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## 2012 Texas Ski Council Ski Bid Fest San Antonio, Texas March 30 - April 1, 2012



Texas Ski Council Delegates, Texas Ski Club members, Ski Resort Representatives, Vendors and Guests from around the world, come join us for 2012 Ski Bid Fest held by popular demand once again in historic and fun-filled San Antonio, Texas!

The Historic Drury Plaza has been restored from the previous Alamo Bank Building. It features stunning architecture, comfortable rooms and suites, a rooftop pool and Drury's famous free extras. There's little missing from this hotel equation. Best of all, their riverside doors offer direct access to the beautiful San Antonio River Walk.

Room rates will be \$135.00 per standard room and \$145.00 per suite, plus applicable taxes per night with reservations made by March 9, 2012. On March 10, 2012 regular room rates will apply. Hotel guests receive complimentary hot breakfast and at 5:30pm kickback with appetizers and beverages.

Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-325-0720. Refer to the TSC group number 2123813. As a Ski Bid Fest participant you are invited to attend:

- Thursday Happy Hour – Location on River Walk to be announced. Will be hosted by Los Amigos.
- Friday, March 30th - TSC Golf Scramble Challenge or Historic Trolley Ride. See sign up forms for event costs.

- Friday evening—Early registration and reception with cash bar and appetizers.

- Saturday, March 31st—Bid presentations by ski areas and vacation destinations from around the world. Saturday lunch included in registration.

- Saturday afternoon - The Ski Bid Fest Vendors Show, which attracts over 50 ski resorts and other travel-related vendors.

- Saturday night—Silent Auction with great items donated from participating vendors and ski clubs. Racing award presentations. Buffet dinner, cash bar and musical entertainment.

- Sunday, April 1st—Final Bid Presentations and Announcements of 2012–13 TSC destinations!

Mark your calendars now and attend this fun-filled event.  
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## **2012 - 2013 TSC Ski Season Where will YOU be Skiing Next Year?**

### **Join us at Ski Bid Fest and find out!**

The TSC Pre-select Committee has invited the following ski areas/tour operators to present their bid proposals March 30-April 1, 2012, at the TSC Ski Bid Fest in San Antonio, Texas.

#### **Fall Roundup**

Copper Mtn. (Winter Ski & Sports)  
Crested Butte (RMT-Ski.com)  
Vail (Sports America)

#### **Winter Shootout:**

Jackson Hole (Sports America)  
Schweitzer (SkiGroup.net)  
Telluride (Winter Ski & Sports)  
Whistler (Sports America)

#### **Winter Expedition:**

Andorra (Ski Alpine Xperience)  
Bormio, Italy (Holidaze)  
Granada, Spain (Holidaze)  
Serre Chevalier, Franc (Snowtours)

#### **Traditional:**

Banff (SkiGroup.net)  
Copper Mtn (Ski.com)  
Park City (Sports America)  
Steamboat (Sports America)

#### **Final Showdown:**

Big Sky  
Keystone (Sports America)  
Park City (Winter Ski & Sports)  
Winter Park (Ski.com)

#### **Summer Expedition:**

Ireland (Holidaze)  
Reno (Ski Europe)  
San Juan Cruise (SkiGroup.net)  
Snowmass

Our sincere thanks go to the following members of the TSC 2012 Pre-Select committee for their time and efforts in reviewing the bids for the upcoming season:

Steve Janes — Los Amigos  
Tim Cowing — Capital Downhill  
Sandy Ellison — At Large Member  
Tere Mayne — VP Marketing

Christine Mason — Ski Jammers  
Lisa Biddle — Lone Star  
Peggy Montgomery — At Large Member

## **A Message From Our President**

**by Mike Morris**



It has been quite a year in the Texas Ski Council! We started with a late summer cruise to Alaska, then fast and furious into the ski season. Unfortunately, the snow gods haven't been too cooperative this year. We've seen as much snow in West Texas as some of the mountain resorts. Our TSC Trip VPs and the resorts have been putting in extra hours to make sure things go as well as the weather will allow.

Before we know it we will be gathering in San Antonio to select next year's ski destinations. The meeting is March 30th thru April 1st, so start making your travel plans. Our Bid Meeting Committee, Tere Mayne, her Pre-Select Committee, tour operators and resorts all work very hard to put this

together. Please come out and support the event. We will be in San Antonio on the River Walk where many of you have experienced some great times at past meetings. A lot of folks have been asking to go back to San Antonio and to stay on the River Walk. The TSC has heard you and we ask for everyone's help in getting the word out and helping boost participation. This meeting is always one of the best times of the year. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio!

I want to thank all the TSC Officers, TSC Delegates, Club Officers and other volunteers for all their hard work this year. Without our members volunteering their time none of this is possible.

