



# Club St. Bernard

Club St. Bernard Ski Club Paw Prints Newsletter

August 2011

## Club St. Bernard 2011-2012 Ski Season

### ► Jan. 7—14, 2012

TSC Traditional Snowmass, CO  
Melissa Wight, mwight@gvtc.com

### ► Feb. 11—18, 2012

TSC Winter Shoot-out  
Heavenly/Lake Tahoe, NV  
Jana Toy, janatoy@gmail.com

### ► Mar. 10—17, 2012

TSC Final Showdown  
Sun Valley, ID  
Claire Coffey, ccoffey@stic.net  
or Lynn Carter  
lynnccarter1946@hotmail.com

### ► July 31—Aug 11, 2012

Summer Expedition  
Galapagos Islands, side  
trips to Amazon and Machu  
Picchu- Joyce Schones  
jschones2002@yahoo.com

## PAWPRINTS

Pawprints is sent via email so it is important we have your current email address. Please send updates to Membership Director, Michael Plunkett, [plunkettmichael@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plunkettmichael@sbcglobal.net). You can also send the update to Pawprints Editor, Joyce Schones, [jschones2002@yahoo.com](mailto:jschones2002@yahoo.com). View the monthly Pawprints and other club & TSC information on our website at [www.clubsaintbernardski.com](http://www.clubsaintbernardski.com).

## From The Pres/Top Dog Anne Tarre:

This weather calls for making plans to escape the heat and have we got a deal for you! The annual "kick off" meeting for Club St. Bernard's 2012 ski season is just the place you will want to be to make plans for your winter excursion to the slopes. As usual, we meet on the third Wednesday of every month from August through March. Our meeting place has not changed, so you can find all your old friends as well as new ones at the Long Horn Cafe meeting room on Blanco Road inside Loop 1604.

This year we have some great trips lined up that are already selling fast. Be prepared for all the details this week on August 17th at our first meeting. We will also have a guest speaker to spark your interest. Feel free to bring friends that might be interested in hearing about our trips as the season gets under way.

Our summer has been filled with interesting events that have proven to be very popular with members and guests. The swimming and hot tub party hosted by Ben and Callie White drew a crowd of 20 and the wine tasting event hosted by Linda McMillion was a hit with 28 guests. The wine tasting offered a nice array of appetizers as well as unusual snacks and great desserts. The warm bread pudding had everyone drooling with pleasure. And of course, the broad assortment of wines offered something to appeal to every individual taste. The events were enjoyed by everyone.

Please check out the coming attractions in this issue of Paw Prints to ensure you do not miss out on a future event. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Wednesday in our lineup for the coming season.

and hope you won't miss this opportunity to sign up for one or more trips in our lineup for the coming season.

Anne

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Annual memberships expired in May. Renew your membership before Oct. 1, and you will receive a \$5 early renewal discount. In addition, anyone who joins or renews before or during our August 17th general meeting, will be entered in a drawing that night for a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant. For more information, please contact Membership Director, Mike Plunkett, [plunkettmichael@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plunkettmichael@sbcglobal.net) Print Membership Application at our [website](#).

## August Birthdays

*Please wish the following St. Bernards a Happy Birthday*

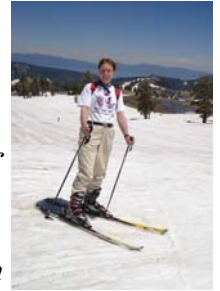
Ben White	8
Roni Engelke	11
Diann Duncan	13
Jerree Kiplin	17
Brian Ward	26
Joyce Goodwin	27
Virginia Poznecki	31

## Travel Director Update

### *From Kip Kiplin, Travel Director:*

Our California member, Brian Ward sent this note and shot taken July 4!

*“Well Guys, it really did happen. Skiing at Squaw Valley on Independence Day, the 4th of July. This is not a Hollywood back-lot shot. Yes, that is Lake Tahoe in the background and the Sierra Nevadas over on the Nevada shore. No, the water will not run out, the tilt was the photographer's idea to make me the reference vertical, despite the slope that I am standing on. Yes, it was 80F at 8,000 ft.”* Brian



Note from Kip: The first membership meeting of this fiscal year, August 17, 2011, will be devoted to detailed discussion of the trips, and signups. For additional information, contact the trip leaders, ask for an application form, and, of course, renew your membership. The form can easily be downloaded from [www.clubstbernardski.com](http://www.clubstbernardski.com). If you should not be able to contact a trip leader, don't hesitate to email/call me at [lckiplin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lckiplin@sbcglobal.net). — Kip

## Spectacular Snowmass! TSC Traditional, January 7 - 14, 2012

*From Melissa Wight, Trip Leader:* In this ongoing heat, think cool thoughts – like enjoying the snow! Envision the slopes of Snowmass in January! Sara Clemons from Sports America will be at the club meeting on the 17th to talk about and answer any questions about Snowmass. Join me and others who have already signed up—16 of us. With only 24 slots reserved, this trip may fill up. Please get your application and deposit in soon. Should there be more people than slots available, it will be much easier to get additional slots early. See the calendars for payment due dates.

