

TSC NEWSLETTER

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A Message From Our President

By Peggy Montgomery

Once again clubs are in the process of putting together trips for the upcoming 2008-09 ski season. As that is occurring, the TSC is also in the process of evaluating different parts of its Bid Process, particularly its Activity Fee. Cheryl Mann, our VP of Marketing, is heading up a committee that is reviewing portions of our bid process, including the activity fee. As a part of the evaluation, the committee will be seeking input from clubs and vendors by using surveys. We hope all will take the time to complete the survey when received. This year we are also looking at new ways to market the TSC and its member clubs in order to expand its club member base. Finally, we are looking at alternatives to the issuing of a paper TSC directory. We hope to provide more information on all these initiatives in the



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coming months.

This past year the TSC offered Travel insurance through AIG. While many used it for the Winter Expedition trip, all should also take the time to evaluate the insurance that is offered with respect to domestic trips, particularly as airlines are tightening up flights making traveling more challenging. All you have to do is click on the AIG link on the TSC web site

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JAMMIN' ON THE SLOPES - with a FOCUS on YOUTH

(Adapted from the Jammer Report - Houston Ski Jammers Newsletter)

"Thirty-five years ago, it was pretty unusual to find blacks on skis," said NBS (National Brotherhood of Skiers) President Rose Thomas Pickrum. "We came together as groups because we wanted to ski with other people just like us." Fourteen members of the Houston Ski Jammers joined other African-American skiers from clubs in Texas and around the nation for the annual NBS Summit meeting/Challenge Cup in Breckenridge, CO to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the founding of the NBS.

The Ski Jammers was organized as a club in 1982 and in 1983 became a member club in the NBS, and in 1985 joined the Texas Ski Council (TSC). A strong mission of the



NBS has been to expose young children to the joys of skiing, a goal that the Ski Jammers support, Please see *Jammers* on page 4

See You at the “BOAT” TSC Traditional Jan 10–17, 2009

By Mike Morris



Ski Town USA or “The Boat” will be the site of the 2009 Traditional trip. Between the outstanding lodging and dining choices, “champagne powder” and friendly people this should be a trip to remember. With six peaks

and almost 3000 acres, there will be plenty of choices for the 450 Texans planning to attend the trip during the Traditional week.

In case you don’t already know me, I’ve been with the Flatlanders Ski Club and the TSC for over 20 years and have probably averaged 2 to 3 trips a year during that time. I have held Board positions with the Flatlanders for many years and still serve as the newsletter editor. I served four years as the TSC Race Committee Chairman prior to running for the TSC Board. This is my third year to serve as a TSC Trip VP and I am looking forward to a great trip next January!

FALL ROUNDUP at WINTER PARK—BRING ON THE KIDS! November 25–30, 2008

By Hazel Love, VP Fall Roundup

Winter Park, Colorado – Truly a winter wonderland of beauty portraying the authentic Colorado experience with 30+ feet of snowfall annually. Something for everybody from the expert, intermediate, or beginner skier or snowboarder, to the shopaholics, for someone who just wants to kick back, relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings and atmosphere or all the above and more. Nestled against the western slope of the Continental Divide, just 70 miles west of Denver, Winter Park incorporates everyone’s life style to ensure you have a memorable vacation. This is what in store for club members of the TSC this **Thanksgiving** in Winter Park.

A multi-million dollar project has made many



Hazel Love
(middle)
with Winter
Park Reps.

improvements to Winter park. Among the additions are **new chairlifts**, restaurants, renovations, a five acre addition dedicated to beginners, **three new terrain parks**, enhanced terrain for tree skiing and new intermediate trails. The Panoramic Express, North America’s highest high speed six person chairlift, offers fast access to over 1,123 acres in Vasquez Cirque, Parsenn Bowl and Eagle Bowl of the 3,078 total skiable acres.

