

May 2006

The Las Vegas Ski &
Sports Club Newsletter



The Inside Edge

TGIF

Friday, May 12th

The New
**Becker's
Steakhouse**

**6 pm No Host Cocktails
No munchies served.**

2400 N. Buffalo Rd.
(at Smoke Ranch between
Lake Mead and Cheyenne)

Piano Music starting at 7:00pm

Phone: 216-2700

Friday, May 26th

E-Strings

**6 pm No Host Cocktails
and comp munchies.**

2031 Sunset Rd.
Henderson 89014
(Sunset and Valley Verde)

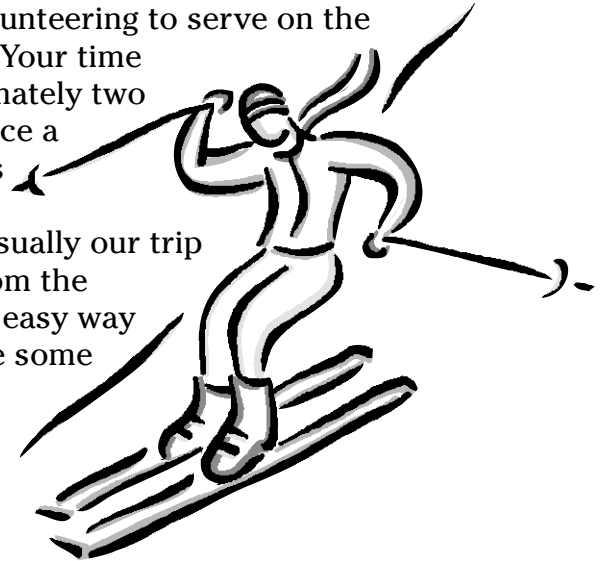
Live music starting at 8:00pm if you
want to stay and dance!

Phone: 437-8764

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*



Lee Canyon Highway Clean-up

Saturday, May 13th. Meet at McDonald's at Cheyenne & Rancho at 9:00 am. Bring water, gloves, and sturdy shoes. Contact Kathy Bell for information at 876-9638.



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Director's Column

The 2005-2006 "ski season" has officially ended and the Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club begins our year with a new Board of Directors. The club's new directors and committee chairs are as follows:

President – Dave Berry
Vice President – Kathy Arrington
Secretary – Martha Gregory
Treasurer/Trip Director – Jim Shaw

Membership- Patsy McKenna
Hospitality/Socials & Programs- Cyndy Bills
Publicity/Public Relations – Chris Philippsen
Newsletter – Linda Decker
Racing – Karissa Bonney

It looks like a very energetic group with lots of great plans for the ski club this season, both during ski season and non-ski season months. The Board is most anxious to organize the upcoming events for the 2006-2007 season and looking forward to watching our membership grow from 211 to a minimum goal of 250. We will strive to increase the club membership and offer exciting and fun filled trips to our members. We are open to all suggestions, ideas, or thoughts for trips and functions and always looking for different events to plan. Please contact any Board member with your thoughts and/or suggestions.

Linda Decker

Special Interest Groups

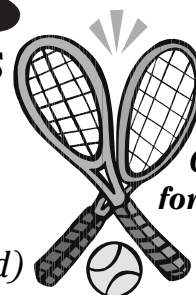
Please contact these members for info regarding the activities listed. These are not club sanctioned events, they are listed to benefit our members recreational interests.

Weekend Golf - Dave Berry - 731-1878
Weekend Hiking – Amy Chott -240-2347
RV Trips – Linda Decker – 566-3727

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*

Don't Forget the General Meeting -

Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Stake Out Bar & Grill: Yes, it's almost summer and the skiing is done, but we still have some fun trips on the schedule. Our summer meetings will be filled with information and/or video's regarding the July Napa Valley Wine Tour excursion and our Reno Truckee River Rafting. Plus, it gives us a great time for socializing in the private upstairs meeting room. The Stake Out has great drink and food prices and treats the club very well.

Dave Berry
President



Did You Know?

- A LVSSC summertime membership is only \$20.00.

The period covered is from March 1 through August 31. This is a great rate for people to join and find out more about the club or to go on a trip (membership is required for all club sponsored trips). Tell your friends or co-workers and invite them to a meeting.

Patsy McKenna
Membership Chairman

"SAY CHEESE!"



Membership Meeting, May 17, 2006 - Ski season photo swap and contest

Are you feeling down because the last ski trip of the season has come and gone? Don't despair we have just the event for you!!! How would you like to relive those great moments from this seasons ski trips. All of this seasons ski trip participants print those fabulous photos and bring them to May's Membership Meeting. This will be a great opportunity to share, exchange and enter those Kodak moments in our Photo Contest. Photos can be entered to win PRIZES in the following categories: best action , scenery, group photo and funniest. Yes, that group hot-tub shot could win you a great prize!!! (no nudity please) Winning pics will be published in June's newsletter. In addition, a guest speaker from a local photography store will give tips on how to capture that cover of Ski Magazine shot. Hope to see all of you there!!!!

