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## LA COUNCIL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT-



Beach Cities

☞ See page 9 for Tournament Results.

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#### Check out NSCF deals—

www.skifederation.org  
 Username: **skiclub**  
 password: **member**



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— WELCOME TO WINTER!

by Rinda Wohlwend, LAC President > > > > > > > > > >

Well, the Summer of '05 is now just a memory. It was sure a great one! Far West Convention, river trips, train trips, bike rides, wine tasting, kayaking, camping, Mammoth Jazz Fest, to name just a few activities LA Council clubs participated in throughout the summer.

### Winter is Here—

Now, it's on with Fall and Winter and SNOW!!! To help us get in the skiing frame of mind, the Shop 'Til your Drop Event at H&H Jobbing last Sunday [October 23, 2005] sure started us in the right direction. Lots of great bargains there.



Courtesy Bonnie West

### Snow Gala— November 5, 2005

The Snow Gala dinner dance is fast approaching on November 5, 2005 to officially kick off the ski season. Hopefully you have both your ticket and dancing shoes now! You'll want to come and cheer your club's Man and Woman candidates to victory.

Not to be missed are some fantastic prizes offered to the lucky raffle winners. Raffle tickets are still on sale, too. \$10 for a book of 11 or a dollar per ticket.

Remember, raffle tickets are a fundraiser for your club because your club will be able to keep 50% of the tickets sold before the Gala. Grand prize is a trip for two to Telluride.

And, you don't have to be there to win!

### Ski Dazzle— December 1-4, 2005

Following right on the Gala's heels is the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ski Dazzle Show & Snowboard Expo on December 1-4, 2005 at the LA Convention Center.

### Race Camps—

You won't want to miss the annual Race Camps— Rokka Race Camp is December 4-10, 2005 and LAC Race Camp is on December 9-18, 2005. So get those skis [& bodies] tuned!

### General Meeting—

Don't forget our general meetings are the first Monday of the month. Next one is on November 7, 2005. So, come and joint the fun and get in on all the ski trips and events planned for this season.

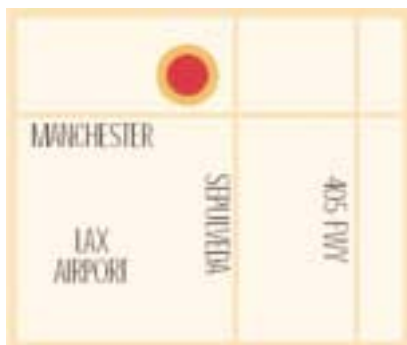
See you soon. ✨ *Rinda*

## General Meeting—

We will have our own room in the back. They will give us separate checks and they serve wine & beer. Yeah!

*First Monday of the Month, 7 PM*

**Grinder Restaurant**  
8521 S. Sepulveda Blvd., Westchester  
[entrance off of Manchester]  
310.641.8210



## Request for Support—

For the last several years, the clubs, Council, and individuals have financially enabled one of The Unrecables, along with a companion, to attend Ski Week.



The Unrecables who have gone on past Ski Weeks have appreciated this opportunity and they always have a great time. These folks would not be able to attend without our help. Once again this year, we would like to do this, along with your club's help. If your club can help in this endeavor, it is greatly appreciated. Clubs have sent what they could in the past, anywhere from \$100 to \$1,000.

Checks should be made out to LA Council and sent directly to

**Bonnie West at**  
4005 Overcrest Drive, Whittier, CA 90601

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS— DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE

> > > > > > > > > > > by Iris Williams, LAC Membership VP



Well winter is gearing up and fall has only visited Southern California for a brief moment. Snow falling in the local mountains tells us to tune up our skis and bodies and pull out our thermals. It is time to ROCK the slopes...

## Snow Gala— November 5, 2005

I know you are ready, but first get your Snow Gala ticket and join everyone in Marina del Rey. Let's party the night away with the new Man and Woman of the Year. We can toast the upcoming ski season in and wave good-bye to summer.

## Ski Dazzle— December 1-4, 2005

Also since LA Council will not have a booth at Ski Dazzle, please join all the other clubs who have a booth and visit the vendors at the show. The resorts have been great supporters of LA Council Snow Gala and FWSA conventions.

## Updates—

Clubs, if your Board of Directors have mid year changes, please let LA Council know so we can keep our records current. A lot of information will be coming to you in the next few months and we do not want to you out of the know.

## Welcome—

Welcome Over the Hill Gang!! Come on down and join the other LA Council clubs for another great year of skiing! Doesn't life start at 50???

Hey did you know that Heavenly Ski Resort in Tahoe is celebrating it's fiftieth year? So how about a 50-50 party in Tahoe?

Cheers. \*

*Iris*



Courtesy Jim Degner

## H&H Jobbing Day

by Mary Albritton

Well, once again, **Craig** from H&H Jobbing put on a FANTASTIC sale day for us. The weather didn't cooperate, as it threatened to rain all day, and was gray and gloomy, but that didn't stop several shoppers from taking advantage of the store's great discounted deals that were extended to our ski clubs for the day.

Many items were offered at 50% off, and one gal got three fabulous bathing suits for the price of one!

Craig offered clothing racks for us to hang our ski wear for sale, and several members actually did sell some items. **Bob Salerno** was there with the "Virtual Snow" machine, and it was a kick to watch the greenhorns try it out. As usual, there was pizza, sodas, water, and Craig was the ultimate host!

