



# Club St. Bernard Ski Club

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January 2010

## Club St. Bernard 2009-2010 Ski Season

Nov. 24—29, 2009

TSC Fall Round-up / Winter Park, CO

Jan. 9—16, 2010

TSC Traditional / Breckenridge, CO

Jan. 21—29, 2010

TSC Winter Expedition / Aosta Valley, Italy

Feb. 6—13, 2010

TSC Winter Shoot-out / Mt. Bachelor, OR

Mar. 6—13, 2010

TSC Final Showdown / Alyeska, AK

Mar. 13—20, 2010

CSB Spring Break Trip / Telluride, CO

Sep. 25—Oct. 4, 2010

TSC Summer Expedition / Egypt and Nile Cruise

## PAWPRINTS

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## Big Dogs and Other TSC'ers on the Slopes! From The Pres/Top Dog Roni Engelke

The first big trip of the season is underway! Twenty-five trusty St. Bernards are, as I write, enjoying the fluffy white stuff in Breckenridge. Jana Toy is the stalwart trip leader for this pack. Twenty-six big dogs were scheduled to make the trek, but one of us pulled a hamstring, and heeding her doctor's advice, had to pull out at the last minute. So, I'm at home licking my wounds and whining... and typing this column. (Let's all put our paws together for trip insurance!)

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is ready to Come! Sit! Stay! at the next General Meeting, Wednesday, January 20, at the Longhorn Café. We'll hear all about the Breck trip and again, Joyce Schones has put together a super program: Aaron Keith Hackney from Aaron Keith photography will present a program on taking better vacation photos with your digital cameras, including a screen presentation of examples. Topics will include outdoors photography, indoors photography, and a bit of Photoshop post processing. Be sure to come early to order up and gobble up so

we can be ready to hear what Aaron has to say—might even want to take notes! The info should be useful to everyone, as great photos enhance great memories, whether on snow, beach, or of family. The program will start at 7:00 P.M.

Thanks to Sue Logan and Mike Plunkett for arranging the next Yappy Hour/Dine Out on January 26, 2010 @ 5:30 P.M. at Barbaresco Tuscan Grill & Enoteca.

Big Dogs, it's time to start thinking about the 2010-2011 Board. If you have any interest in serving on the nominating committee, please let me know. And, of course, if you have an interest in serving your club in any board position, let me know that, too!

The 2010 Texas Ski Council SkiBidFest will be held in Houston, Texas March 26 – 28. CSB sends three official delegates, and any club member who wishes to attend may do so. Attendance is a super way to learn about TSC and its importance to us/all it does for us.

Here's to a great start of the new year to all! Remember to turn around three times before lying down, and run,

romp and play daily! Be safe, be healthy, and ski often!

## NEW MEMBERS

Please wag your tails  
and welcome the  
following new member

Helga Kusiak



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Please wish the following  
St. Bernards a Happy  
Birthday

John Bearor	4
Whitney Wastel	6
Kathryn Camp	10
John Powell	15
Melissa Rentfro	25
Jose Trabal	29
Sue Logan	30
Andy Toy	30

## Programs Update

### By Joyce Schones

### January General Membership Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 7 P.M.

Where: Longhorn Café, 17625 W. Blanco Rd.

Program: Aaron Keith Hackney from Aaron Keith photography will present a program on taking better vacation photos with your digital camera, including a screen presentation of examples. Whether you are using a point-and-shoot camera or a fancy DSLR, this program will have you taking better photos in no time!

Topics will include: White balance, composition, flash and no flash photography, outdoors photography, indoors photography, and a little bit of Photoshop post processing.

Aaron is a member of the Professional Photographers of America and the Professional Photographers of San Antonio. In addition to running a photography studio specializing in weddings and portraits, Aaron teaches at Northwest Vista College in San Antonio. You can visit his website at <http://aaronkeithstudios.com>

### February General Membership Meeting

Come to St. Bernard's February general membership meeting prepared to have fun!

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 7 P.M.

Where: Longhorn Café, 17625 W. Blanco Rd.

We will be entertained by two special guests, U-Who the Magnificent and Dr. Buc Chuckwagon (aka St. Bernard's own Mike Coffey and Joe De Mott, respectively).

U-Who the Magnificent begins the program showing off his wondrous magician tricks that will have you howling with laughter, hopefully!

Then Dr. Buc Chuckwagon, a Civil War era doctor, from the play "Hang 'Em High in the Selma Sky" by Steven Stoli will tell us about his medical practice in the Wild West town of Selma, including his main cure for everything—taking his patients down to his root cellar and giving them a blood letting. Unfortunately, many of his patients don't survive, but old Doc, under the influence of his favorite remedy, has fun trying to cure them.

