

Huntsville
Ski
Club

The *Stakey* News



September 2004

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Huntsville Ski Club Membership Wine and Cheese Party



A party for introducing potential new members

Friday Night, September 17th.

6:00 - 10:00 pm

Ditto Landing

Food by Benny

Music by Edgar

Heavy snacks and soft drinks will be provided.

All members are asked to bring a bottle of wine to share.

Directions to Ditto Landing:

Mile Marker 334 on South Parkway. Turn left at Hobbs Island Rd. Go east for 8/10 of a mile and turn right into the **Ditto Landing Marina Entrance**. Once inside follow posted signs...bear right and stay to the right until you see the pavillion.

L>>aws...

Velilind's Law of Experimentation

1. If reproducibility may be a problem, conduct the test only once.
2. If a straight line fit is required, obtain only two data points.

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Several people going on the ski trips in 2005 are taking young children with them. Currently there are children from ages 4 to 12. They need ski clothes. If you have children's ski wear that you would like to sell or give away, please contact Sue Chatham at 461-0262 or at chatham@knology.net. Sue will pass the word to those who have children going skiing next year.

Next Ski Club Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2004, 7:00PM at the Hilton, Board Meeting at 6:00PM

Redhead Ramblings

Great meeting last month! Glad to see so many members coming out to sign up for ski trips! All of our trips are filling up nicely and we should have some great groups heading out. It is not too late to throw your hat into the ring, your name onto the list, or your skis into the bag! Carl and I are actually taking the big step and going skiing for 2 weeks this year. Wish us luck and safety in numbers! If you have not done anything fun lately come out and join the members for tennis, hiking, biking, dancing, and dining...you make the choice. It is a great way to pass the time until ski season. Nan Case, Pres.

Any suggestions, thoughts, comments, complaints about your *Flakey*.. Please send them to the editor.

P>>onder this...

You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call 'failure' is not the falling down, but staying down."

Mary Pickford

Please submit articles for *Flakey* to Joe Cremin
Flakey_buzweiser@comcast.net
by September 23 (hard deadline)!

Flakey Publication Policy

For any notice, event, entry etc. to be included in the *Flakey* newsletter, the particular item **must** be sponsored, approved and submitted by a Huntsville Ski Club Board member or submitted by the Shoals newsletter submitter for inclusion in the Shoals Corner. No other submissions will be published.

Shoals Corner

August 19, 2004 Shoals Minutes

The Shoals group had a good turnout for the last summer meeting. Teachers have returned to school, as have children and grand children, but the spirit was good at our meeting. We had no visitors tonight, but we discussed the need for all to renew their Ski Club membership. We were glad to have Ken Jones back with us after his recent hospital stay.

Lee Nemeth told about the cookout that she and George are hosting on 9/18 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is to bring all their old memories, pictures and videos. Invite any former member that might reminisce with us, and rehearse the funniest stories you can recall. Carla Knight has scheduled, through Huntsville, to, also, have a September cookout on the 25th, at her Elk River home.

The October cookout will be at Russ and Betsy Karl's home, but the date has not been established. The annual Alabama/Auburn, or is it Auburn/Alabama game, will be at Bill Nelsons on November 20. Start retrieving those tiger tails and elephant calls from storage. The final get together of the year will again be at Ron Paulus, for our Christmas party on 12/11. Keep those eyes peeled for just the right gift to exchange.

Some of the western ski trips were mentioned, as well as the new trip announced to Snowshoe. We talked about the other socials listed in The Flakey News, such as the club membership party at Ditto Landing.

The Shoals trip to Pigeon Forge on November 13-16 is still full; call Bill Nelson if you are interested in getting on the waiting list. The total cost is expected to be \$135. A poll was taken concerning a prospective trip to Tunica. However, it appeared that there was not enough response for the October period to carry this trip forward. Jennifer Aston will probably resurrect the trip at a later time this winter or possibly spring. A trip to Cathedral Caverns and a combined bat watching expedition were mentioned as a potential trip, but no date was established.

Our last order of business was to discuss changing our meeting place from the current Evergreen's Chinese Restaurant. Most everyone is pleased with the quick service from the buffet, and the ease of paying at the end of the meeting, but the selection of different type foods is not available. Jennifer Aston, Kris Seabol, and Gerald Wiggington volunteered to serve as the committee to investigate and make recommendations for a new meeting place. Anyone knowing of just the right place to meet needs to contact one of the committee members. Be sure and attend the September meeting so that you can vote your preference in this important matter.

Karen or Randy Myers will lead us at our next meeting, which will be at Evergreen's. Share your presence with us, and bring a friend!