This is the fourth year for the TSC to promote the **TSC Youth Foundation**. The Foundation is an ongoing program to encourage **children 4-15** to participate in the fun sports of skiing and snowboarding. This year Winter Park Resorts is providing a fantastic **affordable Youth Camp**. The See **Fall Roundup** on page 11.



Zephyr Lodge

NAGANO, JAPAN -

A Fantastic TSC WINTER EXPEDITION

January 24 - February 1, 2009

By Steve Abrey-2009 Winter Expedition Coordinator



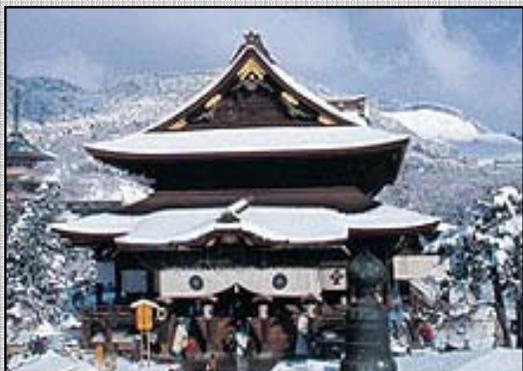
Once again, **YOUR TSC** is offering a trip of a lifetime. Imagine skiing the same slopes at **Nagano-Hakuba, Japan**, as the most skillful skiers did in the 1998 Winter Olympic Games!!

This is my third term as an officer on the Texas Ski Council. I truly enjoy the international trips and am offering you and your clubs another exciting adventure.

Holidaze Ski Tours have led many clubs and councils to this destination. I am convinced that Holidaze, together with your Trip Leaders and me, will deliver on all fronts. My past experience and my leadership roles with the Dallas Ski Club have prepared me for this opportunity.

The basic trip (January 24, 2009 – February 1, 2009) includes **5 nights in Hakuba**, and **2 nights in Tokyo**. For the more adventurous traveler, you may add on a **pre-trip to Kyoto, Japan**, and/or a **post-trip to Beijing, China**. Wow, what an opportunity and experience await the person who signs up for this adventure!

Contact me at winterexpedition@texas-ski.org with interest or for more details.



2008 EXPEDITIONS TRIP TO BULGARIA- TEXANS MAKE THE NATIONAL NEWS!

By Christine Augustine

"**TEXAS INVADES BULGARIA**" was the headline in many Bulgarian newspapers! We were the first organized ski group from the US ever to visit Bulgaria. **Bansko** went "all out" to entertain us and make us feel welcome. The welcome parade and party were unparalleled! The local women hand made a sausage 150 meters long - one meter for each Texan - along with many other local specialties. In the town square after the parade, beautifully costumed singers and dancers entertained us as we ate a wonderful meal accompanied by hot spiced wine.



Welcome parade, Bansko, Judy and George Rayfield



Bansko skiing-Susan Riewe, Terry Trewitt, Bonnie Kelly, Joe Ruf and Shelby Benton

Many Texans enjoyed the challenges of the mountain. Getting to the top was an experience and some will say that getting down was even more exciting! The longest run on the mountain is 7 miles! There is something for every skier - trees, steep, short runs and long runs. A few minutes or a few hours could be spent eating on mountain - al fresco or inside complete with table cloths, napkins and a fine assortment of local dishes, beer and wine. Please see *TEXAS* on page 4



Spice Market in Istanbul.

Final goodbye party, Bansko --Dan Willett and Gayle Brown (Clear Lake)



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not only through the NBS, but in conjunction with the TSC, which three years ago set up a Foundation to promote physical fitness for young people and their families through snow sports by offering affordable ski/snowboard programs and travel assistance for youth participants on designated TSC trips. Since the beginning of the TSC program the Jammers have sent one of the largest contingents to the Fall Roundup trip over the Thanksgiving holiday. This past year's Jammer trip was led by long-time Ski Jammers and TSC supporter William Jackson. William has served on the TSC board in years past and has been a major contributor to the success of the TSC Youth Foundation in recent years.

