

# TSC NEWSLETTER

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## A Message From Our President

by Mike Morris



First of all, let me thank you all for allowing me to represent the best group of skiers in the country! For those of you that don't know me I have been around the TSC for about 25 years and have been very involved during the last dozen years. I started out heading up the Race Committee for four years, then spent three years running trips and the last two years as treasurer. I am now looking forward to a new experience as your president. I have a good group of folks coming along to help on the new board. Both Cheryl and Tere will be a great resource if and when I run into problems. We have a number of new or almost new members to provide that "new blood" that every organization needs. I have plans to try to expand our use of social media like the club and council websites along with newer ones like Facebook. Looks like the Bid Meeting will be moving back to San Antonio after a number of years away. A new location is always exciting and most of us have great memories of bid meetings past in San Antonio. If you would like to help with the bid meeting be sure to contact me. Our five trip VPs are hard at work getting information to their club trip captains for the upcoming

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year. As soon as your club has new trip captains in place be sure to let the appropriate TSC trip VP know how to contact them. I'd like to end this first article by reminding you that this is your council. If you have ideas on how we can better serve the member clubs, be sure to let us know. Some of the stuff we do is because "it's always been done this way". Maybe there is a better way. In today's environment, all clubs are struggling in some way. Most volunteer organizations are struggling with the same issues that the TSC has. If you are a member of an organization that has a great way to attract and interest members, let us know. Please feel free to drop me a note at [msmorris@cablone.net](mailto:msmorris@cablone.net) any time you have questions or suggestions. Thanks again and I am looking forward to a great year!

## Alaskan Cruise~ 2011 Summer Expedition — September 6 - 13, 2011

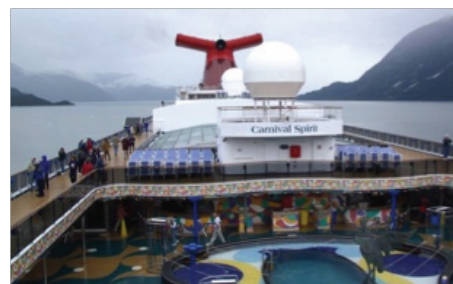
By Andrea Yowman, 2011 Summer Expedition Coordinator

The 2011 Summer Expedition will be a great adventure to Alaska and is quickly approaching. My name is Andrea Yowman and I am so excited to be your 2011 Summer Expedition Coordinator. We currently have 110 participants. As member of the Ski Jammers Ski Club of Houston, I have been skiing with the Texas Ski Council since the early 90's and am currently Club President. 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 TSC, you're guaranteed to have an



unforgettable time in Alaska.

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. Please check the TSC website often for updates to the Summer Expedition. We are looking forward to cruising with the TSC Clubs.



# Breckenridge – Fall Roundup — November 22-27, 2011

By Andrea Yowman, VP Fall Roundup



We're Going To Breckenridge... Again!!! Authentic, Unpretentious Breckenridge, Colorado.

Join the Texas Ski Council as we embark on Breckenridge, Colorado during the week of Thanksgiving. What better place to be with family and friends. Skiers and snowboarders rave about this massive, four-mountain resort that practically bumps into the town. Breckenridge stretches across more than 2,300 acres of terrain, filled with wide groomers, glistening tree-lined glades, dramatic chutes, and powder-filled bowls. Skiers and riders of all abilities are sure to find something to their liking in this expansive resort. Beginner and intermediate runs are groomed each

night making for ideal skiing each and every day.

This will be the seventh year for the TSC to offer, in conjunction with the TSC Youth Foundation, its Fall Roundup. The Foundation encourages children to participate in the fun sports of skiing and snowboarding. Breckenridge will be offering children ages 4 – 13 a fantastic deal on its Youth Camp, which includes lifts, lessons, rentals (including helmet) and lunch. In addition, there will be activities planned throughout the week to keep the kids entertained. Blue River Hall in Beaver Run is a kid's "dream come true" with all of its video games, air hockey and even a 9-hole miniature golf course. I look forward to having you join the TSC in Breckenridge.



