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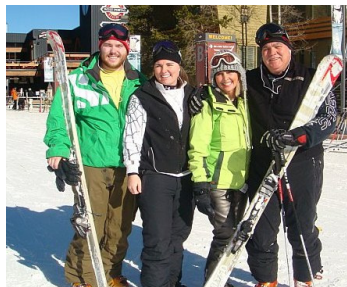
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Fun and Games in Winter Park Fall Roundup - November 24 - 29, 2009

By Hazel Love, VP Fall Roundup

What a great group! Seventy-eight adults and twenty-three kids making up seven clubs attended Fall Roundup this year in wonderful Winter Park. Thanks to the hard work and planned activities of Lori Adis of Rocky Mountain Tours, as well as Brad Carothers and Nancy Citriglia of Winter Park Resorts, the reports came back with participants having a great Thanksgiving week. We arrived with more runs open than last year.

The Welcome Party was held at the Derailer on Wednesday night. Everyone was able to meet and greet each other in preparation for the week ahead. Throughout the evening we had games



galore. The adults enjoyed a Texas Hold'em Tournament, Black Jack and Horse Racing. We set up Guitar Hero for the kids' entertainment.



Steve Ying with Space City won the Texas Hold'em Tournament. It was Steve's very first time to play Texas Hold'em - Way to Go, Steve!!! A special "Thank You" goes to several businesses that donated prizes; Winter Park Resorts, Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers, Ft. Worth Zoo, Academy Sports in Lubbock, South Plains Mall in Lubbock, plus many others. The proceeds were donated to the TSC Youth Foundation.

Race day was a success. We had several kids hitting the course and they had a lot of fun. There were

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Summer Expedition - Egypt

September 25 - October 4, 2010

By Rachel C. Anderson, Summer Expedition Coordinator

Get ready for a trip of a lifetime.

Over 370 members of the Texas Ski Council are set to enjoy an outstanding trip to Egypt. The Summer Expedition Package includes a four-night Nile River Cruise and four nights in Cairo.



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From the President's Desk

By Cheryl Mann

It seems like just yesterday I was voted in as President of the Texas Ski Council at SkiBidFest 2009, and now it is time for SkiBidFest 2010 in Houston. It has been a wonderful year with great trips to Winter Park and Breckenridge in Colorado, Aosta Valley in Italy and Mt. Bachelor in Oregon. I am thrilled, as many of you are, to have one remaining TSC ski trip to Alyeska, Alaska. We also have a trip of a lifetime to look forward to, Egypt leaving in September.



In just a few short weeks, we will be selecting our destinations for the 2010 – 2011 season at SkiBidFest. Our delegates and club members will attend the meeting, assisting in the selection process while our industry partners provide us with tempting destinations for our skiing and travel excursions for the upcoming season. Our industry partners have spent many hours putting together council

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2010-2011 TSC Ski Season Look at All These Trip Options!!

The TSC Pre-select Committee has invited the following
ski areas / tour operators to present their bid proposals
March 26-28, 2010 at the TSC SkiBidFest in Houston, Texas.

FALL ROUNDUP

- Breckenridge / Sports America

TRADITIONAL

- Beaver Creek / Skigroup.net
- Copper Mountain / Rocky Mountain Tours
- Heavenly, CA
- Park City / Sports America
- Snowmass – Aspen, CO

WINTER SHOOTOUT

- Crested Butte, CO
- Santa Fe, NM
- Sugar Loaf, ME
- Telluride / Rocky Mountain Tours
- Wolf Creek, UT / Ripley's Mountain Adventure

FINAL SHOWDOWN

- Jackson Hole, WY
- North Lake Tahoe / Sports America
- Snowbird, UT
- Sun Valley, ID / Skigroup.net
- Whitefish, MT / Sports America

WINTER EXPEDITION

- Bad Gastein, Austria / Ski Europe
- Interlaken, Switzerland / Ski.com
- Poland Slovakia / Beyond Boundaries
- Are', Sweden / Holiday Ski Tours

