

July 2006
The Las Vegas Ski &
Sports Club Newsletter



The Inside Edge

TGIF

Friday, July 7th

Marc's
Italian Resturant

**6 pm No Host Cocktails
& Complimentary
Munchies Served.**

7290 West Lake Mead at Tenaya

Phone: 562-1921

Friday, July 28th

The Inn Zone

6 pm

**2 for 1 drinks for LVSSC
members and guests!!!**

2990 St. Rose Parkway
(St. Rose and Eastern,
Lowe's Center)

Phone: 614-1713

Special Meeting

**SPECIAL JULY MEMBERSHIP
MEETING, WED. JULY 19TH.**

*Does your breathing get a
little heavy? Heart pound
a little faster just looking
at those colorful pictures as
you flip thru that publication?*

No, I'm not taking about "Playgirl"
or "Playboy" I'm talking about the
REI Catalog!!! Do you believe that
fun and the great outdoors go
hand in hand? Then check this
out!!! We are cranking up the July
membership meeting a notch and
holding the meeting/clinic at the
REI store at 6:00pm.

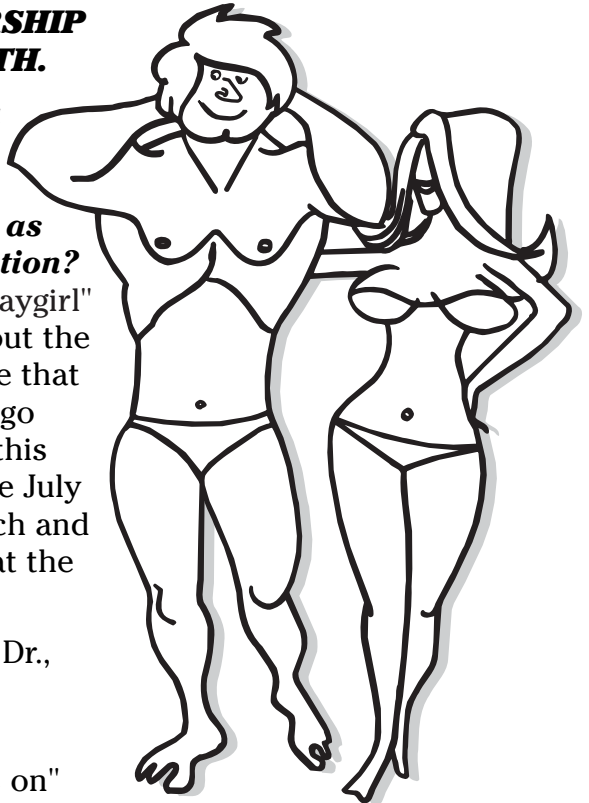
Location: 2220 Village Walk Dr.,
Henderson
Phone: 896-7111.

Our club will have a "hands on"
clinic on the topic of the newest "must-
have" gear and clothing for camping and hiking.

What ever your pleasure is in the great outdoors, skiing,
boarding, camping, hiking, cycling, paddling or traveling; REI is
the store for you. This is a unique opportunity for our club
members who believe that any day outdoors is a good day,
don't miss this event!!!

**LET'S HIKE • LET'S SKI
LET'S BOARD • LET'S CLIMB
LET'S CYCLE • LET'S PADDLE
LET'S GO!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Cyndy Bills
Program Chairperson



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LVSSC Newsletter:

**Linda Decker
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**Or E-mail:
Ldecker123@aol.com**

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1/2 page . . . \$60 month

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Director's Column

Newsletter Distribution Update

The email notification of the newsletter access via the website is working as planned to cut costs. Thank-you for your support. The board also wants to make sure that this is not causing a hardship, so remember, you can request your name be added to the paper copy distribution by calling or e-mailing Dave Berry, the newsletter editor.

August and September Newsletters.....All club members will receive a paper copy of the NL in August & September. This NL will contain the annual membership dues renewal form. It is also the time that we publicize and promote our new trip schedule and want everybody to see the info.

Editor's note: *I am looking for a person to take over editorial & distribution control of the newsletter; the former editor had to resign due to personal reasons. I'm looking to share some of that joy with another volunteer (training is provided, all you need is desire).*

Dave Berry
Newsletter Editor

Do You Read It or Toss It?

