

Huntsville
Ski
Club

The

Flakey



News



December 2006

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Words from the President

We recently received an invitation from the Atlanta Ski Club to participate in their December 9th Season Kickoff Party at the Roxy Theater in the Buckhead section of Atlanta. They have lots of high-end door prizes including Delta Airline tickets, as well the Warren Miller "Off the Grid" movie we showed at our November meeting. Might be worth a drive over to Atlanta for some fun, if you're not busy Saturday, Dec 9th. Let me know at rchassay@comcast.net if you are interested, and they will provide us with password access to member-priced tickets.

Our ski season began December 1st at the Snowshoe resort in West Virginia!!!! We'll let you know how it went at our December 20th meeting, which will be our last at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Beginning in January, our meetings will be moved to the Bevill Center, at the northwestern corner of the UAH campus.

Our Treasurer Brenda Wynn's mother died recently, and our indefatigable Trip Coordinator Janet Emery's brother died on December 4th. Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Roger

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January Flakey Input

Submit January inputs by December 25
mckee@phaseiv.com

*Next Ski Club Meeting: Wednesday, December 20. Social 7:00 - 7:30 PM Meeting 7:30 at the Holiday Inn-Downtown
Board Meeting at 6:00-7:00 PM*

The Shoal's Corner

We had a nice crowd for the final Shoals Chapter meeting for 2006.

Thanks to Bill Nelson for hosting the 2006 Iron Bowl!!! Quite a few of us gathered together for lots of good company and a "mediocre" ballgame!!! We'll see what happens at the 2007 Iron Bowl.....

This Saturday, December 9th, Ron Paulus will be hosting his annual Christmas Party, which is always a wonderful celebration. Ham, Turkey, Green Beans and Potatoes will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring either a side dish or dessert to add to the feast, as well as your beverage of choice. We'll play Dirty Santa, so bring a gift valued at approximately \$20 that is appropriate for your gender. Please be sure to label male, female or either (if it would work for either gender). The festivities will begin around 5:30.....we look forward to seeing you all there.

The next Shoals meeting will be January 18, 2007.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our friends in the Shoals Area as well as in Huntsville a very Merry Christmas and the very best for you all in 2007. And, for those of you who will be traveling during the holidays, we wish you all a safe journey to your destination and back home again.

Happy Holidays!

Jennifer Aston

2008 Western Trip Directors Needed

The Club needs volunteers to plan and run Western Trips for 2008. Anyone interested in being a trip coordinator, is encouraged to contact the Western Trips Director or any of the board members. Please consider running a trip to your favorite location. All it takes is some planning and organization.

We usually try to schedule trips such that they do not overlap. However, hopefully we can schedule some trips on successive weeks to minimize travel costs for those of us wanting more than one week of continuous skiing. This will be coordinated once the desired locations of the trips are determined. So get your information to me as soon as possible so we can start making our plans.

If you are interested in running a trip but have little or no previous experience, don't let that stop you. There are many experienced trip coordinators that will be glad to discuss trip organization with you. Contact the Western Trips Director and we will find someone to help you get started.

Western Trips Director
Gene Hartsfield
ski.gene@yahoo.com
256 232-7394

Training

Tennis continues at Huntsville High School 8:00 Saturday Mornings.

Bicycling and Roller Blading

There is no regular cycling and roller blading scheduled. However, there will be occasional Tuesday afternoon outings by email announcement only. If you would like to be notified of these events, please contact Fred Killmeyer at fkillemeyer@netzero.net

Hiking

Sunday, December 3. Meet at 1:15 PM at the Land Trust Parking Lot on Bankhead Parkway. At publication time there is no leader for this hike. Hikers are encouraged to assemble and organize a hiking route on their own.

Sunday, December 10. Meet at 1:15 PM at the Certain Property Parking Lot at the top of Cecil Ashburn Drive. There is a gravel parking area on the south side of the road. A small Land Trust sign marks the lot. Hike leader, Alan Greene 534-7849.

Sunday, December 17. Meet at 1:15 PM at the Land Trust Parking Lot on Bankhead Parkway. Hike leader, Pat Green 880-7907.

Sunday, December 24. Christmas Eve THERE WILL BE NO HIKE TODAY

Sunday, December 31. Meet at 1:15 PM at the Hiker's Parking Lot in Monte Sano State Park. Hike leader, Ed Bernstein 534-6574.