SUMMER EXPEDITION

- Alaska Cruise / Ski Europe
- Bariloche, Argentina / Snow Tours
- Valle Nevado, Chile / Holiday Ski Tours

Our sincere thanks to the following members of the TSC 2010 Pre-Select committee for their time and efforts in reviewing the bids for the upcoming season:

Tere Mayne, TSC - VP Marketing
Roger DeViller, Armadillo Ski Club
John Koone, Club St. Bernard

Terry Douglas, Texas Ski Rangers
Rick Corbin, At Large Member
Marsh Lutz, At Large Member

GREAT SNOW, GREAT FRIENDS, GREAT TIME!!!

Winter Shootout - Mt. Bachelor - February 6 - 13, 2010

By Mary Beth Wilson, VP Winter Shootout

The welcome mat was definitely out when 96 Texans arrived at the Sunriver Resort. We were given welcome packets stuffed to the brim with goodies including a split of vodka (or gin) from a local distillery. And the hospitality didn't stop there. On Sunday at Mt. Bachelor, the Mountain Ambassadors were out in force. Every bus was greeted by a group of Ambassadors who told us about the mountain and gave us a mountain tour. Some groups enjoyed it so much that many skied with the Ambassadors multiple days.



Sunday afternoon brought us the Super Bowl and Welcome Party. We all enjoyed wonderful appetizers and hosted beer from the Deschutes

Brewery (a local micro-brewery) as we watched the Saints beat the Colts in a very exciting game. We had an auction and also sold football squares benefitting the TSC Youth Foundation. Terry Schraub of Los Amigos won the half-time square winning a gift certificate from a local merchant. Ronnie Slate of Lone Star won the final score square winning a pair of skis. Wow!!

Monday we woke up to sunny skies and a fabulous day of skiing. All over the mountain you could see signs welcoming the Texas Ski Council to Mt. Bachelor. Monday night many of the clubs had their club parties in various places in town and at the resort.



Tuesday brought us sunny skies again and awesome ski conditions. At lunch we made our way to the Pine Marten Lodge for the Mountain Picnic with traditional northwestern fare. That night the Old Mill District in Bend rolled out the red carpet for us. Helly Hansen even had champagne to welcome the Texas Ski Council.

Wednesday was TSC race day. Early in the morning it looked like we might have another sunny day, but to no avail. The snow started falling during the club races - only a dusting at first. It wasn't until the individual races that the snow really started to come down. We had approximately two-thirds of the trip participants race in the club races, and half of those raced in the individuals. The race results are on page 6.



On Wednesday night, downtown Bend became the location for hospitality bars and restaurants had specials just for us Texans. Not to name names, but a "good" time was had by many of us.



Early on Thursday morning, 34 Texans headed south to Crater Lake (the "gem" of Oregon) to have fun snow shoeing. Unfortunately, the skies were overcast and the area was fogged in, so the Lake was not visible. However, we all had a great time making tracks in the fresh snow. Rumor has it a few "angels" were spotted.

Thursday night we gave out the race awards at happy hour with hosted beer from Deschutes Brewery. We then headed into the Great Hall for dinner. The Great Hall was a gorgeous setting for the final party with its high ceilings and log

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TSC WINTER EXPEDITION – AOSTA, ITALY – January 2010

By Joyce Bartell, Winter Expedition Coordinator

The entire trip was wonderful!! The 21 people on the pre trip to Milan enjoyed a designer paradise with excellent shopping. Some of us took a day trip to Lake Como, the Italian Lake District. Even though it was an overcast day, we had a nice tour and boat ride with a lunch at a wonderful little bistro. Lake Como is a place we would like to visit again.

The main trip to Aosta had 152 participants from eight Texas ski clubs. Aosta is in the northwestern tip of Italy nestled between France and Switzerland. Our group was honored on Saturday night by the Aosta Tourism representatives with a special Welcome Ceremony, which included a special visit from the Mayor of the city. After the ceremony, we were invited to sample some of the local food and hot drinks.

