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Spring is here, and summer is coming. **Tulsa Ski Club** has fun activities and trips planned. Join us for some fun in the sun!



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## President's Column

By Bruce Dawson

As I write this President's Column for the first time, I am proud to serve as President of the Tulsa Ski Club. While last minute preparations are being made to embark upon our final "Winter Trip" of this season, we look forward to our customized itinerary to three distinct regions of France. By the time you read this newsletter, we will have returned from this trip more culturally enlightened and ready for summertime fun in the sun in Tulsa.



This past year, as your Winter Trips Chairman, has allowed me to work with a group of worthy volunteers including all of our Winter Trip Captains, Club Officers, and Board of Directors. Our plan to travel to some of the best ski destinations available, combined with the skill and flexibility used by all of our Trip Captains, made our schedule exciting and successful. Speaking of success, this year's Flatlands victory for Tulsa was certainly a high point as we plan for a third win in a row next year at Copper Mountain.

Special thanks goes out to my Trip Assistant, **Anita Greiner**, as well as Treasurer **Ruth Obermark** for their hard work and dedication to the financial aspects of our Club.

Of course, there is no one more dedicated to the present and future progress of the Tulsa Ski Club than Past President **Jim Constantine**. As **Jim** slips quietly into "Past President" status, I intend to call on **Jim** to head up special projects that require his diligence and depth of research for which he is famous.

As we look toward the future, I am pleased to be surrounded by a highly qualified slate of new Officers and Board of Directors. I expect all of us to work together as a team to take the Tulsa Ski Club in a positive direction, which will benefit new and existing members alike.

Your new Winter Trips Chair, **Georgia Van Tuyl**, has stepped up and is already planning for next year's Winter Trips. Her tentative schedule looks exciting, and she is currently searching for a few qualified Trip Captains to round out the roster. Next year will feature a combination of fly-up trips and bus trips to great ski and snowboard destinations.

As we renew our memberships in the Tulsa Ski Club, **this is a great time to get the word out to friends and family to join us now for next year.** This Club has year round activities which are ready to go for you. As a Club, we are positioned well for future growth. We are entering the race course ready to break out of the gate with speed and precision as we slalom through the course ahead.

Thank you for your support this coming year as we all strive to make the Tulsa Ski Club even better.

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# Membership Report

By Robert Foster

To all Ski Club members: The renewal letters have all been mailed out; please update, sign, and send back with payment (if applicable) at your earliest convenience. This will ensure your name in the annual Skimeister.

We would like to take this time to welcome **Phil** and **Shelly Wiltfong** as your new Membership Chair for the 2008-2009 year.

Please welcome new member:

Terri Ellison

If your personal information needs updated in the Membership database:

1. You can update it on our website (under UPDATE MEMBERSHIP) at [www.tulsaskiclub.com](http://www.tulsaskiclub.com)
2. You can contact Phil Wiltfong with any updates at [philwiltfong@cox.net](mailto:philwiltfong@cox.net)
3. You can contact Phil by phone at 918-523-7733

## Winter Trip Captains Wanted

Candidates who wish to be a Trip Captain for next year's ski trips should immediately contact Georgania Van Tuyl, Winter Trips Chairman, at [gab4494060@aol.com](mailto:gab4494060@aol.com).

## President's Citation



Outgoing president **Jim Constantine** presents the Second Annual President's Citation Plaque for outstanding work to **JoAnn Huber** (Social Activities) and **Bruce Dawson** (Winter Trips Promotion). The presentation was begun last year by past president **John Hill**.

# Golf Scramble



- Date: Sunday, May 25th, Memorial Day Weekend
- Time: Sign-in at 12:30pm; shotgun start at 1:30pm
- Course: Olde Page at Page Belcher Golf Course, 6666 S. Union Ave.
- Format: Scramble
- Cost: \$42 per person pre-registration until May 13 General Meeting, \$45 per player after May 13 meeting
- Misc: Green fee, cart, range balls, prizes for closest to pin, long drives

TSC members may invite one guest player.

