



# ***FRESH TRACKS***

*July-August 2007*

**The Newsletter of the Orange County Ski & Snowboard Club**

**Social Meeting August 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM PARTY AT THE BEACH!!!**

Come join us at Newport Beach, Peninsula Park for a sunset (maybe), bonfire (for sure), snacks (bring your own) and a good time (of course!). Club will provide wood, sodas and water - the rest is up to you. Bring your friends and your kids, some toys and beach chairs. Peninsula Park is located on the Balboa Peninsula, near the Balboa Pier. Use E Oceanfront & Main St, Newport Beach, 92661 in Mapquest for directions.

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## ***President's Message***

**Stella Plunkett**

It's summertime and the living is easy.

Well, maybe that holds true for some people but if I know you guys, you are out there hiking and biking and traveling all over the country. I dare say we are not a "sit around and do nothing" kind of crowd. But I guess that's why we get along.

If you missed our social meeting you missed a good one. We had over twenty members show up and we had a special visit from

none other than Carol Cherry, I mean Carole Djurovich. She entertained us with tales of Utah and powder skiing and all sorts of wonderful things that she and Greg are discovering. It was wonderful to see her.

We also had several new people join us at Spoons. A particular welcome to James Morin and Risha Black. They come to us from Michigan and the Ann Arbor Ski Club there. Please show them a warm welcome.

Each month I will try to feature some tips on how to enhance our club that were featured in The National Ski Club Newsletter last

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month. I think you will see that these ideas could benefit us. Tip #1 is "Participate beyond paying your dues. Have a voice in the club." I see this as an opportunity for each one of us to do just a little more. Offer to help with planning events; offer to coordinate a new event; bring interesting articles to our attention so we can share them; seek out companies or individuals that might be part of our Programs. These are just a few ideas. I know you can come up with many more. You are a talented bunch.

Come do a little sand skiing at our August 1<sup>st</sup> social meeting. And, as I always say,

See you on the slopes if not sooner.

## **Stella**

### **Trip Plans for 2008**

## **Big Sky, Montana**

What a great trip we have lined up for this year! Sign-ups began at our July social meeting and the trip is nearly half full. We have ski-in/ski-out *deluxe* accommodations for seven nights, all air and ground transportation and five days of lift tickets – all for \$1400. Big Sky is a spectacular resort with nearly 4000 skiable acres and no lift lines!

Please see the attached flier and Deposit/Cancellation Policy for more details.

Come join us at the August social meeting and sign up for what promises to be a great trip!

## **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. Please note that the dates are tentative and subject to board approval.

- Thanksgiving- Nov. 22, 23,24,25
- 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)
- May- To be Determined

We will not be able to state prices for the trips until after the condo owners have their yearly meeting.--sometime at the end of September.

## **Programs**

*"And the next item up for bid is...."*

**Barbara A. Scobie**  
**Programs Chairperson**

Well, that's up to you! The Club will be having an auction to raise money for the Race Department. Funds raised will be used to subsidize the racer's entry fee.

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We all have something we can offer to put up for auction. Here are a few suggestions: cook a dinner for a specified number of people, bake cookies or other goodies, one (1) hour of gardening/house cleaning, wash a car, give a ride on a Harley, gift baskets of wine, a massage, etc. I think you get the idea – now it's your turn to get creative!

The Auction will take place at the “Pray for Snow Party” which will be held in October. I'll have more information at a later date – just wanted to get you thinking.

It should be a lot of fun! Hopefully this will be an incentive to get more of you involved in racing for the Club.

### ***Racing***

#### ***How will I know what Racing Class I Belong in?***

**Anne Barneson**  
**Racing Chairperson**

On a race weekend at Mammoth, you see lots of skiers going down the course. Some are fast and some aren't. Afterwards, there are lots of people wearing gold (and silver and bronze) medals proudly. The reason all of these folks are having so much fun is because they are racing against people of the same ability.

Far West Racing Association racers are divided into ten classes, cleverly numbered one through ten. The Ones are the fastest. The Tens get more course time for their racing dollar. Each class is further divided into age groups, Open, for those under fifty years old, and Vet, which is fifty years old and over. Men and women race separately. Therefore, there can be up to forty different classes competing and forty sets of medals to give out!

If you have never raced in a Far West Racing Association league or if you haven't raced for a couple of years, you will be classed as a “First Time Racer”. This does not imply anything about your ability. Your time for your first race will be used to determine what class you should be placed in.

On race day, pacesetters are sent down the course first. The pacesetters' times are used to determine the expected range of times for each class. Your time will fall within one of these ranges.

Once you are placed in a class, if you have a really good day and ski the course faster than the expected time, you get a “strike”. When you get your second strike, you are bumped up to a faster class.

It is not unusual to be nervous during your “First Time” race and to end up in a slower class than you should be. Don't worry about this. Just go as fast as you can. If you out-ski your class, you will earn a few extra points for the club (and medals for yourself), and will quickly earn strikes and get moved into the group where you belong.

### ***Membership***

**Steven Breitbart**  
**Membership Chairperson**

Membership application forms are available on-line at our website [www.ocskiclub.com](http://www.ocskiclub.com) The newly designed form is much clearer and easier to complete. The PDF form may be completed on your PC and printed. A new membership application needs to be submitted every year along with your annual membership dues.