Sunday, January 7. Meet at 1:15 PM at Rainbow Mountain (Madison). Go west on Hwy. 72 (University); left onto Hughes Road; left onto Thomas Road (app. 1.2 miles); left onto Concord; right onto Stoneway Trail up mountain; right at T intersection (still on Stoneway Trail) to water tower at mountain top (app. .6 mile). Info kiosk in parking lot. Hike leader, Ed Bernstein 534-6574.

We will not hike if it is raining or if there are other severe weather conditions. Contact Ed Bernstein at 534-6574, edbernst@knology.net for further information.

Ed Bernstein
(256) 534-6574 Home
(256) 508-6847 Cell

Social Events

HSC Christmas Dinner and Dance Party
Saturday, December 16th at the Bevill Ctr. On UAH Campus
~~~~ Formal Sit-Down Dinner, Live Band ~~~~

Tickets available from, Shirley Gibb, or Susan Ghaneei



***Dinner and/or Drinks Outing* ~~ Every First Friday of Each Month @ 5:30 pm**

West End Grill Restaurant; 6610 Old Madison Pike, Madison; 722-8040

HSC Point of Contact: Mary Lou Lewis, 539-6089

Bring Smile and Some Money

Ballroom Dancing

Every Tuesday Night @ 7:30 – 10:15 pm

Meet your HSC friends on the dance floor at Skate Odyssey Skate Center on South Memorial Parkway, at Mythewood intersection.

On the first Tuesday in ea. month music is provided by a live band, while on other Tuesdays prerecorded music is played. Music includes both traditional and contemporary arrangements for a variety of dances, including foxtrot, waltz, cha cha, swing (single, triple, and West Coast), rhumba, tango, samba, merengue, bolero, polka, and quick-step.

The Alabama Cloudmont Ski and Golf Resort opened for skiing 8 December!! They have made snow every night but one from December 1st-7th. The main slope is entirely covered and the teaching slope is partially covered, thus keeping the free ski school for beginners off the main tow line. The snow should be as good as it gets - dry packed powder!!! More cold weather and snowmaking tonight (Dec 8) as well. It's only a 50-minute drive due East of Huntsville!!

Bob Palik

Cloudmont Ski Patrol Director

S & V Sports

3190 Leeman Ferry Rd & 2801 Memorial Parkway
883-9917 or 288-0501

The Huntsville Ski Club had an impressive Fashion Show on November 15, graciously sponsored by Roland Markwalter of S&V Sports. One of the best ways the HSC can show our appreciation is go to one of his two stores and do some Christmas Shopping.

S&V (formerly Serve and Volley) carries all the top brands and more than most ski shops, e.g., North Face, Spyder, Atomic and Obemeyer. They do any type of ski repair, binding mounting and adjustments, as well as boot fitting.

Janet Emery of the HSC skis an average of three weeks per year, and 95% of her ski equipment and clothing has been purchased at S&V Sports. Last year when Janet purchased her new skis, Roland spent three hours working with her on the correct length and type of ski, including phoning the Atomic representative. She purchased a set of Women's Atomic Ski Balanze 141. After she used these for week in Jackson Hole, Roland told her if she did not love them, he would take them back and start all over again. Most of the time we do not go back to the same ski resort every year. So if we have a problem with our skis, who works with us to correct it?

Janet believes S&V's prices are competitive with the ski shops out West---and Roland will work with his customers on prices. Dave Emery of the HSC is getting a ski helmet from S&V Sports. If you know much about the delicate nature of the human skull, a helmet is a must have for any skier or snowboarder.



S & V Sports
3190 Leeman Ferry Rd
256-883-9917

Want the best deal for this skiing season?

- ❖ Check out S&V Sports' wide selection of equipment and clothing for young and old alike
- ❖ If you are interested in renting or purchasing skis or snowboards, S&V Sports can make it happen
- ❖ If you need a tune-up on that special pair of skis, take them to S&V Sports.

Forever Wild License Plate

by Joe Copeland

