



Lexington Ski & Sports Club



THE GREAT SCHUSS

February 2011



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



Notes from the Editor

Greetings fellow snow enthusiasts. This issue is being written and sent earlier than usual because there is skiing to be done and Mother Nature is being especially generous to us this year. As the saying goes, "You gotta make hay while the sun shines". In our case it might be "You gotta make your turns while the snow falls." Most of us on the board will be skiing in the coming weeks as will many of our members. **Come to our February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Racquet Club Grill** to tell us of your adventures, past & future, and to hear ours. Happy Hour starts at 6:00 with meeting to follow at 7:00. **The meeting will focus on heart health.**

Our first trip of the year to Jackson Hole was a success for the lucky eight who signed up. Catherine's report appears later in this issue. While there, our skiers got loads of fresh snow to play in. Be sure to check out the photos.

At the end of this week, a group of LSSC skiers and riders will head to new territory (for most of them) when they give **Revelstoke, British Columbia** a try. I'm sure they'll have great stories to share with us at our February meeting.

On February 13th another group of LSSC skiers and riders are off to **one of the most romantic ski destinations in North America – Sun Valley, Idaho**. Quite fitting for the St. Valentine's Day holiday, don't you think?

On March 5th, our European travelers leave for **Åre and Stockholm, Sweden, Helsinki, Finland, and St. Petersburg, Russia**. Before that group even returns, another group of us may head to **Mt. Bachelor, Oregon to ski the volcano**. Alas, after that the LSSC trips end until August when the OVSC will be offering a trip to **Argentina and Peru**. We will get details of that offering to you as soon as they are available.

Rumor has it that the **2012 OVSC trips will be to Steamboat Springs in January and to Big Sky in March**. These are both wonderful resorts with tremendous skiing and riding for all abilities. The OVSC European destination hasn't been chosen yet. **There will be a 2012 trip to Quebec during Winter Carnival week**. You can check out this year's Winter Carnival at: <http://www.carnaval.qc.ca/en> to see what's in store for you *if you sign up*. This trip will be a joint venture with Pennsylvania Ski Clubs.

Do you have a favorite destination or one that you'd like to see our club offer? Speak up and let Board members know what **YOU** want! Keep in mind that the current Board terms expire April 30th. A new Board takes over on May 1st. **If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please let Catherine Monzingo, President Elect, know**. Club policies and by-laws are available on our website: <http://www.lexskisports.org>. There you will be able to read about the responsibilities of each Board position.

I hope that all our members are enjoying a super skiing & riding season. Maybe we'll see you on the slopes. Wherever you ski & ride this year, stay warm, be safe and have fun!

 ~Marty

Last minute news: LSSC Member Charles Bright suffered a heart attack while biking in Florida this week. He is having surgery and expected to be fine. If you need an address to send him get well wishes, please ask a board member. We wish him a speedy recovery. Be a good patient Charlie!



JACKSON HOLE REPORT

Courtesy of Catherine Monzingo

Eight LSSC members kicked off the 2011 ski season in Jackson, Wyoming on December 27th. Because the big snow in the East created a backlog of flights and for some undiscovered reasons in the West, flights out were challenging. Everyone (and their luggage) did make it in, though. **Randy N** and new member **Karl P** finally arrived around 12:30 a.m. Randy wins an award for his patience, having had to wait at Bluegrass Airport for over four hours after his booked flight was cancelled and for several hours at the interim airports until he arrived to Jackson. Karl beats **John S's** Hawaii to Salt Lake City record for the most miles flown for a club ski trip. Karl, who has been in Japan for business, came directly to Jackson (and returned there post-trip).

Jackson had record snow – over 200” when we arrived. **Dan G** tested out the new Achille’s tendon with no problems. He blew it out last year in Salt Lake and got a new one in time for a many hundred mile bike ride over the summer and a full set of ski trips this season. Despite Dan’s misfortune last year skiing with John and Catherine, **Dave M** joined

them on a successful adventure down the Hobacks and through the trees.

