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A YEAR OF CHANGES AND A NEW YEAR BEGINS



The elections of a new Board of Directors signals a new year; but first let us recognize what has been accomplished.

I would like to thank the outgoing 2005/06 Board for an outstanding year that brought about many new changes and a year of growth. The outgoing members are: Peggy Carson, our past VP, KayDee Puffer-Secretary, Jim Smith- Publicity, Anne Meyers-Hospitality, Nancy Mulder- Socials, Max puffer- Director at Large and Earl Dysthe, Racing.

Along with the returning board members, Dave Berry, Jim Shaw and Patsy McKenna, the club is happy to report on these accomplishments:

- The Membership grew from 165 to 212 members
- The Trip schedule was expanded to a full year plan thanks to the Trip Director & the trip committee
- The website was completely rebuilt & re-energized (under the guidance of Jill Merk, our webmaster).
- Publicity was expanded with brochure distribution, magazine articles, yellow page advertising & regular RJ inserts.
- A new membership database was created to enhance our communication with the members.
- Regular monthly meetings were re-started and a permanent meeting place established at the Stake -Out.

Thanks to the membership

- For supporting your club at TGIF socials, the general meetings and the Summer & Christmas Parties.
- For participating in and making all the trips fun and full to capacity.

A New Board of Directors

The new BOD has been elected by the membership and is ready to make plans for a fun new year. Congratulations go to Kathy Arrington, Dave Berry, Cyndy Bills, Karissa Bonney, Linda Decker, Martha Gregory, Patsy McKenna, Chris Philippsen and Jim Shaw. The next order of business at the April 13th BOD meeting will be to elect the club officers and establish the new Chairpersons.

We are always open to your suggestions, so feel free to contact any board member with your ideas or feedback.

Dave Berry
Club President..

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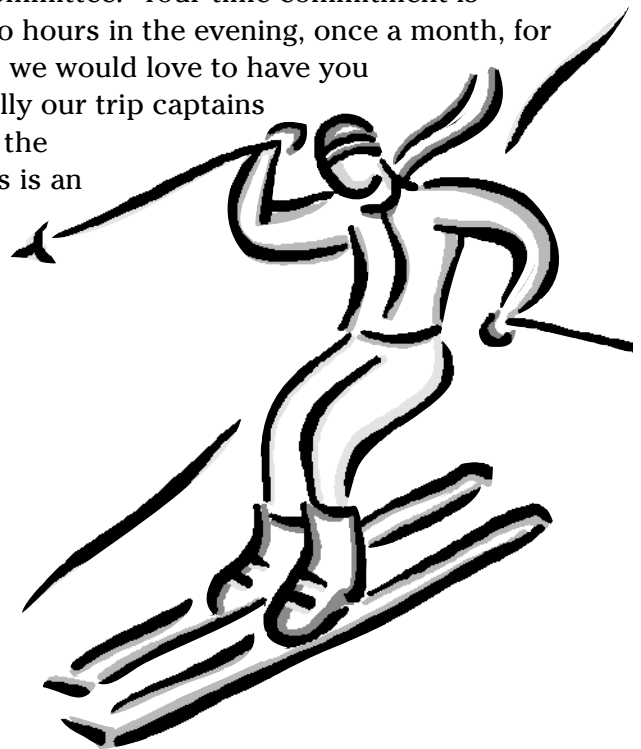
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Director's Column

Distant Trip Committee Now Forming....

....We are interested in your input and involvement in developing our distant trip schedule. Anyone interested in having us check out a particular destination or wanting to promote a particular trip is urged to call me at 602.821.4987 or send me an email at jl.shaw@att.net. You can also participate in the destination selection process by volunteering to serve on the distant trip committee. Your time commitment is approximately two hours in the evening, once a month, for three months and we would love to have you participate. Usually our trip captains are selected from the committee, so this is an easy way to get involved and have some fun.

