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HI DON DIEGO MEMBERS

Hello Members! Ski season is here. Larry, Dale and I skied at Mammoth from November 28th to December 1st, when a big storm came in and ran us out. The snow was great the last 2 days and good the first 2 days. The entire mountain was not open. I am sure by our first trip departing on January 8th we will have plenty of snow.

The Salt Lake trip from December 8th to the 12th was a great 4 days of skiing. Our thanks go to Darlene for running a great trip. She hired a bus company to pick us up at the front of the hotel and drop us at the entrance to the ski resort. They were on time and kept our walking to a minimum. Breakfast was included and the same waitress that they have had over the years waited on us. She was unbelievable. She had everything fast and good and offered to bring us fruit plate or milk etc. The best I have ever seen. The Red Lion hotel is more than we normally expect; the large rooms are handy for ski gear. We skied Alta, Solitude, Deer Valley and Park City - four wonderful days of skiing in sunshine, cool days and tasty food.

To follow up on my super bear story which was true, I now have my car back with *one new* right rear door. You can not even tell it has been replaced and the door works fine; the repair cost was only \$2400. Thankfully, I have \$100 deductible on my insurance so my out-of-pocket cost was bearable (*no pun intended*). Imagine what it would have cost if the bear got inside.



I hear another horror story about a medical evacuation that cost \$18,000. Another story I hear was about one of my friend's grown son who had a car accident on US 395 near Bodie. His evacuation by helicopter from Bodie to Reno, his cost for evacuation was \$11,000.

I again request that if you have any questions before or during a trip that you address those questions to the Trip Leader. The Trip Leader will run a smooth trip running providing that everyone is considerate of the group. *Lloyd Hughes*

Upcoming Activities

Happy New Year to all of you. Ski season is in full swing and social activities will resume later in the ski season.

Bonnie and I appreciate all of you who have helped in leading some of our activities and all of you who have participated in the events.

The Christmas party was a festive occasion with good friends, good fun and good food. The 94th Aero Squadron did an excellent job of setting up and serving 48 club members. We received an ample collection of Toys for Tots—thanks to all who participated. We made lots of kids happy!

We are planning activities for the coming year. If you have any suggestions for activities, (especially if you are willing to plan an event) please contact Bonnie or me. We would love to add new activities into the schedule. *Carol Hamm*

DECEMBER AND JANUARY DDSC MEETINGS

The program at the Dec. meeting was the ski fashion show, compliments of Ranch Craft ski shop. The show was narrated by their representative, Misty. DDSC members, Darlene, Ken, Karl, Judy, Larry and Sarah, were the models; *thanks, you guys*. The ski clothing was from Spyder, Marker, Couloir, Obermeyer, Metropolis, Frea and Descente. All ski outfits were

very technical, featured lots of pockets, and clever ideas to keep the snow and cold out; the price ranges were \$300-\$400 for jackets and \$100-\$250 for pants.

At the time of this publication, there has been no program planned for the January 3rd club meeting. But rest assured, there will be something and come for the good time anyway. Most ski trips are filled,

but trip leaders will be taking sign-ups for the remaining open slots.

The meeting will again be back at **Coco's Restaurant** located at 4280 Nobel Drive (on the corner of Genesse Blvd. and Nobel Drive). The festivities will start at 6:00 pm: Come early, have dinner and join us for a lot of fun and talk about skiing; both past and future.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

We are always looking for and desirous of new members to keep this club active and vibrant. Please tell all your friends about our great club. Nonmembers are always welcome at club meetings. Membership applications are available and you may join and get your membership

card there. 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 mem-

bership application to you.

The yearly club dues are \$25 for a single membership (\$40 for a family membership) and you obtain the newsletter from our web site. For an additional \$5.00, the newsletter will be mailed to you.

TRAVEL NEWS

By Connie Smith, Travel Director 619-442-4924



I hope every one had a Happy Holiday Season. The ski season is well under way. The Salt Lake City Trip was a great success. Thanks to Darlene Little.

The Mammoth Midweek trips are moving right along. We may add a different après for our club.

The Mammoth Ski Museum has invited us to have an après event one evening while in Mammoth. If you haven't been there, please do so.

The Castaways Thrift Shop has moved to Chateau Rd. (closer for us to shop). Another treat for those looking for good deals. It supports the Mammoth Hospital.

We have some new things on our Mammoth trips this year. So be sure you read your itinerary and follow it closely. If you have any questions before or during your trip, please talk to your trip leader. No question is a dumb question. It just reinforces the trip program.

Our trip leaders have worked very hard to make each trip a great success. With all the members help it will happen. Please volunteer to help while on the trip. The trip leader may have enough help, but you never know.

