Colorado from November 21-26, 2006. Pete and his crew will take good care of us. The Texas Ski Council has again recommended that the board of the Youth Foundation pay \$100 per child who participates in the already discounted youth camp. So, it will be another great value. Stay tuned for more details, or contact me below. (Phone calls work better than emails.)

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# Final Showdown

## Jackson Hole, Wyoming

### March 10-17, 2007

#### Mike Morris – Trip VP

Not many views in the continental United States can compare with the beauty of the Teton Range in western Wyoming. In addition to the Jackson Hole Resort, there are lots of other sites and activities to keep us busy on this trip. There is Yellowstone National Park, the oldest national park in the US. There is Grand Teton National Park, which borders Jackson on the north side and provides cross country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling in the winter months. The National Elk Refuge is also on the north side of town and hosts around 10,000 elk that spend the winter months in the area. Another area ski resort is Grand Targhee Ski Resort that is less than an hour drive from Jackson. This mountain is known for getting even more powder than Jackson Hole. The mountain of Jackson Hole Resort contains about 2500 acres of in bounds terrain. They also have one of the longest vertical drops in North America of 4,139 feet. Almost half of the in bound terrain is considered beginner or intermediate with the remainder advanced. There is also about 3000 acres of back country terrain for those more adventurous types. On an average March day Jackson Hole will have about 1 skier per acre of the in bounds terrain – no lift lines! They also average over 450 inches of snow a year and a 21 degree average winter daytime temperature. If those numbers hold next year it should make for a perfect day on the mountain. Everyone will begin arriving on Saturday. There are about twelve jet fights a day into the

airport at Jackson. After a short drive, you will be checking into your lodging for the week. We will have a welcome party at the mountain on Sunday. There will be opportunities to sign up participants to go on mountain tours, snowshoeing, dog sledding, snowmobiling and on sleigh rides through the Refuge. We may include a TSC day at Grand Targhee. The club and individual races will be held later in the week as will the awards party. It looks like most everyone will be staying at the Resort on the mountain, but town is just a short ride away. There you can enjoy shopping at some truly diverse retailers, fine dining and quality night life. I hope to see you there! I should be going on my site inspection this summer so if anyone has questions or concerns please let me know.



From left: Kurt Schroeder, Trip VP Mike Morris, and Patrick Rothe celebrating Sportours winning bid for Final Showdown in Jackson Hole, Wyoming



# Thailand

## Bangkok - Chiang Mai - Phuket

### TSC - 2007 Summer Expedition

### June 30-July 8, 2007

TSC coordinator: Hazel Love

Is your club ready for a new experience? If your answer is "YES" then start making your plans now for a Texas Ski Council experience of a life time. The Kingdom of Thailand draws more visitors than any other country in Southeast Asia, with its irresistible combination of breathtaking beauty, inspiring temples, renowned hospitality, robust cuisine and its many ruins from fabulous ancient kingdoms. From the northern stupa-studded mountains and the southern verdant limestone islands, to the pulse-pounding dance clubs of Bangkok or to the many tranquil villages, Thailand offers something for every traveler.

- **Thailand** - A golden wonderland

Variety is indeed the spice of life in Thailand. From the golden-spined temples and museums of Bangkok, to the majestic ruins of ancient capitals, to the tranquil charm of a smaller city (Chiang Mia) with its cooler mountain climate, forest, jungles, rivers and waterfalls, to the excitement of a tropical beach resort (Phuket), there is no shortage of places to explore. Nature

has also been generous. As varied as the historical and culture attractions are the beauty of Thailand's ever-changing landscape, rich marine life, colorful coral formations, pristine sandy beaches and towering limestone cliffs will make for an exciting and memorable vacation. Thailand also provides excellent standards in food and accommodations all for a comparable inexpensive price.

- **Bangkok** - Old and New

The nation's capitol since 1782 and one of Asia's most dynamic cities. Amazingly, in the midst of this modern world, Bangkok miraculously manages to preserve its cultural heritage. With the soaring skyscrapers and gleaming spires (such as at the Grand Palace where the revered Royal Family lives) to the many historic temples - (mentioning only the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and Temple of the Dawn) our visit will be a picture of classical oriental wonder and fascination. Bangkok's temples are some of the finest in Asia.



TSC Summer 2007 Expedition Coordinator Hazel Love (center) with Ski Europe crew for trip to Thailand



- **Chiang Mia**

This city that dates back 700 years has many historic structures such as the distinctive 42m high ruined Chedi Luang which stands in the town center. Chiang Mia is in the midst of the hill country of the northern region. Teak forests and jungle-covered peaks breathtakingly landscape and hide secret little valleys, each a Shangri-La. For the truly adventurous while there take in a Chiang Duo Elephant Jungle Trek through the neighboring jungle to a remote hill tribe village finishing with a thrilling river rafting adventure down the Ping River.

- **Phuket** - an island off the southern west coast, in the Andaman Sea

Water sports are among Phuket's biggest attractions especially for scuba diving enthusiasts. With perfect conditions ensured by a tropical climate and some the world's most stunning beaches and neighboring islands there are facilities for all sorts of activities to get you in, on, above and below the water. From windsurfing to parasailing, from waterskiing to deep sea fishing, to rock climbing or hand-gliding, just to name a few.

