

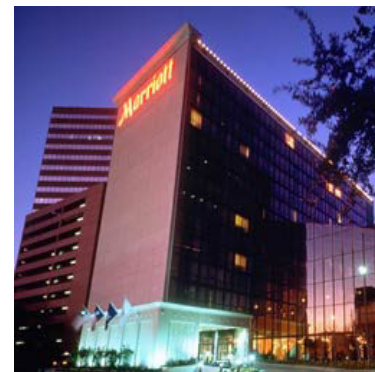
# TSC NEWSLETTER

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**2011 Texas Ski  
Council  
Ski BidFest  
Houston, Texas  
April 15 – 17, 2011**



The Texas Ski Council, TSC delegates, Texas ski club members, guests, ski resort representatives and vendors from around the world are in for an information-packed & fun-filled experience at the 2011 Ski BidFest held at the convenient Marriott Houston West Loop, Houston, Texas, April 15-17, 2011. This hotel is located near the Houston Galleria with easy access to great restaurants, entertainment and shopping. Room reservations as well as BidFest registrations must be received by **March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011** to qualify for discounts! BidFest registration is only \$55.00 before March 29<sup>th</sup>!

More information and registration forms are  
located on the TSC website at: [www.texas-ski.org](http://www.texas-ski.org)

## JOIN THE FUN!!!

**Golf Scramble or  
Wine Tasting**

**Welcome Reception**

**Resort Presentations**

**Ski Show**

**Dinner Party &  
Silent Auction**

**Evening Musical  
Entertainment by  
Dave Thomas**

**Announcement of  
2011-2012 TSC Trips**

***Mark your calendars now and  
attend this fun filled event!***

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## A Message From Our President by Cheryl Mann



The TSC has enjoyed a variety of ski destinations this year including Breckenridge, Colorado; Beaver Creek, Colorado; Bad Gastein, Austria; Crested Butte, Colorado and some of us are in the process of preparing for our Final Showdown trip to Snowbird, Utah. And for those travel enthusiasts who enjoy a non-ski option, we have an Alaskan Cruise planned for September.

In just a few short weeks, we will be selecting our destinations for the 2011 – 2012 ski season at the 2011 BidFest (April 15 – 17) in Houston, Texas. It will be great to have a weekend with

our club members and industry partners. I trust many of you will attend the meeting and assist in the selection process. Our industry partners will provide us with tempting destinations for our skiing and travel excursions for the upcoming season. They have spent many hours putting together council bids and club trip packages to entice us during BidFest. Thanks ya'll! If you have not already planned to attend, please go to our web site, print the forms and get registered!

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 work with our resort partners and assist in building and strengthening the relationship between our council and industry partners. 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.

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## 2011 - 2012 TSC Ski Season Where will YOU be Skiing Next Season?

The TSC Pre-select Committee has invited the following ski areas/tour operators to present their bid proposals April 15-17, 2011 at the TSC Ski BidFest in Houston, Texas.

### FALL ROUNDUP

- Breckenridge (Sports America)\*
- \* (Second Year of a two-year contract)

### TRADITIONAL

- Heavenly (Vail Resorts)
- Park City (Sports America)
- Snowmass (Sports America)
- Squaw Valley (SkiGroup.net)

### WINTER SHOOTOUT

- Copper Mountain (RMT/Ski.com)
- Heavenly (Vail Resorts)
- Kimberly (RCR)
- Sugarloaf, Maine (Sugarloaf)

### FINAL SHOWDOWN

- Banff (Sports America)
- Sun Valley, Idaho (SkiGroup.net)
- Telluride (Winter Ski & Sports)
- Winter Park (Sports America)

### WINTER EXPEDITION

- Isola 2000 /Nice, France (Holidaze)
- Poland (Ski Europe)
- Tignes, France (Ski Alpine Xperience)

### SUMMER EXPEDITION

- Galapagos Islands (Active South America)
- Galapagos Islands (Holidaze)
- Santiago, Chile (SkiGroup.net)

*Our sincere thanks go to the following members of the TSC 2011 Pre-Select committee for their time and efforts in reviewing the bids for the upcoming season:*