To guarantee you have some laughter in your heart, our program wraps up with another internationally-known and loved skit performed by Mike Coffey. You will be amazed!

## Social Activities Update

### By Sue Logan

### January Happy Hour/Dine-Out

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 @ 5:30 P.M.

Location: Barbaresco Tuscan Grill & Enoteca (formerly Maggie's), 9715 San Pedro at McCarty

For additional info please call Mike Plunkett (646-6636) or Sue Logan (481-1278)

### 2010 Texas Ski Council SkiBidFest

The 2010 Texas Ski Council SkiBidFest will be held in Houston, Texas, March 26 - 28, 2010, at the Marriott Houston West Loop by The Galleria. We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you at this event!

The hotel is offering discounted room rates, complimentary parking and drink specials to all TSC participants. The hotel is located approximately 25 miles from George Bush Intercontinental airport and 16 miles from Houston Hobby airport.

Book hotel reservations before March 5, 2010 for \$89 per night room rate. Regular room rates apply after this date. Book early to assure a room in the TSC block.

Delegate registrations & payment due March 5, 2010

\$55 per person if paid by March 5, 2010

\$65 per person if paid by March 6th or after

Optional events on Friday afternoon include:

Wine tasting at Water2Wine—\$25 (max 40 delegates)

Golf Tournament—\$69 (includes box lunch)

Registration and payment for optional events due March 5, 2010.

### National Ski Club News Flash

#### KEYSTONE FINALS RACE CANCELLED

Due to the economy and a low number of signups for this year's Keystone Nationals, the event has been cancelled. The event sponsors will be returning everyone's 2010 Registration check immediately for the full amount you paid for the event.

#### DENVER SKI TRAIN DELAYED UNTIL NEXT SKI SEASON

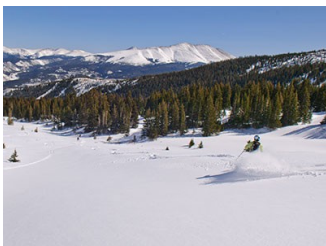
Due to contractual difficulties with Amtrak over track use, Denver's renewed ski train now does not plan to operate until the 2010-2011 ski season.

## SKIER'S CHECKLIST

<u>Fashion Items</u>	<u>5-7 Days</u>				
Ski Jacket	1-2	Glove Liners (pairs)	2-3	Fanny Pack/Back Pack	1
Ski Bib/Stretch Pant	1-2	Gloves (pairs)	1-2	Camera	1
Powder Jacket/Pant	1	Hand/Toe Warmers	5-7	Large Plastic Cup (Hot Tub)	1
One Piece Ski Suit	1	Ski Socks (pairs)	3-5	Multi-tool (Leatherman, etc.)	1
Ski Sweater	2-3	Sock Liners (pairs)	2-3	Knife Sharpener (for Condo)	1
Ski Hat/Headband	1-2	Hydration System	1	<b><u>Equipment</u></b>	
Turtleneck	2-4	After Ski Boots (pairs)	1	Ski/Snowboard Boots	1 pr
FleeceTop/Bottom	1-2	Goggles	1	Skis/Snowboard	1 pr
Swimsuit (Hot Tub)	1-2	Sunglasses/Eyeties	1	Bindings	1 pr
<b><u>Accessories</u></b>		Neck Gators	1-2	Poles	1 pr
Thermal Underwear	2-4	Chapstick/Sunscreen	1	Ski/Snowboard Helmet	1
		Face Mask	1	Ski & Boot Bag	1
		Ski Tote/Ski Lock	1	Ski Instruction Tape/Book	1
				Foot Warmer (rechargeable)	1

## TRAVEL MUSINGS

By Melissa Wight



**Breckenridge**

As I write this, I'm excited about leaving to go to Breckenridge! The first trip of the season is upon us and 25 of us will be there. Jana Toy has done an outstanding job putting it together! It should be wonderful with lots of good snow and fun! But for those of you who didn't decide to go with us, we're going to miss you. And you'll miss being with us, no doubt!

The trip to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon in February is progressing nicely. Three of our members will be able to enjoy this trip. They'll have a great time skiing in this volcano! Everyone who has ever skied there says it is a great place to ski. Though we've already released the unused lodging, if you are interested we might still be able to get

you in. Please contact Melissa Wight or Kip Kiplin for this trip.

