

Huntsville
Ski
Club

The

Flakey



News



March 2004

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The Nominating Committee proposes the following candidates for the HSC Board of Directors for the coming year:

President – Nan Case
Vice President – Chic Kirchner
Secretary – Joyce Howell
Treasurer – Carl Case or Ralph Wisser
Social Team – Norma Oberlies, Isabel Abiseid, & Joan Hunter
Western Trips – Charles Blakely
Local Trips – Jim Will
Recreation – Christie Buck
Publicity – Jim Hall
Membership – Kathy Leggett
Newsletter – Joe Cremin
Training – Fred Killmeyer
Historian – Sonny Norville



Passing the torch

Election night will be at the regular HSC meeting in **March**. If anyone would like to be added to the candidate list, contact a member of the nominating committee. Further nominations will also be accepted from the floor on election night. (Note that any nominees must have agreed in advance to accept the position.)

Your HSC 2004 Nominating Committee:

Liz Switzer “Chair”	461-1878
Hugh Nicholson	461-7960
Linda Shockley	880-7201
John Haskell	880-6406
George Brown	851-9375

We are looking forward to another exciting year!
Sonny Norville, 2003-2004 President

See the Monarch trip report and pictures on page 7

Next Ski Club Meeting: Wednesday, March 17. 21, 7:00PM at the Hilton , Board Meeting at 6:00 PM

Flakey Ski Swap

Advertise your used ski equipment in the Flakey. Submit input to bghitt1@comcast.net by the Flakey deadline, February 25. Please limit input to a few lines - ski equipment, accessories, or clothing only

K2, X15, 185 cm parabolic skis and Salomon boots size 9 1/2D with Marker Titanium bindings
Jim Link 256 726 4600

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Please submit articles for April Flakey to Joe Cremin at buzweiser@comcast.net by March 25th

Shoals Corner

We had a great turnout for our February meeting at Evergreen Oriental Buffet. The food was wonderful and the service was unsurpassed! Because it was such a wonderful experience, the membership voted to change our monthly meeting place to the Evergreen Oriental Buffet (on Florence Blvd next to Thornton Chrysler-Dodge). Please make a note of this!

The Mardi Gras cookout/party at the Aston's was a lot of fun. We celebrated Kris Seabol's birthday....what a surprise it was!

We heard some wonderful stories from those Shoals members who went on the Monarch trip. I'm not sure if it's a secret or not....but, Randy & Karen Myers actually "lost" a snowmobile in the snow! Sounds like it was a wonderful trip.

The annual Nantahala, NC, Camping & Rafting Trip is scheduled for July 15 - 19, 2004. For those interested in going, please contact Kay Durrett. She will fill you in on all the details. For those who have already committed to going this year, please contact Ann King at Lost Mine Campground, (828) 488-6445, to reserve your camp sites.

Our trip to Pigeon Forge, which will be November 11-14, is filling up fast. It was a wonderful trip in 2003...everyone had a great time. In fact, we already have a "waiting list" of people who wish to go, other than those who went last year. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Bill Nelson. If enough people join the waiting list, there's the possibility of reserving another Cabin.

Our next cookout will be at Jim & Kay Durrett's home on March 6, 2004. We will be celebrating "Texas Independence Day". The Durrett's will be cooking a Beef Brisket....so, bring a dish to share and be sure to don your favorite Texas attire!

Then, in April, Dorothy Saving is planning a "Game Night" and will have details at the next Shoals Meeting.

We hope to see you there.

Jennifer Aston

Western Trips

The Banff, Canada trip left on the 28th of February and will return the 6th of March. This is the last Club sponsored trip for what turned out to be another great ski season with good snow and lots of sunshine.

Looking ahead to next year, four coordinators have indicated they will submit plans to the new board for consideration. The plans include trips to Big Sky, Telluride, Monarch, non-club-sponsored trips to Park City and a NASA trip. I will pass on the details to our next year's western trip director Charles Blakely.

