

# FRESH TRACKS

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- Injuries hit the ski club.
- Nastar races at Aspen/Snowmass.
- Race Results at Mammoth.
- Bear/Snow Summit—Flying to Mammoth
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## President's Message

Can there really be too much snow? Mammoth has a base over eight feet and could probably be open until July. Snowmass

has a base of four to five feet and will have one of their longest seasons. Pick any place. Whistler has a 7.6 foot base. Remember the year there was almost no snow at Whistler. I remember missing a sign and skiing the grass on one of the runs that year. Baniff resorts have a base over five feet. There is snow everywhere. We should have a great February of skiing.



JOE REID, PRESIDENT  
ORANGE COUNTY SKI  
CLUB, INC.

We head off for Snowmass on the fifth of February. With four ski areas and two good cities, it should be a great trip. Staying in modern ski/in, ski/out facilities will add to the enjoyment of the trip. The Mammoth trip comes at the end of February. It would be nice to have the momentum of the Snowmass trip flow into that Mammoth trip. Let Nadine know if you can make the trip.

We are going to add a little culture to our planning this month. We will be going to see “Doubt: a parable” at the Golden West College Mainstage Theater on Saturday, March 5th at 7:30. Winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, “Doubt” is a provocative and gripping story set in 1964. The play could not be more contemporary in its examination of a priest suspected of misconduct. Let Mike know if you are interested.

REI will be discussing ski equipment and clothing at our February meeting.

See everyone there!

## WANTED: MUG SHOTS

Your hard working ski club board is working to enhance our membership identity. This is true for our new members. For example, we have three new members joining this month, their data will add to our membership roster. However, try to match the name with the member is another matter. We ask each member to submit a identifiable picture for addition to our database. If you want to be identified by an avatar, no problem. Send your pic to

www.mhamari@msn.com



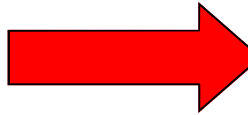
# 50% CASUALTIES DECIMATE LADIES RACE TEAM

PLUS: TWO SKI CLUB LADIES ALSO SUFFER DEBILITATING INJURIES

BEA'S HMO TREATMENT.



THIS IS NOT STELLA'S  
BROKEN TOE. IT'S A X-  
RAYED BROKEN TOE.



## GUESS THE HOSPITAL FEE CONTEST

HOW MUCH DID ANNE'S HOSPITAL CHARGE FOR THE OPERATING ROOM , HOSPITAL AND DRUG THERAPY FOR TWO DAYS? DOES NOT INCLUDE SURGEON'S FEE [THAT'S A HINT]. BE THE CLOSEST AND WIN A GREAT PRIZE AT FEBRUARY'S OGGI'S MEETING. ODDS ARE 1 IN 53.



MAY BE ACCURATE?  
THE CRASH, ACCORD-  
ING TO ANNE.



## NASTAR Racing in Aspen and Snowmass

NASTAR is a series of races held across the nation throughout the ski season. Courses are set up at many ski resorts. Your time is compared against that of a national pacesetter, and the result is a measurement of how well you did against everyone in the United States who raced during the 2010-2011 ski season! If you want to know more, go to their website, [www.nastar.com](http://www.nastar.com).

NASTAR racing is available in Aspen and Snowmass:

Resort	Days	Time	Run	Phone #
Aspen Mountain	Wed-Sun	11:00-3:00	Silver Dip Swing	970-925-1220
Aspen Highlands	Wed-Sun	11:00-3:00	Nugget	970-925-1220
Snowmass	Mon, Tue, Fri, Sat	11:00-2:00	Blue Grouse	970-923-0560

The cost is \$9.00 for three runs, \$13.00 for a one-day pass, or \$45.00 for a seven-day pass, good at all three mountains. Sign up and buy your pass(es) at the top of the race courses.

The courses are set up on intermediate runs, and have about twenty gates. They are a lot easier than the courses we usually have for our Rokka League races. Depending on your time, you can collect a platinum, gold, silver, or bronze medal at the end of your best race each day.

