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# The Snowbird

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### **January Meet-Up**

**When: January 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 5:00pm - 7pm**

**Where: Carrabbas  
7620 N Wickham Rd  
Suntree**

Join SCSC members for an informal happy hour social. Share ski stories, talk with fellow travelers about an upcoming ski trip or just relax after a long day.

Membership and Trip Applications will be available as well as information on our 2013 Trips if you missed the chance to sign up at the Extravaganza.

Visit us at on  
[www.SpaceCoastSkiClub.com](http://www.SpaceCoastSkiClub.com)  
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## President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season filled with special times with family and friends! Our club had a lovely party on December 8 organized by the tireless Cheryl Sullivan. The food and fellowship were outstanding and Cheryl did an excellent job pulling it all together. Thanks to all those who brought donations for Toys for Tots and the Sharing Center.

As December wound to a close, snow was falling out west at each of the resorts our club will visit this ski season. Conditions are spectacular from California to Wyoming to Montana to Idaho with fresh powder on every slope. Trip details are being finalized but there are still a few openings if you act quickly to secure a spot. Call a trip leader today!

See you on the slopes!

Jeannie Kilpatrick-Staubus

**A huge Thank You to our 2nd V.P. Cheryl Sullivan for organizing the very successful Holiday Party** See pictures on web home page.



**Time to renew your club membership!!** Club membership year runs from **May 1st to April 30th**. If you have not recently renewed your membership, download a membership application and send it in!

## From October 2012 National Ski Club Newsflash

### NORTH LAKE TAHOE SHUTTLE TO BE TRIED THIS SKI SEASON

The North Lake Tahoe Truckee Coordinated Ski Shuttle will launch as a pilot program this winter, running December 22 to March 31 -- but only on weekends and holiday weeks for a total of 46 days -- carrying passengers to and from area ski resorts free of charge. The shuttle will have six buses along with the two buses from Truckee's Donner Summit Shuttle in its fleet, with each having a minimum of 35 seats and room for carry-on equipment. For more information, call 530-546-2912.

### SUMMIT GROUP PURCHASES UTAH'S POWDER MOUNTAIN

Summit Group, an organization known for its events and cruises with big-name speakers, and which is backed by deep-pocket investors, has purchased Utah's Powder Mountain near Ogden. Summit Group sponsors the Summit Series an annual invitation-only leadership conference with speakers like Mark Cuban, Richard Branson, and Ted Turner. It has also invested in Internet startups like the taxi service Uber and has raised money for environmental causes. Powder Mountain is known for its huge, but largely underdeveloped ski terrain. Now they plan to turn Powder Mountain into an "alpine Bohemian village" for innovative business thinkers. Whatever that means exactly is up for speculation.

### IS CUSTOMIZED AIR TICKET PRICING IN OUR FUTURE?

The Far West Ski Association reports that the airlines are experimenting with a new way to sell tickets and personalize prices to win back customers from comparison websites such as Travelocity and Orbitz. The International Air Transport Association, which represents airlines throughout the world, is promoting the idea to start next year as a way to customize ticket pricing, including fees for luggage and seat assignments. Airlines would ask shoppers for personal information, including membership in frequent-flier programs, travel history or use of a credit card, as they do at a specific airline site, then tailor a ticket price for each passenger, pricing items such as meals, extra legroom or expedited boarding. The experiment is scheduled to begin early next year -- perhaps to be adopted by 2016.

### BRUCE WILLIS GIVES AWAY SOLDIER MOUNTAIN

Actor Bruce Willis donated his Soldier Mountain Ski Resort in Fairfield, Idaho, to a non-profit organization to ensure a better future for the area. The Fairfield community came together, established the SMSA organization to assure its continued success. Willis had owned the 1,150 acre resort with three lifts for over 20 years.

**Trip deadlines have passed, but several trips still have available spots open, please contact trip leader to inquire about availability and updated pricing. Details can also be found on the club's website**

[www.spacecoastskiclub.com](http://www.spacecoastskiclub.com)

Heavenly/Lake Tahoe  
Florida Ski Council Trip  
January 26<sup>th</sup> – February 2, 2013  
<http://spacecoastskiclub.com/2013Heavenly.htm>  
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Jackson Hole, Wyoming  
February 2-9, 2013  
[www.spacecoastskiclub.com/2013JacksonHole.htm](http://www.spacecoastskiclub.com/2013JacksonHole.htm)  
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PO Box 361935  
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BIG SKY, Montana  
Florida Ski Council Trip  
February 22- March 1, 2013  
<http://spacecoastskiclub.com/2013BigSky.htm>  
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Schweitzer Mountain Resort, Idaho  
March 9-16, 2013  
[www.spacecoastskiclub.com/2013Schweitzer.htm](http://www.spacecoastskiclub.com/2013Schweitzer.htm)  
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Africa Safari  
May 9- 24<sup>th</sup> 2013  
[www.spacecoastskiclub.com/2013SouthAfrica.htm](http://www.spacecoastskiclub.com/2013SouthAfrica.htm).  
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We are almost full on the African trip **we still need a female roommate** .  
We have over 30 very excited travelers ready to go to Africa....join us!