Even though our turnout wasn't as expected, those of us that were there had a fun time, and you just can't beat the prices Craig offered us. Keep your ears open for another H&H event, probably around March, for a Champagne & Strawberries Evening?! \*

**Don't Miss the Latest Movie—**  
Here's the schedule for the Greater Los Angeles Area.

- Santa Barbara**  
Lobero Theatre  
Wednesday, Nov 30, 8:00 PM
- Long Beach**  
CSULB - Carpenter Performing Arts Center  
Thursday, Dec 1, 8:00 PM
- Beverly Hills**  
Writers Guild Theater  
Friday, Dec 2, 6:30 & 9:30 PM
- Redondo Beach**  
Redondo Beach Union H.S. Auditorium  
Saturday, Dec 3, 8:00 PM
- Pasadena**  
Pasadena Civic Auditorium  
Wednesday, Dec 7, 8:00 PM
- Thousand Oaks**  
Fred Kavli Theatre  
Friday, Dec 9, 8:00 PM

Courtesy Warren Miller / Tom Day

# Telluride, Colorado

## February 4-11, 2006

### Trip Includes-

- 7 nights Lodging [double occupancy]
- 5 out of 7 day Lift Ticket
- Welcome Party
- 3 Races
- Mountain Picnic
- Après Ski Party
- Pub Crawl
- Farewell Awards Banquet
- Registration

**\$775-**  
**\$1125\*** +  
*air & transfers*

### Payment Schedule & Cancellation Penalty-

Deposit	Due By	Cancellation Fee
\$700 pp	Deposit due NOW	\$100 pp
Balance	November 1, 2005	\$100 pp & cost

### Reservations & Information-

**Bonnie West**  
**travel@lacouncil.org or 562.699.8880**

\* Price depends on choice of lodging



Courtesy Telluride/Tony Demin



Courtesy Telluride

CST 2036983-40

## Telluride Mountain Stats

- 8,725 ft Town Elevation & Coonskin Base
- 9,540 ft Village Elevation
- 12,260 ft Gold Hill Summit
- 3,535 ft vertical drop
- 84 trails
- 24% beginner / 38% intermediate / 38% advanced-expert
- 16 lifts [2 gondola, 7 quads, 2 triples, 2 dbls, 3 surface]
- 4.6 mile Galloping Goose is longest run
- 1,700 acres skiable terrain
- 18.6 miles nordic trails
- 309 inches average snowfall per year
- 50 Bars & Restaurants
- 69 Shops and Galleries



TELLURIDE



Courtesy Telluride/T.R. Youngstrom



LA Council & Tour Pros Ltd. presents

# Snowbasin & Powder Mountain, Utah

## February 23-27, 2006



**\$630\***  
per person

### Trip Includes—

- Round Trip Air from LAX to Salt Lake City
- Round Trip Transfers from Airport to Hotel
- 4 Nights Lodging at the Holiday Inn Express (double occ.) in Layton, UT
- Buffet Breakfast each Morning
- 4 Days of Lift Tickets—2 at Powder Mountain and 2 at Snowbasin
- Round Trip Shuttle from the Hotel to the Designated Ski Resort each day
- Party One Night at the Hotel

### Deposit & Cancellation Policy—

Date	Deposit Due	Cancellation Fee <sup>+</sup>
September 23, 2005	\$200	none
November 8, 2005		\$50
December 22, 2005		\$630 <sup>+</sup> [unless replaced]
January 20, 2006	Balance *	

<sup>+</sup> Cancellations must be submitted **in writing** to LA Council. After December 22, 2006, cancellations will lose all money unless replaced. Replacements will be charged a minimum \$50 plus any fees assessed by the airline for a name change.

### Reservations & Information—

- **Make checks payable to Tour Pros. Ltd.** and send to  
**Britt Johnson, 321 - 28th St., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254**
- Contact Britt at 310.379.8972 for Information

\* Price is subject to change if suppliers costs such as airline taxes, fuel charges, etc. are adjusted.



LA Council of Ski Club presents—

# Kitzbühel, Austria

March 17-25, 2006

\$1,425\*

### Trip includes—

- Round trip economy air from LAX on Lufthansa
- Round trip transfers from airport to Kitzbühel
- 7 nights lodging at 3-star Hotel Edelweiss (Dbl. Occ.)
- Breakfast & dinner daily  
- Farewell Gala dinner
- 2 Euros/day toward drink
- Après Ski coffee & cake buffet
- Local Taxes & Service Charges in Europe
- Local English speaking representative
- Vacation Protection Plan

### Does NOT Include—

- Lift tickets
- Air taxes, fees, fuel charges (est. \$210)

