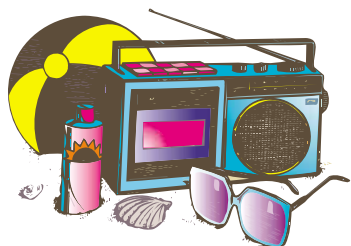


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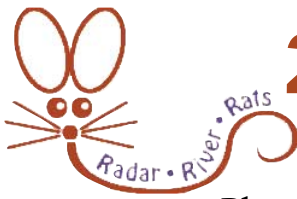
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2007 HEASB Water Ski Club Membership Application

Please, ONE application form per membership type (Individual or Family)

Name(s): _____ Home Ph: (____) _____
E-Mail:** _____ Cell Ph: (____) _____
Birthday (Mo/Day): _____ Work Ph: (____) _____
Home Address: _____ Emergency: (____) _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Contact: _____

**** Note — Email will be the tool used for most of our communication with members. Please print clearly.**

Raytheon Payroll Number: _____ LOC: _____ Bldg: _____ M/S: _____

The membership year is from April 1 through March 31.

Please check (ONE only) the type of membership that applies to you:

____ \$30.00 **Single Membership**

____ \$60.00 **Family Membership** (two or more skiers at same address and includes skiing kids under 18)

____ \$10.00 **Paper Newsletter**

**There is no membership fee for a non-skiing child under the age of 12.
However, ALL skiers must be members, regardless of age.**

**Submit application with your check payable to HEASB WATER SKI CLUB by mail to:
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We are always looking for volunteers. I may be interested in helping run the club: Yes _____ No _____

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SOUNDING

BORED

by Catherine Ohl

Water Skiing—

It's hard to believe that the water ski season is half over. So far, it's been great. Great weather (mostly), good friends (old and new), fantastic skiing and boarding, and fabulous food.

We are again challenge by new procedures at the park. To guarantee our reservation, we had to pre-pay a year in advance for four cars for both nights. The park gives the credit back to people as they arrive. We recently started giving them a list of people assigned to each credit.

So Patricia should let you know when she confirms your reservation whether you will be picking up a credit. If you are a legal carpool and not given a credit, your campground fees will be reimbursed on Sunday. ►

Point Tracker

August 10-12	Point 9
August 24-26	Point 3
September 7-9	Point 3
September 21-23	Point 3
October 5-7	Point 3
October 19-21	Point 7

Catherine

Boat Driver

UPDATE

by Gene Fulkerson

Summer Fun—

It has been an excellent summer so far. I've been hard at working embellishing the river menus and adding some new twists. Come out to the river for a taste.

It's been so good to ski/board with our excellent boat drivers— **Catherine Ohl, Paul Jackson, Mark Mathis,** and **Craig Henderson.**

Winter Fun—

It's not too early to start planing for a winter season of skiing and boarding. The Rats are loosely affiliated with the Pacific Rim Alliance Snow Sports Alliance. They have a number of wonderful trips planned for 2008.

See pages 16-18 for details.

- **Hakuba**, Japan & Beijing, ChinaJan 26 - Feb 3
- **Madonna di Campiglio** & Sorrento, ITMar 1-12
- **Big White**, CanadaMar 30 - Apr 6

Looking forward to skiing/boarding with you all again in 2007. ►

Gene

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July

Sean Mckee	7/3
Randy Walker	7/4
Edward Aguirre	7/4
Laura Mckee	7/5
Carl Palczewski	7/6
Amanda Coursey	7/12
Barbara Shanberg	7/16
Maria Degnore	7/16
Rick Fisher	7/16
Troy Stickney	7/18
Julie Mayer	7/23
Janice Hess	7/29
Joel Voelzke	7/31

August

Kenny Pomeroy	8/4
Lillie Farkas	8/6
Paige Fitting	8/7
Mike King	8/8
Peter Catalano	8/8
Scott Griffin	8/8
Thomas Newcomb	8/12
Allan Gere	8/14
David Chang	8/16
Michelle Mathis	8/19
Katie Wilhite	8/21
Kimberly Ehrlich	8/23
Josh Kweller	8/24