It has been a pleasure serving on the Board of Directors. Thanks to all the coordinators for giving up their free time to plan and execute their trips. I look forward to going on a trip or two next season.



George Cass, Western Trip Coordinator



HSC cowboys, Stuart Rogers and Tom Dollman at Steamboat



Alice Clements, Carl & Nan Case, Ron Clements, Sue & Charlie, Suzanne & Jim Farrell at Monarch.
Photo by Joel Clifton

TRAINING

HIKING - Hiking continues every Sunday through winter weather permitting. We meet at the Hiker's Parking lot in Monte Sano State Park at 1:15PM and leave at 1:25PM sharp! The park asks for a \$1.00 donation to their honor box this year. Hiking boots are recommended along with water and a snack. Hikes usually last about 2 hours.

TENNIS - We play tennis every **Saturday** morning at **9:00 AM** at the **Huntsville High School** courts weather permitting Contact **Kathy French, 721-1100, kafrench2@comcast.net** for more information.

BIKING - The bike outings are by email notice. There are no regularly scheduled rides in the winter but we try to squeeze some in weather permitting. The bike outings are by email notice and are usually in the afternoon on warm days. Contact **Fred Killmeyer, 883-8274, fkillmeyer@comcast.net** to be added to the email distribution or for more information. Dinner and/or drinks to follow for those interested

PRSM Fitness Center Ski Club members qualify for the group discount at PRSM. For a tour and/or more information call PRSM at 880-7002. **Don't pass up these excellent opportunities to train. . If you are interested in adding other activities related to training or more information on our present activities contact Fred Killmeyer, 883-8274, fkillmeyer@comcast.net**

A BIG WELCOME to Our New Members:

<i>name</i>	<i>home phone</i>	<i>work phone</i>	<i>address</i>	<i>city</i>	<i>state</i>	<i>zip</i>
Birdnow, Barbara	772-4411		121 Dawn Drive	Madison	AL	35758
Buitekant, Alan & Peggy	509-6366		401 Douglass Rd	Huntsville	AL	35806
Byrne, Kieran	726-9815	464-4607	6659 Steeplechase Drive	Huntsville	AL	35806
Davis, Tim	340-0828	961-1464	1720 PennyLane SE	Decatur	AL	35601
Heilman, Laura Schuler & Jon	341-0759	318-2880, 306-4005	2718 Jarvis Street S.W.	Decatur	AL	35603

Address/Phone Changes

<i>Name</i>	<i>home phone</i>	<i>work phone</i>	<i>address</i>	<i>city</i>	<i>state</i>	<i>zip</i>
Knight, Carla	256-614-0703	876-2519	5605 Granary Way	Athens	AL	35611
Lamar, Tom & Sherry	881-8704	885-7382	813 Annlau Ave.	Huntsville	AL	35802
Prestwood, William T.	881-4333	885-7382	410 Sanders Rd.	Huntsville	AL	35802
Smith, Freda		256-233-6770	106 West Lake Circle	Madison	AL	35758

SOCIAL

FRIDAY NIGHT COOKOUTS



Spring is nearly here and it is time to start thinking about those great Friday Night Cookouts. Please take a look at your calendars and see if you can host a cookout this year. The club will spot you \$25/for sodas and paper products. You provide a grill and space for socializing!

Give Nan a call if any of the Fridays from April though August look like a good time for you! 883-8805.

**West End Grill, Friday,
March 5, 5:30.
Come out for drinks, food,
and social hour!**

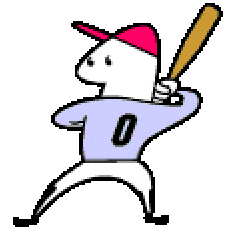
If you are interested in cheering on the VIPIRS with other Club members either in March or April, contact Phill Hollister at "TbirdPhill@comcast.net".

Mark your calendars for these special Saturday Outings in lieu of cookouts on these weekends.