For fiscal year 2006 which ended September 30th, the Forever Wild License Plate netted Forever Wild \$253,546.00. This is a 21% increase from the \$208,616.00 of fiscal year 2005 We hope the tag will net over \$500,000.00 in the near future. This attractive tag is available at all county courthouses and when you purchase your tag, you can personalize it with up to 6 letters/numbers at no additional cost.

Since it's inception in 1992, the Forever Wild Land Trust has purchased 53 tracts of land that total 118,584 acres for public use. Also, the purchase of several large tracts should be completed in the very near future. Two of the largest tracts purchased at the south and north ends of the state are the 39,795-acre Mobile-Tensaw Delta Tract in Mobile and Baldwin Counties and the 12,510-acre Walls of Jericho tract in Jackson County near the Tennessee state line. Land is purchased for (1) nature preserves, (2) additions to state parks, (3) wildlife management areas, and (4) natural recreation areas. In an era where we are witnessing large wild areas fall victim to the twin scourges of development and increased population growth, The Forever Wild Land Trust is our greatest hope for preserving some of the best of these wild places for the future. You can show your support for Forever Wild and help purchase additional lands by buying a Forever Wild tag for your vehicle. For more info concerning this tag contact joec@powernet.org; 256-287-1652

Show your support for Forever Wild and help purchase additional lands by buying a Forever Wild tag for your vehicle. The tag cost an extra \$50 of which \$47 goes to the Forever Wild Land Trust fund.

Forever Wild, Alabama's land preservation program, cut the ribbon this week on the purchase of a new 340 tract on Green Mountain overlooking Hampton Cove and Jones Valley in Huntsville and Madison County. An effort that took nearly 3 years to complete, the purchase is the biggest piece of a nearly 900 acre outdoor preserve spanning parts of Green and Huntsville mountains.

This model public-private partnership was accomplished through the support of the City of Huntsville, the Madison County Commission and the Land Trust of Huntsville and North Alabama. The land, was owned by the Certain family since the late 1800s.

According to the Huntsville Times, Drew Certain said his father, the late William Lewis Certain III, was a "consummate Outdoorsman." "It was very hard to turn loose of the land. But I can't think of any better people to turn it over to." said Certain in the Times.

FALL CREEK FALLS WEEKEND

APRIL 27-29, 2007

Come out with the club to Fall Creek Falls State Park, TN for a weekend of hiking, biking, and nature walks. Fish from your Villa deck! Enjoy a Friday night seafood buffet, golf, play tennis, rent a boat, view waterfalls with or without hiking! See spring wildflowers, enjoy a Saturday night BBQ and potluck, or just relax at your lakeside cabin.

LODGING: 7-3 Bedroom Lakeside Villas @ approx. \$360/villa/2 night weekend.

The villas are 3 bedroom cabins. 2 bedrooms with 2 double beds, and 1 bedroom with 2 single beds. They have 2 baths, and a fully equipped kitchen, dining and living areas.

Space for 42 people with 2 people/bedroom. Family groupings with higher density can be accommodated in bedrooms with 2 doubles.

You may find roommates and reserve an entire Villa or you can reserve a room in a villa for Approx. \$120 for the 2 nights.
Camping available on request.

ACTIVITIES: Friday night Seafood Buffet at the Lodge at own expense
(\$15.95 this year)

Saturday Evening Potluck Cookout at the Villas

Saturday/Sunday Daytime Activities include hiking, biking, fishing, canoeing, Ranger led outings in am and pm.

TRANSPORTATION: Personal Vehicle of Participants

Bring your bike if you want to ride

COSTS: Sign up Fee: \$5/per person

Party Fee: \$5 per person(includes meat, beverages,paper at BBQ)

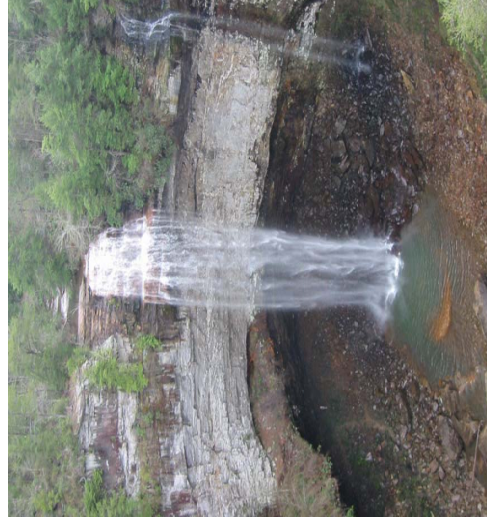
Villas: \$360/Villa or \$120/Room in a Villa

RESERVATIONS:

NAN CASE

883-8805

816 Lenlock Drive
Huntsville, AL 35802



Keystone Ski Trip