On a very sad note, our good friend Rick Wheeler passed away from injuries suffered while on his way to Snowmass in January. The memorial service in Austin was standing room only and well represented by Rick's friends in the TSC. Rick was one of those people you could always count on to step up when needed. Capital Downhill and the TSC will miss him greatly.

# Snowmass – TSC Traditional – January 7-14, 2012

By Lisa Biddle, VP Traditional – traditional@texas-ski.org

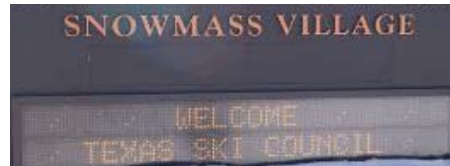
Wow! What a great week the TSC had in Snowmass for the January Traditional trip. Clubs from all over Texas gathered for fun in the snow. On arrival day, we were treated to over eight inches of fresh powder...more powder later in the week too. We started the week off with a Champagne Walk in Snowmass Village. Area shops, along with Korbel and Snowmass tourism, hosted a fun afternoon of shopping and sipping. Then, we all gathered in the ballroom of the Viceroy Hotel for the TSC Welcome Party where great appetizers were served and plenty of drink tickets were used. We got an orientation of the week's activities and saw so many friends gather.



Friday with an awards cocktail party followed by dinner and dancing. The buffet had a wonderful variety of great food. The DJ kept the party going for hours...we all danced away the kinks in our ski legs.



What a fantastic week...thanks to all the trip leaders, Snowmass Mountain and Sports America for all your hard work!!



The TSC enjoyed skiing all week long. Snowmass is an enormous mountain and skiers of all abilities

had plenty of terrain to play on. There was also great skiing at the other three mountains...Aspen, Buttermilk and Aspen Highlands. Many members ventured into the town of Aspen for wonderful shopping and great restaurants. And, there was live music somewhere every night.



During the week, clubs enjoyed a variety of activities. On Tuesday, Sports America and Kenwood sponsored a really fun wine tasting at the Top of the Village Gatehouse. There was an abundance of tasting opportunities and plenty of fruit and cheese for all to enjoy. Each day had a designated Après Ski location with specials just for the TSC. On Thursday, the TSC participated in a little competitive (and a lotta fun) races. Club races were in the morning and individual races in the afternoon. The week wrapped up on

## SNOWMASS RACE RESULTS

Club Races	1st Place	2nd Place
<b>Division 1</b>	Austin Skiers.	Los Amigos
<b>Division 2</b>	Texas Twisters	Clear Lake
<b>Division 3</b>	DFW Young at Heart.	Armadillo Ski Club

**Fastest Female** - Kim Wilkin, Austin Skiers  
**Fastest Male** - Dave Pennington, Lone Star Skiers



### Individual Races - Gold Medal Winners

**Female 35-49:** Kim Wilkin, Austin Skiers  
**Male 35-49:** Roger DeVillier, Armadillo Ski Club

**Female 50-59:** Jori Andrade, Lone Star Skiers  
**Male 50-59:** Dave Pennington, Lone Star Skiers

**Female 60-69:** Brenda Herman, Armadillo Ski Club  
**Female 60-69:** Jim Roche, Lone Star Skiers



**Female 70 & Over:** Joyce Muldoon, DFW YAH  
**Male 70 & Over:** Gene Gilliam, Lone Star Skiers



# Heavenly – TSC Winter Shootout—February 11-18, 2012

By Linda Raymer, VP Winter Shootout – wintershootout@texas-ski.org



All of Our Snow Dancing Paid Off!

In February, 168 TSC members converged on South Lake Tahoe. Five clubs; Austin, St Bernard, Clear Lake, Space City and Twisters arrived Saturday and Lone Star came in on Tuesday. Mother Nature cooperated and the talented Heavenly snow making and grooming teams kept us on the hill and smiling! Almost every day was a bluebird day at Heavenly.



We began the week together at the Emerald Ballroom at Harvey's Casino. Our catering staff really outdid themselves with a fabu-

lous assortment of appetizers and snacks. At the end of the Welcome Party we collectively chanted "Let it snow", AND IT DID, bringing about 12" of fresh powder through the night!

On Valentine's Day, Tuesday, 60 + of us shuttled over to Northstar. It was theme day, "Show Some Love" and lots of folks sported red, pink and other décor. The European style village was delightful and the snow conditions were fabulous. Thirteen folks hiked up to the Nordic Center and enjoyed a private snowshoe tour. Those



four miles of trekking through the trees over rolling hills gave all of us an appreciation for the sport. The shuttle ride back was scenic, with a panoramic view of sunset over Lake Tahoe. Skiers and snowshoers alike really enjoyed Northstar!



Wednesday morning greeted us with some more snow and some of those high gusting winds that the valley is known for. We had practice time on the race course in the morning. It must have been good, because a lot



of medals were earned on race day! Even some of our die-hards called it an early day and enjoyed Apre's Ski at Tamarack or Fire & Ice.