The club also participates in the NBS Olympic Scholarship Fund which strives to train black skiers for ski and snowboard competition on the international level. "There's never been a black skier that has earned a medal in the Olympics," said Pickrum. "We're hoping

that will occur in 2010." The NBS member clubs contribute funds to the Olympic Scholarship Fund to support the young athletes' and their families in training for competitions and are also seeking major corporate sponsors to assist them in achieving their goals.

Even if it doesn't happen at the next Olympics, members of the Jammers' know they've already achieved a lot. Ski Jammers President Bruce Stewart commented, "Just seeing other black skiers from all over the country getting together for a week of skiing, boarding, racing, and lots of off-the-slope fun makes this (NBS Summit) the premier event of every ski season."

The TSC applauds the Ski Jammers, along with all its other TSC member clubs, for giving youth the opportunity to dream, as they develop their skills in snow sports – where ever that dream might take them. We can only hope that by the young people's involvement in the two programs that a Texan will be on the Winner's platform accepting an Olympic medal someday very soon.

**TSC Summer Meltdown
September 26-28, 2008
Port Royal Ocean Resort
Mustang Island - Port Aransas, Texas**



**Huge Swimming Pool with Twisting Dunes Slide
and Swim Up Bar
Beach Bonfire on the Gulf of Mexico
Sand and Water Volleyball
Tennis Courts
Golf at South Padre Country Club
Scavenger Hunt and Beach Games
Welcome Party and Catered Dinner
Creative Cocktail Contest**

**DON'T MISS ALL THE FUN!!
Contact your club's Trip Leader or VP Trips for
more information**

Lisa Spotts - TSC Coordinator

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Those not interested in skiing spent their days exploring in and around Bansko. Several UNESCO World Heritage sites were visited. Among them were the Rila and Rozhen monasteries and the ancient town of Melnick. Spas were a big hit and about half the price we are accustomed to paying in the US. Many hours were spent in the mehanas (restaurants) sampling the local beer, wine and cuisine of Bulgaria. A cooking class was offered and all who attended came home in high spirits.

After a week in Bansko, most of the group went on to Istanbul – the crown jewel of Europe. No skiing here but history and fantastic sites everywhere. We experienced the Hagia Sofia, Blue mosque, Topkopi Palace, belly dancing, Turkish baths and a cruise on the Bosphorus to name just a few of our outings.

All in all, this Bulgarian/Turkish expedition was all that it was promised to be and more! It was the trip of a lifetime!



**Save the
DATE!
Bidfest '09
April 17-19,
2009
Dallas, TX**



**TSC Winter Shootout
Lake Louise, Canada**
February 14-21, 2009
**SkiBig3:
Lake Louise – Sunshine – Banff**

By Lisa Spotts, VP Winter Shootout



Where in the world

...can you stay in a magnificent 100-year-old property that has hosted kings, queens and dignitaries from around the world?

...can you ski more than 7,700 acres of terrain and over 270 trails with one lift ticket?

...can you be enveloped by some of the most breathtaking scenery - glistening glaciers, remote ice fields, snowcapped peaks and crystal-clear lakes?

...can you enjoy tantalizing cuisine at seven on-site, world class restaurants?

...can you stay busy with numerous activities - snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice skating, dog sledding, horse-drawn sleigh rides, spa visits, heli-skiing, ice canyon walks, hot springs, shopping and museums?

This year's Winter Shootout will be in Lake Louise, Canada. The entire Council will be staying at the fabulous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Renowned as one of the largest ski areas in North America and one of the best alpine skiing regions in the world, Lake Louise Mountain Resort is just minutes away. With the SkiBig3 interchangeable lift pass, you can

also ski at Sunshine Village and Ski Banff@Norquay.

