



FRESH TRACKS

October 2007

The Newsletter of the Orange County Ski & Snowboard Club

President's Message

Stella Plunkett



We had a great turnout for our September meeting in our new location at El Torito Grill in Anaheim. It was crazy fun with lots of faces I hadn't seen in a while (notice I didn't say "old faces") and we were noisy and laughing and having a fun time.

This month's Tip #3 (if you are keeping track) is to read your newsletter. According to the editor from The National Ski Club Newsletter, "It has all the information that you need and phone numbers of people to

call to get more information." That is so true. It may not be great literature and it won't become one of the classics but it does have the latest news about what's happening with your club and your ski buddies and how to get a hold of us if you need something.

And speaking of needing something, I have just the place you can go to buy that special something. Our Auction is just around the corner and we are lining up some awesome opportunities. Things you can buy as gifts for a friend or for yourself. The Club will provide hors d'oeuvres and beverages. You don't need to bring anything but your checkbook or cash.

See you at the El Torito Grill on our first meeting of the new season, this Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:30!

Stella

Trip Plans for 2008

Big Sky, Montana

For all members who have signed up for the Big Sky trip, it is time to decide if you want to purchase trip insurance. The trip insurance is \$65 which is a small amount if you compare it to \$1,400 that could be lost if something were to happen that would not allow you to go on the trip. The insurance does not cover everything, but it does cover a lot. Listed below is a link that details the terms and conditions of the trip insurance.

Go to our website, www.skithewest.com and click on "travel planning tools" at the bottom of the home page, it will take you to a link for Travel Insurance. Click on that and you'll find all the details, term and conditions, frequently asked questions, etc.

If you choose to purchase the trip insurance you will need to write a separate check to **Rocky Mountain Tours** for \$65. This is due before the last payment of the trip.

The third payment is due October 10th in the amount of \$450 payable to OCSC. If you are unable to pay at our regular meeting October 3rd please mail both checks to Sonny Smith, 12432 Ranchero Way, Garden Grove, CA. 92843

There is still room available so if you're thinking of joining us on this super trip, don't delay in signing up! Please see the attached flier and Deposit/Cancellation Policy for more details.

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.

- 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)

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

General Meeting Programs

Barbara A. Scobie

As we commence our regular bi-monthly meetings for the 2007-2008 Season we will have guest speakers at most of our meetings.

October 3rd: Derrick Agee from Mammoth
October 17th Stefan Kalin Ski Shop

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Auction October 13,2007

**Barbara A. Scobie
Programs Chairperson**

“And the next item up for bid is....”

The Auction will be here before you know it!! If you have decided what you would like to donate, please let me know. If you are still stumped for ideas don't worry – the phone lines are open!!! Feel free to contact any Board member to help you come up with something creative.

Items already being donated include: weekend at a cabin in Lake Gregory; single ski bag; gourmet dinner for 4; exotic plants; double ski bag; ride on a Harley and lunch at Cooks Corner; tennis lessons; dance lessons; entrance in the Doo Dah Parade; bottles of wine – to name just a few!!

I will need to know what you are donating by our regular Club meeting, Wednesday October 3, 2007.

Again, the Auction will be held at our “Pray For Snow” party on October 13, 2007 to benefit the Race Department. If you are unable to attend the party, you can still donate something! Should be a lot of fun and hopefully an incentive to get more of you on the racecourse. See you there!

Pray for Snow Party

Save the Date Saturday, October 13th

Our annual first party of the season is coming quickly upon us. Besides all our usual festivities, we have the auction this year! See the attached flyer for more details!

Racing

**Anne Barneson
Racing Chairperson**

Attention all racers:

Actually, that should say “Attention Everyone”. The Orange Council has just announced that they will pay the race fees for all First Time racers, that is, anyone who does not currently have a handicap time in the system. Therefore, your last remaining excuse to not race, namely poverty, is gone. So, I expect to see everyone except the brand new beginners out on the course! That includes you snowboarders.

Our first race of the year is on Saturday, December 8th at Mammoth. All you have to do is show up in Roma's Room on the third floor of the Main Lodge either on Friday the 7th between 3:30 and 4:30 or on Saturday morning between 7:45 and 8:30. Tell them you are a First Time racer and that you belong to Orange County Ski Club. They will make you sign waivers and give you a bib and start time. Then, all you need to do is show up for the race.

Actually, you really should arrive a half-hour before your start time and inspect the course. Wear your bib. You must snowplow or sideslip down the side of the course. You are not allowed to ski through any gates or through the finish line during your inspection.

What are you looking for? Basically, you are checking the snow conditions and looking for anything tricky. Figure out how you are going to deal with stuff and remember your plan! You'll probably only have to remember a couple of gates, so don't worry if your brain normally goes into vacation mode as soon as you pull off of 395.

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Mostly, just go fast and have fun!

Far West Championships – April 4-6, 2008

The Far West Championships will be held at Mammoth the weekend of April 4 – 6, 2008. In order to qualify, you need to have completed three races with handicap times. At least two of these times must be from the 2007-2008 season. One time can be from the 2006-2007 season. There are four races scheduled between now and the championships, so this is very doable.

Pray for Snow Party and Auction to Benefit the OCSC Ski Team – Saturday, October 13, 2007

We are one of the few clubs that does not subsidize its racers out of its operating funds. A lot of really cool items have been donated to the auction to benefit our ski team. Remember, the club does not accept credit cards, so bring your checkbook and/or a big wad of cash to the party on October 13.

