

# TSC NEWSLETTER

Texas Ski Council Newsletter 08-09 Spring



## FROM THE DESK OF THE *PRESIDENT*

By Peggy Montgomery

As I write my last President's article, I look at the past two years and realize how things have changed! The biggest impact to most Clubs, however, in the past year has, of course, been the economy! While most have been trying new ideas to grow their club membership (as evidenced by the requests for marketing funds), it has become even harder, particularly this year with the stock market plummeting and many people either losing their jobs or concerned that they might lose their job. Indeed, the number of participants on the TSC trips this year has been our biggest challenge. On top of plunging savings accounts, we have Clubs in the Gulf Coast that were impacted by Hurricane Ike. Armadillo cancelled trips and other Clubs watched participant numbers decrease as people had to use their excess money for hurricane repairs. Unfortunately, a downward trend in numbers may continue in 2009-10 and perhaps the following year as the economy stabilizes. With that in mind, all of us will need to focus on how our Clubs adapt to these changes. As a part of that process, it will be important that all delegates are active participants in assuring at the

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## Kids are the HEROs in Winter Park, CO at TSC Fall Roundup Trip

By Hazel Love, VP Fall Roundup

The snow gods decided to wait until the end of our trip to show their skills of making snow. However, lack of snow did not keep 189 men, women and children from 9 TSC clubs from having a good time Thanksgiving week Nov. 25 - 30, 2008. The Winter Park staff, with their amazing snow making equipment, was able to open enough trails to make sure we had fun. Lori Adis with Rocky Mountain Tours Brad Carothers, Group Sales Manager for Winter Park Lodging and Nancy Citriglia, Group Sales Manager for Intrawest Lodging Services, did a great job providing many activities to keep us entertained.

The week's activities were:

**Tuesday Nov. 25** - Some arrived by car, others by plane and buses chartered to route everyone from Denver International Airport. Tuesday was spent checking into the excellent lodging: The Zephyr Mtn Lodge, Vintage Hotel, Fraser Crossing/ Founders and Winter Park Mtn Lodge. The rest of the day and evening was spent familiarizing ourselves with the mountain, ski area and the great shopping and

**See Winter Park on page 4**



In order to raise funds for the Texas Ski Council Youth Foundation, kids from all 9 clubs competed in the first ever TSC Guitar Hero Contest-(L to R) Cole Adams and Ryan Greer both from Texas Twisters.



## TSC SKI BID FEST

**APRIL 17-19, 2009**

**Omni Park West  
1590 LBJ Freeway  
Dallas, Texas**

**972 - 869 - 4300  
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**Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fun filled event. You don't want to miss it!**

The Texas Ski Council, Delegates, Texas Ski Club members, Guests, Ski Resort Representatives and Vendors from around the world are in for a different & fun-filled experience at the 2009 Ski Bid Fest held at the elegant Omni Park West, in Dallas, Texas. This luxurious 4\* hotel is located near the vibrant Las Colinas Business District and only ten minutes from the DFW International Airport. Room rates will be only \$109.00, plus applicable taxes (currently 13%) per night with reservations made by **April, 2 2009**. **Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-THE-OMNI. Be sure and ask for the Texas Ski Council rate.**

See: [texas-ski.org/insidetsc/Meetings.htm](http://texas-ski.org/insidetsc/Meetings.htm) for more details or contact your Club TSC rep.



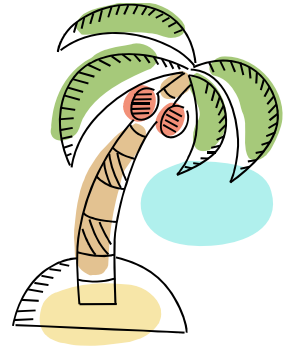
**TSC SkiBid Fest Event: Wine Tasting and Shopping**  
Friday, April 17, 2009



**As a Ski Bid Fest participant you are invited to attend:**

- Friday, April 17 - A fun filled & different TSC Golf Scramble Challenge with lots of prizes for all skill levels.
- Friday evening—Early registration, Round Robin and reception with cash bar and dessert.
- Sat. April 18—Bid presentations from ski areas from around the world. New destinations and some of your favorites.
- Sat. The Ski Bid Fest Vendors Show, which attracts over 50 ski resorts and other travel and ski business related vendors.
- Sat. night—Silent Auction with great items donated from participating vendors and ski clubs.
- Education— Come find out how your Council works and return home with new ideas for your ski club.
- Planned activities and excursions for spouses and guests.
- Sat. night— Cocktails, plated dinner and party until midnight + DJ
- Sun. April 19— Announcements of 2009–10 destinations

