

April 2005  
The Las Vegas Ski &  
Sports Club Newsletter



# The Inside Edge

## TGIF

Friday, April 22

### Sedona

6 p.m. No Host Cocktails

9580 W. Flamingo  
W. Flamingo at I-215

Phone: 320-4700

## Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday, April 9th

Meet at Rancho  
& Cheyenne  
McDonalds  
9:00 am

**- Adopt-A-Highway -**

CAR POOL  
TO THE SITE

a nice stretch of highway,  
toward Las Vegas Ski  
& Snowboard resort area  
Bring sturdy shoes, hat,  
gloves and water

Call Cathy Bell  
for more info 876-9638

## VOTE - VOTE - VOTE

### ELECTION NIGHT COMING UP!

Thursday, April 7

## Marine Corps League Leathernecks

4360 W. Spring Mt. Rd. & Arville • 368-1775

~ SOCIAL AT 7:00 P.M. - MEETING AT 8:00 P.M. ~

*The 2005/2006 nominees are as follows:*

Dave Berry

Nancy Mulder

Peggy Carson

Kaydee Puffer

Earl Dysthe

Jim Shaw

Patsy McKenna

Jim Smith

Ann Meyers

Dolly Tucker

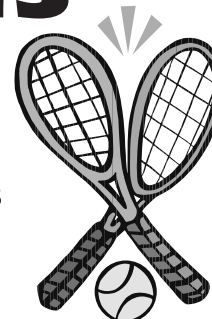
*Nominations will be taken from the floor  
for Board of Directors  
(you can nominate yourself!)*

## TENNIS

### Tuesday Nights

Bally's Hotel Courts  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Round Robin  
(intermediate & advanced)



Contact  
Carol McDermott  
for more  
information  
at 737-8618

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**Mary Lynn Snyder (MEMBERSHIP) 873-7730.**

# Director's Column

Well it's that time of the year – to put behind us a great season of skiing and plan for the upcoming warm weather season. So that means it is almost time to get out the hiking and camping gear, as you are putting away the snow gear. The club has some early season plans scheduled already.

**April** Sunday the 17th: Come and join us for some nice hiking at Valley of Fire State Park – it is about a 45 min drive from Las Vegas. See article in the newsletter for more info.

Saturday the 23rd: Plan a day of golfing at Desert Rose Golf Course—information is in newsletter for whom to contact if you are interested.

**May** Friday the 6th thru Sunday the 8th: We're going to be hiking and camping at one of the club's favorite places – Zion National Park in Utah. Again see info and whom to contact in this newsletter.

**June** is still open but possible plans could be Cathedral Gorge, near Panaca – about 165 miles from Las Vegas – it has a great area with camping and hiking and will be cooler than Las Vegas. July is open – but it is a great time to get away from the heat in the valley – and what better place to go than our own Mt. Charleston – the Hilltop Campgrounds are just a short car drive away.

**July and August** are also open for a Lake Party if anyone is interested in helping to plan an outing at the lake.

There are other close-by places that are great for hiking and camping that the club hasn't yet tried – so if you have any places you would like to go please feel free to contact any Board member and suggest a place you would like to go to. This is your club, so come on out and support our year round activities.

*Peggy Carson – Trip Director*

### **NEWSLETTER POLICIES**

Acceptance and cost of advertising are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and checks for advertising should be made out to: "Las Vegas Ski and Sports Club".

