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

Message from the President – Mike Crupi

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We've completed our annual YAHS ski trip, this time to Jackson Hole. A steep mountain. The first day was sunshine and blue skies. The next five days were cloudy with snow or snow showers and some reduced visibility, especially near the top. Steep mountain. Warren says nothing is too steep as long as it's groomed. I beg to differ. Breakfast at the hotel was very adequate. We then had about a twenty minute ride to the mountain. We raced on Friday and for first time had a 100% participation rate. We won our division again. Steep mountain. At night, staying in Jackson, we had many choices for dinner. From Thai, pizza, pasta, steak, BBQ, we tried them all. The Farewell Dinner included prime rib, dancing, and a good time. And finally, a Happy Hour where awards were presented included wine tasting and finger foods. I think we all had a good time. Did I mention the steep mountain?

MEMBERSHIP/PUBLICITY – Pam Terrell

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

Think Rain and Snow, Pam

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Texas Ski Council Update – Charles Chapman

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Remaining Texas Ski Council Trips for 2014

***Final Showdown—March 1-8 AND/OR March 8-15, Keystone, Colorado
Summer Expedition—Any 10 days May through Sept., 2014—South Africa***

The Texas Ski Council won't meet again until April 4-6th. At that time the TSC trips for next year will be set..

Charles provided a list of the trips that are eligible for bidfest in April and would like input from the members as to where you would like to go. Please email Charles before April 4th at charles@chapmanhext.com with your selections. The trips are listed below.

Traditional

Beaver Creek	1/10-1/17	Ski.com	Gloria Saiya-Woods
Beaver Creek	1/10-1/17	Winter Ski & Sports	Karl Winter
Lake Louise	1/10-1/17	Ski Canada Holidays	Sandy Best
Whistler	1/10-1/17	Sports America	Sara Clemons

Winter Shootout

Breckenridge	1/31-2/7	Winter Ski & Sports	Karl Winter
Fernie Alpine, BC	1/31-2/7	Sports America	Sara Clemons
	2/7-2/14		
Mammoth	1/31-2/7	Holidaze	Bob McErlean
Winter Park	2/7-2/14	Ski.com	Gloria Saiya-Woods
Winter Park	2/7-2/14	Skigroup.net	Sandy Gaudette

Final Showdown

Breckenridge	2/28-3/7	Sports America	Sara Clemons
Mammoth	2/28-3/7	Holidaze	Bob McErlean
	3/7-3/14		
Mt. Bachelor	2/28-3/7	Ski Alpine Experience	Andre Gupta
Winter Park	2/28-3/7	Ski.com	Gloria Saiya-Woods

Winter Expedition

Cortina, Italy	1/23-1/31	Ski.com	John Frasca
Madonna di Campiglio, Italy	1/23-1/31	Holidaze	Bob McErlean
Madesimo, Italy	1/23-1/31	Ski.com	John Frasca

Summer Expedition

China	10/2015	Alpine Adventures	Marion Johnson
Discover Tuscany	Sept & Oct	Collette	Mike Sprute
Greece & Greek Isles	10/2015	Ski.com	John Frasca
Maine	Late June or Sept	Applecore Sports	Scott Appleman
New Zealand	9/4-9/10	Active Adventures	Paul McDonald

Webmaster Update

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The following new photos are on the website:

Christmas Party 2013
Jackson Hole 2014
Steamboat Springs 2014



WE NEED YOUR HELP

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It is that time of year to nominate members for positions on the board of directors. Greg Jones has agreed to chair the nominating committee. If you or anyone you know would like to run for a position on the board, please contact Greg. The positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, TSC Delegate, Webmaster, and Event Coordinator. This is your club and we need your input.

If anyone has ideas for an event in March please contact Billye Summers 972-291-7990, summersatty@hotmail.com. This will be our last event before the new officers are elected in April. No event is planned for February because hopefully we all will be skiing. The dinner arranged by Charles Chapman at David's Seafood Restaurant was a great success and we had a good turnout. Any suggestions are welcome but we need to be sensitive as to time and place.

LET'S PLAY TOGETHER- Save the Dates

Sunday, April 13, 3 PM – Annual membership meeting at the home of Greg and Selma Jones. More details will follow. **NOTE: This is a date change.**

WE'VE BEEN PLAYING

2114 TSC SHOOTOUT - JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING

During the 2nd week in February, a dedicated group of DFW YAHS members ventured to Jackson Hole, Wyoming for the 2014 TSC Shootout. Our "elite eight" included Team Leader Mike Crupi, Race Leader Rich Brandenburg, Beach Aten, Allen & Pam Terrell, Richard Halverson / Pat Lukert, and Warren Norris, Trip Reporter. Mike, Beach, & Rich flew directly from D/FW to Jackson, Richard & Pat flew in from their new home base in Montrose, Colorado, and Allen, Pam, and Warren took a more round-about route by air to Boise, Idaho, and by rental car through Idaho Falls (where they picked up Happy Hours fixings at Sam's) and onto Jackson.

Our small, but exuberant group joined with the rest of TSC for 147 Texans on the mountain. Our week (Sunday through Sunday) was slightly altered from the TSC week (Saturday through Saturday), but we were there for most of the major activities. While the major TSC contingent stayed out at Teton Village (close to the ski area), the DFW YAHS group stayed at the 49er Inn & Suites in Downtown Jackson. What we lost in extra transit time to the ski area (about 15 minutes), we gained by (1) having direct access to Downtown Jackson and (2) our Hotel was a bed & breakfast facility. I was also particularly pleased to have a church (Our Lady of the Mountains) right across the street, so that I was able to attend services on both weekends and not miss any Club activities. Also, our suite rooms at the 49er were large enough that Mike and I were easily able to host Happy Hours each day. And, thanks to the dining expertise of the Terrells, we had some excellent evening meals at local Jackson restaurants (Italian, Thai, and a western Steakhouse with a big sign display from Gun Barrel City, Texas).

