

The Jammer Report

The Official Newsletter of the Ski Jammers Ski Club of Houston, Texas

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5/01/2008

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Message from the President

Elections for the Ski Jammers Executive Board were held at the April General Membership Meeting. Thanks to everyone who voted by mail, and special thanks to those who joined us to cast their votes in person at Boudreaux's Restaurant on the West Loop. You can see the results in the list of Executive Board members in the left column of this page. These are the people who will strive to keep the Ski Jammers running, improving, and growing for the next two years. You will note that there are no names for some offices. One of the vacancies, the Trip Chair position, is vitally important to the Club. Without a Trip Chair and Trip Leaders, we cannot fulfill our primary function, which is to offer ski trips to our membership. Anyone who has been a member for a year and is willing to serve in this position on the Board should contact me as soon as possible. We have some great trips available this coming season, but we need leadership to make them available to the membership.

This month marks the start of the new membership year, meaning that it's time to pay annual dues to renew your membership if you have not already done so. As always, be sure to fill out a membership application to submit with your dues. Applications are available in this newsletter, from our web site at www.skijammers.org, and/or you can always obtain one at a General Meeting.

Attendance has been down at meetings lately, and few people are "thinking snow" this time of year anyway, so we're going to try something new for the summer months in 2008. Instead of our normal General Membership meeting, look for a monthly Happy Hour gathering at a location in the Houston area. You'll have to keep an eye on the web site and the newsletter for the time and place of the gathering, because we'll be moving around town to various locations starting in June. You can still expect to see Board members at these gatherings and we will be prepared to help you with trip planning, membership, or any of your needs. We're hoping you will be encouraged to bring along some friends who might be interested in joining the Ski Jammers.

It's not too late to get in on the summer trip to Meliá Caribe Tropical Resort in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. The trip is not restricted to ski club members, so you can invite your non-skiing friends to participate as well. The response from our club and from other clubs around the country indicate that it is a popular trip, so don't wait too long to get in on Summerfest.

I will endeavor to serve and represent the Ski Jammers well as your president for the next two years and hope to see as many members as often as possible. Please let me know if I can be of service.

Bruce Stewart, President

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Skier's Checklist

FASHION ITEMS

Ski Jacket
One piece ski suit
Turtleneck
Warm-up suite

Ski bib/stretch pant
Ski sweater
Thermal underwear
Swim suit (Hot Tubs)

Powder jacket/powder pant
Ski hat/headband
Gloves/mittens (Pair)

ACCESSORIES

Glove liners (pairs)
Fanny Pack
Goggles
Chapstick
Face mask

Ski Tote
After-ski boots
Sunglasses
Leg gaiters (pairs)

Ski socks (pairs)
Carry all bag
Neck gaiters/funnels
Sunscreen

EQUIPMENT

Comfortable ski boots
Sharpened/waxed skis

Ski & boot bags
properly adjusted bindings

Correct length poles

TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER!

CHECK OUT THESE SITES:

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Ski Jammers Membership Application

NAME(S): _____

CHILDREN NAME(S) & AGES: _____

BIRTHDAY(S) Initials (MM/DD): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY STATE Zip Code: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

(Only Ski Jammer related info, meeting reminders, etc. will be sent to this email address)

HOME PHONE: (_____) _____ BUS. PHONE: (_____) _____

RENEWAL: _____ NEW MEMBER: _____ REFERRED BY: _____

SKIING Ability: Never Ever ___ Beginner ___ Intermediate ___ Advance+ ___

Committee Interests: Membership ___ Trip ___ Fundraising ___ Public Relations ___ Youth ___

___ No, I do not want to be listed in Club Directory

___ Yes, I do want to be listed in Club Directory, but

___ Exclude Home number ___ Exclude Address ___ Exclude Business number

WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM OF LIABILITY

Ski Jammers Ski Club of Houston, Texas, Inc. (CLUB), is a non-profit organization, which promotes recreational skiing trips and activities. The under signed releases the CLUB from any and all liability, loss, damages or injury to persons or property which may arise out of or be connected in any way with such services. I understand that the CLUB acts only as an agent and accepts no responsibility in connection with the services or accommodations being offered on all ski trips and/or activities. The CLUB accepts no responsibility in whole or in part for any delays, delayed departure, or arrival, missed planes or other carrier connection, or mechanical defect or failure of any nature, howsoever, caused or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier, with or without notice of for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the CLUB, its officers, directors and agents or contractors from any loss, cost or expense incurred by or attributable in any way to me in connection with any ski trip, other activity or sponsored event, in full or in part, by the CLUB. I agree to abide by the Bylaws, rules and regulations of the CLUB and rulings of the Trip Coordinator in connection with all Trips. I have read and understand the above.

SIGNATURE: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES is \$50/Adult, Children 18 & under is Free:

Subscription Only: \$12 per Season

Amount Enclosed: \$_____ Make Check Payable to: SKI JAMMERS

RETURN TO: SKI JAMMERS SKI CLUB

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Advertise Your Business In The Jammer Report

Are you a business owner or have a service you'd like more people to know about. Looking for an economical way to spread the word? The Jammer Report is now accepting ads from members and businesses.

