

Sneak Peek – Winter Ski Trips!

Winter Trip Chair Michael Messimore revealed at the TSC board meeting his preliminary plans for the upcoming skiing season. He cautions that these could change, but these are his resort and date choices as of May 19th.

- ❄️ Beaver Creek, Dec. 18-23
- ❄️ Salt Lake City Ski Safari, Jan. 7-12
- ❄️ Angel Fire, Jan. 15-19
- ❄️ Winter Park/Flatlands, Jan. 26-Feb. 1
- ❄️ Crested Butte, Feb. 11-16
- ❄️ Taos, Feb. 18-22
- ❄️ Breckenridge, Feb. 25-Mar. 2
- ❄️ Telluride, Mar. 12-17
- ❄️ Whitefish, MT (formerly Big Mountain), Mar. 25-30
- ❄️ Keystone/A-Basin, April 8-13



...so even though summer hasn't even arrived,
start thinking SNOW!

Northern Italy Trip

By Bruce Dawson, Trip Captain

The trip to Northern Italy from April 18-28, 2009 showed much promise since last year's September Sign Up Picnic. Thirty two members from the Tulsa Ski Club traveled together throughout four regions of Italy in search of food, wine and sightseeing (la dolce vita!). Four of our group traveled ahead of us. **Rex** and **Judy Graves** spent a week prior to our arrival in Tuscany at a renovated castle called Castello delle Serre. They were well into the vacation mode when we met them at our first hotel in Santa Margherita Ligure. **Gary** and **Alma Buscombe** also left Tulsa a week prior in order to visit their son who lives in London and to rendezvous with old friends in Belgium.

Upon landing at Malpensa Airport, our meet-and-greet guide Samantha gave us a brief overview about Milan and the surrounding areas. We headed South to the Italian Riviera, visiting the town of Rapallo en route to the Hotel Metropole (our first hotel for three nights) in Santa Margherita Ligure. Located nearby was picturesque,

Portofino, a postcard waiting to happen. Nestled in the cliffs surrounding this part of the Mediterranean Sea, this seaside town offered high end shopping, dining al fresco, and of course, delicious gelato (Italian ice cream).

The next day the group visited the region known as the Cinque Terre, five ancient fishing villages, with outstanding views. Some went by boat, others by train to discover the unique beauty given to this region. Twelve of us attended a wine tasting and dinner at the Villa Pagoda Hotel in Genova-Nervi. **Gary** and **Alma Buscombe**, **Susan Kelley**, **Jan Polliard**, **Sam** and **Helen Turner**, **Homer** and **Sunni Wager**, **Lowell** and **Ann Whitlock**, and **Bruce** and **Paula Dawson** enjoyed a four course dinner after sampling two wines from the region.

En route to Siena, we visited



the town of Pisa including the famous leaning Bell Tower, Duomo (Cathedral), Cemetery and Baptistry. Later we had lunch in the great walled city of Lucca. **Nancy Adkisson** began her purchase of a purse "collection" as gifts for family in Lucca. We traveled onto Siena where we checked into the Garden Hotel, a beautifully renovated Tuscan villa and gardens.

The next day was full of activity. Eleven members of our group enrolled in a half-day cooking class at La Scuola di Lella. **Jack** and **Nancy Adkisson**,

Diane Allen, **Gary** and **Alma Buscombe**, **Emily Malone**, **Jan Polliard**, **Georgina Van Tuyl**, **Robert** and **Roxi Vincent**, and **Sunni Wager** enjoyed learning how to make pasta by hand, biscotti, soup and a pork loin roast. While the cooking class was in progress, the rest of us went on a guided walking tour of Siena. After the tour, **Morrell** and **Kristi Briggs**, **Joan Kennedy**, **Susan Kelley**, **Shirley Crane**, **Homer** and **Sunni**

Wager, **Sam** and **Helen Turner**, and **Bruce** and **Paula Dawson** ate at the same outdoor restaurant called Il Bandierino where some of us sampled Pizza with Black Truffles, a house specialty. After the cooking class, **Jack** and **Nancy Adkisson**, **John** and **Diane Allen**, and **Ron** and **Georgina Van Tuyl** went on a shopping spree, while **Tom Harrell** and **Rhonda Pederson** toured on their own. Most of the group attended a wine tasting near Montalcino at Paradiso Vineyards where we tasted three wines, one being the famous Brunello. This vineyard featured 50 Bose speakers which played Mozart 24/7, 365 as part of a study to measure the effect of music on growing grapes. **Jan** and **Sharon Polliard** took copious notes during the tour of the winery. Roommates **T.J. Grant** and **Debra Stanfield** enjoyed the wine tasting which furthered their friendship. **T.J.** asked a very important question of our guide regarding the topping off of the wine inside the barrels.

During our stay in Siena, our hotel was host to an Italian Mercedes Owners Car Club. About 40 classic Mercedes



Italian Cooking School



in pristine condition were lined up in front of the Garden Hotel. We knew we were in good company.

