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Gotta Scoot!

By John Hill

Dear Skiers:

The March Ski Club Meeting was just great! That's the MOST fun I've had running a meeting all year! The Ski Club year and my term as president is drawing to a close, so this wonderful experience came just in time!

What made the meeting so special? We had a big turnout, and everyone was in a happy, relaxed mood (except for **Shawn Martin**, who's always a little hyper!). We got to spend a pleasant hour celebrating our victory at Flatlands and honoring all the winners who made it possible.

It didn't bother me at all that my own involvement in the Flatlands victory was minimal. It was great to just chair the meeting and share in the glow.

So ... CONGRATULATIONS to **Race Chair Shawn Martin, FSA Rep Kelley Phillips, Trip Captain Gene Elsberry**, the Tulsa Ski Club racers, and to all the others who helped in the victorious effort!

My term as president is running out and this will be my last Lift Line article, so it's time for me to offer thanks to the others who have made this successful year possible. Thanks to:

Winter Trip Chair **Jim Constantine**. **Jim** planned, organized, and implemented the year's winter trip schedule. It's a big challenge, as I learned last year. More thanks to **Jim** for his recent efforts to reach out to our younger members. This effort is off to a great start, as was demonstrated at the special happy hour before the March meeting.

Summer Trip Chair **George Moudry** and to **Susie Kelley**, who took over the position when **George** was not able to complete his term. Watch for the coming summer trip schedule.

Trip Assistant **Anita Greiner**, who handled trip finances and lightened the load of the Trip Chairs and the individual Trip Captains.

Treasurer **Ruth Obermark**, who worked so hard to keep club finances straight at the same time as new computer software was being installed.

Secretary **Fred Hegenbart**, who kept the Board's official records and urged us to keep the Board Meetings moving.

Lift Line Editor **Chris Gavin**, who streamlined our newsletter this year and got it delivered on time.

Webmaster **Dana Gray**, who revitalized and maintained our website this year and provided expertise on many public relations issues.

Skimeister Editor **Jan Simpson**, who completed her initial work and got the Skimeisters to us early enough that we could use them as tools during the club year – and for issuing the mid-year supplement.

Advertising Chair **Don Wickersham**, who helped us earn revenue to pay for our publications.



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Membership Report

By Matt Moss

Greetings Members and Guests: It's hard to believe but it has been almost a year since I became Membership Chair. Renewal notices will be sent out this month. For many new members who only recently joined the Tulsa Ski Club it will seem like they are a victim of the calendar by having to renew so soon. But once you are on the cycle of renewing every April/May, you will realize what a bargain a Tulsa Ski Club membership is. Please do the incoming Membership Chair a huge favor by promptly

returning your renewal notices. Do not forget the importance of an accurate email address on your renewal.

If your personal information needs updated in the Membership database:

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Check Out the Ski Club's Really Neat Website

By Jim Constantine

We invite you to cruise our great website. www.tulsaskiclub.com

Dana Gray is our Webmaster, taking over the tedious task in 2005 from Chris Gavin. Dana has done a wonderful job modernizing and updating the website. Please take a few moments and 'click on' the many and varied aspects of this ski club information outlet.

NOW YOU CAN BLOG ON OUR WEBSITE.

What is blogging? It is a communication service on the internet. As Dana explained to me, "A blog is like a public diary on the internet. We post news about events, and readers then post questions, comments, and feedback. This is an important marketing tool that is increasingly used by young adults and teens. And it's free."

THE HISTORY OF BLOGGER

A small company called Blogger started in San Francisco in 1999. Three friends were doing contract web projects for big companies. Mostly, on a whim, they created Blogger as a communication service.

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Then they discovered somebody else also liked the service. It was Google. And Google bought them. Now, as a part of Google, they are focused on helping people have their own voice on the web. Basically, they're organizing information from the personal perspective.

Nominees for 2007-2008 Board of Directors

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Treasurer, 2nd year - Ruth Obermark
Secretary, 2nd year - Fred Hegenbart
Lift Line Editor - Michael Messimore
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Advertising, 2nd year - Don Wickersham
Race Chairman - Josh Watts
Hospitality - Trey Sophy
Skimeister Editor, 2nd year - Jan Simpson
Trip Assistant, 2nd year - Anita Greiner
Past President - John Hill

We will vote for above during the April general meeting, Tuesday, April 10, and the nominees will be certified as elected.

The new officers and board of directors will take office May 1, 2007.

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Social Chair **Regina Mullings**, who organized the year's social activities.

Membership Chair **Matt Moss**, who recruited and enlisted new members and managed a lot of records. **Matt's** efforts as e-mail address wrangler were a great help in communicating with our membership.

