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Space City Ski Club



THE ART OF TRIP SIGN-UP AND THE FINE PRINT

By Pat Piech

Trip Sign-Up: HERE IT IS! Your chance to sign-up for your favorite SCSC ski trip(s) for 2006-2007. The sign-up form is in this issue of the SITZMARKE, so copy it or clip it out and follow the instructions below. See www.spacecityskiclub.org to sign up online and pay by credit card. Then, wait for the trip TC to notify you if you are on the trip or come to the September meeting to verify your registration, sign the Trip Release Form and pick up additional information the TC will have for you.

1. Trip sign-up begins on Monday, August 14. As with last year, the sign-up does not end in a few weeks and start up again at the September meeting. Instead, it just begins. We are also continuing to take sign ups either through the mail or give your form and money directly to the TC at an SCSC event OR signup online and pay by credit card.. However, the form and money cannot be received prior to that date. Any received prior to that date will be returned. Note that this is not the postmark, but when the form and money is received.
2. You must be a current member in good standing to be added to a trip. Note that memberships are approved at the monthly Executive Committee meeting. Send in your membership by the first of the month for it to be considered at the meeting. After that, you will have to wait until the next month. Your 2006-2007 membership number should be shown on the mailing label of the SITZMARKE. Call your VP of Membership, Jessica Halter, if you have questions.
3. You may sign-up yourself and one other SCSC member per trip (plus children for Family Optional trips) (see by-law 2.8.A.)
4. In the registration envelope include the trip registration form and your deposit. The deposit for the Neustift trip is \$300 per participant. The deposit on all other trips is \$150 per participant. Checks are to be made payable to "SCSC" and should have your membership number and the TRIP NAME listed on the check.
5. Mail your registration to the TC's Address on the Form for the trip on which you wish to participate. TC's names are listed for all trips. For information, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed in this SITZMARKE and on the Trip Registration Form. If your registration is mailed or given to anyone other than the TC, it will be returned to you and you will not be registered for the trip.
6. If the registration meets the above guidelines, names will be added to each trip's Participant List in the order received. If a trip's participant roster is full, additional registrations received will be added to a waitlist in the order received. The TC will hold deposit checks for waitlisted members until a space becomes available on the trip. For the participants that are on trips, the checks will be deposited immediately.
7. These procedures apply to ALL members (except the trip's TC and ATC) and all Trip Participants are subject to SCSC Standing Rules, Policies and Procedures.
8. SCSC is not responsible for any problems with the U.S. Postal Service or the internet, including delayed delivery or lost mail.
9. Information shown on the Trip Schedule is subject to change. Contact the TC or ATC for up-to-date information.
10. Any registrations received, which do not meet the above qualifications, may be returned to the sender.

Land Packages: The Executive Committee has approved Land Packages on this year's. On the trips which there are a limited number of land packages available, if all are filled, you will be given the option of being on a "Land Wait List" or switching to a full package.

Because of the restrictions noted below for land packages, be sure you have concrete travel arrangements made before you sign up for one of these. SCSC will not be responsible for any difficulties or extra expense you incur due to delayed or canceled flights or other transportation problems.

Rules and restrictions for Land Packages

1. The price of the land package will be the full trip price minus participant's airfare. Ground transportation will be included and available, on selected trips, to land package participants if they can meet the group at the destination airport on time. Ground transportation will not be delayed for land package participants arriving later than the group.
2. Other than the full package, this is the only package price available; no other combinations of lodging and/or transportation will be offered. (Note: As in the past, members may still arrange their own transportation, lodging, etc., and pay only for the parties and trip options. If so, please arrange to do this in advance, ideally by the pre-trip meeting.)
3. Normal cancellation policies apply — with the added stipulation that, on or after final payment date, land package participants must be replaced from a land package wait list and full package participants must be replaced from a full package wait list in order to receive a refund.
4. Be sure this is the package you want -- It may not be possible to convert your trip from land package to full package, or vice versa. The Club may not be able to secure additional airline seats.