A pre-trip excursion to Jasper staying at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge is being offered. There is also a post-trip excursion to Fernie available, where we'll stay at the Wolf's Den Lodge located at the base of Fernie Alpine Resort...mountains of snow, mountains of adventure.

I'm Lisa Spotts and I'm so excited to be the TSC VP for the Winter Shootout to Lake Louise. This is going to be a truly memorable vacation for everyone. I've been skiing since I was a teenager (I'm not saying how long ago). I joined Lone Star Skiers in Dallas about nine years ago...I was tired of begging friends and relatives to ski with me. So, I found LSS and a great group of friends that will ski with me all winter long. I've held numerous positions on the board of LSS and have led LOTS of trips.

I hope to see you all in Lake Louise this February!

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to check out what insurance options are available to protect you against unexpected occurrences on a ski trip.

We tried a couple of new things at our April TSC Bid Meeting—one the Round Robin will be used again next year with more refinement. The other, opening the Ski Show to the public, was not as successful as we hoped, so we will go back to the prior format of a two hour ski show for just TSC member clubs. Our Bid Meeting will once again be at the Dallas Omni Hotel, but a bit later in April—the weekend of April 17-19, 2009, so save the date.

Look forward to seeing all of you on the slopes in the coming season.

Delegates Meeting August 16th Lubbock, TX

Location: Super 8 Motel
6510 I 27

Room Rate: \$65 a night + tax

Reservations:
800 800 8000 or
806-771-8000 (local)

Transportation from airport will be provided by Texas Twisters' club members. **Email Hazel Love with your flight arrival/departure times before August 8th:** fallroundup@texas-ski.org

Can You Picture It? Big Sky, Montana – TSC Final Showdown Trip March 14-21, 2009

You want to get away to the mountains for a ski vacation. You've already pictured it in your mind. But you haven't decided where to go. The area has to be grand, awe-inspiring, wide-open, glistening under a big blue sky and have awesome skiing. Sounds like Big Sky, Montana. One of the last places in the Rocky Mountain West that remains uncrowded and surrounded by vast regions of unspoiled wild lands. Can you picture it?

The Lone Peak Pass interconnect lift ticket allows skiers and boarders access to 5,512 acres of skiable terrain, from



Christine Augustine with Mike Hibbard of Sports America and Brandon Bang with Big Sky Mountain

the most relaxed, meandering slopes to the most challenging vertical chutes. Between Big Sky and Moonlight Basin you, have 23 lifts and 4,350 vertical feet at your

fingertips....all yours for sheer skiing and boarding bliss.

Why just picture it? Come join the Texas Ski Council March 14-21, 2009 for an unforgettable week of fabulous skiing in some of the best conditions in the West.

Christine Augustine is the VP of this exciting trip. She has been active in the TSC and Los Amigos Ski Club for 20 years. She has led many trips in the Unites States as well as international destinations such as Bulgaria, New Zealand, and Italy to name a few.



THE TREASURER'S REPORT

By Mary Beth Wilson

I am pleased to report that the Texas Ski Council is in good financial shape. Last year, like every year, was a financially challenging year, as the Council basically broke even with a profit of only \$176. The TSC Board has just completed next year's budget – and again this year the Council is faced with higher travel costs and a challenge to stay on budget.

Just a friendly reminder of **important Money dates!** They are:

- **August 16, 2008** (Delegates meeting in Lubbock) – **Club dues** are due.
- **October 1, 2008** – **Participation fees** for all trips are due.
- **30 days prior to trip** – **Activity fees** are due.

I look forward to serving you as your Treasurer during the upcoming year. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you may contact me at treasurer@texas-ski.org or (972) 233-7461.