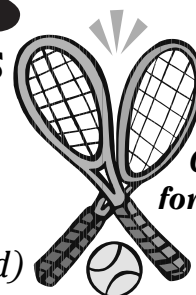
*Jim Shaw
Trip Director*



TENNIS Tuesday Nights

Bally's Hotel Courts
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Round Robin
(intermediate & advanced)



Contact
Carol McDermott
for more information
at 737-8618

LVSSC SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHEN:

Saturday, April 29th, 2006
1st tee time is 10:00 am

WHERE:

Boulder City GC, 1 Clubhouse Dr., Boulder City
Ph 293-9236

COST:

\$50.00 per player
\$55.00 for non-members

*Includes your green fees, cart rental
and \$5.00 for the Prize fund*

- Beverages, food and range balls are not included.
- Pairings and competition rules will be furnished later.

Be sure and sign up as soon as you can, this tournament only has space for 20 players.

Sign-up schedule:

- Call and reserve your spot as soon as you can
 - \$50.00 or \$55.00 at Sign-up
 - Cut-off date is April 14th, that is when final pairings will be completed.

Contact Dave Berry
by phone (831-1878)
or by email (divot49@cox.net)
if you are interested in playing.



Red Rock Hike

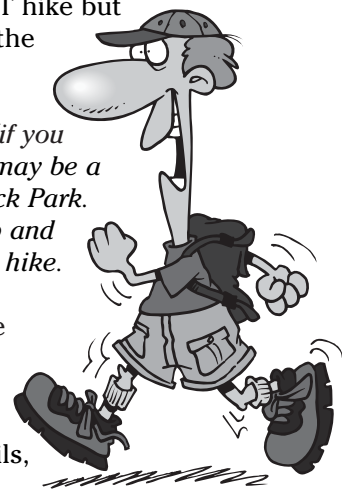
When: Saturday, April 22nd, 2006 – Meet at 7:30am

Where: Car pool meeting at Starbucks at Charleston & Town Center Dr.

What: Hike will be at Red Rock; at La Madre Springs – It is an easy 3 mile RT hike but a great hike to start the hiking season.

Bring your Red Rock passes (if you have them); otherwise there may be a small fee to enter the Red Rock Park. Time permitting, we may stop and have coffee or lunch after the hike.

Contact Amy Chott by phone (240-2367) or by email (achott@earthlink.net) if you are interested in participating or for any details,



NOTE: I plan to have a hike once a month; so let me know if you are interested.

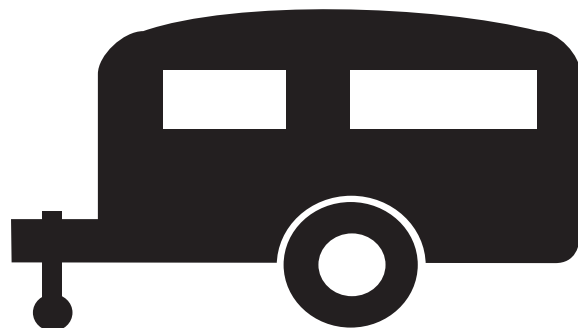
Special Interest Groups

Please contact these members for info regarding the activities listed. These are not club sanctioned events, they are listed to benefit our members recreational interests.

Weekend Golf - Dave Berry - 731-1878

Weekend Hiking – Amy Chott -240-2347

RV Trips – Linda Decker – 566-3727



Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club

Special Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
April 13th Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Meeting will be held at Skinny Dugans</i>
April 14th Friday	TGIF	<i>6 p.m. Charlie's Lakeside No host cocktails and they always put out nice appetizers for us. 8603 W. Sahara, Near Durango. Phone: 804-5167</i>
April 19th Wednesday	General Membership Meeting	<i>Stake-Out Bar & Grill 6:30 pm 4800 S. Maryland Prkwy. Call Dave Berry or any Board member for info 731-1878 All members are encouraged to come.</i>
April 22nd	Hike Red Rock	<i>La Madre Springs at Red Rock Contact Amy Chott for details 240-2367</i>
April 28th Friday	TGIF	<i>6 p.m. PT's Gold No host cocktails 1661 East Sunset Rd. and Spencer, due south of the airport. Phone: 616-0723</i>
April 29th Saturday	Golf Tournament	<i>Boulder City Golf Course, 10am start time - \$50.00 Sign-up deadline is April 15th</i>

Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club

2005-2006 Final Distant Trip Schedule

DATE	DESTINATION	COSTS	CONTACTS
April 6-9, 2006 Thurs. - Sunday	Mammoth <i>Bus, 3 nights accommodations, group dinner</i>	\$310	<i>Peggy Carson 256-0743</i>
May 4 - 7, 2006 Thurs. - Sunday	Navajo Enchantment Adventure <i>Bus or Van, 1 night accommodations in Chinle with Canyon de Chelley tour, 1 night accommodations in Kayenta with Monument Valley Tour, 1 night accommodations in Williams with Grand Canyon Railroad excursion to South Rim, group dinner.</i>	\$399	<i>Jim Shaw (602) 821-4987 Chris Philippsen 614-4579</i>
July 1 - 4, 2006 Sat. - Tuesday	Napa Wine Country (4th of July) <i>Air to SMF, transfers, 3 nights accommodations, winery tours, group dinner.</i>	\$679	<i>Gary Wattenbarger 524-3013</i>
August 18-20, 2006 Friday - Sunday	Reno/Truckee River Rafting <i>Air to RNO, transfers, 2 nights accommodations, river rafting, group dinner</i>	\$492	<i>Jim Shaw (602) 821-4987</i>
Sept. 1-4, 2006 Friday - Monday	Lake Powell Houseboat (Labor Day) <i>Bus, van, or self-drive, house boating for 4 days on Lake Powell. Boat owners invited to bring boats for waterskiing and wakeboarding (fuel reimbursed), nightly activities.</i>	\$429	<i>Jim Shaw (602) 821-4987</i>

Trip Talk....

by Jim Shaw, Trip Director

What's News....

....Whistler was awesome and I'm sure you've heard the trip went great with lots of snow. By the time you read this newsletter, Telluride will have gone out full with the prospect of some great snow conditions. But, you still have a chance to ski with your friends one last time this season. We still have a little space on the Mammoth trip, but it won't last long. Give Peggy Carson a call to enjoy the last ski trip of the season. The Sierras are getting pounded with new snow, so you will have great conditions and a fun group to travel with.

....We are bumping up against a deadline date for the Navajo Enchantment Adventure leaving May 4th. If you're not already signed up, please call me at 602.821.4987 to express your interest, since I need to know by April 4, 2006 to provide a final count on rooms for the hotels. After that date, I won't be able to guarantee your space.

Non-Ski Distant Trips....

May....The Navajo Enchantment Adventure will leave on Thursday, May 4, 2006 and return on Sunday, May 7, 2006. For those who haven't really explored the Navajo history and culture or experienced the unique scenic vistas of the southwest, this will be your trip. We will be driving to Chinle, located in eastern Arizona, on Thursday and overnight at the Holiday Inn. On Friday, our private Navajo guide will take us into Canyon de Chelly, a Y-shaped Canyon with 1,000-foot vertical walls where Navajo ruins and petroglyphs abound. Learn about the Trail of Tears and how the Canyon played an important role in the survival of the Navajo, some of whom are still farming and residing in the Canyon to this day. We will then travel to Kayenta, located on the Navajo reservation, and overnight at the Holiday Inn there. On Saturday, we will travel to Monument Valley, where sandstone monoliths rise thousands of feet above the desert floor.

