

Great Ski Trips are Planned this Year!!

In spite of all the problems with gas prices and the economy, we have found that most ski club members are still planning to travel this year. I sent out a mass email at the end of June and received more than 150 responses from people who want to go on one or more trips!

Based on that response, we have planned a fantastic program this season. Please read all the trip details carefully before you decide.

Since airfares are so volatile, you will be given the option of ticketing when you make your deposit. If you do this, you will not have to face the various fuel surcharges that may be put in place. At least, that's the rule as of this printing!

However, if you must cancel, the penalties are very high. For example, if you can be replaced, the airlines are charging \$150 to do a name change. Many airfares are non-refundable.

Therefore, we are strongly urging you to take out Trip Cancellation Insurance! You may do it online by going to: www.wlbskiclub.org and following the link to Access America Insurance. Or you may call Harriet Warner at 732-356-2887 and I'll explain the different options to you.

Trip Chairmen Will Operate Trips! Their names, phone numbers and email addresses will be listed with the individual trip articles and in each newsletter.

It's essential that you contact the respective trip leader with any questions or requests that you have.

Please join us for the 2008 / 2009 Ski Season

ORGANIZING MEETING

Tuesday, September 16 at 8pm

CLUB MEETINGS: Meetings are held as per schedule below at 8pm at the West Long Branch Community Center, Locust Ave at Parker Rd, W Long Branch.

CLUB DUES: Dues are only \$10 per year and entitle you to participate in the trips and all the club activities. Members must be over 21 but you don't have to live in West Long Branch to belong. **You must be a club member to participate in the trips.**

HOW TO JOIN: Fill out the enclosed club application and return with \$10 dues. Returning members must also fill out the form completely!

TRIP REGISTRATION: Sign up early. Space is limited. *Full trip details inside newsletter.*

TRIP PAYMENTS: Make checks out to: WLB Ski Club.
Send to: Jerry Warner, 535 Rosecliff Court, Somerset NJ 08873.

SKI TRIP CALENDAR AND TRIP CHAIRMEN

- Dec 11 to 18 **Vail, Colorado**, (looking for trip leader, call Harriet if interested)
- Jan 3 to 10 **Snowbird, Utah**, Karen DeMasters, 732-681-0430,
- Jan 24 / Feb 1 **Club Med, La Plagne, France**, Harriet Warner, 732-356-2887
- Jan 31 / Feb 8 **Club Med, Les Menuires, France**, H. Warner-732-356-2887
- Jan 24 / Feb 8 Two weeks skiing in France, One airfare! Details on page 2
- Feb 24 / Mar 3 **Lake Tahoe, CA**, Pete Brown, 732-996-0644
- Mar 19 to 26 **Big Mountain, Montana**, Dottie Binder, 732-291-1964

CLUB MEETINGS

- Sep 16 - **Opening meeting & Oktoberfest Party**
- Oct 14 - **Club meeting**
- Nov 8 - **30th Anniversary Party!** (See below)
- Jan 13 - **Discussion of next year's trips**
- Mar 10 - **Evaluation of club reorganization and further plans**
There will be no meetings in Nov, Dec & Feb.

WLB Ski Club 30th Anniversary Party on November 8!

Mark your calendar and hold this date! We are celebrating 30 years of the West Long Branch Ski Club. Full details and reservation information will be on our web site in early August at: <http://wlbskiclub.org/>

VAIL, COLORADO

December 11 to 18, 2008
One Week (Thurs /Thurs.)

\$1,475

per person, double occupancy

TRIP INCLUDES:

- ✓ Continental Air Newark to Denver
- ✓ Transfers from airport to hotel
- ✓ 7 nights at **EVERGREEN LODGE**
- ✓ **Breakfast daily!**
- ✓ Five day lift pass
- ✓ Taxes & portorage

VAIL is the largest single-mountain ski area in North America offering guests 5,289 acres of skiable terrain, 33 lifts, including 14 high-speed quads and the Eagle Bahn Gondola.

With unique features such as seven powdery bowls, the back country skiing of Blue Sky Basin and the front side. 1,500 acres of "corduroy" each day means the most groomed terrain on the planet!

