

The Blizzard



Huntington Beach Ski Club

Farewell Summer — Hello Fall

HBSC—It's time!

Say a fond farewell to another divine SoCal Summer..... And get ready for the other BEST SEASON of the year! While the rest of SoCal conjures up Hallowe'en costumes, attacks massive pumpkins with funny little knives, and hauls out turkey fryers.....HBSC is busy rounding-up gortex jackets, dusty goggles, boots and boards or frantically searching cluttered drawers for favorite ski gloves and MVP passes.

The Mammoth Crystal Ball predicts another year of amazing snowfall and we are READY! HBSC has 10 Mammoth Trips planned. A great SKI SEASON awaits! (But if you really need that Hallowe'en fix as well....Long Beach Zombie Walk is October 29th @ 3rd and Pine..... Lurch, shuffle groan, moan)

If you're new to the club, or thinking of joining, here's a little HBSC 101. HBSC is a year round club, with a passion for snow and propensity for great ski trips. What makes HBSC trips great? The cost, convenience, and all the club members! We are a fun, friendly, eclectic and energetic group — skiers and boarders, singles and couples, young and young at heart— who share a passion for the slopes, enjoy great company, and welcome new members warmly!



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- Snow Season Prep ~ Equipment Tune-ups
- Sign up for Trips @ Early Bird Rates
- See Ron at Spagettini
- Photos, news and stories welcome

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HBSC Summer..... Sizzled

End of Summer Beach Party

Ramada Eh? Of course! HBSC enjoyed another End of Season Beach Party in style on September 17th at.... Where else? Huntington Beach Ramada A. More than 30 members, friends, family made the annual pilgrimage for Roger's Fabulous Fish Tacos (but where was Roger?!), great tunes, sand play and swimming, an interesting array of beach cruisers, a spectacular sunset, roaring fire pit, smores and more. Thanks to the fantastic cooks, set-up and clean up crew. What a day! But summer fun didn't stop there....

Some HBSC members celebrated milestone birthdays (*What? Nurse Betty @ Brix!?*). Some cycled centurions. Others headed to Needles River (*not to be confused with Needless*) for a fabulous weekend of waterskiing and water-play. Yes, the HBSC summer sizzled!





President Andy & wife Patti

Your HBSC Board **2011—2012**

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President Andy's Address

Hello Skiers and Boarders,

Well, it's been a busy summer! We were able to do a few club events such as the "On again, off again End of Season party at Eddie's house in Huntington Harbor that was a blast for everyone. Unfortunately we didn't seem to have the summer turn out for the events (Jazz Fest and Blue-sappolusa) that were taking place in Mammoth over the summer months but, if anyone made it up there during the summer it sure was beautiful!

We had a great turn out as usual for the End of Summer party at the beach. As again we were able to munch down some awesome fish tacos provided by Roger. Then, to top off the summer, we had a group of water skiers head to the river—not a club function, but fun nonetheless!

Now it's time to think about SNOW!!! I was in Mammoth the beginning of September and spoke with a couple of people that said they heard predictions of an even heavier snowfall this year! One person told me it was predicted to be around 1000 inches! Get out the snow chains! We have 8 – 10 trips scheduled to Mammoth this year with the first one being December 8-11 and then January 5-8. Make sure to get those spots reserved early as we anticipate a lot of participation now that we have over 80 members.

Before I go, I want to thank everyone that took part in the functions this year and thank the Board again for all their hard work, you guys are Fantastic and so are all the volunteers that helped in the set up and tear down of all the events.

See you at the meetings and remember.....Tips UP!! Andy



HBSC— You know the drill!

10 Fabulous Ski Trips mean 1) Early bird sign up—for \$130 rate. 2) Trip schedules—Thursday through Sunday... except for Superbowl trip. 3) Carpooling—for titillating conversation and a schedule that works for you. 4) Accommodations — 3 nights at the lovely Horizons 4 Condos. Comfortable, convenient, shuttle close and conducive to HBSC après Ski soirees. Jacuzzi! Friday night appetizers. Saturday night dinner 5) Packing list— Snow gear, swimsuit, dancing shoes. Bring or buy food. If you're new to this— just ask! You'll know the drill in no time!