Monument Valley is the movie producer's favorite location for filming westerns and you will recognize many of the movies filmed there. We will then overnight in Williams, Arizona and enjoy our group dinner at Max and Irma's. On Sunday, we will board the Grand Canyon Railroad and ride to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Enjoy pastries and coffee in the morning on the Train. The whole day will be spent exploring the many vistas in of the Canyon and those that wish to do a little hiking can take the Bright Angel Trail into the Canyon. Alcoholic beverages and food will be available in the afternoon in our Club Car on the return train ride to Williams. We will then have you back into Vegas around 9:00 PM Sunday evening. If you love scenic photography, the vistas are awesome and you will get some stunning shots. This trip is only \$399 based on double occupancy so please take a look at the flyer in the newsletter and/or contact your Peggy Carson, the trip captain, Chris Philippsen, the assistant trip captain, or myself at 602.821.4987 if you want to go. The date is coming up fast and we need to get a tentative count of who might be interested.

JulyGary Wattenbarger and Pat Parks will be your trip captains for the 4th of July Napa Valley Wine Tour. On Independence Day weekend, your club will be going to Napa Valley to learn about and experience first-hand the nuances of wine-making. This will be a Premier Wine Tasting Tour that will visit 12 of the finest wineries in the Napa Valley area with all ground transportation via private motor coach and private group tastings at each winery. Based on the preferences of the group participants, we will visit wineries that have the broadest appeal to our group. We will fly into Oakland via Southwest, enjoy deluxe accommodations at the River Terrace Inn, a group dinner, shopping, and fine dining during this great holiday weekend away from the summer heat. This trip will run only \$679 per person double occupancy for air, accommodations, ground transportation, 12 wine tastings, group

dinner, taxes, and gratuities. Call Gary or Pat if you want to participate as space is limited.

In August, your club will offer another unique combination of activities on August 18-20, 2006. Join your friends for a nice cool weekend in the Sierra Nevada's during our Truckee River Rafting Tour. After flying into Reno, you will enjoy deluxe accommodations in two-bedroom, two-bath condominiums in the Village at Squaw Valley. The fun starts with an eco-adventure hike on Saturday and after lunch, we will raft the Truckee River followed by a group dinner in the Village at Squaw. On Sunday, we will enjoy a mountain biking clinic followed by lunch and shopping in Truckee and an afternoon kayak tour down the Truckee River into Reno. Don't worry if you feel you aren't athletic or proficient enough for these activities, since the tour company knows we will have some beginners. Experienced hikers, riders, and rafters will also be afforded a more spirited activity level depending upon individual experience. At only \$492 including air, accommodations, ground transportation, all activities, group dinner, taxes, and gratuities, this is a great weekend getaway value.

SeptemberWe are now almost full on the Lake Powell Houseboat trip for Labor Day, 2006 and can only take another 6 people. Talk about scenic....the red sandstone cliffs that rise thousands of feet vertically out of the water are just stunning and are a photographer's dream. If you are thinking about going to Lake Powell, I would suggest sending in a nominal \$50 deposit to the ski club PO Box to ensure you will be able to go, or at least give Dave or myself a call to express your interest. This one will fill and cannot be expanded. Lake Powell is a once-in-a-lifetime, must-do activity and this will be a fun way to enjoy nature at its best. At only \$429 including transportation, accommodations, all your food and booze, and the ambience of a deluxe houseboat, this trip is a great value. The Phoenix Ski Club will also be on the Lake at the same time and we will try and join them for a joint party.

TRUCKEE RIVER RAFTING TRIP

August 18-20, 2005

Your Truckee River Rafting Adventure Weekend Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare between Las Vegas and Reno via Southwest
- All ground transportation
- Two night's deluxe accommodations at the Village at Squaw (4 to a 2-bedroom condominium)
- Whitewater rafting on the Truckee River
- Group dinner in the Village at Squaw
- Mountain bike clinic and tour (bikes included)
- Kayaking tour on the Truckee River
- All taxes and gratuities

Only \$492 per person

(based on 4 sharing a 2-bedroom, 2-bath condominium)

Deposit Due: \$100.00 to secure space

Second Payment: \$100.00 due by June 1, 2005

Final Payment: \$292.00 due by July 15, 2005

(3% trip discount on final payment if all payments made by cash or check).