At the base of the mountain is the European styled Vail Village, the quintessential ski town with a rich variety of activities, shopping, world-class dining, galleries, apres ski, nightlife and spas.

Together, the mountain and the village make Vail America's favorite ski resort.

THE EVERGREEN LODGE, a full service hotel, is the ideal setting for a memorable experience in Colorado's beautiful Vail Valley.

Located between Lions Head and Vail Village on the free Town of Vail bus route, the Evergreen Lodge is only one stop to the Lions Head gondola.

It is located adjacent to the Vail Public Library, Vail Valley Medical Center, Steadman Hawkins Clinic and the Dobson Ice Arena.

Trip Chairman:

We are looking for a volunteer. Please contact Harriet at 732-356-2887 or via email at: skierhw@aol.com for details.

SNOWBIRD, UTAH

Jan 3 to 10,, 2009
One Week (Sat. / Sat.)

\$1499

per person, double occupancy

TRIP INCLUDES:

- ✓ Round trip Delta air from Newark to Salt Lake City
- ✓ Transfers from airport to hotel
- ✓ Seven nights lodging at the slope side **CLIFF LODGE**
- ✓ Six lift tickets for Snowbird, including Tram (upgrade for Alta / Snowbird combination is plus \$100)
- ✓ "Ski Club Powder Week party!"
- ✓ Taxes & portorage

SNOWBIRD is a cozy, slope-side pedestrian village, harmonizing naturally with the rugged beauty of Little Cottonwood Canyon. Lots of light, dry Utah powder makes Snowbird internationally famous, receiving an average of 500 inches of snow a year — enough to keep it regularly open over 200 days most ski seasons.

Snowbird has 3,100 feet of skiable vertical and 2,000 acres of terrain for everyone -- from wide bowls to gladed tree runs, from steep chutes to gentle cruising boulevards. Intermediates will want to checkout Chip's Run, the longest designated run at 2.5 miles.

All this snow and terrain is easily accessible via eight chairlifts and one powerful aerial tram, which carries 125 passengers to the summit of 11,000-foot Hidden Peak in eight short minutes.

Alta & Snowbird are now connected by a high speed quad. Your Snowbird lift ticket may be upgraded to a 6-day Alta / Snowbird combination lift ticket for \$100.

Snowbird's flagship property, **THE CLIFF LODGE**, offers easy ski-out/ski in access. There are three restaurants & two lounges. The world-class Cliff Spa and Salon make it the perfect place after an exhilarating day on the slopes.

Trip Chairman:

Karen Demasters, 732-681-0430
email: kdrosalita@optonline.net

*Leave your wallet home
for these all-inclusive ski
trips!*

CLUB Med - La Plagne, France

Jan 24 to Feb 1, 2009
One Week

\$2,599 all-inclusive!

or

CLUB MED - Les Menuires, France

Jan 31 to Feb 8, 2009
One Week

\$2,399 all inclusive!

or

Two Weeks of Skiing in France

**1 week at La Plagne
and 1 week at Les Menuires**

Jan 24 to Feb 8, 2009
Two Weeks

\$4,149 all inclusive!

per person, double occupancy

plus \$35 Club Med dues

valid for 1 year!

(covers \$1,000 of trip insurance)

I sent an email about La Plagne in May to active club members and to our email list and the trip is almost full!

Club Med agreed to give us 30 rooms at La Plagne and 20 rooms at Les Menuires, based on last year's exchange rate. I can't get any more space at this price. When it's gone...it's gone!

That's why I booked 20 rooms at Les Menuires for the following week. The price is \$200 lower at \$2,399 per person, double occupancy.

This way you have a choice to do the first week at La Plagne or the second week at Les Menuires or get two weeks of skiing with only one airfare.

Both groups go into and out of Geneva. The two week trip will be \$4,149 including transfers between the two resorts.

The distance between the two resorts is less than 50 miles!

Trip Chairman for both trips:

Contact Harriet Warner 732-356-2887
or via email at: skierhw@aol.com

Club Med trips (continued)

LA PLAGNE is in the Savoie region, near the site of the 1992 Winter Olympics held in Albertville. It is part of Paradiski area, offering uninterrupted skiing between the areas of **La Plagne**, **Les Arcs** and **Peisey-Vallandry**.

