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The Snowbird

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Next Meet Up

May 8th 2013

5-8 pm

Doubles Tiki Bar

1896 S. Patrick Dr

Indian Harbour Beach

Save The Dates:

Annual Extravaganza

September 14, 2013

Crowne Plaza Melbourne Beach

6:00-9:00pm

Holiday Party

December 8, 2013

Tortoise Island Clubhouse

5:00-8:00pm

**Additional details will be
forthcoming.**

President's Message

What a glorious start to spring! As the Rockies were still accumulating snow, we had a very successful Spring Fling on April 7th at the riverfront Pineda Inn. The weather was sunny and beautiful and more than 100 members and guests came out to catch up with friends, reminisce about this year's trips and sign up to travel with the club next year. It was a wonderful gathering and I would like to thank Cheryl Sullivan for putting it all together.

I want to urge all our members to stay connected to the club. Join us on Meet Up and attend our monthly gatherings. If you have a location for a Meet Up that you would like us to consider, contact a board member today. I also encourage you to like us on Facebook so you're always aware of what's going on with your club. Trip leaders are already busily planning a spa trip to The Doral Spa and Resort in July and ski adventures to Snowmass, Park City and Garmisch, Germany. You don't want to miss out!

Jeannie Kilpatrick-Staubus

The Spring Fling was held on April 7th at the Pineda Inn and was a huge success! We had over 100 members and guest in attendance including some faces we have missed seeing for a while. Welcome back!

Everyone had a wonderful time.

The location, food and drinks were great and we could not have asked for better weather. We had several birthdays and celebrated in style!

Many took this opportunity to renew their 2013-2014 memberships and we have several first time members. We are excited to have you all.

There was a great deal of discussion and excitement around our upcoming Ski season. Both the Snowmass and Park City trips are well on their way to "**being sold out**" so get your deposits in soon if you have not already.

Special thanks to Terry and his staff at the Pineda Inn for their hospitality and great service. Thank you to Carolyn Pappas who volunteered to help with sign-in and, of course, to all of the Board Members who work to make all of our events the huge success they always are.

Can't wait to see you at our next Meet Up at **Doubles!**

Cheryl

Membership Fee Increase

Just to let you know, we will be increasing our membership fees effective September 1st. Our individual fee will increase from \$25 to \$30 per year while the family membership fee will increase from \$40 to \$50. Our new year starts May 1st. If you plan to attend club events and/or travel with us in the coming year (hopefully both!) please join before 9/1/2013 at last year's rate. Thank you.

We need YOU.....

Would you like to Host a Monthly Meet-up or Club annual party? Would you like to work on the planning committee or assist at an event? Do you have an idea for the perfect gathering? Do you know a DJ, Band or other Entertainer?

We need volunteers for all of the above! We welcome fresh ideas, new venues and member participation.

Please contact Cheryl Sullivan (or any Board Member).
Cheryl@SpaceCoastSkiClub.com or 772-530-0677

Africa Safari

May 9- 24th 2013

www.spacecoastskiclub.com/2013SouthAfrica.htm.

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SOLD OUT with 43 participants, Have fun!

We're headed back to **The Spa at Doral** this summer! Get ready to relish in your weekend with a truly rejuvenating and enriching experience. The Spa at Doral is the ultimate resort getaway. With tropical flora, curving staircases, and splashing fountains, the charms of a Tuscan villa blend with the amenities of a luxurious resort. The Spa offers an extensive array of treatments and therapies using the finest products administered by an expert staff. Leave the stresses of your life behind as you relax and pamper yourself while spending quality time with friends, moms or sisters.

The award-winning 48,000 square foot spa has treatments created to relax your mind, restore your body and renew your spirit. Your weekend includes one 50-minute treatment for each night's stay. You can choose from massages, facials, body scrubs and wraps, to name a few. Your spa escape includes a garden view room, full American breakfast buffet daily at the Terrazza Restaurant, use of state-of-the-art fitness center and all spa building facilities, a welcome get-together and a resort-sponsored Happy Hour. The fitness programs offer a little bit of everything from indoor cycling classes to yoga or personal training sessions. Or there's always that sparkling pool to lounge around! So grab your best friends and make plans to attend now!