For further information or to secure space on this action-packed, inexpensive weekend getaway, contact your Trip Captain: Jim Shaw at 602.274.9430 or 602.821.4987 (jl.shaw@att.net)

Napa Wine Country

4th of July Weekend

Premier Wine Tour of Napa Valley

July 1-4, 2006

\$679.00 per person, double-occupancy

Your Premier Napa Valley Wine Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare via Southwest between Las Vegas and Oakland
- Charter bus transfers between Oakland and the hotel
- 3 night's deluxe accommodations at the River Terrace Inn
- All lodging taxes and resort fees
- Multiple winery tours on all four days
- Group wine tastings at all wineries visited
- Chartered ground transportation between the hotel and all wineries
- All transportation taxes and gratuities

Payment Schedule:

Deposit: \$100.00 to secure space

Second Payment: \$250.00 due May 1, 2006

Final Payment: \$329.00 due June 1, 2006

(3% trip discount on final payment if all payments made by cash or check).

For further information or to secure space on this fun-filled visit to famous Napa Valley, contact your Trip Captain: Gary Wattenbarger at 524-3013.

Navajo Enchantment Adventure

Join the Las Vegas Ski and Sports Club for weekend of native southwestern history and some of the most picturesque and unique scenery on earth

May 4-7, 2006

Venture into the land of the Navajo on this unique and fun-filled weekend and take in spectacular southwestern vistas and landscapes that leave professional photographers in awe. Our first stop will be Canyon de Chelly, a unique Y-shaped canyon in eastern Arizona with cliffs as high as 1,000 feet and a canyon floor of sand and water accessible only by native Navajo guides driving 4-wheel drive vehicles. See petroglyphs, native artifacts, and cliff dwellings that date back centuries. In fact, a small group of Navaho farmers still reside inside Canyon de Chelly. The next day, we visit Monument Valley, a moonscape of monoliths used as a backdrop for Hollywood in filming several famous westerns. We will actually drive into the Valley and marvel up close at the surreal formations molded by wind and water over millions of years. The Navajo consider this area sacred and the folklore and history is enchanting. We will then see the South Rim of the Grand Canyon in style by taking the Grand Canyon Railroad into the park and enjoying the entire day to marvel at one of the Seven Wonders of the World. We will be in the Club Car with food and beverages available between Williams and the Canyon.

Your Navajo Enchantment Adventure Weekend Includes:

- All ground transportation between Las Vegas and all destinations
- One night's accommodations in Chinle including taxes at the Holiday Inn
- Tour of Canyon de Chelly with Navajo guide
- One night's accommodations in Kayenta including taxes at the Holiday Inn
- Tour of Monument Valley
- One night's accommodations in Williams including taxes at the Holiday Inn
- Round trip transportation between Williams and the South Rim via Grand Canyon Railroad
- All park admissions and fees
- Group dinner at Max and Irma's in Williams

Only \$399 per person, double occupancy

Deposit Due: \$100.00 to secure space

Final Payment: \$299.00 due by April 4, 2006

(3% trip discount on final payment if all payments made by cash or check).

Space is very limited, so sign up early. Refunds due to cancellation are limited and will be subject to supplier penalties and standard ski club policies and procedures.

*Time is running out -
Get signed up for
this trip now*

Whistler, B.C., eh !

The coastal mountains of Canada showed its fickle face for one Husky-head LVSSC "rider" and twenty-eight "two-points" who took mandatory air from McCarran to Vancouver, February 25 - March 4, 2006. Fickle as in snow/ sleet/ rain/ fog/sunshine/wind. Fickle as in pow-pow/deep crud/softening corduroy/boilerplate. Fickle as in quad-burners down to Creekside/hair-raisers down the cliff area to Harmony/people-ants down to base/slick runs at 7th Heaven. Fickle as in 5280 vertical feet to Peak and 2000 horizontal feet to Tantalus. All of that diversity on the huge 8171 skiable acres was great fun and the skiing was much better than a typical week there. Whistler/Blackcomb was all that and more....