During our week in Aosta, every day was a day in skiers' heaven, skiing at a different resort every day. The first ski day was to Pila, the local area, which was only an 18-minute cable ride up the mountain. It was impressive and much larger than any of us anticipated. The other resorts we skied were LaThuile/Rosiere (France), Cervinia/Zermatt (Switzerland), and Courmayeur. They were all wonderful. Some voted Courmayeur the most beautiful.

Skiing in the Italian Alps is fabulous...the trails and lifts were endless and the landscape breathtaking. Snow conditions were pristine with



hundreds of groomed trails. Seeing the famous Matterhorn Mountain was a sight beyond belief. Skiers basked in sunny days on the slopes with only one overcast day.

Anyone that could keep up with Rollo Gurs was probably able to cover most of the mountain trails. Marlene Heineman and Leslie Rubas kept up with Rollo and Buddy Greener. Yours truly skied with them the first day, or tried, but every time I caught up with them, it was time for them to take off again. Some skied in to France one day and the next day had the opportunity to ski to Zermatt, Switzerland from LaThuile. Incredible! Some of the TUFF skiers used their walkie talkies to get a beautiful redhead down the mountain. Roger, her hubby, was staying tuned in on her whereabouts and anxious to see her back down on level ground. Terry, you done good!

The shoppers, and those that toured, had mild winter weather. They visited several fortresses, castles, ate at quaint restaurants and, of course, shopped. We even visited a casino with dinner served at a lovely restaurant that was connected.

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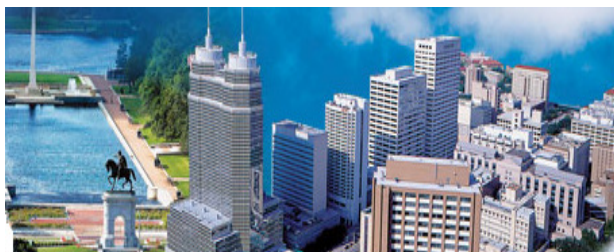


2010 Texas Ski Council

SkiBidFest

Houston, Texas

March 26-28, 2010



First time ever
TSC SkiBidFest will be in
Houston, TX!
Sign up Today

Join the Fun!!!

Resort Presentations

Welcome Reception

Evening Entertainment by Dave Thomas

Golf Scramble or Wine Tasting

Ski Show

Dinner Party & Silent Auction

Announcement of 2010-2011 TSC Trips



Houston Marriott West Loop by the Galleria
1750 West Loop South
1-800-613-3982
TSC Room Rate is \$89.00 (limited availability)

More information and Registration forms
located on the TSC website at:
www.texas-ski.org

BY SPECIAL INVITATION !!!

Join Space City Ski Club's March Happy Hour

Thursday, March 25 5:30-8:30pm

Yia Yia Mary's

4747 San Felipe Houston, TX 77056
(across the street from the Marriott)

Greek appetizers & drink specials



Fall Roundup Race Results - Winter Park

Club Races:	1st Place	2nd Place
Division 1 -	Lone Star	Los Amigos
Division 2 -	Twisters	Flatlanders
Division 3 -	Ski Jammers	Armadillo

Overall Fastest	
Female	Male
Tinson Mallory	Rollo Gurss
Los Amigos	Twisters

Individual Races - 1st Place Winners

	20 and under	21-34	35-49	50-59	60-69
Female	Tinson Mallory Los Amigos	-	Lisa MacDonald Space City	Brenda Herman Armadillo	-
Male	Terik Tyler Ski Jammers	Trace Gurss Twisters	Duncan MacDonald Space City	Rollo Gurss Twisters	Ted Mallory Los Amigos

Kids Races Results

	8 years old	9 years old	11 years old
1st Place	Mason Babcock Lone Star	Boris Vesselinov Lone Star	Kimmy Jalali Los Amigos
2nd Place	Alice MacDonald Space City	Rosie Perkins Space City	Cameron Perkins Space City