Long Beach Marathon – Sunday, October 14, 2008

There is no better way to see if you are really in shape for ski season than to come to our Pray for Snow party on Saturday the 13th and then run or bike the marathon on Sunday the 14th. It's a lot of fun, but you must sign up ahead of time. Their website is www.runlongbeach.com.

Ski, Board, and Race Camp – December 2007

The Rokka Ski, Board, and Race Camp will be December 3-7. The L.A. Council Camp will be December 10-14. You get five days of coaching plus deals on lodging, ski tuning, meals, etc. This is a great way to get your ski legs back at the beginning of the season. Check our website for the fliers.

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

Membership

**Steven Breitbart
Membership Chairperson**

Remember:

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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Member Birthdays

Congratulations to the following members celebrating birthdays in October- three members on the same day – the 22nd!

Happy Birthday to all

- Janice Benavides October 1
- Wendy Saunders October 5
- Mike Hamari October 20
- Bea Autry October 22
- Jack James October 22
- John Shanks October 22
- Marian Hannelias October 27
- Rosemary James October 30
- Vicki Pope October 30
- Jack Lucas Halloween

P.S. from Stella "Ski Dazzle"

Some of you may remember from past years that our club has participated in the Ski Dazzle show in Los Angeles. While the return may not have been overwhelming, it was a lot of fun and we met lots of great individuals. A few joined our club. Usually we have to pay several hundred dollars to exhibit but they have a special price for us this year.....IT'S FREE!!

If you would be willing to work the booth for a 4-6 hour shift, we would love to hear from you. The show lasts 4 days so we need lots of volunteers. If we get enough response, we'd like to create shirts and brochures etc but it all takes time.

Let me know by October 1st if you'd like to be committed (take that any way you want to). Get your best buddy to go with you and make it a fun day

Come to our Next Meeting

We are now meeting at El Torito Grill in Anaheim. Come join Us!!

The restaurant is near Angel Stadium, on the northwest corner of Katella and State College Blvd. Here are some hints and parking information

- The restaurant is on the ground floor of a new, upscale condo/loft building on the northwest corner.
- On the opposite corners you will see a Denny's, a McDonalds and an ARCO gas station.
- Parking is available in the condo/loft building which is the first driveway on Katella as you cross State College.
- Once inside the El Torito Grill, weave your way to the left, all the way back to the private room.
- Allow for extra travel time if there is an event at Angel Stadium.

See our web site for driving directions.

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

- Oct 3 First General Club Meeting
El Torito Grill in Anaheim
- Oct 13 Board Meeting @ 4:00 PM
(Janice's Clubhouse)
- Oct 13 Pray for Snow Party
- Oct 17 General Club Meeting



Big Sky, Montana

January 26th thru February 2nd 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.oeskiclub.com

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

CST #207843050



BIG SKY, MONTANA

January 26th thru February 2nd 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.

Signature

Date

CST #207843050



Save the Date!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13th, 2007 -- 6:30PM

ORANGE COUNTY SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

ANNUAL PRAY FOR SNOW PARTY

With an auction to benefit the club's racing team!

Sonny Smith is the Master of Ceremonies!

Anyone with items of interest to auction contact **Barbara Scobie** -- bscobie@msn.com

LOCATION:

Tustin Meadows Community Clubhouse –East
14751 Canterbury Tustin, CA 92780

R.S.V.P.

By Wednesday, October 1, 2007

Lou Burgoyne, 949-279-9341 or SOC@OCSkiClub.com

The club will provide an entrée and beverages. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert for 6-8 people.

OCSSC encourages everyone to drink responsibly.



Silent and Live Auction

*To be held at the Pray for Snow Party
Saturday October 13, 2007, 7PM*

Some items already donated:
wine, dinners, Harley Rides with
lunch at Cook's Corner, ski bags,
exotic plants, week-end getaway's.
Now it's your turn – get creative!!!
Stumped for an idea? Contact any
Board Member for suggestions!



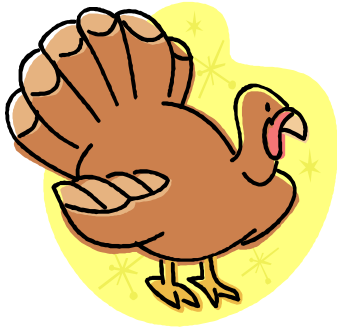
All proceeds to benefit the Club's Race
Department

Come Join In The Fun!!

Please contact Barbara Scobie with your donation item by
Wednesday October 3, 2007. Home (714) 529-4499 or
email: bscobie@msn.com



THANKSGIVING AT MAMMOTH



November 22-25, 2007
Only \$310

Includes:

- Four night stay at Mammoth Estates Condos
- Big Thanksgiving dinner and leftovers for days
- Fun times with your ski friends
- Lots of snow, hopefully
- Walking distance to gondola & village
- On shuttle route to Canyon Lodge

Don't forget to sign up as soon as possible to secure your spot for our first ski trip of the 2007 / 2008 ski season. Condo space is limited so sign up now.

Standard trip cancellation policy and trip rules and condo etiquette apply to this and 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. Passengers share the cost of the gas to keep the over all cost down. Vehicles used for the purpose of ridesharing must have proper insurance.

Contact: Joan Beck
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Monthly Mammoth Trips

Trip Dates:

- November 22 – 25 (Thanksgiving), 2007**
- 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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