Eileen H, on her second holiday winter trip with the Club, proved a keen shopper. She found the local consignment shop among other shops and came back with new skis, boots and outfit for less than the jacket she coveted on the mountain. On their respective day off from skiing, **Candice C** and **Randy N** hit the jewelry stores and the movies, seeing the updated version of “True Grit” in a real Western town.

The group stayed at the Nez Perce condos. The condos were convenient to the Moose Creek lift, shuttle bus to the village center and hot tub. John reinvigorated enough each night at the hot tub that he skied the five ski days we had on the mountain with a much better form and vigor than his complaints would indicate.

The group enjoyed many good meals together. **Paquito’s** and **Sweetwater** Restaurant in town and **The Mangy Moose** on the mountain. If we had reservations at Snake River Grill we might have saddled up to the bar where **Harrison Ford** was dining. Randy did enjoy a Thai meal in the near company of the former **Chelsea Clinton** and her husband. New Year’s Eve we enjoyed a long après ski at the Moose followed by watching the torch parade down the mountain and fireworks. Candice kept us going our last dinner together with a spirited political discussion at the Moose.

Everyone made it home, with luggage, albeit with some delays. **It was a great kick off to New Year 2011 and to a season of more skiing!**

Mt. Bachelor - March 12th to March 19th

Trip Leader – Keith Hubbard: hubcat88@aol.com

Cost - Approximately \$724 Land Only. Price includes lodging at one of Bend, Oregon’s nicest hotels, The Riverhouse and five days lift ticket at Mt. Bachelor.



Spring skiing is frequently the best skiing of the year. Snowpack is often at its deepest, the days are warmer and longer and people seem more laid back. **If you are interested in this trip, please contact Keith as soon as possible. You need to sign up and pay in full by January 20th. Don’t book your airfare yet. If we don’t get enough sign ups, this trip will be cancelled. Time is running out!**



JACKSON MEMORIES



Above: John & Catherine play in lovely fluffy powder.

Either side: Jackson scenery can't be beat!

Below: Apres at the Mangy Moose, new avalanche safety bags, the famous Jackson tram.



Dave Stoetzel, photographer



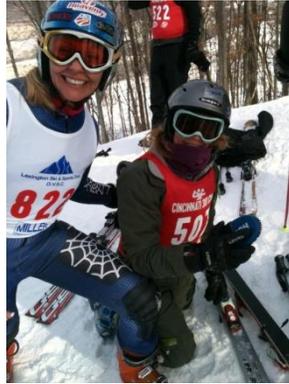
OVSC RACING REPORT



First race of the season at Perfect North on Jan. 8th



Racy racing girls!



Dianna and friendly competitor.



Waiting to race.



A view of the course.



A great start!



Come support your team at the next race,
Jan 22nd & 23rd At Paoli Peaks

Racing time is here, and we are off to a fantastic start!

Article Courtesy of Dianna Miller

The first races were held at Perfect North Slopes on January 8-9 and the conditions were PERFECT! LSSC Racing Team had a great showing of racers for the the weekend. Those who participated and their awards are:

Phil Caccamise, 2 PLATINUM, Second in OVSC Trophy division points.

Phil is one of our new racers. A 'RINGER' for sure!!!

Ended up OVERALL, THIRD FASTEST RACER ON THE HILL! GREAT JOB PHIL!

Holly Werner Caccamise, 2 BRONZE, Fourth in OVSC Trophy division points.

Holly is a new LSSC racer, with her husband Phil.

Dianna (Lady Di) Miller, 4 GOLD, Second in OVSC Trophy division points.

Current OVSC Racing Director

Mark (Mad Dog) Miller, 3 GOLD, 1 SILVER, Third in OVSC Trophy division points.

This was Mark's first time back after a season ending injury last January.

RACING REPORT CONTINUED:

Lauren Miller, 2 BRONZE, Fourth in OVSC Trophy division points.

Lauren is the daughter of Mark and Dianna Miller.