Bill Nelson

SNOWSHOE/SILVER CREEK



December 3,4 - 2004

Coordinator - Stuart Rogers

Phone 971-2753 email - stuartwrogers@netzero.net

P.O. Box 14261, Huntsville, Al 35815

WILD AND WONDERFUL SKI SEASON

Special early season rate—\$215

Start out the 2003/2004 ski season with a great three or four-day weekend ski trip. Early December at Snowshoe can be fantastic or the trip could be canceled due to no snow. In some years, we have had as much as a 70" base; and on several occasions as much as 3 feet of natural new snow while we were skiing. No demo days or snow board competition is scheduled, so crowds should not be a problem. We are staying at the best location on the mountain - the Stemwinder condos - **ski-in/ski-out!** Prices are based on double occupancy. First come, first serve! Space based on availability of condos. **Sign Up Now!**

Mountain Facts:

- 180" average annual natural snowfall
- 11 lifts (2 high speed quads) 3 tows
- 1500' vertical
- 57 slopes (31% green, 37% blue, 32% black)
- elevation 4848'
- 100% snowmaking
- longest run - 1.5 miles
- night skiing

PARTIES

We will have a pre-trip party Sunday, November 27 (right after Thanksgiving), a wine and cheese party on the mountain, and a spaghetti dinner Saturday night in the condos. Breakfast is provided on Saturday morning. And of course, boxed beverages and munchies will be available through the weekend.

Cost/Payment schedule

\$10 sign-up fee, \$20 party fee, \$115 condo (double occupancy), \$70 2-day lift ticket. **Total - \$215**

Payment Schedule - \$10 at sign-up, \$75 on Sept. 15, \$75 on Oct. 20, \$55 on Nov. 17.

*We will also have group rates on rental equipment

* Optional third day (Sunday) lift ticket add \$35. Optional extra night and ski day - stay Sunday night and ski Monday - add approximately \$90 for lodging and lift ticket (you can decide when we get there).

TELLURIDE, COLORADO

January 22 – 29, 2005

Telluride Ski Resort and Mountain Village are perched in the heart of the San Juan Mountains. It gives you a 360 degree view of towering mountainscapes. Not only does it offer 1700 incredible skiable acres with 16 chairlifts and 1 awesome gondola but NO LIFT LINES. Last year it was as if the whole mountain had been reserved for HSC.

Terrain is 24% Beginner, 38% Intermediate and 38% Advanced/Expert.

Accommodations – You have a choice of 3 very different types of accommodations for lodging.

1. **The Hotel Telluride** – This is a small 4 star hotel that offers a striking balance between the Old West and Old European charm. Every quest room offers many amenities. The Bistro off the lobby area of the hotel offers breakfast and makes a great meeting area at the end of the day offering free hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (not free) in front of a roaring fireplace. From there it is off to the hot tubs. And if this is not enough, they have their own shuttle service that will take and pick you up from dinner if you want.

2. **The Telluride Lodge** – These are 2 and 3 bedroom condos that have 2 on-site hot tubs, grocery and free shuttle. They are located 200 feet from lift 7 & and Coonskin Mountain Base Welcome Center.

3. **The Mountainside Inn** – This is an economical, no frills hotel where the rooms have kitchenettes. It has a great hot tub and is also 200 feet from the Coonskin Lift.

To look at these online the addresses are:

www.thehoteltelluride.com, or www.telluridemtnlodging.com

All of the above accommodations are on the **Free Telluride Town Shuttle** routes and are only 2 blocks from the free gondola that will take you from the middle of town, to the top of the mountain or to Mountain Village. You do not need a car as you can walk the entire historical town of Telluride in about 20 minutes. There is great dining and shopping (from moderate to high end).

Ground Package Cost:	The Hotel Telluride	\$ 817.00
	Telluride Lodge	688.00
	Mountainside Inn	652.00

This includes 7 nights Lodging, 5 day Lift Ticket, and roundtrip transfer from Montrose (67 Miles).

Airfare – Everyone who has signed up to date has arranged their own air, so I need to continue that practice. Average price has been about \$ 374.00. I do need for you to contact me before you make an air reservation so you can be at the Montrose airport for ground transportation with the rest of the group.

Sign up fee \$20.00. Party fee is \$ 35.00. 2nd Payment due on or before September 15th Meeting.
This should be another **GREAT TRIP!!!!** Come on and Sign Up. Availability limited.

Janet and Dave Emery, co-coordinators, 131 Prestwick Place, Huntsville, AL. 35806
Phone (256) 726-0047 or E-mail Daveemery@Earthlink.net

Salt Lake City, Utah Feb 5-12, 2005

"Greatest Snow on Earth" – Quote from the Utah License Plate... Just \$390!