We will be staying at Timberline Condos. I know, that's not where the club has “always” stayed! However, I believe you'll be even happier at Timberline. They are just below Top of the Village, and are even easier ski in/out because there isn't as big of a drop off. An added bonus is that there is a wonderful restaurant, one of the best in Snowmass, right on the premises! Yes, there's also a hot tub for those of you who enjoy relaxing after skiing hard all day.

From Snowmass, there are 4 mountains on which to ski – Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands, and Buttermilk Mountain. You get to ski all of them on the same lift ticket too! Snowmass has the most vertical feet of skiing in the country with 4,406. There are also 3,132 acres of terrain, 91 trails, 21 chairlifts and access to your choice of cruisers, glades, steeps, terrain parks and halfpipes, along with a new high-speed six pack chair and a new gondola with eight-person cabs for easier and faster access to the runs.

The Snowmass area has much to do other than skiing too. There are over 100 restaurants and bars, excellent shopping, and movie theaters. For outdoor non-ski activities, there are snowmobiling, snowcat rides, ice skating, dog sledding, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, and others from which to choose. There is something for everyone on this trip, whether you ski or not! What could be better than a fun trip filled with great CSB members?

Since I already have some air on hold but waiting to see if we can get even better rates, I can tell you that the price of the trip will be under \$1265. For Snowmass, that's a wonderful price! Plus, depending on what the last holdout on giving an air quote sends, the price might be even lower! Make your decision today and let me know you want to go with us! I'll send you a trip app and you can send me a deposit to hold your spot. Remember, first come, first served, so do it now! Won't that make this heat just a little more tolerable? Ok, at least it'll give you something cool to look forward to, right?

For more information, contact Trip Leader – Melissa Wight, 830-438-4328 or 210-381-5139 or [mwight@gvtc.com](mailto:mwight@gvtc.com).

## TSC Winter Shoot-out, Heavenly/Lake Tahoe, NV Feb. 11–18, 2012

**From Jana Toy, Trip Leader:** Lake Tahoe - home of many world-class ski resorts! To be decided: Due to club members requests, there is an option now to stay in condos or casino. Estimated price for the trip is \$1083, with first deposit due August 30. We will have our choice of nice restaurants, spas, shopping, and gaming. Ski lifts provide service to 94 runs. Average annual snowfall is 360 inches and 70 % of trails have snowmaking capability. The lift ticket, very reasonably priced, is good on two mountains so you can ski Heavenly and Northstar. In addition to skiing and boarding, enjoy snowmobiling, snow shoeing, and other outdoor recreational activities. Those lucky in the casinos might win the cost of the trip. I am still working of getting the best air fare to make the trip a great value and should have it by the August club meeting. Lynn Carter, the trip co-leader, having been there many times and knowing the area well, will help make this trip even more enjoyable for everyone. This should be another great trip for CSB members and their guests. Stay tuned for more information. Jana Toy, [janatoy@gmail.com](mailto:janatoy@gmail.com)

The heat is here!  
Why don't we flee  
To Sun Valley-  
Let's go SKI!

## TSC Final Showdown, Sun Valley, Mar. 10–17, 2012

**From Claire Coffey, Trip Co-leader:** Join us for the TSC Final Showdown in Sun Valley. At this point, we will be flying to Boise and taking a charter to the Sun Valley Inn. Twelve (or more) lucky souls will be staying at the Sun Valley Inn. There are frequent shuttles to both Bald and Dollar Mountain and Dollar Mountain has 2 new high-speed quads, a tubing hill, and a terrain park. It is known as 'the finest teaching mountain in the world'. Never-ever skiers have a dedicated area with 10 runs so they won't get run over by those who have a need for speed. Bald Mountain has updated lifts.

Over half of the 14 lifts are high-speed quads.

Since this is a TSC trip, we will have a Welcome party with prime rib and other great food. Monday night is a pub crawl in Ketchum. Wednesday night is ice skating night. Thursday is our race day. Trip cost is cost \$1098, with first deposit due August 31—see calendar for other due dates. This will be my first trip to lead. OMG! For more info-if I know the answer-call 830-985-9167 metro or [ccoffey@stic.net](mailto:ccoffey@stic.net).