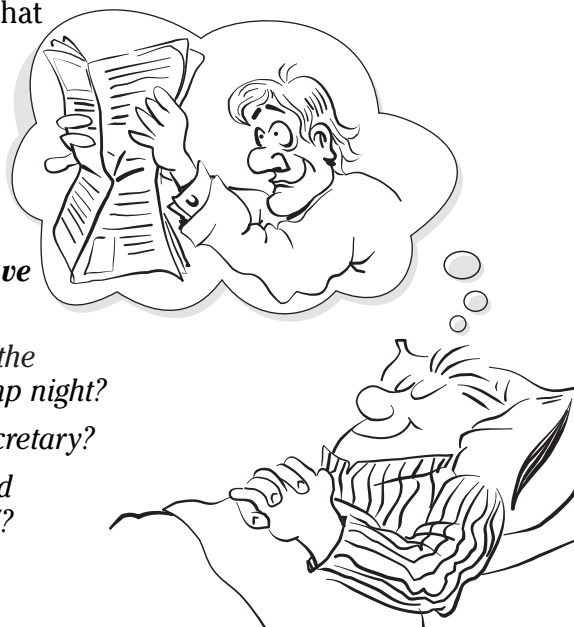
Do you read the whole Newsletter? Of course, I always think that everyone just loves reading our newsletter and (dreaming on my part) that every article and page is devoured with great enthusiasm. Well, I am also a realist so I'm going to test this notion with a reading recognition and awareness contest.....

The first 3 members that respond correctly to these three questions will receive a \$5.00 credit toward their next year's membership.....

Here is what you have to find:

- 1) What is the cost of the Mt. Charleston camp night?
- 2) Who is the Club Secretary?
- 3) What trip is planned for 3/3/07-3/10/07?

Dave Berry
Club President



Lake Powell Houseboat Adventure

Join the Las Vegas Ski and Sports Club
On Labor Day week-end at Lake Powell
September 1-4, 2006

If you have never before been to Lake Powell, prepare to enjoy an unforgettable and breathtaking Labor Day Weekend on the most scenic lake in the western United States. Lake Powell features incredible slot canyons with dramatic red and tan sandstone cliffs rising vertically out of the water, sometimes as high as 500 feet. We will navigate to Rainbow Bridge, a natural 300-foot arch that is accessible only by water and then a short hike up the canyon. Best of all, you will sail the lake aboard a fully provisioned, 59' air-conditioned houseboat that sleeps 12. We will also have personal watercraft available. Every afternoon, we will find a beach area to park the houseboats and in the evening, we will enjoy nightly cocktails and dinner with a theme party to follow. After hours, many members will put their mattresses or sleeping bags on the upper deck and sleep out under the stars. The air is crystal clear for star gazing, and if we're lucky enough to have a full moon, the eerie shadows on the canyon walls are awesome at night.

Note: Skinny-dipping has been known to take place on these trips so remember, what happens at Powell, stays at Powell.—Reserve your space now.

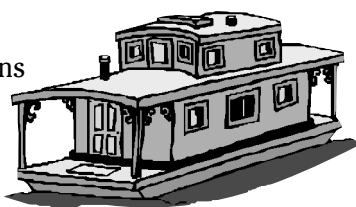
Your Lake Powell Labor Day Weekend Trip Includes:

- Car Pool between Las Vegas, NV and Page, Arizona
- 1 night's accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express in Page
- Three-day cruise on Lake Powell aboard a 59" Discovery Houseboat
- All food and beverages aboard the Houseboats
- Unlimited use of personal watercraft and ski boats (based on availability). Nightly houseboat parties & a Special Independence Day Celebration
- All taxes, gratuities, and park fees

Cost is only: **\$429.00** per person including accommodations, food, booze, cruise, and parties

What to Bring:

- Hiking boots for some great excursions that can only be accessed by water.
- Your own boats or PWC's for water skiing and cruising into some of the narrower canyons.
- Sleeping bags and diddy bag stuff.



only 2 spots left

Deposit - \$50.00 to hold a spot.

Please call the event leader to arrange final payment.

Final Payment: \$229.00 due by May 15, 2006

Space is limited to 24 members, so sign up early. Due to maximum boat capacity, we cannot expand the space allocation for this trip. Refunds due to cancellation are limited and will be subject to supplier penalties and standard ski club policies and procedures.

