

The Blizzard



Huntington Beach Ski Club

HBSC Summer Sizzles

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- **Summertime A-List: H2O + SPF + GPS**
- **Early Bird Alert: Do September dues**
- **Summer photos, news and stories welcome**

Nothing beats the SoCal Summer

While it may be tough for HBSC to acknowledge the end of another fantastic ski season, it's not tough to turn our rapt attention to another blissful SoCal summer.... and shed the ski toques, put on the flip flops, head for the beach, climb on those floaties and paddle boards, slip into swim costumes and scuba gear, enjoy concerts in the park and margaritas on the pier, watch world-class volleyball and surf competitions at the beach or Gustavo Dudamel at Hollywood Bowl. The list of possibilities is endless. June Gloom and a very short, somewhat overrated Carmagedon aside, our summer sizzles! While half the nation faces a record-breaking heat wave and horrible humidity (just after the tundra finally thawed!), we are basking in a gentle summer glory. Heck, even the Royal newlyweds couldn't resist Garden parties, Hollywood

celebs, children's charities, and 4 goals scored on the polo field. OK— maybe none of us play polo, but our list of interests and activities are as diverse and endless as the possibilities of summer.... and snow. We are, after all, a year-round club with year-round fun and, unlike the Duchess of Cambridge, we can toss off our shoes, bare our legs and play happily in the sand. Come play, HBSC. Until the snow falls again, we've got loads of HBSC events to make your summer sizzle.



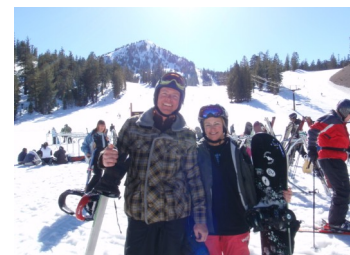
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HBSC 2010 — 2011 Ski Trips Recap

Mammoth has turned into a veritable summertime playground for fly fishers, mountain bikers, golfers, campers and hikers alike—but for HBSC, the memories of an awesome ski season didn't melt with the snow. HBSC enjoyed a total of 9 Mammoth trips, welcomed several new members, celebrated record snowfalls and some amazing powder conditions, faced some unruly weather, settled into the comfortable routine of early morning starts— ski/board, McCoys, maybe the Mill too, ski/board some more — then locker tokens, Sidedoor perhaps, steaming Jacuzzi, condo feast, ditch the thermals, dance into the

night. Repeat. Apart from a couple mishaps resulting in crutches, casts, braces and slings—it was a ski season of HBSC memories not to forget. For our devote early birds — get a head start in September and do the early bird dues, because guess what —next season, there will be 10 HBSC trips to enjoy!





President Andy & wife Patti

Your HBSC Board 2011—2012

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President Andy's Address

Hello HBSC Skiers and Boarders,

Since this is my first actual President's letter I want to start by saying thank you for the support and faith that you have shown me and all the board members. I especially want to thank my wife Patti for all she has done and the support she is "going" to give me and the club this year and a BIG thank you to Betsy Pedley for taking on the Vice Presidents role. She really is doing most of the work!!!!

We really had a great ski season last year and we are planning for more "off season" events and already planning the next ski season in Mammoth. I think that the new members as well as the "seasoned" members really worked well together to make the most of the trips. Thank you to all of those that really stepped up and volunteered for the dinners and the appetizers on those nights and giving a nice welcome to the newer members. We really are known as the nicest, friendliest club around and that's because of YOU!

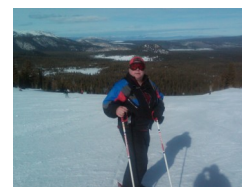
I wish that we could see more people at the meetings each month, even in the summer months. This would help in many ways as far as giving us input for future events, a lot of which are planned during the "off Season". Your input is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

I hope to see you all soon and keep us posted on any upcoming details that you have that could be of interest to the club. REMEMBER, it's your club and we need your input, communication and especially your involvement to keep the club active and growing.

See you all at the next Social at Tumbleweeds!

Tips up and keep smiling!

Andy



MOTY Nominee & the FWSA Dinner

Wassup, Far West?

Ah yes—we live in the great Far West of the great USA, and our incredibly fun and friendly club is part of a much bigger ski community—Orange Council and, bigger yet—the Far West Ski Association. Representing the "Voice of the Western Skier", the 79 year old FWSA is a remarkable cross between a wise, elderly grandparent and a wild, adolescent cousinspeed racing downhill side-by-side. FWSA emphasis may be on skier safety, ski area development, clubs and communication—but it sure knows how to throw a party and plan outstanding ski trips. So, let's start with the partying and

FWSA "MAN OF THE YEAR" NOMINEE

HBSC's Dick Thiel was one of 6 nominees for the distinguished FWSA Man of the Year award. In celebration of this momentous occasion, several HBSC members joined Dick at the FWSA 79th Annual Convention Dinner & Dance on June 11 at the Pacific Palms Resortand boy did we celebrate!! Dick's newest grandchild arrived just hours before his grueling 9am FWSA panel interview, then friends and fans joined him that evening to dine well and dance wildly, late into the night. Our MOTY nominee didn't win, but what recognition—and what a dancer!! As for the skiing part

FWSA 2012 Ski Trip

Wyoming's calling! **Jackson Hole, January 28th to February 4th, 2012** to be exact. Early sign-ups started in March, but for all you procrastinators.....it's not too late. MOTY Dick went on the 2011 FWSA trip to Sun Valley and returned with a glowing report — "well organized, awesome skiing, excellent value, lots of planned après ski socials, great dancing....." What more could you want?! Highly recommended!