Easy Access to 9 great ski resorts:

- Little/Big Cottonwood Canyons: Brighton, Alta, Solitude, and Snowbird (BASS)
- Optional EZ Day-trip to Park City, Deer Valley, or "The Canyons"
- Optional EZ Day-trip to Snowbasin or Powder Mountain
- 20,000 skiable ACRES or more
- 300"-500" Snowfall per year
- Low-High Temps: 22-42 in Salt Lake City; LOWER temps vary at Ski-resorts
- More trails than is possible to ski in a week's time

Ground Package (\$390) – Includes:

- 4 Super-Pass lift vouchers for: Brighton, Alta, Solitude, and Snowbird (BASS)
- Clean (standard) studio suites near I-215 convenient to The Cottonwoods (BASS)
- 7 nights: Color TV, small stove, sink, refrigerator, Queen Bed, Closet, Bath
- Gather each morning to assess the snow reports and decide on a resort to ski at
- Après Ski Parties and soaking & wineing in large Hot-tub
- Double Occupancy (1 Queen Bed/room)
- Walk to Restaurants: Old Spaghetti House, Applebee's, Hometown Buffet, etc
- Walk to Harmon's Supermarket for Breakfast, Lunch, (& Dinner) Fixins
- Drive to nearby restaurants/ski-shops/bars/shopping/etc.
- One-fourth of a weekly-rate rental-car with ski-racks
- Pre-trip/Post-Trip Parties in Huntsville or Athens

Air Package – \$259 (estimated bulk-air rate)

- Round-Trip Huntsville-SLC; Bulk Air: Saturday-Saturday
- We will search the web for air rates. So email address(es) are critical

Options:

- Few Double-Double Suites available for singles: Add \$50 per person/week
- Single Occupancy in Standard (1Q) room: add \$127 for single/week
- Non-Skier deduct \$168; senior skier MAY save by buying day-by-day... it depends
- Rental Ski/Board rates are TBD at Canyon Sports and others
- You could try to save a few \$ by buying individual tickets at Canyon Sports or...
- Additional SuperPass Ski-Ticket voucher: add \$42/day (for BASS slopes)
- Optional trip to ski with NASA Group at Park City Area Slope: STBD Lift-Ticket
- Optional steak/etc. banquet with NASA Group at the Grubstake in Park City: \$50
- Optional day-trip to ski with NASA Group at Snowbasin: STBD Lift Ticket

Money/Signup Details:

- Sign-up \$10; \$20 after July HSC Meeting
- Deposits/Payment in July/September/November
- Trip Coordinator: Becky Dollman (H:233-0705; rdollman@aces.edu;
-401 Cloverleaf Dr; Athens, AL 35611

Cost Breakout

Land:
Standard Room Includes Taxes: \$127 (Double Occupancy)
Ski Vouchers (4-days @ \$42/day): \$168 (for Brighton: 9am-9pm)
Car Rental share (est. \$240/4PAX): \$ 60 (includes gas, ski racks, etc.)
Party Fees, wine, beer, sodas, etc: \$ 35
Sub Total: \$390

Air:
Currently Bulk Rate (estimated): \$259 (includes all taxes/fees)

Signup

Name (as appears on Picture ID): _____

Address1: _____

Address (City, State, Zip): _____

Phone (day) _____ (nite) _____ (cel) _____

Email address1: _____

Email address2: _____

Do you have a roommate (in mind)? If so, please enter:

Name (as appears on Picture ID): _____

Address1: _____

Address (City, State, Zip): _____

Phone (day) _____ (nite) _____ (cel) _____

Email address1: _____

Email address2: _____

Do you need a roommate? (circle one: Yes, No, Maybe)

Do you want a room to yourself? (circle one: Yes, No, Maybe)

Do you want an air package? (circle one: Yes, No, Maybe)

Other Options or comments: _____

No September submission
July's data republished.

NASA Ski Week – Park City 2/5-12/05

“Greatest Snow on Earth” – Quote from the Utah License Plate
This is an HSC-Approved Ski-Trip to merge with the Annual NASA Ski Week
 -Some 200-300 skiers from NASA towns all over U.S. help keep the prices low

3 Great Ski-Resorts and a Genuine Ski-Town Atmosphere
 -Shuttle Rides to Park City Ski Resort, Deer Valley, or “The Canyons”
 -Optional Charter-Bus Day-trip to Snowbasin
 -8,000 skiable ACRES or more & 300” Snowfall per year
 -Low-High Temps: xx-xx in Park City; LOWER temps vary at Ski-resorts
 -Great Trails, Great Ski-Town Atmosphere