# Snowmass – TSC Traditional — January 7-14, 2012

By Lisa Biddle, VP Traditional

I'm so excited to be the VP for TSC's return to Snowmass for the BIGGEST trip of the 2011-2012 ski season. This is my fourth year on the TSC Board. I've been Secretary and have led trips to Crested Butte and Lake Louise for the Council. I belong to two ski clubs in the Dallas area, Lone Star Skiers and Dallas Ski Club. I have met a lot of wonderful people during trips with the Council over the last 13 years.

Snowmass is a former ranching community turned destination resort. The ski area boasts 3,132 acres of skiing and offers runs for every ability. Fifty million dollars in on-mountain improvements include Snowmass' new six-pack high speed chair, the Village Express, and the new Snowmass Gondola with eight-person cabs. The area offers great skiing on quadruple peaks - SNOWMASS, ASPEN MOUNTAIN, ASPEN HIGHLANDS, and BUTTERMILK - Aspen/Snowmass goes off by a Power of Four.



Snowmass Village includes great lodging options - most are ski-in/ski-out properties. The new Snowmass Base area is near completion offering a number of restaurants and night clubs. This is in addition to the existing Snowmass Village Mall with about 20 restaurants and over 20 shops.



Approximately 400 Texas ski club members will attend this trip and plans for the Traditional trip to Snowmass are coming along nicely. I look forward to working with Sports America, Snowmass Mountain and all the Trip Leaders to make the Snowmass trip wonderful.



Lisa Biddle (TSC), Mike Hibbard (Sports America), Casey Leach (Snowmass)

# Heavenly—TSC Winter Shootout—February 11-18, 2012

By Linda Raymer, VP Winter Shootout

## More than a ski destination.

### Where can you ski and win back your travel costs at the same week/location??? Heavenly!!!

I am Linda Raymer, your Winter Shootout VP for 2011-12. I am a member of Austin Skiers & Boarders and have served on that board for eight years and served as webmaster for TSC for five years. I enjoy organizing trips and activities and creating a smooth running and fun experience for everyone. I've met many of you at previous TSC trips/events and look forward to working with TSC clubs to plan an unforgettable experience in Tahoe for 2012.



One lift ticket-2 mountains! Our lifts are active at Heavenly & Northstar. We have 8 clubs/222 participants as of June. Clubs are contracted to use Harvey's, Harrah's and Forest Suites for lodging. Our big events will happen at Harvey's and Harrah's that are conveniently linked by a tunnel. Forest Suites condos are in an awesome location directly under the gondola!

Parties/gatherings: Following in the TSC tradition for lots of opportunities to gather with friends from across Texas, we will have daily après ski, TSC Welcome Event, Races, Dinner/Dance/Awards at Harvey's Emerald Bay Ballroom, with an Après Ski Buffet and best DJ in town! In addition, there are a host of optional choices. Here are just some of the snow activities and non-skiing choices at our fingertips!

- Casinos
- An array of restaurants!
- Nordic Skiing/Snowshoeing
- Snowmobile tours through various companies are available at reduced rates for TSC groups.
- Kirkwood Ski Day - priced per person includes lift ticket, transportation
- Wine and Harvest Tour - This is a narrated tour to the historic Gold Rush region of El Dorado County (50 miles). Visit up to four picturesque family farms known for making vibrant, full-bodied, and award-winning wines crafted from grapes grown in the rich beauty of the Sierra Nevada. Boa Vista Orchards offers home baked goods, ciders, mountain-grown seasonal fruits, and preserves. The tour price includes all tastings and a delicious picnic lunch.
- Northstar day trips - One lift ticket-two mountains: Thirty million dollars of improvements are hap-

pening at Northstar for 2011-2012. Get aboard for their well known tree-skiing, mountain tours, fabulous village and free intermediate/advanced afternoon lessons! Our clubs will have several options for day trips/activities to Northstar. It's about a 50 minute trip with outstanding views along the way. There is a very small fee for the roundtrip bus trip.

- Virginia City Tour - Step back in time on this narrated tour following the Pony Express Trail through Genoa (Nevada's oldest settlement), Carson City and America's largest historic landmark, Virginia City - the Comstock Lode. This is the place where Mark Twain roamed the streets and everybody wanted a piece of the "Richest Place on Earth." Upon arrival to Virginia City, you'll have 3 hours to shop, visit mansions, museums, go to a real mine and have a free drink at the famous Delta Saloon established in 1875.