Marketing Update

By Cheryl Mann



The 2007 - 2008 Ski Season took us to great destinations and the 2008 - 2009 Ski Season is guaranteed to provide some great destinations including: Winter Park, Steamboat, Japan, Lake Louise, Big Sky and Panama. As VP of Marketing I will be working with the TSC board, delegates and club members to insure success on all our trips along with working with the ski industry representatives to assure that we maintain our reputation in the industry and provide our clubs with opportunities for the following ski season. I look forward to continuing to support the TSC Youth Foundation and helping the clubs with growing their memberships.

My excitement for the TSC continues, and I hope, I along with the rest of the TSC Board can continue to help each of the clubs and our industry partners in enjoying and developing the bond we've developed over the years. The TSC has enjoyed a positive reputation in the snow sports industry and have been successful in providing quality ski trips for reasonable prices.

TEXAS SKI COUNCIL 2008-09 SPONSORS

PLATINUM

Alpine Adventures/Ski Europe/
Ski Canada
SkiAlpine Experience/Para-ski
Vail Resorts:
Vail, Beaver Creek, Keystone,
Breckenridge & Heavenly Ski Resorts

SILVER

Big Sky Resort, MT
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY

BRONZE

Copper Mountain Ski Resort, CO
Sports America
Sunday River Resort, ME
Ski.com
Telluride Ski Resort, CO

And The Winner Is - **YOU!** 2008 SkiBidFest Wrapup

By Hazel Love - Bid Committee Chair

On April 4th, 5th & 6th of this year, the Texas Ski Council Delegates, Officers, and Guest gathered at the ominous Omni Park West Hotel in Dallas for the selection of the 2008 - 09 Texas Ski Council trips. Ski Resort representatives and vendors from around the world joined the Council for a weekend of golf, music, wonderful food, lots of socializing plus lots of work and preparation.

And the winners are:

- Fall Roundup - Nov.25-30, 2008 to **Winter Park, Colorado** (Rocky Mountain Tours)
VP of Trip - Hazel Love
- Traditional - Jan. 10 - 17, 2009 to **Steamboat Springs, Colorado**
VP of Trip - Mike Morris
- Winter Shootout - Feb. 14 - 21, 2009 to **Lake Louise, Canada** (Ski Canada)
VP of Trip -Lisa Spotts
- Final Showdown - March 14 - 21, 2009 to **Big Sky, Montana** (Sports America)
VP of Trip- Christine Augustine
- Winter Expedition - Jan. 24 - Feb. 1 2009 to **Nagano-Hakuba, Japan** (Holidaze)
Winter Coordinator - SteveAbrey
- Summer Expedition -June 28-July 5, 2009 to **Panama** (Beyond Boundaries)
Summer Coordinator - Sean O'Brien

The **Texas Ski Council** wants to congratulate each of the winners and give out a big **Thank You to the Platinum, Silver and Bronze Sponsors** listed above.

I also want to thank those on the SkiBidFest committees, whose hard work made this SkiBidfest 2008 among one of the most enjoyable. **James Mershon** - golf chairman, **Gary Butler and Mike Lippold** - Vendor committee, **Kelly O'Neil** - Registration, **Elyse Turla**, **Karen Keel and Derlyn Gordon** - Auction committee and **Pat Bartell** - Ski Show. There are many more See **SkiBidFest** on page 10.



Breaking in a new ski rep at this year's SkiBidFest party. I hope he knows he has to share.

TSC Summer Expedition to PANAMA

Get out the sunscreen and get ready for a fun filled experience.

June 28 - July 5, 2009

My name is Sean O'Brien and I am excited to be leading the 2009 Summer Expedition Trip to Panama. I have been involved with the Space City Ski Club for several years and with them have served as an Assistant Trip Coordinator, Trip Coordinator, Treasurer, President, Chairman of the Board and TSC rep. Two years ago I served as the VP-Winter Shootout when the TSC went to Crested Butte.