Fluffy Stuff?

Does Utah really have the lightest, fluffiest snow on the planet? For those who've never skied Utah and want to find out, and for those who have and are hooked on the fluffy stuff, here's a chance to check it out. HBSC members are invited to sign-up for a **4-day, 4 mountain Utah trip January 26th to January 30th**. Trip includes air, hotel, breakfast and the fabulous four— Snowbird, Alta, Solitude and Brighton—for a very reasonable \$820 (approx). For more information, call or email Trip Leader Sonny Smith at (714) 423-1130 or calwitch@pacbell.net



HBSC Endless Summer (*until it snows!*)

At last! The On-again Off-again Party

Patience, persistence and planning do pay off. On **July 9th**, HBSC enjoyed a fabulous summer party, hosted by Eddie and the Pirates in the heart of Huntington Beach Harbor, with endless food, endless tunes, crooning karaokeers, swirling disco balls and a scrappy crew of swashbucklers standing watch. It was a midsummer's night dream at last, and who knew that our quiet, reserved bunch of skiers and boarders could bust such moves or sing like divas?!! Weary dancers retreated to catch some tall tales around the fire pit, or recharge their batteries at the bountiful feast, then—rejuvenated by the cool ocean breeze and dazzling night sky—returned for more timeless '70s moves on the dance floor. (But wait—did we miss a game of Twister?) What a party! And to think, a complacent alligator slept through it all. A big thanks to Eddie and his pirates for such a memorable HBSC celebration.

River Bash 2011 came and went June 24-26.

A huge success, word has it, from all those who went. Sandy beach parties, refreshing liquids (to play in and consume), dinners, dancing and casino cha-ching. For those of us who missed out—there's always next year

End of Summer Beach Party—Sept 17th

End of summer? What—really? It does? In So Cal, we don't notice the end of summer by such obvious signs as fall colors and leaves turning flaming red, the crunch of frost under foot on the morning grass, or scratchy wool blankets emerging stuffily from moth ball chrysalides. Instead, we institute traditions—like the HBSC End of Summer Bash. **This is an HBSC tradition NOT TO MISS.** Mark your calendars: **Saturday Sept 17th.** Ramada A (no—NOT the hotel!) @ Brookhurst and the Beach. (think Pacific Ocean, big waves, buff surfers, skimpy bikinis, lots of sand, fabulous fish tacos, firepits, smoresand a whole lot more). What a way to say "farewell summer, hello fall!!"

Catalina Jazz Festival Oct 5-7 opens with.....

Our very own Ron Pedley!!! Ron is an avid snowboarder, seasoned scuba diver, accomplished photographer, and an amazing musician/ pianist/ composer. On October 5th, Ron and band will be opening the 2011 Catalina Jazz Festival. It's no small coincidence. They were the opening act for the very first Catalina Jazz Festival 25 years ago! Now ranking up there on the bucket list of jazz aficionados around the world, the Festival celebrates its 25th Anniversary celebration, an event not to miss. HBSC plans to rent a house for the weekend, so sign up early. A great weekend of jazz on Catalina awaits!

Ultimate Turkey Dinner Alternative

Longing for snow, but love to prolong summer? Need a little seasonal adjustment adventure? Skip traditions. Explore **Costa Rica—Nov 19th—27th!!** 9 days to discover exotic paradise and enjoy a totally non-traditional Thanksgiving dinner. For more details, contact Nancy Sanford at Nanski@aol.com

Snowboarders' Call of the Wild.... Coming soon to a theater near you

Whether you need a little nudge or a massive shot of inspiration to make that transition back from sandals to snow gear, there's a movie coming this Fall that may just do the trick: The Art of Flight. <http://www.artofflightmovie.com> (Another great excuse for a little HBSC outing....)





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Surf, Sand & Palms meet

Snow, Slopes and Pines

Yes. Surf City has it's very own Ski Club. Huntington Beach Ski Club. A club for active singles and couples who like to do a variety of activities including skiing, snowboarding, whitewater rafting, water skiing, camping, hiking, biking, live music, dancing, dinner shows and much more.

We love the Sand and the Surf. We love the snow. Our trips, activities and events are fun, well-organized, affordable—and we welcome new members.

We are the **Huntington Beach Ski Club**



Where To Find us and How to Join? www.hbskiclub.com and www.meetup.com/Huntington-Beach-Ski-Club-Meet-Up/