Mail typewritten articles or news for the newsletter to:

**LVSSC Newsletter:**  
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Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club's  
**SPRING**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Saturday, April 23, 2005*

**DESERT ROSE GOLF COURSE**

Located 1 Mile East of Nellis Blvd. at 5483 Clubhouse Drive  
 Go East on Sahara past Nellis Blvd. and follow signs

**9:30 AM First Tee Time**

*arrive 45 minutes early*

**28 Total Player Maximum**

*7 foursomes*

**18 Hole Scramble Play with  
 Low Gross prize for Lowest Team**

**2 Closest to the Pin Prizes**

**2 Longest Drive Prizes**

*Club Members \$60    Non-Club Members \$65*

*Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Range Balls, Lunch,  
 Two Beverages on the course, and prizes.*

**Registration and payment due Friday, April 8, 2005  
 with waiver to be signed the morning of the event.**

**Late sign-ups on a case-by-case basis.**

Contact: Dave Berry  
 h: 731-1878  
 w: 400-7379

Marcia E. McManus  
 h: 838-6692  
 w: 340-6392

**Zion Park**  
*Hiking & Camping Trip*

**When:** Friday, May 6th thru  
 Sunday May 8th.

**Where:** Watchman Campground, Group  
 site E-2, Zion National Park in SW Utah.

**Cost:** \$8.00 pp for both nights;  
 Advance payment is requested to  
 guarantee your reservation.

Cut-off date for reservations: May 1st  
 Additional Cost: \$20.00 per vehicle  
 entrance fee \* (carpooling suggested)

*\* If you have National Park pass, Golden  
 Access or Golden Age Pass, there is no  
 vehicle entrance fee.*

**Camping at the site:**

- Group site E-2 has been reserved for  
 all to share – 25 persons max
- This is a tent only site
- Picnic tables & barbecue grills are  
 available at or near the site.
- The campground has running water  
 and flush toilets nearby. Showers  
 avail just outside the park for \$4.00.  
 Shuttle service throughout the park  
 is free.
- Average day temps 75-80, evening  
 temps 48-52.

**Hiking & other things to do:**

- There are several hikes in the area to  
 choose from, easy to difficult.
- Other choices include a walking trail,  
 bicycle paths, photography or just  
 hanging out in the shade.

**For information and reservations:**

- Call Dave Berry, trip director  
 at 731-1878

## Far West Ski Association

presents

# Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands

May 22-June 6th, 2006

**\$3750**

Here's the info you all have been waiting for. We only have 58 spots on this trip so it will sell out fast. Important travelers note: The high altitudes reached on this trip (Cuzco is at 11000 feet above sea level) and the amount of walking involved, often on uneven terrain, requires that you be in good physical condition to fully enjoy the trip. We strongly suggest that you consult a physician regarding any concerns prior to making a reservation.

#### YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

- Round trip airfare from LAX via LAN Airlines
- Intra-South America flights, ground transportation and transfers
- Accommodations at First Class hotels with private bath - dbl occupancy
- Three-night Galapagos Cruise aboard the Galapagos Explorer
- 25 meals: 13 full buffet breakfasts 5 lunches 7 dinners
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours and shore excursions
- Professional English-speaking tour guides
- Galapagos Park Entrance Fee - \$100pp

The price above is for classic cabins (lower deck with porthole), only 11 available.

Premium cabin (total of 8 cabins available): Add \$125pp

Deluxe cabin (total of 7 cabins available): Add \$195pp

Renaissance cabin (total of 3 cabins available): Add \$650pp

[www.galapagosexplorer.com](http://www.galapagosexplorer.com)

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- Peru and Ecuador airport taxes (currently a total of \$65pp) that need to be paid locally.
- US Departure Tax - includes Fuel & Security fee - \$180
- Tips

#### Deposits:

**\$300 NON-REFUNDABLE Deposit Due NOW**

Make check payable to "FWSA" & send to Tucker Hoffmann

#### For Information & Reservations Contact:

Tucker or Kathy Hoffmann, FWSA International  
Trip Leaders

16969 President Dr. San Leandro, CA 94578

510-278-5900 phone 510-278-2510 fax

FWSATravel@aol.com

Must be a Current Member of the Far West Ski Association  
CST# 2036983-40

# VALLEY OF FIRE Hiking Trip

**Sunday, April 17, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.**

Valley of Fire State Park is only 90 minutes away and a totally beautiful retreat from bustling, hustling Las Vegas. Let's escape for a day to hike and party with our ski club buddies!