Another thing. When I was a new member in the club I was reminded that whatever I packed I had better be prepared to carry from the bus to my condo and back. If I was fortunate enough to have someone help me that was a plus. It did not always happen, sometimes I got lucky. So remember if you pack it, you better be able to *shlep* it.

Remember, we will be loading and unloading in the street at Mammoth. No bus parking in the condo complex! So be ready for weather and cold temperatures. Be sure to have gloves handy, you may have a long walk from the bus to your condo. One other thing, if you plan to Jacuzzi, bring a beach towel. The towel exchange may be difficult this year. They promised plenty of towels. But be safe and bring an additional one.

Remember, any questions, please call/talk to your trip leader! Also, I hope that everyone is in shape and healthy! See you on the slopes!

Connie Smith

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..

California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. This business has a trust account. All payments for transportation or travel service not provided to the passenger shall be promptly refunded, in accordance with the agreed-to-terms and conditions, unless the passenger otherwise instructs the seller of travel in writing. This business is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporations (TCRC). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if you are owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which was not refunded in a timely manner by a seller of travel who was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRC to any

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CST 2056054-40

Ski Trip Schedule for 2005/2006

TRIP DESTINATION	TRIP DATE	TRIP LEADER	PHONE NUMBER
Salt Lake City, Utah	December 8-13, 2005	Darlene Little	858-679-7734
Mammoth Midweek "Technique Week"	January 8-13, 2006	Millie Gallaher	858-292-7159
Big Sky, Montana	January 28-Feb 4, 2006	Connie Smith	619-442-4924
Mammoth Midweek (#1)	February 12-17, 2006	Noni Henning	619-437-8941
Mammoth Midweek (#2)	March 5-10, 2006	Carl Tatina	858-560-5963
Andorra, Spain	March 15-25, 2006	Connie Smith	619-442-4924

HISTORICAL NOTES & ANECDOTES...

SAN DIEGO COUNCIL OF THE FWSA --- ITS ORIGIN

by Helen Navoy Harris

The FWSA board of directors scheduled its summer meeting at the Town and Country hotel (San Diego) on Saturday, August 17, 1963. Joe Harris of the Convair Ski Club was asked by Lee Klein, the Executive Director of FWSA, to arrange an informal, social get-together with the presidents of the San Diego ski clubs --- these included in addition to Convair Ski Club the following: Don Diego, San Diego, Torrey Pines, Astronautics, Solar, and the Trolls of Oceanside. In addition to introducing the various presidents, Joe related the many and varied activities that took place for skiers in San Diego. This proved to be a noteworthy session for San Diego ski clubs and FWSA. On September 9th Len Speicher, FWSA president, notified Joe Harris that the San Diego Council was officially declared as part of FWSA. Also, Joe was welcomed as the head of the council as well as becoming a member of the FWSA board.



Torrey Pines skier) and had established a constitution and bylaws.

The first FWSA convention to be held in San Diego was announced at the Phoenix/Scottsdale convention when San Diego with the Bahia Hotel and Bahia Belle (Mission Bay sternwheeler) won over Long Beach and the Queen Mary. The San Diego Skiers Guide was introduced and published for several years when it was incorporated into the newly reconstructed Far West Skiers Guide. The Council's Ski Trade (swap meet) outgrew the location at the YWCA and was transferred to the Convair Missile Park, where it was held for many years until the demise of Convair.

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 Harris' initiative and energy in bonding the various activities of the clubs, such as: (1) encouraging (i.e., strongly persuading) each club he helped in its formation (and there were many) to

be 100% FWSA members; (2) formalizing the individual ski club's swap meets into a single giant swap meet called the Ski Trade; (3) having a Snow-Ball (winter gala) with all the ski clubs participating and where the club princesses were judged and a queen was crowned; (4) promoting racing by having the two strong clubs of that time, Convair's and San Diego, hosting an open race so other clubs could participate. Joe was able to accomplish most of these activities with the assistance of San Diego Club members Bob Dean and Jim Wehsener.

The recent location has been at Ranch-Craft (thanks to Earl). The Winter Gala has continued, but the princess/queen contest has been upgraded to the Woman & Man of the Year. Racing participation grew due to the formation of the Intramural (inter club) racing program which is now Alpine League and San Diego competes 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 by carpools, then came the availability of bus transportation (remember the Kopecky

As time went by, the SD Council was organized with officiating members, such as president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. It was also incorporated as a non-profit organization through the pro bono efforts of Tom Becea (lawyer and

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 Week and later Far West Week was supported.

New ski clubs have been formed and some have disappeared. Currently, 40 years after its inception, the San Diego Council is composed of the following ski clubs: Action, Don Diego, Get Off Your Rockers, North Island Snowdrifters, Pacific Rim Alliance, San Diego (the oldest club), Solar, Top Of The Hill, Torrey Mesa, and Torrey Pines --- ten in all.