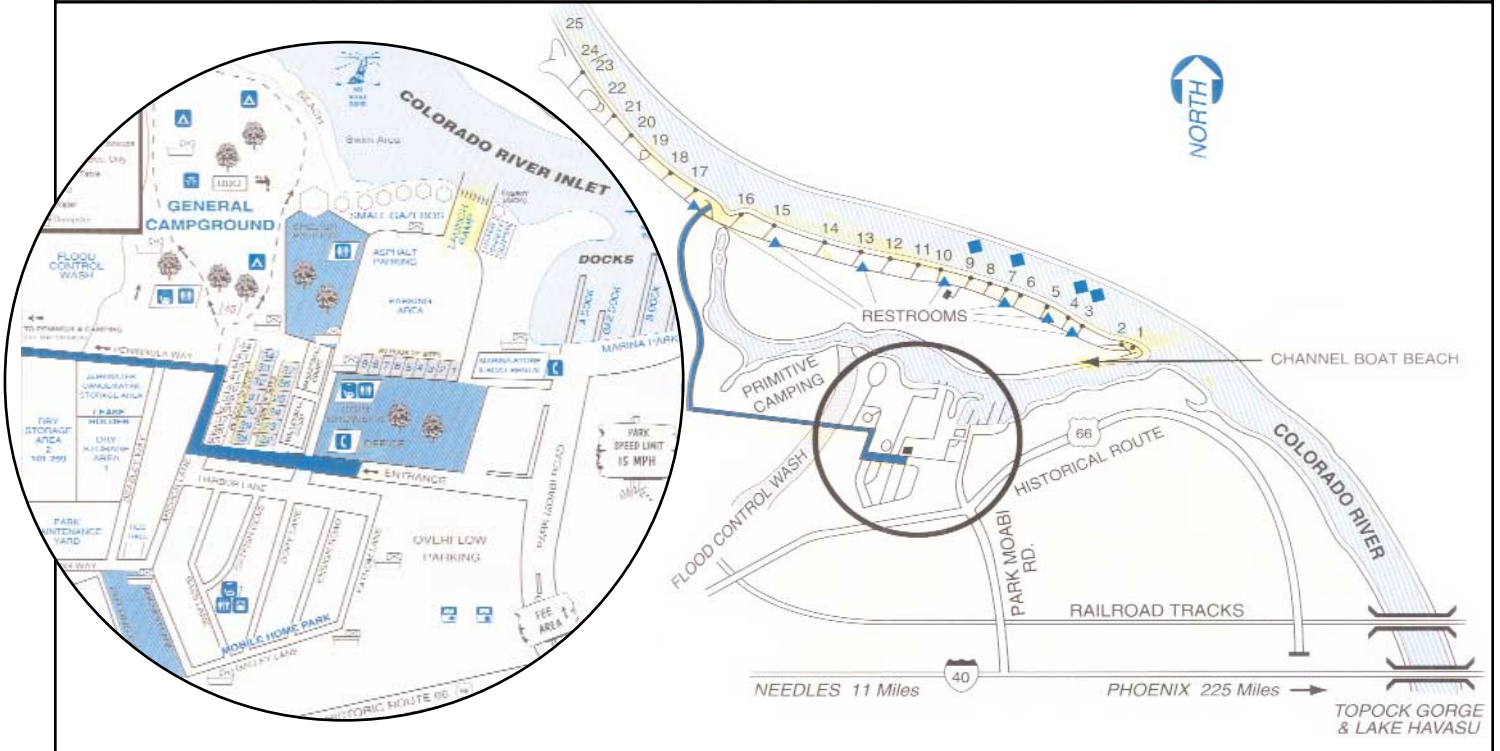
September

Jair Cabrera	9/1
Laura Priess	9/6
Catherine Ohl	9/8
Carmen Jackson	9/9
Conor Griffin	9/9
Daniel Gardner	9/11
Stephanie Thompson	9/11
Jackie Durant	9/12
Jesse Hecht	9/12
Christine Yuen	9/16
Mickey Klinger	9/24



MAP OF PARK MOABI

This is a Google Map of **Park Moabi**, located 11 miles east of Needles, CA along the Colorado River, where the Rats camp and play ten weekends throughout the summer. We don't get the same camping spot (called a point on the Peninsula) every weekend. This should help you find where we are located on any given weekend. [See chart on page 3 for Point Tracking.](#)



TRIPPING AROUND

❖ Radar River Rats ❖

- Water Ski Weekends..... Twice a month June - Oct
Patricia Ortiz / 323-651-0686

❖ Pacific Rim Alliance ❖

- Wine Maker Dinner for MS September 29, 2007
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469
- Japan January 26 - February 8, 2008
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469
- Madonna di Campiglio, Italy..... March 1-9, 2008
- Sorrento, Italy..... March 9-12, 2008
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469
- Big White, BC, Canada March 30 - April 6, 2008
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469
- Las Leñas, Argentina August 1-14, 2008
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469
- Kootenay Safari, Canada February 2009
Gene Fulkerson / 858-457-9469

❖ Los Angeles Council ❖

- Costa Rica November 10-19, 2007
Nancy Sanford / 909-585-5594
- Sun Peaks, Canada..... January 12-19, 2008
Iris Williams / 310-638-2826
- Whistler, Canada..... January 19-26, 2008
Judith Miller / 818-841-4192
- Snowbasin/Powder Mountain, UT..... February 7-11, 2008
Britt Johnson / 310-379-8972
- Courmayeur, Italy February 28 - March 11, 2008
Bonnie West / 562-699-8880
- Coeur d'Alene, Idaho March 12-16, 2008
Britt Johnson / 310-379-8972

❖ Far West Ski/Race Associations ❖

- CHINA & TIBET SEPT. 14 - OCT. 4, 2007
Norm Azevedo / 925-944-9816
- KEYSTONE NATIONALS, CO..... DECEMBER 13-17, 2007
Bob Ellis / 530-414-4270
- WHISTLER, CANADA JANUARY 19-26, 2008
Gloria Raminha / 713-818-0471
- LA TANIA, FRANCE..... MARCH 7-15, 2008
Norm Azevedo / 925-944-9816
- FAR WEST RACE CHAMP, MAMMOTH APRIL 4-6, 2008
Bob Ellis / 530-414-4270
- CONVENTION, SEATTLE, WA JUNE 5-8, 2008
Mary Olhausen / 360-892-1814
- CRUISE TO ALASKA (depart Seattle) JUNE 8-15, 2008

Go to "Tripping Around" at <http://www.pacificrimalliance.org> to download color flyers for most of the events listed above.

TRIP WRAP UP

June 8-10, 2007

This was an absolutely perfect weekend topped with a breathtaking sunset. The weather was great and even managed to cool off at night. The first trip in June is typically the best of the season and one of my favorite. The kids weren't out of school yet (so no crowds) and the weather was the best.

Catherine Ohl drove and **Gene Fulkerson** cooked up a storm. As usual, **Trudy Ferris** and **Simone Beaudoin** feasted on **Gene's** specialties. It's like they don't eat at home. **Seena Khatter** and **Troy Stickney** were also impressed with **Gene's** creativity in the kitchen with dinner and cocktails.

We welcomed first timers **Seena** and **Troy**, both fairly new wakeboarders. **Seena** seems to have a better handle on it. Troy really struggled behind Catherine's boat. After the third trip with us, Troy figured out that he is just not renting the right board because it's not always available. Looks like it's time to buy.

It was a small group of skiers and boarders on Point 7. **Gene** and **Catherine** were alone at the camp area during the night. **Trudy** and **Simone** took advantage of some frequent gambling points to sleep in Laughlin.

Seena and **Troy** arrived late Friday and couldn't seem to find our site and set up their tent in the general camping area. We have a Goggle map of the campsite. [See page 4.](#)

Great Trip! Great People! Great Fun! Great Food! ►



Troy & Sheena



Simone

TRIP WRAP UP

June 22-24, 2007

This trip saw the return of the **Griffin** family after a two year absence during which time they rebuilt their home. Neither **Kim** or **Scott** has any problems skiing or wake boarding. The boys have changed so much and were finally interested in learning to water ski (**Sean**) and wake board (**Conor**). We also welcomed the **Yuen** family, first time skiers all. **Sophia Yuen** was unable to ski, allowing her to take a massive amount of photos. While most photos were of her family, she did manage to capture just about everyone.