Look forward to the usual 'gourmet goodies' and a little wine after the hike.

More details to come, re: carpooling, hiking details, etc. The cost for the party is still only \$5.00 per person.

Mark your calendar! Call Carol Schell at 361-3771 to reserve a spot or ask any questions!



Hey members, we have some new plans for the future centering on your email addresses. We're hoping to send you email notification for trip changes, TGIFs, party notifications, whatever we can send to get information to you more quickly and efficiently.

Call or email any board member with this information. Please refer to the Board of Directors on page 2 of the newsletter for the contact information.

Thanks for your help with this new plan for notification of members.

All those members without online access, not to worry. We'll continue to have our newsletters, TGIFs and other meetings to keep you updated.

Carol Schell  
bob\_carol\_schell@msn.com

# Las Vegas Ski & Sports Club

## *Special Events Calendar*

DATE	EVENT	INFORMATION
April 7th Thursday	<b>General Membership Meeting VOTE - VOTE - VOTE Election Night</b>	<i>Vote for the New Board of Directors Marine Corps League Leathernecks - 368-1775 4260 W. Spring Mt. Rd. &amp; Arville ~ SOCIAL 7:00 P.M. - VOTING 8:00 P.M. ~</i>
April 9th Saturday	<b>Highway Cleanup</b>	<i>Meet at Rancho &amp; Cheyenne McDonalds at 9:00 am. Car pool to the site. A nice stretch of highway, toward Las Vegas Ski &amp; Snowboard resort area. Bring sturdy shoes, hat, gloves and water. Call Cathy Bell for more info 876-9638</i>
April 13th Wednesday	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<i>Meeting at Peggy Carson's home. Call for directions 256-0743. RSVP prior to the meeting. All members are welcome.</i>
April 17th Sunday	<b>Valley of Fire Hiking Trip</b>	<i>Valley of Fire State Park is only 90 minutes away and a totally beautiful retreat from bustling, hustling Las Vegas. Let's escape for a day to hike and party with our ski club buddies! Look forward to the usual 'gourmet goodies' and a little wine after the hike. More details to come, re: carpooling, hiking details, etc. The cost for the party is still only \$5.00 per person. Mark your calendar! Call Carol Schell at 361-3771 to reserve a spot or ask any questions!</i>
April 22nd Friday	<b>TGIF Sedona</b>	<i>No Host Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Phone 320-4700 9580 W. Flamingo W. Flamingo at I-215</i>
April 23rd Saturday	<b>Spring Golf Tournament</b>	<i>9:30 a.m. start, Scramble format tournament at the Desert Rose Golf Course, located 1 mile east of Nellis Blvd. at 5483 Clubhouse Drive. Phone 431-2191. Directions: travel east on Sahara past Nellis Blvd. and follow the signs. The cost is \$60.00 per person and includes, golf, cart, range ball token, drink tickets, lunch and prizes. Please make checks to LVSSC and mail to PO Box 42894, Las Vegas, NV 89116. Contact Dave Berry at home 731-1878, work 400-7379 or Marcia McManus at 838-6692</i>
May 6, 7, & 8th Fri, Sat, Sun	<b>Zion National Park Camping/Hiking</b>	<i>Contact Dave Berry for information at 731-1878. Please refer to the flyer on page 3 in the current newsletter for detailed information.</i>
May 22nd - June 6th	<b>FarWest Ski Association Trip to Machu Picchu &amp; the Galapagos Islands</b>	<i>Please refer to the flyer in the current newsletter on page 4 for detailed information.</i>