Price per person/double occupancy per bedroom:

3 nights arriving Thursday, July 18--\$535

2 nights arriving Friday, July 19--\$365

Mail checks payable to Space Coast Ski Club and trip applications downloaded from the website to:

Pam Kaercher
144 Island View Drive
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call Jeannie at 321-254-5857 or Pam at 321-298-7086

2013 Trip Reports

The 2013 **Jackson Hole** trip was an all-Floridian affair and once again the resort lived up to its reputation as a skiers' destination with plenty of snow and a friendly western flair. After safe travels from Orlando, Tampa and Ft. Lauderdale, our group of 15 settled into their beautiful accommodations at the Snake River Lodge. The resort's welcome reception provided plenty of drinks and food and got us ready for a week of fun. I should mention we got our wild life sightings started immediately on the bus ride from the airport to the resort. There were herds of elk in the reserve near the airport, several moose lying in snow just outside of town and coyotes wandering through the meadows near the resort.

With an abundant amount of early season snow, we enjoyed a week of warm spring-like conditions with sun almost every day. With several in our group getting back into the sport after many years away, Jackson Hole provided a perfect "welcome back" to skiing. By the end of the week, almost everyone made a powder run down Rendezvous Bowl at the top of the tram. Or at least rode the tram for the spectacular views of the Grand Teton Mountains and the top of the world dining experience in Corbit's Cabin where they will serve you anything you like as long as it is waffles! Definitely a treat and worth the ride up to the top! For the non-skiers and those who took a day or two off, they also found Jackson Hole to be a winter wonderland. Between the cross country skiing, sleigh rides through the elk reserve, snowmobile rides out to the Granite Hot Springs with a swim and steak lunch, and wandering through the shops and art museums in the town of Jackson, everyone was having a great time.

For our midweek group dinner, we took the shuttle into town to the Gun Barrel Steak and Game House. In addition to great food, the restaurant also features many of the full mount game trophies and antique cowboy artifacts from the location's former Wyoming Wildlife Museum. The only disappointment was they did not have the buffalo prime rib available that night. Our group's final gathering at the Swiss-styled Alpenhof Bistro on Thursday came too soon. But everyone enjoyed a couple rounds of drinks and talked about this one to be a trip well remembered.

Brice Crossley, Trip Leader

Wanted to let you know how the **Big Sky trip** went.

We had 12 happy travelers on our FSC Big Sky adventure. The weather and conditions were perfect, blue- skies alternating with show -showers and fresh powder. We had one injury on the first day, torn ACL. Ten of the 12 on the trippers took a day off from skiing to experience Yellowstone National Park, half by snowmobile and the other half on the Snowcoach. It was one of the weeks highlights, best Wild Life sightings-second only to our great Theme party! Of the almost 3 million annual visitors to the park only about 50,000 brave the cold of Winter for a private view.

Debbie Ashworth Trip Leader

Why do you join a ski club trip? Is it to get discounted group rates? Is it to meet new people? Is it to enjoy a week of planned activities and parties? Or perhaps is it to try new locations with friends? For our adventurous group of 21, all of these and more came true at [Schweitzer Mountain](#) in northern Idaho and most of the group agreed this was one of the best ski trips yet.

With 2900 acres of in-bound ski area and an additional 4000 acres of back country skiing, Schweitzer easily ranks as one of the largest ski areas in North America. And when most resort talk about lift capacity to move the masses, which Schweitzer has plenty of with its high speed quads and 6 person chairs, Schweitzer can also boast about the lack of crowds. During the week there is an average of only 800 skiers per day meaning there is almost 4 acres per skier instead of a mass of skiers fighting for a spot on the slope you find at other resorts. We often found we owned the slope and sometimes the lift too. We soon found it common to find fresh groomers in the middle of the day. On our club NASTAR race day, the resort gave the two clubs at the resort private unlimited use of the NASTAR race course. Most of us did at least 6 runs thru the gates with no lines to wait in. Many in our group wondered why it took so long for our club to come to Schweitzer Mountain.

While the ski area was large, the ski village was small and very welcoming. At how many resorts have you been greeted by the senior staff starting with its CEO? The locals love their mountain and want you to enjoy it too. From the townspeople to the lift operators, everyone thanked us for coming and hoped to see us again soon. And as for planned activities, every night we had group gathering for drinks, dinners, and the resort had local bands playing at their eatery sports bar. When the weather forecast threatened to shut down the mountain, the resort provided a free tour bus to Coeur d'Alene. FYI: the mountain did not shut down and some of us enjoyed 6 days of great spring skiing. With most expenses paid and the trip leader refusing to accept additional funds or tips, the group found other great ways to spend. In addition to snowmobiling or snowshoeing the back country or air-boarding down the slopes, the town of Sandpoint below the resort offered some wonderful galleries featuring works from Native Americans and local artisans.