It was hot and it didn't cool off that much at night. **Mark Mathis** was the primary boat driver with **Gene Fulkerson** driving about half time. **Paul Jackson** was out working on his boat and giving tows to the kids on inner tubes. **Gene** was the master chef and cooked up a feast of pork loin, chicken, potatoes and more.

All the kids on this trip were amazing. Most were learning to ski or board for the first time. **Sean Griffin** was the most incredible. He mastered the double on Saturday and the single on Sunday. He listens well to instruction and can actually make the adjustments necessary. He's got great balance and no fear, hence he was crossing the wake at break neck speeds. Meanwhile, **Conor Griffin** has equal success on the wake board (had to do something different than his brother).

Other kids had varying degrees of success. We got **Michelle Mathis** up on a single ski for the first time. **Brian Jackson** continued to improve on a single while **Jordyn Mathis** is comfortable on her wake board. **Leann Yuen** got up but couldn't get balanced enough to stay up. Meanwhile **Chelsa** and **Christine Yuen** tried skiing a number of times, but preferred being

towed on the taco.

While not one of the kids, **Mike Yuen** was another first timer. He really struggled on Saturday— close but no cigar. As an engineer, he thought about all that we told him and figured out how to get up on doubles. As he said, It's so easy when you do it right.

Michelle Mathis appreciated the trip probably more than anyone. A recent high school graduate, Michelle is off to Cal Poly, Pomona in the fall. She just realized that her life will be taking a major turn which may not allow her to participate in as many family outings as these.

In my day, anyone in band was a major nerd. **Brian Jackson, Michelle & Jordyn Mathis** and **Leann Yuen** certainly disproved that theory. **Brian** recently went to England with his school band while **Michelle** and **Jordyn** are headed for three weeks in Spain, France, Italy and Switzerland.

Craig Henderson played slug most of the weekend. He came from Vegas, where he had been working, so he was unable to bring his usual toys. He needed the rest. Also playing slugs were **Troy Stickney** and **Seena Khatter**. They camped in Laughlin in a hotel and made it to the river on Saturday in time for lunch. **Troy** had better success behind **Mark's** boat with the sky pole. It was still a struggle behind Catherine's boat.

Sophia, Catherine, Carmen Jackson, and **Linda Newcomb-Mathis** were indiscernible to **Gene** in the kitchen. Every time we looked **Carmen** was doing the dishes again. **Linda** brought a cake to celebrate Michelle's graduation. We also toasted **Brain** and **Conor** who just graduated from 8th grade.

Great Trip! Great People! Great Fun! ►



Leann, Chelsa & Christine



Kim, Sean, Conor & Scott



Michelle & Gene



Jordyn, Sean & Brian

TRIP WRAP UP

July 13-15, 2007

There is no doubt that we are in the middle of summer. It's was hot, hot, and hot. **Agnes Johnson** joined us and she loves the heat. We missed her on the first few trips but she had been off skiing in Louisiana.

Seena Khatter and **Troy Stickney** were back for the third trip in a row. **Catherine Ohl** was a bit worried since Troy struggled in the past behind her boat. But **Troy** finally rented the right board for his style and size and he was boarding like a champ. **Seena** is making great strides every week. **Gene Fulkerson** says she has the best form on a board he's ever seen.

A real treat was **Gene's** oldest son and family joined us. **Tom Fulkerson** is so much like his dad, it's takes a bit getting used to. He even makes the

same whimpering sounds when he gets in the water for skiing.

Tom also has the same tendency to fix stuff. After they took care of all the small stuff, they started on **Catherine's** boat. The only thing 'wrong' with the boat was that after two weeks, it was getting hard to start. They started by changing the plugs and in the next four weeks have uncovered (or caused?) a few other problems.

Sheila Fulkerson and daughter **Amanda** were not interested in skiing. They did enjoy laying out on the 'taco' and catching a few rays. At the end of the trip as they were posing for a family photo, **Gene** dumped the cold drinking water on all three of them.

Great Trip! Great People! Great Fun! ►



Amanda, Sheila & Tom



Agnes & Gene

July 27-29, 2007

Catherine Ohl and **Gene Fulkerson** once again arrived Thursday night. By the time **Sean & Laura McKee** and **Lillie Farkas** arrived Friday afternoon, **Gene** had everything laid out and ready to set up. Afterwards, they enjoyed the sunset and some beer before heading inside Gene's RV for a pot luck dinner.

Agnes Johnson and **Laura Priess** came in later that evening. Both love the heat. **Jodie Cohen** and **Paul Matsu** arrived Saturday morning after a good night's sleep at the Avi.

Saturday did not get off to a good start. **Gene** had changed the plugs in **Catherine's** boat on Friday and didn't realize that he broke one or two of the wires doing so. Fortunately **Sean**, who is

a mechanic, was able to pin-point the problem right away and help get it fixed.

The wind came up early and so the skiing wasn't the best and most everyone boarded. **Agnes** is getting quite good but still prefers to ski.

Just as we were sitting down for dinner the wind packed a wallop. The beach tarp poles broke before we could take it down. We even had to hang on to the kitchen poles to keep them from flying away. We packed food and everyone into the RV for dinner. After dinner it rained a bit.

Sunday was beautiful, warm and slightly windy. **Sean** and **Laura** switched to skis and did great.

Great Trip! Great People! Great Fun! ►



Paul & Jodie



Lilly & Laura

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY

from Boat U.S. "Seaworthy"

What's the first word that pops into your head when someone says Personal Watercraft (PWC)? Fun? Fast? Loud? How about crunch? According to the Coast Guard, PWCs have a higher rate of collisions than any other type of boat.

The same person who wouldn't dream of lending a motorcycle to someone who has never ridden one will toss the keys of a fire-breathing PWC to a neophyte without a second thought.

Because of its small size, many people consider a PWC more of a dinghy than a real boat, but the fact is that a PWC is a vessel as defined by the USCG and subject to all the same rules and regulations as a 40-foot power cruiser.