For further information or to secure space on this action-packed, inexpensive weekend getaway, contact your Trip Co-Captains: Dave Berry at 702.731.1878 (divot49@cox.net) or Jim Shaw at 602.821.4987 (jl.shaw@att.net)

TRUCKEE RIVER RAFTING TRIP

Join the Las Vegas Ski and Sports Club
For a Cool and Fun-filled Weekend
In the Sierra Nevada Mountains

August 18-20, 2005

*This trip needs you . . .
Call to sign up now!*

Never before has the club offered such an adventure-filled weekend with a unique mix of activities on the same trip. We will depart after work on Friday, August 18, 2006 for Reno and transfer up the mountain to enjoy deluxe condominium accommodations in the Village at Squaw Valley. The next morning, enjoy an eco-adventure hike in the crisp, cool air of the Sierra Nevada Mountains with an experienced trail guide. After lunch, we will transfer to the Truckee River and enjoy whitewater rafting in rapids as high as level 5, depending on water flow. That evening, our group dinner will be held at one of the great restaurants at the Village at Squaw. On Sunday morning, both experienced and inexperienced members will attend a mountain bike clinic and enjoy a mountain biking tour before heading into Truckee for lunch and shopping in this unique little mountain town. After lunch, we will kayak the Truckee River into Reno and head back to Las Vegas Sunday evening.

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).

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.

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)

Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club

Special Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
July 7th Friday	TGIF	6 p.m. at Marc's Italian Resturant. Phone: 562-1921. No host cocktails and Complimentary munchies served. 7290 West Lake Mead at Tenaya.
July 13th Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting	Meeting will be held at Skinny Dugans 4127 W. Charleston Blvd. Phone: 877-0522
July 14th - 16th Fri., Sat. & Sun.	LVSSC Camp & Hike at Mt. Charleston	See flyer in newsletter for details
July 19th Wednesday	General Membership Meeting	REI at 6:00 pm Store location: 2220 Village Walk Dr., Henderson Phone: 896-7111
July 28th Friday	TGIF	6 p.m. The Inn Zone. Phone: 614-1713 2 for 1 drinks for LVSSC members and guests!!! 2990 St. Rose Parkway. St. Rose and Eastern, (Lowe's Center)
August 26th Saturday	Endless Summer Pool and Potluck Get Together	Endless Summer Luau. Check out next month's newsletter for details.
Sept. 15th - 17th Fri., Sat. & Sun.	Stay & Play Golf Tournament at Laughlin	Cost: \$210.00 Contact Dave Berry 731-1878

Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club

2005-2006 Final Distant Trip Schedule

DATE	DESTINATION	COSTS	CONTACTS
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	Gary Wattenbarger 524-3013
August 18-20, 2006 Friday - Sunday	Reno/Truckee River Rafting <i>Air to RNO, transfers, 2 nights accommodations, river rafting, group dinner</i>	\$492	Jim Shaw (602) 821-4987
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	Jim Shaw (602) 821-4987

Attention all Las Vegas Ski Club Campers & Hikers

When: Camping: Friday & Saturday nights (July 14th & 15th)
RSVP Required.
Day hike: Saturday, July 15th

Where: Camping: Hilltop Campground, Mt Charleston – see directions below.
Hiking: Bristlecone Trail - Hike Rated Moderate (an optional easy hike for Sunday is Robber's Roost after camp checkout.)

Carpool - for the Hike only: 8:00 am – Meet at the Santa Fe Mining Co Restaurant parking lot which is across Rancho from the Santa Fe Casino. See directions below:

- *To the Sante Fe Mining Co:* Northbound on Hwy 95 (just north of Cheyenne) , exit at Rancho, bear left approaching light, take left at first light (Rainbow). Go approximately 1000 feet and turn left into parking area for the Santa Fe Mining Company Restaurant.
- *Next,* drive to the Hilltop campground to meet up with the hikers in the campground at 9:00am. Then carpool to trailhead.

What to bring:

Camping: Tent, sleeping bag, food, cooking utensils, camp supplies. (if you are a first timer, call for more details.)
Hiking only: Water, camera, hiking boots; comfortable hiking clothes.

