

Huntsville
Ski
Club

The

Flakey



News



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Words from the President

Well it's been an wonderful month or so for HSC snow skiing. According to my highly accurate count, there were 1,411 ski runs completed, zero debilitating injuries, zero fist fights, zero condos damaged, 106 new friendships made, 2 people angered, 587 jokes told, 1.36 persons embarrassed, two books partially read, 9 coloring books completed, 17 card games played, 999 cellphone calls, 7,554.652 lbs of food consumed, 13 Diet Cokes consumed, 16 bottles of water consumed, and 2,002 alcoholic drinks consumed so far (not counting the one I'm currently working on)---with the Powder Mountain, Utah trip still to go--- hopefully to increase these lagging statistics up to a much more respectable level.

Roger

p.s. Please don't forget our next meeting is one week EARLIER than usual---this time on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, i.e., March 14. AND, for the first time ever, we will meet in the Huntsville Board of Realtors building--- downtown at 535 Monroe Street.

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April Flakey Input
Submit April inputs by March 25
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Next Ski Club Meeting: Wednesday, March 14. Social 7:00 -7:30 PM Meeting 7:30 at the Huntsville Board of Realtors Board Meeting at 6:00-7:00 PM

PERSONALS: Several more of our club members' parents have passed away in the last few weeks, including Christy Buck's father on February 27, Judy Torres Bobula's mother, and Hope Duve's mother. Please keep Christy, Judy, and Hope in your thoughts and prayers as they attempt to deal with their loss.

Our Shoals meeting was well attended including four new members--Sherry Stutts, Shevelia McGuire, Elaine Witt, and Jean Rutledge. Debra Gifford of Florence also recently joined our group. We welcome them to the Ski Club!

The logo for "Shoals Corner" features the words "Shoals" and "Corner" in a large, blue, 3D-style font with a red outline. The letters are bold and have a slight shadow effect, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

Two couples (Don and Jennifer Aston, and Jim and Suzanne Farrell) were not in attendance, as they were traveling in Australia and China together. Jim and Don are actually working in China for a year and Jennifer and Suzanne met them for a two week vacation during the Chinese New Year. Although Jennifer was out of the country, she had prepared our club calendar and roster for membership handout as usual. We thank her for dependable work through the years in preparing a monthly calendar and membership rosters, as well as her timely emails regarding activities and trips.

We had a our annual "Weird Food Cookoff" at the home of Karen and Randy Myers. It was a lot of fun, as usual. Zach and Julie got the grand prize for their gator gumbo. It may have been unusual, but it was also delicious!

The annual Texas Independence Day cookout is at the home of Jim and Kay Durrett on Saturday, March 17, at 6:00. Jim will prepare his famous Texas brisket and sausage. Wear your favorite western wear; arrival by horse is optional.

Ron Paulus is planning his annual Lake House Party for May 19, so be sure to mark your calendars for that fun event."

The Pigeon Forge trip is planned for November 1-4. Call Bill Nelson at 446-6436 for more information. He is currently taking deposits so that we can reserve the appropriate number of cabins.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 22 at Red Lobster with Keith Underwood as leader.

Kris Seabol

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 are occasional 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, March 4. Meet at 1:15 PM at the Hiker's Parking Lot in Monte Sano State Park. Hike leader, Ed Bernstein

Sunday, March 11. Meet at 1:15 PM at the Land Trust Parking Lot on Bankhead Parkway. Hike leader, Ed Bernstein.

Sunday, March 18. 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, Jim Will 722-3002

Sunday, March 25. Meet at 1:15 PM at the Certain Property Parking Lot at the top of Cecil Ashburn Drive. There is a graveled parking area on the south side of the road. A small Land Trust sign marks the lot. Hike leader, Ed Bernstein

Sunday, April 1. Meet at 1:15 PM at the Hiker's Parking Lot in Monte Sano State Park. Hike leader, TBA

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

Ed Bernstein

Notice: The new policy and procedures are now on the web site www.hsvskiclub.org

Recreation

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 12th for a one day trip to the amazing city of Chattanooga. We will depart from the McDonalds located at Highway 72 East and Shields Road on May 12th no later than 8:30. We will carpool to the aquarium located on the Tennessee River. The tour of the Tennessee Aquarium will be in two different buildings and last about two and one half hours. Then we will walk from the aquarium to the art bluff district where we will have lunch at one of four restaurants in that area. There are art galleries and an art museum located in this area which we could visit following lunch. There is a pedestrian bridge across the river from the art bluff district which has many interesting places to visit depending on your schedule in the afternoon. There is no prepayment required for this trip. You will pay \$19 for one adult ticket for the aquarium and \$9 for a children's ticket. The parking at the aquarium will cost about \$5 or \$6 depending on the amount of time you spend at the riverfront in Chattanooga. This is a great opportunity to join your friends and family for a day of fun in Chattanooga.