The fact is that due to its speed and quirky handling characteristics, a PWC requires almost as much experience as the cruiser.

Accidents & Inexperienced Riders—

US Coast Guard (USCG) statistics reveal that most accidents involve operators in the 11- to 20-year-old age group. Owners were involved in only 18% of the accidents. The owner's siblings (29%) or friends (53%) account for far more accidents.

Roughly 84% of PWC accidents involved operators who had no boating safety education or instruction. In fact, 73% had been riding less than an hour when their accident occurred. 48% of those injured had never operated a personal watercraft or had done so only once.



Handling Characteristics—

Nearly 70% of PWC collisions are with another vessel, the majority are other PWCs. Inexperienced operators who are not familiar with judging speed and distances can suddenly find themselves on top of another boat as PWCs don't have brakes and can take up to 300 feet to stop from 60 mph.

One of the most common types of collisions is caused by PWCs' inherent lack of steering when the throttle is off; if water isn't being shot out of the stern, there is no rudder and no steering ability.

PWCs are able to turn much sharper and faster than a typical boat, and the forces generated by such maneuvers can throw a passenger or even the operator into the water.

Smacking into the water at high speeds can cause serious injuries. For this reason, every state requires PWC riders to wear approved PFDs and most require safety lanyards that shut down the engine if the operator is thrown off.

Wake jumping, even without falling off, also causes other injuries, from broken tailbones to broken necks. In most states, wake jumping within 100 feet of another boat is illegal. ►

PWCs Boating Tips—

- Adhere to the age and education requirements for your state.
- Everyone on board must wear a personal flotation device (PFD).
- Attach engine shut-off cord (lanyard) to your wrist and keep it free from the handlebars so that the engine will stop if you fall off.
- Never ride after consuming alcohol.
- Never carry more than the maximum passenger load specified for your craft.
- If you loan your craft to a friend, make sure he or she is of legal age, knows how to operate your craft, and is fully aware of the responsible boating rules. You are responsible when you loan out your PWC.
- Check your craft internally and externally before you get on the water.
- Passengers should hold on to the person in front of them or the handhold while keeping both feet on the deck for balance during operation.
- Never allow a passenger to ride in front of the operator.
- Obey local speed limits, whether posted or not. In congested areas, lower your speed or stop out of the way.
- Scan constantly for people, objects, and other watercraft. Be alert for conditions that limit your visibility or block your vision of others.
- Don't release the throttle when maneuvering because you need throttle to steer.
- Operate defensively at safe speeds and keep a safe distance from people, objects, and other watercraft.
- Don't follow directly behind PWCs or other boats.
- Don't go near other boats, people, beach or dock to spray or splash water.
- Avoid sharp turns or maneuvers that make it hard for others to avoid you or understand where you are going. Remember, boats, including PWCs, do not have brakes.
- Avoid areas with submerged objects or shallow water.
- If your course takes you across the wake of another boat, make sure your visibility is not obstructed by that boat. Stay far enough behind other boat wakes (more than 100 feet) so that you can see if other traffic is coming your way. ►

QUAGGA MUSSEL ALERT

The Quagga Mussel was first observed in North America in September 1989 when it was discovered in Lake Erie near Port Colborne, Ontario.

It was not identified as a distinct species until 1991. The species was called the Quagga Mussel after the quagga, an extinct subspecies of African zebra, possibly because, like the quagga, its stripes fade.

The invasive Quagga Mussel has been discovered in California and the public is being asked to help prevent its spread.

It causes many of the same problems (damaging boats, power plants, and harbors and destroying the native mussel population) as the equally invasive Zebra mussel of Russia.

Once the Quagga are established in a waterway, they will have significant environmental, recreational and economic impacts. Although they range from microscopic to the size of a fingernail, they are prolific and attach themselves to any hard surface.



In the Great Lakes area, Quagga Mussels have covered everything from boat engines and steering equipment to water transport facilities.

They also wreak havoc with the environment, disrupting the natural food chain and releasing toxins that affect other species. Spread of the Quagga could result in millions of dollars in damage to water transport facilities.

Boats are the primary transporters of Quagga mussels. All boaters and anyone connected to freshwater aquatic environments should take steps (*see sidebar*) to inhibit the spread of the Quagga mussel.

A public toll-free number has been established for boaters and anyone involved with activities on lakes and rivers seeking information on the invasive and destructive Quagga Mussels.

The toll-free number

1-866-440-9530

is available Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 7 PM. ►

Don't Let Quagga Mussels ride with you!

To help stop the spread of this invasive species, the California Department of Fish and Game urges all users of recreational watercraft to follow this key suggestions when leaving the water.

- Thoroughly wash the hull of each watercraft once it is out of the water, removing all plants and animal material.
- Drain any water through the vessel's hull plug, and ensure the area is dry.
- Ensure the vessel's lower outboard unit is drained and dry.
- Clean and dry any live-well aboard the vessel.
- Empty and dry any buckets.
- Any vessel traveling from Lake Mead, Lake Havasu, Lake Mojave, or the Colorado River should remain dry and out of water for five days.
- Dispose of all bait in the trash. ►



INDUSTRY

Ski News

by Catherine Ohl

ASC Sells The Canyons for \$100 Million—

After announcing the dissolution of the company, American Skiing Company (ASC) had one last little piece of business to attend to— selling off The Canyons Ski Resort.



ASC announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to sell its subsidiary ASC Utah, Inc., the owner and operator of The Canyons resort, located near Park City, Utah, to Talisker Canyons Finance Co. LLC, an affiliate of Talisker Corporation, for \$100 million in cash. The transaction is not expected to result in any change in the status of currently pending litigation between The Canyons and Wolf Mountain (a landlord at The Canyons).

The announced sale represents the planned disposition of the last major resort asset of ASC, which this year sold off the Sunday River ski resort and the Sugarloaf/USA ski resort to Boyne USA, Inc., as well as Steamboat to Intrawest, and Killington, Attitash, Pico and Mount Snow.