From the Ski Desk ...

By Pat Piech

AT LAST. In this issue, we have the details on the 2006-07 ski season along with all of the information on how to sign up for trips.

The Trip Coordinators, Assistant Trip Coordinators and DOT, Bill Bomberger (yes, even yours truly) have been hard at work all summer to bring you a great ski season. I think you will find this year's trips will offer something for everyone. We have a great mix of standard weeklong trips and shorter options for those ski buffs who have limited vacation days.

In addition, we've worked hard to plan trips to great locations with quality lodging that's close to the lifts. In general, we have worked hard to provide you the best value for your vacation dollar. It has been a challenge this year with the increase in airfares but believe we have a terrific assortment of destinations ... something suitable for every SCSC member.

As I mentioned, this year we have quite a number of shorter trip options, most that leave in the evening to allow you to get in a day's work. Couple that with later flights home and you have a fun package that

will keep you on the mountain as long as possible. All you need is \$150 deposit to guarantee your spot.



trip signup will start Monday, August 14. As last year, trip signup just begins and continues through the ski season. In addition, you can sign up online with PayPal using your credit card. Credit card payments can be used for deposits and final payments as well as your SCSC membership. You cannot use it for lift tickets, excursions or other payments. If you want to sign up by mail, this issue includes the sign up form and all of the information you need. But remember – any signup received prior to August 14th WILL BE RETURNED!

Are you a current member??? In order to sign up for a trip, you must be a member in good standing. MAKE SURE you have renewed your membership to insure you can sign up for trips on August 14.

So, read the trip articles, check out the trip dates and prices and then signup by mail or online. If you signup by mail, complete one form for each trip. Be sure to make copies if you intend to sign up for more than one trip. With the schedule planned for 2006-07, I know that will be tempting.

AND THINK SNOW!

Message from VP of Programs

By Deb Cini

Hello everyone! I am thrilled to be your new VP of Programs for SCSC and it's really exciting to be putting together another awesome year of non-ski activities for our membership! Your suggestions and feedback have been noted and are being incorporated into this year's activities. Thanks to Ellen Eastham, Cindy Moore and some of our "seasoned" members, there are already many exciting events in the works, some of which are noted below!

Another exciting announcement is our new meeting place- Vargo's! This is a well established restaurant in the Galleria area (very central for all) which will provide us with the space we need for our meetings in an fun and upscale atmosphere. Vargo's is also a restaurant with an excellent (and reasonable) menu, so be prepared to stay for dinner and enjoy the beautiful grounds. Directions to Vargo's are provided on the web site and will be sent via postcard.

Here's just a few of the events and activities that are already approved or are in progress. Keep your calendar open for these and more to come!!

August-

8/10- Membership Mixer (Happy Hour) at Vargos! What a great way to introduce everyone to our new meeting site! I encourage you to bring a few friends who may be interested in the club as we will have membership information available. There will also be a prize for sponsoring the most guests at the Happy Hour, so get the word out now.

September-

9/7- Happy Hour at Los Cucos Mexican Café! Awesome margarita prices and drink specials with a free Taco Bar for SCSC members and guests!

9/11-First Meeting of the Year (and one of the biggest) at Vargo's! There will be lots of trip and program sign ups at this kickoff meeting, so don't miss this opportunity to talk to the

coordinators and get all the details!

9/30- Lazer Tag Event at LazerZone! Hey, it's not just for kids anymore....lazer tag is incredible fun and we will be taking over the place! Sandy Oballe is coordinating this awesome activity, which includes unlimited games and a fajita dinner from Café Adobe.

October-

10/5- Happy Hour at Sambuca- let's practice our dancing and get ready for the Hoiday Gala in December.

10/9- Meeting at Vargo's- Holiday Gala Kickoff Meeting! More Dancing!

