



FRESH TRACKS

December 2007

The Newsletter of the Orange County Ski & Snowboard Club



Don't miss our annual Christmas Party on December 1st!

It's sure to be a great party with good friends, good food, music and dancing. Bring a present (\$20 value) and participate in the fun of our gift exchange.

The Club will provide the main course and drinks, plus chips and salsa. Please bring a side, appetizer or desert for 6-8 people.

The party will be held at Tustin Meadows Community Clubhouse East. 14751 Canterbury, Tustin.

The fun starts at 7:00 PM. Hope to see everyone there!

President's Message

Stella Plunkett



Do you feel the chill in the air? It's beginning to look a lot like ski season!

Everyone seems to be gearing up for ski season even though the weather reports aren't predicting a banner snowfall year. If you are an avid, crazy skier like me, it doesn't really matter. I just need to get on the mountain and feel the brisk air on my face, hear the swish of my skis and see the smiles on the faces of my fellow skiers.

Barbara Scobie and I went up to Mammoth for Thanksgiving. They had four chairs operating and were making snow like crazy. It was cold – in the low teens in the morning – so they were able to keep up the snowmaking all day (and night). The December weekend the Club will be going, the Village is showing the newest Warren Miller movie on a big, outdoor screen. Sounds like fun.

We also saw something else kind of exciting – they are widening parts of Interstate 395. We saw the stakes and flags marking the new lanes so that more portions of that highway can be four lanes. That should make travel faster and safer for all of us.

Coming up soon we have two exciting events. The Orange County Ski Club will

have a booth at Ski Dazzle which will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center the first weekend in December. It opens Thursday evening November 29 and runs through Sunday December 2nd.

Also, our Holiday Party will be Saturday night, December 1st.

Hope to see you soon at the party or see you at the El Torito Grill December 5th for our next meeting.

Stella

Trip Plans for 2008

Big Sky, Montana

The trip is now full. If you want to come, please let Sonny Smith know and he will put you on a waiting list in case there are any cancellations.

Mammoth Trips

Joan Beck
Mammoth Trips Leader

Listed below is our Mammoth Trips Schedule for the coming season. Please mark your calendars and signup early to ensure you have a spot on the trips that you want to attend.

- December- 7,8,9 (**Race Weekend**)
- January- 11,12,13
- February- 22, 23, 24
- March- 14,15,16 (**Race Weekend**)
- April- 4,5,6 (**FWRA Championships**)
- April- 25,26,27 (Club Appreciation Weekend)

See the attached flyers for additional information on all the Mammoth Trips.

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Snow Dance at Stefan Kaelin's

DECEMBER 7th AT 5 P.M.

Skiers and snowboarders are restlessly waiting for that first big 'dump' to fall, and although most of the winter sports resorts in the local mountains of Southern California, the Sierras as well as Mammoth Mountain are covered with man-made snow, there's nothing like a few more layers of the white stuff compliments of Mother Nature.

Stefan Kaelin Ski & Golf in Newport Beach will host skiers, snowboarders and everyone else who wants to have some fun on Friday, December 7, from 5 pm to 7 pm for a Snow Dance imploring the snow gods, the universe, Mother Nature herself or any other invisible forces to bring on the snow.

Choreographed by the store's owners Stascha and Stefan Kaelin and their staff, the Snow Dance will be complete with live music, face painting and refreshments. Guests are invited to bring their own 'props', skis, snowboards and other implements of choice to draw moisture from the sky.

"We need the snow now to make our winter season successful and snow in the mountains will bring rain here – also much needed – so why not have some fun with it," said owner Stascha Kaelin.

Mammoth Mountain will also be participating in the Snow Dance by giving away lift tickets via drawings throughout the two-hour Snow Dance. The public is invited to attend; the only

requirement is to show up even if you don't want to dance, just to support the dancers as they look toward the sky longingly.

For more information, call Stefan Kaelin Ski & Golf, 949.631.3280.

Stefan Kaelin Ski & Golf is located at 2700 West Coast Highway in Newport Beach (across from Joe's Crab Shack).

Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, December 5th is our only meeting in December since, as we get closer to the holidays, things get pretty crazy for us all. We will be back to our regular schedule of the first and third Wednesdays of the month starting in January.