Passport—

Good news for Caribbean, Canada and Mexico travelers without passports. The U.S. House and the Senate Appropriations Committee both approved legislation that would delay passport requirements for sea and land travel to the Caribbean, Bermuda, Mexico and Canada until at least June 1, 2009, a year later than currently

mandated. However, the bills don't push back the passport rules for air travel— currently suspended because of a backlog in processing passport applications



U.S. citizens who have applied for but not received their passports back from the State Department are being allowed to reenter the U.S. from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Mexico and Canada, effective immediately and through September 30, 2007.

The Ski Channel to Launch in 2008—

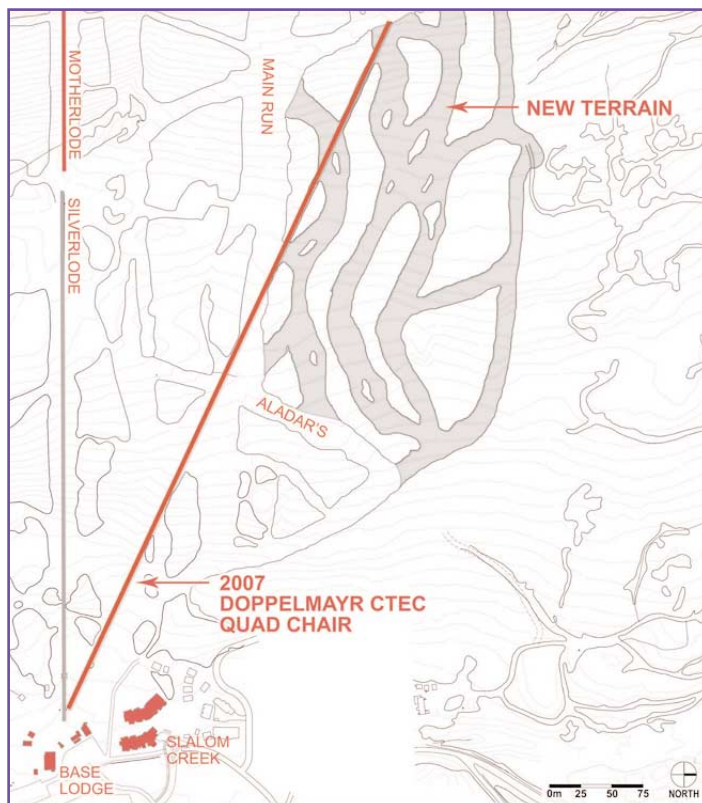
Steve Bellamy, founder and former president of The Tennis Channel, will launch The Ski Channel— a “TV destination for the mountain lifestyle,”— as early as winter 2008.

To help make this a reality, The Ski Channel has entered into a long-term affiliation agreement with Time Warner Cable, expected to be the first of several moves to get the channel into tens of millions of homes by the time the channel goes live.

Red Announces a New Quad Chair—

Red Mountain's reputation as a retro, mostly expert ski area may be ending. The BC resort near Rossland is installing its first new chair in 30 years, plus more novice terrain and a ski-in/ski-out boutique hotel.

By November 2007, a new Doppelmayr CTEC quad chair will replace Red's old Silverlode lift. One-hundred-plus acres of novice skiing will be cut and carpeted in time for the chair's debut. And the Valencia Hotel Group's deluxe condo-hotel will appear slopeside in December 2009, complete with Vbar, Citrus restaurant, and a bevy of personal-stay concierges. ►



MAMMOTHNEWS

Top of the Sierra—

Top of the Sierra Interpretive Center opened in March 2007 with interactive displays and descriptions to go along with each peak that is visible from the panorama windows.

Free 45-minute naturalist tours at the top start at 11am and 1pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday through August, plus Labor Day (weather permitting).

Follow the signs to the actual top of the sierra, a two-minute uphill path that lets you look down at the slopes of the Ski Area.

Salads and sandwiches are served cafeteria-style (no table service). There is also a soup of the day, beers from Mammoth Brewing Company, pastries and cheesecakes.



Mammoth Gets New Lift—

Cloud Nine Express is replacing Mammoth's legendary double-chair 9—a project that is costing \$6.5 million. The new Doppelmayr lift will whisk skiers from the Eagle Lodge side of the mountain to 10,371 feet near Dragon's Back in just over six minutes, providing access to hundreds of acres of intermediate and advanced terrain and cutting the ride time in half.

Originally installed in 1969, the fixed-grip two-seat chair is famed for deep powder and runs like Dragon's Back and Ricochet. Cloud Nine Express services the secluded and often

uncrowded eastern slopes of Mammoth Mountain. The new lift will provide quick and efficient service, enable the lift to operate under more acute weather conditions and give more skiers the opportunity to enjoy some of the best terrain Mammoth has to offer.

Winds can be strong as weather blows in over Mammoth's east side. The heavier six-passenger lift is being installed instead of a quad lift to allow it to operate in higher winds. The six-pack chair is heavier and more stable in the wind, so the Lift Operations team anticipates more full days of operation.

Festival of Beers and Bluesapalooza—

August 3, 2007 at Sam's Wood Site

The best blues acts with over 50 microbreweries. The Blues BBQ will be on Friday along with the grand tasting and Bluesapalooza on Saturday.

Festival of Wine, Music & Food—

August 17-19, 2007

Start with a Wine Walk on Friday evening at the Village at Mammoth. Enjoy tastings from a variety of world-class vintners, hosted under the trees at the Wood Site, throughout the weekend.

Mammoth's long-running art fair, Art a la Carte, comes to the festival's outdoor Woods Site on Saturday and Sunday. Explore the works of local crafts people from around the Sierra region.

What better way to experience a taste of Mammoth than in an outdoor food court? Try an assortment of savory snacks and desserts. Pair quality edibles from Mammoth's finest restaurants with your favorite wine.

Call 800.MAMMOTH or visit www.mammothmountain.com ►

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- to Gene Fulkerson at
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About the Dinner—

Mary Trimmis, Executive Chef, will be back as our guest chef.

The dinner will consist of 6-7 courses with an exquisite wine specifically chosen to match to each course.

Dinner typically lasts 5 hours.

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CREDIT CARD ALERT

by Gene Fulkerson

In the last two years over 200 million credit card numbers have been stolen by thieves. The majority occurred two years ago in St Paul, MN at a Marshall's Store where hackers were able to access their data base. They also targeted T.J. Maxx, Home Goods, and A. J. Wright.