10/15- Blade, Bike and BBQ Event- Strap on those roller blades, hop on your bike (hey anything that has wheels will do) or just join us for a memorable run, walk, glide, or "whatever" in the park! There will be volleyball, a skateboard area and a catered BBQ lunch to ensure a relaxing afternoon for the whole family! Be sure to sign up with our AC Dale Allbritton or AAC Chris Urbanczyk early, because this one will be popular.

November-

11/2- Happy Hour at Arcodoro. Have a glass of wine and enjoy complimentary hors d'oevers on the patio!

11/4- Wine Tasting Event- AC Gary Barrett, more details to come!

11/13- Meeting at Vargo's- Don't miss our colossal Ski Swap!

11/18- Tailgate Party and College Football Game event- stay tuned for more details....we had a blast last time!

December- No membership meeting this month

12/7- Happy Hour TBD

12/15- Annual SCSC Holiday Gala- this will be our biggest and best gala ever! We will be joining the Melody Club for a black tie optional event that includes a fabulous dinner, an awesome band (Van Lang) and dancing all night. Attendees will also receive admission to the Melody Club for the month and free dance lessons as part of the package!

And the fun doesn't end there....more activities are in the works for the rest of the 2007 ski year to include a Limousine Scavenger Hunt, Cooking Classes, St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl and a Luau! This is going to be a year to remember so tell your friends how much fun it is to be a member of Space City Ski Club!

Breckenridge Nov. 21-26, 2006

By Patty Finch (TC) & Laurie Ravkind (ATC)

Breckenridge, Colorado November 21-26, 2006



Full: \$774 (Child under 12 = \$436)
Land: \$467 (Child under 12 = \$134)

TC - Patty Finch
ATC - Laurie Ravkind

We are ready, willing and able to provide a wonderful first trip for the 2006-2007 ski season by heading to Breckenridge Colorado. We are planning to leave on United Airlines Tuesday evening November 21 and return Sunday evening November 26, 2006. A bus will be provided for transportation to our Breckenridge condos and we are planning a grocery stop in Denver. Remember this is the TSC Fall Roundup trip so there will be lots of activities, beginning with a welcoming party for all the ski clubs of Texas on Wednesday night and on Saturday night will be the awards banquet for the ski clubs. Of course, other activities include Après ski vents, club races, individual races, and two kids night out events. Space City Ski Club will host a wine/cheese party one night. This trip is a very family friendly opportunity to bring the children because of the great discounts in lodging, ski rentals and youth camp. More details will be forthcoming. Two children under the age 18 will be able to stay in one 2/2 condo free as long as there are four paying adults in the condo.

We will be staying at the Village at Breckenridge Condos, 2/2. It is a ski in/ski out facility. We are less than one block from the Quicksilver ski lift and the Maggie building for ski rental. Also, ski school for the children will be at the base of the Quicksilver lift at Peak 9 with access to Peak 10. Of course, there is ample bus service to Peaks 7/8 for skiing. Breckenridge is a pedestrian friendly town with easy access to dining and entertainment.

Breckenridge is a quaint ski town with shopping, dining and has a very highly rated terrain park that isn't taken lightly. The resort has just expanded its beginner program, adding five additional "magic carpets" -- treadmill-like machines that allow skiers and snowboarders to test their legs before attempting the slopes. Youth camp is offered for 4 days 15 and under and for never ever skiers. More details will be given at the pre-trip party.

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Vail Dec. 2- 9, 2006 (long) Dec. 2-6 (short)

By Judy Schiro (TC) & Trish Ramires (ATC)



Vail Colorado

Long Trip: December 2-9, 2006

Full Package: \$ 859

Land Package: \$595

Short Trip: December 2-6, 2006

Full Package: \$673

Land Package: \$409

Heat got you down? Transport yourself to a fabulous Vail. Smell the icy clean air and see the pristine white snow just waiting for you! Beautiful snow, terrific runs for every level skier, everything decorated for the season and LOOK at the PRICE! When is the last time you went to a ski resort for these prices? As an added incentive you can pay for these trips with a credit card using our Pay Pal through Space City Ski Club.