A popular non-ski activity was wine touring. In addition, there was a variety of restaurants from which to choose and with our many sponsored discounts, eating and shopping were even more fun!

Thursday was race day at World Cup, adjacent to the California Base. Weather and snow conditions were very favorable for racing. This was a great location because we had a dedicated lift for the races and it was very easy for spectators to gather and watch. Twenty one folks participated in the individual races.

The race awards ceremony & cocktail hour convened at 6 pm Friday at Harvey's Emerald Ballroom.

**Race Results:**

Division 1 - Austin Skiers and Boarders

Division 2 - Texas Twisters

Division 3 - Club St. Bernard

Fastest Male - Greg Bryant of Austin Skiers

Fastest Female - Jackie Bayly Bryant of Austin Skiers.

The Friday dinner dance was highlighted by a beautiful buffet of entrées, salads and veggie dishes. Harvey's certainly does not short us on quality or quantity! Our limey DJ put on quite a show and many folks danced the evening away, working off those many trips to dip an assortment of items in the four tier chocolate fountain!

The entire teams from Heavenly and Northstar made us feel welcome. Many new friendships were forged



throughout TSC participants. Many thanks again to Jennifer Van Gilder and Andrew Kwang of Vail Resorts and the six Trip Leaders from Lone Star, Austin, Clear Lake, Space City, Twisters and St Bernard. Your dedication shined!

See you soon on another TSC trip!!

**Race results  
Winter Shootout 2012**

AGE/GENDER	PLACE	NAME	MEDAL
50-59/F	1	Jackie Bayly-Bryant	G
	2	Jackie Young	G
	3	Karen Ives	S
60-69/F	1	Linda McMillion	B
40-49/M	1	Tal Knab	S
	1	Greg Bryant	P
50-59/M	2	Lee Flagg	G
	3	David Pennington	G
	60-69/M	1	Dale Young
	2	Dallas Ives	S
	3	Jim Roche	S
	70+/M	1	Gene Gilliam
2		Kip Kiplin	S
3		Greg Jones	
DIVISION	PLACE	CLUB	
1	1	Austin Skiers & Boarders	
	2	Space City	
2	1	Texas Twisters	
	2	Clear Lake	
3	1	Club St. Bernard	



# Galapagos – 2012 Summer Expedition—August, 2012

By Christine Augustine, 2012 Summer Expedition Coordinator — [galapagos2012@texas-ski.org](mailto:galapagos2012@texas-ski.org)



The Galapagos Islands...the adventure of a lifetime and the destination of the 2012 TSC Summer Expedition. This trip will truly be an ACTIVE adventure and different from most trips to the Galapagos in that it is land

based. Each day will be a new adventure...snorkeling, scuba diving, hiking, kayaking, visiting the Charles Darwin Research Center and the transfer between islands via boat where it is very likely to see dolphins and whales. We will be traveling in “pods” of 16 with 4 pods on each departure. During the

day, each pod will more than likely have a different “route” so we do not tax the local environment. During the evening, we will have time to gather as a group and party with friends from different pods. Pre and post trips to the Amazon Jungle and Otavalo in the highlands, and a 4 day or 7 day post trip to Peru are available for those who wish to spend more time in South America.

Departure dates are August 1, August 8 and August 15. Price varies according to departure date. International airfare is not included. Space available on all departures.

Contact Christine Augustine, Expedition Coordinator, at [cha@satx.rr.com](mailto:cha@satx.rr.com). Look at the Texas Ski Council website for more information - [www.texas-ski.org](http://www.texas-ski.org).



**Jorge Torres.**  
Now the GOVERNOR OF GALAPAGOS ISLANDS  
talking politics with his buddies.



## In Memorium. Rick Wheeler

Three members of our TSC family were in a tragic car accident on their way to Snowmass for the TSC Traditional trip. Rick Wheeler of Capital Downhill, Rollo Gurss and his daughter Kimber Gurss of the Texas Twisters were headed to Snowmass when the car lost control during the snowstorm on January 7th. The car rolled several times. Kimber and Rollo were bruised and scraped up, but were released from the hospital with minor injuries. However, Rick's injuries were more extensive. Rick was transported to a Denver hospital where his family and friends hoped for his recovery and awakening. On January 22, Rick passed away with family and friends at his side.

Rick Wheeler was born in Great Falls, Montana but called Austin, Texas his home. He was a retired Air Force pilot and was planning to attend his Air Force Academy class 50th anniversary reunion this fall. Rick was active in the TSC as a Delegate for his club for years. He participated on numerous TSC committees. Rick is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Rock and Romi Wheeler of Granite Falls, N.C.; daughter, Kathleen Wheeler of Nashville, Tenn.; his mother, Ruth Wheeler of Austin; ex-wife Rachel Jackson; and two grandchildren.



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