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"You don't stop playing because you grow old; you grow old because you stop playing"

MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ - Janet Rensmeyer info@dfwyoungatheartskiers.org

Welcome to our new member Tish Hill -- who will be joining the Ireland trip -- coordinated by our trip leader Charles Chapman.

Due to the wonderful rain (and that's from a personal perspective--not shared by all), the Katy Trail "end of summer" event was cancelled Sun Sep 30. Hopefully to be rescheduled later in the month. Look for more details in upcoming emails.

As Charles mentions in the newsletter below, he and I attended the TSC Delegates meeting. It was a great opportunity to meet others within TSC. One take away was several of the clubs have put together short trips by bus or plane, and they were opening them to other clubs to join along. This is another way to get in a shorter trip if you don't have the time or money for a longer TSC trip. If anyone is interested, please send me an email and I'll forward that information to you (goalie mom@verizon.net).

We have some events coming up this month (Uncle Buck's Brew Tour and the Dallas Arboretum), that I hope many of you can join in. There are more details further in the newsletter.

See you at the next event in October at Uncle Buck's Brewery in Grapevine.

NOTES FROM THE VP -- Maggie Phillips www.dfwyoungatheartskiers.org

Texas Ski Council Trips for the Next Year

Fall Roundup--Dec. 15-22, 2012--Vail, Colorado

Traditional--Jan. 12-19, 2013--Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Winter Expedition--Jan. 25-Feb. 2, 2013-- Granada and Torremolinos, Spain

Winter Shootout--Feb. 9-16, 2013--Telluride, Colorado

Final Showdown--March 9-16, 2013--Big Ski Montana

Summer Expedition--Dates TBD--late August 23-31, 2013--Limerick and Dublin, Ireland

****See your e-mail from Greg dated 4/20/2012 for a more detailed description of each trip.*

**If you are interested in being a trip leader for Steamboat or any of the other trips, please let me know. If no one steps forward, we will refer interested skiers or travelers to one of the other TSC clubs.*

Thanks! Maggie

MEMBERSHIP/Publicity -- Mike Crupi

"It takes a whole club to raise a new member skier"

Brochures and calling cards are available for Member's use as handouts to prospective new members, local libraries, health clubs, sport shops, hair dresser, nail gal or spa. Need each of you to spread the word.

Member referrals are the most frequent way that we gain new members. If you know someone that might be interested in joining, please forward me their email address and I will send them information about our ski club. flyboymc@tx.rr.com

Texas Ski Council Update – Charles Chapman info@dfwyoungatheartskiers.org

Texas Ski Council Delegate Meeting

The meeting was held in Dallas on September 8th. In attendance from YAHS was Janet Rensmeyer and Charles Chapman. The meeting was called to order at 10am.

The morning was spent approving previous minutes, reporting on marketing efforts, treasurer's reports, discussion on Fall round up ski trips and changes in the By-Laws.

The delegates discussion on the Fall round up indicated a lack of interest from most clubs. It is always over Thanksgiving, and the snow is usually iffy. The council plans to review the feasibility of the trip at the December meeting.

After lunch, the various trip leaders from the Ski council gave reports on trips taken, and trip planned for 2012 and 2013. I'll mention only the one's that we have indicated an interest.

A total of 9 clubs and 213 people have signed up to go on this trip. The trip looks great.

2013 Ireland: The trip leader reported that 327 people have signed up to go. The trip leader recommended, and it was approved, that we accept no more people for the trip. She is starting a waiting list, and asked that each club give her an additional head count on people who wanted to be on the waiting list. YAHS has 15 people confirmed. I asked the Trip leader to put us on the list for an additional 5 spaces bringing our total to 20.

The next meeting will be in Houston on December 1st. The meeting adjourned at 3:40pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

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Pictures are worth a thousand words but two hundred words are just as good!! Email your travel/adventure/fun stuff, written words or photos to Greg Jones our Webmaster and you'll be featured on YAHS website!!! Beat the rush!

Calling all volunteers. If each of us does the planning/hosting of just one monthly event it is fun for all and not that much effort on anyone. Want to have the most successful event ever- plan months ahead so there is plenty of notice for our membership and newcomers alike. Always add a 'rain date' if it is an outdoor activity Won't you please come forward and let a Board Member know you want to contribute as well????

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER- Save the Dates



October 11 2012- Beer Tasting Happy Hour at Uncle Buck's Brewery & Steakhouse in Grapevine (near the Bass Pro Shops), October 11, 6:00 PM. Contact the Greg or Selma Jones to RSVP

November 2012- Billye Summers – Katy Trail hike/bike/brunch

December 2012- Annual Christmas Potluck & Chinese Gift Exchange

January 2013-

February 2013- Ski Telluride

Monthly Calendar- watch email for updates! Contact HOST of individual activities with any questions. –refer to your Club Roster for Email addresses and phone numbers (available on our website, “Members Only” section)..

WE'VE BEEN PLAYING

ADVENTURES IN ICELAND

By Beach Aten

My daughter Melissa and I recently spent five days touring Iceland. Why Iceland? We only had five days and didn't feel that there was enough time for Europe, but Iceland was only five hours away by air from Washington, D.C. where she lives.