A Vail Resort in Keystone, Colorado

January 27 – February 3, 2007

Trip Coordinator:

Carl Case 883-8805

carl_case@knology.net

816 Lenlock Dr. HSV 35802



Skiing:

Three mountains: 11640, 11660, and 12200 ft elevation; 3128 vertical feet, 2722 skiable acres; 117 trails, 21-lifts, 3 gondolas/high speed quads; 230" annual snowfall

Lift tickets good for day and/or night skiing; also good at Breckenridge, A-Basin, Vail and Beaver Creek

Accommodations:

We will stay at Forest condominiums; eight 2-bedroom 4 person units reserved; free shuttle service available to/from lifts/Village/restaurants.

Other Activities:

Fine dining or casual restaurants, spa, massage, snowmobiling, dog sled rides, shopping, ice skating, Nordic skiing
Adventure Passport for each participant: includes NASTAR, wine tasting, yoga, discounts on sleigh rides/food etc

Cost (subject to revision if tax rates increase):

Lodging (7 nights, 4 per 2-BR condo)

Lift Tickets (5 day)

Party fee

Sign up fee

Basic Ground Package:

<== ONLY 2 SLOTS AVAILABLE

| Adult | Youth(13-17) | Child(12&U) |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| \$331 | * | * |
| 200 | 140 | 88 |
| 25 | 25 | 15 |
| <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> |
| \$576 | \$185 | \$123 |

% Base price fixed; taxes, surcharges and fees subject to change

Full Payment now due

Steamboat February 3rd-10th 2007



Steamboat Springs, CO

Trip Coordinator: Nan Case 883-8805

marianncase@knology.net

816 Lenlock Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802

Now Taking Wait List....If there are 3 more interested we can try to add a 2 bedroom condo! Group air no longer available, Must arrange own air and transfer.

Skiing: 2nd largest mountain in Colorado; Summit 10,568 feet, Base at 6,900 feet; 3,668 vertical Feet; 2, 965 Acres; 25 lifts serving 164 trails; 25 Green, 56 Blue, 10 Blue/Black, 62 Black, 7 Double Black and 4 Terrain Parks. Runs over 3 miles long!

Accomodations: Luxury Condo's THE LODGE AT STEAMBOAT. 200 yards from the Gondola!!

2 or 3 bedroom units with full kitchens and fireplaces; Outdoor heated pool and 4 outdoor hot tubs, Indoor hot tub and sauna. Private guest shuttle to skiing, dining, grocery, and entertainment. On site laundry, daily housekeeping, and complimentary Internet access in each unit.

**Costs: Ground Package – 7 Nights lodging, 5 day lift ticket, rt airport transfers, all fees and taxes (Subtract \$204 for NonSki,nolifts)
2 bdrm/2bath \$736.00/per person (double room occupancy)**

Party Fee \$25

Signup Fee \$20

Total Pkg. Ground, Fees

2bdrm/2bath in July \$781

CRESTED BUTTE

FEBRUARY 10-17, 2007

The Creste Butte TRIP is now full, and I now have 58 people going on the trip. If you are interested in the trip, I am starting a waiting list to handle any cancellations. The pre-trip party will be January 20, 2007 6:30 PM at the home of Lou and Jodi Weiner, #6 St. Charles RD. Directions will be in the next newsletter. **SKI RENTALS:** Group skies/snowboards rentals are being handled by Crested Butte Ski and Snowboard. The following information will be needed: Height, Weight, Age, Shoe Size, put N/A if you have your own boots, Type Skier (1-conservative, 11-moderate, 111-aggressive), Length Ski preferred. Mention you are with the Huntsville Ski Club and the group leader is Janet Emery. The 6 Day Packages are as follows: Junior \$10.81 a day, Explorer \$15.17 a day and Elite \$31.43 a day. This is for 6 days and includes skies, boots, and poles. If you have your own boots, ask them about adjusting the price. This also includes all taxes and the damage waiver. You have to pay for the 6 days even though you have a 5 out 6 day lift ticket. Times have changed a lot of things. You will be able to pick-up your rentals the day before your first day to ski after 2:00PM. To only look at the packages, go to the web address www.skicb.com (DO NOT BOOK HERE) and click onto ski rentals. You also can find information about the condos by clicking onto premier lodging. To get the group discount you **MUST** send your information to the following e-mail address rjordi@cbmr.com or call 1-888-682-5386X1. If you need any other information about the trip, e-mail me at emery3685@bellsouth.net or call 256-726-0047.