Join us for this new activity!! We will be visiting historic Grapevine, Texas before the parties and meetings start for the weekend. Grapevine is home to ten wine tasting rooms. We'll start at one of them for a special group tasting. You'll also receive a special bottle of wine. Then you're off on your own to explore...taste at other wineries, shop at cute boutiques and specialty shops, see some artwork or get a snack at a restaurant. More information is available in the "forms" section on the TSC website or you can contact [lisa.spotts@sprint.com](mailto:lisa.spotts@sprint.com) .



At times like these, it is time to listen to the words of the great prophet, Jimmy Buffet, who sings “Changes in Latitude brings changes in Attitude” How can you not feel a change in attitude as you walk barefoot on the beautiful white sandy beach of the Playa Blanca in Panama. The Playa Blanca (also known as the Panamanian Riviera) is a large beach abutting the Pacific Ocean about 80 miles southwest of Panama City. Located in the center of this tropical paradise is the beautiful Royal Decameron Resort ([www.decameron.com](http://www.decameron.com)) with 2 kilometers of white sandy beach. With the trip being **all inclusive of meals and alcohol** (yes alcohol) you can truly create your own version of Margarita Ville with whatever exotic drink (from 11 different bars) your heart desires as well as enjoy a Cheeseburger in Paradise. If you want something more exotic than a cheeseburger, the resorts 10 restaurants include a steakhouse, a seafood house, as well as restaurants with a Japanese, Thai or Mediterranean Cuisine. If the private solitude of the beach is not enough, you can release your inner child on such activities as windsurfing, kayaking, paddle boats, snorkeling, sailing and golf (18-hole course at the resort). A casino at the resort is bound to give you a better return than the stock market and you can dance every night to a band with that special someone (or not). If you need to still **adventure** beyond the resort than consider optional excursions such as traversing the Panama Canal, visiting the Anton Valley and taking a canopy tour, a Panama City tour, an Emebera Indian Village tour and the Gatun Jungle Adventure. If all of these options do not bring a change in attitude and you are need of some deep therapy, a spa at the resort awaits you.

If a week of this paradise is still not enough, an optional 3-day trip extension is offered to the Chiriqui Highlands awaits you. You must sign up and go this trip ASAP, your health and well-being depends on it. After signing up you will adopt that old reggae saying “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”. Contact the trip leader for your club for this trip to sign-up, you are guaranteed to feel a change in attitude immediately.

## 2009-2010 Texas Ski Council Nominees

*The 2009 TSC Nominating committee of Gary Roth, Chairperson from Austin Skiers, and committee members Ellen Eastham from Space City and Kip Kipling from Club St Bernard, are happy to announce the slate of 2009-2010 TSC Officer Nominees. There are:*



<i>President</i>	<i>Cheryl Mann</i>
<i>VP Marketing</i>	<i>Tere Mayne</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Lisa Spotts</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mike Morris</i>

### *TRIP VICE PRESIDENTS*

<i>Fall Roundup</i>	<i>Hazel Love</i>
<i>Traditional</i>	<i>Christine Augustine</i>
<i>Winter Shootout</i>	<i>Mary Beth Wilson</i>
<i>Final Showdown</i>	<i>Don Wilson</i>

## WINTER PARK – WHERE THE KIDS ARE

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restaurants in the town of Winter park.

**Wednesday Nov. 26** - A whopping 55 kids enrolled into the TSC Youth Foundation program this year in Winter park. The Youth Camp enables kids, aged 4 to 15 and at all skill levels, to participate in the sport of skiing and snowboarding at a tremendous savings to their parents and guardians. From 7 PM- 9 PM the Derailer hosted the TSC to heavy appetizers and a cash bar. The kids practiced Guitar Hero in preparation for the "Big" Guitar Hero contest to be held Friday night.

**Thursday Nov. 27** - Skiing and snowboarding on the mountain were the main events followed by Thanksgiving dinner. Craig Smith and Nanette Joyner, Twisters from North Richland Hills, were united in marriage by Rollo Gurss. **Surprise**, you didn't know performing a wedding ceremony is one of Rollo's many talents.