We have two trips to offer you a week long trip and a four-day getaway. We'll be on United Airlines and both trips are scheduled to depart Houston for Denver on Saturday Dec 2nd about 9:00 am. We will have a 2-1/2 hour bus ride to the resort with a quick stop at Applejacks Liquor and the grocery store. The short trip will return on Wednesday evening so you can even ski that morning! The long trip returns from Denver on Saturday afternoon late.

We are staying at the gorgeous Landmark Tower Condos which are located 100 -150 yards from the Vail Eagle-Bahn Gondola at Lionshead. We will be smack dab in the middle of après ski bars and restaurants. This place even has an outdoor heated swimming pool and two hot tubs to soothe those tired muscles.

Vail is a huge mountain boasting 5,289 acres of skiing and 300 days of sunshine. There are other activities available besides skiing and snowboarding. There's a tubing zone, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice-skating, and ski biking. It also has a FREE Mountain Tour called "Meet the Mountain" daily at 9:30am. Then you have Vail's world-class restaurants, shopping, galleries, après ski and nightlife. And we're going to be in the middle of it all!!

This is truly a trip you won't want to miss. Space is limited, so sign up early!!

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**Park City - Jan 6 -13, 2007 (Long) Jan 10-14.
2007**

By Melinda Hughes (TC) & Sandra McCunis
(ATC)

PARK CITY, UTAH**Long Trip**

January 6-13, 2007
Full Package – \$999
Land Only - \$613

Short Trip

January 9-14, 2007
Full Package – \$680
Land Only – \$392

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Founded by prospectors in the late 1860's as well as the home to three world class ski resorts and the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Park City will also be home to the legendary parties of Space City Ski Club for a week in January, 2007.

We will experience Park City Mountain Resort's incredible powder, breathtaking views and world-renowned skiing and be just minutes from Deer Valley and The Canyons ski areas. Thaynes, Widowmaker and Jupiter are only three of the prime runs that distinguish Park City as a place for serious skiers. Steeps, bumps, trees as well as cruisers, Park City's incredible terrain spreads over seven peaks and eight bowls, something for every skier from beginner to expert. Plus, Park City is one of the few resorts offering daily night skiing.

Also, our interchangeable lift tickets will give us the opportunity to explore Deer Valley and The Canyons ski areas during the week. Deer Valley, recognized as the #1 Ski Resort in North America by SKI Magazine, has recently invested over \$8 million in improvements and is known for its exceptional guest services and groomed runs. The Canyons is Utah's newest and largest resort and is located just 3 miles from Park City. It offers eight distinct mountains and over 3500 skiable acres, so there will be ample opportunity to indulge in Utah's 350 annual inches of light, dry powder.

But that's not all! We will be chartering a bus for a day trip to the world-renowned resort of Snowbird and Alta. Snowbird boasts "Double the Terrain"! This season, skiers can actually ski over 5,000 acres of legendary downhill terrain in Little Cottonwood Canyon with one lift ticket! With Snowbird's third high-speed detachable quad, Snowbird Ski Resort and Alta Ski Area have created an unprecedented opportunity. Now you can ski both of these mythic areas on just one ticket, alternating between the two on Snowbird's Baldy Express and Alta's Sugarloaf detachable quad lifts.

For you *Big Dogs*, how would you like to ski up to 6 resorts in one day?? You can on this trip with the Interconnect Adventure Tour, which takes you on a backcountry hike/ski adventure of six incredible peaks at Deer Valley, Park City, Solitude, Brighton, Alta and Snowbird.