Iceland is a beautiful island and we enjoyed the trip, but we had weather problems that detracted from the experience somewhat. The island is about the size of Kentucky with a population slightly larger than Plano. It is mostly mountainous and full of volcanoes, glaciers, fjords, waterfalls, geysers, and miles of lava fields that looked like moonscapes. There are also hundreds and hundreds of sheep ranches. We had to avoid sheep on the highway at times.

Besides sheep the economy is based on fishing, a few aluminum smelters (because of cheap electricity generated by geo-thermal means), and tourism. The people were very friendly and we only encountered a few who didn't speak English. We were amused by Icelandic names--most of them are unpronounceable. We often got the giggles when we were navigating. They use our alphabet, but have two additional letters.

We stayed in Reykjavik, the capital and largest city, the first day. About sixty percent of the Icelanders live in or around Reykjavik--the only real city on the island. It's a very modern, comfortable city, but not particularly distinctive. We could have been in Omaha. Iceland was first settled in the tenth century, but there is none of the distinctive medieval architecture you find in European cities.

The best known tourist destination in Iceland is the Golden Circle, a few hours from Reykjavik. It consists of the Gullfoss waterfall, which is spectacular, Geysir, and Ping- bellir National Park, which contains a large crack in the earth from tectonic plate activity.

We skipped Geysir, because if you've been to Yellowstone, you've seen geysers.

We planned to circle the outer edges of the island on Iceland Route 1, but only made it about three quarters of the way due to weather problems. We started toward the northwest corner where there is a large peninsula full of fjords. It was very sparsely populated and pretty, but not spectacular. A heavy driving rain and strong winds made it impossible to leave the car.

We intended to continue across the northern part of the island toward Akureyri but the locals informed us that there were serious weather advisories being broadcast, so we headed south. This section of Route 1 is further inland and apparently is a little higher in elevation, because we had about 20 miles of a blinding snow storm--white-out conditions. We managed to slide into the car in front of us and put a dent in our rental car.

We continued on Route 1 along the southern edge of the island to the eastern-most point. We left the snow and encountered partly sunny conditions the rest of the trip. The south- eastern part is very beautiful. For much of the way the road is on several hundred yards of flat land between vertical rock cliffs and the ocean. It passes under Eyjafjallajökull Volcano and the Vatnajökull Glacier. The volcano exploded a few years ago and disrupted air traffic and the glacier covers about ten percent of Iceland.

There were also long sections of nothing but black volcanic rock, sometimes covered by bits of moss and in other places no vegetation at all. In fact, on most of the island there were almost no trees or shrubs.



We enjoyed this part of the trip, but we had another weather problem: very strong winds. They were so bad for three days that it was very difficult to leave the car. With temperatures in the 40s it was also cold. At one point there was a large glacier that extended down to the road, with small icebergs floating in a stream. When we climbed the small hill--a moraine actually--we were literally almost blasted off. It also stung our eyes. It made it unpleasant to stop or to pump gas.

All in all Iceland is a very interesting place.

Greg and Selma Jones spent the month of August in the north. We spent two weeks in Sioux Lookout, Ont., Canada. While there, we participated in the town's Centennial Celebration, Blueberry festival, Selma's family reunion, her neighborhood reunion and reacquainting with other friends. Greg enjoyed his first float plane ride prior to its crashing on another flight. Needless to say, we were busy, had lots of good times and enjoyed the lakes and weather.

Next we went to Thunder Bay, visited Kakabeka Falls and spent an evening at Selma's uncle's Amethyst Mine where we enjoyed dinner, red foxes, a bonfire by the lake and a marvelous sunset.

We spent our third week on the north shore of Lake Superior near Grand Marais being tourists, sightseeing, hiking, dining and shopping. Then it was on to the Iowa's "great lakes" for a week. What a delightful surprise, not corn fields, but lakes, woods with trails, lots of boating, good food and lots of fun things to do. A day was spent in Sioux Falls, SD, where we particularly enjoyed the annual sculpture walk. It was time to head home, always glad to get there, with a wonderful vacation behind us.

IT'S SNOW FUN IN THE MAKING !

Two members have stepped forward to lead trips in 2013! Refer to TSC info above to know if you would like to be a Trip Leader and contact Maggie Phillips.

Other News, Updates and Information

There were 5 entries in the "It's All in the Name" Contest ! The overwhelming winner was Mike Crupi with the website title of "Been There, Done That". This will be the title of YAHS website section that will host both past and present member Autobiographies. Since Mike is a Board Member and not eligible for the \$50 prize, the prize will be given to the Runner Up which was Selma Jones. Congratulations to all who submitted the creative titles and especially to our Winner Mike and Runner Up Selma.

We need your input ! Any news you may want to share with YAHS is welcome. The newsletter comes out on the 1st of each month so send Pam your input by the 28th of any month to get your name in YAHS next issue.

\$\$\$ and SENSE

LED light bulbs are the 'light of the future', last 10-15 years and cost less than \$5.00 a year for electric---NOW GO GET GREEN !

OUR MONEY GUY- Beach Aten

Detailed information available in "Members Only" section of website.

see you next month.....**Pam**