This ski region is sure to please skiers of every ability! There are 140 lifts and over 250 miles of trails with access to countless glacier runs, wooded trails, moguls, deep snow descents. **The slopes are perfect for beginners as well as the most advanced skiers!** The region boasts a snow guarantee from December to May.

LES MENUIRES is part of the prestigious 3 Vallées, the world's biggest ski area: 360 miles of ski slopes, 200 ski lifts linking **Les Menuires** with **Val Thorens**, **Méribel**, **La Tania** and **Courchevel**.

This huge ski area is designed so that everyone, from beginners to experts can make the most of their skiing.

Club Med is located right on the slope with ski-in /ski-out access at both resorts!.

TRIPS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Round trip airfare from Newark to Geneva via non-stop Qatar Air from Newark
- ✓ Transfer from airport to hotel
- ✓ Transfers between La Plagne & Les Menuires for the two week trip
- ✓ 7 nights at Club Med
- ✓ 6 lift tickets each week
- ✓ 3 sumptuous meals daily
- ✓ **Open bar / premium brands**
- ✓ **5½ days of ski Instructor / guides each week**
- ✓ **Taxes and gratuities!**
- ✓ nightly entertainment

Qatar Airway:

Qatar Airways is one of only five airlines in the world with a Five Star ranking for service and excellence awarded by Skytrax, independent aviation industry monitoring agency. We used them last year to fly to Geneva and were very happy with their service and schedule.

SKI LAKE TAHOE

Feb 24 to Mar 3, 2009

One week (Tues / Tues)

Ski Heavenly, Squaw, Kirkwood, Northstar, Alpine Meadows, Sierra at Tahoe, Mt Rose

\$1,339

per person, double occupancy

TRIP INCLUDES:

- ✓ Round trip air from Newark to Reno
- ✓ Transfers from airport to hotel
- ✓ Seven nights at the Embassy Suites
- ✓ Cooked-to-order breakfast
- ✓ Evening Manager's reception with your favorite beverages
- ✓ Taxes & portorage

We're not including lift tickets because each area has a different lift ticket price and policy for seniors. The multi-area lift does not take this into consideration.

An opportunity to order discounted lift tickets in advance for the group will be sent out when you sign up for the trip. Or lift tickets are available at concierge desk or at ski area.

THE EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL is the largest and only 4-diamond all-suite Lake Tahoe hotel and resort. It is located at the base of Heavenly Ski Resort's gondola and next door to world-class gambling and entertainment facilities.

All of the accommodations are suites, consisting of two luxurious rooms – a living room with sofa bed, armchair and a well-lit dining / work table area and a private bedroom with one king or two queen beds, a second TV and a fully stocked bathroom. All guests receive **cooked-to-order breakfasts daily** and **nightly manager's receptions**.

After a day of skiing you can enjoy the Nightly Manager's reception, dine in the Echo Restaurant/Lounge, a comfortable American Cuisine restaurant, enjoy one of three garden atriums, play in the large heated pool, soak in the whirlpool, visit the fitness center or enjoy one of the many other hotel facilities.

Trip Chairman:

Pete Brown at 732-996-0644
or via email at: pjbmako@aol.com

BIG MOUNTAIN, MONTANA

March 19 to 26, 2009

One week (Thurs / Thurs)

\$1,599

per person, double occupancy

TRIP INCLUDES:

- ✓ Round trip air - Newark to Kalispell
- ✓ Transfers between airport & hotel
- ✓ 7 nights at The Grouse Mt Lodge
- ✓ Breakfast daily
- ✓ 5 lift tickets
- ✓ Taxes & portorage

THE BIG MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT (also known as Whitefish Resort)

is located just north of Whitefish and is the second largest ski area in Montana. It has something for everyone – from quality intermediate ski runs to powder skiing to bump skiing to tree skiing.

Big Mountain Ski Area is aptly named. Spanning more than 3,000 skiable acres, it provides a huge variety of terrain for skiers of all abilities – with enough of it to prevent getting bored even during a week of hard skiing.

