



GREETINGS DON DIEGO MEMBERS



Here's a summary for those of you that did not go on the first club Mammoth trip of the year. Noni Henning, the appointed trip leader, couldn't make the trip so Chris Houkom took charge of the group and did a great job (*see her trip report on Page 2*). We arrived after the first major snow Storm of the year (reminiscent of the Utah trip). This was to be a series of 3 storms coming through the region. In short we had almost all the weather Mammoth could

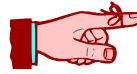
throw at us, WIND, snow, a little rain, whiteout conditions, cold (but not real cold), sun, and more wind. Yes wind. It moved the snow around the first couple of days, creating the famous Mammoth buff. We also had a remembrance for Lloyd Hughes, our past president, Monday on the hill and it brought back memories (*see picture in the adjacent column*).

Weather excluded, the snow conditions were great with what I call cheating snow - you could do no wrong. On Tuesday the second storm (or third storm - who's counting) came in and the upper mountain was closed. We had to bus down to chair lift 2 or to the Village and then gondola up to Canyon Lodge to ski, which was something different. All of the runs were open during the latter half of the week including the top (chair 23 and the upper gondola) and we had great snow conditions (again cheating snow). In all, it was a great ski outing.

We're looking for more sign ups on our remaining Mammoth trips, so if you're thinking about it, get a hold of the trip leaders. Our next meeting will be Monday, February 11 after the 2nd Mammoth Mid-week trip.

Larry Pickering - DDSC President

Upcoming Activities



The next Don Diego Ski Club meeting, Monday, Feb. 11 at the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley.

February 17 - 23, Breckenridge, Colorado:
DDSC fly-away ski trip to Colorado.

Saturday - March 22 - 10:00am Batiquitos Lagoon:
Join Judy Schramm and Marianne Leighton for an easy hike through Batiquitos Lagoon. Great views, easy hiking and bird watching. Be sure to bring binoculars if you have them. The hike is 2.5 miles long round trip and will take approx. 1.5 hours. Be sure and wear comfortable shoes. They also have a small nature center to explore. Check their website at www.batiquitosfoundation.org.

The lagoon is located in Carlsbad. Exit I-5 at Poinsettia and go East to Batiquitos Drive. Turn Right on Batiquitos, go down the hill and take the first right onto Gabbiano Lane. Go to the cul-de-sac and park. We will meet at the trailhead. We will do lunch afterward in the local spot selected by Judy and Marianne.

Saturday April 19 to Monday April 21. Borrego Fun and Sun:

Back by popular demand! Join us at the Borrego Springs resort for a relaxing weekend of sports, fun, food and friends. See the flier on page 6 for details.



DDSC members at the on-slope remembrance for Lloyd Hughes

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Nonmembers are always welcome at club meetings. Membership applications are available there and you may join and get your membership card right away. Membership applications also can be downloaded from the club web site:

www.ski-dondiego.org:

Or if you desire, you may contact our membership chairman,

Noni Henning (619-437-8941), who will mail a membership application to you.

The yearly club dues are \$30 for a single membership (\$45 for a family membership) and you obtain the newsletter from our web site. For an additional \$10.00, the newsletter will be mailed to you.

TRAVEL NEWS

By Connie Smith, Travel Director 619-442-4924



Well is it snowing in Mammoth or what? We had a great January trip and hopefully the February trip will go as well. Chris Houkom stepped up for Noni Henning on the January trip. She did a great job and thanks to the other club members who pitched in to help.

Also, remember when going on the bus, please only bring three (3) bags! We were overloaded on the bus in January. If you bring anything extra it has to go under your seat, please, or hold it in your lap. There isn't always an extra seat for your stuff! We fill the extra seats with goodies and things for the trip, which we load first.

I want to thank Helen Harris and Rodgers Magee for being trip leaders extraordinaire! With all their experience the February trip will be Great.

We need Trip Leaders for next year! Please step up to help. If we do not get enough leaders it will cut down on our trips. The same people can't continue to do the job over and over. Burn out is on the horizon! It takes a lot of planning, etc. to put a trip together! A lot of you do help out on the trip but we need other people to step up. Please.

There is still room on the February trip; call quick (Connie 619-442-

4924). Call Carl Tatina for the March Trip (1-858-560-5963) where there is still room.

Mammoth has over 15 ft of snow! Yea, so hurry and sign up. Please read the CST memo below. Let it snow some more. They say the new snow is really dry and like very good powder !!!

CST REFERENCE NUMBER

The paragraph below explains what CST (California Seller of Travel) means. You will see the number referenced on every flyer. Please read this paragraph thoroughly. It is a required for all club trips to make this statement available to you.