Hospitality Chair **James Carpenter**, who organized our Skiers' Night Out each month and promoted the fabulous door prizes awarded at each meeting.

Special thanks to Immediate Past President **Frank**

Sommer, who was always ready with advice and encouragement when I needed it.

It's nearly time to pass the baton to the coming year's Board. I presented the slate of nominees at the March meeting. It includes some veterans from this year's board who will bring experience and continuity. It also includes some new members, some young members, who we will expect to bring new ideas and energy.

It will be a great year!

Gotta Scoot! ... but I'll be around.

Angel Fire

By Katie Roberts

A full bus headed out from Tulsa on March 16th for Angie Fire, New Mexico. We arrived bright and early with plenty of time to get changed, eat breakfast and get our rental equipment and tickets before heading to the slopes.

The weather all weekend could be summed up in one word – warm. If you tried to ski before 10:30, the slopes were sheer ice, and after 2:00ish, they became PURE slush! And that was if you were lucky enough to have snow over the entire run and not grass and dirt patches.

The first night we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with our wine and cheese party. Everyone enjoyed sharing stories of where to find the best runs, sightings of the dozen girls skiing in bikinis and the keg toss that **Travis** and **Shane** took part in at the base.

There were a wide variety of restaurants within close walking distance. **Todd Masters** and **Christy Bullard** as well as **Jenny Kucera** and **Lizette Merchan** were a few of the ski club group that enjoyed the Yu Garden Chinese restaurant. A large group of us dined at the Sunset Grille on the side of the base mountain Sunday evening, and **Trey Sophy** and **Julie Moeller** also tried the fine dining at the Roasted Clove. All the restaurants received GREAT reviews for the food and atmosphere.

Morrell and **Hunter Briggs** skied many blues and felt great! By the end of the trip, first time skier **Eric Giddings** was making his mark on a few blues as well.

Trying snowboarding for the first time were **Joe Sloan**, **Misty Lee**, **Jay Giddings**,

Kyle and **Katie Roberts**. Most of us decided it was quite a challenge and more work than we bargained for and went back to our skis. **Jay** and **Kyle**, however, caught on quickly and could be spotted shredding down the mountain on day 2.

Todd and **Matt**, being good samaritans, rescued a girl out of the woods after she lost control and fell. She proceeded to knock them down two more times before they got her into her skis and on her way. They were disappointed, however, that she wasn't one of the bikini group.



Despite the conditions, **Trey Sophy** commented that he had glimpses of inner peace – but those that saw him on the slope didn't see how he could, at the fast pace he tackled the mountain. **Jason** and **Shelly Farley** along with **Katie Roberts** and **Matt Moss** enjoyed flying along with him for a few runs.

Savannah and **Sierra Lee**, **Addie** and **Nathan Behrens** and **Hannah Farley** all had a great time playing together on their Nintendos –

racing against each other, as well as **Travis O'Dell**, our adult kid at heart.

As new or nearly new skiers, all the kids caught on quickly and were joined by their parents and friends for fun runs all over the mountain by the last day. Hully Gully and Halleluiah were some of the back side favorites, and what luck we all had that the lift lines were never a real problem.

Peyton and **Elliott Kroh** were new on the slopes as well. **Peyton** tried a new trick, much to her mother **Teresa's** dismay. In an attempt not to fall off the lift, she was spotted hanging on to the pole for dear life.

There were many families that met up for the trip. **Susie Stringfield**, Houston resident, joined her daughter and son-in-law **Melissa** and **Shane Brinkley**, from Bartlesville, for the weekend trip and had a great time!

Serena, **Paul**, **Janie**, **Callie Staires** had family join them from Houston as did **Matt Moss's** sister, brother-in-law and niece and nephew who were there for their spring break, giving them all a chance to meet up, visit and ski some slopes together.

Andre and **Sam Nguyen** had great days and came off the slopes at the end of each with big smiles and happy memories. **Sam's** suitcase was mistakenly grabbed in the dark, upon our return to Tulsa on Tuesday morning, by another sleepy ski clubber.



We quickly identified the other owner and a rapid switch was executed.

Marty Peters, **Sherry Fisher**, **Bonny Tate** and **Dee Butler** took time to do more than ski. They went horseback riding and toured the Vietnam Memorial. **Hunter** and **Morrell Briggs** also went to the Vietnam museum and shared with us the fact that it was the first one in the U.S.

