

June 2005

The Las Vegas Ski &
Sports Club Newsletter



The Inside Edge

TGIF

Friday, June 10th

Redstone Grille

6 p.m. Complimentary
Hors d'oeuvres
No Host Cocktails

4970 South Fort Apache Rd

*In the Lowe's Shopping Plaza
We will be socializing on their patio
with complimentary Hors d'oeuvres*

Phone: 367-9360

Friday, June 24th

Barley's

6 p.m. Complimentary
"Munchies",
No Host Cocktails

4500 East Sunset Road
Henderson

Hopefully it won't be raining this
time and we can be on the patio
to enjoy our evening.

Phone: 458-2739

NEW THINGS IN THE CLUB



Web Site Changes: Work is underway on the new Website design by the new Club Webmaster, Jill Merk. A detailed plan has been approved by the board to modernize our website for the current members and to also have it appeal to prospective

new members. We expect to have the new site available in about a month and are very excited about the new additions which will include a members only area, more pictures and, in the near future, links to businesses that will offer discounts to our club.

Boosting Membership: In an effort to boost membership, the club has embarked on a couple of new programs. One of those efforts was spearheaded by KayDee Puffer to create a new bi-fold brochure that highlights the benefits of membership in our club. The brochure is being finalized and will be ready soon. Publicity Director, Jim Smith, is forming a committee to distribute these brochures to sports shops and other businesses that we feel will be a good fit for our club and to generate awareness for new members. If you wish to help in the distribution, please contact Jim Smith; his number is in the BOD listing.

A second publicity program was initiated last January under the former Board's direction. A research effort indicated that The LVSSC was not listed in the Yellow Pages. That omission has been corrected and the LVSSC will be listed in the upcoming July issue of the Sprint Yellow Pages under the category of Ski Tours. The Sprint Yellow Pages does not have a separate category for clubs. We will also have our Web site address listed.

HOTLINE NUMBER: 458-0469 ■ www.lasvegasskiclub.com

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Director's Column

2005/2006 Trips and Events

The Trip committee has formed and is actively engaged in completing an exciting slate of destinations. The goal is to excite the current membership and to generate interest outside the club to draw in new members. Here is a preview of what the Committee has selected: Our ski trips will be to the Lake Tahoe area, the Salt Lake City area, Mammoth, Whistler, Telluride, Ski the Summit, and Brianhead. Alternates will be Steamboat and Aspen/Snowmass. Our non-ski destinations will be to the Napa Wine Country, Grand Canyon via train from Williams, Mesquite golf/tennis/spa outing, Lake Powell house boating, Monument Valley/Canyon De Chelley, Lake Havasu, and a cruise to Baja. Alternates are Sedona and Tahoe River Rafting. Stay tuned for the dates and the Ski Trip signup meeting date. For more info or to become involved with the Trip Committee, please contact Jim Shaw; his number is in the BOD listing.

Jim Shaw
Trip Director

MOVING?

The Inside Edge is 3rd Class Bulk Mail and is NOT FORWARDED.

Send change of address cards to:

**Las Vegas Ski and Sports Club
Membership
P.O. Box 42894
Las Vegas, NV 89116**

To phone in address changes contact

Patsy McKenna (MEMBERSHIP) 294-4385.

NEWSLETTER POLICIES

Acceptance and cost of advertising are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and checks for advertising should be made out to: "Las Vegas Ski and Sports Club".

Mail typewritten articles or news for the newsletter to:

**LVSSC Newsletter:
Dave Berry
LVSSC
PO Box 42894
Las Vegas, NV 89116**

**Or E-mail:
divot49@cox.net**

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

1/8 page . . . \$15 month • 1/4 page . . . \$30 month • 1/2 page . . . \$60 month
Set-up charge of \$10

VALLEY OF FIRE HIKE

Valley of Fire is only 60 minutes from Las Vegas but is a genuine retreat from the city with sandy walking areas, Indian petroglyphs and brilliantly colored sandstone formations.

We hiked Mouse's Tank trail and drove to White Domes trail where we set up our picnic site to enjoy gourmet goodies and wine. It was a gorgeous day - the area so beautiful, especially this spring with all the rain to help the desert burst with color and life. Next, most of the group left to explore White Domes trail with a few of us lingering to enjoy more food, wine and conversation.