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Mammoth Midweek #1 Trip Report

(by Chris Houkom, Trip Leader)

The Mammoth Midweek #1 trip (Jan. 6 - 11) is in the record books. I have to tell you that no one missed Noni Henning more than I did! Her back pain kept her home and the group had to count on me as second-in-command. I had no idea how much the leader does in the background. Noni and the other leaders have done it with such grace that I had no concept of how many little details were involved.

Sunday morning was pretty stormy, US-395 was closed and we had to struggle even to get a bus and a driver... Noni convinced the bus company to come through and we were on our way. Chains were required above Bishop which slowed us down. We made it to Mammoth a couple of hours late in the dark and in between storms that ultimately dropped 7-10 feet of snow on the mountain.

On Monday Larry and Dale led us in a memorial for Lloyd Hughes (see picture on page 1). We were able to disperse some of his ashes on the mountain that he loved. We will all miss his warm smile and bright wit. Tuesday was a challenge. The storm kept all but the hardy off the mountain. The rest of us fed the economy in the shops in town. Wednesday through Friday were wonderful with some of the best snow you could find on Mammoth and we took full advantage of it.

Noni had set up a catered dinner at the Ski Museum on Wednesday. Everyone seemed to have a good time (see pictures on page 6). Dinner, wine and good company. How could you go wrong? We ate, drank and talked skiing to our hearts content.

I want to thank everyone who helped me fill in for Noni. Connie really kept me on track and I appreciate all her suggestions. I know Noni would have done it better, but you were all patient with me and I hope everyone had fun. Thank you for your generous gifts, the jacket is

beautiful and the extra cash will serve me well in the form of a massage. I didn't deserve or expect anything, but will enjoy your kindness tremendously.

Several members of the MM#1 trip requested recipes that I used on the trip:

Chris Houkom's Praline Sauce :

- 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 2/3 cup white corn syrup
- 4 Tablespoons butter (1/2 stick)
- 1 5 oz. can evaporated milk (not condensed)
- 1 cup chopped Pecans

Mix sugar, syrup & butter in a saucepan over low heat. Bring to medium boil stirring constantly. Remove from heat & cool. When lukewarm, add evaporated milk. Blend well & add pecans. Store in jar in refrigerator.

Chris Houkom's Cheddar & Pecan Spread:

- 1# sharp cheddar cheese - grated
- 1 Cup Mayo (I used about 1/2-2/3 cup)
- 1 cup chopped pecans (very small)
- 1 cup chopped onion (very small)
- 5+ shots of tabasco
- salt and pepper (I didn't add any)

Mix-press in mold and serve — cover with 1 cup Raspberry preserves warmed in microwave

SAN DIEGO COUNCIL of SKI CLUBS REPORT (how it all started)

by Helen Navoy Harris

The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) board of directors scheduled its summer meeting at the Town and Country Hotel in San Diego on Saturday, August 17, 1963. **Joe Harris**, Convair Ski Club, was asked by **Lee Klein**, Executive Director of FWSA, to arrange an informal, social get-together with the presidents of the San Diego ski clubs. These clubs included Convair, Don Diego, San Diego, Torrey Pines, Astronautics, Solar, Aztecs, and Trolls of Oceanside.



of San Diego Ski Club members, **Bob Dean** and **Jim Wehsener**.

As time went on, the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs was organized with officiating members, such as president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and board. It was also incorporated as a non-profit organization through the pro bono efforts of **Tom Becea** (lawyer and Torrey Pines member) with established articles and bylaws.

The first Sno-ball was held in 1960 and continues on today as the Winter Gala. It was in the early 80's that the King & Queen Pageant was upgraded to Man & Woman of the Year competition.

In addition to introducing the various presidents who were in attendance, Joe related the many and varied activities that took place for skiers in San Diego. This proved to be a noteworthy session for the San Diego ski clubs and FWSA.

The San Diego Skier guide was introduced in 1969 and published for many years until it was incorporated into the newly reconstructed Far West Skier's Guide.

On September 9th, 1963, **Len Speicher**, FWSA president, notified Joe that the San Diego Council was officially declared a part of FWSA since it was informally acting as one. Joe was welcomed as the head of the new council and was given a position on the FWSA board.

The first FWSA convention to be held in San Diego (1971) was announced at the Phoenix/Scottsdale convention when San Diego with the Bahia Belle (Mission Bay sternwheeler) won over its competition, the Queen Mary in Long Beach.

This was an historical event for the San Diego ski community. But the stepping stones and building blocks leading up to this momentous occurrence were based on Joe's initiative and energy that bonded the various activities of the clubs, such as:

The Council's Ski Trade (swap meet) outgrew its location at the YMCA and was transferred to the Convair Missile Park for many years until the demise of Convair. The recent location has been at Ranch Craft.