*Tere Mayne – TSC, VP Marketing  
Kevin Juhl – Austin Skiers  
Sandy Ellison – Flatlanders Ski Club  
Katherine Nelson – At Large Member*

*Dan Willett – Clear Lake Ski Club  
Gary Butler – At Large Member  
Rachel Anderson – At Large Member*

# Summer Expedition 2011

## ALASKA CRUISE

### September 6 - 13, 2011

In 2011 we will be cruising to Alaska. The itinerary is packed with the best this untamed frontier has to offer. Sail along 67 miles of magnificent scenery in the Lynn Canal. In each port of call, there is an extensive selection of shore activities from which to choose. Everyone will find something attractive, whether it's a modest city tour or a demanding adventure. **With Carnival Cruise**



**Lines and the Texas Ski Council, you're guaranteed to have an unforgettable time.**

**Carnival Spirit** is the floating resort that ushered in the Spirit-class ships with innovations such as the two-level promenade. Her greater speed -- and the fact that most of her staterooms have ocean views, and of those, the majority have balconies -- make Carnival Spirit the perfect ship for extra-special itineraries like Alaska. **We invite you to cruise with the Texas Ski Council.**

#### ALASKA ITINERARY - 7 Day Seattle Departure

Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
Tue 6 September	Seattle, WA		4:00 PM
Wed 7 September	"Fun Day" at Sea		
Thur 8 September	Cruise Tracy Arm Fjord		
Fri 9 September	Skagway, AK	7:00 AM	9:00 PM
Sat 10 September	Juneau, AK	7:00 AM	3:00 PM
Sun 11 September	Ketchikan, AK	7:00 AM	1:00 PM
Mon 12 September	Victoria, BC, Canada	7:30 PM	11:59 PM
Tue 13 September	Seattle, WA	7:00 AM	





## *TSC Summer Expedition 2010: Egypt*

*By Rachel Anderson, 2010 Summer Expedition Coordinator*

The Texas Ski Council took 354 people to Egypt in September, 2010. Our main trip began with tours in Luxor. We toured both sides of the Nile before starting a 4 day cruise down the Nile River. Our cruise ended in Aswan. We flew to Cairo where we had 3 days of tours including 1 day in Alexandria.

Many people extended the basic trip by taking Pre-trips and Post-trips.



Eighty-two people started our trip early by going to Hurgada and 10 people experienced living in the desert with the pre-trip "Sahara in Style". They joined

the rest of us in Luxor on September 26, 2010 to start our main trip.

The Texas Ski Council had 2 Post-trips. We had 35 members go to Sharm-el-Sheikh and 154 members went to Petra and Jerusalem.

### **Luxor:**

We started our tour of Luxor by visiting the West Bank. We visited the Valley of the Kings where we were able to view the tombs of some of the ancient pharaohs. We toured the temple of Hatshepsut. We also stopped by the famous Colossi of Memnon.

Our trip to the West Bank was completed by shopping at the Gamal Youssif Bazaar alabaster factory. They offered beautiful items made in different shades of alabaster.

After lunch, we visited the Temple of Luxor and the Karnak site. Before attending our Council Welcome Party, we were taken shopping at Sondos Papyrus store.



### **Cruise down the Nile:**

After our council party at the Sonesta St. George Hotel, we returned to our boats and prepared to disembark. While the days were very hot, the evenings were wonderful. Several of us relaxed on the top deck with drinks while sailing down the Nile. Others received wake-up calls to see the boat navigate through the locks on the river.

Many of the tours started early to try to beat some of the heat of the day. After breakfast, we visited Edfu and the Temple of Horus. After lunch we visited Kom Ombo and the Temple of Sobek. We then sailed to Aswan.

### **Aswan:**

We arrived in Aswan in time for dinner and shopping. The tour guides took us to the L'Elysee Perfumes Palace to purchase essence, and to a jewelry store. A private caravan was arranged for transit to Abu Simbel at 2:00am. This allowed everyone the benefit of enjoying the sunrise at the awesome temples of Ramses II and Nefertiti.

After Abu Simbel, we visited the Unfinished Obelisk and the High Dam. There was an afternoon Felucca boat excursion on the Nile. Many of us enjoyed an optional tour of the Nubian Village. This included time in the Botanical Gardens and a camel ride to the village.