After a full day in Florence, some of our group split up and continued touring on their own. Our Canadian guide Michael took us through the Uffizi Galleria after a brief tour of Old Town Florence. We concentrated on art work by Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci. Several went to see Michelangelo's David at another museum. Some of us went shopping in

the high end district of Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge) where **Lowell Whitlock** bought wife **Ann** some beautiful earrings.

One of the highlights of the tour was a brief visit of San Gimignano, an ancient walled town North of Siena on the way to Lake Maggiore. **Tom Harrell, Ron** and **Georgina Van Tuijl** provided comic relief, as they entertained us with jokes on the ride up to Baveno on Lake Maggiore.



Statue of David

Veteran traveler **Joan Kennedy** was of a mind to create some new travel experiences for herself, since she had seen some of the sites previously in Italy. We enjoyed hearing travel stories told by well seasoned traveler **Shirley Crane**, whose experience in aviation could speak volumes.

Although all of our hotels were rated four stars, the Grand Hotel Dino on Lake Maggiore was our best find. This large property featured a 25 meter indoor



Leaning Tower of Pisa

pool, 2 whirlpool tubs, a large gym and a full service spa and locker rooms. Situated on magnificent Lake Maggiore, the quality of the hotel reminded us of other five star properties. The hotel staff and amenities were first rate.

We caught some rainy weather on the last two days of our trip, but we braved the elements to visit Milan and the next day the Borromeo Islands by boat.

On our tour of Milan we visited a medieval castle museum, the famous and beautiful La Scala Opera house and museum and the third largest cathedral in Europe, the Duomo di Milano. Lunch was in the Galleria, a glass roofed "mall" with high end shops such as Prada, Louis Vuitton, Gucci and others. There were various restaurants with outside seating that made

people watching very easy to do. The Galleria was a hub of shopping and dining activity.

Our last day was spent visiting the Borromeo Islands. Two of the islands, Isola Madre featured a beautiful castle and gardens and Isola Bella featured a magnificent palace and gardens with white peacocks roaming throughout.

Kristi had the Hotel Grand Dino prepare a Baked Alaska with sparklers for **Morrell's** birthday celebration at our farewell dinner party.

The ten day trip to Northern Italy gave us a wonderful overview into the architecture, history and contemporary life of the area. There is so much more to see and do in Italy, I believe we have only just scratched the surface.



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President's Column

By Anita Greiner

It's just about summer! The cruise has left the port. Volunteers will be at Oxley Nature Center on May 30th to clean trails or paint buildings. The float trip will soon be on the water. The lake party is being planned and a pool party at the Huber/Gowriluk backyard is in the works. Fun in the sun!



You are getting a little grace period on memberships. **Jim LeMaster** wrote the membership program in 2003 in Access, but he never got around to writing the instruction manual. **Kelley Phillips** wrote some instructions, but we've had to track those down and now see if they are still relevant. I understand **Phil Wiltfong** improved the program last year. **Tom Neal** got a crash course on the program, but it's not the same once you actually sit down to do it. After **Tom** and I get it figured out, we'll get the membership renewal letters printed and mailed. I hope we can get more detailed instructions written for the future. I'm a real hands-on visual learner and like a paper copy of instructions to refer to (I don't think I'm the only one). Be patient with us during this learning curve.

I'm excited to be working with our new board. **Dana** has been working on some fresh ideas for promoting our club to both prospective members and advertisers. **Helen** has us set up to have the June SNO at the Fair Meadows. **Michael** is filling in the winter calendar with ski trips. I'm really anxious to see what the final schedule will be! As you can see, it's an exciting time! So stay tuned!!

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Tulsa World News Item

Skiing in US down 5% this year

Preliminary figures show U.S. skier visits during the past winter dropped more than 5% from the record visits posted the year before. Visits fell from more than 60 million to 57 million. The National Ski Areas Association said it could've been worse without favorable weather in most parts of the country that helped offset the slumping economy. Officials say those suffering the most from the economic meltdown were destination resorts, many of which reported fewer overnight visits and shorter stays.

By contrast, many day-ski areas near large cities benefited from skiers who chose to ski closer to home. The announcement noted that the season was the fifth-best on record and the skier-visit total was 400,000 above the 10-year average.



TSC Carnival Cruise Itinerary Change

By Paula Dawson, Trip Captain

Due to the outbreak of the H1N1 virus, previously known as "Swine Flu", Carnival Cruise Lines made changes to Tulsa Ski Club's May sailing aboard the Ecstasy. Originally the cruise, which departed from Galveston on Saturday, May 16th, was to include two ports of call in Mexico. The first stop was to be at the island of Cozumel, and the second stop was to be at a new port on the Yucatan Peninsula called Progreso.

Carnival came with last minute changes to the itinerary and the length of the cruise.

Instead of sailing to Mexico, Carnival replaced the ports of call to Montego Bay, Jamaica and Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands. Also, the cruise which was to be a 5 day, 5 night sailing was extended two more days to 7 days, 7 nights.

In addition to the extension of the cruise, Carnival protected the cost so that we could enjoy the extra time at sea for the same price.

Stay tuned for the follow up story of the cruise in the July Lift Line.

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Membership Report

By Tom Neal

Just a reminder that your dues are due now even though the renewal notice has been delayed.

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