Rodney Childs, 2 GOLD, Second in OVSC Trophy division points.

Rod is one of our NASTAR NATIONAL WINNERS!

Howard Glauert, 2 BRONZE, Third in OVSC Trophy division points.

Howard is one of our true blue racers.

Joe Clark, 1 BRONZE, Fourth in OVSC Trophy division points.

Joe is a BRAND NEW racer. Just joined LSSC, and the Racing Team. AWESOME JOB JOE!

If you are interested in joining the Racing Team, please contact me.

You must be a LSSC member.

We have several more races coming up. It's not too late, but you must act NOW!

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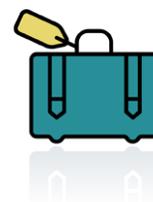
SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP PAYS OFF

(This article appeared in the most recent issue of the National Ski Club Newsflash)

AMERICAN AIRLINES BOOT BAG CHARGE WAS RESCINDED BEFORE IT STARTED.

In November, American Airlines began stating on its Web-site that it would no longer consider a ski bag and ski-boot bag as one piece of luggage, but would treat them as two bags. The new policy would have raised total baggage fees up to \$25+\$35+\$100 = \$160 one way -- or \$320 for a round trip flight. Then, on December 12, The National Ski Club Newsletter, the National Ski Council Federation, (NSCF) and ski resorts were informed of the policy change by Sports America's Mike Hibbard. We immediately notified the ski club officers on our e-mail list about AA's new baggage policy and over 240 club or council officers and members responded with e-mails which were then batched by Hibbard and sent to AA officials at a higher level than individual skiers or ski clubs could have reached by themselves. Joe Harvis of the National Ski Council Federation sent an AA vice president a letter of concern and those ski resorts that have passenger guarantees with the airline protested the policy. The actions of clubs and industry proved productive. On December 19, Hibbard e-mailed the following statement: "I am happy

to say American Airlines reviewed a number of consumer comments from various ski clubs, councils, ski resorts, and the National Ski Council Federation regarding their new bag policy. These organizations offered persuasive counter-opinions to the new AA position. After a careful review, American Airlines has decided to revert back to the original policy of a boot bag and a ski bag shall be considered one item. American will adhere to the more industry standard of a boot bag and a ski bag which shall be considered as one bag." AA posted the policy change on their Web-site. Hibbard did add a word of caution for club members: "Please note that American Airlines as well as all other major airlines do not allow clothing, shoes, presents, etc. to be placed in a ski or boot bag. If such items are placed in these bags, the bags will be checked as general purpose luggage. If the bags are classified as general luggage they will then be counted as two bags and people will be charged accordingly."





Report brought to you by Catherine Monzingo

LSSC celebrated the New Year at the January 4 membership meeting at the Racquet Club Clubhouse. Over twenty folks showed up to enjoy ski buddy camaraderie, to brag about the Jackson Hole trip, and psyche up for the upcoming trips. The Club provided appetizers (grouper fingers, party sausages and cheese plate) and dessert (chocolate cake) to help the festive mood. Tommy Glover and Lisle Dalton brought a friend who we may coax out to the mountains. Mark and Dianna Miller came and pumped folks up for the upcoming racing season. Roman Puchovsky took a break from police duty to say hello. We had door prizes – several from France – promoting Janet Jones’ European trip and from Mt. Bachelor – promoting Keith Hubbard’s trip and two free lift tickets from Perfect North – promoting some local skiing. About half the folks went home with a door prize, which of course boosts one’s mood. Jan Clark left with one that sums it up for us all: a plaque reading “Gone Skiing.”



WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

Catherine will be working on our end of ski season post trip party soon.

While there is still plenty of the season left, we thought it would be a good idea to put in an early request for a copy of your ski photos and videos taken this year. Our end of season post trip party will happen sometime in May. In the meantime, please get out those cameras and take some great shots for us all to enjoy come party time. You can send them directly to Catherine via e-mail or put them on a flash drive for her. More details about the post trip party will be forthcoming in future newsletters.