We'll accept everything from a business card to a full page, camera ready ad.

The rates are:

Business Card	\$15.00	1/4 Page	\$25.00
1/2 Page	\$50.00	Full Page	\$100.00

NOW AVAILABLE

SKI JAMMERS LOGO POLO SHIRTS

\$15 per shirt



Choose available size/color from the following chart
(X indicates available size/color)

M	L	XL	2XL
White	X	X	
Navy	X	X	
Gray	X	X	X

Place your order at the next General Meeting

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Ski Jammer Meeting

Boudreaux's Cajun Kitchen

5475 West Loop S. **Houston, TX 77081**
Exit # 763 (FOURNACE / BISSONNET ST.)

May 7, 2008

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

- Please submit your dues for this year. Only \$50.00
 - Please attend a meeting if you haven't been to one for a while.
 - Please support our off-season events so that we can keep in touch.
 - Please bring prospective new members to a meeting
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CONGRATULATIONS

The winners of our annual Youth Black History Essay Writing Contest are:

Syndi Fontenot age 7 received 1st place in the Elementary division
and Alayna Fontenot age 10 received 1st place in Intermediate division.

You Go Girls!

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ALL INCLUSIVE!!

BREAKFAST – LUNCH – DINNER – SNACKS – COCKTAILS / DRINKS

One free round of golf

Live nightly shows

Non-motorized water sports

Seven (7) Lagoon and free-form pools

Swim up bar

Junior suites w/furnished balconies or terraces

FLINTSTONES THEMED KIDS' CLUBS

Baby Rock Club (4mos-4yrs) Bamm Bamm Club (5yrs-8yrs) Cool Club (9yrs-13yrs)



SPECTACULAR BEACH – SPA- GOLF INCLUDED- CASINO-SWIM UP BAR - TENNIS

Ski Jammers Ski Club of Houston, Texas

SUMMERFEST 2008

SOL MELIÁ CARIBE TROPICAL

ALL INCLUSIVE BEACH, SPA & GOLF RESORT

PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

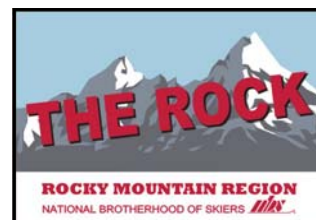
JULY 30, 2008 – AUGUST 3, 2008

Land Packages Include All Inclusive Lodging, and Roundtrip Airport Transfers:
\$600 for 4 nights and \$525 for 3 nights ****\$200 Deposit Due immediately****

For more information, contact:

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Rocky Mountain Region

SUMMERFEST 2008 July 30, 2008—August 3, 2008

SOL MELIA CARIBE TROPICAL

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

All Inclusive Beach, Spa & Golf Resort

TRIP APPLICATION – (one application per suite if suitemate/s known)

All-inclusive package includes: deluxe Junior Suite with furnished balcony or terrace; all meals, snacks, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages; welcome drink and private group check-in; 2 rounds of golf (4 night stay) or 1 round of golf (3 night stay); all taxes and gratuities; round trip ground transportation from Punta Cana Intl Airport (PUJ); Flintstones-themed Kids' Clubs; non-motorized water sports, and more.		Package Type	Price
Adult 1			\$
Adult 2			\$
Adult 3			\$
Child 1 Name/Age *			\$
Child 2 Name/Age *			\$
TOTAL PRICE			\$
EMAIL			
PHONE	(Home)	(Mobile)	
I have read and agreed to the RMR Summerfest 2008 Terms and Conditions.			
SIGNATURE:			

***YOU MAY BOOK YOUR OWN AIRFARE OR THROUGH THE CLUB. IF BOOKING THROUGH THE SKI JAMMERS, ADD \$600 FOR ROUND TRIP PER PERSON.**

	Please indicate PACKAGE TYPE for each person	Price
A	Adult 4-night stay (July30-Aug03)/ dbl occupancy	\$600.00
B	Adult 3-night stay (July31-Aug03)/ dbl occupancy	\$500.00
C	Child 4-night stay (July30-Aug03)/ dbl occupancy	\$325.00
D	Child 3-night stay (July31-Aug03)/ dbl occupancy	\$250.00
E	Adult 4-night stay (July30-Aug03)/ single occupancy	\$780.00
F	Adult 3-night stay (July31-Aug03)/ single occupancy	\$600.00
G	Child under 4 (free lodging; fee for airport transfer)	\$ 15.00

Please make checks/money orders payable to the Ski Jammers Ski Club.

Mail forms/payments to: Christine Mason 2218 Edmundson Street Houston, Texas 77004

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RMR SUMMERFEST 2008 Terms and Conditions

A) **PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS** – All United States citizens require a valid passport to enter the Dominican Republic. Please ensure that you allow sufficient time to request/receive a new or renewed passport. No refunds will be made due to insufficient travel documents.
http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1103.html. Citizens of other countries will need to ensure they have the proper documents to enter the Dominican Republic and re-enter the US.