The first group will depart Houston on Saturday, January 6 on a direct flight to Salt Lake City and the second group on Tuesday, January 9. Our lodging will be at the Park Station Condominium Hotel on historic Main Street. Enjoy being in the middle of the action with restaurants, shops and nightlife just outside your door or relax in front of the cozy fireplace of our spacious 2 bedroom condo's. Park Station is located on the town's free shuttle line and less than one block from the town lift. Our units will have full kitchens and their amenities include an outdoor and indoor hot tub, sauna, laundry facilities, daily maid

...vice and high speed internet access.

Ski all day and party all night! There will not be a lack of entertainment for this group at Park City. Participate in the Texas Ski Council parties and activities, a club dinner, nightly après ski and more! From happy hour at the Wasatch Brew Pub to dancing the night away at Harry O's, there is something for everybody. *Join us on this exciting SCSC trip to Park City!!!*

Heavenly



Ski Heavenly – January 16-21, 2007

Full-\$665 Land-\$380 (limited availability)

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Join us to celebrate Heavenly's 50th Birthday. We'll depart Tuesday, January 16, 2007 right after work on United and fly to Reno. Buses will be waiting to take us to the beautiful South Shore of Lake Tahoe to the Horizon Casino Resort Hotel. The hotel's breathtaking views of the lake, the area's largest heated outdoor pool and 24 hour gaming, entertainment and dining

would be enough to keep you busy. But this trip adds a free shuttle to the slopes of Heavenly with 4800 acres of patrolled terrain – the largest of Tahoe's resorts - to round out this exciting winter vacation.

There are 91 trails at Heavenly (20% Beginner, 45% Intermediate, 35% Expert) making this one of the country's largest ski and snowboard mountains. Elevation at the top of Sky Express is 10,040 feet and about 6,500 at the base. Average snowfall is 360 inches. In fact the Lake Tahoe region receives more snow annually than any other ski destination in the United States – more snow than even Colorado or Utah! And, the resort also has the West Coast's largest snowmaking system. So, regardless of the tricks Mother Nature might play on our band of merry skiers, Heavenly GUARANTEES great skiing!

For our hard-core skiers the California side of the mountain offers "The Face", "Gunbarrel", the "East Bowl" and "Ellie". On the Nevada side, the Canyons – Mott and Kellebrew are undoubtedly the most challenging runs on the mountain, providing you with more than 135 acres of pure adrenaline-pumping fun. Snake Pit, Bill's, the "Y" and Ernie's are steep, narrow chutes sure to get your blood pumping – no matter how much coffee you had for breakfast.

For the more adventuresome, Heavenly is also home to four terrain parks. With 30 lifts you'll get to the slopes quickly and easily (15 in California and 15 in Nevada), including 1 eight passenger gondola, 1 aerial tramway, 6 high-speed quads, 1 fixed grip quad, 5 triple chairs, 4 double chairs, 8 surface lifts and 2 magic carpets. There are rental shops at all four base locations, complimentary shuttles that run on a regular 20-30 minute schedule, more than a dozen on-mountain dining options, almost unlimited après-ski destinations as well as a limitless variety of dinner and nightlife choices. Or you might consider an optional trip to a local Hot Springs for a day of relaxing in warm mineral waters or a day of skiing at either Kirkwood or Squaw coupled with a dinner cruise on beautiful Lake Tahoe.

We'll have to leave the resort early Sunday morning for our trip home on January 21 to make our United flight at 11:35 a.m., but we'll arrive at IAH around 7:00 p.m. giving you enough time to get a good night's rest to start the new week.

This is a terrific opportunity to get four full days of skiing at one of the nations' largest, most picturesque ski resorts and four to five nights of gaming and entertainment (depending on your party quotient) for three days of vacation. Celebrate Heavenly's 50th Birthday with us and feast on the wonders

Lake Tahoe!