May 15th Ron Paulus River House Party
June 12th Bob Breedan's Lake House Party
July 3rd Sue and Charlie's 4th of July Party
Aug. 21st Carla Knight River /New House Party

Picnic with the Stars May 22, Saturday

Time will be 6:00 meal, 7:05 game, with Chattanooga Lookouts. It's free baseball night (the squeeze/stress relief type) to the first 1500. So, we should all get one of those to help us with our "real" jobs.



More info will be available in future editions and at the meeting. Freda will start taking money in March and will distribute the tickets at the May meeting.

RECREATION

Hike on Lookout Mountain Saturday, March 20th

Come hike up (or down, if you prefer) Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga on Saturday, March 20th. If you're looking for good uphill hiking training, this is a perfect opportunity. If you'd like a more leisurely walk down a gentle slope, you can do that, provided there are enough hikers. Bring packed lunch and water. We'll be meeting at the Winn Dixie on Winchester Road at 8:15 a.m. for car pooling. Please indicate your interest in going on this hike to Christie Buck by Friday, March 19th: e-mail "outdoorsplaying@yahoo.com", or telephone 859-9154.

Biking/potluck Saturday, April 10th

Christie and Glen will be hosting a biking/potluck outing on Saturday, April 10th. Meet at our home at 3:00 p.m. We will bike the scenic roads in our area and then enjoy a potluck dinner together. Bring something to share and whatever you want to drink. You might also want to bring a lawn chair.

Directions to our home, 225 Case Road: east over Chapman Mountain (Hwy. 72) to first (Moore's Mill Road) or second (Shields Road) traffic light and turn left. At Winchester Road, turn right (in both cases). Look for Food Valu on the right hand side of the road, then Domino's Pizza, and El Mariachi Restaurant. At El Mariachi, prepare for a right hand turn - it comes up suddenly. You will enter "Winchester Estates" on Oletimers Road. Take the first left onto Sawmill Road, then the first right onto Case Road. We are the second house from the end on the left hand side. Hope to see you there!

Fall Creek Falls weekend, April 30 - May 2. There is still a spot for one man to share a room with another in a cabin at Fall Creek Falls. Camping is available for anyone who prefers their accommodation a bit more rugged. If you'd like to go but would prefer to be in a villa or cabin, contact Christie Buck, "outdoorsplaying@yahoo.com", to get on the waiting list. Fall Creek Falls has been recognized as one of the 5 best state parks in Southeastern U.S., and Golf Digest has named its golf course as one of the "100 Best Public Places To Play". Other activities include hiking, tennis, swimming, fishing, rock climbing and rappelling, mountain and road biking, caving, horseback riding, canoeing and row boating. There are also excellent Ranger led informational/educational programs. Cost per person for two nights in a 3-bedroom villa is \$62, and in a 3-bedroom cabin is \$68. Cost for camping is \$18.50 for the first 2 people on a site, and \$.50 for each additional up to 8 per site. Sewer hook-up is available for campers for an additional \$2.00 per site. Don't miss out on this wonderful weekend in an exceptionally beautiful area.

Biltmore Estate Christmas Lights Weekend If there is sufficient interest, Christie Buck will organize a trip to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC to enjoy the magnificent Christmas lights. This will take place on Thanksgiving weekend, from the Friday, November 26 (day after Thanksgiving) through Sunday the 28th. Family members who are visiting for the holiday are very welcome to come along. Group rates are available for 20 or more. If a minimum of 20 people indicate an interest in going to the Biltmore for the holidays, the trip will take place. Please contact Christie at "outdoorsplaying@yahoo.com" if you are interested in this trip.

