



The Flakey

Huntsville Ski Club Newsletter

February 2020



***Ski Club will meet at Stovehouse in March!
3414 Governors Drive SW, Huntsville!***



President's Message, Jodi Stephens - 256.651.1433

WELCOME TO THE HUNTSVILLE SKI CLUB: We're having a great ski year! I hope you are all participating in the ski trips. One group has been to Sun Peaks, Canada and had a great time. The temperature was a little on the minus side (-14 deg) reported one day. Currently, a group is in Steamboat Springs, CO and the reports are great. It seems some of our members got to meet the famous Billy the Kid (statue) and placed an HSC green ribbon on him. He's sure to stand out in a crowd now! That group returns on February 1, and the next group goes to Aspen/Snowmass, CO and then onto Salt Lake City, UT February 8.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Roger Chassay has graciously accepted the position of Nominating Committee Chair. If you are interested in serving on the HSC Board, please contact Roger. We always need people who are willing to serve.

WHAT'S GOING ON

SKI TRIPS! The Steamboat Springs Trip the first of December had plenty of snow. As we have been seeing through the postings of Crescent Ski Council and National Ski Federation, the snow is substantial in almost all ski areas. Do be careful with the combination of packed snow and lots of fresh snow on top of it. A good formula for avalanches. Several skiers have already been lost (skiing outside boundaries!). Have fun but heed the warnings of avalanches.

Feb 1 – 8: HSC Aspen-Snowmass

Feb 15 – 22: HSC Salt Lake City

Mar 17 – 25: CSC Granada & Sierra Nevada, Spain

RACING: Crescent Ski Council coordinates many racing opportunities in the February and March timeframe. They currently are scheduling a race at Ober Gatlinburg, Feb 22-23. If you are interested, please contact me.

CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL SPRING CONVENTION: HSC has reserved two Brighton Tower condos for the CSC Spring Convention (Apr23-26) at Myrtle Beach, SC. Condos have two bedrooms and two baths and a hid-a-bed in the living room. Cost for three nights and four people in the condo is \$230 per person. Any of our members that wish to go should contact Bob Breeden at 256-665-1800 for details. Deadline for registration and payment is March 9.

SPECIAL EVENTS: HSC folks had a good dinner at the Elks Club on January 18. Look for more events at the Elks Club.

BIRTHDAY CLUB! We want to wish our members who are celebrating birthdays this month a Happy Birthday. We are so glad you are a member and wish you a great day of celebration with family and friends.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BE OUR GUEST! We meet each month on the third Wednesday at the Athletic Club Alabama, 3250 Leeman Ferry Road. Social begins at 7 (or earlier if you like) with meeting beginning at 7:30.

Our contract with ACA is coming to a close. Please stay tuned for a final decision of our meeting location.

Have a Wonderful HSC Day!
Jodi Stephens - HSC President
256.651.1433

Note: If you have pictures of a Ski Club Event that you would like to share, please send Sue Chatham some of them to use in the newsletter. Send to suechatham@gmail.com.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE for Board Positions

It's that time of year! We are asking for volunteers to run for positions on the Huntsville Ski Club Board of Directors. Several of our present Board members will be running for office again, but all positions are open for volunteers to step forward! How would like to be our president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, ski trips director, special activities director, social director, membership director, training director, Flakey editor, or publicity director?? If you are interested in helping to run our wonderful club, please contact me at rchassay@att.net or 256.682.5758.

Roger Chassay, Chairman, HSC Nominating Committee

SOCIAL REPORT

Brrrrrrrrrrrr! Winter is upon us. It's a great time for skiing, but some of us back in Huntsville long for warmer days, social gatherings, and picnics in the sun.

Let's kick off spring in 2020 with a HSC Après-ski / Après-taxes party. We are looking for someone to host this event either in their home or neighborhood clubhouse. If you are interested in being a cookout/covered dish weekend event host please contact: Becky Dollman at 256-520-3132 or rebamtn@gmail.com. Ski Club provides funds to supplement your costs for paper plates, flatware, soft drinks, etc. Members will bring covered dishes to share and their own adult beverages. Let me hear from you soon.

Becky Dollman, Social Committee Chairperson

Deadline for Articles for the Newsletter is Feb 21. Please submit before then if possible. Submit them to chatham@knology.net. Any questions call(256-684-7950) or email Sue.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

Bring a friend to the next ski club meeting and encouraging them to join! We take new members all year!!