While similar to Costa Rica in some respects, Panama presents a more urban twist. The TSC will be staying at the fabulous Royal Decameron Resort at the Costa Blanca (www.decameron.com), about two hours from Panama City. The resort has 2 kilometers of white sandy beaches on the Pacific side, 10 restaurants, 11 bars, 6 swimming pools, an 18-hole golf course, a spa, and a casino. And if that is not enough, windsurfing, kayaking, paddle boats, snorkeling, sailing, along with organized activities and many other amenities are all available and included in your cost. Nightly shows are offered every evening for adults and children. The trip is inclusive of meals and adult beverages at the resort. Yes, that does mean ALCOHOL! Optional excursions that will be available include traversing the Panama Canal, visiting the Anton Valley and taking a canopy tour, a Panama City tour, an Emebera Indian Village tour and the Gatun

**By Sean O'Brien,
Summer Expedition
Coordinator**



**Ruins near Royal
Decameron Resort**

Jungle Adventure. An optional 3-day trip extension is offered to the Chiriqui Highlands.

A week on a white sandy beach with you favorite exotic drink cannot be missed. Everyone I know wishes this trip was happening tomorrow. Sign up with your club as soon as possible. In today's uncertain times, this trip is a great price bargain that cannot be passed up.



Quebec City TSC Final Showdown March 1 - 8, 2008

*By Steve Abrey
-VP Final Showdown*

Quebec City, celebrating its 400 year Anniversary, and TSC hosted 127 adventurous participants, from 6 Clubs, for a week on a very unique trip. Setting the stage for the stay in Quebec was the popular walking tour. Participants discovered the rich history and architecture as well as the cultural heritage of Eastern Canada. Quebec

City is North American's only walled City and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Ever begun skiing at the top of a mountain – without taking a lift ride first? This and the stunning view of the St. Lawrence River are among the unique aspects of Le Massif, our ski mountain for Tuesday. Later that afternoon, tireless skiers moved on to Valcartier for a downhill tubing adventure, 42 slides in all. The day was topped off by a truly unique Canadian fondue dinner.

Wednesday brought a blizzard and the cancellation of the TSC Races. Did I mention there were more storms with record breaking winds and snow? Everyone stayed home. Our hosts at the Chateau Frontenac set up a nicely appointed gathering spot and in an adjoining ballroom treated the group to a double feature of recent movies. Free popcorn also! A world-class hotel does it all for you.

Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation

It's all about the KIDS

In today's world of increasing childhood obesity, the TSC Youth Foundation (TSCTF) was created to help promote family exercise in the winter months. By partnering with resorts in the ski industry the TSCYF also promotes the family unit by requiring that the children attend with adult family members. The Texas Ski Council through their individual club delegates voted in August 2004 to create a Youth Foundation. The Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation was established and received \$10,000 seed money from the TSC. With this seed money the Foundation has created ongoing programs to assist families with transportation expenses while the resorts provide discounted lessons. This money will provide the opportunity for children from all socio-economic levels to experience winter sports in a family setting. The first expenditures from the Youth Foundation were for the TSC Fall Roundup November 22-27, 2005, during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Texas Ski Council Youth Program's first year was a great success. The Youth Program introduced snow sports to 37 enthusiastic kids and their parents. In the first year of the Program the TSC provided the initial funding which allowed us to offer a 4-day youth package for less than \$200 and to subsidize the



transportation cost of each participant by \$100. Now that the Youth Foundation has been granted a 501(c)(3) Non Profit Deductible status by the IRS we hope to raise enough funds each year to continue to assist with transportation costs as well as to subsidize the rising cost of the lessons.

During the ski season of 2006-2007 the TSCYF took 63 children to the youth camp held at Breckenridge over the Thanksgiving period. During the Thanksgiving 2007 trip the foundation took 83 kids back to Keystone for the final year of the current resort contract. Those 83 kids in the youth camp do not include the other children traveling with the TSC. We had over 100 children participate in the 2007 Thanksgiving trip at Keystone! And we hope to continue this growth with even more children participating in the youth camp at Winter Park this Thanksgiving.