Contact:

Camping: Contact Dave Berry by phone at 731-1878 or by email at divot49@cox.net or contact Peggy Carson by phone at 256-0743.
Hiking: Contact Amy Chott by phone at 240-2367 or by email at: achott@earthlink.net

Cost: *Camping:* \$8.00 per person (covers both nights). Space is limited, please call for your space reservation. Send check to the LVSSC, P.O. Box 42894, Las Vegas, NV 89116.
Hiking only: No cost. Mt Charleston Camp & Hike Info (July 14-15, 2006)

Directions to Hilltop Campground at Mt Charleston:

We will be camping in Site # 16 which allows up to 12 campers but is restricted to 4 vehicles at that site. Overflow parking is available.

To get there: From Las Vegas, travel north on Highway 95 to the junction with Highway 157 (Kyle Canyon), turn left and travel approximately 17 miles to the junction with Highway 158 (Deer Creek), turn right and travel about 4 miles to the campground, which is on the right.

- Tell the Camp Host you are part of the Group reservation under Dave Berry for site # 16. For more information about the park, please call (702) 515-5400

Other Camping notes and info about Hilltop:

If you have never camped but want to try it, give me a call. I can help you with your planning and preparation. There is also the possibility of doubling up with another camper, some have large tents.

Hilltop is at about 8000 feet elevation so it will be much cooler than Las Vegas. The view from our campsite to the stars is sensational.

Campfires are permitted within the campsites, so now is a great time to share that campfire experience.

Campground Facilities: Flush toilets and water facets (no showers)

NOTE: This Hike is the 4th in the series of Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club monthly hikes

**July 2006
Mt Charleston
Camp & Hike**
(hike will be moderate)



Trip Talk....

by Jim Shaw, Trip Director

What's News....

...As you read this column, Gary and Pat will be winging their way to Wine Country in Napa, California over the 4th of July weekend. These lucky club members will escape the heat of Las Vegas and enjoy the art of wine-making in cool, sunny Napa Valley.

...However, you may still have a chance to beat the heat. Space is available on the Truckee River Rafting Trip if you let me know right away. On this great weekend getaway, we will be rafting down the Truckee River experiencing up to class 5 rapids. In addition, we will participate in an eco-hike, mountain biking excursion, and do some kayaking on the lower portion of the Truckee River. Dates are August 18-20, 2006 and cost including airfare is only \$492.00. Condo accommodations are in the cool pines of the Sierra Nevada at Squaw Valley. Call me if you need more info at 602.821.4987 or email me at jl.shaw@att.net. This is your last chance to sign up as I have to release any air space without names back to Southwest very soon.

...We still have a couple of spaces left on the Lake Powell houseboat trip. If you have already signed up, your third payment is due now. If you haven't signed up, you should call me at 602.821.4987 or shoot me an email at jl.shaw@att.net that you want to go. If you want to take your own boat or car, that can be worked out as well. Just contact me for further details.

2006/2007 Trip Schedule Finalized....

...Your Distant Trip Committee has selected an excellent trip schedule during 2006/2007 for the membership. After meeting three times to select destinations, dates, and target pricing, the Trip Committee has finalized the following

schedule, which was approved by the Board in June. All ski trips will go on sales at the general membership meeting in August, so save the date, mark your calendars, and be there to sign up early. We also need trip captains, so please read the Trip Leader blurb in the next section.

...Prior to next ski season and back by popular demand is the Mesquite Golf Trip, which will be run by Dave, in September. For those of you who missed the Lake Havasu / Stagecoach Trails Dude Ranch trip, you'll have another chance to go on our 2nd annual event in October, which I have agreed to run. We also added Cabo in November and would appreciate a volunteer to lead that trip.