Ground Package (\$685) – Includes:
 -Lift tickets for: (2) Park City Ski Resort, Deer Valley, “The Canyons”
 -Nice 3BR, 2.5 Bath Condo (6 sharing) on shuttle route to all three resorts
 -7 nights: Color TV, Deck, Fireplace, Living Room, Full Kitchen
 -Ski Parties and soaking & wining in large Hot-tub
 -Welcome Party at Treasure Mountain Hotel on Main Street
 -NASA Ski Week Banquet (Steak and all the fixins) at Grubstake Restaurant
 -NASA Ski Week Souvenirs(s): door prizes at banquet
 -Walk/Bus-Ride to Restaurants, Bars, Shopping, and Park City’s “Main Street”
 -Walk to Safeway Supermarket for Breakfast, Lunch, (& Dinner) Fixins
 -Round-trip Shuttle between SLC Airport and Condos (NO Cars Needed)
 -Pre-trip/Post-Trip Parties in Huntsville or Athens

Air Package – \$259
 -Round-Trip Huntsville-SLC; Bulk Air: Saturday-Saturday
 -Fare could change depending on deals we find... need your email addresses
 -Southwest often has great deals from Nashville or Birmingham

Options:
 -Non-Skier deduct \$170
 -Rental Ski/Board rates are TBD
 -Additional Ski-Tickets: add \$38-40/day (requires advance purchase)
 -Optional trip to ski with rest of HSC Group at Cottonwood Slope: STBD Lift-Ticket + transport
 -Optional day-trip to Snowbasin – includes charter bus: \$54
 -Condo options: 5 in a 2BR-Loft, 2.5 Bath (add \$38/person)
 -Condo option: 4 in a 2BR, 2.5 Bath (add \$97/person)
 -Radisson – Full-Service Hotel nearer “The Canyons” Dbl Occup (add \$104/person)

Money Details:
 -Sign-up additional \$10; \$20 after July HSC Meeting
 -Deposits/Payment in June/July/November/December
 -Trip Facilitator: Tom Dollman (w:544-6568; h:233-0705)
 - tom.dollman@nasa.gov; PO Box 9235; Huntsville, AL 35812

Cost Breakouts:

Land:
 Package as quoted by wholesaler: \$657
 Party Fees, wine, etc. \$ 28
 Sub Total: \$685

Sign-up: \$ 10 (\$20 after sign-up night)

Air:
 Currently Bulk Rate (estimate) \$259 (includes all taxes/fees)

Deposits:

Condo:
 \$250/unit due 30 days after booking – non-refundable
 Need five 2-or-3-BR Condos to Qualify for Group Rates
 -(possibly met thru other NASA groups)

Radisson:
 \$100/Room due 30 days after booking – non-refundable
 Need ten Radisson Rooms to Qualify for Group Rates
 -(probably met thru other NASA groups)

Signup

Name (as appears on Picture ID): _____
 Address1: _____
 Address (City, State, Zip): _____
 Phone (day) _____ (nite) _____ (cel) _____
 Email address1: _____
 Email address2: _____

Do you have a roommate (in mind)? If so, please enter:
 Name (as appears on Picture ID): _____
 Address1: _____
 Address (City, State, Zip): _____
 Phone (day) _____ (nite) _____ (cel) _____
 Email address1: _____
 Email address2: _____

Do you need a roommate? (circle one: Yes, No, Maybe)

Do you want a room to yourself? (circle one: Yes, No, Maybe)

Do you want an air package? (circle one: Yes, No, Maybe)

Other Options or comments: _____

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Monarch Ski Trip

Monarch Pass, Co.
 Sue Chatham—461-0262
 chatham@knology.net

Date: February 19 - 26, 2005
Includes Presidents Day



For the 9th year in a row we will be returning to the scenic Monarch Ski Area on the Continental Divide west of Colorado Springs, Co. The Monarch ski trip is easily the best attended club destination in the history of the club – with about 500 participants over the past 8 years. I currently have 34 people signed up for the Monarch Trip in 2005. Check your schedule and join us in February of 2005.

Skiing:

The Monarch Ski Resort, at 10,790 ft., has the highest base elevation of any ski resort in Colorado and is thereby assured of very consistent, dry snow conditions. Only Wolf Creek Pass gets more annual snowfall—but not nearly as dry. And, since Monarch is not heavily marketed, there are no crowds to destroy the serenity of the slopes or any new snowfall from the night before.

Accommodations:

We will stay at the Comfort Inn at the lower elevation of 7000 ft. in the town of Salida. The Comfort Inn has an indoor pool and hot tub and provides a substantial breakfast each morning. Plenty of reasonably-priced good-service restaurants are also near the hotel.