For more information, contact Phil Gelwick at [pgelwick@aol.com](mailto:pgelwick@aol.com) or 808-3899 (cell).

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# Crested Butte, CO 2/14-19/08

By Bill Obermark and Terry Gordon,  
Trip Captains

The Presidents' Weekend Crested Butte trip could have been our best trip. Our two buses had 76 people that included over 40 new members, and five more members joined us providing their own transportation. The bus trip was fun as usual. **Mike and Kim Macy** met their booth partners and thought they looked familiar. It turned out **Howard and Ann Conrad** are members of the same sailing club as the Macys.



The evidence of heavy snowfalls was obvious with large piles of snow around the complex when we arrived early in the morning.

We were happy to hear that all the units were ready. But **Fred and Liz Hegenbart** and family got a big surprise when they found a 12" thick, 2' x 2' square slab of snow lying on one of their beds. Apparently, snow slid during the night, crashed through the window and landed in the room! **Rusty and Teresa Snell, Lance and Kathy Hoskins, and Dane and Jane Mathes** all experienced similar problems as they were moving into their rooms. All parties were quickly relocated to new units.

This trip had lots of new members: **Tracy and Kip Herburger**, with their kids **Aaron, Jacob, and Corinne Stephenson**; **Brent Lewis and April Boczar**; the **Terry Argue Gang** – **Terry, Alexa, Kendall, Conner, and Garrett Gibson, Dallas Hanley, and Terry's**

friend **Keith Heckenkemper**; **Brian Bovaird** with his daughter **Blair**; **Nelson Strother** and his son **Sam**; **Susan Bailey** and daughters **Melody** and **Suzie**; **Darrell and Linda Bull** with their kids **Madeline** and **Mitchell**; **Scott and Tina Hurd** from Garfield, Ark, with daughter **Frankie**; **Craig Suttter** and **Jill Poole**; **Eric Crain**, and **Cathryn Thomas**. We hope all of you enjoyed our trip and will plan to join us on future trips.

Other new members included **Ron and Trina Durdin** and daughter **Brittany**. **Brittany** tried snowboarding and loved it. **Ron** did his first double diamond, the North Face, no less. This was also a first TSC trip for **Josh Wood** and **Hillary Hayes** and **Hillary's** first time on skis. By the third day she was skiing East River blues. She expressed a special thanks to **Ron and Trina** for their coaching and encouragement.

**Cathryn Thomas** had a blast. She was hoping to meet some new friends, and this trip was everything she hoped for. By the way – this was her first time on "real snow" having first learned on Sun and Ski's carpet in Tulsa.

**Frankie Hurd** was able to use her Christmas present on this trip – a new snowboard. **Frankie**, plus new friends **Blair Bovaird** and **Megan Hegenbart**, took boarding lessons together, and yes, **Frankie**, Resurrection IS a black diamond, and a very difficult one at that! And only your third day on a snowboard! Speaking of riding a snowboard, never-ever boarders **Jodie Menees** and **Lauren Moore** thought skiing was too difficult, so they signed up for boarding lessons. They took to the board like ducks to water and now are fans of that sport.

**Mollie Hegenbart** and

**Melody Bailey** graduated this year from groomed blues to moguled blues, then on to blacks.

Our regular gang of **Tip and Robin Burch** and their four sons, **Braden** and the triplets; **Steve Plunk** and his son **Doug**; **Dana Weber**; **Dusty and Amy Gordon** with daughter **Mickey**; **Garry Cook**; and **Richard Garside** always help us continue our Presidents' Day tradition. **Dana** said the effort by the Chateaux management was the best she has seen.