In addition to this summer's trips already mentioned, Truckee River Rafting in August and Lake Powell on Labor Day Weekend, our subsequent schedule in date sequence is as follows:

• Non-Ski

- Mesquite Golf / 9/15/06-9/17/06 (\$199 per person)
- Lake Havasu / Dude Ranch Combo / 10/7/06-10/9/06 (\$239 per person)
- Cabo San Lucas / 11/9/06-11/12/06 (\$649 per person)

• Ski

- Utah / 12/7/06-12/10/06 (\$179 per person)
- Mammoth / 1/11/07-1/14/07 (\$339 per person)
- Lake Tahoe / 1/25/07-1/28/07 (429 per person)
- Steamboat & Winter Park / 2/8/07-2/13/07 (\$929 per person)
- Brianhead / 2/23/07-2/25/07 (\$249 per person)
- Panorama / 3/3/07-3/10/07 (\$1099 per person)
- Sun Valley / 3/28/07-4/1/07 (\$879 per person)

• Non-Ski

- Canyon de Chelley/Monument Valley/ Grand Canyon / 5/25/07-5/28/07 (\$399 per person)
- Sedona/Verde Valley/Jerome / 6/8/06-6/10/06 (\$359 per person)
- Baja Cruise / 7/13/06-7/16/06 (\$649 per person)
- Catalina / 8/3/07-8/5/07 (\$379 per person)

I want to personally thank all the participants of our Distant Trip Committee for their time commitment and involvement in helping bring world-class ski resorts

and some awesome non-ski destinations to our membership this coming year. Not only do these trips represent a great travel value, they also enable you to meet new people and gain new experiences. If you are interested in any of these destinations, please express your interest early by either signing up or communicating your interest to the trip leader or your trip director. Don't wait until the last minute, because once space is released, it's hard to get it back. If there is anything that will ensure the success of our trips, it's early sign ups.

Trip Leaders Needed

...We need volunteers to either run or assist in running the trips that our Board has approved. If you have prior experience in running ski or non-ski trips and feel comfortable in talking to other members about coming with you, now is the time to step up to the plate and help out. Your trip director will provide all the training and help you with the "behind the scenes" stuff regarding accommodations, air seats, lift tickets, etc. if you need assistance. Trip captains usually enjoy free or substantially reduced rates on the trips they run. Anyone interested in leading a trip for the club needs to be at our Trip Captain night upstairs at the Steak Out on Maryland (where we have our general membership meetings) on Monday, July 10, 2006 at 6:00 PM. If you want to lead a trip and can't be there, please email me your request at jl.shaw@att.net or call me at 602.821.4987. Thanks in advance for volunteering.



Special Interest Groups

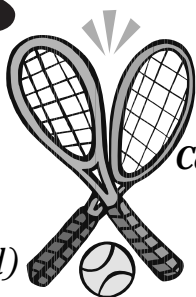
Please contact these members for info regarding the activities listed. These are not club sanctioned events, they are listed to benefit our members recreational interests.

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

JUNE HIKE



Yes, there was a June hike and it was at Mt. Charleston. As you look at the picture, you see 11 happy hikers who enjoyed a scenic hike to Cathedral Rock on Saturday, June 17th. This hike was the 3rd in the 2006 series of Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club monthly hikes. Thanks goes to Peggy Carson and Robert Smith for providing the leadership on this hike.

Endless Summer Pool and Potluck Get Together

Mark your calendars for Sat. August 26th for an Endless Summer Luau. So dig out that hula skirt and practice those limbo moves and check next month's newsletter for details!



Thank You

A big Thank you to the Sports Chalet and 3 of their Scuba Instructors for presenting "All About Scuba Diving" to the membership at the June 21st meeting. Thanks goes to our guest speakers Kristy, Roberta and Joshua; we enjoyed seeing & hearing about their enthusiasm for their sport. They shared their knowledge and a beautiful video presentation with us! Good Job!

We were also invited to attend a free "Intro to Scuba Class" at the Henderson Chalet pool. Many members seemed ready to take the plunge . . . literally.

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JULY

sun	mon	tues	wed	thurs	fri	sat
						1 Napa Wine Trip Mt. Charleston Hike
2 Napa Wine Trip Sunday on the Bike	3 Napa Wine Trip	4 Napa Wine Trip	5	6	7 TGIF Marc's Italian Rest.	8
9	10	11	12	13 Board of Directors Meeting	14 Camp & Hike	15 Camp & Hike
16 Camp & Hike	17	18	19 General Membership Meeting	20	21	22
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30	31				TGIF The Inn Zone	

AUGUST

sun	mon	tues	wed	thurs	fri	sat
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6	7	8	9	10 BOD Meeting	11 TGIF TBD	12
13	14	15	16 General Membership Meeting	17	18 River Rafting Trip	19 River Rafting Trip
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