Other Activities:

Some participants often take a day off to go snowmobiling, cross country skiing, hiking, skiing at Crested Butte or Ski Cooper, or visiting nearby attractions such as the Royal Gorge, Cripple-Creek casinos, or an isolated natural hot-springs. But the primary attraction of this trip is the great skiing and the camaraderie of the participants, which is greatly accentuated by the excellent accommodations

Costs:

	Adult	Sr. 62+	70+	13-18	7-12
Ground Package (7 nights lodging, double occupancy)	\$229	\$229	\$229	*	*
Car Estimate (4 per car)	50	50	50	50	50
Lift Tickets:	131	94	free	97	62
Party fee	25	25	25	15	15
Airlines Delta (optional group package)	300	300	300	300	300
Total	\$735	\$698	\$604	\$462	\$427

Early Signup Fee: \$10 (\$20 after Vote Night)

* Children can stay with parents



Lake Tahoe

February 26 through March 5, 2005

Ski the magnificent slopes and see the beautiful Tahoe area. The nightlife is wonderful: shows, gambling, excellent & inexpensive food. Total cost is approximately \$1060.

Land Package: \$590. Accommodations at the Horizon Casino Hotel at South Tahoe. This includes:

- ★ 7 night lodging with all taxes paid.*
- ★ Moguls Mountain Travel Agent on site.*
- ★ Round trip airport transfers from Reno.*
- ★ Porter fees.*
- ★ Three days lift tickets, Heavenly.*
- ★ One day lift ticket, Northstar, with bus.*
- ★ One day lift ticket, Kirkwood, with bus.*

There are condos available for people who might want them.

Busses between Reno and South Tahoe run every 2 hours, starting 3:30 AM. We may not all be able to get on the same bus going, but maybe on the same morning bus coming back.

Air Package: Feb. 26, HSV 6:56 AM, DFW 9:01, 9:53 Reno 11:27AM. Mar. 5, Reno 12:16 PM, DFW 5:12, 7:12 HSV 8:49 PM. American Airlines, \$419.*

There are reserved seats on a flight from Birmingham to Colorado Springs, then on to Reno one week later for anyone who wants to continue skiing after doing the Monarch trip. Feb. 19, leave B'ham 7:15AM, Arr. Col. Spr. 11:45AM. Feb. 26, Leave Col. Spr. 3:50 PM, Arr. Reno 6:11. Mar. 5, leave Reno 6:00AM, Arr. B'ham 2:00PM. United Airlines, \$499.*

**Prices are contingent on having 10 travelers each on both the American Airlines and United Airlines flights.*

Huntsville Ski Club Trip Coordinator: Hugh Nicholson, 102 Michli Rd., Madison AL 35758; Ph. : 256/461-7960; email: hughliznicholson@aol.com

BIG SKY MONTANA

March 19 – 26, 2005

Trip Coordinator – Bob Breeden

Phone – 858-5026 or 931-967-5372

218 Albany Dr, Huntsville, AL 35811

Email address –

rbreeden@tecolote.com



Big Sky is one of the premier ski resorts in the country. With 400 inches of annual snowfall, big, wide cruising blues and greens and a variety of expert trails, there is skiing to suit every skier. Lone Mountain is the resort's signature peak, rising to a lofty 11,166 feet. The Lone Peak Tram takes the adventuresome to its very apex, with 3,600 acres, 4,350 jaw-dropping vertical feet and European-style expert terrain below. Big Sky has an excellent lift system with one tram, one gondola, 3 high-speed quads, nine other lifts and 4 surface tows. Big Sky is famous for no lift lines.

The trip package includes both a pre and post trip party, welcome party and daily happy hours at a hospitality room. Along with great skiing, the trip will offer many other options for things to do including dining as a group at a famous local wild cuisine restaurant featuring buffalo, elk and many other delicious dishes. Also available are cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, dog sledding, sleigh rides and snowmobiling.

Accommodations provided adjacent to the slope are the Huntley Lodge or Stillwater Condos. Also, the Saddle Ridge Condo provides free shuttle service to and from the slope. Several pricing packages are available depending on how many people and/or children may be in the rooms. Huntley Lodge provides a full breakfast buffet each day and is convenient to the outdoor heated swimming pool and very popular hot tub. The ground package includes seven nights lodging, five day lift ticket, all porter fees and the shuttle from/to the airport (no rental car needed). There are also several restaurants and pubs in the Big Sky village.

We have group air rates from Huntsville to Bozeman, MT. for \$425 through June. That's better than 3 years ago. Northwest Air will renegotiate Beginning July 1. Sign up early and reserve your place on the trip and this great rate. Sign up for \$10 at the June and July HSC meeting and save \$10. After June, the sign up fee is \$20 and party fee \$25.