On our last day in Aswan, some people with late flights to Cairo were able to visit Philae, the Temple of Isis.

### **Cairo:**

We tried to see it all. We visited the Pyramids, the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum and the Mosque of Mohamed Ali. We also visited Sakkarah and Memphis. To balance our touring of antiquities, we also shopped at the Funky Brothers' Egyptian cotton store and the Khalili Bazaar.



### **Alexandria:**

We visited the Catacombs and the Pompei Pillar. There was a tour of the Bibliotheca. On the way back to Cairo, we stopped at The Oriental Carpet School. It is a school that taught carpet making. Of course we shopped again.

We ended our main trip with a Farewell Party at the Ramses Hilton. It was a tremendous Egyptian party.

## TSC Fall Roundup 2010: Breckenridge, Colorado

By Mary Beth Wilson, VP Fall Roundup

### THE BEST OPENING DAY SNOW IN 30 YEARS! THANKSGIVING 2010

The Breckenridge locals are still raving about the awesome snow and wonderful ski conditions over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Eighty-six skiers and boarders from around Texas had the opportunity to ski some of the best snow conditions in late November in more than 30 years. The whole group stayed at Beaver Run, a beautiful ski/in-ski/out facility that had plenty of amenities. Wednesday, the ski resort opened most of the rest of the mountain, as if they were doing it just to welcome the TSC....well actually they were. Wednesday night was the welcome party and everyone had the opportunity to mix, mingle and meet the rest of the TSC groups there.

Thanksgiving Day was another great snow day, but very cold. The high was only 9 degrees. Yes, the temperatures were very cold, but once again, no one was complaining because the snow was awesome. That afternoon, the TSC's very own Mike Morris and Sandy Ellison were married overlooking the beautiful Breckenridge Mountain. Congratulations Sandy and Mike! After the wedding many of us enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner at the resort. The dinner is a local favorite and we all ate more than our share.

Friday was race day. The sun was out, making the temperature much more reasonable for all the racers.

The results for the CLUB RACES are as follows:

CLUB RACES	Division I	Division II	Division III
1st Place	Space City	Texas Twisters	Dallas Ski Club

The results for the INDIVIDUAL RACES are as follows:

CLASS	PLACE	MEN	WOMEN
< 20	1st		Harriet MacDonald Space City
	2nd		Alice MacDonald Space City
	3rd		Becky Hoffman Twisters
20-34	1st		Kimber Gurss Twisters
35-49	1st		Lisa MacDonald Space City
50-59	1st	Rollo Gurss Twisters	Cindy Gurss Twisters
	2nd	Mike Morris Twisters	Maria Mutis Twisters
	3rd		Karen Keel Twisters
60-69	1st	Fred Hoffman Twisters	Joan Nesbitt Dallas
70+	1st	Gene Gilliam Dallas	

Father and Daughter, Rollo and Kimber Gurss, both with Twisters, were the overall winners for individuals.



Saturday everyone headed out to the slopes for one last day of fabulous skiing. Saturday evening we gave out the race awards at happy hour and then sat down for a wonderful dinner. We rounded out the evening with some dancing. For all of you that were so concerned about the snow, you sure missed an AWESOME trip.



I would like to thank Brian Flickinger with Vail Resorts, Kristen Keller with Breckenridge, Lawson Pedder and Erin McLeod with Beaver Run, 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.





## TSC Winter Expedition 2011: Bad Gastein, Austria

*By Mitch Womble, Winter Expedition Coordinator*

Well, all 126 of us (from 7 Ski Clubs) made it back from frigid Austria to frigid Texas! Wasn't a lot of difference in temperatures, eh gang? However, all in all, I think the general consensus was that it was a wonderful trip to "Fantasyland"! What a gorgeous valley, and quaint little mountain village!



Everyone arrived at the Munich Airport on Saturday, Jan. 22nd on various flights from different cities, and boarded waiting buses for our 3 hour + drive down to Bad Gastein, Austria. After arriving at the Elisabethpark Hotel in downtown

Bad Gastein, we all disembarked and made our way up to our 4-star hotel rooms to unpack and get ready to party! Unfortunately, Jan Ferrell (Space City Trip Leader), had a run-in with one of the big speakers in the Jazz Bar, and wound up with a badly bruised foot for the remainder of her trip. But, that did not stop her from participating in the other activities, and the many excursions....she just wasn't able to ski.