TSC 2008 Winter Shootout Telluride



What can you say about Telluride? The views from anywhere on the mountain or in town are unbelievable! The snow gods smiled on us again as we had a good base to start the week and plenty more coming during the week. There were 10 clubs and 334 people in attendance by weeks end. The week started off with a very well attended Supper Bowl party Sunday night. No matter which team you were rooting for, you have to admit it was a great game. We had a good crowd till the end and raised some

money for the TSC Youth Foundation in the process. On Thursday we had the club and individual races. I want to thank all the TSC officers, committee chairs, trip leaders and others that helped make this trip a success despite some very sad circumstance before the trip. (The TSC Board would like to thank Mike for stepping up to lead this trip due to the death of Jeff McGuire weeks before this trip.)

Please see page 11 for **RACE RESULTS**

Quebec City, continued from page 7

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Thursday's excursion was to the quaint artist's village of Baie-St-Paul, with an initial stop at the local micro-brewery for a tasting of the home-grown product –Beer! Everyone then joined up for the 3pm beginning of the Farewell extravaganza hosted by Le Massif ski resort. The party continued at our host Hotel, Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac, with a sit down dinner, drinks and a DJ for dancing and listening pleasure.

Friday featured skiing at Mount St Ann and an evening visit to the Ice Hotel. Wow! This excursion, according to most participants, was outstanding. Later some clubs enjoyed an evening of leisure and club dinner plans.

Saturday morning most clubs attempted to leave, but did I mention there were more storms? Everyone made it home safely, some one day late and others a couple of days late. Regardless of the travel issues, this TSC Final Showdown trip was outstanding and lived up to its' billing – with special memories for all.

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including the volunteers from each club who helped tremendously. The biggest appreciation goes to **Peggy Montgomery and Cheryl Mann**. The long hours and foresight required with all the behind the scene details is unimaginable. Last but not least, a big **Thank You to the staff of the Omni Hotel**. They did a wonderful job. We are looking forward to the 2009 TSC SkiBidFest which will again be held at the Omni Park West Hotel in Dallas. Hope you are making your plans to join this fun event or pitch in and make it even more fun.



Photo from this year's Bid Meeting in Dallas. Fun was had by all.

Important TSC DATES

Aug 16-17, 2008	Quarterly Delegates Meeting - <i>Lubbock</i>
Aug 16, 2008	Club Dues and Rosters due to TSC Treasurer
Aug 16, 2008	Fees due for Summer Meltdown
Sep 25-28, 2008	TSC Summer Meltdown
Oct 1, 2008	Participation Fees due for <u>ALL</u> planned trips
Oct 25, 2008	Activity Fees due for FALL ROUNDUP
Nov 25-30, 2008	TSC FALL ROUNDUP - <i>Winter Park, CO</i>
Dec 6, 2008	Quarterly Delegates Meeting - <i>Houston</i>
Dec 11, 2008	Activity Fees due for TSC TRADITIONAL
Jan 10-17, 2009	TSC TRADITIONAL - <i>Steamboat, CO</i>
Jan 7, 2009	Activity Fees due for TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT
Jan 15, 2009	TSC 2009 Officer Applications
Jan 23, 2009	Ski Area Bids for 2009-2010 ski season due
Jan 24-Feb 1, 2009	TSC WINTER EXPEDITION - <i>Japan</i>
Feb 1, 2009	Deadline for Bid Meeting Room Reservations for rate of \$99/night
Feb 5, 2009	Activity Fees due for FINAL SHOWDOWN
Feb 7-14, 2009	TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT - <i>Lake Louise, Canada</i>
Mar 7, 2009	Pre-Select Committee Mtgs. - <i>Dallas</i>
Mar 14-21, 2009	TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN— <i>Big Sky, MT</i>
Apr 2, 2009	Deadline for Bid Meeting Room Reservations & Registration
Apr 17-19, 2009	Quarterly Delegates Meeting - <i>Omni Dallas Hotel Park West, Ski Area Bid Selection, Officer Election & Installation</i>
Apr 18, 2009	Annual Marketing Survey
May 2-3, 2009	Officer Training/Planning Meeting & Board of Directors Meeting - <i>Dallas</i>
May 11, 2009	Lodging requests accepted for 2009-2010 ski season (<i>After 9:00 am, CDT</i>)
June 6, 2009	Quarterly Delegates Meeting - <i>TBD</i>
Jun 28-Jul 5, 2009	TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION - <i>Panama</i>