Ground Package: (Price per person)

	Lodging Cost	Total Cost
Huntley Lodge (2 people, 2 Qn Beds, 1 bath w/ full bkfst)	\$725	\$770
Stillwater Condo (4 people, 2 beds, 2 baths)	\$627	\$672

Total cost includes \$20 sign-up fee and \$25 party fee

Pay up front or in 3 equal payments due at Sept., Nov. & Jan HSC Mtgs.



Kathy Leggett

859.6778

ma51bell@aol.com

Membership

Our 2003 - 2004 dues expire on August 31, 2004. Please go ahead and mail in your dues OR bring it to the Sept meeting that way the membership table at the party will be mostly a sign-in table. Speaking of the Membership Party...I still need help. Setting up the Food Table -- Attending the Parking Area -- Wine Table -- Registration Table and Clean-Up. You can volunteer by email: ma51bell@aol.com or call me at 859-6778 or see me at the Sept meeting.

Thank you so much for your support.

Kathy Leggett - Membership

144 Sunnyview Dr.

Huntsville, AL 35811

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>
Dart, Betsy	876-9250		7105 Tull Water Dr.	Owens Cross Rds	AL	35763
Dockery, Willa	256-353-4320	256-351-4737	4320 Arrowhead Dr.	Decatur	AL	35603
Hoger, Karen & Michael	882-5337	518-2613, 426-3487	6003 Macon Ct.	Huntsville	AL	35802

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>
Bates, Joyce	256-233-0693		20 Sandra Lane	Athens	AL	35611
Switzer, Liz	461-1878		114 Morland Pointe	Huntsville	AL	35824

P>>onder this...

*There are four types of homicide:
felonious, excusable, justifiable and praiseworthy.*

Help! Help!

Recreation would love to have more involvement from Club members in leading outings. If there's a recreational activity you'd particularly like to do (hiking, biking, boating, etc., etc.) and would be able to lead it, please contact Christie at "outdoorsplaying@yahoo.com", phone 859-9154. New ideas are needed - there will be help in organizing any activities.



Now that the temps will be turning cooler and comfortable for hiking, Christie Buck has planned a couple of hiking outings. The first one will be on Saturday, October 9th to Greeter Falls in TN. Meet at the Winn-Dixie parking lot on Winchester Road at 8:30 a.m., bring lunch and water. As always, we'll stop somewhere on the return to Huntsville for dinner.

The second hike will be on Saturday, November 6th - destination is a mystery! Again, meet at Winn-Dixie parking lot on Winchester Road at 8:30 a.m., bring lunch and water, and we'll stop somewhere on the return to Huntsville for dinner.



D>>efinition...

Politician:(n) A person who as he is being run out of town will make it appear that he is leading a band.



Report on HSC's Annual Bowling Party

On August 15th, forty-eight of us (the most we've ever had) bowled on 12 lanes at AMF Parkway Lanes. (photos pages 10 & 13). With the scoring computers set to also count an 8 or 9 on the first ball as a strike, and with the gutter guards UP, several bowlers had high games of over 200. Top three individual game honors went to **Carolyn Mulcahy, (277), Justin Davis (262), and George Cass (261)**. The teams finished up in the following order:

Team Name:	Team Captain:	Highest Game:
King Pins	Mary Lou Lewis	823
Alley Cats	Carolyn Mulcahy	811
Ball Busters	Vince Guarin	778
Strike Zones	Fred Killmeyer	761
Back Doors	Cliff Hobson	709
Chatham	Sue Chatham	691
Strikers	Bob Breeden	663
Red Rollers	Carl Case	659
Black Diamond Rollers	Gene Hartsfield	609
Pin Plunderers	Norma Oberlies	573
Bats	Jim Hall	525
Fantastic Four	Jim Will	490

Judging from all the hoops, hollers, and high fives, everybody had a good time. Chinese dinner at Ding How II followed the bowling, where lies and excuses were exchanged. At the end of the meal, everyone in turn, read their fortune cookie and everyone else followed with the chant, "...in the bed." If any of our fortunes really do come true, there will be some very weird things happening in our beds.