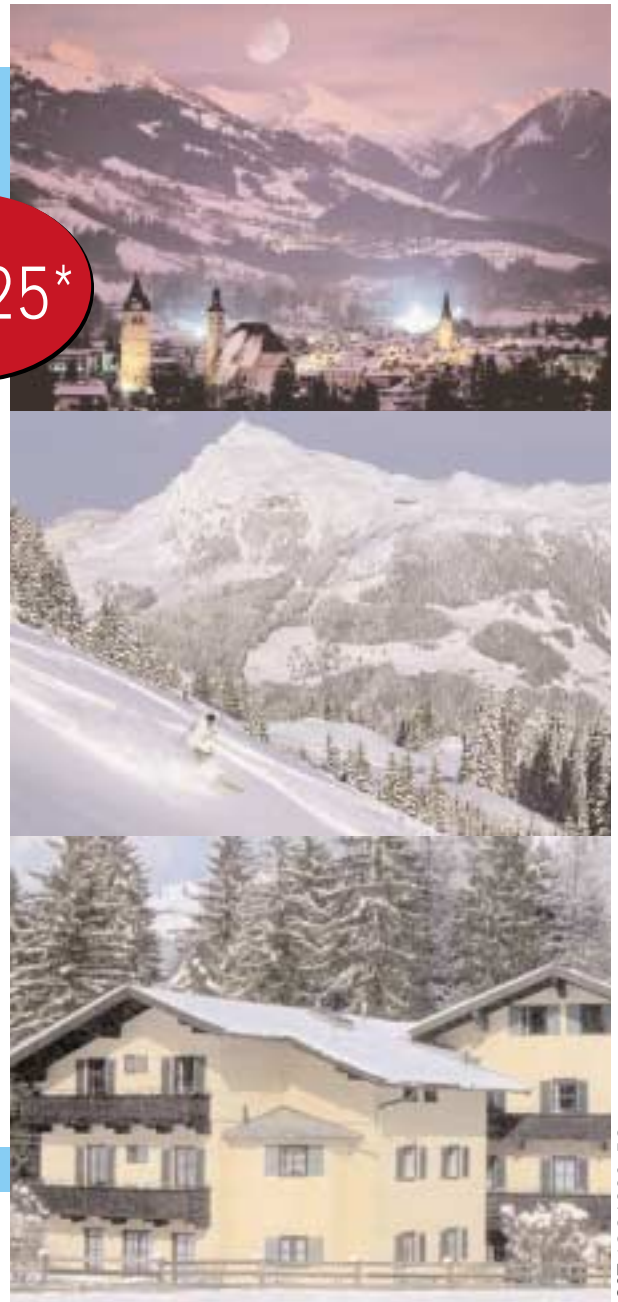


### Reservations & Information—

Bonnie West at [travel@lacouncil.org](mailto:travel@lacouncil.org) or 562.699.8880

### Payment & Cancellation Schedule—

Deposit	Due By	Cancellation Fee
\$700 pp	Deposit due now	\$100
\$500 pp	December 1, 2005	\$250
Balance	December 30, 2005 January 30, 2006	\$350 no refund unless replaced



CST 1006223-50

*\* Pricing based on 1 Euro = \$1.23. Trip price could change, depending on the exchange rate at time of final payment.*

\$215\*

# Prague, Czech Republic

March 14-18, 2006

### Prague pre-trip includes—

- 3 nights at a Hotel (Dbl. Occ.)  
- Daily breakfast
- Half day city tour of Prague with English speaking guide  
- Entrance to Vladislav Hall in Prague Castle
- Prague to Kitzbühel transfer

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# PROGRAM PROSPECTS— LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

by Mary Albritton, LAC Programs VP > > > > > > > > > >

## Snow Gala— November 5, 2005, 6 PM

Well, the Snow Gala is almost upon us, and I'm sure it's going to be a fabulous evening!!

A huge THANKS to all who have helped me coordinate this event... there have been so many things going on that I never would have made it without people like **Bonnie West, Jacquie Nemor, Ed Knott, Karen James, Catherine Ohl** and everyone else who has given input and worked so hard to make this a spectacular evening for you to enjoy.



Courtesy Bonnie West

Many thanks, also to all of the Ski Industry Representatives who have donated wonderful raffle prizes, and all the others who donated items for the drawings.

Good luck to all the candidates, and "Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow".

## Shop 'Til You Drop— October 12, 2005, Noon

A big Thank You also goes out to **Craig** from H & H Jobbing who had a wonderful "Open House" and sale for us on October 23, 2005. We had a small turnout for the Ski Swap, in part due to the gloomy weather, but the wonderful discounts and specials that Craig had for us made it a great day anyway!!

Craig really goes all out for us, and he has some new and different ideas in mind for the next time. Thanks, again, Craig for all your efforts.

## Ski Dazzle— December 1-4, 2005

L.A. Council has voted not to sponsor a booth this year at Ski Dazzle. It has become increasingly difficult to staff the booth for the days of the show, and we are not sure that there is enough positive feedback for the effort that we put out. However, if your club would like to have their own booth, and have volunteers to work the Swap, please contact myself, or Rinda Wohlwend, and we will put you in touch with the proper contacts. \*

Mary

# 2005 LAC SNOW GALA

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005, 6 PM - MIDNIGHT

### Evening Events—

- 6 PM — No Host Bar
- 7 PM — Elegant Sit Down Dinner
  - Choice of Salmon, Prime Rib or Vegetarian
- 8 PM — **Men & Women of Year Awards**
- 9 PM — Dancing until the wee hours to the **Patti Stone & River Rock Band**
  - Raffle Prizes, Great Door Prizes
  - FREE Parking

### Dinner Tickets & Reservations—

- Contact your Club's LAC Representative or
  - **Ed Knott** at 310.313.1902 or whyknott@mac.com
  - 11930 Avon Way, #105, Los Angeles, 90066
  - **Mary Albritton** at 562.856.0922 or programs@lacouncil.org

\* \$70 after October 24, 2005 Dress is Cocktail / Formal

**\$50\***

**Marina del Rey Hotel**  
13524 Bali Way, Marina del Rey  
310.301.1000

# 2005 LAC VOLLEYBALL

> > > > > > > > > by Ron Dun, LAC Volleyball Chair, photos courtesy Beach Cities

We had an outstanding turnout for all four of the LA Council volleyball tournaments. There were 27 teams in three different divisions with Beach Cities fielding 11 of the teams. Teams are six person co-ed. The winners are listed below. Beach Cities [bcskiclub.org] provided the photos. **Ron Dun** of Beach Cities ran the four tournaments. Great job! Thanks. ❄️

## A Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> H.B. "Girls On Top" (Terri Murphy)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Balboa (Carolyn Moreno)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Last Jump (Mark Cooper)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sports-R-Us (Will Binegar)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sports-R-Us (Marilyn Stein)



## B-1 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Balboa (Keith Wichner)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Tabuena
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach Cities (Joe Costa)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Newport-Coast (Mike Maloney)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Aerospace (John Nolan)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Beach Cities (Charlyn Cooper)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Beach Cities (Marc Berget)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sports-R-Us (Susan Jordan)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Beach Cities (Norm Cooper)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sports-R-Us (Lita Levoy)