Just to let you folks who were not there know, I was not wearing hiking boots that day, just flip-flops. Why, you must ask? Because, the day before I had developed some whoppers of blisters while shopping for all the food and wine for the hike. Yes, this is true. I thought I could hike the White Domes trail with the flip-flops, so Bob and I joined Kurt, Nancy and Charlie and left for the hike. Not known to us, we apparently lost the trail and the path really got rockier, rockier, and rockier. My poor feet couldn't handle but a half-hour of this madness so Bob and I headed back to rest my feet. We decided we would cool off in a shady spot and wait for the others to come back our way. Well, this didn't happen; instead 'rescuers' Max and Gary found us. Max said that they were able to find us by asking hikers along the way if they saw a woman hiking in flip-flops, and they replied, "yes, couldn't miss her, why in the world would she be hiking this trail in flip-flops?" Meanwhile, back at camp, Kathy was loading the picnic supplies back into our Suburban in anticipation of an emergency departure.

Thank you Gary, Max and the group for the concern, (the group thought that either Bob had a heart attack or I had twisted my ankle on the flip-flops), but thank goodness we were just fine (except for my aching feet). So back we go to the picnic area to continue our party, which included celebrating Gary's birthday with a cake and a birthday song.

All 26 of us who went on the hike, agreed that this is a must do repeat hiking location. However, next time I'll wear the hiking boots!

Carol Schell (a.k.a. flip-flop)



The String Thing

That is how most of the 20 players in the April 23rd Spring Golf Tournament at Desert Rose GC will remember this tournament. The format was actually a modified 2-person alternate shot contest but with a little fun added, called the string thing. Every team was allocated string and then used it to position their ball in a better place, sometimes that meant the hole.....The string was discarded when used and so the teams had to use their string wisely. You could hear the teams calling for string when they left a putt short of the hole. So who used their string the best.....The winning team was Bonnie Thompson and Dave Berry. (Yes, I know, this was a slight protocol error, the tournament host is not supposed to win the tournament but honestly, it was Bonnie that kept the ball in play all day). After play finished, we all enjoyed a meal in the restaurant and handed out a few prizes...but the hot topic of the day was " the string thing".

*The Tournament Host,
Dave Berry*



Bonnie, John, Marsha, Pat & Jerry



Terry, Marcia, Smitty & Kathy



Earl, David, Len, Robert, & Linda



Dave & Bonnie

Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club

Special Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
June 9th Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting	<i>Skinny Dugan's at 6:30pm Phone: 877-0522 4127 W. Charleston Blvd. - Call Dave for info 731-1878. RSVP prior to the meeting. All members are welcome.</i>
June 10th Friday	TGIF	<i>Redstone Grille Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres at 6 pm 4970 South Fort Apache Rd. In the Lowes shopping plaza. We will be socializing on the patio with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.</i>
June 24th Friday	TGIF	<i>Barley's Munchies and No Host Cocktails at 6 pm 4500 East Sunset Road, Henderson Hopefully it won't be raining this time and we can be on the patio to enjoy our evening.</i>
June 25th & 26th Saturday & Sunday	Michael O's Thirty-Third Annual Assault on Mt. Charleston/Summerlin Bicycle Tour	<i>See the article in Newsletter for details. Contact Michael O'Connor for more info 396-2125</i>
July 8th Friday	TGIF	<i>Tenaya Creek More info in the next Newsletter</i>
July 22nd Friday	TGIF	<i>Viaggio More info in the next Newsletter</i>
August Date TBD	Summer Swim Party	<i>Being planned. More info to come.</i>

TENNIS

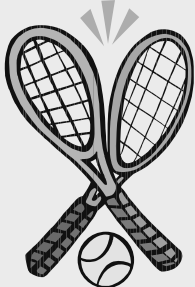
Tuesday Nights

Bally's Hotel Courts

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Round Robin

(intermediate & advanced)



Contact
Carol McDermott
for more information
at 737-8618



*And the winners are – Bill, Mary, Chuck, & Edith.
Congratulations.*



*Lenore, Carol, Martha, Chuck, Kathy,
with Steve in the back.*



*Steve, Bill, Marica, & Carol. Sportsmanship
is important.*



*Kneeling left to right: Bev, Edith, Mary, Kathy,
Carol Standing: Steve, Marcia, Mike, Bill, Nick,
Chuck, Mark, Martha, Terry, Lenore.*

Portillo & Termas de Chillan, Chile

August 11-20, 2005

Chile Trip Includes—

- 4 nights lodging at 5-star Gran Hotel at Termas de Chillan
 - Ski-in/ski-out
 - Forest view [double occupancy]
 - 4-day lift ticket at Termas de Chillan
 - Breakfast and dinner daily
- 4 nights lodging at 4-star Portillo
 - Ski-in/ski-out
 - Lake view [double occupancy]
 - 4-day lift ticket at Portillo
 - 4 meals daily
- Round trip air on Lan Chile from LAX to Santiago
- Round trip air on Lan Chile from Santiago to Concepcion
- Round trip transfers from Concepcion Airport to Termas, and from Santiago Airport to Portillo