**Friday Nov. 28**- Big day - as the TSC Club and Individual races were held along with some special activities for the kids - of all ages. (See below for results of races.) All the kids were invited to Kids Night Out at the Vintage. The preliminaries were held for the first ever Guitar Hero Contest which was a fundraiser for the TSCYF. Our clubs have a vast amount of talent when it comes to Guitar Hero. Through the process of elimination, two



Could he be any cuter? Daniel Charbula of Lone Star Skiers is enjoying a day of sledding in WP.

finalists were selected from each category: Easy, Intermediate and Expert. For the Adults Night Out, Brad Carothers and the merchants hosted a wine and appetizer social at Cooper Creek Square. Fun was had by everyone.

**Saturday 29** - Last day to ski/ snowboard for all. As a finale of the Youth Camp, Winter Park's staff gave the kids an opportunity to exhibit their skills accomplished during their week of lessons by having a race. The Awards banquet was held at West Portal, where a very nice buffet was prepared by Chef Daisy Mills and her staff. The winners of the Individual and club races were announced, as were the much anticipated winners of the **Guitar Hero Contest**.

So without any farther ado, the winners of the Guitar Hero contest and the Club/Individual Races are listed below. This year we raised \$750.00 for the TSCYF. But now that everyone has an idea of what a Guitar Hero Contest is all about and remembers how much fun the kids had, maybe next year the clubs will sponsor more participants, raising even more funds for the TSCYF.



Carson Smith (6) winner of Best Costume & Performance Category in Guitar Hero Contest. Rock on Carson!



Rollo Gurss, the biggest kid on the slopes, is preparing himself for a day on the race course.

### First Place Winners in the Individual Races:

#### Super Senior

Female - Cheryl May - Space City  
Male - Gene Gilliam - Lone Star Skiers

#### Senior

Female - Cindy Gurss - Texas Twisters  
Male - Glenn (Hopper) Strother - Lone Star Skiers

#### Open

Female - Jo Cobb - Lone Star Skiers  
Male - Rollo Gurss - Texas Twisters

Club Race results continued on page 5 - See Racing

### Guitar Hero Contest

#### Easy Category:

"Buffalo Bill" alias Patrick Camp - Austin Skiers and  
"The Ace" alias Allison Alexander - Twisters

**Winner:** Patrick Camp - \$50.00

#### Intermediate Category:

"Razor Sharp" alias Ryan Greer - Twisters and  
Cole Adams - Twisters

**Winner:** Ryan Greer - \$50.00

#### Hard Category:

"Joan Jett" alias Jenny Hollowell - Twisters and  
"Slash" alias Hunter Joyner Twister

**Winner:** Hunter Joyner - \$50.00

#### Best Rock Costume and Performance:

"Crash" alias Carson Smith and  
"Buffalo Bill" alias Patrick Camp

**Winner:** Carson Smith \$25.00  
Patrick

## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Bid Meeting on April 17-19th the selection of attractive ski locations for the best value. While it was not an easy feat, the Pre-select Committee has completed the initial part of this process.

Also, at this time I reflect on the many people that have assisted in the workings of the TSC the past year.

**Ken Goodwin** (Chair-CLASC), **Debbie Thornell** (Lone Star) and **Brenda Herman** (Armadillo-particularly with all the issues Hurricane Ike provided her!) as they worked through our By-Laws and Standing Rules to update them.

**Gene Gilliam** (Chair-Lone Star), **Rollo Gurss** (Tx Twisters) and **Robert Wray** (Space City) who worked on the Race Committee, which included evaluating whether the Race Rules needed modification. I appreciate the committee addressing a specific member request and bringing it to the delegates' attention, although the decision was ultimately to not make the suggested change to the rules.

Thanks to **Linda Raymer** (Chair-Austin Skiers), **Tere Mayne** (Austin Skiers) and **Gary Butler** (Space City), we will be moving toward website advertising next year. Their committee looked at replacing our previous on-line TSC directory with Website Advertising.