Sunday, we had sunshine and many went skiing. Depending on whom you talked to at the end of the day, the stories were that the skiing was great, or that the "hard pack" was too slippery! That evening it started snowing, and snowed all night into the next day. Again, there was fresh powder but there was still

the hard pack underneath it all, so depending on what type skier you were you either loved it, or you didn't. The rest of the week was pretty cloudy and cold, so those of us (and that was the majority), took off every day for another adventurous excursion by bus!

We visited old castles, palaces, and abbeys, as well as salt mines, and old churches. We visited places like Salzburg, and Villach, Austria, in addition to Bled, Slovenia, and Trieste, Italy. Some of the bus rides were a little long, but I wouldn't have missed any of the places that we got to see, nor miss out on all of the local foods! We had a wonderful Austrian dinner half way up one of the mountains, and were entertained by a local folk dance troupe. Can you say fun?! A couple of the troops even went back up another night just for the food and the scenery!

The hotel and staff were wonderful hosts, and the breakfast was almost Texan (just missed my biscuits and gravy). There was also a wonderful spa and wellness center at the hotel, which my wife told me, was worth every cent that she spent there! Most evenings, after skiing and excursions, people gathered near the hotel lobby bar for drinks, story telling, and dancing.



The Welcome Party was held indoors at the Grand Casino Hotel because of the cold weather outside, and we had entertainment by three Alp Horn players, as well as speeches by the town's Chamber of Commerce representatives, and of course, Dorothea of Ski-Europe. Unfortunately, the mayor was under the weather and I had to present his Texas gift to the C of C representative. We had finger sandwiches and champagne galore, and I for one did not have to buy a big dinner that evening.

Later that week about a half dozen or so of us, ventured back to the Casino for Texan night. I don't know about the rest, but Suzie Fry and I came up the big winners that night. I pocketed over 200 Euros, and Suzie pocketed over 150 Euros!

The Farewell Party was held at the hotel's Jazz Bar with DJ and all. I believe that is the first Farewell Party I have been to that most everyone stayed until the very end. The dance floor was certainly packed by many!

Early Saturday morning some of the clubs started loading the buses for the drive back to Munich, and flights back to Texas. For a lucky 30 of us though, we got to sleep late and loaded a bus for the post-trip to Bratislava, Slovakia and then on to Budapest, Hungary. We stopped half way and visited the town of Enns, one of Austria's oldest cities. It was a beautiful town, and it was also very cold and windy there. As a matter of fact, the next 4 days got progressively colder, which made walking the towns a little difficult. However, the city tours were very nice, as were our English speaking guides. We're talking cities that are over 1,500 years old with so much history to learn about.

Alas, after 15 days of joyous vacation, my European adventure came to an end, and I along with my band of mates had to depart for the good old U.S.A. Except for a three hour extended layover in Amsterdam's airport, I believe that everyone made it back to Texas okay, but only to face some nasty road conditions in Dallas once we arrived.

Guten Nacht,

Mitch Womble –  
2011 Winter Expedition Coordinator



## TSC Winter Shootout 2011: Crested Butte, Colorado

By Lisa Biddle, VP Winter Shootout

What a great week in wonderful Crested Butte! Texans arrived throughout the week to lots of snow. Almost everyone arrived on Saturday and Sunday. The group arriving on Tuesday was greeted to the most fresh powder, which caused a few delays...but everyone made it to Crested Butte.

We started the week off with a Welcome Party that included a Super Bowl watching party. Although the crowd was split between cheering for the Steelers and Packers, everyone enjoyed the game and all the wonderful appetizers. Many Crested Butte restaurants donated gift



certificates for drawings that occurred during the game. The big winners were Glenn Womack and Shannon Smith of Flatlanders, traveling with Los Amigos.