Jazz it up

On **October 5th at Spaghetini's with HBSC's Ron Pedley** and his band Uncle Festive. A noted jazz band from the '80s, they opened the very first Catalina Jazz Festival and will be the opening act for the 25th Anniversary on October 7th. You can see Ron perform, without the boat ride and with VIP treatment, on October 5th at Spaghetini. VIP tickets are just \$25.00

Have a little Wanderlust? Check out these trips!

Jackson Hole Wyoming , January 28th to February 4th, 2012. The FWSA 2012 trip—well organized, highly recommended—and still some room! Cost \$1684, final payment due Nov 1st

Costa Rica, Nov 19th to 27th, 2011. 9 days to discover exotic paradise and enjoy a totally non-traditional Thanksgiving dinner. \$1799. Contact Nancy Sanford at Nanski@aol.com

Utah 4 days/4 mountains, 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) Trip Leader Sonny Smith at (714) 423-1130 or calwitch@pacbell.net

Breckenridge Trip, March 3rd to March 10th. Fountain Valley Ski Club. Full package with air is \$1235. Contact FV Ski club at: fergiejs@sbcglobal.net (714) 537-2261



The All Important Ski Dates 2011 –2012

Get out those calendars and mark the dates!

HBSC has another amazing ski season planned, with a chock-a-block full schedule of Mammoth Ski Trips. Don't miss out! It's just \$150/ trip for 3 nights accommodation. And for you early birds— sign-up early and save \$20 (a little more to splurge a little at McCoys or Sidedoor or Rafters?) .

<u>Ski Trip Dates</u>	<u>\$130 Early Sign-Up Date</u>	<u>Last Sign-Up Date</u>
Dec 8 - 11	Nov 18	Nov 29th
Jan 5 to 8	Dec 4	Dec 27th
Jan 19-22	Dec 27	Jan 10 th
Feb 3 -6 (Superbowl – Feb 5 th)	Jan 10 th	Jan 24 th
Feb 23-26	Jan 24 th	Feb 14 th
Mar 8 -11	Feb 14 th	Feb 28th
Mar 22-25	Feb 28th	Mar 13 th
Apr 5 -8	Mar 13 th	Mar 27th
Apr 19-22	Mar 27th	April 10th
May 3 -6	April 10 th	April 24th

Got Gear? Get Ready! *Tips from an expert*

Fall Ski and Snowboard Maintenance

Kevin Yuskoff, Supervisor REI Huntington Beach

Your skis or snowboard has been in storage all spring and summer. During this time the wax is drying out, the edges are rusting, and dust and debris is finding its way into your bindings. Before heading out to the hill take a look at your equipment. Here are some ways to tell if you need a tune up.

Check the base: Are there nicks or scrapes? Core shots? Does it feel dry (furry).

Check the edges: Is there any rust? Can you see dings and nicks? Are there any signs of delamination?

If you have a smooth base and your edges are still sharp you should still get a fresh hot wax done at the beginning of the season. The wax is what makes your board or skis slide over the snow. No wax=more friction=slower down the hill.

If you have light scratches or dings in the board/skis, consider getting a base grind. This will remove any light damage to the bottom of the skis or snowboard. Bigger gouges in the base require base repair. The damage is filled in with PTex like a cavity on a tooth. Anytime you grind the base of your skis/snowboard you need to have your edges tuned. We use an edge grinder to re-tune the edges.

A stone grind is taking the tune up to the next level. It puts structure in the base. This is good when you have wet snow (like we do most of the year). It also helps with cold, dry snow (like Utah). The structure will either hold water under the skis/snowboard longer or channel it away based on the conditions.

Check the bindings: This is something that should be done by a trained technician. Several factors go into setting the bindings so that they will release properly. The only way to do this is with properly tuned testing equipment and trained technicians. There are a lot of opinions about how often you should have your bindings checked. I've had customers who come in twice a season, others who only get them checked when they need new boots, and many never have them checked at all. I recommend having your bindings inspected at the beginning of each season.

REI Huntington Beach has a full service shop. REI Members get reduced shop rates.

October 7th-16th REI Members will receive 50% off shop services.*

Get your gear out and bring it in to take advantage of this offer! **Start your Season right!**



Get Ready with an REI HB Tune-up

50% Off *

October 7 –16th





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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/



Cheers to 4 past HBSC Presidents!