## TSC Summer Expedition 2012! - Galapagos Islands!

July 31\* to August 10

10 or 11 days: San Antonio-Quito-G. Islands-Quito-San Antonio

Estimated Trip price: \$3110 - 3230\*

**From Joyce Schones, Trip Leader:** For detailed trip information, including the trip variables, please e-mail me. This will be a fantastic trip for the adventuresome and physically active! We have 12 departure slots for Aug. 1st. Surprisingly, these are almost all taken based on the definite and tentative list of names I have at this time. Please understand we do not have the flexibility on this trip as we have had on others due to our tour operator's need to schedule the island flights far in advance, as well as abide by other Galapagos limits. Therefore unless you already have, please let me know asap if you want to go! Due to the response, see change in due dates below. Once there are 12 "definites," I might be able to get more slots for the Aug. 15th departure but I need to do this soon. If you have already notified me that you definitely want to go, I will be contacting you before Wednesday night's meeting 8/17, to confirm and send trip application. Participants book their own airfare from/to US, ranging from \$874—\$1500+. The \$500 deposit due dates: Aug. 31, \$250 and Oct 31, \$250. Subsequent payment dates for 2012 are: Jan. 15, \$900, Feb. 15 \$900, balance (approx \$900) by Mar. 15. Side trips are: Peru/Machu Picchu (choice of 4-day or 7-day) and the Amazon Rainforest – trips range from \$899 to \$1599. I am doing the 4-day Peru/Machu Picchu trip. For more about the main and side trips, see

<http://www.activesouthamerica.com/tscgalapagos/>

Contact: [Joyce Schones](mailto:jschones2002@yahoo.com) jschones2002@yahoo.com or 210-475-1449.

## Our First General Meeting for 2011-2012

**From Ray Wolford- Programs Director, Club St Bernard:** Our Wednesday, Aug.17 Program for this first General Meeting this ski season is planned as follows: A speaker from "Sun & Ski of San Antonio" will tell us of special discounts and special promotions offered to our club members. Afterwards we will devote much of the meeting to the upcoming SKI trips. Sara Clemons from Sports America will be with us to talk about the Snowmass trip and answer any questions. Trip sign up time will follow.

*6-7 pm dining and visiting; 7 pm meeting begins - Longhorn Café, 17625 W Blanco Rd.*

### August and September Social Events

**From Sue Logan—Hospitality Director:**

#### **Thursday, August 25, 5:30 PM ~~ Happy Hour/Dine-Out at Tre Trattoria**

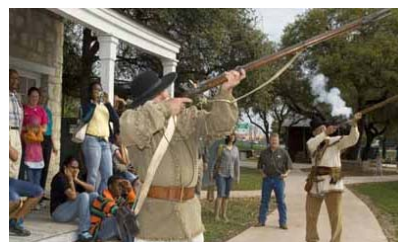
The restaurant is located at 4003 Broadway on The Boardwalk, a block or so south of Hildebrand. [Map](#) Tre Trattoria has a wonderful deck overlooking the Witte Museum.

#### **Saturday, September 17 ~~ visit and tour the Institute of Texan Cultures**

Institute of Texas Cultures , UTSA HemisFair Park Campus  
801 E. Durango Blvd. (pending name change to Cesar Chavez) [Map](#)

(Free parking is available near the entrance to the building. Do not go to the Parking Toll Booth, which is for the City San Antonio and they charge. Instead, turn right into the Museum's parking lot, just before you get to the Toll Booth.)

We will meet up at 10:30 AM at the front entrance. Ray is a certified "Docent" and will be able to get two people in for free. We will have a drawing at the door to see who gets those free passes. Others will need to pay admission price.



Adults (12-64)	\$8
Seniors (65 and over)	\$7
*Children (3 - 11)	\$6
Children (2 and under)	Complimentary

\* You may want to consider bringing your grandchildren to this tour.

We will have a private guided tour and spend as long as the interest holds to visit the 26 different cultures that helped settle early Texas.

**Please RSVP to Ray Wolford at 646-0033 or [raywoldford@aol.com](mailto:raywoldford@aol.com) by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.**

If enough people sign up ahead of time, we might be able to obtain special "Interpreters" and performers to educate and entertain us.

Afterwards, estimated to be about 1 PM, we will vote to see who wants to walk the short distance to the River Walk and have lunch. The Institute is located almost under the Tower of the Americas, so that is another option for us.

For more information, see <http://www.texancultures.com/>

*A big turn-out for the annual wine tasting party, July 23 at Linda McMillion's lovely highrise home.*



## For Your Convenience - CSB meetings, Events and Payment # Due Dates

### August 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
(7/31) Snowmass 1	1	2 Board Mtg 7 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 General Mtg 7 pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 HH/Dine 5:30 pm	26	27
28	29	30 Heavenly 1 Snowmass 2	31 Galapagos 1			

### September 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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18	19	20	21 General Mtg 7 pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Heavenly 2 Snowmass 3	

### October 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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\*10/12  
HH/Dine @  
Luce  
Ristorante  
& Enoteca  
Huebner  
Oaks

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Remember...Skiing is a dance...  
 And the mountain always leads!  
 To...  
 Snowmass  
 Heavenly  
 Taos  
 Sun Valley  
 Then warm up in Galapagos!

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