- Sleigh Rides - tour Tahoe's wondrous winter scenery in a horse drawn sleigh

- Skating at Heavenly Village - Open-air skating & music and fun on the ice every day and every night at the Heavenly Village

- Nightly Entertainment - different shows appearing during the winter season along with the Improv and various performers.

- If you attended the Heavenly trip in 2005, you may have cruised across the lake on the Tahoe Queen. She's been refurbished and will be up and running in 2012. We will be exploring our options for a fun cruise.

Getting around town will be a breeze! Heavenly has an extensive complimentary skier shuttle service. The shuttle leaves every 15 minutes from all major casinos and hotels to either the California Lodge, Nevada lodges, or to the Heavenly Gondola. On race day extra shuttles will be added to the pickup schedule.

To assist all of the appropriate folks, I have a password protected folder established on the web for all Winter Shootout documents and communications. This folder will be a great reference library for trip leaders/Trip VPs. Please send those contacts ASAP so your club will have access.

Please send your questions and requests for details before my site visit in mid-July. Pricing for the optional tours will be available soon.

Let's drum up a great cadre of snow enthusiasts to travel to Tahoe! Mark Twain said it best:

***"To obtain the air angels breathe, you must go to Tahoe."***



# Sun Valley – TSC Final Showdown – March 7-14, 2012

By Marsha Lutz, VP Final Showdown

Hi there! My name is Marsha Lutz and I am very excited that I will be leading the fabulous TSC Final Showdown trip to Sun Valley, Idaho. If you have been there, you know its charm as the oldest destination ski resort in the U.S. and I hope you will join us for another wonderful time. If you haven't been, this should be the year to go. Find out why it is often called the American Shangri-La.

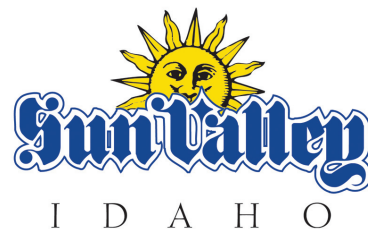


I joined Space City Ski Club (SCSC) in Houston when my small group of skier friends kept going to the same ski resort. I wanted more variety and the ski club was suggested to me. I have been skiing with SCSC and the Texas Ski Council (TSC) for over 25 years. My first trip was the TSC's First Winter Expedition ever – to Badgastein, Austria in 1986. Since then I have been on dozens of trips – many times a TSC trip. Besides getting the wonderful variety of places to ski, I met so many wonderful people that became great friends and travel buddies. My favorite hobby is travel – trips of all kinds to all places, but many revolve around ski resorts.



I have been a trip leader for 5 SCSC ski trips and/or summer adventures. One of those trips was a club trip to Sun Valley in 2007! I have also served in many other roles for SCSC – Club Race Director, Secretary (twice), Director of Trips (twice), and VP of Trips. A couple years ago I wanted to see how SCSC fit into the larger

picture of the TSC so I served on the pre-select committee for the BidFest and followed that as SCSC's TSC Delegate. I liked what I saw and this year offered my name for nomination as a TSC Trip VP.



Sun Valley will be a great Spring Break trip and one well suited for families since they let kids 15 and under ski free (1 per paid parent)! In addition to the family options, the resort has a feel of nostalgia that is very inviting to couples and singles. So something for everyone – entertainment and ski-wise! You may have heard that Sun Valley is a little tough for beginners, but did you know that the resort includes two mountains - Bald and Dollar? Bald (or Baldy) does have some green runs, but if you want to warm up on something even easier – Dollar Mountain is just 3 minutes from Baldy. The views of the Sawtooth Mountains are spectacular from anywhere you look. We will be staying right in Sun Valley Village – with a choice of hotels and condos, wonderful dining, entertainment, ice skating and more. I will share the “more” part with you in the next newsletter article. In the meantime, for more information, check out the article on the TSC website. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to send me a note.



## TSC Youth Foundation Report by Cindy Moore, TSCYF President

The TSC Youth Foundation (TSCYF), a 501C3 charity, has a new enthused board determined to boost the TSCYF to new heights! The new TSCYF Board members are Cindy Moore, Cheryl Mann, Sandy Ellison, Andrea Yowman and Adi Buturovic.