Another very active committee this year was headed up by TSC VP of Marketing **Cheryl Mann** and looked at our bid proposal criteria, particularly activity fees and lodging. **Terry Lippold** (CLASC), **Derlyn Gordon** (Twisters), and **Gary Roth** (Austin Skiers) were the TSC representatives on this committee, while **Brandon Bang** (Big Sky) and **Lori Adis** with Rocky Mountain Tours were industry representatives.

I would particularly like to thank **Gary Roth** for wearing many hats! He handled the audit of last year's TSC financials; as mentioned above was an active member of the marketing committee, including lots of work on the surveys used by that committee (as well as other quick club surveys at Cheryl's request throughout the year); and, is heading up our Nominating Committee. He has certainly gone above and beyond this year!

### Racing at Winter Park

#### Kids Races - Prizes furnished by WP Resorts

**First Place:** Alice MacDonald- Space City Ski Club

**Second Place:** Becky Hoffmann - Los Amigos

**Third Place:** Emma Adams- Texas Twisters

#### Winners of the Club Races:

Division 1 - Lone Star Skiers

Division 2 - Texas Twisters

Division 3 - Dallas Ski Club

Assisting Gary on the Nominating Committee, were **Kip Kiplin** (Club St Bernard) and **Ellen Eastham** (Space City). We look forward to receiving the results of their committee work.

For some time the TSC 2009 Bid Meeting Committee with **Anne Myers** (Chair- Los Amigos), **Ellie Trewitt** (Lone Star), **Rex Hulbert** (Lone Star), and **Karen Mann** (Lone Star) have been working on what I know will be an outstanding Bid Meeting in April.

Also, hard at work as I write this article is the Pre-Select Committee for the 2009-10 Bids. This committee is chaired by VP of Marketing **Cheryl Mann** and the members are **Rollo Gurss** (Twisters), **George Kelly** (Dallas Ski Club), **Bill Bomberger** (Space City), **Kevin Juhl** (Austin Skiers-at large), **Dan Willett**, (Clear Lake-at large), and **Vicky Sisco** (Flatlanders-at large). (See page 7 for the results of this committee.)

Finally, I was extremely fortunate to have a great group of officers to work with and want to thank them all for their dedication and hard work. While I know everyone is aware of who they are, I want to end my last article with a **BIG THANK YOU** to the following for all their hard work and many volunteer hours spent making my job easier and assisting on ski trips to assure a good time was had by all!

**Sandy Ellison**, Past President

**Cheryl Mann**, VP of Marketing

**Tere Mayne**, Secretary

**Mary Beth Wilson**, Treasurer

**Hazel Love**, VP Fall Roundup

**Mike Morris**, VP Traditional

**Lisa Spotts**, VP Winter Shootout

**Christine Augustine**, VP Final Showdown

**Steve Abrey**, Winter Expedition

**Sean O'Brien**, Summer Expedition



2008-2009 TSC Executive Board: (L to R, front to back) Sandy Ellison, Mary Beth Wilson, Lisa Spotts, Hazel Love, Cheryl Mann, Peggy Montgomery, Tere Mayne, Steve Abrey, Mike Morris and Sean O'Brien. Missing from the above picture is Christine Augustine, who was attending a FAM trip.



## Final Notes on TSC Traditional Trip Steamboat CO

By Mike Morris, VP Traditional



Another beautiful day in paradise - Steamboat, CO.



I think someone made a wrong turn going to lunch!

The snow gods were there with us again this January. Those that were at Vail last year remember the great snow we had. Well we didn't have that kind of snow, but it was still pretty great. It snowed the first few days then let up and we saw some of those beautiful blue sky days. There were about 400 people that attended the trip and everyone I talked to had a good time. With the incredible choices of terrain and "champagne powder" the hard core skiers were wore down by the end of the week. Steamboat rolled out the welcome at the Sunday night party with some of the better food we have seen lately. Then they followed it up with an even better spread on Friday night at the awards party. Billy Kidd showed up both nights to entertain and hang with the Texans. Races went off on Thursday with hardly a hitch for almost 200 ski racers. I am also happy to announce that we raised \$1000 for the TSC Youth Foundation thru a raffle on Friday night. Steamboat Resort donated lots of great stuff that helped make this happen. I had ten fantastic trip captains that helped make this trip a success. Many thanks go to Sandy Ellison and Cheryl Mann for keeping me on track and somewhat sane during the week. Other officers and committee chairs on the trip were Lisa Spotts, Gary Roth, Linda Raymer and Gene Gilliam. These folks were invaluable in taking care of lots of the "grunt work" during the week. Thanks to all and hope to see you on another trip real soon.