## B-2 Division

- 1<sup>st</sup> Beach Cities (Stu Guttenplan)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sports-R-Us (Burton Beckerman)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Beach Cities (Randall Boyce)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sports-R-Us (Carl Guenther)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Beach Cities (Trudi Stangl)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Beach Cities (Keith Neilson)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Long Beach (Yvonne Place)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Balboa (Cliff Bonner)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Aerospace (Wayne Sult)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Beach Cities (Andy Smith)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Beach Cities (Andy Deva)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Beach Cities (Lynn Logan)





**The Los Angeles Ski Show & Snowboard Expo**  
December 1-4, 2005 • LOS ANGELES CONVENTION CENTER  
[www.skidazzle.com](http://www.skidazzle.com)

**December 1-4, 2005**

Th, Dec. 1	4 PM to 11 PM
Fri, Dec. 2	4 PM to 11 PM
Sat, Dec. 3	11 AM to 10 PM
Sun, Dec. 4	Noon to 6 PM

Convention Center – West Hall  
1201 S. Figueroa, LA

LA Council will NOT have a booth. ❄️



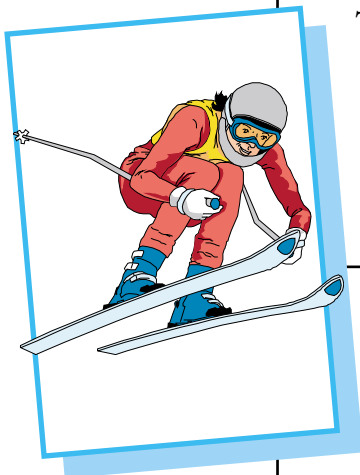


# LA COUNCIL SKI, BOARD & RACE CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

**DECEMBER 9-18, 2004**  
**MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, CALIFORNIA**

VCL	
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  Male Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  Female Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club or League Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Bedding/Condo Requests: \_\_\_\_\_



<b>T-Shirt (Men's sizes)</b> <i>(Circle One)</i>  Small Medium Large X-Large	<b>Air Quality</b> <i>(Circle One)</i>  Smoker Non-Smoker Do Not Care	<b>Lesson Request (Check One)</b> Racing Technique Only _____ (1) 50% Skiing / 50% Racing _____ (2) 75% Skiing / 25% Racing _____ (3) Skiing Technique Only _____ (4) Beginner Ski Lessons _____ (5) Snow Boarding (Beginner) _____ (6) Snow Boarding (Int, Adv) _____ (7)
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### Trip Package (Select package 1, 2, or 3)

1. Registration, lessons, nine nights lodging. No Lift Tickets. <i>(lodging is Friday night through Sunday morning)</i>	<b>\$1075</b>	_____
2. Registration, lessons, seven nights lodging. No Lift Tickets. <i>(lodging is Sunday night through Sunday morning)</i>	<b>\$940</b>	_____
3. Registration and lessons ONLY. <i>(includes all activities)</i>	<b>\$480</b>	_____
+ Add 5-day Lift Ticket to any Package. <i>(5-day lift ticket begins Monday for 5 of 6 consecutive days)</i>	<b>\$220</b>	_____
+ Add 4-day <b>Beginner Skier</b> Lift Ticket to any Package. <i>(No ticket needed for first day)</i>	<b>\$186</b>	_____

#### Contact

8 AM or 9 PM

#### John Funtsch

310-545-9349  
jfuntsch@msn.com

#### John Catozzi

858-674-7454  
john.catozzi@nct.com

#### Chris Starczak

310-245-0453  
cstar@fetch.com

### 5 Days Ski, Board and/or Race Lessons

- Monday - Friday, Five Hours a Day
- Ski & Board Technique for Beginner to Advanced
- Learn Racing Technique for Intermediate to Elite Racer
- Class Size of Six to Eight with Two Days Video
- Welcome Registration Cocktail Party
- Friday Night Awards Banquet & Huge Raffle of Skis, Boots, Dinners, Discounts & more

### To Sign Up

- \$100 non-refundable deposit due NOW if lodging required (\$50 if lodging not required)
- Full Payment Due November 15, 2005
- Cancellations after November 15, 2005 are subject to incurred costs
- If Mammoth doesn't have enough snow, you will receive a full refund less \$35

Make check payable to **LA Council Ski & Race Camp** and mail with this form & SASE to

- **John Funtsch, P.O. Box 1090, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**

## ROKKA Learn to Race, Ski or Board Week

December 4 - 9, 2005

### 5-Day Race Camp for \$450 includes—

- Sunday night starts with a Welcome Party!
- Monday through Friday lessons are 5 hours each day with same instructor (unless a change is requested)
- Video Analysis
- Happy Hour deals
- Friday Mike Leonard Standard Race
- Friday night Banquet
- Rokka Week Souvenir

### Lift Tickets for \$220—

- 5 of 6 day pass begins Monday

### Discounts Available—

- Lodging at Mammoth Mountain Inn, rooms or apartments, is available at discounts of approximately 25%
- Discount of 10% on breakfast and lunch at the Inn, Lodge and Yodler Restaurants
- Discount of 50% for regular and demo rentals and tuneups
- More discounts to be announced

### Chairperson—

- We are looking for a chairperson and/or a co-chairperson.
- For Registration contact Jessica Freeman at 805-520-3460 or [skiingrandma@msn.com](mailto:skiingrandma@msn.com) 1860 Crater St. Simi Valley, CA 93063

The 2005-2006 ski racing season will be underway soon. One of the best ways to start the season is with a race camp.

There are two races camps for you to choose from— ROKKA week and LA Council Week.