Average snowfall is 300 inches, which generally packs down by the end of the year to a solid base at the summit of between 100-150". The mountain is usually fully open by Christmas and has a very solid snow pack.

THE GROUSE MOUNTAIN LODGE is a quintessential Montana experience. This 145-room lodge is located just minutes away from the Big Mountain Ski Resort.

The hotel amenities include an indoor pool, outdoor hot tubs, an award winning restaurant, a fitness center, a business center and much more. **Daily Breakfast is included!**

The Lodge provides a courtesy shuttle to downtown Whitefish for shopping, dining, and nightlife, as well as a ski shuttle to Big Mountain.

Trip Chairman:

Dottie Binder at 732-291-1964
or email at: dorothy1041@yahoo.com

<u>RATES:</u>	VAIL, COLORADO	- \$1,475,	<u>Balance due by Oct 11</u>
	SNOWBIRD, UTAH	- \$1,499	<u>Balance due by Nov 1</u>
	(upgrade to Alta / Snowbird lift)	\$ 100	
	CLUB MED, LA PLAGNE	- \$2,599,	<u>Balance due by Nov 1</u>
	CLUB MED, LES MENUIRES	- \$2,399	<u>Balance due by Nov 7</u>
	TWO WEEK CLUB MED TRIP	- \$4,149	<u>Balance due by Nov 1</u>
	LAKE TAHOE (no lifts)	- \$1,339	<u>Balance due by Jan 2</u>
	BIG MOUNTAIN, MONTANA	- \$1,599	<u>Balance due by Jan 19</u>

RESERVATIONS: Please reserve as soon as possible. Space is limited. A deposit of \$250 per person, per trip, is required with application. **\$500 deposit per person for each Club Med week.**

EARLY TICKETING FOR AIRLINE TICKETS: Since we already know that the airlines keep raising their surcharges, the only way to guarantee your airfare is to ticket early. When you send in your deposit, please indicate if you want to be ticketed right away and include payment for your airline ticket with the deposit. Do not elect to do this option if you think there's a possibility that you might have to cancel your trip. The airlines are charging large fees to change the name on a ticket if someone buys your spot and many of the tickets are totally non-refundable. Trip cancellation insurance will cover you if you cancel due to illness.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: Will be explained in a separate sheet and will be posted on our web site at: www.wlbskiclub.org. "Club Med Membership Dues" include \$1,000 of Trip Cancellation Insurance. It's valid for one year (from the date that we booked the group with them. You may want to supplement their policy with additional Trip Cancellation coverage.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES: Since every airline and hotel property now has different cancellation policies, it will be posted on the WLB Ski Club web site. Or you may request it for your specific trip before you sign up. Contact your Trip Chairman.

FURTHER INFORMATION: If you have any further questions, please call the Trip Chairman for information about the trip you are interested in or for general club questions, call Harriet Warner at 732-356-2887. Cell phone 732-996-5300. Email: skierhw@aol.com. Ski Club Web site: <http://wlbskiclub.org/>

PLEASE RETURN WITH DEPOSITS TO: Jerry Warner. 535 Rosecliff Court, Somerset, NJ 08873

(Checks payable to WLB. Ski Club)

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (home) _____; (Cell) _____; email _____

Enclosed please find \$250 per person deposit (\$500 per person deposit for each Club Med trip). If you want to be ticketed early to avoid fuel surcharges, please add the air payment to your deposit. Your airline ticket will be issued.

VAIL - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____ (add \$400 per person)

SNOWBIRD - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____ (add \$500 per person)

Please upgrade the Snowbird lift ticket to the Alta / Snowbird combination ticket for an additional \$100 _____

LA PLAGNE - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____; (add \$700 per person)

LES MENUIRES - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____; (add \$700) **you only need 1 airfare if taking both trips**

LAKE TAHOE - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____; (add \$400 per person)

BIG MOUNTAIN - Land deposit \$ _____; Air payment \$ _____; (add \$500 per person)

If you have your own air, please indicate which trip and airline _____

Check with your Trip Chairman about how much to subtract for not taking our air. We must know if you are making your own air arrangements **as soon as possible** so we don't get caught with an **under-utilization penalty** by the airline.

I am rooming with _____; I need a roommate _____