Others joining us were **Don Law**



and **Enola O'Connor** and **Jesse Walters** and **Jodie**

**Menees**, with their friend **Lauren Moore**. **Kim and Eric Olbrich** made their annual trip from Richmond, VA to see long time friends **Terry and MaryEllen Gordon**. **Madalyn** and **Kenny Gordon** brought along their cousin **Hunter Thiessen** to share the fun. The club's continued success is made possible by all members, and word of mouth still continues to help sell the trips.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> night was our mountain party. We had great attendance with over 75 people showing up. **Ruth Obermark** provided an exciting "Treasure Hunt" that turned intense as lots of family groups tried to complete various puzzles for the grand prize (which turned out to be \$100,000 chocolate bars awarded to everyone who completed the set.) It was so much fun seeing so many people really getting into the spirit of the hunt. I loved the excitement of the **Burch** boys **Connor, Grayson** and **Trevor** as they rushed to solve the puzzles with

their mom, **Robin**.

**Terry and MaryEllen Gordon**, with the help of **Dusty** and

**Amy Gordon**, did their usual great job of providing a huge spread of delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages.



Crested Butte was a wonderful place to ski. There is a full range of skiing for all types of skiers, and the area is compact in a sense that it's easy to see people you know as you're enjoying the day. A bonus was that we were allowed a 2:00 check-out for our ENTIRE GROUP!!! We will definitely be back next year.

The buses were loaded, and we departed at 2:00. The games began anew, and **Maggie Hegenbart** continued her photo journalism with her black and white film. **Terry Argue** and **Keith Heckenkemper** were keeping the drink coolers filled with ice and beverages, and everyone was enjoying the lively discussions about the skiing... Then our good fortune came to an end.

Perhaps most TSC members don't know that Bus #1 had a 22-hour breakdown in Salida, Colorado, as a result of a ruptured radiator hose. The bus made it to town and a mechanic was called. Despite the "aid" of our several shade tree mechanics on board, the difficulty was finding the right things to mend it with and on Presidents' Day around 5:30, options were fading fast. The mechanic left for parts and returned with what he thought would mend the hose. The good bus was sent home with thoughts that the disabled bus would soon follow. The hose was mended and once the bus was refilled with radiator fluid it started out. The fix lasted about 15 miles and the bus broke down again. A policeman located the local school bus driver who got the stranded people back to town where we procured motel rooms and spent the night – and much of the next day! The bus was finally fixed and we arrived home not too much worse for wear. **Bill Obermark** wants to thank everyone for the patience and understanding they expressed during this delay. You guys were really a great group! We got to know some of you a LOT better. So, maybe this still was the best trip ever!





# Murder Mystery, Stone Lion Inn – Guthrie, OK, April 5, 2008

Who murdered Maggie Stubblefield? Was it the impeccably dressed Charles David (**Mike Macy**) or his gossip columnist wife, India Brown (**Kim Macy**)? These were just two of the 26 "characters" who participated in the Murder Mystery at the Stone Lion Inn in Guthrie, Oklahoma on April 5th.



The evening began with a cocktail party blessed by our favorite priest, Father Joseph Tornic (**Jim Constantine**). Soon after, we took a short drive to the cemetery to visit the grave of our ancestor, Elmer McCurdy. At the gravesite, we were treated to a moving eulogy chanted by Dr. Clayton Freesoul (**Bob**



**Doherty**) that was eloquently translated by his wife, Riverwoman Freesoul (**Jeanean Doherty**).

Back at the Stone Lion over a wonderful dinner, and through



dramatic readings, the mystery began to unfold. Throughout the evening, Sandra Orr Stubblefield (**Kathy Griffin**) never let her wine bottle leave her hand. Her faithful companion, former OU football quarterback, Lee Clodfelter (**Steve Griffin**), kept a watchful eye on her. The hanging judge,



Roy Clarkston (**John Roland**) was noted to have a roving eye, even though his fiancée and legal secretary Doris Dimwitty (**Suzanne**



**Roland**) was constantly by his side.

Our favorite identical twins Ronnie and Donnie Eitelgorge (**Janice Hiatt** and **Toni Hatfield** – or was it the other way around?) came dressed for their parts.