I hope this provides you with an insight of the early days of the San Diego Council. Much more can be written about its growth and transition.

Helen Harris

NEW MEMBERS

- Dee Stephens, Elizabeth Mathews, Andre Chappaz, Debbie Orley, Tim Applegate, Patti Chamberlin, Tim Applegate

WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU!!

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

We now have 184 members; 41 new member this season!

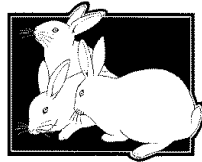
Golf Activity for October



Hi Golfers,
January is the month of Skiing. Those of us not on the hill, will be golfing! We do not have a scheduled golf tournament in January, If anyone has a favorite golf course they would like to play, contact M.C. Eastman. (858) 551-8252 or E_MAIL harry.o.eastman@att.net.

Please continue to check the newsletter for the next golf event. Happy New Year! Hit 'em long and hit 'em straight.

M. C. Eastman



PRACTICE SAFE SKIING

By Rodgers Magee

SKI MAINTENANCE 101

There shall be no compromise when the issue is SAFETY. Safe skiing starts with good equipment in good condition. Whether you have the contemporary or classics, the running surfaces must be smooth and fast and the bindings properly calibrated for you personally.

Calibration of the binding is based on your weight, height, age and your type of skiing. For best service, go to the ski shop that handles your brand of ski or, better, wait until you get to the area where you will ski: they will factor-in local conditions and be able to service all brands.

The following article of interest was published in **SKI** magazine, the January 2006 issue.

“Snowboarding's heated growth has cooled. More kids under 18 are now choosing two boards instead of one”. This is the result of a study done by The National Ski Area Association. Slightly older newcomers, age 18 to 34, are still likely to choose boarding, while even older skiers (over 45) and boarders enjoy the distinction of being part of “the largest growing segment”; that is a member of the skiing group.



AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER 2005 SKI GALA. HELEN HARRIS, SAN DIEGO COUNCIL WOMAN OF THE YEAR, PRESENTS THE JOE HARRIS SERVICE AWARD TO WINNER NORM CULLEN. ABOVE SHOWS THE PERENNIAL TROPHY AND BELOW SHOWS THE PERMANENT AWARD WHICH IS KEPT BY THE WINNER. CONNIE AND DIANE LOOK ON.



DON DIEGO SKI CLUB MEMBERS ON THE DECEMBER 2005 SALT LAKE SKI TRIP



UPCOMING SAN DIEGO COUNCIL FWSA AND NON-AFFILIATED EVENTS

- **Far West** ski week at Telluride, Feb. 4-11, 2006
- Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. **May 22 to June 6, 2006**. \$3750. Only 58 spots available. Price includes everything except Tax and Tips. For reservation and/or information call Tucker or Kathy Hoffmann, (510) 278-5900 or FWSA-Travel@aol.com
- Trip to China: **May 2006**, For information and/or to sign up, call **Carl Cobb** (619)222.5015 or 619.203.2062.

BIG SKY MONTANA SKI TRIP

Jan 28 to Feb 4, 2006

The trip is set-up, the list of skiers has been finalized and the trip is filled. If you would like to put your name onto a standby wait list contact **Connie Smith, (619) 442-4924**

ANDORA SPAIN TRIP

March 15-25, 2006

This trip is set-up, is filled and the list of travelers has been finalized. If you would like to put your name onto a standby wait list contact **Connie Smith, (619) 442-4924**

MAMMOTH TECHNIQUE WEEK


January 8 to February 13, 2006

This trip is set-up, is filled and the list of travelers has been finalized. If you would like to put your name onto a standby wait list contact Millie Galaher, trip leader, (858) 292-7159.

MAMMOTH MIDWEEK

February 12 to 17, 2006

This trip is set-up, is filled and the list of travelers has been finalized. If you would like to put your name onto a standby wait list contact Noni Henning, trip leader, (619) 437-8941



Mammoth Mid-Week

DON DIEGO SKI CLUB

MARCH 5 – 10, 2006

Price \$389

Package includes:

- ❖ Comfy bus transport to & from Mammoth with yummy snacks & drinks
- ❖ 5 nights lodging, double occupancy at Chateau de Montagne
- ❖ Cocktail/Après Ski Parties
- ❖ Wonderful people & great times

DDSC recommends Members to consider Trip Insurance to avoid forfeitures. See Trip Leader.