The ski club will travel to Bear Creek, south of Russellville, for a canoe/kayak trip with your ski club friends. We will canoe or kayak on the upper part of Bear Creek which has several rapids and whitewater. The scenery on this section of Bear Creek is beautiful. The weather will be warm in June so you will want to wear your swim suits and get as wet as possible. The approximate cost for two people in one canoe is about \$40 based on the prices last year. The cost for a one person kayak is about \$25 based on the prices in 2006. The date of this trip will be Saturday, June 9th, which is four weeks after the Chattanooga trip. After we have fun on Bear Creek we will eat a early supper at the Speedy Pig BBQ restaurant in Russellville. There will be more details concerning the Bear Creek canoe/kayak trip in future issues of the newsletter. You can join your friends for a fun time in canoes or kayaks on Bear Creek.

Jim Will Recreation Director

FALL CREEK FALLS WEEKEND APRIL 27-29, 2007

Villas are full. Will take waitlist. Mark your calendars for the Pretrip Party Sunday April 22nd 2-4PM
Nan Case 883-8805 or mariannecase@knology.net



Your Nominating Committee of Nan Case, Joe Cremin, Charles Blakely, Shirley Gibb, and Jim Will has been hard at work. **We now need your help! We are still in need of a Membership Director and a Newsletter Editor! Your club needs you now! There is a working committee to help the membership director and past editors to help you get up to speed on the newsletter if you need it. Please call and volunteer your time. Nan Case, Chrm. 883-8805**

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2007-08

President—Roger Chassay

Vice President—Bob Breedan

Secretary--Carol Wright

Treasurer—Ed Bernstein

Membership-----HELP!!!!

Social—Ina Jenkins

Western Trips—Gene Hartsfield

Local Trips—Brenda Wynn

Training—David Kostowny

Recreation—Steve Wynn

Publicity—Jim Hall

Newsletter-----HELP!!!!

Historian—Nan Case

Fort Walton Beach trip



May 25 thru May 28
Surf Dweller Condo

I do not have prices for the trip yet but I will need a \$20 deposit by next Ski Club Meeting.

We will be going to the Marina in Destin Harbor on Friday night for a two for one special. Be there before 6 PM. This is on your own and you do not have to participate.

Saturday we will have our usual shrimp boil at the pool with cocktails provided.

Sunday we will have a brunch in my condo; details to be provided later.

This is a fun trip, so please plan to enjoy it.

Contact
Tom Hurley
880 9022
Shamrockgp@aol.com

Social

Ballroom Dancing

~ *Every Tuesday Night @ 7:30 – 10:15 pm*

Meet your HSC friends on the dance floor at [Skate Odyssey](#) Skate Ctr. on S. Mem. Pkwy, at Mythewood intersection. Live band on first Tuesdays.

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, 539-6089

~ *Special Gathering at Green Hills Grill ~ March 9th @ 5:30 pm*

Green Hills Grill Restaurant; 5100 Sanderson St. NW; 837-8282

Tennessee Ridge Ride

Saturday April 14, 2007 – 9 am



What: Scenic Bicycle ride on TN ridge backroads near Lynchburg, TN (Home of Jack Daniels Distillery)

Where: Start from Bob & Debbie Breeden's – 173 Beech Hill Dr, Winchester, TN

Difficulty: Routes include a mild ridge ride to Lynchburg with alternate more challenging routes including the infamous Marble Hill for the more advanced bikers

Time: The ride begins at 9 am to make the 10 am live radio broadcast and bluegrass music and will last 2-4 hours depending on the route chosen

Lunch: Pot Luck Picnic-Style meal to be served after the ride – BYOB and a dish to share. A gas grill is also available.

Return transportation from Lynchburg provided if needed.

Reserve your spot by calling Bob Breeden in advance, 665-1800

2007-2008 Western Trips

We are three fourths the way through the scheduled 2007 Western ski trips. 132 members enjoyed the wonderful Colorado ski slopes during the last month. The week long trips were to Summit County (skiing at Keystone, Breckenridge, Vail, and Beaver Creek), Steamboat Springs, and Crested Butte. All three weeks were great and everyone enjoyed the fun times. Thanks goes to the three trip leaders Carl Case, Nan Case, and Janet Emery for the all the planning and work that they put into making these weeks a great success. Carolyn Mulcahy is running the last trip of 2007 to Powder Mountain/Snow Basin March 17- 24. I am sure this week will be just as great.

It looks like we are getting some great trips lined up for the 2008 season. All of the 2008 trips are still in the planning stage so the details are not firm yet. We have four trips in the planning. Geoffrey Jeram is planning a trip to Lake Tahoe area January 12 -19. Janet Emery plans to run a trip to Telluride January 26 through February 2. Tom Dollman is planning another trip to Salt Lake City February 2-9. Joyce Howell plans a trip spring break trip to Winter Park March 15–22. Remember the Board has not approved any 2008 trips yet. The trips are planned to be presented to the membership at the April meeting.

If you are interested in running a western trip we could still use another trip or two for 2008. Please contact me or any of the Board members. 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 who 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

Powder Mountain Ski Trip

Ogden Utah

March 17-24, 2007

Coordinator: Carolyn Mulcahy

Phone: 852-3177 or E-mail: carolynmulcahy@yahoo.com

Air: \$405

Ground Package: \$526

Party Fee: \$25

Sign Up Fee: \$10

TOTAL: \$966

Three days @ Powder Mountain
and two at Snowbasin. Quad
occupancy at Wolf Creek Condos.