For those who want to be a little more laid back then try snorkeling in the crystal-clear water with an abundance of marine life along any of the beautiful beaches or for the golfing enthusiast a round played will be sheer paradise at one of Thailand's top world golfing destinations.

Besides the many temples and museums your club members will want to make time for an exotic Thai spa massage ( the last word in pampered luxury), learn the art of Thai cooking, plan a night with ring side seats at a Thai Boxing event, and shop, shop, shop to their heart's content. With the currency exchange Thailand is a shopping Mecca. Shops and vendors offer a Hugh variety of quality Thai goods and handicrafts at bargain prices.

The Texas Ski Council delegates accepted Alpine Adventures/Ski Europe bid to Thailand at the TSC April 2006 Bid Meeting in San Antonio.

To make your reservations or for addition information about this fabulous trip to Thailand contact your local Texas participating club's VP of Trips or contact Hazel Love @ 806- 794-2362 or 806-793-3444 or hazellea@aol.com

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# 2006 – 2007 Calendar

## Updated June 10, 2006

May 8, 2006		Lodging requests accepted for 2006-2007 ski season ( <i>After 9:00 am, CDT</i> )
May 19-22, 2006		Officer Training/Planning Meeting & Board of Directors Meeting - <i>Houston</i>
June 4, 2006		<i>Articles due from TSC Board for TSC Newsletter &amp; Directory</i>
June 10, 2006		Quarterly Delegates Meeting - <i>Dallas</i>
July 1, 2006		Club Deposits Due to Ski Areas for 2006-2007 trips
July 13, 2006		<i>TSC Newsletter Mail out</i>
July 29, 2006		Board of Directors Meeting – <i>Houston</i>
August 12, 2006		Quarterly Delegates Meeting – <i>Lubbock</i>
August 12, 2006		Club Dues and Rosters due to TSC Treasurer
September 30, 2006		<i>Articles due for TSC Newsletter</i>
<b>October 1, 2006</b>	*	<b>Participation fees due to TSC Treasurer for all planned trips</b>
October 21, 2006	**	Activity Fees due to TSC Treasurer for FALL ROUNDUP
October 30, 2006		<i>TSC Newsletter Mail out</i>
October 31, 2006		<i>Bid Package Mail out</i>
November 18, 2006		Board of Directors Meeting – <i>Houston</i>
<b>November 21-26, 2006</b>		<b><i>TSC FALL ROUNDUP – Breckenridge, CO</i></b>
December 2, 2006		Quarterly Delegates Meeting – <i>Houston</i>
December 6, 2006	**	Activity Fees due to TSC Treasurer for TSC TRADITIONAL
December 9, 2006		Bid Package Mail out
<b>January 6-13, 2007</b>		<b><i>TSC TRADITIONAL – Park City, Utah</i></b>
January 3, 2007	**	Activity Fees due to TSC Treasurer for TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT
January 14, 2007		TSC 2006 Officer Applications due to Nominating Chair
January 23, 2007		Ski Area Bids for 2006-2007 ski season due
<b>January 27-February 3, 2007</b>		<b><i>TSC WINTER EXPEDITION – Neustift, Austria</i></b>
February 9, 2007	**	Activity Fees due to TSC Treasurer for FINAL SHOWDOWN
<b>February 3-10, 2007</b>		<b><i>TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT – Crested Butte, Colorado</i></b>
February 12, 2007		<i>TSC Newsletter Articles Due</i>
February 24, 2007		Board of Directors and Pre-Select Committee Mtgs. – <i>San Antonio</i>
March 1, 2007		Deadline for Bid Meeting Room Reservations & Registration
March 1, 2007		<i>TSC Newsletter Mail out</i>
<b>March 10-17, 2007</b>		<b><i>TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN—Jackson Hole, Wyoming</i></b>
March 31, 2007		Annual Marketing Survey due to VP Marketing
March 30-April 1, 2007		Quarterly Delegates Meeting – <i>San Antonio</i> Ski Area Bid Selection, Officer Election & Installation
June 30-July 8, 2007		Summer Expedition— <i>Thailand</i>
May 7, 2007		Lodging requests accepted for 2007-2008 ski season ( <i>After 9:00 am, CDT</i> )
May 18-20, 2007		Officer Training/Planning Meeting & Board of Directors Meeting - TBD
June 9, 2007		Quarterly Delegates Meeting - <i>Dallas</i>
July 1, 2007		Club Deposits Due to Ski Areas for 2006-2007 trips

\* Participant Fee - \$ 5.00 per participant ages 4 and up. (\$10 for Expedition)

\*\* Activity Fee - \$ 40.00 per participant ages 13 & up; \$ 25.00 per child ages 4-12.



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**TEXAS SKI COUNCIL'S**  
**Quarterly Delegates Meeting**  
**August 12, 2006**

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**3201 South Loop 289**  
**Lubbock, Texas**  
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