Billy Kidd of Steamboat, giving some TSC folks racing tips.



Mike Morris on the slopes in Steamboat, CO.

CLUB RACE RESULTS TRADITIONAL 2009		
<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Division 2</b>	<b>Division 3</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Austin Skiers	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Texas Twisters	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Dallas Ski Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Lone Star	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Capital Downhill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Club St. Bernard
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Los Amigos	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Clear Lake	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Armadillo Ski Club
4 <sup>th</sup> Place Space City	4 <sup>th</sup> Place Flatlanders	

INDIVIDUAL RACE RESULTS TRADITIONAL 2009	
<b>Super Senior Women:</b>	<b>Super Senior Men:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place Carole Gottleib – Austin Skiers	1 <sup>st</sup> Place John Rediger – Dallas
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Lori Seibol – Dallas Ski Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Joe Schultes – Armadillo
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Terry Schraub – Los Amigos	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Tom Mowdy – Lone Star
<b>Senior Women:</b>	<b>Senior Men:</b>
1st Place Jo Cobb – Lone Star	1st Place Dale Young – Austin Skiers
2nd Place Brenda Herman – Armadillo	2nd Place Calvin Fujii – Austin Skiers
3rd Place Jori Andrade – Lone Star	3rd Place Rollo Gurs – Twisters
<b>Open Women:</b>	<b>Open Men:</b>
1st Place Lindsey McLendon – Lone Star	1st Place Greg Bryant – Austin Skiers
2nd Place Kim Wilkin – Austin Skiers	2nd Place David Pennington – Lone Star
3rd Place Catherine Morgan – Capital Downhill	3rd Place Lou Horwitz – Austin Skiers

## 2009—2010 TSC Ski Season

### Where will YOU be Skiing Next Season?

The TSC Pre-select Committee has invited the following ski areas/tour operators to present their bid proposals April 17-19, 2009 at the TSC SkiBidFest in Dallas, Texas

#### TRADITIONAL

Breckenridge, CO  
Snowmass, CO  
Whistler, BC

#### WINTER SHOOTOUT

Heavenly, CA  
Jackson Hole, WY  
Mt. Bachelor, OR

#### FINAL SHOWDOWN

Alyeska, AK  
Copper Mt, CO  
Crested Butte, CO  
North Lake Tahoe, NV  
Sun Valley, ID

#### WINTER EXPEDITION

Aosta Valley, Italy  
Bormio, Italy  
Grindelwald, Switzerland  
Interlaken, Switzerland  
Sestriere, Italy

#### SUMMER EXPEDITON 2010

Bariloche, Argentina  
Greek Island Cruise  
Nile River, Egypt Cruise  
Portillo/Valle Nevado, Chile  
San Juan Cruise

Our sincere thanks to the following members of the TSC 2009 Pre-Select committee for their time and efforts in reviewing the bids for the upcoming season:

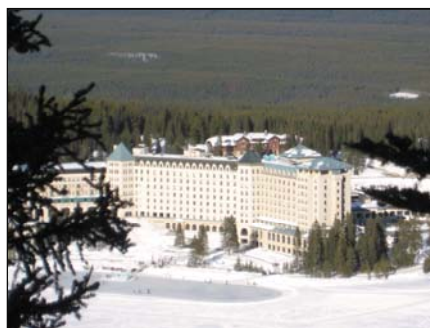
Cheryl Mann –TSC, VP Marketing  
George Kelly, Dallas Ski Club  
Bill Bomberger, Space City Ski Club  
Dan Willett, At Large Member

Rollo Gurss, Texas Twisters  
Vicky Sisco, At Large Member  
Kevin Juhl, At Large Member

#### Lake Louise Trip Pictures



Lisa Spotts (L) and Christine Augustine enjoying a beautiful day at Johnston Canyon.



View of the Chateau from Fairview Lookout.



The DFW Young at Heart Gang tackles a black slope: (L to R) Rudy Peters, Larry Fellman, Mary Ray, Beach Aten. Charles Chapman



The Texas flag flies in Lake Louise as promised by Sandy Best.

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Please consider being a sponsor for the 2009-10 season!  
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