

Huntsville  
Ski  
Club

# The *Stakey* News



**April 2004**

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## Election Results

*The membership of the Huntsville Ski Club thanks the outgoing Board for the great job they have done this past year. The Board members made sure the Club offered several ski trips and many other fun activities. THANKS AGAIN!*

*Now we welcome the incoming Board. Below are the 2004/2005 Board members. They were elected at the March 17, 2004, meeting of the general membership.*

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

*Congratulations to all of you. We are sure you will lead the Club into another outstanding year.*  
*Liz Nicholson*

**Next Ski Club Meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2004, 7:00PM at the Hilton, Board Meeting at 6:00PM**

# Shoals Corner

**No material submitted**



Advertise your used ski equipment in the Flakey. Submit input to [buzweiser@comcast.net](mailto:buzweiser@comcast.net) by the flakey deadline, April 24. Please limit input to a few lines - ski equipment, accessories, or clothing only.

**For Sale:**

Salomon 9x, 170 cm skis with Salomon 977 binding. These skis are about eight years old and have been conservatively used by an over 50 and now over 60 year old woman. They are in good, not excellent condition. \$75. or make an offer to Jane Zenk: [jzenk@knology.net](mailto:jzenk@knology.net) or 325-8908.

**El Presidente:**

*I would like to thank the membership for your vote of confidence in electing me President for the 2004-2005 ski club year! I will try to serve you well and promote the wonderful activities and qualities of our club! A big thank you also goes out to all of last years board for their hard work in providing us with a very successful and fun filled year. And a welcome aboard and thanks to the new board for volunteering their time and effort to the ski club.*

*With the end of ski season, I encourage all of you to give some thought to helping the club in 2004-2005. We will need ski trip leaders, local trip leaders, cookout hosts, suggestions and help for activities in social, recreation, and training. From experience I can affirm that the more activities you attend the more wonderful people you will meet and the more fun you will have!!*

*Chic will be acting president for our April meeting as I will be biking through the Netherlands! Y'all have fun without me!! Nan*

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**Please submit articles for May Flakey to Joe Cremin [buzweiser@comcast.net](mailto:buzweiser@comcast.net) by April 24 (hard deadline)!**

### Banff Trip Report

On Saturday, February 28th, twenty-nine of us made our trek to Calgary, Canada and from there took a bus to the Ptarmigan Inn in Banff. This turned out to be a wonderful facility, being right in the middle of town. It is convenient to the Safeway grocery, the restaurants, and the shops. The rooms are nice and the staff was friendly and helpful.

Mainly because of reports of thin snow at the Lake Louise ski area, most of us skied Sunday at Sunshine Village. It was a much-changed place from what I remembered from 15 years before. Practically all of the lifts are new, quad chairs. The trails were well groomed, and even though new snow was needed, the skiing was great. A recently opened ski area at Sunshine, the Goat's Eye, soon became popular with many of us.

We skied Sunshine for the next two days. During this time we got more snow, and the ski reports from Lake Louise got better. The snow came just in time, because the Ptarmigan had overbooked, and we wound up spending our last two nights at the Chateau Lake Louise.

There was always a party of some kind going on. Sunday evening we had a reception at the Ptarmigan. Monday evening some of the group stayed at Sunshine after skiing for an evening mountain side party. Tuesday we had a follow up to the reception, trying to finish the left over wine and snacks. Wednesday evening we enjoyed a nice banquet at Ticino's, a Swiss Italian restaurant a block away from the Ptarmigan.

There were plenty of side trips in Banff for us to take on our

off days from skiing. Liz and I took a wilderness tour Wednesday morning, seeing lots of elk. Some of us rode the gondola up Sulfur Mountain that afternoon.

Thursday morning we packed our duds for the transfer to the Chateau Lake Louise. We then took the morning bus to the Lake Louise ski slopes, where most of us skied that day. Our bags were waiting in our rooms at the Chateau that evening when we checked in. We enjoyed wondering around this five star hotel, admiring its fairyland setting and the fancy trimmings.

Because of the new snow, the skiing at Lake Louise for our last two days was just about perfect. Like Sunshine Village, the equipment was modern and comfortable. Lake Louise had also opened up the Larch area, which has been added since my last visit there.

Thursday evening there was a mid mountain party at the Lake Louise front slope. Like the mid mountain party at Sunshine, there was live entertainment, good food, and dancing. After the party those of us who skied put our skies back, put a headlight on our foreheads, and followed torch carrying ski instructors down the mountain. Lot of fun!

Many of us met in the Saloon in the Chateau Friday evening for a going away supper party. More fun. Some went to bed after the party for a few winks of sleep before getting up for our 2:30 AM bus to Calgary. Some didn't bother going to bed at all. The bus trip and the flight back to Huntsville went like clockwork.

Banff was a great ski trip! I hope the Club will see fit to return in a couple of years. By: **Hugh Nicholson, Trip Coordinator.**

**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 **8:00 AM** at the **Huntsville High School** courts weather permitting Contact **Kathy French, 721-1100, kafrench2@comcast.net** for more information.

**BIKING**

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**.