Be sure to check out our trip photos on Facebook including the beautiful ever-present views of Lake Pend Oreille. You don't want miss out on our next trip to Schweitzer Mountain because we are definitely coming back to this hidden gem. I'm sure some in our group have pondered going back this season to use the spring ski pass everyone has. It is almost April and the snow report has the base increasing to 137 inches now.

Brice Crossley and Jeannie Kilpatrick-Staubus, Co-Trip Leaders.

IN THE WORKS:

SPACE COAST SKI CLUB is going BACK to SNOWMASS with the Florida Ski Council. Reservations are now being accepted – January 25, 2014 (7 nights)

Included:

- * Round-trip air – depart from Orlando
- * Round-trip ground transfers on private motorcoach, grocery stop en route.
- * Seven nights accommodations in Snowmass at:

Top of the Village - Deluxe 2 bedroom condos conveniently located ski-in / ski-out on Snowmass Mountain. Amenities include daily housekeeping, baggage service, outdoor heated pool, hot tub, exercise room. Top of the Village Condominiums include:

- Extra large living room with fireplace and floor to ceiling windows
- Private patio/balcony with gas grill
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Complimentary Wi-Fi internet access
- Heated pool, 2 hot tubs, sauna and fitness room
- Elevators in every building
- Washer/Dryer in every unit
- Exclusive complimentary shuttle service throughout Snowmass

Top of the Village features some of the largest condominiums in Snowmass offering many of the amenities of a fine Colorado resort hotel, including full-service front desk with concierge services and over-night ski tuning.

OR

Wildwood Snowmass - is a newly renovated 'retro chic' mountain lodge. Enjoy a casual, select-service lodge with easy slope access, convenient outdoor corridors, friendly staff, hip lobby and popular New Belgium bar. Slopeside ski valet storage. Is included. They are conveniently located steps from the slopes and Snowmass Village. Each hotel room has 2 beds. Other amenities include use of the fitness center, outdoor heated pool and hot tub. Daily housekeeping and baggage handling are included.

Cost: All prices are subject to change due to fuel surcharges and taxes.

At Top of the Village: Double occupancy in each bedroom: Approximately \$1700 per person (4-6 persons per condo)

At Wildwood Snowmass: Double occupancy in each hotel room: Approximately \$1700 per person (2 persons per hotel room)

Special group rates on lift tickets (good at Snowmass, Aspen, Buttermilk, and Aspen Highlands) and equipment rentals (not included in above pricing).

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FSC Park City, Utah
February 22-March 1, 2014

The Florida Ski Council has chosen Park City Ski Resort for its February location next year! Those in our club who skied or snowboarded there in 2008 have been itching to go back. This trip promises to be awesome! Park City is located only 35 minutes from the Salt Lake City airport. It boasts 3,300 acres of skiable terrain spread over 8 peaks and 9 bowls with 116 trails. As if that weren't enough, we'll also be skiing at Deer Valley Ski Resort with 2,026 acres and 100 trails and the vast Canyons Ski Resort with 4,000 acres and 182 trails. The average snowfall of this area is close to 400" per year and February is a great time to go.

The Council has secured greatly reduced prices on lift tickets (\$60/day) and is planning two dinners, a mountain lunch, NASTAR racing, and more. Brice and Jeannie will plan at least one group dinner and a Happy Hour for our club. We will be staying at the Park Station and Town Pointe condos located just a block from historic Main Street. The Town Lift is one-half block away or we can catch the bus to Deer Valley and Canyons right in front of our condos. We only have 40 spaces booked and already have 20 deposits! So please contact one of us today and get your trip application and deposits to us quickly!

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A BAVARIAN ADVENTURE SET FOR MARCH 2014

Our trip to Garmisch, Germany is already starting to take shape. This destination will appeal equally to skiers and sightseers. For skiers, there are two areas. The Classic area is close to town and easily accessible. The Zugspitze is a glacier and the highest point in Germany. For those who prefer to see the sights, your choices are plentiful. Castles, monasteries, a famous theater, a gorge, an Olympic ski jump, and painted houses will be options. For those who want to do both, we will have the toughest decisions of all!

If you have never been to Bavaria, it is truly full of everything you have seen in books and movies. The flavor is real in the architecture, the culture, and the people right down to their lederhosen, steins of beer and bratwurst.

For now, keep this destination in mind. As we move forward, all details will be presented. By the time you have a full picture, I'll be ready to take your deposit!

Carla Constantino, Trip Leader, calico@me.com