TSC EXPEDITION-NEUSTIFT, AUSTRIA JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 3, 2007

By Jan Ferrell & Brenda Soileau

TSC EXPEDITION-NEUSTIFT, AUSTRIA JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 3, 2007

Base trip: \$1727

Final payment date: October 10, 2006

WOW! On this base trip alone there is the possibility of touring Salzburg, Austria, Munich, Germany, St. Moritz, Switzerland and Venice, Italy; FOUR countries on one trip. With the price of flights now this is a great bargain. That is not even mentioning the post-trip to PRAGUE in the CZECH Republic.

Approximately 25 kilometers (16 miles) south of Innsbruck, Austria, Neustift can be easily reached. Halfway along the Stubai valley, Neustift is the closest large community to the Stubai Glacier. Skiing around the traditional Tyrolean village of Neustift is only the tip of the iceberg – or more accurately, the glacier. Serviced by a network of 24 high-speed lifts, Austria's largest glacier ski resort ascends from 1,750 meters (5,688) to 3,200 meters (10,400 feet) and is home to world-renowned snow conditions and the finest year-round skiing you can imagine. From gentle runs for beginners and families, to challenging moguls, to heart pounding double black diamond runs, Stubai Glacier has everything you need for a great day of skiing or riding no matter what your ability. The naturally divided skiable terrain includes 53 kilometers (33 miles) of trails, two permanent racecourses, a 4.5- kilometer (2.8-mile) cross-country ski track and an ice-climbing tower.

In addition to the glacier, there are intermediate trails above the village of Neustift. Fulpmes (with its satellite village of Telfes) has more extensive local slopes and Milders has some slopes, too. The Stubai-Superski lift pass covers all these resorts, the glacier, and the shuttle bus that runs every half-hour. We will have free use of the ski bus shuttle to the Stubai Valley

For the non or injured skier (we all know how that happens!) there are day excursions to all the place listed above as well as to Neuschwanstein (the fairy tale castle), the Brenner pass and the Bolzano Glacier Man—a 5300 year old mummified "Ice Age Man."

For the adventurous, it is easy to reach most destinations using the extensive and quick Eurorail system.

We will be staying at the Hotel Berghof located in a panoramic spot close to the Elfer gondola and village center. The small and personal **Berghof** is well-run by the Pfurtscheller family and presents a pleasant informal, relaxed atmosphere.

Bedrooms All rooms are nicely furnished with private bath or shower. All have cable TV, phone and radio.

Meals: Excellent hot & cold buffet breakfast with eggs & bacon (freshly cooked to order) and excellent 4-course dinner with choice of main dish plus varied salad buffet. Breakfast and dinner are included in the base trip.

Facilities: Comfortable lounge with armchairs and lots of warm features; cocktail-bar; residents' restaurant; free use of spa area with indoor swimming pool, Turkish bath, clothing optional.

We will have:

Welcome Party. Meet in the Village Center and assemble with flags for the Parade! The famous local brass band "Blasmusikkappelle Stubai" will perform and there will be welcome speeches from the tourism office. One complimentary hot gluhwein and tea will be provided.

Tyrolean Party Night

Classic Tyrolean Party in the heart of town with a local band and traditional frivolity! Schuhplattler group "Daunkogler" will perform traditional Tyrolean folklore show including yodelling award and schuhplattler award for the Texas Ski Council members (drinks on own).

Farewell Party

After dinner at your hotel, everyone will join for a super special TSC DJ Party at the famous Dorf Pub!

Optional Activities

Toboggan Fun Night

Night tobogganing on the longest natural toboggan run in Austria at Elfer.

\$23 per person including gondola ride and toboggan.

Romantic Horse Sleigh Ride through the winter paradise. \$19 per person.

Pre-trip option: Salzburg and Vienna

Post-trip options: Prague or Florence and Rome

So, mark your calendars now and consider signing up online to reserve your place on this absolutely fabulous trip—it is sure to fill up quickly!