# North Lake Tahoe

February 24-27, 2005

Sometimes you're the windshield, sometimes you're the bug. Just ask boarder chick, Karen Bernard, who was pummeled into the air by a runaway skier. Or ask Phil Booker who butted heads with "noisy" powder, suffered a concussion and spent the next two days cruising bars and shops. Or ask Super Senior Joe Lanahan who had a hat trick; busted chops in moguls on Friday, run down by a lift on Saturday, and a ride down the hill in a Ski Patrol basket on Sunday. Or even Christina George who was bruised by a boarder or Heidi Meyer who had a falling ski bounce off her blond noggin. Minor scrapes are inevitable in a physical sport like snow sliding so that isn't what LVSSC is about or what the underlying theme of the 2005 North Lake Tahoe trip was about. It was about fun and it was all of that.

From deep into the Backside Lift at Northstar, I spotted four people near the front of the line. Others in line were staring and pointing. Seems that one guy had on a long wooly-sheep hat, another had on a huge Mexican sombrero and another had on Husky Dog headwear and the last a wide brim Stetson. Yup, LVSSC people; skier "Chicken Man" Gary George, "Boarder Patrol" Michael Martinez, alpha male boarder Dave Berry and Patsy McKenna. Just for fun.

Skiing the Backside of Northstar, Jim, Terry, Bob and Carol weighed the possibilities. One choice, stand in lunch line, hand over many greenbacks and take a better part of an hour to chomp down mountain-top food or the alternate choice, to ski. After a nanosecond of deliberation, Bob and Carol Schell opted for a quick lunch consisting of saltine crackers and condiments relish, garlic, and onions. I opted for a quick dieter's lunch

consisting of two tic-tacs. The fourth of the group, Jim Morneault, had the ultimate gourmet quick lunch, an apple and an energy bar. Making turns on diamond cruisers are just for fun.

"Margarita" Max Puffer (further referred to as MMP for brevity sake) and sidekick, smiling Kaydee were well into Happy Hour on Friday night when the remainder of the gang arrived at the Blue Agave. The river of margarita's continued to flow and occasionally sock-strained Fat Tire and lighter Bud Light surrounded MMP into the evening at the group dinner. Across the table, Rene Blanchard and Terry Power emptied margarita's glasses as well and fueled MMP onward. Not to be outdone, Heidi Meyer emptied a half-pitcher of margarita's with a straw. Jim Morneault found himself amid three pitchers of brew and began to empty them. MMP's explanation of "gas" to Heidi could have become a LVSSC classic had it been recorded. The dinner was great fun.

Gary Bunney and "Bunnie" Bell are a ski and cross-country ski duo and did so at NLT. Sue St. Cyr, Donnette Adam, Rick Barre, Robert Melody and Steve Kaiser skied hard and seemed to have a good time.

Tucson native Larry Potter and Chris Philippen roomed together on this trip. Both are very good people and a pleasure to be around. Chris is an aggressive young skier who is only going to get better due to his willingness to do so.

Trademarks are stamped from reps made on trips: The flaps on Jim Morneault's wool hat go horizontal at speed, looking like he has an airfoil on his head.

The pink rabbit cap that Kathy Bell wears punctuates her nickname. Bob and Carol Schell ski without headwear because they are Easterners. Terry Power and Rene Blanchard are everywhere and have a great time at all those places.

Boarder Chick Deborah Groninger rode all weekend despite a wrecked back and firmed up a new boarding group consisting of Dave, Karen and Debbie. Phil Booker loves to ski but had to sit this trip. He bought a helmet and will be back.

Joe Lanahan is another former Texan who is enjoyable but also needs to buy a helmet.

It is not a mystery why some trips work well and that is solid interaction between a good bunch of people. The NLT participants all showed up when required, seemed void of criticism, helped each other, and otherwise just enjoyed what they were doing. Primarily a good trip is one that is smooth and that is what happened in NLT. Kathy Arrington did a great job and a great trip resulted.