The Orange County Ski Club participates in NASTAR as a club team. At the end of the season, all of our racers' results are totaled up and compared to all the results for all the other clubs across the country and we get a NATIONAL RANKING!

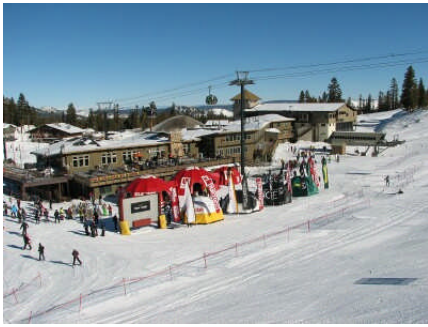
If you have never raced NASTAR before, you can go onto the website, [www.nastar.com](http://www.nastar.com), input your information, and get your permanent number. Be sure to use the "Club Team" drop-down and select "Orange County Ski Club". If you have your number with you, it will make the daily registration process a little faster.

It's probably a good idea to phone the resorts each morning to make sure the NASTAR races will be running. Bad weather or private parties can cause cancellations.

We want to encourage everyone on the Aspen/Snowmass trip to try the NASTAR race courses.

HAVE FUN AND GO FAST!

Anne Barneson, Race Chair



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## Yvonne Takes One for the Team!

Yvonne Freeman, racing in the 7 Vet Female class, earned a bronze medal in the Rokka League Slalom race on Sunday, January 9. It was very windy that day, which caused the lifts to stop a lot (they're controlled by a computer using data from the spinny things on top of the towers), plus access to the start area was difficult because of other races going on. However, Yvonne persevered, and she is now the current points leader for our club. CONGRATULATIONS!

## Upcoming Races

Race	Type	Date	Location
NASTAR	GS	Feb 6-11	Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands
Rokka	GS	Feb 26	Mammoth
SOCALCS	GS	March 19	Mammoth
SOCALCS	SL	March 20	Mammoth
FWSA Champs	SL/GS	April 1-3	Alpine Meadows

There are race clinics scheduled for Friday, February 25, and Friday, March 18. Yvonne took the clinic on January 7, and says it helped her a lot.

Thanks to the generosity of our club members who donated cool stuff for our auction last spring and to those who were lucky enough to win said stuff, the club pays the Rokka League race entry fees for all members in good standing who declare Orange County Ski Club to be their home team. We are the only club in the area that pays race fees for SOCALCS and the FWRA Championships!

To qualify to race in the Far West (FWRA) Finals, you need to have three finishes in league races during the current season. One of the three finishes can be carried over from last year. Yvonne has already qualified! There are three more league races this year, the Rokka race in February, and SOCALCS in March. Who will be the next to qualify?

## Cool New iPhone App

If you have an iPhone, go to the App Store and download the free new app, mammoth2go. It has trail maps, lift status, and other important stuff. It also has GPS functionality, so it can pinpoint your location on the mountain and track your runs and vertical feet. Furthermore, you and your friends can allow GPS data to be shared, so you can find each other! The only thing missing is the location of empty tables in the cafeterias.

# MAMMOTH TRIP, FEBRUARY 24TH THRU 27TH

TO ALL SKIERS AND SNOWBOARDERS! MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN IS WAITING FOR YOU! CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE TO SEE FOR YOURSELVES: [WWW.MAMMOTHSNOWMAN.COM](http://WWW.MAMMOTHSNOWMAN.COM). YOU'LL BE AMAZED AT WHAT A FANTASTIC MOUNTAIN IS AT OUR DOORSTEP (WELL, ALMOST AT OUR DOORSTEP). WHERE ELSE CAN YOU DRIVE TO GET SUCH WONDERFUL SKIING CONDITIONS AND GREAT FRIENDS TO SKI WITH, TOO!