Notes From the Secretary



I am Tere Mayne and this is my second year to serve as the Secretary for the TSC. As the secretary, it is my job to record the minutes from the delegate and board meetings accurately and to ensure the board is kept aware of action items and when they are due. In addition, I create this newsletter three times a year. It is my goal this year, to feature stories about you and your club. Please continue to send me your club newsletters so I know what fun things you are doing. As a longtime member of the Austin Skiers, I really enjoy reading about other clubs and their members. And be sure all of the Council members get a copy too. I want your feedback on this newsletter as well. Are there other items or articles you want to see? Drop me a line to let me know at: secretary@texas-ski.org.

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 success of the camp has grown from 33 participants in 2005 to over 80 in 2007. There will be activities planned the entire trip to keep the kids having the time of their lives. For example, on Kids Night Out there will be a **Wii Guitar Hero** contest.

If you want to introduce the sport of skiing or snowboarding to your family, now is your opportunity at these fantastic savings. For the family members over the age limit of the Youth Program, Winter Park is offering great savings on group lessons. This Thanksgiving make some memories of a lifetime for your kids, grandchildren or guardian child and yourself.



2007 Youth Foundation
 FUN RACE winners from
 Keystone.

Telluride RACE RESULTS

WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL RACES

Super Senior Female

- 1st place – Karin Schidlowski (Space City)
- 2nd place – Georgeann Reltz (Clear Lake)
- 3rd place – Martha Zenger (Space City)

Senior Female

- 1st place – Carol Bonn (Lone Star)
- 2nd place – Brenda Herman (Armadillo)
- 3rd place – Karen Ives (Clear Lake)

Open Female

- 1st place – Jo Cobb (Lone Star)
- 2nd place – Thuy Rocque (Space City)
- 3rd place – Lynnell Lowry (Los Amigos)

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL RACES

Super Senior Men

- 1st place - Joe Schultes (Armadillo)
- 2nd place - Tom Mowdy (Lone Star)
- 3rd place – Kenny Madden (Los Amigos)

Senior Men

- 1st place – Dale Young (Austin)
- 2nd place – David Pennington (Lone Star)
- 3rd place – Glenn Stother (Lone Star)

Open Men

- 1st place – Rob Lowrey (Los Amigos)
- 2nd place – Richard Rocque (Space City)
- 3rd place – Bob Klassen (TUFF)

CLUB CUP RACES BY DIVISION

Division I

- 1st place – Los Amigos
- 2nd place – Lone Star
- 3rd place – Space City
- 4th place – Austin Skiers

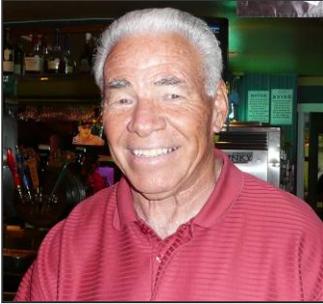
Division II

- 1st place – Clear Lake
- 2nd place – Flatlanders
- 3rd place – Twisters

Division III

- 1st place – TUFF
- 2nd place – Armadillo
- 3rd place – St. Bernard

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The CUP WINNERS Are:



Division I: Lone Star
Skiers won first place!



Division II: Clear Lake
Ski Club took the cup!



Division III: Club St
Bernard wins the cup!



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