B) **DEPOSIT POLICY** – All initial deposits and subsequent payments are nonrefundable but are transferable if you can sell it to someone else. If the package cannot be sold, payment will not be refunded.

C) **PAYMENT SCHEDULE** – (payments need to be received by posted due dates, not postmarked)

* THIS SCHEDULE DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE.

PAYMENT	DUE DATE
Initial Deposit - \$200.00	15FEB
Second payment - \$100.00	15MAR
Third payment – \$100.00	15APR
Fourth payment – \$100.00	15MAY
Final payment - balance	15JUN

D) **CHILDREN** *(age as of July 30, 2008)

- a. Children aged 5-12 years old - \$325.00 for a 4 night stay, and \$250.00 for a 3 night stay.
- b. Children aged 4 and under - no extra charge for the resort; \$15.00 for RT airport transfer.
- c. The maximum occupancy per room is 2 adults and 2 children, or 3 adults and one child.

E) **EVENT DATES** July 30 – August 3, 2008.

The **4-day** Package begins Wednesday, 30JUL for 4 nights.

The **3-day** Package begins Thursday, 31JUL for 3 nights.

Special Pricing has been negotiated for 3 days prior to and 3 days after the event.

If you would like to extend your stay, please advise your Trip Leader and they will check availability for you at the resort.

F) **OCCUPANCY**

- a. The maximum occupancy per room is 2 adults and 2 children, or 3 adults and one child.
- b. Four (4) adults in one room is not allowed – resort policy.

G) **GROUND TRANSPORTATION** - please mail the accompanying **TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM** no later than **June 15, 2008**.

H) **GOLF CART RENTAL** Golf cart rental is mandatory and is \$35.00USD plus taxes per person.

I) **PETS** - Pets are not allowed at the Melia Caribe Tropical.

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TRAVEL INFORMATION FORM

SKI JAMMERS SKI CLUB OF HOUSTON, TEXAS
RMR SUMMERFEST 2008
PUNTA CANA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
JULY 30 – AUGUST 3, 2008

*** Please email/mail to your Trip Leader no later than June 15, 2008 ****

Name	
City/State/Zip	
Phone	
Email Address	

Arrival Date	Time/Airport	Airline/Flight number

Departure Date	Time/Airport	Airline/Flight number

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Texas Ski Council (TSC) 2008-2009 Ski Trips

The Texas Ski Council delegates met April 4-6, 2008 to decide which Ski Resorts would win the 2008-2009 bids to host the Texas Ski Clubs. The delegates listened to presentations from the competing resorts all day Saturday, and Sunday morning. At the end of the session, the Texas Ski Clubs voted to support the following trips.

FALL ROUNDUP

Winter Park 11/25-30, 2008
11/24-29, 2009 (This is a 2-year bid)

TRADITIONAL

Steamboat Springs 1/10-17, 2009

WINTER SHOOTOUT

Lake Louise 2/14-21, 2009

FINAL SHOWDOWN

Big Sky 3/14-21, 2009

WINTER EXPEDITION

Nagano-Hakuba, Japan 1/24-2/1, 2009

***SUMMER EXPEDITION**

Panama June 26/28 –July 3/5, 2009

*The Ski Jammers voted to participate in the Fall Roundup and the Summer Expedition. If you are interested in another trip, please let me know. Arrangements can be made.

There were also elections of new officers.

President: Peggy Montgomery, VP Marketing: Cheryl Mann, Secretary: Tere Mayne, Treasurer: Mary Beth Wilson, Fall Roundup: Hazel Love, Traditional: Mike Morris, Winter Shootout: Lisa Spotts, Final Showdown: Christine Augustine.

Rachel C. Anderson,
Texas Ski Council Representative

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Subject: Airline Baggage Rules--Please Write Letters!!

Dear NW Ski Club Council Clubs,

As you may have heard in the news, recently, United Airlines is adding a \$25.00 charge for 2nd bags. As a thousands+ organization, we want to do our part in expressing our complaints for these charges. Our ski industry partners are getting behind this action – as the airlines are their livelihood. As well, National Ski Council Federation and Far West Ski Association are supporting this.

Please share this information with your clubs and urge members to write letters to United and all carriers. Below you will find a “template” that can be used to craft your letter (amend as you see fit), and all the carriers’ addresses.

FROM MIKE SANFORD – PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION:

We have already engaged several destination resorts whose primary service is United, several of our tour provider partners, NSAA and Congressman (Dem Senatorial Candidate Select) Mark Udall's office in working this issue. You are encouraged to call in whatever reinforcements you may know to help - local congress person, related industry partners, local business people, and influential whomever’s. If Any questions, obviously, don't hesitate to call.

Thanks in advance for your support,

Mike Sanford

President - National Ski Council Federation

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