Estimated
\$2949
+ airport taxes

What's NOT Included—

- Chile entry tax that needs to be paid locally [est. \$61]
- Peru airport tax that needs to be paid locally [est. \$28 + \$5 airport use fee]
- US Departure Tax - estimated \$125
- Tips



Portillo



Gran Hotel, Termas de Chillan

Machu Picchu, Peru

August 20-23, 2005

Important Note: Cuzco is at 11,100 feet. Due to the high elevation and the amount of walking involved, often on uneven terrain, requires that you be in good physical condition to fully enjoy this portion of the trip. Machu Picchu is at 7,870 feet. There are choices of intermediate and strenuous walks from here. Staying overnight at Machu Picchu will allow us to watch the sunrise and sunset after the hordes of people depart on the train to Cuzco.

Peru Trip to Include—

- Inter South America flights to Cuzco
- Ground transportation
- Round trip train from Cuzco to Aguas Calientes
- Round trip bus from Aguas Calientes to Machu Picchu entrance
- Guided tours of Machu Picchu, Sacred Valley, and Cuzco
- Accommodations at first class hotels in 2 nights Cuzco & 1 night Aguas Calientes
- 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

\$1079
+ airport taxes



Machu Picchu

Reservations & Information—

\$400 will hold your spot. Deposit is totally refundable until May 1, 2005. Send deposit to

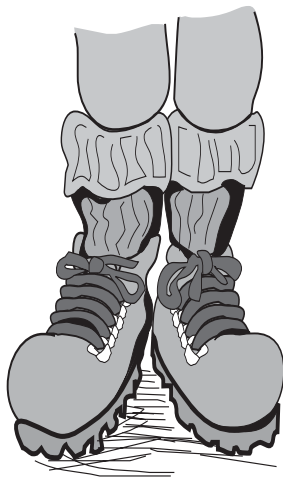
Pacific Rim, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124

For more information, contact Gene Fulkerson at

858-467-9469 or gene@pacificrimalliance.org

UNCLE CHARLES

**Saturday, June 25, 0530,
Santa Fe Station,
under the Rancho marquee.**



The snows of winter are slowly receding, the summer solstice is upon us and the mountains beckon, so it must be time for:

Michael O's Thirty-third Annual Assault on Mt. Charleston.

No stroll in the park for sure, this is a 19-mile all-day affair with just under a mile of vertical ascent. Aspiring hikers should be in decent physical condition and maintain a hearty sense of adventure.

Please call to confirm as the date may change due to snow conditions.



**SUMMERLIN
BICYCLE
TOUR**

**Sunday, June 26, 0700 @the Golden Arches
Craig & Tenaya, just west of US #95.**

Hotcakes and a cup of Joe, followed by a winding 50-miler through the northwest valley.

Michael O'Connor 396-2125



**2006 FWSA European Ski Week
March 11th - 18th, 2006**

prices **\$2195 - \$2250**

**** Nicoletta - \$2195

**** Schweizerhof - \$2250

Basic Package Includes:

- Round Trip Air LAX via Swiss Air (SFO upon request)
- complimentary in-flight meals, drinks & movies
- Round Trip Ground Transfers Zurich airport to Tasch
- Round trip 2nd class rail transfer Tasch to Zermatt
- 7 nights Lodging (dbl. occp) at choice of hotel
- Buffet Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Welcome Cocktail Party
- And more . . .

Not Included in Package:

- US & Foreign Departure Taxes approx. \$150
- Ski Pass

Pre Trip Extension: Davos - \$890

4 Nights Sunstar Park Hotel****

Breakfast and Dinner Daily -
Glacier Express transfer Davos - Zermatt

Post Trip Extension: Nile Cruise - est. price \$1500

Deposits:

\$200 Due NOW Make Check payable to "FWSA"
& send to Tucker Hoffmann

\$25 is non-refundable at of June 1st, 2005
Cancellation penalties will apply after August 1st, 2005

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Tucker or Kathy Hoffmann, FWSA International Travel
16969 President Dr., San Leandro, CA 94578
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Please print legibly:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Fax _____ E-Mail _____ Birthday _____

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

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.

Signature (Required) _____ **Make Check Payable and Mail** _____
With This Form To: _____ Date _____

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P.O. Box 42894 ■ Las Vegas, NV 89116

Summer 2005 Annual Membership Dues:
\$20 Per Person April 1, 2005 - August 31, 2005 non-refundable

Must Be At Least 21 Years of Age To Join

Office Use Only

Amt. Rec'd. _____ Mail _____ Membership _____ Posted _____