Deposit: \$100 due by October 4, 2005

Payments:

November 1, 2005	\$ 89	Cancellation Fees:
January 3, 2006	\$ 100	Until Jan. 3 – Full refund
February 7, 2006	\$ 100	After Jan. 3 – All payments less \$25
		After Feb. 7 – All payments less \$50 & paid replacement

Make check out to:
DDSC Client Trust Account

Mail to:
Carl A. Tatina, Trip Leader
11292 Via Carroza
San Diego, CA 92124
(858) 560-5963
email: ctatina1@san.rr.com

PLEASE READ AND FILL OUT THE SIGNUP SHEET AND THE WAIVER FORM ON THE BACK OF FLYER. ALL FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT ENTIRELY TO CONFIRM PARTICIPATION ON TRIP.

Asst. Trip Leaders: Rodger Magee, (858) 272-7024
Chris Houkom, (858) 272-0471



DARLENE AND BILL ENJOYING THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY, WHAT A GREAT DAY FOR SKIING!

DON DIEGO SKI CLUB MEMBERS ON THE DECEMBER 2005 SALT LAKE SKI TRIP.



LARRY, DALE AND LLOYD, NO DOUBT TRYING TO DECIDE ON WHICH TRAIL TO START.

2005-2006 SKI SEASON ALPINE LEAGUE RACE SCHEDULE

Race 1	Mammoth	Saturday, Dec 10, 2005	Race 2	Mammoth	Saturday, Jan 7, 2006
Race 3	Mammoth	January 28, 2006	Race 4	Mammoth	Saturday, March 4, 2006
Race 5	Mammoth	Sunday, March 5, 2006	(March 4 and 5 are also the dates of the SOCAL races)		
Far West Week	Telluride	Wed. Feb. 8, 2006	FWRA Championships	Kirkwood	Sat. Sun., Mar 18-19th
Race 6	Mammoth	Saturday, March 25, 2006			

So, club racers, start planning for this year and all you aspiring racers consider joining the DDSC race team and join in the fun.

Carl Cobb

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SKI CLOTHING ALTERATION

Lido Tailor Shop at 3025 Clairemont Drive has been altering ski clothes for many years. The owner, Thu (pronounced "2") Ngo, is well versed in the proper techniques of tailoring ski wear. Thu uses the latest methods of seam bonding, double stitching, cut placement, etc. She is knowledgeable in all aspects of this specialized craft. Thu has agreed to give Don Diego Ski Club members a 5% discount on all ski wear alterations just by showing your DDSC membership card.

FOR SALE:

TWO SETS OF SKIS. Both in excellent condition.

⇒ Vokl 154 Women's Ski - fantastic edges -- \$450

⇒ K-2 T-9 Spire 167 Women's Ski -- \$300

Seller: Sandy Cromwell, Office/Home 619-434-3800



A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROPERLY EXECUTED SNOW PLOW TURN.

DALE, LARRY AND DONNA, SALT LAKE TRIP.







RELAXING AFTER HARD DAY OF SKIING AT SALT LAKE. WHAT A GREAT TRIP!

Officers and Directors

President	Lloyd Hughes	858-485-1427	Bicycling	Carl Tatina	858-560-5963
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JANUARY 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2	3 DD SKI CLUB MEETING	4 SDSCC COUNCIL MEETING	5	6	7 First Balloon flight across the English Channel, 1785
8 Technique Week at Mammoth 8th to 13th						14  FULL MOON
15	16 	17 Deadline for Newsletter Copy	18	19	20 End of American Revolution, 1783	21
22	23	24	25	26 DDSC BOARD MT'G 6 pm, 7748 Regents Rd.	27 W. Mozart's Birthday, 1736	28 Big Sky MT. ski trip departs
29	30	31 First U.S. Earth Satellite Launched, 1958			Big Sky MT. ski trip, returns Feb. 4	



JANUARY IS ADOPT A RABBIT MONTH

FEBRUARY HEADS UP

7th DDSC CLUB MEETING

8th FWSA BOARD Meeting

12-17th Mammoth Midweek ski trip


18th Deadline for Newsletter copy

23rd DDSC Board meeting 6:00, Leucadia Pizzeria, 7748 Regents Rd.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM MAMMOTH THANKSGIVING DAY SKIERS

January Birthdays

							
	January Birthdays						
	Jeffery Annis	1st					
	Audrey Ray	2nd					
	Dana Ertley	2nd					
	Jennifer Myer	4th					
	Judy Jacobson	8th					
	Bill Nieman	9th					
	Jill Reyes	10th					
	Jonathan Oehrlein	11th					
	Roy Yates	13th					
	George Bradley	19th					
	John Cordova	19th					
	Ralph Larson	20th					
	Roy Akridge	24th					
	Karl Cikste	29th					
	Susie Vetter	30th					
				