## ROKKA Learn to Race, Ski or Board Week

December 4 - 9, 2005

The ROKKA Race Camp will precede the first season's races. The basic 5 day camp prices start at \$450, and the lessons will be from December 5-9, 2005. *See sidebar to the left for details.*

## LAC Learn to Ski, Board or Race Camp—

December 9-18, 2005

The LA Council Race Camp will follow the first season's races. The basic 5 day camp prices start at \$480, and the lessons will be from December 12-16, 2005. *See page 10 for details or visit the LAC website at [lacouncil.org](http://lacouncil.org).*

## 2005-2006 Race Dates—

Please mark your calendars for the races. All races will be at Mammoth except the Far West Championships.

December 10	ROKKA - GS
December 11	ULLR - GS
January 7	ULLR - Slalom
January 8	ROKKA - Slalom
January 28	ROKKA & ULLR - GS
March 4	ROKKA - Slalom** [might be ULLR]
March 5	ULLR - Slalom** [might be ROKKA]
March 17-19	Far West Championships to be held at Kirkwood Ski Area
March 25-26	SOCALS (The Southern California Champs)

## Far West Ski Racing News—

The Vet age has been raised to 50+ to help even out class sizes.

Most of the leagues will be running the women first on each race hill (following the Southern California lead).

The enforcement of the "no freeskiing on the racehill" will be enforced. Disregarding this rule can result in being disqualified.

The rating period for classes has been updated to be the same as the Far West period. Please check your class before your first race (as well as subsequent races if you receive a strike)

The 2006 Far West Championships will be at Mt. Bachelor, OR.

See you on the slopes!

*Kathy*



# NUTS & BOLTS— A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE EDITOR

by Catherine Ohl, L&C Communications VP > > > > > > > > >

## U.S. Ski Areas Post Fourth Best Season on Record—

Despite a very difficult season in the Pacific Northwest, the 2004/05 season is estimated to be the fourth best season on record for US skier/boarder visits nationwide, according to figures from the recently-released final 2004/05 Kottke End-of-Season Survey.



The ski industry has performed strongly in the past five seasons, with the four best seasons, and five of the best six seasons, all occurring during that timeframe. Based on this string of performances, the industry appears to have established a new performance range of

approximately 3 million skier visits higher than the previous levels in the 1990s.

Each region except the Pacific West performed above its ten-year average, which was down 2.4% from its ten-year average. But this doesn't tell the story since California was way up while Oregon and Washington was closed for much of the season due to lack of snow.

Benefiting from the weakness of the US dollar, ski resorts reaped gains in international visitation this season. The proportion of visitors from Canada rose slightly, 1.8%, while the proportion of visitors from other countries rose more significantly, to 4.5%.

A new analysis this year revealed that over half of skier visits nationally occurred on weekdays this season (54.0%). A majority of the skier visits occurred on weekdays in the Rocky Mountains (61.5%) and Pacific West (53.5% weekdays).

## 2006 California Winter Games—



June Mountain  
June Lake, CA

March 18-19, 2006

### • Schedule of Events

**Friday:** Check-In / Registration  
**Saturday:** Slopestyle & Slalom  
**Sunday:** Superpipe & GS

### • Divisions

Male & Female ALL Ages

### • Entry Fee

\$40 online / \$45 mail-in 1 event  
\$30 for each additional event

### • Register on-line

www.calstategames.org

## Bodie Miller—



The alpine World Cup season began with a pair of giant slaloms on the weekend of October 22-23, 2005 on the Rettenbach glacier, high above Soelden, Austria. **Bodie Miller** finished in second, just 0.07 seconds behind **Herman**

**Maier.** \* *Catherine*

## The Lighter Side—

### Computer Error Messages

- The Web site you seek cannot be located, but countless more exist.
- Chaos reigns within. Reflect, repent, and reboot. Order shall return.
- Program aborting. Unable to close all that you have worked on. You ask far too much.
- Windows NT crashed. I am the Blue Screen of Death. No one hears your screams.
- Yesterday it worked. Today it is not working. Windows is like that.
- Your file was so big. It might be very useful. But now it is gone.
- Stay the patient course. Of little worth is your ire. The network is down.
- A crash reduces your expensive computer to a simple stone.
- Three things are certain: Death, taxes and lost data. Guess which has occurred?



- You step in the stream, but the water has moved on. This page is not here.
- Out of memory. We wish to hold the whole sky, but we never will.
- Having been erased, the document you're seeking must now be retyped.

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# WESTERN SKI RESORT REPORT

> > > > > > > > > by Catherine Ohl, LAC Communications VP



## Sunlight for Sale—

Sunlight Mountain Resort, 10 miles southwest of Glenwood Springs, CO, is for sale for \$50 million.

The sale includes the U.S. Forest Service permit for the 2,081 acres (including 67 trails and 470 acres of skiable terrain), four lifts, a base lodge, the Sunlight Ski School and Children's Center, a food and beverage operation, a snowmobile tour company, and rental-retail outlets onsite and in Glenwood Springs.

The sale also includes 400 acres of Sunlight-owned developable land, which has the potential to support more than 700 residential units.

## Mammoth Sale is Final—

Starwood Capital Group Global, L.L.C., led by luxury hotel mogul **Barry S. Sternlicht**, is taking a majority interest in Mammoth Mountain. The transaction values Mammoth at \$365 million.

The resort, which is debt-free and enjoying record sales, was one of the nation's three most-visited ski areas last year, drawing 1.5 million skiers, most of whom drove on weekends from Southern California. It ranked in the top 10 of Ski magazine's 2005 reader resort survey.

Starwood Capital will have the right to operate the 4,000 acres of ski terrain at Mammoth and June mountains and do some development, but the land itself is still owned largely by the U.S. Forest Service. The operators

have a 40-year lease that expires in 2024.

**Rusty Gregory** will retain his position as chairman and CEO of Mammoth Mountain, and will continue to own a substantial 15% stake in the company. Intrawest will also maintain a minority 15% investment. The deal is expected to close within 90 days.