Customer information was accessed by a hacker using a lap-top computer who was able to intercept data streaming through the air between hand-held price-checking devices, cash registers, and the stores computer. They were also able to obtain personal information such as Driver Licenses, Military ID and Social Security Numbers.

Approximately half-million customers were compromised. The cost to pay for pirated cards, according to the banks, could run as high as \$300 million a year.

For Marshalls, the problem for them could surpass \$1 billion in 5 years. Most of these people are back East but a few are showing up in California this year. Be aware if you charged at any one of these stores between 2005-2006.

Most credit card customers can only be liable for \$50 in charges. Debit card holders can be held liable for unauthorized use if the fraud is not reported with 60 days.

Debit cards can put you at greater risk because they offer less legal protection than credit cards in a loss situation. Remember debit cards access your money directly from your bank account and without you knowing it can cause you to bounce



checks, add late fees and create other expenses.

When using a debit card always protect your pin by shielding it with your hand because a hidden camera might be recording you, even from a distance.

Keep an eye on your cards if you're using it in a restaurant or gas station. Put it this way, would you rather argue with a credit card charge at the point of sale or with a bank to put the stolen money back into your account.

Debit card use in 2005 topped \$1 trillion. Fraud was up 21%, that's a mere \$662 million. We know banks are pushing these cards because you get a better deal for paying cash or check

How this theft works is very simple. You hand over a debt card to basically an unknown person who then takes it out of your sight and records your number or swipes the card in a machine and later uses it for another transaction, called skinning.

Several American chain restaurants, i.e. Hooters, brings the card machine to your table so as to prevent skinning. Another chain, Ruby Tuesday, is using a system that once the transaction is complete all information is deleted so as to prevent hackers from retrieving your data. ►

Does and Don'ts—

- Do check for signs of tampering at all ATMs and card readers, such as, loose connections, tape, loose wires, etc.
- Do check for hidden cameras or people looking over your shoulder. Shield your fingers when keying in your pin number.
- Do keep an eye on your card at the gas stations, hotels, and restaurants.
- Do check your statement every month.
- Do order and check your credit report regularly. If you suspect anything, notify the proper institution immediately. Some card companies offer free credit analysis periodically or for a small annual fee. A free annual report is available from ChexSystems 800-428-9623 or at www.consumerdept.com.
- Do close compromised accounts immediately and change pin numbers.
- Don't use un-branded or suspicious looking ATMs and card readers. Corner grocery, convenience and locations outside bands are often targets.
- Don't let anyone else enter your pin number.
- Don't delay reporting errors to financial institutions.
- Don't use debit cards for large purchases. Preserve your consumer protection and use credit cards instead.
- Don't respond to unsolicited email requests for account and pin numbers. No reputable company will ask you to update your accounts via email. Do not use the link provided to go to the account in question. ►

KID'S KORNER

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Children and Personal Watercraft—

The U.S. Coast Guard's Office of Boating Safety has recently

produced a new safety brochure titled "Children and Personal Watercraft" that is now available to the public.

Whether you own, rent, or borrow a PWC, this brochure offers readers basic information about who can ride or operate a PWC. Before you or your kids get on a PWC, you should know the laws. [See page 5 for Safety Tips.](#)

PWC Boating Laws in California—

- Operators of a boat or PWC must be 16 or older.
- Children 12 years or older may operate a boat or PWC with an adult, 18 or older.
- Observers must be 12 or older.
- Children under age 12 must wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket while on board a vessel.
- Everyone must wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket on a PWC.

Sport Readiness—

Most sports injuries can be prevented, even predicted! The first step in preventing sports injuries is finding out why sports injuries occur. Sports injuries are due to:

- Individual risk factors (such as medical conditions).
- Inadequate physical exams before

participating (every child should get a sports-specific physical exam before each season).

- Lack of pre-season conditioning.
- Lack of safety equipment, or poorly fitted, improper equipment.
- Lack of proper eye protection.
- Improper training or coaching, or lack of instruction.
- Fatigue.
- Not warming up or cooling down and stretching properly.
- Playing while injured.
- Stress and inappropriate pressure.
- Temperature.
- Poor nutrition or hydration.

Smart Snacking—

Even if your child eats three meals a day, they may still feel hungry at times. What's the answer? Healthy snacks. Snacking on nutritious food can keep their energy level high and mind alert.

To keep a child's energy levels going — and avoid weight gain — steer clear of foods with lots of simple carbohydrates (sugars) like candy bars or soda. Look for foods that contain complex

carbohydrates like whole-grain breads and cereals and combine them with protein-rich snacks such as peanut butter or low-fat yogurt or cheese.

- Kids will most likely eat vegetables if you cut them up— carrots, celery, sugar snap peas, broccoli, green beans. Include a dip made from cottage cheese and Ranch salad dressing whirled up in the blender.
- Kids like fruit better if it is cut into biteable pieces. Try putting it on a kabob and mix with cheese.
- Peanut butter— anyway.
- More kid favorites include granola type bars, animal crackers, graham crackers with peanut butter, celery with peanut butter and raisins (ants on a log), apples with cheese or peanut butter.
- Great healthy snacks start with inexpensive tortillas. Try grated cheese melted on a tortilla— fold it and cut it in wedges. They can dip it in salsa or eat plain.
- A very delicious and healthy snack is soy nuts (unsalted) mixed with real nuts, raisins or cranberries, chopped dates or any favorite dried fruit and nuts of choice. ►



SKI AREAS GREEN REPORT

Vail Buys Wind Power—

For several months leading up to the 2006/07 ski season, it seemed that every other week a different ski resort was announcing a major green power purchase. One of the most significant of those announcements came when Vail Resorts, Inc., operator of five major mountain properties, announced that it would offset 100% of its energy use by purchasing nearly 152 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of wind energy.



That's enough electricity not only for the five mountain resorts, but also Vail's lodging properties including RockResorts and Grand Teton Lodge Co., all of its 125 retail locations (operated through Specialty Sports Venture), and its new corporate headquarters in Broomfield, Colorado.