Winter Shootout Race Results - Mt. Bachelor

Club Races:	1st Place	2nd Place
Division 1 -	Austin Skiers	Los Amigos
Division 2 -	Clear Lake	---
Division 3 -	Club St. Bernard	---

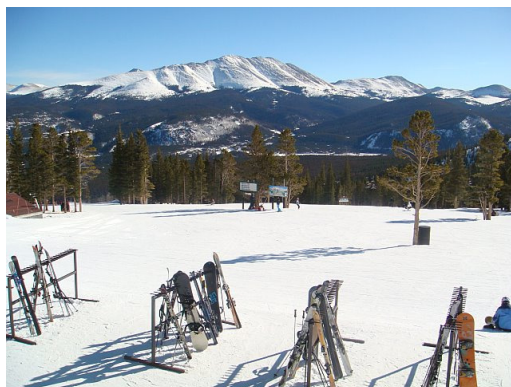
Overall Fastest	
Female	Male
Jackie Young	Greg Bryant
Austin Skiers	Austin Skiers

Individual Races - 1st Place Winners

	35-49	50-59	60-69	70 and over
Female	Emily Anders Austin Skiers	Jackie Young Austin Skiers	Christine Augustine Los Amigos	---
Male	Kevin Juhl Austin Skiers	Greg Bryant Austin Skiers	Dale Young Austin Skiers	Gene Gilliam Lone Star



TSC TRADITIONAL – BRECKENRIDGE January 9–16, 2010



On January 9th, 318 Texans arrived in Breckenridge for the first TSC ski trip of 2010. Monica and the Breck Gang ordered good weather for us and we had bluebird conditions every day! Clear skies, brilliant sun and perfect ski temperatures were ours all week!

On Sunday, we were treated to a Mountain Tour by the Breckenridge Hosts. They gave us hints on when to ski where and short cuts to get between the different mountains. This was valuable information for the ski week! The TSC Happy hour was at Copper Top at Beaver Run.

That evening we all gathered at The Village for the Welcome Party. The snacks were plentiful and delicious. Beer was sponsored by Budweiser.



Two rescue dogs and their handlers were there to give us information on avalanche rescue and to entice us to participate in their demonstration on Tuesday. That evening, we raised nearly \$1,500 for the TSC Youth Foundation. Thanks to all for your generous contributions! Prizes

ranged from coffee mugs to four-night stays in Breckenridge.

Monday found most of us on the slopes with our friends skiing, taking a mountain tour or practicing on the race course. The TSC Happy Hour was held at Burke and Reilly's.

By Christine Augustine, VP Traditional

Tuesday was the Avalanche Dog Demo. Five volunteers were buried in five feet of snow. How scary is that? The dogs were turned loose and found everyone in record time. The crowd was truly amazed at how quickly the dogs did the job. The day of skiing at Mi Casa followed another day of skiing.



On Wednesday we had a two-hour race clinic to prepare for Thursday's TSC races. Later that day, most clubs held their club parties.

Thursday was the busiest day of the week. We held club and individual races beginning at 10am. The races went very well and the Breck team had everything working like clockwork. See results on page 9. There were no delays and we were finished in record time! A mountain picnic was held at Ten Mile Station.

That afternoon, we gathered on Main Street to participate in the Ullr Festival Parade.

Joe DeMott was a parade favorite and headed up the TSC gang juggling fire sticks! Rick Wheeler drove the TSC "warming hut". Many THANKS to both.



The parade was followed by Happy Hour at Park

Avenue Pub. A great time was had by all!

Friday was our last ski day. We all gathered for the last time at Beaver Run for cocktails, seated dinner, dancing and the Awards presentation. The dance floor was crowded due in part to our excellent DJ. None of us wanted the evening (or the week) to come to an end!

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If you'd like to extend your trip there are two Pre-trips and two Post-trips available.