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Crested Butte, Colorado February 06 – February 11, 2007

By Llona Doubet (TC) & Mary Jo Loverdi (ATC)



Crested Butte, Colorado

February 06 – February 11, 2007

(Tuesday – Sunday)

Full Package: \$983 (estimated)

Land Package: \$543 (estimated)

If you are ready to have some fun, fun skiing then you will without question want to get prepared to go to Crested Butte, Colorado. We will be joining our fellow TSC

ouncil members for this wonderful adventure.

The airline flight takes us directly into Gunnison, which means only a short shuttle ride before we reach our excellent accommodations at the Plaza Condominiums. The Plaza located just 60 yards from The Silver Queen Lift offers condominium conveniences in a hotel-like setting. That means no shuttle to take to get to the base of the mountain. You can hook up with fellow skiers from other Texas ski clubs. Enjoy the restaurant/bar. Or maybe you would prefer to take advantage of the indoor and outdoor hot tub or steam room after an exhilarating day on the slopes.

Now for the best part...the skiing. Crested Butte was voted – **Best Snow, Best Steeps, Best Groomed Corduroy in Colorado**. No matter your ability level, you can challenge yourself and try something you've never done before. With an average snowfall of 240 inches there is 1,167 acres of skiable terrain serviced by three high-speed quads. Be prepared to experience the wonderful face-lift that Crested Butte has undergone with snowmaking capabilities and every green & blue run groomed every night. The definition of a butte is a mountain that stands separate and distinct from others. It's a pretty good description of the resort, too.

If its fine dining and night life your into than it's just a five minute free shuttle ride away from historic downtown Crested Butte. Crested Butte has a history dating back to the turn-of-the-century. There are plenty of historical landmarks to visit and excellent shopping to be had.

OK! Let's go over the facts. Crested Butte is convenient to get to, excellent skiing, superb accommodations, unbelievable restaurants and great parties. We are still confirming details so we only have estimated pricing as the time of this article.

Come ski and party with the rest of us Texans at Crested Butte.

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WINTER PARK February 15 – 19, 2007

By Bill Brown



WINTER PARK

February 15 – 19, 2007

Full Package - \$672

Package - \$366

Land

Winter Park is a skier's paradise. Winter Park's 24 lifts can move 33510 skiers per hour.

The mountain has an average annual snowfall of 359 inches on its 134 designated trails and 1,467 ski able acres. Skiers of all levels will find trails to fit their desires on Winter Park, Mary Jane, Vasquez Ridge, Parsenn Bowl or Vasquez Cirque. Snow is made on 26 trails covering 294 acres.

Our tentative departure on Frontier airlines is at 7:15 PM on Thursday, February 15th getting us into Denver at 8:45 PM. Early enough that we can take the bus to our condominiums and still make the first lift on Friday. We depart on Monday February 19th at 7:50 PM. Allowing us to ski most of Monday. Nearly 4 days of skiing for only two days vacation!

We will be staying at Hi country Haus in 2 bedroom, 2 bath condominiums. The Fraser River flows through the middle of this rocky mountain complex with the beauty of the continental divide and the slopes of the Winter Park Ski Resort as a backdrop. Conveniently located on a 25-acre wooded development, just one block from main street, Hi Country Haus offers a quiet mountain atmosphere and popular amenities. Each condominium has a full kitchen, fireplace, TV, VCR and telephone. Centralized facilities include an indoor pool, 4 hot tubs, sun deck, picnic pavilion; children's play ground area and game room.

On site is a small shopping center with ski shop, convenience store, small movie theater, laundry, CD and video store, bar and dining establishments. We will be within walking distance of the heart of the Winter Park mountain community. The mountain is 2.5 miles away via free shuttle busses.

The price is \$672 per person based on two people per room. Final payment is due 12/6/07. Contact Bill at Bill.A.Brown@Shell.com.