- (1) Encouraged (i.e., strongly persuaded) each club he assisted in its formation (and there were many) to be 100% FWSA members;
- (2) Formalized the individual ski club's swap meets into a single giant swap called the Ski Trade (now the Ranch Craft Swap);
- (3) Established a Sno-Ball (now the Winter Gala) with all the ski clubs participating, where the club princesses were judged and a queen was crowned;
- (4) Promoted racing by having the two strongest clubs at that time, Convair and San Diego, each host an open race so other clubs could participate; and
- (5) With the help of **Bruce Barr**, YMCA Director and founder of the Don Diego Ski Club, introduced the Dryland Ski School to members of the community at large, adults and children, and gave members of ski clubs a discount.

Racing participation grew due to the formation of the FWSA Intramural (inter club) racing program which is now the Alpine League. San Diego clubs compete in the Far West races.

Perhaps the biggest innovation has been the Council Travel program. In the early days the mode of transportation was generally carpools, then came the availability of bus transportation (remember the Kopecky Silverstream bus trips), and finally the advent of flights. Through the efforts and expertise of **Tom Boren**, Travel Director, council trips were organized, club trips were coordinated, National Ski Weeks and later, Far West Weeks, were supported.

Dryland Ski School was organized by **Joe Harris** and **Bruce Barr** about 1960 and moved from the YMCA to Balboa Park with the permission of the city Parks and Recreation Department. Stanley Andrews Sport store donated use of their ski equipment and technicians in

Joe was able to accomplish most of these activities with the assistance

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Race Schedule Dates set for the 2007/2008 Season

Are you ready for some racing! Alpine League Racing! Well the dates have been set for this season so mark your calendars, wax your skis, sharpen your edges, clean your goggles and check your bindings. You are ready. These are the dates to mark on your calendar when you can test your equipment, show your stuff, help the club, beat last years time or become as a first time racer and join the fun:

San Diego Alpine League Race Schedule 2007/2008

Race 1	Dec. 8, 2007	(Rokka #1)	Mammoth	GS	(completed)
Race 2	Jan. 6, 2008	(Rokka #2)	Mammoth	SL	
Race 3	Jan 19-Jan 26	FWSA Ski Week	(Whistler, B.C.)	One race will count	
Race 4	Feb 2	(Rokka #3)	Mammoth	GS	
Race 5	Mar 15	(SOCALCS)	Mammoth	GS	
Race 6	Mar 16	(SOCALCS)	Mammoth	SL	
	Apr 5-Apr 6	FWSA Championships	Mammoth		

Any questions? Want answers? Want to join the race team? Can you race twice during the season? Need more information? Ask our Race Director, Carl Cobb, at the monthly meeting or call him at 619-222-5015.

Golf Report by M. C. Eastman (858) 551-8252, harry.o.eastman@att.net

A Better Way To Putt

When you're standing over a putt you have to make, the last thing you should be thinking about is mechanics. You want to concentrate on line and speed. The best putters have developed strokes that require little mechanical thought. If you don't have that kind of time, try this drill.

Place a club under your arms, and then hold it there as you grip your putter and set up to a ball. To get the ball to the hole with the club under your arms, you have to move your shoulders, arms and putter as one unit—that's the key to an effective stroke. This blending of the different parts gives you more sensitivity in your hands, because it promotes lighter grip pressure.

And that equates to better feel. Practice with a club under your arms to make your shoulders, arms and putter move in one fluid motion.

A side benefit: The shaft under your arms also helps you check your shoulder alignment.

Ski Season is here and our Club has many ski trips planned. This is also the time to start organizing our Don Diego Ski Club Golf Tournaments. Please let me know what courses are to your liking and what dates, days and tee times would meet your schedule. We had many events last year and lots of fun. I will wait to hear your response and then will be able to get our golf activity underway for 2008. Please contact me with your input.



Mammoth Midweek #1 trip pictures

Left: Chairs 3 and 5 as seen from the Goldrush Chair while it was disabled for 1/2 hour

Right: Millie leading George down BlueJay



Left: Bea schussing down Solitude, followed by Al

Right: Dan leading Sig down Solitude in a demonstration of synchronized (?) skiing



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PRACTICE SAFE SKIING

By Rodgers Magee

SKIERS CODE:

DON DIEGO's, January 6-11 trip offered some very challenging skiing conditions with blowing snow, flat light, crowded slopes with many fast skiers and boarders. All that calls for extra caution so it seems time to review the SKIERS CODE of CONDUCT, published widely by the National Ski Area Association and by the FWSA.



Always stay in control and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.

People ahead of you have the right of way; it's your responsibility to avoid them.

You must not stop where you obstruct a trail, or are not visible from above.

Whenever starting down hill or merging into a trail, look uphill and yield to others.

Use devices to prevent runaway equipment.

Observe all posted signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails and areas.

Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

We all see how congested it can become at the unloading areas so move smartly and clear the area.

Know the code, it's your responsibility. This is only a partial list sponsored by the National Ski Area Association.





NEW MEMBERS

 We have two new members this month:

Nedra Glasser

Geoff Maltin

WELCOME !

 Just a short note to let you know that the officers and members of the **DON DIEGO SKI CLUB** are delighted to see you as new members. We look forward to meeting you at the club meetings or one of the many other club activities.

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the early years to be replaced by Ranch Craft. Administration and work force was supplied by volunteers from Convair/Don Diego ski clubs. When attendance became overwhelming, Joe instructed a cadre of assisting instructors who followed an established method of teaching beginners. In this way, many new members of ski clubs and the community at large were introduced to skiing, first on grass and then on manmade snow. The school existed for three weekends in November for over a decade.

New ski clubs have been formed and some have disappeared. Currently (2008), the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs is composed of nine active clubs: Action, BAE, Don Diego, Get Off Your Rockers, North Island Snowdrifters, Pacific Rim Alliance, San Diego, Solar, and Torrey Pines. Two clubs inactive in Council regular meetings are Cubic and Ocean Hills ski clubs.



More pictures from the Mammoth Midweek #1 trip

Left: Tom, Eric, and Cindy posing before the Minarets, Mt. Ritter and Banner Peak

Above: Gunter, Eric, and Tom with a local Mammoth denizen



Dining at the Ski Museum at Mammoth
(Mammoth Midweek trip #1)

Sabina (right) with her friends



Joanna, Bea and Cindy



Debra serving the good stuff (i.e. dessert)



Shannon doing his good deed of the day, serving dessert to Larry and Dale


DON DIEGO SKI CLUB

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN MID-WEEK


MARCH 9-14, 2008

PRICE* \$492


**Includes*



Bus Transportation
Snacks & Beverages on Bus
Sunday Continental Breakfast



One Cocktail Party
One Dinner Party
Jacuzzi Parties



Lodging
Super People
Friday Sandwich Supper

CANCELLATION POLICY

*Full refund until November 10, 2007
 *November 11, 2007 to January 9, 2008 full refund with replacement
 *After January 9, 2008, no refund without replacement if trip is not sold out.
 (SOLD OUT TRIP IS 48 PARTICIPANTS)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE


- \$120 deposit due October 2, 2007
- \$120 due November 7, 2007
- \$120 due December 5, 2007
- \$132 due January 2, 2008

DDSC SUGGESTS PARTICIPANTS CONSIDER TRIP INSURANCE TO AVOID FORFEITURE

Make checks payable to: **DDSC CLIENT TRUST ACCOUNT**

Complete and sign both sides of this form and mail with deposit check to:

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BORREGO SUN AND FUN

APRIL 19th - April 21st

BIKE - HIKE - GOLF - TENNIS - SWIM

STAY AT THE BORREGO SPRINGS RESORT

Patio Rooms with Microwaves and Fridges

Continental Breakfast in the Lobby

STAY ONE OR TWO NIGHTS.

Saturday, April 19th: \$ 127.50

Sunday, April 20th: \$110

Rates are based on double or single occupancy

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

For details, contact either
BONNIE (858-748-8110) or CAROL (858-453-7413)

The resort has blocked a limited number of rooms for our group, don't delay! You must arrange your own accommodations. Call the hotel at (760) 767-5700. To get the special group rate, let them know that you are with the "Don Diego Ski Club".

There will be a Saturday evening get-together
Bring your own drinks and an appetizer to share
 (Note: This is not a club-sponsored activity)

February 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 ROKKA ski race @ Mammoth
3 ROKKA ski race @ Mammoth	4	5	6	7	8	9
————— Mammoth Midweek #2 ski trip —————						
10	11 DD SKI CLUB MEETING	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19	20 Deadline for Newsletter Copy	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 DDSC BOARD MT'G @ Denny's Clairemont Mesa	29	

MARCH HEADS UP

3rd DDSC MEETING at the Handlery Hotel

5th SDCSC BOARD Meeting

21st Deadline for Newsletter copy

27th DDSC Board meeting at Denny's Restaurant in Clairemont Mesa

February Birthdays

Art Bauer 2/01	Gerlinde Ryan 2/18
Rick Webb 2/02	Al Sapowith 2/25
Bob Gallaher 2/13	Diane Cote' 2/21
Freda Lee 2/13	Mary Toomey 2/23
Helga Kessock 2/14	Tom Boren 2/24
Adele West 2/15	Rodgers Magee 2/27
Susan Stoakes 2/18	Noel Mills 2/27

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UPCOMING NON-AFFILIATED EVENT

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For information and/or to sign up, call **Carl Cobb** (619) 222-5015 or (619) 203-2062.