Annual dues are \$36 for a single member and \$50 for a family. We will take dues at the membership party and the September meeting. You can also mail your check (made out to HSC) to:

Huntsville Ski Club
P.O. Box 1601
Huntsville, AL 35807

There is a copy of the membership form on the last page of the newsletter.

You can also renew online at www.huntsvilleskiclub.org. Questions contact Lori at llbondcnm@gmail.com.

Don't take a chance on being dropped from the mailing list - renew now!!!

Huntsville Ski Club Special Events

Feb 16 HSC goes to Hsv Havoc Hockey! Sunday 5:00 pm

Huntsville loves beer so the Huntsville Havoc is celebrating us with tickets as low as \$5, along with \$5 craft beer, \$2 domestic beer, \$2 hot dogs, and \$5 root beer floats for the kiddies courtesy of Simple Helix.

You don't want to miss out on this crazy fun, so notify Diana Faust asap (lovs2dance@gmail.com or text 256.337.8060) that you want to go as she has acquired a group of tickets for us to sit together.

Mar 21 Walking Tour Downtown Square Meet at Harrison Brothers Hardware. Visit the ancient basement and browse in the store (10:30-11). Stay for 11 am fun-guided stroll led by Carol Codori, local history buff and downtown resident, around iconic buildings and restaurants including The First National Bank, the Schiffman Building, and Church of the Nativity. If weather is dry, we'll peer below street level at the 1860s-era "sunken sidewalk," and learn its history on East Side Square.

April 19 Peter Pan at the VBC Playhouse 1:00 pm

Discounted Group Tickets, probably \$20, for Huntsville Ballet's "Peter Pan."

Ballet is for us grown up children too! Guys, gals, friends, grandchildren: Come enjoy the thrilling leaps, soaring music, and gorgeous sets. Details TBA.

CRESCENT SKI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S UPDATE February 2020

Fun was had by over 100 people who attended the CSC Ski Week at Sun Peaks. Although it was really, really cold, the conditions were great and the scenery was breathtaking! The snow was so soft and provided great skiing. We discovered that our skis would stick to the snow in temperatures below -10 degrees until speeds of about 3 mph were reached (unless you used phantom wax on your skis). The Sun Peaks Grand Hotel offered nice accommodations with ski storage, ski out/in and was within easy walking distances to excellent restaurants and shops. I also saw something I have never seen at a ski resort – children riding a pommel lift up the slope to school!

A lot of Crescent members also skied resorts like Steamboat, Deer Valley, Jackson Hole, Winter Park and Copper in January. On the East coast, Appalachian Mountain had good conditions and fun race courses for us last weekend. Be sure to contact your Club's Trip Leader, the CSC website or Face Book page for more information on ski trips.

I hope you are making plans now to attend the Spring Convention April 23-26th.



Ski Trips for 2019-2020

Hello, all HSC skiers and friends. We have already had plenty of great skiing this year and still have more to go. The snow has been perfect and the temperatures, challenging at times.

Although I did not ski at Steamboat this year, from all indications and photographs taken, Steamboat Springs backed up it's reputation of having the best snow in the West. Pictures on the left.

I went with 13 other HSC members to CSC's ski week in Sun Peaks, BC, Canada. The conditions there were fantastic with more snow than they had seen in 25 years, but the record cold temperatures were somewhat challenging. All week was below zero with a -26 degrees F on Tuesday which compelled several of us thin-blooded southerners to stay close to the fireplace. Overall, Sun Peaks was one of the most beautiful resorts I've ever skied, in spite of the cold weather. I would go back again but, maybe in the spring next time. (Pictures on the right)



Our plans for next ski season are beginning to gel. In addition to Crescent's Steamboat Ski & Race Camp, and a week at Telluride, we will offer three to four more trips to some of our favorite resorts we've not been to in a few years. Final selections of trips and assignment of trip leaders will hopefully be completed for the May newsletter.

If you would like to lead a trip next season, please don't hesitate to contact me or Gene Hartsfield ASAP and make your desires known.

A Ski Trips Committee meeting will be held in early March at the Huntsville public library. Time and dates will be announced. Please plan on attending if you are interested in running a trip or serving on the committee.

See you on the slopes.