The Mission of TSCYF: To promote health and fitness among youth of all socio-economic levels through active outdoor recreation by financially assisting active participation in family oriented group snow sports trips. The underlying mission of the TSCYF is to



grow TSC clubs with younger members and ultimately to develop a lifetime love of snow sports. Plans are being finalized for different corporate sponsorship levels for donations of cash, goods or services.

Cindy Moore is supervisor of the Houston Special Investigation Unit for GEICO Insurance. She is a past VP of Programs, past President and past Chairman of the Board of the Space City Ski Club (SCSC). She also has served as many various activity and trip coordinator positions with SCSC and most recently was 2011 TSC VP of Final Showdown. It was through that position she learned the workings of the TSCYF by transforming that Snowbird spring break trip into a TSCYF trip.

Please visit [www.TSCYF.org](http://www.TSCYF.org), our new web site, and contact President Cindy Moore at [info@TSCYF.org](mailto:info@TSCYF.org) for more information.

# Galapagos—2012 Summer Expedition—Aug. & Sept., 2012

By Christine Augustine, 2012 Summer Expedition Coordinator

Maybe you remember me from years past! I am that crazy Texan, born and raised on the Mexican border on the extreme southern tip of Texas. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I would become an avid skier!



After a previous life in New York City and Lexington, KY, I moved back to Texas in 1989 settling in San Antonio. I joined Los Amigos ski club to meet people. That simple decision led to a husband, hundreds of friends, and a passionate desire to carve tracks in new snow. Over the past 22 years, I have gone on countless ski trips, acted as trip leader more times than I can remember and served on the board of Los Amigos several times. This will be my fifth year on the Texas Ski Council board. In 2007, I was the VP of the trip to Bulgaria and Turkey escorting 127 participants. In 2008, I was the VP of the spring break trip to Big

Sky, Montana with 200 participants. In 2009, I was the VP of the Breckenridge trip with 320 participants. Last year, 2010 ski season, I was the VP for Beaver Creek with over 300 Texans attending.

In a past life, I owned and operated a travel agency. Prior to this, I was a flight attendant. I have travelled for the past 45 years, circumnavigating the globe four times. The experiences gained on these adventures have been invaluable in my role as trip leader and VP of council trips.

I am now 62 years old and can't wait for the next adventure to begin! I will be VP of the Galapagos Island trip in August of 2012. This is NOT a ski trip but an adventure trip. We will hike, bike, snorkel and dive the Galapagos on a land-based excursion. Pre-trip and post-trip options will be offered in Ecuador, both up north and in the Amazon. Two post-trips to Peru are planned. This is the first time the Texas Ski Council has selected an adventure-type trip. Put on your Stetson and come join us for a once-in-a-lifetime amazing journey retracing the steps of Charles Darwin through the most famous ecosystems on the planet.

## There's A New Treasurer in Town!

By George Kelly, Treasurer

Hello. I am George Kelly, the new Treasurer for the Texas Ski Council. Although over the years I have attended many TSC Bid and Delegates meetings representing the Dallas Ski Club, this is my first adventure as a member of the TSC Board. I returned to Texas in 1983 (was born HERE) and joined the Dallas Ski Club. During my 28 years as a member of the DSC, I have served on their board numerous times and have been President three times as well as VP of Trips three times – I would rather be the DSC President instead the VP of Trips because doing trips for a ski club is just about a FULL time job!



I am following in the footsteps of our new TSC President, Mike Morris, who has served as the TSC Treasurer the past few years, and I hope that I will be able to continue keeping the TSC's finances in a great shape as he did. My first major job as Treasurer is to get all the member clubs to send me their dues for this fiscal year which are due in early August. I will send to each club in mid-July the

"Club Dues Remittance Form" for you to complete and send back to me with your payment and current club roster. I can be contacted at [treasurer@texas-ski.org](mailto:treasurer@texas-ski.org) or 214 682-1551 if you have any questions I can assist in getting answers for you.

## Secretary's Notes

by Ross Baker, Secretary

I am reprising my role as your TSC Secretary. I am one of the few remaining native Houstonians and have enjoyed skiing since 1975.



As the TSC Secretary, I record the TSC meeting minutes, maintain TSC records and produce this newsletter.

I need your help and input to make this newsletter even better! Please send any articles, fun photos and ideas to me at [secretary@texas-ski.org](mailto:secretary@texas-ski.org). I would like to encourage the member clubs to help disseminate the TSC newsletters to their club members. Please either forward the emailed pdf newsletter to your members or refer them to the TSC website to view the TSC newsletters.