Starwood Capital has also entered into a preliminary agreement with Intrawest to form a joint venture to recapitalize and develop the majority of Intrawest's real estate holdings in and around the Mammoth Lakes region.

The joint venture plans to develop more than 1,000 residential and lodging units and approximately 30,000 square feet of commercial space. Starwood Capital will become the single entity responsible for most of the key real estate development in and around the Mammoth Lakes region—unifying development of the bed base and the amenities that are crucial to developing a destination resort. It is predicted that changes would be evident in three to five years.

In reducing its stake from 59.5%, Intrawest expects to realize a pre-tax profit of about \$101 million, which it will initially use to pay down debt as it evaluates other ways to put the money to work.

Until May, Sternlicht, 45, served as chairman and chief executive of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., which grew

under his leadership with internationally recognized brands as Westin, Sheraton, W, St. Regis, Luxury Collection and Four Points. Starwood Capital, based in Greenwich, CN, is not affiliated with Starwood Hotels.

Starwood Capital edged out more than 35

other credible offers. Among the competitors were Colorado-based Vail Resorts Inc. and computer billionaire **Michael Dell**.



Courtesy Mammoth Mountain

Mammoth

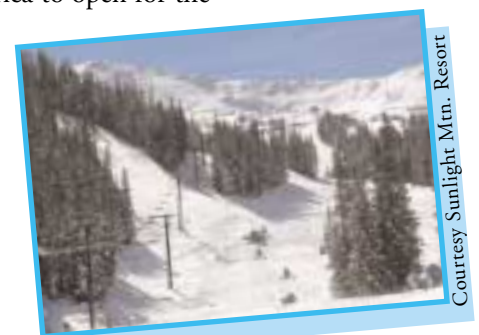
## Loveland Opens First for Sixth Year—

Mid-winter conditions arrived early in Colorado, allowing Loveland Ski Area to open for the 2005-06 ski season on Friday, October 14, 2005.

Loveland to be the first resort in North America to open for the sixth year in a row.

The area offered skiing and riding on a 1,000-vertical-foot top-to-

bottom groomed run. The minimum snow base varied between 18 and 21 inches. In addition, a small terrain park was set up near the base for eager jibbers. \*



Courtesy Sunlight Mtn. Resort

Loveland

by Catherine Ohl, LAC Communications VP > > > > > > > > >

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Stretching is not warming up. It is, however, a very important part of warming up. Warming up is quite literally the process of raising your core body temperature. A proper warm-up should raise your body temperature by two or three degrees and is divided into three phases.

- warm-up.
  - stretching.
  - sport activity.
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## Ski Fitness—

It's that time of the year when our attention switches from the surf and sand to the ski slopes.

It's important to remember that skiing and snowboarding subject your body to repeated stresses which can lead to injury, especially the knees, when going downhill fast, changing direction or falling awkwardly.

Getting in shape can enable you to ski longer, improve your technique, minimize the risk of injury, and help you to recover faster.

## Check out your Local Gym—

A number of gyms offer 'get fit to ski' programs. These programs are ski-specific and concentrate on strength, balance and cardiovascular fitness.

If your gym does not offer this option then running, cycling, swimming and roller-blading will all help you to get those muscles prepared for the slopes. Aim for a minimum of 45 min per session, three times per week.

## Add Strength Training—

Using light weights as resistance will strengthen those muscles that are going to be used when skiing. Some good exercises that can be done at home are:

### • Side to Side Jumps

With the knees slightly bent and keeping your chin up, jump sideways over a line landing on your toes. Jump back and repeat for 30 seconds.

### • Wall Sit

Place your back to the wall and slide down the wall till your knees are at a 90 degree angle. Keep your chin up and hold this position for 1 minute.

### • Calf Raises

Standing on a step on one leg, and keeping leg straight, raise the heel up and down for 30 seconds. Change legs and repeat.

## Stretch, Stretch, Stretch—

Tight, weak muscles are just injuries waiting to happen. Stretching will not only help you avoid injury, it will also assist with your ski technique and make you feel better generally.

### • Groin

Stand with your legs shoulder width apart and lunge to the right side, bending the knee so you feel the stretch along the inside of your leg. Move to the left leg and repeat.



### • Hamstring

Place your left leg on a bar or chair, keep your back straight and lean forward until you gently feel the hamstring stretch. Repeat with the right leg.



### • Quads

Pull your right ankle with your left hand towards your butt. Lean forward slightly and hold. Repeat on the other leg.



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www.getfit.com.au \*

## 2004 Ski Safety Act Amendments—

House Bill 1393, amending the Colorado "Ski Safety Act of 1979," was signed into law by Governor Owens on May 28, 2004.

The stated purpose of the amendment is to include freestyle terrain in ski area definitions and reform rules to include new types of competition and skiing styles.

- Eliminates the duty of ski areas to mark "danger areas" and defines unmarked cliffs and other unlisted things as part of the "inherent danger" of skiing.
- Redefines ski slopes and trails to include dangerous edges and features.
- Eliminates the duty to notify skiers of grooming equipment on the trails unless they are actually grooming.
- Includes all ski area property in the immunities of the Ski Safety Act, not just those areas used for skiing and competitions.

While the bill was intended for the Ski Safety Act to fit the new styles of skiing, equipment, and competition, there may be a few problems.

The bill does not distinguish between a nine year old skier and a professional. What's a fair assumption of risk for the professional is simply grossly dangerous to a small child or even an ordinary recreational skier.

The new definition of "inherent danger," is a marked change from prior law, and can be read to immunize the ski area from any responsibility that they would previously undertake. \*

# KIDS KORNER - FOR THE KIDS & GRANDKIDS

> > > > > > > > > > by Catherine Ohl, LAC Communications VP



## Don't Leave the Kids at Home—

Family-friendly resorts provide opportunities for parents and youngsters to be both together and separate.