Bob Breeden
HSC Ski Trips Director
256-665-1800



**HUNTSVILLE SKI CLUB PRESENTS
ASPEN/SNOWMASS WEEK
FEB 1-8, 2020**



FOUR GREAT MOUNTAINS on one lift ticket. Two amazing towns with endless possibilities for when the slopes close. Snowmass offers 3,132 acres of varied terrain, 91 trails, 21 chairlifts and access to your choice of cruisers, glades, steeps, terrain parks and halfpipes. A winter vacation at Aspen Snowmass will engage your mind, body and spirit in ways no other winter vacation will. <https://www.aspensnowmass.com/our-mountains/destination-overview> ; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_8sbXEGvV0

INCLUDES: -----

- 7 Nights Lodging (very close to the lifts) & All Taxes
 - Option A: Terracehouse Condos**, 2 bed 2 bath (4 person) 5 rooms available
 - Option B: Stonebridge Hotel/Inn** (2 person) 10 rooms availableThese buildings are adjacent and within a few hundred feet of the slopes
- Sunday Night Wine & Cheese Party
- Pre-Trip Party
- Apres Ski Party(s)
- Group Dinner (Day TBD)
- Complementary Shuttle/Bus to all ski areas, Downtown Snowmass & Aspen
- Porter Fees
- Free Round-Trip Airport Transfers – to Aspen Airport provided by lodge

COST PER PERSON: -----

- Terracehouse (4) - **\$983** (+\$908 Single) Breakfast NOT included, but you can walk to Stonebridge and purchase as you want.
- Stonebridge Hotel (2) - **\$1202** (+1001 Single) **Includes 7 Days Breakfast Buffet** in the Stonebridge.
- Sign-up Fee included (Non-refundable) \$15 and Party Fee included \$45
- Non-Skier or IKON Pass +0
- Adult 4 day pass **+407**
- Adult 5 day pass **+509**
- Adult 6 day pass **+611**
- Senior (65+) 4 day pass **+246**
- Senior (65+) 5 day pass **+309**
- Senior (65+) 6 day pass **+370**
- Sports America states they can work with skiers on individual air more economically than currently offered group rates.

Note: Trip is full! Contact Lori if you would like to be on the waiting list.

Online registration will be at <http://hsc-snowmass.sat.tours>

Payment Schedule \$300 Due at Sign-up, \$700 due on Oct 1, 2019, and balance due Dec 1, 2019

***Trip Requires Current HSC Membership**

CONTACTS:

HSC Trip Coordinator: **Lori Bond**, (907) 978-9246, LLBondcnm@gmail.com

Sports America Tour Operator: **Sara Clemons**, 800-876-8551 ext 125, sara@sportsamerica.com M-F 8:30-5PM PST



Salt Lake City Utah

February 15 - 22, 2020



- Accommodations:** Crystal Inn Midvalley Bus-In, Bus-Out.
- Meals:** Daily hot buffet breakfast in the hotel.
Daily light dinner in the hotel.
- Crystal Inn:** \$875 - 7 nights in hotel style room. www.crystalinnmidvalley.com
Indoor pool, Jacuzzi & sauna, microwave, refrigerator.
Single supplement – **add \$434.**
- Lift Tickets:** 5-day SUPER PASS lift tickets.
Snowbird (w/tram), Alta, Brighton, & Solitude.
Additional lift ticket – **add \$77.**
Non-skier / ICON pass holder – **subtract \$441.**
- Transportation:** Group air HSV / SLC (via DFW) round trip - **add \$429.**
Free hotel shuttle to/from SLC airport.
Free public shuttle buses from hotel to / from ski resorts.
ICON pass holders must purchase bus (TBD cost).

Spend one week at the Crystal Inn Midvalley in Murray. This lodging is located approximately 40 minutes away from the 4 canyon ski resorts. The 5-day SUPER PASS lift ticket provides free bus access to all 4 resorts.

Sign up fee: \$1

Total Cost: \$876 [\$350 registration, \$400 due 9/1/19, balance 10/1/19]

Contact: Jim Randolph at (256) 653-9045 or email jwrandolph2@comcast.net

Online registration will be at: <https://trips.skigroup.net/huntsvillesaltlake2020>

Payments will be remitted to Skigroup or credit card (3% fee added for credit card). Send checks to: Sandy Gaudette 136 Nanimio Court Antioch, CA 94509. Please include a copy of your confirmation email or a copy of this flyer when sending checks.