Mike Plunkett still has a few places available on the trip to Telluride in March. This club trip should be a wonderful trip! The town is beautiful and the people will be even better! So call him and sign up. We would love to see you there.



**Egypt**

If you are looking for a trip without skiing, there is also the Summer Expedition in September to Egypt and the Nile Cruise. This should be another fabulous trip. Pre-trip and post-trip additions are also available. We have very limited space on this trip, with only 7 pillows left. We will have to release those pillows in the next month. If you are interested, you need to contact Melissa

Wight as soon as you can to reserve your spot! We also need a trip leader for the trip. If you are interested, there could be comps available for you. You can reach me at either [mwight62@gmail.com](mailto:mwight62@gmail.com) or by phone at 210-381-5139.



**Mt. Bachelor**



**Telluride**



## Winter Shootout—Mt. Bachelor, Oregon February 6-13, 2010

The trip to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon is a go!!!! Kip Kiplin and I are coordinating the planning of this trip and Kip will lead everyone on the trip. The skiing should be fabulous as this mountain is touted to be a skier's mountain. Don't you want to ski in a volcano? Thankfully, it isn't an active one. But the views are said to be awesome because you can see 360 degrees around. Information from the TSC website describes Mt. Bachelor as follows: Mt. Bachelor is defined by its setting – a pristine mountain experience that is as pure as the day the volcano erupted 15,000 years ago. Discover the unique landscape of Mt. Bachelor's cone in the Cascade Mountains. Mt. Bachelor is one of the few mountains where it is possible to ride to the very summit and then you have the possibility to head out in any direction on challenging terrain. Around the broad expanse of the mountain's circumference more than 70 trails stretch down the slopes – from tight, twisting steeps to corduroy cruisers.



For the non-skier or those folks who just want to take a break from skiing, the week will be filled with a variety of things to do. For the young at heart, Mt. Bachelor offers Snowblast, a huge 9-acre tubing park with two custom lifts to tow the rider and Teflon-coated tubes to the top of the hill for a slide down full of twists, turns and laughs.

Just a short ride from Mt. Bachelor is Crater Lake, formed 7,700 years ago when Mount Mazama violently erupted and collapsed on itself. Usually closed during the winter, the Forest Service opens for special group snowshoeing tours.

For more information contact Melissa Wight at either [mwight62@gmail.com](mailto:mwight62@gmail.com) or by phone at 210-381-5139.

## CSB Spring Break Trip—Telluride, Colorado March 13-20, 2010



Join us March 13-20, 2010 in Telluride, CO for the perfect end to a ski season. Telluride is more than just a ski area. It's a world-class community with world-class amenities. Famous for its authentic western atmosphere, genuine friendliness, knock-your-socks-off views, varied terrain and abundant snow – this is the ONE. After a hard day on the slopes you can relax and recharge in one of Telluride's many fine restaurants. CSB will be staying at the Bear Creek Lodge, a luxurious condo located in the Mountain Village. Bear Creek Lodge is 1st Class with Ski-In/Ski-Out, large condos, elevators, a washer/dryer in each condo and great amenities. For more information visit their web site at [www.bearcreeklodgetelluride.com](http://www.bearcreeklodgetelluride.com).



Air will be on Delta Airlines to Montrose through Salt Lake City. After a short hour and fifteen minute ride from the airport, we'll arrive at our condos ready for a fabulous vacation.

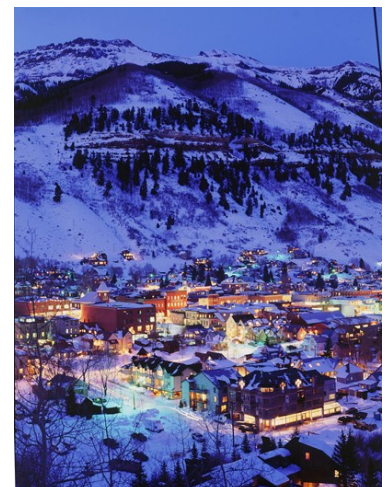
*The extra airline seats have been released, however land packages are still available.*

Trip Price: Check with the trip leader.

Trip Leader: Mike Plunkett

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Remember... Skiing is a dance...  
And the mountain always leads!  
To...  
Winter Park  
Breckenridge  
Aosta Valley, Italy  
Mt. Bachelor  
Alyeska  
Telluride

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The TSC Youth Foundation was granted 501©(3) status by the IRS, which means tax deductible gifts can be made to and accepted by the Foundation. This means that funds should continue to be available to help young people learn and improve ski skills at very little expense. This is a significant achievement and a big step toward maintaining interest and membership in ski clubs and in the sport we

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