The best of the best have congenial slopes for little skiers, children's terrain gardens, slow-skiing zones, and most of all, top-flight day care and children's ski schools, where full-day instruction, off-slope play, and lunch give parents freedom for the day.

Bonuses include good snowboarding programs and facilities for teen activities.

## Steamboat—

Steamboat, Colorado, pioneered **Kids Ski Free** in 1982 offering free air, skiing, lodging, and even rental gear. The huge slopeside **Kid's Vacation Center** contains day care and launches small-fry skiing careers on a protected teaching hill outside the door.

**Kiddie Corral**, for ages six months to six years, is day care, while kids take to the slopes in **Buckaroos** (ages two through kindergarten, with child-care plus one-hour private lesson), **Mavericks** (ages three-and-a-half and four), **Sundance Kids** (four and five), and **Jackalopes** (five and six). Regular ski class for ages six and up and snowboard lessons for age eight and up are available.

Snowboarders love the **Dude Ranch**, a 450-foot halfpipe, and **Beehive**, a terrain park. **Kids' Night Out** is an evening

of supervised fun for two-and-a-half to 12-year-olds. Families can meander around Ski Time Square and the old downtown, go night-skiing, skate at Howelson, or hit the recreation center and its water slide.

## Big White—

The **Kids Centre** is structured to provide a safe learning environment for children to improve their skiing and boarding skills.

**Ski Cubs** offers smaller class ratios and has five ability levels that are well suited to children ages 4-6. **TELUS Flight School and Heavy Metal Shop** offers teen skiers and boarders clinics for experienced riders.

**After Dark** supervised programming at the Kids Centre includes Dinner and Tubing at the Mega Snow Coaster; Hot Chocolate and Skating; and, Dinner and Activities Night with board games and movies.

Alaska / Horizon and Big White have the ultimate winter family vacation deal. Book a flight, accommodation and lift tickets through Big White Central Reservations and kids under 12 will FLY, SKI and STAY for FREE.

## Vail—

Vail's kids' programs cut this mega-resort down to child-size.

With three locations, the **Small World Playschool** minds wee non-skiers. Ski programs include **Mini-Mice** for potty-trained three-year-olds, **Mogul**

**Mice** for four-year-olds to kindergartners, and **Superstars** for children of those ages who can ride lifts and are mountain skiers. Eight to 14-year-olds can take ski or snowboarding lessons with peers.

## Northstar—

Northstar, California, a small navigable village, is the most compact and family-friendly of the major Tahoe resorts. There's child care for potty-trained tykes of age two and over, with add-on skiing for threes and up.

**Minor's Camp** combines ski instruction and child care for ages two to six; **Ski Cubs** kicks in for three to six-year-olds; and **Starkids** is the skiing and snowboarding lesson program for six to-12-year-olds.

The resort also offers a distinctive one-hour **Mommy, Daddy, and Me Clinic**, which offers tips on how to enjoy skiing with small children. Also new is **Polaris Park**, Northstar's new after-dark funplex open weekends and holidays for light dinner, indoor entertainment, a tubing hill, snowboarding instruction, or as a departure point for a moonlight cross-country tour.

Free skiing and lodging for youngsters on some packages are available. \*



Courtesy Cynthia Hunter, Steamboat, CO



Courtesy Big White, BC, Canada

by Catherine Ohl, L&C Communications VP > > > > > > > > >

## Buying Boots—

### Socks.

When you get down to it, it really all starts with the socks. Bring the socks you will be riding with and wear them when you try on the boots.

### Toes.

Stand in your normal riding position with feet shoulder width apart and a slight bend in the knees. In this position, your big toe ought to be just barely touching the front of the boot.

### Heels.

Standing in the same position, try to keep your heels on the ground, and lean forward

checking for heel lift. This test is best if you can strap into a board with bindings and try to lift your heel.

No boot is perfect, so try on as many boots as you can. Your patience will be rewarded.

### Liners.

There are a few common liners you'll find.

- **Neoprene** are a good liner because they keep their shape.
- **Linerless** have a tendency to pack out over time so buy smaller boots as they will expand.

- **Therma Liners** are moldable liners that form to your feet offering superior comfort but they tend to break down faster than other boots.

Lace up liners provide less lateral movement, helping to hold your heel down, and keep your feet warmer. These are great for all mountain riding.



For freestylers however, lace up liners lack flexibility, making it difficult to tweak tricks. Which leads us to boot flex.

### Flex.

You'll want a boot with some flex and forward lean. How much? It depends your style of riding. Freestylers want a flexible boot while all mountain riders desire the stability of a stiff boot.

### Water proofing.

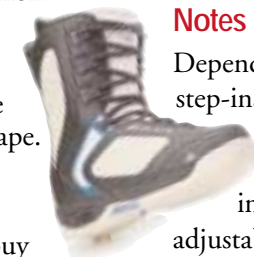
Your boots should come water proofed, but depending on their quality, that may dissipate over time. Should this happen, try out Nix Wax or Scotch guard.

### Top or shin strap.

Shin straps are mostly used by all mountain riders who desire the extra response and stiffness.

### Notes for stepping in.

Depending on the system, some step-ins include the high back and ankle strap right in the boot. Make sure the internal high back is adjustable and the ankle strap is comfortable, supportive, and easy to adjust.



## Buying A Board—

Buying a snowboard isn't as easy as it used to be. There are about 50-100 different snowboard companies out there. There are many different types of snowboards available today.



The following is a list of the most common types of boards.

Freeride	Freestyle
Backcountry	Park/Pipe
Kid's	Women's
Boardercross	Signature

There are three main areas that are important to consider.

**Weight:** A lightweight board adds a feeling of liveliness to your feet, makes lift rides a lot more pleasant, and is easier to handle during tricks, especially spinning tricks. Find a nice compromise between price and weight that fits your wallet and riding level.