Vince Guarin



September 2004 Huntsville Ski Club Events At-a-Glance

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		Biking – Flint River	1 Biking – Boeing Recreation Parking Lot	2 West End Grill	3 Tennis – Huntsville HS	4 Labor Day Weekend Trip to Fort Walton
6  Beach Concerts in the Park Finale	7 Biking – Aldridge Creek Greenway	7 Biking – Flint River	7 Biking – Boeing Recreation Parking Lot	9 Cookout – Cher Plette	10 Tennis – Huntsville High School	11 Tennis – Huntsville High School
13	14 Biking – Aldridge Creek Greenway	 HSC Meeting, Hotel Hilton	15 Biking – Boeing Recreation Parking Lot	16 Membership Wine & Cheese Party	17 Tennis – Huntsville High school	18 Tennis – Huntsville High school
20	21 Biking – Aldridge Creek Greenway	21 Biking – Flint River	22 Biking – Boeing Recreation Parking Lot	23 HSC Meeting, Shoals Group	24 Tennis – Huntsville High School	25 Cookout – Carla Knight
27	28 Biking – Aldridge Creek Greenway	29 Biking – Flint River	29 Biking – Boeing Recreation Parking Lot	30 HSC Meeting, Shoals Group		

October 2004 Huntsville Ski Club Events At-a-Glance

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 West End Grill	2 Tennis – Huntsville High School	3
4	5 Biking – Aldridge Creek Greenway	6 Biking – Flint River	7 Biking – Boeing Recreation Parking Lot	8	9 Tennis – Huntsville High School	10  Hike – Greeter Falls
11	12 Biking – Aldridge Creek Greenway	13 Biking – Flint River	14 Biking – Boeing Recreation Parking Lot	15	16 Tennis – Huntsville High School	17 Dinner/Dancing Eagles Club
18	19 Biking – Aldridge Creek Greenway	 HSC Meeting, Hotel Hilton	20	21 HSC Meeting, Shoals Group	22 Tennis – Huntsville High School	23 Tennis – Huntsville High School
25	26 Biking – Aldridge Creek Greenway	27 Biking – Flint River	28 Biking – Aldridge Creek Greenway	29 Annual Trip to Gatlinburg	30 Tennis – HSV HS	31 Annual Trip to Gatlinburg

Candlelight Christmas Trip to Biltmore Estate, November 27/28

Don't miss out on this special festive experience - there are spots still available for the Thanksgiving weekend Candlelight Christmas trip to Biltmore Estate. We'll be traveling by motor coach to the Hampton Inn in Ashville, NC, and doing the Candlelight Christmas Tour on Saturday, November 27th. On the 28th, we will tour the shops, Conservatory, Winery and Historic Horse Barn and enjoy the massive Sunday brunch at the Estate. Cost for the trip, which includes return motor coach travel, one night at the Hampton Inn based on double occupancy with deluxe continental breakfast and baggage handling, admission to the Biltmore Candlelight Christmas Tour, grounds and Sunday brunch, plus souvenir guidebook, deposit and pre-trip party will be around \$205 - \$215, depending upon how many people take the motor coach. If you want to drive there in your own vehicle, the cost is \$155 per person. We will return to Huntsville after Sunday brunch at the Biltmore. If you're interested in going, please send check for \$20.00 (payable to Huntsville Ski Club) to secure the deposit for the trip.

Send checks to "Christie Buck, 225 Case Road, Huntsville, AL 35811". Full payment will be due September 15th.



The **Annual Autumn Gatlinburg trip** will be from October 29 to Nov. 1. There are rooms available at Stream side at a cost of \$204 for three nights and includes food and beverages for two people. Cabin #23 has four bedrooms at a cost of \$314 for three nights and includes food and beverages for two people. For single people staying at Stream side the cost will be \$102. Single people staying at Cabin #23 will cost \$157. Activities during the three days on this trip include group hikes on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a wine and cheese party following the Saturday hike. Saturday night there will be a steak dinner with other food at Stream side. Sunday night there will be a stew dinner at the Stream side.

There will be dancing at the Stream side and opportunities for shopping in Gatlinburg. Mail forms for this trip, which were available at the June meeting, and payment of at least \$50 to Becky Dollman, 401 Cloverleaf Drive, Athens, AL 35611. Her number is 256-233-0705



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Social

SOCIAL SAYINGS

9/10 Fri.
Cookout Cher Piette 6PM
1203 Chatterson Circle. 883-2303

Directions:

Go south on Parkway, take Airport Rd exit and go East on Airport, becomes Carl T.

Jones, becomes Bailey Cove Rd. Continue past Grissom High and Willowbrook Rd.

Just after the golf course turn Left on Chatterson Circle, 2nd house on the left. Bring chairs, dish to share, meat if wish to grill, and own hard beverages. 6PM, Fri. Sept.10.