Busing up the hill from Vancouver airport, Terry Ledbetter and Christina George celebrated birthdays. Alice Hayden and Larry Potter, our friends from Tucson, were in the first few weeks of their marriage. Making their first trip with the club were Wayne Wenger (who caused an "explosive" tennis shoe event at the LV airport), Walter Lamay and Daryl Alterwitz. Sporting a new limp and thigh bruise from a stumble over Mark's skis at the airport was Patsy McKenna. A few more unexpected events-Bob and Carol Schell certainly weren't thinking that their first run of the season would be down a black-diamond crud bowl; Rene Blanchard wasn't thinking of catching a chest cold; Kyoko Matsuura wasn't thinking of her ski falling from the gondola to the snow below and Mark McNeil certainly wasn't thinking of his fanny pack catching on a lift with him suspended.

Whistler is not just about the snow....eh? It is also about the village and the nightlife... Tuesday evening was highlighted with a most excellent club dinner at Buffalo Bills where billiards, dancing, drinking and a great buffet were enjoyed. Biggest eye-catcher was Kathy Arrington and Dave Berry's solo dance. Also enjoying the dance floor were Martha Gregory and Mark McNeil, Carol and Bob Schell, Terry Powers and Rene Blanchard, Gary and Christina George, Marcia McManus, Orena Berry, and Kurt Luthy. A second club dinner was held on Thursday at the Spanish themed restaurant "Caramba". This place has fantastic food and we all enjoyed a great evening again. Linda Decker and Les Frey were the early birds at both dinners, already sipping their wine when the group arrived. President, Dave Berry and his wife Orena, vacationing at Whistler with friends, joined the club's dinner festivities. Huge flakes of snow cascaded down upon our departure from the restaurant.....foretelling a great ski day to follow.

How about some snow stories...eh? Later in the week Mike Martinez was under a lift when a snowboarder yelled down from above "Hey, Sombrero. You took me out yesterday." Mike yelled back, "Yea, I did." Hard to hide when you sport a Mexican Sombrero and a yellow shirt with a chicken and cat on it.

After multiple runs off Whistler Bowl to Hidden Bowl in the excellent powder on Friday, Mike Martinez, Kurt Luthy, Gary George, and Terry Ledbetter worked on yodeling and Mexican growls. This was about the same sound as the one uttered when Chicken Man Gary George accidentally led them onto a cliff a few days before.

Daryl Alterwitz preferred to ski alone because he liked to ski steeps only and at his own pace and heli-skied on the best powder day, Friday. Donette Adam skied with different groups and occasionally dipped into the steep glades with Terry, Gary, Michael and Kurt.

David Wignall could ski only one day due to a foot injury suffered weeks before at Brianhead. He was up the gondola and at the "Roundhouse" supporting his brother Fred. Fred demo'd skies all week before making a purchase of high-performance skis.

Terry Powers picked up a wrong set of Rossi's at the mountain top (she says Rene insisted that they were her skis). After making several turns downhill, the skis came off. Realizing she had erroneously borrowed someone else's skis, Terry got a snowmobile to take her back to mountain top to return the skis and find her own pair.

Susan Strzelecki and Jim Shaw were everywhere enjoying the mountain, the bars, restaurants and hot tub. Jim was nearly invisible on this trip as he left the moose hat back in Vegas.

Especially enjoying the afternoon trip back to Nevada were Marcia McManus, trip captain, and Kathy Arrington, assistant trip captain. This was Marcia's planned last trip as she insists she is moving to South Carolina. This was a fun-filled trip of good value and we actually had good snow. Thanks to the hard work and attention to all details turned in by Marcia and Kathy.

As written by Terry Ledbetter, trip participant



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