**Membership**

Laurali Hollister did a fantastic job as Membership Chairperson. I did get a chance to work with her a little and she gave me some great notes to make my job a little easier. Since it will be difficult to fill her shoes, I am looking for any of you that would like to participate in the duties of this committee for assistance. There are the monthly meetings to recognize visitors and potential new members. Then there is the membership party to plan. If you are interested, please email me at: [ma51bell@aol.com](mailto:ma51bell@aol.com) or see me at the next meeting.

Thank you for your support,  
Kathy Leggett

**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>
Akbay, Linda	256-232-2112		22064 Saratoga Dr.	Athens	AL	35613
Duncan, Carol & John	256-757-6012		280 Robbins Beach Road	Killen	AL	35645
Link, James & Judith	256-551-9433	256-726-4600	2414 Preston Ridge Dr.	Brownsboro	AL	35741
Mayer, Debbie	882-6991	517-1043x2448	10009 Kodiak Dr.	Huntsville	AL	35803
Millican, Nora	256-773-6444	256-355-4517x105	1004 Barkley St.	Hartselle	AL	35640
Sterbutzel, Mike & Cindy	256-353-0546		4210 Horseshoe Bend	Decatur	AL	35603
Willenberg, Harvey & Elke	256.882.1598	714.372.9409	4723 Slalom Run	Owens Cross	AL	35763

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Isabel Abiseid 772.2096  
Joan Hunter 536.8014

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## Social

### West End Grill Friday

April 2nd at 5:30PM. Come out with your ski club friends at the Friday. Have drinks or Dinner Both!!



and socialize with West End Grill on or be wild!!! Have



*W>>isdom...*

*When I see a bird that walks like a duck and swims like a duck and quacks like a duck, I call that bird a duck.*

*— Richard Cardinal Cushing*



*P >> onder this...*

*I used to think I was indecisive, but now I am not so sure.*

### Summer Cookout Season

is fast approaching! Please mark your calendars for these special dates and while doing that see if you have a Friday night you would be willing to host the cookout at your home or yard! Call Norma Oberlies 883-8282, Joan Hunter 536-8014 or Isabel Abiseid 772-2096 to volunteer as host. Remember, as host you provide gathering space, grill, paper products and soft drinks. The Ski Club will reimburse you \$25 to help defray the cost of Paper products and soft drinks. Everyone else will bring their meat to grill, a dish to share, lawn chairs, and a happy smile!!

Cookout schedule:

Friday, May 7th, Carl and Nan Case

Saturday, May 15th Ron Paulus on the River

Saturday June 12th Bob and Debbie Breedan Lake House

Saturday July 3rd, Sue Chatham/Charlie Ross July 4th Pool Party

Saturday August 21st, Carla Knight River House Cookout

Available Dates Looking for

Fri. May 21 and 28

Fri. June 4, 18, 25

Fri. July 9, 16, 23, 30

Fri August 6, 13, 27

Fri. Sept 3, 10, 17, 24.

Please consider helping the c  
by hosting  
one of these available dates.



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 (Moores 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 it golf course as one of the "100 Best Public Places To Play". Other activities include hiking,



tennis, swimming, fishing, rock climbing and rapelling, mountain and road biking, caving, horseback riding, canoeing and rowboating. 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.



If you are **VIPIRS** contact



interested in cheering on the with other Club members in **April**, Phill Hollister at "TbirdPhill@comcast.net".

**Biltmore Estate Christmas Lights** weekend. If there is sufficient interest, Christie Buck will organize a trip to the Biltmore Estate in Ashville, 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 as soon as possible at "outdoorsplaying@yahoo.com" if you are interested in this trip.

**P >> onder this...**  
*Eighty percent of all drivers consider themselves above average*

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)**.

### Stars will be out this Night!

Come out to Joe Davis Stadium and join your friends and fellow Huntsville Ski Club members for our annual Picnic with the Stars. Tickets include a picnic meal and tickets to see the Huntsville Stars play the Jacksonville Suns. There are two out of town mascots scheduled to be at the game it should be a fun evening. Details are:



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When: Saturday, May 22

\*Time: 6:00 for meal; 7:05 for game

\*Cost: \$14.00 for adults, \$12.00 for children

\*Ticket vouchers will be available for **purchase at the April meeting.**

\*Tickets will be **distributed at the May 19th meeting.**

In order to hold our reservation for the picnic and the game, the Club is required to pay a 50% deposit in April for the expected number of tickets that we will need. When the tickets are picked up for distribution at the May 19th meeting, the balance of the payment has to be made. Therefore, there will be no extra tickets for sale at the May meeting. So, please, if you think you are interested in going to the game, contact Freda Smith to get your name on the list and/or make payment. If you will not be able to make the meetings and would like a ticket, please send a check made out to the Huntsville Ski Club, along with a SASE, to:

Freda Smith  
106 West Lake Circle  
Madison, AL 35758

For more information or to get your name on the list for tickets, please send an email to [freda@knology.net](mailto:freda@knology.net) or call 325-8255. Cutoff for tickets is Monday, May 17.

Hope to see you there!