## TSC Marketing Update

by Tere Mayne, VP Marketing

I have enjoyed serving on the TSC board in many roles over the past years (Treasurer, Trip VP several times, Summer Coordinator, and Secretary), but I am most excited about the VP of Marketing role. I know this is the most important position in the council as it is the face of the TSC. I will continue the job of working with the industry representatives and our member clubs to provide outstanding ski and travel destinations at a good value. The council is regarded by the industry as a top notch professional organization and I will do everything I can to maintain this reputation.



Wow! What a great ski/travel season we had this past year and the fun should continue through this coming year as well. My excitement for the Texas Ski Council grows with the beginning of each travel year as I look forward to the wonderful trips the TSC has to offer. I know there is a trip that will please everyone in your club. This year, we have an old favorite, several resorts we haven't visited in a while, and even a new destination for your club members to enjoy. Breckenridge is that tried and true resort which just gets better each time we visit. It has been way too long since we last skied the amazing hills of Snowmass, Heavenly and Sun Valley and I am sure your members will find something new at each of these resorts. And then we have the new, exciting, and exotic location for next summer – The Galapagos Islands! I can't wait to sign up for all these wonderful places. But the process of selecting these great locations started very early in the year with the help of a few club members.

As most of you are aware, the Texas Ski Council is in the midst of determining what individuals will be a part of the Pre-Select Committee. This is a very important, but probably the least visible (and perhaps least appreciated) of the TSC functions. As one would expect, the TSC gets more bids for its four domestic and two expedition trips a year than can be presented at the Bid Meeting in the Spring. Therefore, there has to be a mechanism to limit the number of bids for each trip. While it would be great to present all the bids, the TSC Member Clubs would find that some do not meet the criteria that our Request for Bid Proposal sets out. In mid-November, the Resorts and Tour Operators will be sent the "Bid Proposal Package" by me, the VP of Marketing, setting out what the TSC expects in its proposal. As the bids

come in SOMEONE has to review them for content and make elimination decisions. The PRE-SELECT COMMITTEE does that function.

In selecting resorts that will present at the Bid Meeting in the Spring, the Committee looks at things such as cost, value, marketability to member clubs, facilities for TSC functions, organizational strength and special features offered by the resorts or tour operators. In order to accomplish the task of selecting the best bids for the 2012 Bid Meeting, the process starts with Committee members receiving copies of all the submitted proposals by mid-January. Based on the number of bids, the TSC VP of Marketing will divide up the bids so that no one person on the committee has to review all the bids. The intention of this process is to make sure that the best bids submitted are provided to the Member clubs. It may mean communication between the resorts and the VP of Marketing, or a Pre-select Committee member to clarify items that may be unclear in the proposal or to question something that is requested in the TSC bid proposal package, but not included in the bid.

As you can see, being on this Committee is quite a challenge, but can also be very rewarding as when the Bid Meeting rolls around the members of this committee have contributed to giving the TSC the BEST of the BEST for the Bid Meeting Selection Process. Once you know who is on this committee, take the time to let them know how much you appreciate their volunteering to not only represent their club, but to give to the Council.

At this time, I am rounding up the last of the club's marketing surveys. As the information is crunched we can see where we spent our ski/travel money this past year. We are exploring some new ideas for future travel as I am in the process of setting up a committee to review and identify some international locations for our 2013 Winter Expedition. Please talk with your club members as to where they would like to travel overseas next winter and send me their feedback. With our next issue, I should have more definitive information on the results and directions of many of our projects so keep in touch.



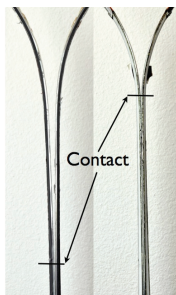
## Rockered and Fat

by Steve Finder, Los Amigos Ski Club

In the old days, fifteen years ago, skis were long and skinny. Then the first shaped ski hit the market and skis have undergone a dizzying array of changes. Today we have things like parabolic, sidecut, midfat, superfat, big mountain, free ride, and twin tips to name a few. It is hard to make sense of it all. But when we see someone ski by on those old skinny skis, we know we are skiing better.