Racing

**Anne Barneson
Racing Chairperson**

2007-08 Mammoth Race Schedule

12/2-7/2007	Rokka Camp at Mammoth
12/8/2007	Rokka 1 GS (full day, 2 run)
12/9/2007	Ullr 1 GS
12/9-14/2007	LA Council Camp at Mammoth
1/5/2008	Ullr 2 slalom (1 run)
1/6/2008	Rokka 2 slalom (1 run)
2/2/2008	Rokka 3 GS
2/3/2008	Ullr 3 GS
3/15/2008	Rokka 4 GS/Socalcs
3/16/2008	Rokka 5 slalom/Socalcs
4/5/2008	FWRA Championships GS at Mammoth
4/6/2008	FWRA Championships slalom at Mammoth

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Racing Report

The first Rokka race of the season is scheduled for Saturday, December 8, at Mammoth. Show up at Roma's room on the third floor of the Main Lodge on Friday afternoon, from 3:30 to 4:30 or Saturday morning, from 7:30 to 8:30. Sign the waivers, grab your bib, and let the club pay for it!

It would be a good idea for you to run in the Ullr race on Sunday to get an extra handicap time for insurance in case you crash or a race is cancelled due to weather. Guess What -- the club will pay for that also! There probably will not be signups Sunday morning, so be sure and register by Saturday.

Can you beat AJ Kitt?

Nastar racing is coming back to Mammoth this year! The courses will be set on Ralphies, the trail right under the Broadway Express chair. The cost will be \$7.00 for two runs or \$10.00 for a day's unlimited runs. A season Nastar pass is \$120.00, or \$90.00 if you have an MVP pass.

Nastar racing is a good opportunity to practice running gates. They use a system of handicaps to make times at resorts across the country and for people of different ages equivalent (go to www.nastar.com to see the details). The National Pacesetter this year is four-time Olympian AJ Kitt. Compare your time to his, or, better yet, challenge your friends to a race!

The races will be run from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on the following dates:

Sat Dec 15
Sun Dec 16
Sun Dec 23 to Mon Dec 24 -
Mon Dec 24
Wed Dec 26
Fri Dec 28
Sat Dec 29
Sun Dec 30
Mon Dec 31
Fri Jan 18
Sat Jan 19
Mon Jan 21
Fri Jan 25
Sat Jan 26
Sun Jan 27
Fri Feb 15
Sat Feb 16
Sun Feb 17
Mon Feb 18
Tue Feb 19
Wed Feb 20
Thu Feb 21
Fri Feb 22 * (OCSC Mammoth trip)
Sat Feb 23 * (OCSC Mammoth trip)
Sat Mar 29
Sun Mar 30



Club Privacy Policy

The Club has the responsibility to insure members' personal information remains confidential and not available to unauthorized sources.

No member shall use member information (name, e-mail, phone, address, etc.) for distribution to other parties or for personal gain. This is not intended to inhibit communication between members.

Only board members who have a need to use lists are authorized to do so. (Examples – president, trip leaders, webmaster.)

Abuse of this policy can be grounds for termination of Club membership.

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2007 Schedule

Dec 1 Christmas Party
Dec 5 General Club Meeting
Dec 12 Board Meeting, Janice's House



Monthly Mammoth Trips

Trip Dates:

December 7 - 11, 2007

January 11 - 13, 2008

February 22 - 24, 2008

March 14 - 16, 2008

April 4 - 6, 2008

April 25 - 27 (Club Appreciation), 2008

2-Day Trip for \$175. * 3-Day Trip for \$195.

Thanksgiving 4 day Trip for \$310

Note: Members signing up for the 2-day trip must sign up at least one month before the trip. Just signing up for the 2-day weekend does not guarantee that you are on the trip. You will be confirmed on the trip provided there are four people to fill a two-bedroom condo. Money will be refunded to members who signed up for the 2-day trip, if we do not have enough people to fill the condo. Those who don't want to take a chance that a two-bedroom condo will be filled, should consider signing up for the three-day trip to ensure a spot on the trip.

- Included: Lodging at Mammoth Estates, Coffee for Breakfast, Saturday Dinner and non-alcoholic beverage.
- Excluded: Lift Tickets, Transportation, Incidentals, Other Meals

**Don't forget to sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot for these trips.
Condo space is limited so sign up now!**

Standard trip cancellation policy and trip rules and condo etiquette apply to all Mammoth trips. Trip signup form, trip cancellation policy form must be signed and money paid in full (including dues) before member is assured a spot on the trip. Lift tickets and transportation are not included, so ridesharing is encouraged. Travelers share the cost of the gas to keep the overall cost down. Vehicles used for the purpose of ridesharing must have proper insurance. Members may bring their own alcoholic beverages to the Saturday night dinner. However, the Club Board encourages everyone to drink responsibly.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

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