

# The Blizzard



Huntington Beach Ski Club

## A Great Season. A Great Club.

### Best Season yet.....

**Mammoth** skiers and boarders have enjoyed the best season to date, with over 300 inches of snow fall . The base is 8' —14.5' now and the season is expected to extend well into the summer. Lucky us! Not-too-distant Tahoe, on the other hand, has already experienced bouts of spring-like weather and soggy snow conditions.

**As a club**, HBSC has enjoyed 4 scheduled Mammoth trips with 5 still to come, welcomed many new members and grown in membership to 75, updated the website, expanded to Meetup.com, and is already planning a fun schedule of trips and events well into the warm summer months.

**As a club**, we meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at Mario's in Huntington Beach, enjoy

socializing and dancing the 3rd Friday at Tumbleweeds, and are gearing up for summer fun both on the slopes (for as long as the snow lasts) and in the SoCal sun.

**As a club**, we are served by a dedicated, energetic board of volunteer Officers. As a member, is it your time to really get involved and get on the board? Now's the time. **Board Elections** are coming up in April. Volunteers and nominations welcome!

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- Your stories, reports, photos and articles are welcome
- Trip Recaps and Photos needed
- Record SNOW. Lots of SNOW.....

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## HBSC January 2011 Trip Recaps

### Two great trips in January .....

*Report by HBSC Correspondent Chris St Marie:*  
Besides the spectacular Mammoth slopes, January 20-23rd trip highlights included ..... Dancing at Rafters, not one but two nights in a row (photos tell all); Dinner at Fireside, with great food, drinks and a 10% discount for HBSC members courtesy of Tony; Condo dinner, with Deb Tambellini jumping in to get Lasagna feast ready and served (but please – if Deb is on the phone.....DON'T RUSH HER!!) The gentle June alternative to Mammoth's Saturday Ski Crowds - Terrible, rotten,

crowded June Mountain. It really stinks (NOT! If Chris, Betsy, Patti and Andy don't surface for Saturday lunch at McCoy's.... you know where they are); Rick Dawes generously sharing his Patron....nice.; Lotsa wine + loud whispers = confiscated laptop and walk home; A nasty fall, bad bruises and wishes for a speedy recovery to Helene.

Feb 4-7 Superbowl trip report? Ventura Bob's prime rib au jus was out of this world and somewhere out there, an HBSC Correspondent is MIA – still wearing a cheese hat, green and gold tights and ski goggles. Yeah Packers!!





Sun Valley's Lower College Run and Seattle River Day Lodge



Some of Dick's Mammoth Trip Favorites

- Carpool Conversation
- Early shuttle to the slopes
- Quad Lifts with 3 friends
- Back of 3 and San Anton
- Lunch at McCoys
- Apres Ski Jacuzzi and Beer
- Condo Dinner
- Dancing
- Repeat!



## HBSC President.....went where?

### Answer #1 Sun Valley

**FWSA Sun Valley Ski Trip - Jan 22-29, 2011** *Club President's Report.* This was my first ski trip organized by the Far West Ski Association and it was fantastic. Sun Valley is a beautiful resort and the weeklong trip was organized extremely well. A free two hour mountain tour hosted by ski instructors was a good introduction to the runs on the mountain. The runs are challenging. Many Sun Valley 'green' and easier runs were mostly 'black' by Mammoth standards. A couple were comparable to Cornice and Scotty's. I didn't even attempt the black runs, they were really steep, some were the equivalent of the Chutes at Mammoth and I don't have a death wish. Conditions were not the best, because of rain the week before, but with daily grooming and nighttime snow making, the runs were fairly good.

**Lodging review:** The Ski Lodges were relatively new and beautiful and the food was very good and reasonable. Sun Valley lodge was upgraded and is fabulous. If you get a chance to go there, stay in the Sun Valley Lodge Apartments. They are cheaper than the Lodge hotel, close to the lodge, full service kitchens with new granite counter tops and new stainless steel appliances. At least two Flat Screen TV's.

**Trip Socials a plenty:** Sunday Welcome dessert social, drinks, DJ and dance music; Monday Pub Crawl into Ketchum and visited several very old and unique Pubs; Tuesday dinner hosted by the ski counsels; Thursday farewell dinner party and dancing to 50's music; Friday Apres Ski Party with Hors d'oeuvres and drinks...then time to pack for Saturday departure. All of this activity along with airfare, bus fare and lift tickets cost me \$1684. It was well worth it because I had a great time. Skiing and Dancing, what more could I ask for.

**Next Year:** The FWSA out of state trip next year is Jackson Hole. Some of the comments I heard - a great resort, steep runs, unique town and even a Bull Riding Machine. Worth considering! Interested? Trip Dates: January 28—February 4, 2012. Approximate cost is \$1,684. Initial Deposit of \$350 is due March 2, 2011.