If you change your e-mail at any time during the year, please notify Steven so he can update the Club's mailing list.

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### Helpful Hints...

**Steven Breitbart**  
**Membership Chairperson**

Here are a couple hints for traveling by car to a ski resort:

1. *Don't throw away that old bathmat! You can use it to protect your car, inside or outside from skis and poles. It might also be useful if you need to change into your ski boots in a parking lot.*
2. *If it is very windy, park between hills when you need to take off your tire chains, not in a valley. Last year I was almost blown into Nevada!*
3. *You can use old socks to cover the tips and tails of your skis while you travel. Thanks to Anne Barneson for that tip.*

### Member News



**Anne, Carol and Barb**

As Stella mentioned, Carol Djurovich was in town for our July social meeting. It was great to see her again!

### Member Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members celebrating birthdays in July and August and hopefully celebrating another year of skiing!

- Janice Schafer 7/10
- Kevin Pope 7/18
- Wai Yee Chan 7/26
- Ben Scotile 7/26
- Cecilia Wetzler 8/7
- Elisa Merrell 8/15
- Ed Ritter 8/23
- Dennis Barnhoorn 8/24
- Ron Witenko 8/25

### A Member Shares

A long-time member has relocated and wrote this letter to us all. It made me stop and think about how many friends I have made through my years with the club and how lucky I am to have been a member of such a wonderful club.

“Hi Ski Club, I have moved to Illinois to semi-retire near relatives. My new address is:

Don Wilde  
1018 E. Kerr Ave, #304  
Urbana, IL 61802

I hope to get back and ski Mammoth this Jan or Feb and maybe see some of you members on the slopes. I have been a member of the club on and off since 1976, and have some great memories of the many trips. I will miss you guys. Thanks, Don”

## 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

Aug 1 Beach Party Social Meeting  
*Sign Ups for Big Sky!*  
Aug 8 Board Meeting, El Torito Grill  
Sep 5 General Meeting  
*Location To Be Announced*  
Sep 12 Board Meeting  
Oct 3 First General Club Meeting  
*Location To Be Announced*

*October Pray for Snow Party  
Date to Be Announced*



## Big Sky, Montana

January 26<sup>th</sup> thru February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008



### Sign-up Quick, Secure Your Spot

Initial Deposit of \$150 for trip plus 2007/2008 Club Membership

(So please bring two checks)

**\$1400 for 7 Nights**

#### **Includes:**

- Lodging at Huntley Lodge / Ski-in/ski-out location
- Price based on 2 per room – 2 Queen size beds per room
- Best full buffet breakfast in town everyday
- Walking distance to Tram Square/Village
- Round trip flight to/from LAX to Bozeman (via Salt Lake City)
- Five (5) days of Lift Tickets
- Round trip ground Transportation to from Bozeman/baggage/tip
- Welcome reception/parties

***Statistics: Average Annual Snowfall: 33'. Big Sky has a 4,350' vertical drop with 3,812 skiable acres, 150 trails, 15 passengers Tram that takes you to the top in 4 minutes, 14 lifts of which 5 are high speed quad chairs. Longest run is six miles long. There are never any lift lines according the National Ski Magazine that rates different resorts every year. The Huntley Lodge amenities include: refrigerators, wet bar, coffeemakers, TVs, seating area, outdoor swimming pool and hot tubs.***

***Travel Insurance is highly recommended. Available for only \$65.***

Cancellation Policy on next page/Code of Conduct is available on the OCSSC web site:

[www.ocsclub.com](http://www.ocsclub.com)

Sonny Smith, Sr. Trips Call: 714-530-5238, E-mail ([calwitch@pacbell.net](mailto:calwitch@pacbell.net))

CST #207843050



# BIG SKY, MONTANA

January 26<sup>th</sup> thru February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008

## **DEPOSIT/CANCELLATION POLICY:**

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read, understand and agree to the deposit/cancellation policy for the OCSSC's 2008 Big Sky Trip. I have also received information regarding trip insurance, available for purchase for an additional \$65.00. I will let you know when to send a check for the insurance.

## **Payment Schedule:**

\$150.00 at sign-up  
\$350.00 due September 3, 2007  
\$450.00 due October 10, 2007  
\$450.00 due November 7, 2007

**Cancellation Policy:** Initial deposit of \$150 is non-refundable. Cancellation after other payments is non-refundable unless resold. All cancellations must be in **writing** to trip leader, Sonny Smith.

**Resale Policy:** If trip is resold after airline tickets have been issued, there is a \$175 fee to the airline for the name change on the ticket.

**Name changes/corrections** are also subject to a \$150 fee by the airline, so please sign up for the trip using the name on your government issued id (driver's license or passport).

**Travel insurance** is highly recommended. If you wish to purchase insurance please include an additional \$65 check made out to Rocky Mountain Tours. Insurance may be purchased at any time up until the Travel Agency, Rocky Mountain Tours, receives final payment. Coverage becomes effective on the date payment for insurance is received Rocky Mountain Tours.

**Code of Conduct:** OCSSC reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any trip participant should such person's health or general deportment impede the operation of the trip or result in detriment to other participants of the trip. No monies will be refunded for any unused portion of the trip.

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Signature

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Date

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