We skied Jackson Hole (SE of Grand Teton National Park) on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and some went to Grand Targhee (west of Grand Teton National Park) on Tuesday. Beach and Richard & Pat also skied Jackson Hole on Saturday. The ski areas were spectacular, with plenty of good snow and great runs, but due to low clouds and poor visibility, they proved to be quite

challenging. As a result, we were not able to ski and enjoy the entirety of these wonderful mountains. Richard & Pat took a day off to visit the nearby National Wildlife Refuge and see hundreds of elk. Meanwhile, Allen & Pam took a day off to fulfill one of their "bucket list" items by going for a dog-sled ride.

The Team Ski Races were delayed from Thursday to Friday, but thanks to the leadership of Rich, the DFW YAHS Team had 100% participation. Unlike Team Races in the past, we did not win any individual medals, but we did repeat as the winner of the Team Award for Division III. The new snow and limited visibility made the race course more difficult and the finish line was confusing, so that although we skied all the gates, some were DQed simply because they passed the finish line on the wrong side. The Awards Party was a late Friday Afternoon Happy Hour at the base of the Mountain. We received notice of our Team Award, and thanks to a light attendance, our group was able to acquire a large pocket sandwich tray and 3 bottles of wine to supplement our Happy Hours. The evening before (Thursday), TSC held the Farewell Dinner/Dance at the top of the Gondola Lift - Rendezvous Restaurant. They provided an excellent meal and great music. Pam, Allen, and Mike were the most lively of the group in their dance routines.

After completing an excellent week of skiing at Jackson Hole, our group split - Beach, Rich, and Richard/Pat returned home while Mike, Allen & Pam, and I headed further west for some additional skiing at Sun Valley, Idaho. I just happened to have access to an excellent condo in Sun Valley, belonging to my Godchild. We had terrific lodgings that was only 2 blocks from the Warm Springs Chair Lifts. And "SUN" Valley really lived up to its name - we had lots of sun and great visibility. I acted as "Trail Boss" since I have skied Sun Valley many times and this was a first for Mike, Allen, and Pam. We had three wonderful days of skiing on probably the best groomed ski area in the country where the "green runs" would be "blue runs" at many other resorts. On our last skiing day, Mike (our energizer bunny) continued on after Allen, Pam, and I had retired for the day, and skied a total of 21 runs. On our 4th day at Sun Valley, we took in the Town of Ketchum, visited the local Cemetery to see Ernest Hemingway's grave, toured the historic Sun Valley Lodge, and saw the nearby Dollar Mountain (the original 1930' ski hill developed by Averill Harriman as part of the first destination ski resort in the Country).

Also, I might add that during our 2 week ski tour of Jackson Hole and Sun Valley, we saw lots of TV coverage of the Winter Olympics. On Friday, February 21st, our "fearsome foursome" drove back to Boise for our flights back to Dallas. Mike was able to catch a non-rev flight on US Air and got back to Dallas in a reasonable time, while Allen, Pam, and Warren continued their circuitous route via Southwest Airlines that took us through Phoenix (for a 5 1/2 hour layover), and then onto Dallas and home in the early Saturday morning hours. We will all recover quickly and be ready for another great ski adventure.

Warren Norris, Trip Reporter

Snow Chicks – Steamboat Springs Trip

The Snow Chicks (female members of YAHS and guests) invaded Steamboat Springs, Colorado, the first week in February. We were originally called Ski Chicks by our bus driver but there was lots more activities than skiing.

We arrived on Monday and the skiers were on the slopes Tuesday through Thursday. While they enjoyed the fresh powder, the others were out snow shoeing, snowmobiling, horse-drawn sleigh riding, calf roping and visiting the hot springs both in town and at Strawberry Park. The most

adventuresome went ice fishing and actually caught a few fish. Unfortunately the tubing park was closed when we tried to go.

Of course when there is a group of women, there is always eating and shopping and downtown Steamboat Springs is a great place to do both. The annual Winter Carnival and the first Friday Art Walk took place the week we were there.

Thanks to all who set it up – mark your calendars for next year.

Joyce Muldoon

Nine women went to Steamboat Springs for an all girl trip which included just about everything one would want to do in 6 feet of snow: soaking at Strawberry Springs in 15 degree weather, ice fishing with wind chill below zero, snow shoeing, sleigh riding, yoga, shopping, delicious dining, wine and hot tubing, and of course skiing. The snow was the best most of us have ever seen. It was also Winter Carnival week so we got to see the children race on skis down Main St. behind horses...never seen anything quite like that before.

Billye Summers

Happy BELATED Birthday to the following members who celebrate birthdays in February.

2/14	Irene Philipp
2/21	David Blakeley
2/24	Warren Norris

Happy Birthday to the following members who celebrate birthdays this month.

3/21	Julie Davis-Raley
3/24	Maggie Phillips
3/25	Beach Aten
3/29	Kathryn Holly

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 Kathy (k.aten@verizon.net) your input by the 28th of any month to get your information in YAHS next issue.

MEMBER NEWS

Get well wishes to Tom Macomber and a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

TREASURER- *Beach Aten*

Detailed information available in “Members Only” section of website.

A request was made to include cell numbers on the YAHS roster. If you would like your cell phone number to be added to the roster, please email the information to Beach at b.baten@gte.net.