*Terry Ledbetter*





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# Alyeska

March 4 - March 10, 2005



*Jennifer & Angelique*



*Roy & Shirley*



*John & Judy*



*Lynn, Danny, Debbie, Pat & Robert*



*Gary powers up his boat*



*Guess Who?*



*Iditarod Dogs*



*Pat & Dawn*



*The Group*

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# Alyeska Ski Trip

*Wow! What an exciting, memorable, frustrating, snowy, rainy, shopping, fun-filled ski trip*

When we arrived late Friday night (12am) we took the bus to Capitan Cook's Hotel to discover that there were no reservations for 28 sleepy, tired, and exhausted people. After a couple of hours of deliberating the hotel finally decided to shuttle us off to a near-by mid-town hotel. We checked in to find rooms with Jacuzzi tubs and beds that were probably the most fantastic and comfortable beds that we'd ever slept on.

The following morning we were all scheduled to go to the Iditarod. We had our alarms set. Low and behold the fire alarm sounded and many of us who were sleeping figured it was the alarm clock. However, many of us were awake and thought we had caused the alarm.

One person exclaimed, "I tried to use the coffee maker to make hot water for hot chocolate. Al was in the tub, and the fire alarm went off. I thought it was my fault, so I was standing on the bed, stark naked, waving my pillow at the alarm sensor, trying to make it stop before the sprinkling system came on, and he's all wet, telling me to call the office. Needless to say, we didn't leave the room, and fortunately it wasn't my fault, but it was quite a site to see, I'm sure!" (The names were withheld to protect the embarrassed.)

Several of us were either in the shower or had just gotten out and I ran out into the hallway, to see if I could see or smell smoke, with my towel wrapped around me to meet face to face with the guy across the hall in the same attire.

Gary was in the self-serve kitchen toasting a bagel and the toaster started to smoke so he thought he had caused the alarm to go off. After a visit from the local fire department found no fire and all was well we were all off to the Iditarod.

What an exciting event. There were 12 dogs to a sled and it took one person per dog to contain the dogs until they reached the start line, because they were so excited to race. A couple of the dogs were so excited they were jumping up and down about 3-4 feet in the air as if they were on trampolines.

The next morning we had a hearty breakfast at the Alyeska Princess Hotel compliments of the hotel before tackling a mountain of 8" deep powder. Some had a good ski day, however, late afternoon it started to snow and rain.

Monday another day of skiing and shopping, culminating with our group dinner at the "Pond Restaurant".

Tuesday morning we were on our way to a fun filled day at the Wild Animal Park Preserve and on to Resurrection Bay at Seward for an ocean cruise and a fresh Halibut lunch. We had hoped to see Killer Whales but instead we saw Bald Eagles, Otters, Sea Lions and Dolphins. After our cruise we visited the "Marine Sea Life Museum and Center". We learned all kinds of interesting history and were able to interact with the many sea life exhibits. We managed a quick stop at "Thornton's Bar" for more Halibut and some quick libations, then back to Alyeska.

Wednesday more powder skiing, shopping and Jacuzzi time... Topping the trip and the day off with a wine and cheese party with a fabulous view from the "ROYAL SUITE".

Thursday morning it was time to head back to Las Vegas. Gary announced for everyone to have their luggage ready for a 6AM bag pull. Debbie thought he said have your luggage ready at 6AM by the Flag Pole!! She said, "Why do we have to take our luggage to the flag pole"? "I'm not taking my luggage to the flag pole"!

We had a great trip even with the challenges we faced and would like to thank everyone for their patience and support for making this trip a fun-filled exciting Alaskan adventure. Hope to have all of you on our Telluride trip next year.

Thanks again to a fun group,  
*Pat and Gary*

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**MEMBERSHIP  
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 and RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

*Please print legibly:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Hm) \_\_\_\_\_ (Wk) \_\_\_\_\_ Where did you hear about the club? \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

(Month/Day)

Check here if you DO NOT want your name and phone number(s) published in the LVSSC membership directory .

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Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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