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Heads Up - there will be **two canoe trips** this coming summer: to Elk River on June 12th (before Bob and Debbie Breeden's cookout) and the second to Bear Creek in July (date TBD).  
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Monarch Ski Trip - Champagne Powder

What a wonderful trip!! This year was great for snow. We had 18 inches of fresh powder on Saturday, before we started skiing on Sunday and then the most wonderful 18 inches of champagne powder on Wednesday to finish the week with. There was no one on the slopes but us. Our youngest skier was 2 ½ years of age and we had 3 people skiing free. We had people who had never been on a Huntsville Ski Club Trip before and those who can not count the number of times they have been skiing with the Ski Club. Our group was very diverse this year but blended extremely well. We laughed at hat/helmet hair. (Believe me one is as bad as the other. I know because I am now the proud owner of my own ski helmet.) We had wine in the hot tub and then happy hour to tell each other about our day of skiing. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

Post Trip Party: Sunday, March 28, 5 pm at my home. Bring your pictures and stories. I will email everyone directions. This will be a joint post trip party with the Steamboat participants.

Sue Chatham, 461-0262 chatham@knology.net



Our youngest skier
2 ½ years old, Cole Vinson
Gene & Vonnette Hartsfield's
grandson →



Kris Seabol

HSC Calendar

March 5	West End Grill
March 17	HSC Meeting & Election of Officers
March 20	Hike on Lookout Mountain
March 25	Flakey input due
April 10	Biking Potluck
April 30— May 2	Fall Creek Falls Weekend
May 15	Ron Paulus Lake House
May 22	Picnic with the Stars
June 12	Canoe Trip & Breeden Lake House Party
July 3	4th of July Party
August 21	Carla Knight Lake House

Local trip

Fort Walton Beach Memorial Day weekend May 28 - May 31

Last weekend in May. Come and have fun at the beach. This is always a fun and relaxing trip. We will be staying at the Surf Dweller Condo's overlooking the Ocean, pool and tennis court which are all included in the price. Cost is \$199 for the three nights and will include a shrimp boil on Saturday night by the pool. Reservations are first come first serve basis. This trip is a favorite of the club and goes fast. There is a non refundable \$10 sign up fee due in April. We have reservations for 24 and 10 have tentatively signed up. Make checks payable to the Huntsville Ski Club.

Send to: Tom Hurley, 2225 Golf Rd. unit 515, Huntsville, Al 35802 Phone: 256 880 9022, Email shamrockgp@aol.com

Note from Editor

After two fun and busy years of editing the Flakey News, I am passing on this awesome responsibility to Joe Cremin. Thanks to everyone who helped me, those who sent their input on time (or almost on-time), and sent photos. I have had fun and learned a lot. And now for my last chance to share my adorable grandchild with you!

Barbara Hitt



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Huntsville Ski Club

Membership Application - Renewal Form - Change of Address Form

Date: _____ Note: Membership year ends August 31.

Circle Applicable - Change of address - New Member - Renewal of Current Member - Renewal of Previous Member
 If renewal, are addr, phone, email same? Yes No -Family Membership (\$30) - Individual Membership (\$21) - Check - Cash
 Sponsor (optional) _____ **Email Only - deduct \$5, US Mail - Add \$5**

Name _____
 First Mi _____ Last _____

Spouse: _____
 First Mi _____ Last _____

Address: _____
 City State _____ Zip _____

Phones: _____

Home: _____ Work: _____

Spouse Work: _____

E-Mail Address : _____

The undersigned acknowledges the hazards inherent in skiing and other sports participated in by the Huntsville Ski Club, Inc. In consideration of the benefits derived from club membership, the undersigned does absolute, release, and waive any and all claims or demands against the Club, its officers, directors, and each and every member thereof which may arise out of any injury, damage, or pecuniary loss incidental to participation in Club activities.

Applicant's Signature _____ Spouse's Signature _____

Make check out to Huntsville Ski Club. Questions?? Call Laurali 883-9005 or e-mail lbh4955@comcast.net
Mail to Laurali Hollister, 1201 Aldridge Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803

How did you find out about the Huntsville Ski Club? _____

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Shoals Meeting - Mar. 18**



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