By purchasing renewable energy credits (RECs) equal to Vail's entire electricity use, the company became the second largest purchaser of wind power of all corporations in the U.S. at the time, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The purchase is the equivalent of cutting over 211 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions every year—the same as taking 18,000 cars off the road or planting over 27,000 acres of trees, according to EPA.

A commitment to the natural environment is a key issue for resorts, partially because the ski industry can have a significant impact on the environment, often developing previously pristine areas and cutting wide swaths through ecosystems for trails; such necessary machinery as ski lifts and snow makers, meanwhile, burn an awful lot of energy. Acknowledging those impacts perhaps more than previously, the industry is thinking about sustainability, both in terms of green energy as well as other environmental issues.



Industry Leadership—

The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) has been thinking about global warming for quite some time, adopting its Climate Change Policy as far back as 2002. The renewable energy purchases are in part driven by an industry program spearheaded by NSAA.

NSAA's Green Power Program, which falls under the umbrella of the **Keep Winter Cool** and **Sustainable Slopes** initiatives, was launched in an effort to grow the number of ski resorts and ski industry supplier companies buying green power for their operations.

As of now, 57 resorts in 16 states are buying renewable energy to offset all or part of their operational energy use. In addition, NSAA, the National Ski Patrol, the Professional Ski Instructors of America, and the American Association of Snowboard Instructors, are all offsetting 100% of their electricity use.



Val Thorens Tarps Glacier—

The Val Thorens Trail Map is 20 years old. You see all these areas marked as glaciers, but come back in the summer and you will see they are gone. Val Thorens may be the highest ski resort in Europe, but even its lofty summits and twinkling glaciers are suffering from the changing climate. The resort is fighting back. From the spring of 2008 the Savoie resort, on the edge of the Vanoise National Park in France, plans to cover part of its glacier with a giant tarpaulin.

What You Can Do—

Use public transportation. If Americans used public transportation for 10 percent of their daily travel needs, the U.S. would use 40 percent less imported oil, or nearly the amount of oil we import from Saudi Arabia each year.

Find your household carbon footprint. A typical household adds about 44,380 lbs of carbon dioxide (the primary contributor to global warming) into the air every year. ►

To find your carbon footprint and how to offset it go to—

https://www.greentagsusa.org/GreenTags/aspen/calculator_intro.cfm.

LATE BREAKING NEWS



Russia Wins the 2014 Winter Olympics—

The International Olympic Committee has chosen the Russian resort of Krasnaya Polyana and the adjacent town of Sochi to host the 2014

Winter Games, beating out Salzburg, Austria, and Pyeongchang, South Korea.

The Winter Olympic Games will be in Russia for the first time ever. Krasnaya Polyana is located in the Caucasus Mountains along the Russian Riviera of the Black Sea.

The mountains above the Krasnaya Polyana valley are home to Russia's primary winter resorts with massive alpine terrain. The new Rosa Khutor will have over 5,000 feet of vertical, making it one of the biggest lift-served mountains in the world.

Most of the snow competitions are planned at Rosa Khutor, about 30 miles from the Black Sea, with nordic events at Psekhako Ridge.

Sochi's airport is just 10 minutes from the city. With the mountain venues less than an hour away, it will be one of the most convenient Winter Olympics in recent history.



Sochi represents a truly unique location for winter sports. Spectators will be able to catch an Olympic competition in the afternoon in the mountains, and stroll that evening under palm trees along the Black Sea in Sochi. The city has the northernmost tropical climate in the world due to its location between the Caucasus Mountains, including Russia's highest peak (Mount Elbrus at 18,000 feet), and the Black Sea.



The Ski Resort Development Company Rosa Khutor was established 2003 by the Interros Holding Company with the purpose to build and to develop the alpine ski resort Rosa Khutor in the village Krasnaya Polyana

Rosa Khutor construction project is being realized with the support of the Krasnodar Region Administration, the Russian Olympic Committee and in close cooperation with the State Enterprise Sochi National Park.

The conceptual plan has been developed by a well-known Canadian company Ecosign Mountain Resort Planners Ltd.

The General Planner is the company ILF Russland, Engineering and Project management – the Russian daughter enterprise of the largest Austrian design bureau ILF Beratende Ingenieure ZT mbH. ►

Ski Fitness — Off Season Training

Skiing is a demanding sport. It subjects your body to repeated stresses and involves strenuous exertion at high altitude.

The fitter you are, the better and longer you will be able to ski each day, and the lower your risk of injury will be. Any fitness program should include the following.

Anaerobic Fitness—

Skiing calls for anaerobic fitness, the strength and ability to sustain short bursts of exertion. Skiing bumps, short radius turns and schussing all require power, as well as stamina.

Aerobic Fitness—

Perhaps most importantly, you need to be aerobically fit in order to exercise in the thin mountain air. There's only one way to achieve this, and that's through some sort of program of exercise which raises your heart rate and keeps it there over a period of at least 15 minutes.



Coordination, Balance and Flexibility—

Finally, your ski fitness program should improve your co-ordination, balance and flexibility, allowing you a more dynamic range of movement. ►

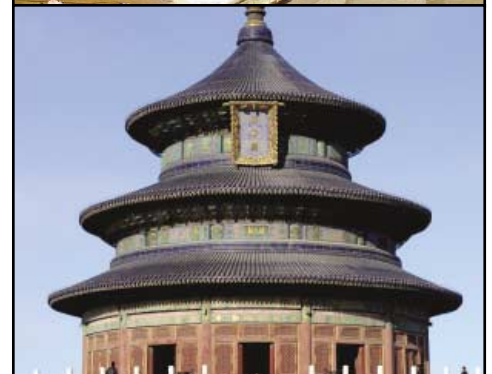
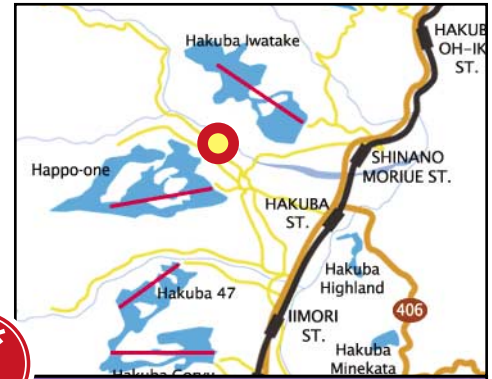
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January 26 - February 3, 2008

Hakuba/Tokyo Package Includes—

- 5 Nights **Lodging in Hakuba** in 5-star Tokyu Hotel [dbl. occ.].
 - Breakfast Buffet & Dinner Daily.
 - Three Minute Walk to Happo'one Ski Area.
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 - Tokyo to Narita Airport via Private Coach.
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- All Local Taxes

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- For information call 858-467-9469 or email gene@pacificrimalliance.org.