Crescent Ski Council

representing 19 ski clubs on the U.S. East Coast

ENJOY AN ADVENTURE TRIP TO: **Granada 7 Sierra Nevada, Spain** **with Torremolinos** Mar 17 -25, 2020

INCLUDES:

- Meet-n-greet with local guide at Malaga Airport
- Transfer between Malaga and Granada via private coach and English Speaking Assistant
- 5 Night's accommodations in Granada at the 4 Star Hotel Carmen
- Welcome Orientation at the hotel in Granada
- 3 Days of transfers between Granada and the Sierra Nevada Ski Area
- Breakfast daily at the hotel in Granada
- Dinner for 4 nights at the Hotel (The whole group has to eat on the same nights)
- Optional Tour Program and hospitality Desk nightly in the hotel
- Transfer from Granada to Torremolinos, Costa del Sol
- 2 Night's accommodations in Torremolinos at the 4 Star Hotel Melia Costa del Sol
- Breakfast Buffet Daily at Torremolinos Hotel
- Optional Tour Program in Torremolinos
- Private Bus Transportation from Torremolinos to Malaga Airport
- Local Taxes
- Passport Cases and Luggage Tags

Cost - \$1,141 plus air through Atlanta (TBD)

Add Extension to Lisbon/Portugal Mar 14-18 for \$752

Add Extension to Barcelona Mar 25-28 for \$640

**Payment Schedule: \$600 plus \$150 for each Extension to register
\$500 due Oct 31, Balance Jan 10**

Diane Brown Coordinator

602-999-7129, Kianakoa@aol.com

Make Pmt to "HSC" for Spain, Mail to PO BOX 1601, Huntsville, AL 35807

2019/2020 Huntsville Ski Club Officers & Volunteers

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February 2020



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 Aspen Snowmass Ski trip through Feb 8
2	3	4	5 Biking 1:15 Aldridge Creek Fred Killmeyer 256-883-8274	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Biking 1:15 Aldridge Creek Fred Killmeyer 256-883-8274	13	14	15 Salt Lake City Ski trip through Feb 15
16 Havoc Hockey Game	17	18	19 7:00 HSC Meeting at Athletic Club Alabama Biking 1:15 Aldridge Creek Fred Killmeyer 256-883-8274	20	21 Newsletter Inputs Due	22 Ski racing through Feb 23
23	24	25	26 Biking 1:15 Aldridge Creek Fred Killmeyer 256-883-8274	27	28	29

Next meeting Huntsville Ski Club Feb 19, 2020
Athletic Club Alabama
Social at 7 - Meeting at 7:30

HUNTSVILLE SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Form Must be Fully Completed)

New Member **Renewal (Current Member)** **Renewal (Previous Member)** **Information Update**

New Member: Name of current HSC member who invited you to join _____

Regular membership (includes newsletter in color at www.huntsvilleskiclub.org)	1 Year	Amount Paid
Individual Membership 1 Year	\$36.00	\$ _____
Family Membership 1 Year	\$50.00	\$ _____
Members residing more than 50 miles from HSV*		
*Individual Membership 1 Year	\$18.00	\$ _____
Family Membership 1 Year	\$25.00	\$ _____

CSC Reciprocal Membership 1 year \$1/person \$ _____

(Must be a member of a CSC affiliate - Please provide CSC affiliate and phone number to confirm)
(This is for non Huntsville Ski Club Members)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

¹Family membership: One or two adults in the same household, and any of their dependent children under 18 years of age, or full time dependent students under age 23.

Family membership: how many: Adults: _____ Minors: _____

Name _____ Under age 23 _____
Complete Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Birth Month (Optional) _____
Email _____

Additional Family Members:

1. Name _____ Under age 23 _____
Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Birth Month (Optional) _____
Email _____

2. Name _____ Under age 23 _____
Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Birth Month (Optional) _____
Email _____

3. Name _____ Under age 23 _____
Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Birth Month (Optional) _____
Email _____

4. Name _____ Under age 23 _____
Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Birth Month (Optional) _____
Email _____

Signature: _____

Date _____

Mail form and check to: Huntsville Ski Club, P. O. Box 1601, Huntsville, AL 35807 DO NOT MAIL CASH