Sun Valley February 24- March 3, 2007

By Marsha Lutz (TC) & Barb Ehrlich (ATC)



Sun Valley, Idaho
The American Original -First and First Again!
February 24- March 3, 2007

Full Pkg - \$1079; Land Pkg- \$792

Be the *first* to sign up for this trip to a fabulous ski resort known as "The American Original". Born out of an Austrian Count's desire to bring the magic of European ski resorts to America, Sun Valley was the *first* destination ski resort in the United States - built in 1936. America's *first* gold medalists trained here - using the *first* chairlift in the world.

Putting all the colorful history aside, today's visitor will see that Sun Valley is continually redefining its own elegance and excellence. The resort has two mountains with 19 lifts, including 7 quads. Dollar Mountain is smaller - good for novice skiers and snowboarders and many of you may want to have fun on the tubing hill. While Bald Mountain (Baldy) boasts that it was/is the "playground" of Hollywood stars and Olympian Picabo Street, there are runs for all skier levels. The views are breathtaking. From the top you will see the Sawtooth mountain range - an ideal photo op. Baldy has 5 mountain restaurants. You can get to/from two wonderful day lodges at the top via green and blue runs. The base lodge provides a popular, fun après ski spot after skiing a full day (since there are no lifelines or lunch table waits)!

We will fly to Boise via a United Airlines morning departure. Our lodging is the Deluxe Lodge Apartment Condominiums at Sun Valley - closely nestled units, just yards away from the main lodge and the inn. Sun

Valley is known for its great dining experiences. The resort property has wonderful variety in five full serve restaurants, two bars and two snack type venues. To give us all a chance to meet early in the week, we will have a Welcome Party on Saturday and a group happy hour on Monday. We will bring nature, sumptuous food and music together on an optional sleigh ride and dinner in an old cabin often visited by Ernest Hemingway. Finally we will host a group dinner at one of the resort restaurants so we can continue the camaraderie. Entertainment includes comedy shows, music, dancing and games at the resort or in Ketchum, just 2 miles away via shuttle. There is the chance you may get a nice surprise from a celebrity (many still vacation here) – ask Kim Page about Bruce Willis and Kris Kristofferson!

So have we convinced you that Sun Valley has something for everyone? Beginner skiers, big dog skiers, and social skiers and nonskiers looking for a glitzy “Aspen-like” resort will all have Fun in the Sun!

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JACKSON HOLE

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Jackson in Teton Village, boasts one of the longest, steepest continuous vertical drops of any ski area in North America. You can ski 4,139 leg-burning, vertical feet from 10,450 feet down to 6,311 feet. Jackson Hole receives nearly 500+ inches of average snowfall a year. Jackson, there is a TSC day planned for **Grand Targhee Ski Resort**, Jackson Hole. They

offer snowcat skiing as well as lift service skiing on more than 300 groomed acres of trails. March Jackson Hole Mountain Resort will host about 2500 skiers on the mountain. Jackson Hole offers over 3000 acres of lift serviced, out-of-bounds terrain. Taos, or Crested Butte Space City has chosen Teton Village Condominiums for our stay at Jackson Hole. Teton Village is located at the base of the Teton Village condominiums have access to a complimentary skier's shuttle and some are walking distance to the Moose Creek lift. Each condominium has a fireplace or woodstove, TV, VCR, stereo and access to a washer and dryer. Most properties have access to the Sundance Swim and Tennis Club with an outdoor heated pool, outdoor jacuzzis, and changing facilities. Houston to into the Jackson Hole Airport with a plane change in Salt Lake City. Houston the following Saturday with an early afternoon flight.

Space City will host a club dinner on Tuesday evening. Space City will end the week with the TSC Final Awards Party at the Grand Teton Music Festival Hall with dinner, live music and of course dancing! Grand Teton National Park are two great inexpensive activities. Jackson also offers a full day of shopping and art gallery hopping.

Space City ski season with a memorable trip? Jackson Hole.

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