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About Sorrento—

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About Big White—

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Prices based on an exchange rate \$1 Canadian to \$1.05 USD.

Can apply for a GST refund on lodging— estimated to be \$30 Canadian.



Photos courtesy Big White Ski Resort

2007 HEASB Water Ski Club Reservation Application

(Please, **ONE** reservation form and **ONE** check for **EACH** person **EACH** trip)

Circle Trip Date: Jun 8-10 Jun 22-24 July 13-15 July 27-29 Aug 10-12 Aug 24-26 Sept 7-9 Sept 21-23 Oct 5-7 Oct 19-21

Name: _____ E-mail: _____
Home Addr: _____ Home Phone: () _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: () _____
In case of emergency, notify: _____ Phone: () _____

My reservation is for the following: _____ Water skier \$110* _____ Non-skier child (5-11) \$18
_____ Non-skier \$55 _____ Child (4 and under) \$0

Make check payable and send with this form to: HEASB WATER SKI CLUB, P.O. Box 3080, El Segundo, CA 90245.

Reservations must be received two weeks before the trip. Cancellation must be received IN WRITING AT LEAST TWO WEEKS before trip date. No substitutions without the Trip Coordinator's permission. The HEASB Water Ski Club reserves the right to reject a reservation. For further information, call Craig before 9 pm at 562-627-3812. *May be subject to fuel surcharge.

Required Carpool Information (your form may be returned if not complete)

The Trip Coordinator will arrange carpools for those wishing to travel with the club. First priority is given to vehicles pulling boats or hauling supplies. Volunteer drivers are needed to provide the remaining transportation, taking AT LEAST two passengers and/or food/drinks. Each passenger will pay the carpool driver for transportation expenses, an amount determined by the driver (typically \$35-60). Most carpools leave the LA area on Friday after work and arrive at Park Moabi around midnight. Drivers of arranged/approved carpools will be reimbursed for campground fees AFTER the trailer's packed on Sunday, about 2 pm. Your request for a specific carpool is not guaranteed. Carpools will be non-smoking.

_____ I agree to carpool as arranged/approved by the Club.

NOTE: **If you choose not to carpool**, you will be required to pay camping fees (\$21 per night) or \$10 per day use.

_____ I am available to drive my vehicle to the river.

- Other passengers: _____ Year, make, model of vehicle: _____
- Air conditioned? _____ Total # of people you can take including driver: _____
- In addition, I have room for: #cases drinks: _____ #coolers: _____ #bags food: _____ #skis: _____

_____ I prefer a ride to the River. Carpool Driver Preference: _____

- How much gear will you bring? Ski: _____ Chair (type): _____ Tent: _____
- Other bulky items? _____

_____ I would like a hookup on the point. (A **limited** number of hookups are available. *Priority will be given to boat drivers, board members and then on a first come, first serve basis.*)

- Hook-ups will be assigned on a first signed-up basis. Hook-ups are \$35 a night. We reimburse up to \$21 a night.

_____ I am willing to be a trip leader (reimbursement will be based on people count up to \$110 per trip leader).

Membership

You must be a member of the HEASB Water Ski Club. The membership fee and application MUST be sent to **Membership** at the P.O. Box 3080, El Segundo, CA 90245. Membership should be a separate check.

I have paid my membership fee: _____ (Initial) (Non-skiers aged 0-11, membership not required)

Waiver must be signed and accompany payment

I am aware that participation in the RADAR RIVER RATS' events, has, in addition to the usual risks, dangers and hazards associated with travel, water skiing, air chairing, skurfing and boating, including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking boats; changing weather conditions, exposed rock, earth, trees or other natural objects; the condition of the water, skis and boats; impact or collision with other skiers, boaters, jet skiers; the failure to ski safely or within one's own ability or within designated areas; negligence of other skiers, boaters and jet skiers and negligence on the part of the organizations or their staff. I am also aware that the risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the area and that many are unmarked. I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS, RESULTING THEREFROM.

PARTICIPANT (Please print clearly)

SIGNATURE (Parent if under age)

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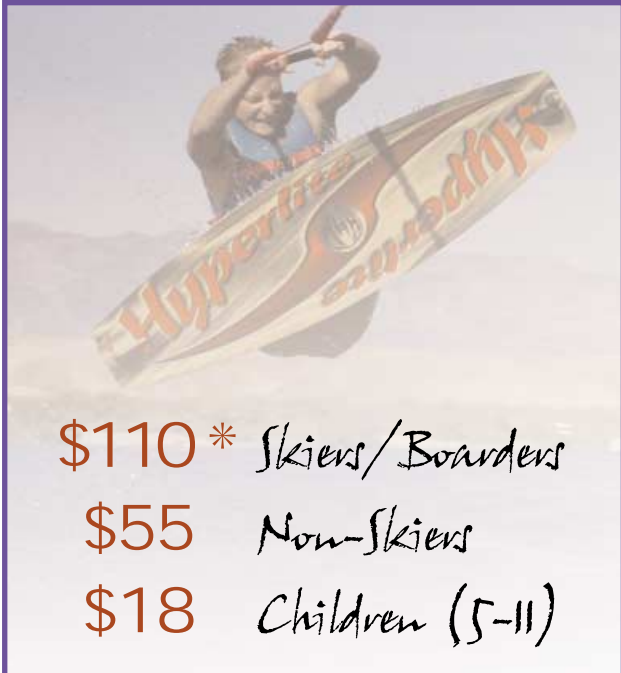
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\$18 Children (5-11)

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