### BIG BAND TO PLAY AT ELKS LODGE #1648:

Vince Guarin, a member of the Elks is once again inviting the HSC to the Elks' "Members Night" dinner/dance on **Saturday, April 17th. Dinner starts at 6:00 and dancing will be from 7:45- 10:45 PM.** The "Howard Rutledge Senior Center BIG Band" will be playing for your listening & dancing pleasure. Vince has a **LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS** that he can sell to his guests, and he must collect the money and turn it in one week before the occasion, so he must have your money in hand **before Friday night, April 9th.** The steak dinner is \$12.00 and chicken is \$10.00. **Free beer until the keg runs dry.** Do not delay. These tickets will go fast. Call Vince at 880-6928.

### *P >> onder this...*

*Paranoids are people, too; they have their own problems. It's easy to criticize, but if everybody hated you, you'd be paranoid too.*

### NEW MONTHLY DANCE AT ELKS LODGE:

Starting on Friday night April 2nd, and on every first Friday of the month, Elks Lodge #1648, 725 Franklin St., HSV, will hold a dance. Open to the public, admission will be \$5.00 per person. Free soft drinks and munchies will be provided. Bar drinks will also be available. The doors to the ballroom will open at 7:30 PM and pre-recorded dance music will be played from 7:45- 10:45 pm. All are welcome- couples & singles. Those ski club members who usually go to the West End Grill on the first Friday of the month are invited to come on out for the dance afterwards. Proper attire will be "Dressy Casual". For information call Vince Guarin, 880-6928.

### *P >> onder this...*

*Celebrity is not hereditary.*



## HSC Calendar

April 21	Ski Club Meeting 7:00 PM Hilton
April 30 -	Fall Creek Falls May 2 Weekend
May 7	Nan and Carl Case Cookout
May 15	Ron Paulus' on the River
May 22	Picnic with the Stars
June 12	Canoe Trip & Breeden Lake House
July 3	Sue Chatham/Charlie Ross 4th of July Party
August 21	Carla Knight's Lake House cookout

### *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 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 reservation for 24 and tbd have tentatively signed up. Make checks payable to the Huntsville Ski Club.*

*Send to: Tom Hurley, 2225 Golf Road unit 515, Huntsville, AL 35802 Tel: 256.880.9022, e-mail [shamrockgp@aol.com](mailto:shamrockgp@aol.com)*

**Newly Elected Huntsville Ski Club Officers**

<b>President</b>		
Nan Case	883.8805	marianne@knology.net
<b>Vice President</b>		
Chic Kirchner	880.0796	chickirchner@mac.com
<b>Secretary</b>		
Joyce Howell	539.8268	J11Howell@knology.net
<b>Treasurer</b>		
Carl Case	883.8805	carl_case2@knology.net
<b>Social Team</b>		
Norma Oberlies	883.8282	nober98080@aol.com
Isabel Abiseid	772.2096	abiseidi1@prodigy.net
Joan Hunter	536.8014	jnbhnr@aol.com
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Charles Blakely	882.6879	ed1gar@comcast.net
<b>Local Trips</b>		
Jim Will	461.9324	jim.will@redstone.army.mil
<b>Recreation</b>		
Christie Buck	325.0591	outdoorsplaying@yahoo.com
<b>Publicity</b>		
Jim Hall	772.9829	Jimehall@cs.com
<b>Membership</b>		
Kathy Leggett	859.6778	ma51bell@aol.com
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Sonny Norville	881-6274	hbs3045@knology.net

**HUNTSVILLE SKI CLUB**

**NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL APPLICATION & CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM**

PLEASE NOTE: Membership Year is September 1st - August 31st

(Check At Least One) **(Check One)**  
 New Member **\$16/YR (Single & Email Newsletter)**  
 Renewal - Current Member **\$26/YR (Single & Mail Newsletter)**  
 Renewal - Previous Member **\$25/YR (Family & Email Newsletter)**  
 Information Changes **\$35/YR (Family & Mail Newsletter)**

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**QUESTIONS??** Contact Membership : Kathy Leggett 859-6778 email: ma51bell@aol.com  
**NO QUESTIONS** Make Check To : Huntsville Ski Club  
**Mail Form & Check To :** Kathy Leggett 144 Sunnyview Drive HSV, AL 35811

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**MEMBER INFORMATION:** Required data is marked by an asterisk \*. Information is used for distribution of newsletter, at-large emails (club info only) and a club roster. **PLEASE DO NOT** provide **OPTIONAL** info if you do not want it published!!

\* **NAME (1)** \_\_\_\_\_ \***ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Common First Last City ST Zip

**NAME (2)** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family membership ONLY City ST Zip

**PHONES:** Home \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Work (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (2) \_\_\_\_\_

\* **EMAIL:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 absolve, release, and waive any and all claims or demands against the Club, its officers, directors, and each and every member there of which may arise out of any injury, damage, or pecuniary loss incidental to participation in Club activities.

**NAME (1) SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME (2) SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Club Use: Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ DBase \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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Huntsville Ski Club meeting May 19  
Shoals Meeting May 20



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