Crested Butte received a nice dump of fresh snow during the first several days of our trip. We all became experts at skiing on fresh powder. One of the many great things about Crested Butte is the centralized base area. All trails merge into a completely renovated base with lots of bars, restaurants and shopping. There is also a new



Adventure Area with a tubing hill, ice skating rink, bungee trampoline and rock climbing wall. Many of us spent an afternoon or two taking in all the additional activities.

Many people in the group decided to take advantage of the special dinner and sleigh ride on Monday evening. The night started off with a sunset ride up the mountain to a gourmet restaurant. The snow was falling and it was just beautiful. We stayed warm with lots of blankets provided by our hosts. Once at the restaurant, Ulley's Cabin (yes, it was heated), we enjoyed a fabulous four-course dinner. Everyone was surprised that the petite filet filled their plates. It was delicious!!

The sun finally emerged on Wednesday and we enjoyed bluebird days the remainder of the week. After all the snow at the beginning of the week, we couldn't have asked for better conditions.

Thursday was race day. The fun-filled club races were in the morning on Buckley Run. This was a great location because we had a dedicated lift for the races and it was very easy for spectators to watch. The individual races were in the afternoon on the same run, but with a

lot more gates. Austin Skiers and Boarders won the Division I club races. The fastest man on the mountain was Dale Young of Austin Skiers and the fastest woman was Jo Cobb of Lone Star Skiers.

DFW Young at Heart participated in the races for the first time ever and did excellent, coming in 1st place in Division III and doing very well in the individual races.

The race awards and final dinner was on Friday evening. The Lodge at Mountaineer Square hosted the Texas Ski Council for the evening. The group was treated to a slideshow of the race pictures throughout dinner followed by music and dancing.

The staff at Crested Butte Mountain Resort was fantastic and made the Texas Ski Council feel welcome. The Trip Leaders were great... thanks for all of your hard work. See you soon on another TSC trip!!



### DFW YOUNG AT HEART SKIERS CONQUER THE RACES IN CRESTED BUTTE

Members of DFW Young at Heart Skiers learned a lot about racing on a recent TSC trip to Crested Butte. The group had no plans to race on a NASTAR course...EVER!! Pam Terrell, the group's Trip Leader, found out that TSC races are mostly about clubs having good, competitive fun. Fifteen members of her club, with an average age of 69, entered the TSC Club Races...pretty good for the first time most of them ever raced. Race day was beautiful and snow conditions were perfect. The club ended up earning 651 club points and FIRST PLACE in their division. Maggie Phillips earned a bronze medal and Kayleen Kill earned a silver medal. An honorary medal was given to Irene Phillipp for being the oldest TSC racer and earning points for her club...Irene's age is a secret, but just ask someone in her club...you'll be amazed.

The TSC Individual Races took place that afternoon. This group had so much fun racing earlier in the day, they had 9 people enter and the results were great. Phyllis Schieber got 1st Place in her division and Maggie Phillips got 3rd Place in her division. They are a really fun group and are very proud of their racing results. They were seen on their flight back to Dallas showing off their racing medals. The flight crew even made an announcement that there were some medal winners on board and gave them best wishes for their next race.



## TEXAS SKI COUNCIL 2010-11 SPONSORS

### PLATINUM

Aspen/Snowmass

Ski Marketing Corporation

Alpine Adventures/Ski Europe/Ski Canada

Vail Resorts

Arapahoe Basin, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Heavenly & Vail

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### GOLD

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Sun Valley Resort

### SILVER

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### BRONZE

Ogden/Weber Convention Visitors Bureau  
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A special thank you to the **Nominating Committee**: Christine Mason from Ski Jammers, Glenn Strother from Lone Star and VaNisha Mallory from Los Amigos, for their due diligence, time, effort, and through consideration to put together the following slate of officers for the 2011-2012 Ski Season.

President - Mike Morris, Flatlanders  
Marketing - Tere Mayne, Austin Skiers  
Secretary - Ross Baker, Space City Ski Club  
Treasurer - George Kelly, Dallas Ski Club  
VP Fall Roundup - Andrea Yowman, Ski Jammers  
VP Traditional - Lisa Biddle, Lone Star/Dallas Ski Club  
VP Winter Shootout - Linda Raymer, Austin Skiers  
VP Final Showdown - Marsha Lutz, Space City Ski Club



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