This article will focus on a trend that I believe is again changing skis as we know them. This is rocker technology with the move to fatter skis. Today most manufacturers have only a handful of expert skis with rockers but K2, having the most experience, has incorporated rockers into their entire line. Other manufacturers will follow. Soon rockers will be found on many, if not most, intermediate to expert skis.

So what is a rocker ski? In its simplest terms rocker technology is bending up of the tip and tail of a ski more so that when the ski is laid flat, much of the ski does not touch the ground. In a rocker ski, the normal ski camber (bend in the ski) does not extend from the tip to the tail. Instead it is found only in the middle of the ski. Picture 1 shows an example of two pairs of skis held vertically together. One is a rocker ski and the other a traditional cambered ski. Where the two skis contact each other is where the skis will touch on flat snow. Notice how far down the ski the contact point is on the rocker ski. This rocker ski is 95 mm underfoot. That is the width of the ski under the boot and several years ago it would have made this a powder ski. The other ski is 75 mm underfoot. Yet the fatter rocker ski turns faster and skis smoother on groomed runs and in the bumps than the regular ski. And of course it floats better in deeper snow, crud, and ungroomed runs.



Picture 1.

To understand why rockers ski better, let's start with how they began. The first rocker ski was the 2001 Volant Spatula. This was a pure powder ski designed by Shane McConkey. Shane was an extreme skier obsessed with ski design; rocker technology is his brainchild. Unfortunately for all of us, Shane McConkey was killed in a skiing accident in 2009. (see [www.denverpost.com/sports/ci\\_12016477](http://www.denverpost.com/sports/ci_12016477) for more details)

Shane's inspiration was that skiing in powder was not like skiing on groomed snow. It made more sense to have the ski bend upwards so that it could float through the powder in three dimensions rather than a traditional ski which bends downwards. The Spatula started the rocker concept but it wasn't until Shane moved to K2 to create his legacy, the 2006 K2 Pontoon, that the first true reverse camber rocker hit the scene. The Pontoon is a extremely fat powder ski (130 mm underfoot) which is unlike any other powder ski. It made powder skiing effortless and fun. Today, every major manufacturer makes powder skis with rockers.

The Pontoon was designed just for powder. It was thought it couldn't be carved on groomed runs because it didn't any sidecut. But as skiers tried the Pontoons they found it skied well in bumps and could carve on groomed runs, though not as good as a traditional sidecut ski.

Picture 2 is of me skiing on my Pontoons on the NASTAR course in Vail.



Picture 2.

Ski engineers discovered that rockers provided significant benefits when paired up with a traditional sidecut. In other words, the middle of the ski would have a traditional sidecut but with a significant bend in the tips and tails.

Why does the rocker shape make such a difference? In a traditional ski, as the ski is rolled over onto its edge, the front and back tips of the ski make contact with the snow; then the skier must bend the ski to create the carve. In a rocker ski, the tips and tails start making contact with the snow only after the ski is well into its carved shape. This makes the ski turn initiation faster, smoother, and controlled. The net result is better skiing.

An unexpected bonus is that it allows a wider ski to roll into a carve before initiating edge contact at the ends. This means that a wider ski with a rocker can turn as well as a narrower ski without a rocker. The result is a ski that works well on groomed runs but because it is wider can handle non-groomed conditions effortlessly. Truly a ski for all terrain.

Picture 3 is a comparison of three skis. The largest ski is the K2 Pontoon. This is a powder ski with a very large rocker. The middle ski is a K2 all mountain ski with a moderate rocker. This is the rocker ski in Picture 1. The smallest ski is a traditional non-rocker ski. The three skis are lined up where they first make contact with the snow. The bigger the rocker, the further back they touch the snow. Picture 4 shows the same skis but from the side so you can see more of the rocker.

If you venture into more challenging terrain such as bumps, you will find that the rocker design allows the skis to turn easier. The skis will literally ride up the moguls making bump skiing easier.

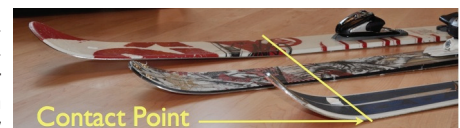
So where are we heading? Right now, K2 has the most experience and has moved rocker technology into their entire lineup of both expert and non-expert skis. Other manufacturers have only added rockers to their big powder skis, but they will follow suit.