Unfortunately, Donnie's "intestinal issues" kept everyone at bay. Tennis pro and playboy Tommy Tinnin (**Don Remack**) was looking especially buff, and his dear wife Tammy Coffin (**Gwen Remack**) wore a hat that was the envy of everyone at the party.

Gloria Goodbody (**Anita Greiner**) was so relieved when her boyfriend, Boar, was able to make last minute arrangements to be in attendance. Victoria Matucci

(**Kelley Phillips**) world-renowned horse-breeder, looked exceptionally equestrian in her striking outfit. And all were thankful for the good doctor's presence, Dr. Wallis Payne (**Barbara Constantine**) who kept everyone calm throughout this evening of surprises and



murder!

Respectfully submitted,  
India Brown  
Eyes About Town  
Guthrie Globe

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**Saturday, May 17, 2008**

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**Main Shooting Event \$18**

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**Dinner, Party & Sunday Breakfast \$29**

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**Main Shooting Field Event - 2pm**

50 Sporting Clays. A pleasant 1/2 mile walk for both spectators and shooters. The trail is scenic, wooded, and slightly undulated. instruction available for beginners.

**Happy Hour: Claythorne Saloon - 5pm**

Free snacks and cash beer bar.

**Brisket Dinner - 6pm**

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## Rollin' on the River

Adults Only

**June 20-22, 2008**

\$112/\$146 per person

River Ranch Resort, Elk River

Noel, Missouri

**Tulsa Ski Club membership required.**

Get your summertime partying started right! Join us for **THE ADULT CANOE PARTY TRIP!** (Must be 21 or over.)

Grab your friends and drive out to The River Ranch Resort in Noel, MO. See [www.riverranchresort.com](http://www.riverranchresort.com) for map and directions.

Pitch a tent in the campground, or if roughing it isn't your thing, sign up for a cabin! Limited cabin space available on a first come first serve basis (cost is an additional \$34).

It wouldn't be a getaway if you had to cook, so **all meals included!**

Canoes are provided for your party pleasure down the Elk River on Saturday. Bring your favorite river beer! **NO GLASS.** (Canoes available Sunday at additional cost.)

Friday night is **booze and live music**, so sip, slam or shot gun some adult beverages that will be provided for you! Think you've got beer bong ability? It may just win you a useful river prize during intermission.

Saturday night the party continues. You can gather around the campfire for fun, jokes, stories, and maybe some adult (or not so adult) games. Don't miss out on the fun!

### Trip Payment Schedule (per person):

Total trip cost - camping only \$112  
Total trip cost - with cabin \$146  
(\*cabin's first come first serve\*\*)

Price subject to change. \$25 cancellation fee plus other trip liabilities apply.

**Trip Captain: Josh Watts,**  
[josh.watts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:josh.watts@sbcglobal.net), phone 671-6249



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# May General Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

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Social Hour 7:00 p.m. – General Meeting 8:00 p.m.

## Activities and Meetings:

May 2	Ski Club Reunion and Spring Dance - CANCELED
Tuesday, May 13 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	General Meeting Social Time General Meeting 5335 S. Harvard
Thursday, May 15 5:30pm - 7:30pm	Skier's Night Out El Guapo's Cantina 332 E. 1st St.
May 17	Sporting Clay Shotgun Event, Dinner & Party

## Upcoming Events:

June 20-22 Rollin' on the River

## SKIER'S NIGHT OUT



*El Guapo's Cantina*

332 E. 1st St.

(918.382.7482)

Thursday, May 15

5:30pm - 7:30pm

***SNO will be on the rooftop of  
El Guapo's , weather permitting.  
In case of inclement weather,  
SNO will be moved indoors.***

***All members are invited.  
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