Great Spring Break Trip!

We will accept names of those males/females wishing to be on the waiting list.



If you didn't go to Crested Butte, Colorado, February 10-17, 2007, you missed a great week of skiing highlighted by several fun get-togethers with 58 of your closest friends. Janet and Dave Emery coordinated and planned a wonderful trip with fresh snow everyday (they had some help), wonderful skiing, parties, and a fantastic Valentine's Day dinner on the mountain, just to name a few of the week's highlights.

Crested Butte had not had much snow up to this point, however the week we were there it snowed about 12 inches over several days. (Janet has a special sense of timing.) Everyone had a chance to make fresh tracks as most of the snow fell during the day or after the slopes had been groomed. Each day we had the opportunity to meet at different locations for lunch and to talk about our morning adventures. This gave us a chance link up with different people and ski with them in the afternoon. This is a great way to push the comfort zone and take on the challenge of more difficult runs.

We had a "Welcome Party" at the Firehouse Grill on Sunday night. The food was served buffet style and was very good and plentiful. We actually left food, which is odd for our group. For a special way to celebrate Valentine's Day about 20 people had made reservations for the Last Tracks Dinner~a special dining adventure at Crested Butte. After the main lift closed, our group took the Red Lady chair lift mid-way up the mountain and skied to the Ice Bar restaurant where the outside bar is actually made of ice blocks complete with ice sculptures. For those who didn't ski, snowmobiles were available. We entered a rustic A-frame for a tasty gourmet dinner. After dinner the real fun began as about 15 people donned headlamps and made their way down the mountain on skies with the help of a guide. The snowmobiles were available for those who did not want to ski down. This was so enjoyable and a great way to remember a wonderful Valentine's Day.

Skiing at Crested Butte brought us to where one of our long time members – Lynda Locke- is staying for the winter. It was great to see her and ski with her throughout the week.

Friday afternoon after skiing we meet for a final drink at Butte 66 Roadhouse. It had been a snowy day and everyone was ready for a drink. We talked about our week and our plans to do this again in Telluride 2008. At this time we recognized our trip leader, Janet Emery, for putting together a fabulous trip that everyone enjoyed. If was a great trip and a fun time was had by all. Thank you Janet!!! Kay Cox



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>
Gifford, Debra	256-766-6086	615-613-1330	185 Blaze Dr.	Florence	AL	35630
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McGuire, Shevelia	764-6356	768-2400	PO Box 71	Florence	AL	35631
Rutledge, Jean	272-0282		367 Deer Creek Drive	Killen	AL	35645
Sage, Serena		544-5427	109 Summitridge Rd.	Madison	AL	35757
Stutts, Sherry	648-6636	767-1669	2508 Hoagh Rd.	Florence	AL	35630
Underwood, Kevin			1120 Kerr Drive	Huntsville	AL	35803
Weber, Linda	770-704-8022		500 Preston Glen Circle #305	Canton	GA	30114
Witt, Elaine	383-9488		2102 Edwards Ave.	Muscle Shoals	AL	35661
Youngberg, Colette	539-0322		7102 Horse Hollow Dr.	Owens Cross Rds	AL	35763

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256-883-9917**

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- ❖ 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.

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Newsletter		
Angela McKee	714-2202 (cell)	mckee@phaseiv.com
Historian		
Nan Case	883-8805	marianneccase@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)

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

Check One
 \$30/YR (Single & Email Newsletter)
 \$45/YR (Single & Mail Newsletter)
 \$40/YR (Family & Email Newsletter)
 \$55/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 _____

March 2007

Huntsville Ski Club Events At-a-Glance










Tennis –
Huntsville H. S.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 West End Grill	3 Tennis – Huntsville H. S. 
4 Hiking – Hiker's Parking Lot Monte Sano	5	6	7	8	9 Green Hills Grill	10 Tennis – Huntsville H. S. 
11 Hiking – Land Trust Bankhead Parkway	12	13	14 HSC Meeting, Huntsville Board of Realtors 	15	16	18 Tennis – Huntsville H. S.  Shoals Cookout Ski Trip
18 Hiking – Rainbow Mountain 	19	20	21	22 HSC Meeting, Shoals Group 	23	25 Tennis – Huntsville H. S. 
Powder Mountain						
25 Hiking – Certain Property Cecil Ashburn	26	27	28	29	29	31 Tennis – Huntsville H. S.

Ballroom Dancing

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8	9	10	11	12	13 	14 Tennis – Huntsville H. S.  Tennessee Ridge Ride
15	16	17	18 	19 HSC Meeting, Shoals Group 	20	21 Tennis – Huntsville H. S. 
22 Fall Creek Falls Pre-Trip Party	23	24	25 HSC Meeting, Bevill Center	26	27	28 Tennis – Huntsville H. S.  
29	30	25	26	27	28	29 Tennis – Huntsville H. S.  Fall Creek Falls

Ballroom Dancing

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Shoals Meeting—March 22**

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