PRE September 23-26, 2010 Sahara in Style

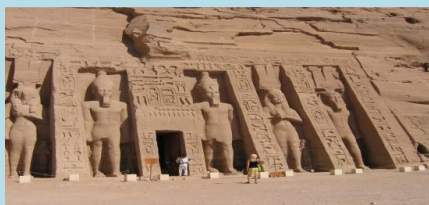
PRE September 23-26, 2010 Hurghada

POST October 4-8, 2010 Petra and Jerusalem

POST October 4-9, 2010 Sharm-el-Sheikh

There is a tour every day on the Cruise and a three-day tour while in Cairo.

One of those days will be spent in Alexandria. Each piece of history is amazing.



Abu Simbel is an outstanding piece of engineering of the ancients who created it and modern man who relocated it to its present location.



The Sphinx and the Pyramid are a "must" to visit.

Sahara in Style is an opportunity to live in deluxe tents in the desert. Activities include jeep rides and camel rides.

Hurghada is a resort on the Red Sea. The Red Sea is beautiful and the hotel is very nice. Yours truly spent time in the pool because it was low tide while I was there. The water of the sea withdraws far



reef is at the end of the dock.

from the shore. There is a long dock that many people walk down to get to the diving. The

Sharm-el-Sheikh is a favorite resort on the Red Sea. It's situated on the Sinai. Unlike Hurghada, which is more relaxed, Sharm-el-Sheikh has a night life and many shopping areas. The resort includes three lodging properties side by side.



The Marine Park outside Dahab Village is a must-see. The snorkeling is unbelievable where you'll see a beautiful, colorful reef with an abundance of fish. The popular area for scuba diving is called the "Blue Hole". The night club area is similar to Bourbon Street in New Orleans, dressed up like a carnival. There are night clubs on both sides of the street, but there are few walls, many strings of lights and a lot of music. There are traditional types of night clubs also. There is also a gambling casino.

I can only touch on all that I saw and experienced during my site inspection; all the history that I learned. I've been to Egypt before and enjoyed myself very much, but that trip did not compare with the plans for this Summer Expedition. This trip is outstanding!! Don't miss it.

**The 2010 TSC Nominating committee,
Billy Lynam, Chairperson and
committee members Derlyn Gordon and Terry Lippold
are happy to announce the TSC Officer Nominee slate for 2010-2011:**

President	Cheryl Mann
VP Marketing	Tere Mayne
Secretary	Ross Baker
Treasurer	Mike Morris

TRIP VICE PRESIDENTS	
Fall Roundup	Mary Beth Wilson
Traditional	Christine Augustine
Winter Shootout	Lisa Spotts
Final Showdown	Cindy Moore

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bids and club trip packages to entice us during SkiBidFest. Thanks ya'll!

I have had the pleasure of working with a great group of officers, committee chairs and delegates this year. In addition, as a group we have been able to continue to build and strengthen the relationships with our resort and industry partners with the council. I would like to thank each of you for your countless hours of volunteering and support of the Texas Ski Council. And many thanks to all of our ski club members who continue to support the Texas Ski Council by attending trips and supporting their clubs.

TSC Final Showdown

Anchorage and Alyeska, Alaska

March 5-13, 2010



Iditarod



Traditional Race Results - Breckenridge

Club Races:	1st Place	2nd Place
Division 1 -	Austin Skiers	Los Amigos
Division 2 -	Twisters	Capital Downhill
Division 3 -	TUFF	Armadillo

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also many adults getting a first look, and participating in, the expanded race categories for the individual races. See race results on page 6.

Our hosts, with the help of Winter Park's snowmaking equipment and mother nature, were able to treat the TSC officers and trip leaders to first tracks on our last day of skiing. There were more runs open for us to enjoy.