Best regards, Cyndy Bills

Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club

Special Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
May 11th Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Meeting will be held at Skinny Dugans 4127 W. Charleston Blvd. Phone: 877-0522</i>
May 12th Friday	TGIF	<i>6 p.m. The new Becker's Steakhouse. No host cocktails. No munchies served. 2400 N. Buffalo Rd at Smoke Ranch (between Lake Mead and Cheyenne). Piano Music starting at 7pm. Phone: 216-2700</i>
May 13th Saturday	Lee Canyon Highway Clean Up	<i>Meet at McDonald's at Cheyenne & Rancho at 9:00 am. Bring water, gloves, and sturdy shoes. Contact Kathy Bell for information at 876-9638.</i>
May 17th 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>
May 20th Saturday	Red Rock Hike	<i>Trail: Pine Creek trail at Red Rock Meet: 7:30 at Starbucks at Town Center & Charleston Bring: water, camera, hiking boots, Red Rock passes Dogs are welcome. Time permitting, join us for coffee or lunch after the hike. Call Amy Chott at 240-2367 for info.</i>
May 26th Friday	TGIF	<i>6 p.m. E-Strings. No host cocktails and comp munchies. Live music starting at 8:00pm if you want to stay and dance! 2031 Sunset Rd., (Sunset & Valley Verde), Henderson 89014. Phone 437-8764.</i>

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2005-2006 Final Distant Trip Schedule

DATE	DESTINATION	COSTS	CONTACTS
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>
CANCELED			
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....

....By the time you read this, the 2005/2006 ski season will be history. We are in the process of completing the accounting for the last three ski trips and wrapping up the final numbers, but preliminary results indicate a substantial increase in trip participation, both skiing and non-skiing, this year over last. All our ski trips went at or above capacity this year, which resulted in significant last-minute efforts by our trip captains to accommodate everyone. I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every trip captain and assistant trip captain for their tremendous contribution of time and effort to ensure our members had a great experience. As usual, weather played a major factor in several trips, from last minute selection of areas in Salt Lake for best snow conditions to the successful rescheduling of Brianhead. Fortunately, travel delays and abnormal operations were kept to a minimum this year. It was also a relatively safe year, with no major injuries to our members that I'm aware of except Karissa Bonney's leg injury in Telluride. Above all, I want to thank the entire membership for supporting our trip schedule this year and contributing to the club's success. I have agreed to stay on as your Trip Director for one more year and look forward to your continued support and participation during the 2006/2007 season as we strive to bring even better trip destinations and value to our membership.

....All members are invited to attend the first of three meetings of our trip committee on Monday, May 1, 2006 at 6:00 PM. We will meet upstairs at the Steak Out on Maryland just north of Tropicana, the same location where we hold our monthly general meetings. Participation in the trip committee will enable you to have a voice in what destinations are selected, dates of travel, and trip pricing. Trip captains are usually selected from trip committee participants and this is a great way to get involved with your club. So that we

have enough printed matter to go around, please RSVP to my email at jl.shaw@att.net or call me at 602.821.4987 if you plan to attend. I will also buy the beer. J

....The Navajo Adventure Trip had insufficient participation and marketing lead time to operate with enough capacity to ensure retention of group pricing. Thus, a decision was made by the Board to reconsider this trip for a future date. All trip payments for this departure are either being refunded or rolled into different upcoming trips without penalty.

....We are in discussions with my counterpart at the Phoenix Ski Club for a possible joint rendezvous on the Lake Powell Trip (they have three houseboats reserved for the same weekend). Phoenix also wants to participate with us for a joint Brianhead ski trip. Their club demographics are virtually the same as ours. This could be a lot of fun, enable our members to meet some really nice people with common interests, and perhaps include some friendly competition.

Non-Ski Distant Trips....

....Gary Wattenbarger and Pat Park 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. And yes, you will be back in Las Vegas in time for fireworks that evening. Call Gary or Pat

if you want to participate as space is filling fast.

....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.

....We are now almost full on the Lake Powell Houseboat trip for Labor Day, 2006 and can only take another 2 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 your 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 be on a waitlist shortly 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 are trying to set up a joint party on Saturday or Sunday night with them

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.

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN TRIP

As always, Peggy Carson put together a successful and fun filled trip to Mammoth Mountain. A great time was had by all, with wonderful weather offering lots of sunshine. There were 28 hearty souls on the trip; two cross country skiers, two boarders, and a whole lot of skiers. The group dinner went well with lots of good food at the Ocean Harvest and great company for the meal. This will be the last trip using the Sierra Nevada Inn, as it will be torn down and a high rise condo put in its place.



Red Rock Hike



When: May 20th

Trail: Pine Creek trail at Red Rock

Meet: 7:30 at Starbucks at Town Center & Charleston

Bring: water, camera, hiking boots, Red Rock passes

Dogs are welcome

Time permitting, join us for coffee or lunch after the hike.

Call Amy Chott at 240-2367 for information.

2006 SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DUES

March 1, 2006 THRU AUGUST 31, 2006

RETURN SIGNED APPLICATION WITH REMITTANCE

\$20.00

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and SPORTS CLUB**



**MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION
and RELEASE OF LIABILITY**



Patsy McKenna, Membership Chairperson: 294-4385

Please print legibly:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Hm) _____ (Wk) _____ Where did you hear about the club? _____

Cell _____ E-Mail _____ Birthday _____ (month/day)

Check here if you DO NOT want your name and phone number(s) published in the LVSSC membership directory

PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEMBERS: Photographs of members participating in club activities are routinely included in a newsletter which is distributed to the membership and other interested parties and is made available to the general public through the Club's internet website.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY: The Las Vegas Ski and Sports Club, Inc. shall not be liable for bodily injury, property damage, loss of personal property, delays, or inconveniences sustained by any member or participant in any activity or on any trip arranged for in whole or in part by the Club. It is a condition of membership in the Club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted as consideration this limitation by joining the Club and/or attending such an activity.

**Make Check Payable and Mail
With This Form To:
LAS VEGAS SKI AND SPORTS CLUB
P.O. Box 42894 ▪ Las Vegas, NV 89116**

Signature (Required) _____

Date _____

2006 Summer Season Membership Dues:
\$20 Per Person March 1, 2006 - August 31, 2006 non-refundable

Must Be At Least 21 Years of Age To Join

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