Powder Mountain and Snowbasin Spring Break Ski Trip
March 17 - 24, 2007

Coordinator: Carolyn Mulcahy

Phone: 852-3177 E-Mail: carolynmulcahy@yahoo.com

Join us for spring break skiing in Utah. Powder Mountain and Snowbasin are on either side of Ogden Valley, a short drive north of Salt Lake City. Powder Mountain offers 2,900 acres of lift served skiing and another 2,600 reachable by snowcat or helicopter. With annual snowfall of 500", 60% of the runs beginner or intermediate and a children's program this may be the perfect spot for your family spring break. We will also be able to ski Snowbasin, the home of some of the 2002 Olympics ski events. Snowbasin boasts 2,650 acres with 70% of the runs rated as beginner or intermediate. Snowbasin also offers 19 km of groomed cross country skiing. Both ski areas offer snowboarding and terrain parks. We will be staying in condos in Eden UT, approximately a ten minute drive from Powder Mountain and 30 minutes from Snowbasin.

Trip Cost:

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| Flight | \$405.00/person |
| Ground Package | \$526.00/person(quad occupancy) |
| Includes 7 nights lodging in 2 BR/2 Bath condo and 5 days of skiing (3days at Powder Mountain* and 2 at Snowbasin or all 5 days at Powder Mountain*) | |
| Party Fee | \$ 25.00/person |
| Sign Up Fee | <u>\$ 20.00/person</u> |
| Total | \$976.00/person |

Estimate on rental car is \$65/person in full size car shared by four people.
Equipment rental will be approximately \$12.50/day for adults and \$8.50/day for children 12 and under.

Amount due at October meeting for new sign ups: \$50 refundable deposit for airfare, \$40 refundable deposit for condo and sign up fee plus October payment of \$300.

Amount due at October meeting for those already signed up: \$300/person.

December 2006

Huntsville Ski Club Events At-a-Glance

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24/31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Sunday Hikes | Merry Christmas | Ballroom Dancing | HSC Meeting Holiday Inn | No Dec meeting Shoals Group | West End Grill | Ron Paulus's Christmas Party |
| No Hike Christmas Eve | | | | | | Christmas Dance |

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| Sunday Hikes | HAPPY NEW YEAR | Ballroom Dancing | HSC Meeting, Bevill Center | HSC Meeting, Shoals Group | West End Grill | Tennis - Huntsville H. S. |
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KEYSTONE

| Huntsville Ski Club Officers | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--|
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HUNTSVILLE SKI CLUB

NEW MEMBER/RENEWAL APPLICATION & CHANGE OF INFORMATION FORM
PLEASE NOTE: Membership Year is September 1st - August 31st

(Check At Least One)

- ___ New Member
- ___ Renewal - Current Member
- ___ Renewal - Previous Member
- ___ Information Changes

Check One

- ___ \$20/YR (Single & Email Newsletter)
- ___ \$30/YR (Single & Mail Newsletter)
- ___ \$30/YR (Family & Email Newsletter)
- ___ \$40/YR (Family & Mail Newsletter)

QUESTIONS??? Contact Membership : Daniel Hubbard 513-0680 realdealexteriors@netzero.net
NO QUESTIONS Make Check To : Huntsville Ski Club
Mail Form & Check To : Daniel Hubbard 200 Cypress Creek Dr. Madison, AL 35758

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

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 thereof which may arise out of any injury, damage, or pecuniary loss incidental to participation in Club activities.

NAME (1) SIGNATURE _____ **NAME (2) SIGNATURE** _____

* Club Use: Received _____ Amount \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____ Treasurer _____ DBase _____ Other _____

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Shoals Meeting - December 21

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