

Trip Report Jackson Hole

Forty-seven club members checked one off their bucket lists when the Space City Ski Club journeyed to Jackson Hole in February for the TSC Winter Shootout. Our own **Camille La Roe** headed up a fantastic week of skiing and fun for the nearly 180 Texas Ski Council attendees. SCSC was proud to bring five new club members including **Ehud Barak, Martin Hermans, Lauren McCreary, Peter Connolly**, and warrior **Sean Sarkar**.

First class flyers **Janet McKenzie** and **Susan Blome** made it to

Jackson Hole in style! While **James Holland** decided to start a new style by skiing in his PJ's. What confidence James! Fortunately for the rest of us, the club supplied PJ's by providing souvenir tee-shirts at our first night party.

Avalanche **Ed Freiter** showed us that he still ranks among the club's ultimate extreme skiers by braving the famous black slopes in Jack Hole. **Michael Rothermund** skied every moment he could while his wife **Julie** stayed off the slopes to enjoy shopping in Jackson.

Nearly three feet of new powder for the week on top of the 300 inches before we got there made it an unforgettable memory. In fact it snowed so much that



race coordinator **George Lopez** advised us that the TSC racing competition had to be postponed because of too much snow. That didn't keep Space City from ultimately taking first place club award in the team competition, nor **Ross Baker** from winning a gold medal in his individual event. We think he must surely have a storage shed just to house his numerous racing medals and awards.



Jackson Hole is well known for its extreme terrain, none more famous than Corbet's Couloir. **Steve Ying** took the plunge. **Steve Nichols** ventured to the top for some great pictures. **Laura Helmke** was awed by just Googling it on the internet. Although some skiers like **Susan Blome** and **Susan Stanley** adeptly found some easy runs, **Dale Allman** chose to hike over two hours down a run in ski boots while the ski patrol followed on foot carrying his skis. **Janet McKenzie** wondered all week why she couldn't find

a grooming report until she learned the last day that they don't groom runs at Jackson Hole!

We did venture one day for some groomed runs to Grand Targhee, which featured the most snowfall in the country at the time. Unfortunately, visibility that day was about three feet so many of us got to practice skiing by braille in the twilight zone. **Larry Edmondson** got stuck in the ravine. **Kate MacDougal** and **Bernie Clinton** discovered that you could use the ski lift to go downhill as well as up.



The week was also filled with parties and fun activities aside from skiing. Fearless trip leader **Anne Thomas** and hubbie **Tom Thomas**, **Sue Muenks**, and **Richard and Beverly Adams** were among a group that got snowed in at Yellowstone and had to be guided back to Jackson by Park Rangers and a snow plow.

Lynda Meyer, Halcyon Learned, and David Eickhoff enjoyed the Elk Refuge. Fortunately there were plenty of elk remaining despite the earlier visit by Bob Gottlieb. Moose sightings were reported by Linda Kuper. Inspired by the simultaneous Olympic broadcasts all week, a group that included Shari Clark, Pat Piech and Joan O'Connor practiced luge in the condo parking lot. Shella and Janice Sattler enjoyed hanging out with family in the Armadillo club. Bill Bomberger and Sharon Simandl entertained, cooked and cleaned all week at their condo aka "Party Central". And speaking of partying, one fellow must have partied too much because he "forgot" a suitcase that Jim Walker fortunately brought back for him. (The guilty shall remain anonymous.)



enjoyed buffalo prime rib. Sandy Fowler ordered salmon while suppressing her most recent education about farm raised fish. Frank Stanley savored the wild game. Joe Evans entertained himself during the dinner by winning a crayon coloring contest.

Our trip dates included Valentine's Day. Do you think it was a coincidence that we had nineteen single males like Kent Huzzey and Thomas Huzzey who smartly left town before the annual romance celebration?

Many of the participants agreed that it was an accomplishment just to say you had skied Jackson Hole. But with great friends and three feet of new snow, it was a spectacular trip. Bucket list...check!



Steve Ying
TC - Breckenridge

We also had a fabulous club dinner at the Gun Barrel Restaurant where many of us