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SNOW SCENE – Autumn 2008

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

And now here's the news.

We're still enjoying summer, what with water sports, biking, hiking, concerts under the stars, wine tastings. Come to think of it, there may be a bigger variety of things to do in the summer than at any other time of the year. But hey, I'm a skier and this is a ski council...so, enough of summer.

Having said that, let's talk about what's coming up:

Vail, January 31, 2009. At last count about 80+ people have signed up. Get on board now or you're going to miss out on the best trip ever. (Ya' know, all of the past trips you've been on are already over; this one hasn't happened yet.)

Then there's Taos in March. Again, sign up now. More on trips from Judith in the following paragraphs.

On the Programs and Events scene, the council will be hosting a fundraising event which will showcase the film "Mammoth Dreams" (the story of Dave McCoy) this fall (date and time not finalized yet, likely an October date). Proceeds will go to the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program. Next, November 1, 2008 we will have the annual "Snow Gala" at the Oak Room in Arcadia where each club will put forth their candidates for "Man and Woman of the Year." I also need to mention it's a great time to revel in the anticipation of the coming ski season with members from your fellow clubs. Get those checks in now; there's only room for approximately 100. We'll have more next year.

The council will also be hosting "Learn to Ski, Board, and Race" week at Mammoth December 15-19.

Promotion will be a big part of LA Council this year. Look for our brochures around Mammoth highlighting the benefits of being a ski club member.

Lastly, LAC has been on the hunt for a place to have the 2010 FWSA convention in conjunction with Orange and San Diego Councils.

Glad to get that off my chest. Now go back and enjoy the rest of summer.

David Krupp, President



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It's almost time to get the skis out, check the bindings, try on last year's ski clothes to see if they still fit, start doing the phantom chair to get the legs in shape, and before you know it, Ski Time! However, before that we still have a few important LA Council activities.

LAC MEETINGS

Our **September meeting** will not be at the Grinder because it's the **second Monday** instead of the first and the room is not available. So, just jog diagonally across the street to the **IHOP** and come to the big room in the back and that's where you'll find us.

OK, then the **October meeting** will take place at the brand new Sport Chalet in West LA – 11801 West Olympic, just east of Bundy. Meet us there to check out the new inventory for winter, update and replenish as necessary, and schmooze with other club members. Please invite all your members to attend. There will be refreshments.

In **November** we will be back at the Grinder and have our good friend Brian Flickinger from Vail back to tell us all about what's happening at that resort.

SNOW GALA

Then we come to the major social event of the year, the Snow Gala the evening of Saturday, November 1, starting at 6:00 pm at the Oak Tree Room at Coco's in Arcadia. A flyer is attached. I have sent the Man/Woman of the Year materials to all the club presidents that we had listed last year, but if you need them again, please check the website. The forms are listed there. The deadline for getting your candidate(s)' resumes to me is September 30, and you must let me have the name of your judge at that time as well.

Another important aspect of the Gala is the selling of raffle tickets. The grand prize will be a computer with flat-screen monitor valued at \$1,000. Our very own computer guru Dave Felker will make sure it has all the bells and whistles you could want. And remember, your club keeps \$5 of every \$10 book of tickets sold. Definitely a win-win situation.

The Gala will be a little different this year: a buffet in a separate room from the drinking and dancing with the DJ. And the drinks are reasonably priced. You will have your choice of chicken, prime rib, and salmon. Be sure to get your reservations in to Karen James as listed on the flyer.

Also, remember to support our sponsors: H&H Jobbing on Artesia in Redondo Beach, SkiNet on Ventura Boulevard in Studio City, and Doc's Ski Haus on Santa Monica at Centinela in WLA.

TRIPS

This year, LAC has two ski trips planned. The first will be to **Vail** and this is a deal you cannot refuse. The dates are **January 31-February 7, 2009** and the price is so low you won't believe it. Our VP of Travel Dave Felker has put together a package that will really turn you on. Please check out the flyer being sent with this newsletter and also alert your members to download it from our website.

Then in **March** we have a 5-day trip to **Taos** and **Santa Fe**. This trip is for skiers and non-skiers alike as Santa Fe and Taos are wonderful cities with lots of southwestern atmosphere and art. I still have some Navajo rugs I bought there many moons ago. A flyer for that trip is also attached

as well as being on our website. The deadline for dropping rooms is coming up so please let us know of any interest.

LAC also has some spots left for the Far West Ski Week at **Big Sky, January 24-31, 2009**. You might consider doing both weeks since you can hook up with the Vail trip in Denver on the 31st. Big Sky is great for alpine (two mountains, Big Sky and Moonlight Basin) as well as Nordic (88 kilometers of trails) skiing. And children are permitted. Again, flyer attached.

NOTICE: If you send the information to Bonnie West at lacwebmaster@lacouncil.org, she will put your club trips on our website.

SAD NEWS TO REPORT

I received notice from Ray Craig that John Perkins had finally succumbed on August 18 to the cancer he has been fighting for some time. John was not only a past-president of Conejo Ski and Sports Club but he was 2004 LA Council Man of the Year. Ray said there was a lovely memorial for John attended by over 300 people.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LA Council is still looking for volunteers to fill spots on the Board. Please survey your members who might be willing to take on a little extra fun and send them on over.

REGISTER WITH RALPHS FOR THE UNRECABLES

- 1) Participants must have a Ralphs *Rewards* card to enroll in the new term. They previously had a Ralphs Club Card, but it has been upgraded to the new Ralphs *Rewards* Card.
- 2) If they have not applied for their Ralphs *Rewards* card at their local Ralphs store, all stores have them available at all times.
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- 4) All of your participants who are currently enrolled in the Ralphs Community Contribution Program will remain active until August 31, 2008.
- 5) All participants are required to register for the new term at www.ralphs.com that will be effective on September 1, 2008.
- 6) NOTE: All registrations at www.ralphs.com after August 4, 2008 will be effective for the new term that begins on September 1, 2008.
- 7) NOTE: Ralphs *Rewards* Cards can only be used at Ralphs stores.

UPCOMING

In our next issue, which will come out in a couple of months, will contain information on the National Ski Council Federation and benefits they are offering through their website. You may remember the ski helmets that some club members purchased a year or so ago for a very low price. Well, there's more being offered.

If you have trouble downloading any of the attached flyers, they are all on the website lacouncil.org.