9/25 Sat
Cookout Carla Knight

5605 Granary Way, Athens. 256-614-0703. Sat.Sept.25, 2PM on.
Directions: Head West on Hwy 72, 16 miles past I-65. Look for mile marker 61. _ mile beyond is a Wavaho station on your right with a large Dr.Pepper sign. This is Hampton Cove Way; turn Right, go _ mile. The Granary will be on your Left. Turn Left into the Granary, house is in the cul-de-sac. Park in the gravel parking area above the cul-de-sac, by the old granary. Bring dish to share, meat if desired, chairs, own hard beverages. Bring a fishing pole if you have a fishing license, bathing suit & towel. She's on the Lake, has a hot tub and seadoo



New!! Come have fun at **The Eagles, Dinner/Dance** Sat. Oct.16, 6:30 on. You have a choice of 3 dinner entrees: Chicken

There's going to be scorching Friday night



\$7.95, Ribeye \$9.95, T-Bone \$10.95. All include salad, baked potato, roll, dessert, coffee and tea. Pay at the door (cash only). Dine & dance, or just dance! Full bar, reasonably priced. Great band plays variety but mostly country, including line-dancing. Try to let Isabel know by Oct.10 if you're coming, so we can all sit together. But if you forget, show up anyway and find the gang! Isabel, 772-2096, abiseidi@bellsouth.net.



Save the Date!! **Christmas Dance/Party** Sat.Dec.18, 7:30, Valley Hill Country Club. Tickets on sale at the September 15 meeting, \$30. What a bargain!!



LONGER TERM SOCIAL CALENDAR

11/5 Fri. West End Grill 5:30

11/27-28 Biltmore trip

12/3 Fri. West End Grill 5:30

12/18 Sat. Christmas Dance 7:30 Valley Hill Ctry Club

P>>onder this...

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty."

Winston Churchill

CLOUDMONT SKI PATROL

At the June meeting John Newton discussed the Cloudmont Ski Patrol and its desire for new patrol members. 11 members signed up to take the National Ski Patrol, Outdoor Emergency Care course. Classes are scheduled to start in September. We still have room for a few more people and suggest those interested call one of the numbers listed below. Several of the folks who signed up do not plan to be a Patrol member, but rather take the course to be prepared to deal with a first aid situation during a HSC or home activity. If you have questions please contact one of the following: Bob Palik, Patrol Leader, 881 4348, Loren Gross 881 6909, or John Newton 536 8925.

WINDSURFING

We had 14 members ready for another lesson/rental session July 25th. Shawn Donahoo, our great instructor from last year brought his beginners equipment for another fun day windsurfing. However the weather did not cooperate and lessons were suspended half way thru. After about an hour of nasty lightning and rain we resumed windsurfing with a nice breeze. I will try to get him back again for a follow up outing.

CLOUDEMONT SKI PATROL - see page 14.

ROLLERBLADING

If anyone is interested in rollerblading please contact Fred Killmeyer.

TENNIS

*Saturday morning at 8:00 AM at the **Huntsville High School** courts weather permitting. If these courts are unavaiaible our fallback is the tennis center. Contact **Kathy French, 721-1100, kafrench2@comcast.net** for more information.*

BIKING

We have a selection of bike rides from easy to moderate. Dinner and/or drinks to follow for those interested

Tuesdays - Aldridge Creek - Meet at 5:15PM and leave at **5:30**. The total length of the Greenway including the section along the Tennessee River is a little over 11 miles round trip and basically flat. This is the easiest and most scenic ride and is also suitable for bladders. There is a small park with parking/restrooms near the northern end of the greenway where we can meet. Directions are South on Memorial Pkwy, Left(E) on Weatherly Rd for 1.5 mi, Right(S) on Bailey Cove for 1.5 mi, Right(W) Mountain Gap. The park is on the left about one block from Bailey Cove on Mountain Gap.

Wednesdays - Flint River - Meet at Christie's house at 5:15PM and leave at **5:30PM** on Wednesdays except for Club meeting night. . The route is on back roads with some rolling hills. Please contact **Christie or Glen at 859-9154** for directions and more info.

Thursdays - Boeing Recreational Area - Meet at 5:00PM and leave at 5:15(Please note this is earlier than the others.) Riding on back roads through the cotton fields between the airport and the Tennessee River with some rolling hills. Directions: Take Wall Triana South off I565 for 0.5 mile and bear right still on Wall Triana for another 2.8 miles, then right on Boeing Blvd. The Boeing recreational(Picnic) area will be on the left after a short distance. Jim Hall is helping me with this so look for one of us.

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 please contact Fred Killmeyer

Huntsville Ski Club meeting
September 15th
Shoals Meeting September 16th.



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Please submit articles for May Flakey to Joe Cremin
Flakey_buzweiser@comcast.net
by September 23 (hard deadline)!

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