These skis will not replace niche skis. They will never be race skis. In racing, you need as much edge contact with the snow and rocker skis give up some of that edge contact. But for non-racers, these skis provide a tremendous advantage. Even on a NASTAR race, the rocker design still goes fast and the rocker allows the ski to smoothly carve without catching any ruts.



Picture 3.

If you are an intermediate to expert skier look for these new skis in the rental shop. Try them out. They will bump your skiing up a notch regardless of your ability. The fatter skis will give you more surface area to use when the snow isn't perfectly groomed and the combination of the width with the smooth rocker may even tempt you to venture a little off the beaten path. If you are looking to be a better, more confident skier, this is the way.



Picture 4.

Two ski seasons ago my regular ski was a 75 mm traditional shaped ski. I didn't like fatter skis because they were slow and not quick enough in the bumps. I had my Pontoons for powder. But I kept wondering about a ski between the two. Then last year, I demoed a 95 mm moderate rocker ski (K2 Kung Fugas) and was blown away by how easy they carved and how well they skied in the moguls. I would never have believed that a ski that big could improve my bump skiing. After a season on those skis (I bought them), I have truly drunk the koolaid. Good luck and to better skiing.

## Important TSC Dates

July 23, 2011	Board of Directors Meeting – Dallas
<b>August 13, 2011</b>	<b>Club Dues and Rosters due to TSC Treasurer</b>
<b>August 13, 2011</b>	<b>Quarterly Delegates Meeting – Dallas</b>
<i>September 6-13, 2011</i>	<i>TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION - Alaska Cruise</i>
September 16, 2011	<i>Articles due for TSC Newsletter</i>
<b>October 1, 2011</b>	<b>Lodging Requests/Club Deposits Due for Galapagos Trip 2011 (\$500/club)</b>
<b>October 8, 2011</b>	<b>Participation &amp; Activity Fees due to TSC Treasurer for FALL ROUNDUP</b>
October 29, 2011	Board of Directors Meeting – Houston
<i>November 22-27, 2011</i>	<i>TSC FALL ROUNDUP – Breckenridge, CO</i>
<b>November 23, 2011</b>	<b>Participation &amp; Activity Fees due to TSC Treasurer for TRADITIONAL</b>
<b>December 3, 2011</b>	<b>Quarterly Delegates Meeting – Houston</b>
<b>December 28, 2011</b>	<b>Participation &amp; Activity Fees due to TSC Treasurer for WINTER SHOOTOUT</b>
<i>January 7-14, 2012</i>	<i>TSC TRADITIONAL – Snowmass, CO</i>
January 15, 2012	TSC 2012 Officer Applications due to Nominating Chair
January 9, 2012	Ski Area Bids for 2012-2013 ski season due
<b>January 26, 2012</b>	<b>Participation &amp; Activity Fees due to TSC Treasurer for FINAL SHOWDOWN</b>
February 6, 2012	<i>Articles due for TSC Newsletter</i>
<i>February 11-18, 2012</i>	<i>TSC WINTER SHOOTOUT – Heavenly, CA &amp; NV</i>
February 25, 2012	Board of Directors and Pre-Select Committee Mtgs – Dallas
TBD	<b>Deadline for Bid Meeting Room Reservations &amp; Registration</b>
<i>March 10-17, 2012</i>	<i>TSC FINAL SHOWDOWN— Sun Valley, ID</i>
<b>April 1, 2012</b>	<b>Participation Fees due to TSC Treasurer for SUMMER EXPEDITION</b>
March 30, 2012	Annual Marketing Survey due to VP Marketing
<b>March 30-April 1, 2012</b>	<b>Quarterly Delegates Meeting – San Antonio, Texas</b> <i>Ski Area Bid Selection, Officer Election &amp; Installation</i>
TBD	Officer Training/Planning Meeting & Board of Directors Meeting - TBD
May 7, 2012	Lodging requests accepted for 2012-2013 ski season (After 9:00 am, CDT)
<b>June 2, 2012</b>	<b>Quarterly Delegates Meeting - TBD</b>
Aug. or Sept. 2012 TBD	<i>TSC SUMMER EXPEDITION - Galapagos (Small Groups with Various Dates TBD)</i>



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