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE FEBRUARY TRIP. THE DATES ARE: FEBRUARY 24TH THRU THE 27TH. IT'S FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE FOR A ROOM, SO DON'T BE TOO LATE AND MISS OUT. THE PRICE IS \$215 AND THE FORMS ARE ON THE WEBSITE. YOU CAN MAIL THE APPLICATION FORMS AND YOUR CHECK MADE OUT TO **OCSSC** TO: **NADINE MUSGROVE, 39215 VIA SONRISA, MURRIETA, CA. 92653**. OR, YOU CAN COME TO OUR CLUB MEETING ON FEBRUARY 2ND AT OGGI'S AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION THEN.

SEE YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN !!!

## ASPEN/SNOWMASS PRE-TRIP PARTY



MEMBERS THAT ARE GOING ON OUR ASPEN/SNOWMASS TRIP GOT TOGETHER ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 16TH AT RICHARD FORTENBERRY AND YVONNE FREEMAN'S HOUSE FOR A PRE-TRIP PARTY. THERE WAS GREAT FOOD, WINE, BEER AND GOOD FRIENDS, WHAT A GREAT START TO WHAT I FEEL WILL BE A WONDERFUL TRIP. A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO RICHARD AND YVONNE FOR ALLOWING US TO HAVE THE PARTY AT THEIR HOME. THE NEXT PICTURES YOU WILL SEE, WILL BE FROM THE TRIP.

SONNY SMITH  
MAJOR TRIP LEADER 2010/2011



### **THANKS TO MINDY CLARK FROM BEAR MOUNTAIN/SNOW SUMMIT**

The club welcomed Mindy Clark as she presented an update to the skiing at these popular local resorts. Ms. Clark also donated lift tickets, dvd's, maps and other goodies to those present at the January social meeting.



### **FLYING HORIZON AIR [SUB OF ALASKA AIRLINES] TO MAMMOTH LAKES AIRPORT**

A mercy mission, our ski club race chair had broken her leg on Tuesday at Mammoth and needed to get that leg back home for surgery. High winds had cancelled all flights to/from Mammoth.

A one-way ticket was booked for Wednesday costing \$166.

Getting to the LAX: HOV lane = 45 minutes.  
Check-in: 2 hours [as instructed by the airline].

The plane was full [88 passengers + crew of 4].  
Flight time: 1 hour 10 minutes.  
Free beer, wine, soda, juices, coffee and Trix mix served.

Shuttle van to Mammoth Lodge: exactly 1 hour.

Total elapsed time: 5 hours.

Alternative: Add 1 hour and drive your car.



### **HORIZON AIR EMBRAER Q400**



## PAGANS VERSUS CHRISTIANS

The 09-10 Pray for Snow party theme was dedicated to Ullr, the Nordic God of Snow. This year, the theme was the monastic order of the Padres. The bet was on, who has more influence over nature; the Pagans or the Christians.

Below is the official Mammoth monthly snow measurements. The 1st row is for season 09-10, the 2nd row is this current season, the 3rd row is the historical average. The 4th row is the monthly winner.

As of January 2011, the Christians lead by 32 inches.



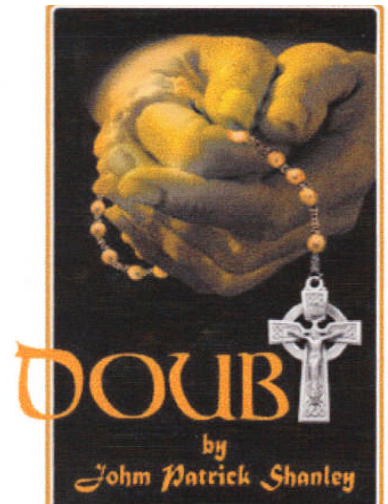
SEA-SON	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	TOTAL
09-10	34	21	103	127	108	62.5	84.9	17.5	557.9
10-11	6	85	209	17					
AVG	5.2	26.2	63.4	67.6	73.5	58.4	32.9	7	342.5
MO.WINNER	PAGANS	CHRISTIANS	CHRISTIANS	PAGANS					