Many new friendships were made and old ones made stronger by the close condo quarters. **Trish Behrens** had the best of both worlds; she enjoyed new friends and her kiddos in her room and provided many great snacks for us all. While some of us came back bruised from new experiences, everyone agreed that despite the crazy weather and slope conditions, the trip was time well spent! This was my first trip to chair, and a BIG THANKS to you all for a smooth, successful event!



Snippets of Interest

Flatlands races will be at Steamboat Springs next Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 2008.

Steamboat Ski and Resort Corp. opened in 1963.

Arapahoe Basin is 60 years old this season.

The Rocky Mountains extend northward to Banff, Lake Louise, and Sunshine, where you can ski three areas on one ticket.

Copper Mountain began offering free snowcat access to their Tucker Mountain backcountry last January.

Winter Park offers early bird, fresh tracks, skiing program. 100 skiers per day, for \$29.95 can participate before the lifts open. Breakfast is included.

Crested Butte will have a new base area village and conference center coming summer, 2007. Included is new ski in/ski out lodging.

The Over The Hill Gang International now requires all participants to wear helmets at ski and bicycling activities.

Zipflbob is newest European winter sport. Zipflbob is a small sled similar to a snow shovel, but with a short handle.


Vancouver based, Intrawest ULC has announced that an affiliate company has a purchase agreement with American Skiing Company to acquire Steamboat Ski and Resort Co. for \$265 million. The transaction is expected to close next spring.



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Taos

By Don Woolsey

We left Fine Airport Parking promptly at 6:30pm with 38 anxious and hearty skiers on board. We arrived in Taos at the Kachina Lodge at 5:30am. Most of our rooms were ready, and they prepared a buffet breakfast for us. **Lee Benest** and **Lynda Constantine** drove to Taos to be with us.

Elise Woolsey, Mary Woolsey, and Cheryl Harrington rented a car and went to Santa Fe for shopping and lunch at the LaFonda Hotel.

We loaded the bus and left for Taos Ski Valley at 8:00am. Lift tickets were passed out on the way. Once we arrived at TSV, **Megan Roberts** and **Alyssa Davis** were enrolled in the Jr. Elite programs at the Children's Center.

Marcia Davis and **Dustin Catlett** were first time skiers, so they headed to lessons in the "yellowbird" program which gives you lessons, lift tickets, and equipment for only \$60 a day. **Becky** and **Nancy Brahm** were in this program last year, so this year they just took one half-day lesson. **Hugh Robert** and **Tracy Farkas** also took a lesson.

The weather was sunny and a little cool and windy. I think it got to 31 degrees on Friday. Saturday and Sunday both were warmer. The snow base at midway was 67 inches and

85 inches on top. Conditions were super.

The first run down from the top for **Katie Roberts, Dave Woolsey, Ryan Yager, Kyle Roberts, and Don Woolsey** was Porcupine. This was our warm-up for the day.

Many of us headed for the Nastar course to see what medals we could acquire. Some just ran the course for the fun of it with no awards. They were **Lee Benest, Katie Roberts, Don Woolsey, Lisa Iqbal, and Ryan Yager**. Bronze medal winners were **James Carpenter, Kelly**



Phillips, Kyle Roberts, Bruce Luria, and Chuck Harrington. Silver medal winners were **Jim Constantine, Mark Grant, Dennis Holt, Jennifer Morgan, Taylor Peterson, Ron Sheets, Don Wickersham, Lynda Constantine**, and joining us from Albuquerque **Gary York. Sonny Parish (Kelly's dad)** drove up from Pagosa Springs and beat us all with the Gold.

This year they were hosting EXTREME SKIING Competition at Taos. Many of us watched as they came



down from the ridge above Kachina Bowl. **Don and Mark Grant** were so inspired they hiked the ridge and tried it themselves. It is a long hike, and you are climbing 700 feet in elevation to reach 12,500 feet. I am impeded, and they are still with us.

In every lift line we would run into Tulsa Ski Club members: **Janice Bowman, Jenny Kucera, Colleen Williams, Scott Hurd, Scott Gould, and Brad Bradley** to name a few.

On Saturday night **Don and Elise** hosted a wine and cheese party. **Don's** daughter from Albuquerque **Nannette Sandoval** and husband **Bob** came up for the event and then joined many of us for dinner at the Stake Out. On Sunday they checked out the casino.

James and Clare Carpenter, Janice Bowman, and Jim Constantine were seen at the top of Lift 8. **Kyle Roberts** skiing down from Kachina Bowl decided to take a jump and found a hole on the other side. We had to dig him out.



About 5:30pm on Sunday afternoon we headed for Tulsa and arrived early Monday morning without incident. Another successful trip.



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Chris Gavin

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April 14-24	Sweden and Finland Trip

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Wednesday, May 23	Bowling season begins

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