



Hill Echoes

President's Message

Hello Chungers,

It is a new season for our Club, our 68th if I'm not mistaken, and with all the recent events like the hurricane disasters and the on-going war it is time for each of us to think and pray for our fellow Americans who have to sacrifice and live with inconvenience for a long time. We are really fortunate to have our fellow Club members and friends and be able to enjoy a sport we love.

This year we have to look at and possibly change the way the Club does things. One objective is the collecting of money for trips. In today's post 9/11 World the Club has to pay-out a lot of money to secure spaces on planes or to reserve buses. This money is at a higher risk than ever before, and most of the times it is the Club's money that will be lost since we pay earlier than ever before. So that is why it is important to *commit* to trips more seriously this 2005-2006 ski season and to plan to *pay* ahead of time. Start planning now by taking a look at your calendar and Club's calendar - I have done so already.

Also, speaking about money, the Club has to seriously look at raising of its dues across the Board. Everything is more expensive today than it was five or ten years ago. For example,

the Lodge that we meet in on Thursdays has tripled in price. Also, the monies for trip deposits are larger and must be paid earlier in this current day of age than before. In addition, the postage for mailing newsletters and flyers is higher, and we all know we have a Club website that costs to keep it online as well.

All these factors that I have mentioned above, plus more, like not filling bus trips or purchasing of Club pins, costs more today than ever before. That is why I talk about this now - it will help the Club keep pace with the times ahead.

The good news is that it is a new season and soon we will be clicking-on our boots and skis. Aside from all the things I've said in this message, we will be doing something we truly love; something that helps take our minds off everything else - and that is *skiing!*

Boy, do I love having an activity in the winter time that never gets boring - every turn, every stop, every run, and every ski hill - it just doesn't get better than that.

This sport is great!

Ski Heil,

Paul Y.

September 2005

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 03 Robert Gittleman
 06 Ann DeVries
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 27 Kurt Faunce

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27 Joe Tag
 30 Joan Lindquist
 31 Frank M Garcia

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WESTERN SKI TRIP

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING

Special notice to everyone planning to sign up for Jackson Hole, Wyoming in 2006.

It may be a bit soon to be thinking about skiing but there have been changes in our trip procedure that require immediate attention by all persons who are going on this trip.

Most airlines are making changes in dealing with group travel, mainly requiring earlier booking and payment deadlines. For this season they have changed their rules making it even more difficult for most.

In previous years the 60 day rule was in effect, meaning all names of everyone going along with all payments due no later than 60 days prior to departure day. Unfortunately they have increased this deadline to 126 days prior to departure day.

On the deadline day the trip will be closed and only the names of people who have signed up and paid the \$200.00 deposit will be sent to the airline. All remaining seats – if any – will be cancelled. Anyone attempting to sign up after that date will be subject to seat availability and probable higher cost.

The remaining balance of payment due must be paid no later than December 20, 2005.

This rule change means that if you want to go to Jackson Hole, you must be signed up with a deposit of \$200.00 or a credit card number no later than October 20, 2005 to guarantee your seat on the airplane.

We realize that these changes may make it difficult for some but we have no choice but to follow their rules.

Trip information with all the details will be advertised in the near future.

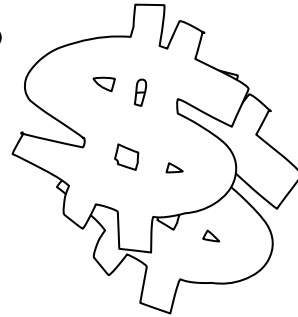
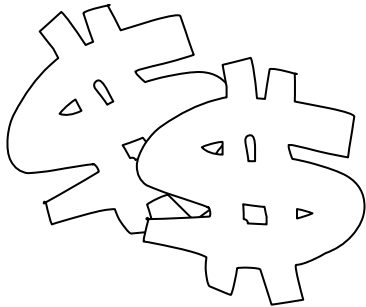
First Business Meeting Sept. 29

Agenda Topic - Dues Increases.

\$40-Singles

\$70 Couples

\$10 Seniors



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