## "DOUBT: A PARABLE" March 5th

Winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, *Doubt* is a provocative and gripping story of suspicion and suspense! Set in 1964, the play could not be more contemporary in its examination of a priest suspected of misconduct. When Sister Aloysius, a rigid Bronx school principal, accuses a progressive and engaging priest, Father Flynn, of having improper relations with a young male student, she inadvertently raises questions that force her to confront the foundation of her own moral certainty. Dynamic yet subtle, manipulative yet full of empathy, *Doubt* is a beautifully balanced drama that draws its power for its ambiguity. In lean, potent and passionate language, John Patrick Shanley courageously leads us into the

shadowy and elusive realm of human nature and ultimate truth. The play is directed by Professor Tom Amen and will be performed at the Golden West College Mainstage Theater at 7:30 PM, Saturday, March 5th.

In the past, we have met at 5:00PM at the Maya Inn Mexican Restaurant for dinner and drove the short distance to the event. Contact Mike Hamari at [www.mhamari@msn.com](mailto:www.mhamari@msn.com) and make your reservations. Tickets are only \$10. Where else can you go and see a quality stage production for that kind of money? Nowhere!



Grab some culture and support higher education, let's see a play at our local colleges.

## *January Mammoth Trip—Story and Photos by Steven Breitbart*

Considering the blizzards that I have been in during the month of January, the January 2011 Orange County Ski Club trip to Mammoth was great. All of us had an easy trip up, with no wind or snow to speak of. We had two days of picture perfect weather. The sun was out, the snow was firm, but soft enough to be forgiving and not deserving of the term “sierra cement” at all.

Sunday, which was race day for several of our members, turned windy, and it was colder, too. But if you can’t take the cold, get out of the mountains!

The greatest snowfall in Mammoth history had occurred in December, and it was piled everywhere. We got to take advantage of it and we didn’t even have to shovel out the cars. No complaints about condo #215 either.

Everyone enjoyed the skiing and no one got hurt. Who could ask for more? But there is more; we all had a good dinner on Saturday night consisting of salad and pizza and freshly baked toll house cookies for desert.

### ***Pack for the Season***

If you plan to go on more than one ski trip during this or any season, I would offer a suggestion that you pack for the season, as opposed to a single trip. Get all the stuff you will need that’s not clothing such as tools, equipment, medicine, sunscreen, first aid creams, etc. and put it in the suitcase or bag you use for ski trips. If you also need an item during your daily life, buy a second one for the ski trip or buy a small container and fill it for the ski trips. This avoids two problems I have had: 1) remembering to take items out of the suitcase after I get home and 2) remembering to put them back into the suitcase for the next ski trip.

Another thing to remember is that nothing lasts forever. The bandages and moleskin you packed last year may have broken open or lost their sticking power. Check stuff before you go on the first trip and avoid having to shop for mundane stuff while you are on a ski trip.

### ***Refurbish your ski boots***

As we started back from Mammoth Dennis Barnhoorn said he wanted to check in at Footloose Sports to see if they had replacement heels for his ski boots. Apparently his boots weren’t fitting into his ski bindings as well as they could. I had never thought of replacing the heels because I had hadn’t had that particular problem. My boots, which have replaceable heels and toe pieces, do still fit me and they’re not worn out, so I checked if they had a set of replacements. They had replacements for both Dennis’ boots and for mine in stock! The cost for the set for my boots was \$40; Dennis’ was \$20 because it was the heels only. The moral of the story is that for a few dollars you can keep your boots a few years longer. After you get a pair of boots and you decide you like them, buy a set of replacement heels and toe pieces as soon as you can, before parts for your boots aren’t available. Put the replacements in the closet. After a few years of walking to and from the bus in Mammoth, you just unscrew the screws that hold in the worn out heels and toe pieces and install the replacements.



**JANUARY MAMMOTH TRIP GALLERY—PHOTOS BY STEVEN BREITBART**



Must stay focused skiing in trees.



Let's see, the instructions say to turn this thing upside down before using.



The January Mammoth attendees



Talk about snow !!!!!



Mammoth Estates



Dru gets to bus the table