OK. So some of you are unhappy with us. We get it. Sorry!

The Board worked hard to offer our club members a variety of trip options this ski season. When we put the trips together, they were priced according to the number of people we expected to sign up. Our suppliers sell them to us that way. It’s not an exact science. We usually expect about 20 to 24 people to sign up for a ski trip. When that doesn’t happen, the price changes. Sometimes, we even lose our airline seats....as happened with the Jackson Hole and Revelstoke trips. We start trip sign ups early...in August. We are reluctant to cancel trips unless absolutely necessary. So, when we have 8 or 10 people interested in going on a trip that was originally priced for 24, we have to make adjustments. The price usually goes up and sometimes, you have to make your own flight arrangements. Nobody likes this. Least of all, trip leaders and board members. So, when we ask you to sign up early...please do so. Procrastinators make life difficult for all of us. Keep this in mind next August.



LSSC DAY AT PERFECT NORTH SLOPES

On February 5th, please join fellow club members at Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. This will be an OVSC Race weekend, sponsored jointly by the Frankfort Ski Club and your very own Lexington Ski and Sports Club. You don't have to race.....just come to ski, ride and have fun. At press time, there is no information about any "specials" being offered to us, but those who register to race will receive a discounted lift ticket.

If you would like to stay overnight to ski or race on Sunday you will find lodging information below.

Quality Inn & Suites Airport, I-275 Mineola Pike, 859-746-0300

\$53.96 + tax, 2 doubles or 1 King

Continental Breakfast included

Rates good as long as rooms are available

You must mention that you are a member of the OVSC when making your reservation to get the special rate



TIMBERLINE WEST VIRGINIA

Dates: March 4 – 6 (Fri, Sat, Sun)

Price: \$680 or \$720 for 3 nights. (Price depends on accommodations chosen) Additional night - \$105.00

Lodging: Slopeside – 2 bedroom, 2 bath fully equipped condo units with fireplace.

The package includes: 3 days lift tickets at Timberline Resort, a wine & cheese party on Friday night, a dinner buffet on Friday night, a full breakfast each morning, dinner on Saturday, & a live band on Saturday night at the Timber's Pub. All taxes and gratuities are included.

This trip was just brought to our attention at the latest board meeting. As this is being written, we don't have a trip leader yet. This trip occurs over the OVSC Governor's Cup Race weekend.

If you are interested in this trip, please come to our next meeting on Feb. 1st at the Racquet Club Grill, 3900

Crosby Drive, Lexington. Many thanks to Dianna Miller who has agreed to take on trip leader duties for this offering. She can be contacted at: hagski@aol.com if you have any questions or want to get on the list.



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE LSSC MARDI GRAS PARTY

Where: The Racquet Club Grill, 3900 Crosby Drive, Lexington, KY.

When: Tuesday, March 1st, 6:30 PM (our regular meeting day)

Cost: \$3 Members, \$5 Non-members

Food, Fun, & Games

Mark your calendar and save the date!

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All members are welcome to attend our board meetings. We encourage suggestions. We truly appreciate offers to help with activities and duties. We are volunteers who donate our time to ensure that our members have a club that is fun and responsive to their needs. Please assist us.



The Lexington Ski & Sports Club is a non-profit organization. We are a diverse group of people who enjoy snow sports. We currently offer monthly meetings (except for in July), winter trips to ski resorts, and occasional off snow gatherings for socialization. You can learn more about us at our website:

lexskisports.org where you can join up, read our by-laws and policies and download membership applications and other forms.



We also offer a listserve on Yahoo at: <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/LexSki/>. You needn't be a member to use the listserve.



Many of us can be found on Facebook where we have a page called The Lexington Ski and Sports Club (of all things!). Many photos of our trips are posted on the photo page. If you are already a Facebook user, check us out and join in on the fun. If you aren't familiar with Facebook – give it a try. It's way more fun than the listserve!