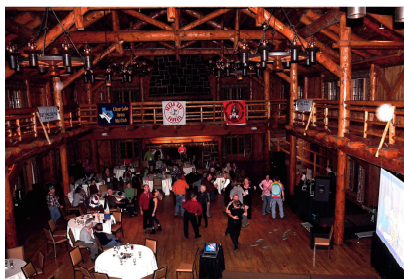
Next ski season (2010) will be the sixth season for the TSC Youth Foundation. The Foundation is an ongoing program to encourage children age 4 - 15 to participate in the fun sport of skiing and snowboarding. So far, the TSCYF has supported 257 children by partnering with great ski resorts such as Winter Park, Keystone and Breckenridge, making it possible for the kids to attend the TSCYF Youth Camp. The kids go home with improved skiing and snowboarding skills and great memories of new friends and fun times. The location of next season's TSCYF trip will be announced at the TSC Bid Meeting hosted by the Houston ski clubs March 25 - 28, 2010. Mark your calendars and plan to take your children and friends next season.

Thanks again to all the trip leaders; Daryl Charbula - Lone Star, Tony Curry - Ski Jammers, Brenda Herman - Armadillo, Karen Keel - Texas Twisters, Lisa MacDonald - Space City, Vanisha Mallory - Los Amigos and Mike Morris - Flatlanders. A special "THANK YOU" also goes to Bill and Cindy Putman and Marta Hollowell with the Twisters for their help during the trip.

**Mt. Bachelor** from page 3

cabin feel. We had a photographer shadowing us during the week, and at the final party we were treated to a slide show of all the pictures he had taken. After dinner, we danced into the night to great music provided by Chris, our DJ.

With snow flying on Friday, we all headed out for our last day of skiing. Some were more tenacious than others as the early bus back to the resort was almost full!



Sadly, Saturday morning (very early) saw the departure of us back to Texas. I would like to thank Bob Bourquard of Mt. Bachelor, Jennifer Redding and Lindsay Bennett of Sunriver Resort, all the great trip leaders from the clubs and the TSC Officers for helping me so much and making this a very fun, enjoyable and special trip.

Aosta from page 4

served at a lovely restaurant that was connected. It was a fun evening! I don't think many left the casino with more money than they came with, but that is expected.

Lots of our participants went touring. They started with a walking tour through Aosta the first day. During the week, they visited the Bard Fortress, Fenis and Issogne Castles with a side trip to a cheese cave. Later in the week, they visited Turin, which was the city of the 2006 Winter Olympics, as well as Chamonix, France with a stop at a local winery. The final day, the group shopped in the quaint little city of Courmayeur with a stop in the afternoon to the Spa Pre-St-Didier. It was very unique.

The food in Northern Italy is delicious, but sort of different than the so called Italian food in the U.S. It definitely is not the same as Dominos! Wine made in Aosta and the surrounding region was superb. Most of us know because we drank lots of vino, testing the different vintages and helping the economy. We felt it was the least we could do since we were visiting and didn't want to hurt their feelings.

The Farewell Party was definitely one of the highlights of our trip and Ski Europe was an excellent host. The food was scrumptious and plentiful. When the DJ started, our group was up dancing. The party continued to 11:30 p.m., but ended too early for some of us. Thanks to all the trip leaders and to Dorothea Rasser from Ski Europe for all their hard work. It was a joint effort to organize this trip and the end result was so much fun with all of us having great memories and making many new friends.

But the fun doesn't end there... The post trip was to Rome. We had 54 participants on the extension trip. Everyone said it was a great time and they loved the city with all its magical cathedrals and historical sites.



TSC 2009-2010 PLATINUM SPONSORS



Vail, Beaver Creek, Keystone,
Breckenridge & Heavenly Ski Resorts



Mark Your Calendar !!!

- March 5-13 TSC Final Showdown - Alyeska, Alaska
- March 26-28 TSC SkiBidfest - Houston, Texas
- April 1 Participation Fees due - Summer Expedition
- May 10 9am Lodging Requests accepted for 2010-2011 ski season
- June 5 TSC Delegates Meeting - San Antonio
- August TSC Delegates Meeting - Lubbock
- Sep 25-Oct 4 TSC Summer Expedition - Egypt



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