## NEW YORK CITY

JULY 3-8, 2013

5 Nights

They say it's all about location and they're right. Milford Plaza Hotel is located in the heart of Manhattan with the Theater District at our front door. Broadway is steps away offering renowned shows like *Wicked*, *Lion King*, *Jersey Boys*, and *Bring It On*. Lincoln Center offers ballet, orchestra music and jazz from around the world. No where on earth are entertainment choices this endless! Some of the greatest tourist attractions are in the Big Apple: Central Park, Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall and Grand Central Terminal. Countless museums of every imaginable venue from art to history will beckon you. Numerous acclaimed restaurants are close by such as Carmine's and Sardi's. Try getting up early to view taping a national morning show or be part of a late night show studio audience. Should we mention retail therapy? The crème de la crème stores are on Madison Ave but Fifth Avenue is unrivaled as the most popular shopping area while completely unique and offbeat shops can be found in SoHo and Greenwich Village. And when you want a break, find one of a hundred Irish Pubs to hang and enjoy New Yorkers at their best; Irish or otherwise! The Subway is a short walk to the corner so getting anywhere will be convenient. The Milford Plaza Hotel address is 1 Times Square at 7th Ave and 42nd Street. Need we say more?

The Milford has been completely renovated. The unique three-story, glass-enclosed lobby design and illuminated grand staircase flanked by see-through elevators provides an unsurpassed welcome. All guest rooms have been redesigned with beautifully appointed custom furnishings. There is the SCENE Lobby Bar, the HALO Roof Top Lounge and Yet-to-be Named Restaurant. Full Concierge Services are available. There is a 24-hour Fitness Center and the hotel is 100% non-smoking.

1 QUEEN BED or 2 DOUBLE BEDS  
\$1,100 to \$1,400\*\*

PRICE WILL INCLUDE:

- Air between Orlando and New York
- Transfer from the airport to downtown NYC and return in private motor coach
- 3-hour circle line cruise around Manhattan island
- 5 night's accommodations at the First Class Milford Hotel
- Portorage of one piece of luggage per person

Deposit: \$300 per person with trip application

\*\*Airfare not finalized

Make check payable to: SPACE COAST SKI CLUB

Mail trip application and check to:

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144 Island View Drive  
Indian Harbour Beach, Florida 32937  
321-777-4208 (home)  
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pam@spacecoastskiclub.com



**Garmisch-Partenkirchen**



**Partnach Gorge**

### **GARMISCH/MUNICH/BERLIN in MARCH 2014**

**In early December, Clair Quenzler and I traveled to Bavaria to plan the FSC trip in 2014. While we fully expected to enjoy Garmisch, it far exceeded our expectations and will be a fabulous European destination. Garmisch has it all and is not too small, not too big. To ski, it is a short shuttle from town to the mountain (nice). You can ski the highest point in Germany, the Zugspitze by taking a cogwheel train to the top (wow). For non-skiers, the scenic rail ride with lunch is a scenic excursion as well. The day trips are plentiful and close to Garmisch. Visiting the 1972 ski jump was exhilarating (and a bit scary). We hiked Partnach Gorge where a walkway is carved down in the gorge itself (very cool). Other reasonable-length bus rides will allow you to explore Bavaria with all its charm and appeal.**

**Getting to Garmisch could not be more convenient. Fly into Munich in less than 2 hours, you are in Garmisch (sweet). After visiting Bavaria, Clair and I went by train to Berlin. We are told that Berlin ranks as one of the most visited cities in Europe. Many club members have never been to Berlin and will be excited to explore the history made within its city walls (both thought provoking and moving).**

**Details of the entire trip will be forthcoming in the months ahead as we lay the groundwork to make Garmisch, Munich and Berlin a destination everyone will want to consider. Please know Clair and I are working to put together the best trip imaginable!**

**Carla Constantino, [calico@me.com](mailto:calico@me.com)**



**More Garmisch Pictures :**



**Olympic Ski Jump**



**On the Train to the Zugspitze**