**Torsional Stiffness:** High end boards will have additional torsional stiffness that increases the ability to carve during fast turns. Torsionally soft boards are fine to learn on, but it may be worth it to invest in a torsionally stiff board from the beginning.

**Vibration Damping:** Performance can be improved by adding materials to reduce chatter traveling through the board. Vibration damping helps the most in chopped up snow, and can also increase the durability of a board. ❄️



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# TRIPPING AROUND— LA SKI CLUBS & FAR WEST

## Long Beach

Long Beach will be **Skiing** Steamboat, CO, February 4-11, 2006 and Jackson Hole, WY, March 4-11, 2006.

[www.LongBeachSkiClub.org](http://www.LongBeachSkiClub.org)

## Tri Valley Ski Club

Tri Valley's Annual **Christmas Party** is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2005. Debbie and Tom Vincent will be the hosts. Everyone is asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share, their own drinks, a \$10 or more gift for a child and a "white elephant" gift (optional). You don't want to miss this party. Debbie and Tom always put on spectacular parties.

[www.TriValleySkiClub.com](http://www.TriValleySkiClub.com)

## Aerospace

Auslich will kick off the winter season with a **Pray for Snow Party** on Saturday, December 3, 2005 7 PM at Villa Millerosa, 20005 Wayne Avenue in Torrance. Dinner will be served. BYOB.

[www.www.aeclubs.org](http://www.www.aeclubs.org)

## Auslich

Auslich will join Tri Valley for a **Newport Harbor Christmas Lights Cruise** on Sunday, December 18, 2005 at 4:30 PM. The "Fun Zone" will be aboard "The Queen" out of Balboa. Bring hor d'oeuvres to share, your drink and wear warm clothing.

[www.AuslichSkiClub.org](http://www.AuslichSkiClub.org)

## Kronenstadt

Kronenstadt will host its annual **Holiday Party** at the Bailey's on Saturday, December 3, 2005 from 6:30 - 10:30 PM.

[www.geocities.com/kronenstadtski](http://www.geocities.com/kronenstadtski)

## Grindelwald

Grindelwald will host its annual **Holiday Party** on Friday, December 17, 2005. Cocktails will kick it off at 6:30 PM.

[www.GrindelwaldSkiClub.org](http://www.GrindelwaldSkiClub.org)

## Los Padres

Join Los Padres on their first trip of the season. The annual **Thanksgiving drive-up to Mammoth** is on. Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thursday night with Sherri doing her magic. Typically they will be making a delicious meal Friday with the leftovers.

[www.LosPadresSkiClub.net](http://www.LosPadresSkiClub.net)

## The Unrecables

The Unrecables are always on the lookout for new **Volunteer Instructors**. Mammoth provides free lift tickets on Friday and Sunday afternoon for their instructors. To become an instruction, just attend the adaptive instructor's Ski Clinic from November 18-20, 2005 at Mammoth.

[www.home.earthlink.net/~unrecables](http://www.home.earthlink.net/~unrecables)

## Wailers

Wailers will hold their 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Auction** at Chevy Chase Golf Course in Glendale on Sunday, November 6, 2005.

[www.WailersSkiClub.org](http://www.WailersSkiClub.org)

## FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION

If you are a member of an LAC club, you are a member of Far West and you can participate in the following events.

[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

- **TELLURIDE, COLORADO** Feb 4-11, 2006  
*Lynnell Calkins, FWSA Travel*  
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- **ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND** March 11-18, 2006  
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- **STEAMBOAT, COLORADO** Jan 27-Feb 3, 2007  
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# TRIPPING AROUND— LOS ANGELES COUNCIL

## LAC Events Calendar

### NOVEMBER 2005

5 Snow Gala, Marina del Rey

### DECEMBER 2005

1-4 Ski Dazzle, LA Convention Center  
4-9 Rokka Race Camp, Mammoth Mtn.  
7-11 FWRA Keystone Nationals  
9-18 LAC Race Camp, Mammoth Mtn.  
10/11 Rokka/Ullr Race, Mammoth Mtn. [gs]

### JANUARY 2006

7/8 Ullr/Rokka Race, Mammoth Mtn. [sl]  
28 Ullr/Rokka Race, Mammoth Mtn. [gs]

### FEBRUARY 2006

4-11 **LAC Ski Week**, Telluride, CO  
4-11 FWSA Ski Week, Telluride, CO  
23-27 Snowbasin/Powder Mtn, UT

### MARCH 2006

4/5 Rokka/Ullr Race, Mammoth Mtn. [sl]  
11-18 FWSA Week, Zermatt [SOLD OUT]  
14-18 **LAC Pre-Trip**, Prague, Czech Rep.  
17-25 **LAC Ski Week**, Kitzbühel, Austria  
17-19 FWRA Championships, Kirkwood  
25-26 SoCals, Mammoth Mtn.

### MAY 2006

22 - June 6 Far West Galapagos / Machu Picchu

### JUNE 2006

8-11 2006 Far West Convention, Phoenix

### JANUARY 2007

27-Feb 3 Far West Ski Week, Steamboat, CO

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Contact **Bonnie West** at 562.699.8880 or [bonnie@talleywest.org](mailto:bonnie@talleywest.org).

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LAC is made up of approximately 30 member clubs located throughout the greater Los Angeles region. The council offers a forum for clubs to come together to share activities and lessons learned. LAC sponsors at least one major Ski Week, a four-day Ski Trip, Club Races, Race Camps, Volleyball, Softball, Gala Dance and Summer Events.

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## Meetings

### General Meeting—

*First Monday of the Month, 7 PM*

### **Grinder Restaurant**

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### Board Meeting—

*Fourth Monday of the Month, 7 PM*

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