### Answer #2 Other Callings

Sadly for us, Dick Thiel has stepped down as our club President. Fortunately, Betsy has stepped in to fill the role. HBSC has benefited from Dick's extraordinary talents in planning and organizing and his fine attention to details. He is a master of trip scheduling and bed assignments, club policy and procedures, scouting out best runs and dance locales, orienting newcomers and even adorning our ski poles. We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Dick for his leadership, friendship, contagious laugh, red coat on the slopes and great dance moves. We all hope that he will be back really soon. Until then, our warmest wishes. Auf Wiedersehen Dick.

## A Local Calling

**Get ready! Big Bear's Annual USARC Ski-A-Thon is coming March 5, 2011.**

The USARC needs your support and the Ski-A-Thon really is the perfect FUNdraiser ! Sign-up for this wonderful day on the slopes @ <http://www.firstgiving.com/usarc/Event/skiathon> . This annual fundraiser supports the U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center, a non-profit organization that provides adapted recreation activity programs to physically and cognitively challenged children and adults. Funds are used for purchasing adaptive ski equipment, training 200 volunteers and professional staff members, and subsidizing the cost of lessons. Located at Bear Mountain Resort, the USARC is the only program of its kind in the region.

## Mammoth Mountain and Beyond

Are HBSC members a little spoiled? Yes. As far as top-rated ski resorts go—with Mammoth as our mainstay, it’s relatively close and affordable. (but we won’t get into locker tokens!) Our MVP Season Pass holders literally “ski free” after just 8 days on the slopes. For members without Season Passes, to increase the Affordability Factor and avoid the full price lift ticket rate of \$92/day, a few options include:

1. MVP “Bring A Friend” program. Hook up with one of our MVP holders to get \$58 lift tickets—with an online invitation, at least one day in advance.
2. Costco. A 3-day pass is perfect for an HBSC trip and just \$179 .
3. Season pass.... for next year. Limited sales, starting April 1st. Don’t forget to pay the little extra for insurance!

Mammoth may be our main stay, and familiarity has it perks, but for those of you who love to experience new adventures, there’s certainly a wealth of mountain resorts for you to discover and explore. Here’s a few timely names that come to mind...

### Sun Valley

America’s 1st Ski Resort celebrates it’s 75th Anniversary. Located in central Idaho by Ketchum, Sun Valley is a grand ski destination boasting 2 mountains—Bald and Dollar - with 2,054 skiable acres, vertical drop of 3,400 feet, 18 lifts and 75 runs, and an average annual snow fall of 200”. Base Elevation is 5,750’ and top elevation is 9,150’. Bald’s fall-line skiing is top-to-bottom, and yes the blues are more like blacks. Sun Valley also offers 200 km of Nordic trails, back country and even heli-skiing.

The world’s first chairlift was installed here in 1936, the same year that Sun Valley Lodge opened. Ernest Hemingway finished his novel For Whom the Bells Toll in 1939 while staying at the Lodge in Suite 206. He and his 4th wife are buried at Ketchum Cemetery.

### Jackson Hole

Jackson Hole skiing, located at Teton Village, Wyoming—just 12 miles northwest of Jackson— dates back to the late 1930’s. The Resort’s 2 mountains, Apres Vous and Rendezvous, offer 2,500 acres of ski terrain, vertical drop of 4,139 feet, 12 lifts—including a new 100 passenger aerial tram— and 116 trails; 50% expert, 40% intermediate, 10% beginner. Base elevation is 6,311’ and summit elevation is 10,450’. Jackson Hole boasts an average annual snow fall of 459” and backcountry gate system accesses an additional 3,000 acres.

“The Big Trail”, filmed here in 1932, included John Wayne’s first speaking part in a movie, and was also presumed to be the first time he rode a horse. Since then, over 15 feature films have been made on location in Jackson Hole.

## From snow skis to water skis. Shifting gears and planning ahead

We are a very social club, and yes, both on and off the slopes, some of us love to don skis whenever and wherever we get the chance. So this trip may be perfect for shifting gears.

### Colorado “River Bash 2011” June 24 -26

Boating, water skiing, sandbar parties, dancing and casinos. Does that cover all the bases or what?! Come to the Colorado River, stay at the BlueWater Hotel and Casino, and plan on a great Arizona get-away that will make your transition from the snowy slopes to sun and sand an easy one. The 3-day event is hosted by Wailers Ski Club, posted on MeetUp and limited to 120 participants. Event cost is \$120, not including hotel.



Lower College Run at Sun Valley



### HBSC Trip Dates

**February 24—27**  
**Presidents Week**  
**SOLD OUT!**

**March 10 – 13**  
**March Madness**

**March 24—27**  
**Irish Appreciation**

**April 14—17**  
**Ski Club**  
**Appreciation**

**May 12 – 15**



Tumbleweeds





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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](http://www.hbskiclub.com) and [www.meetup.com/Huntington-Beach-Ski-Club-Meet-Up/](http://www.meetup.com/Huntington-Beach-Ski-Club-Meet-Up/)

Other favorite Sites: [www.mammothmountain.com](http://www.mammothmountain.com) [www.orangecouncil.org](http://www.orangecouncil.org) ... and Mammoth Mountain of course!

