

March 2016



We're baaaack! And a good time was had by all!



CONGRATULATIONS RAFFLE WINNERS!

Debra Hill and Jr. Jammer, Neo Curry each won a **HELMET AND GOGGLES** set, retail value \$150.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the raffle!

Many thanks to our sponsor, Sun & Ski Sports.



2017 NBS Summit

It's on, like a Sno-Cone!

Only **339** days until the
2017 NBS Summit.

Keystone, Colorado here we come!

Feb. 25-Mar. 4, 2017

And now, a message from our president . . .

Hello Everyone

The National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS) held their semi-annual AMCC (Annual Meeting /Challenge Cup) Mini-summit in S. Lake Tahoe, California from Feb 27-Mar 5, 2016. It was a fantastic week of events taking advantage of all the winter sport activities on Heavenly Mountain and the ski resort area. There were 759 people registered out of the 13,000 members from 39 of the 55 clubs within the NBS. All regions were represented.

A very special shout out and thank you goes to our Ski Jammer trip coordinator, DeAndrea Staes. Our flight arrangements allowed for all 16 people to travel smoothly from Houston to Los Angeles, to Reno, to Tahoe and back through Las Vegas to Houston without difficulty. She kept up with all 25 registered with Ski Jammers and communicated effectively where we were to be. The pre-trip communications were beautifully presented and gave valuable information. Her calmness and support was greatly appreciated!!!

We Ski Jammers stayed at Harvey's Lake Tahoe Hotel located next door to the host hotel, Hard Rock Hotel and on the state line between Nevada and California. We were within walking distance to the gondola and shuttle to Heavenly Mountain and California Lodge where many activities were held.

After registration, The NBS GospelFest was held Sunday. It was an inspiring event from volunteers around the country that brought us closer to Our Creator and allowed us to give thanks for our numerous blessings.

The opening ceremony, held at the base of Heavenly Mountain, gave us opening words from the Executive Committee and set the tone for the week. We prepared by arranging ski lessons, equipment rentals, and learning of the other activities we wished to participate in.

There were activities for all level of skiers and snowboarders. Optional skiing at other Tahoe resort mountains was available. Many activities were discounted for NBS members. Other activities included snowmobiling, tubing, yacht cruising, sightseeing, shopping, relaxing, and an abundance of eating and partying opportunities.

On Monday, after a full day of skiing, The Rocky Mountain and Western regions sponsored "The All White Happy Hour" at The California Lodge at the base of the mountain. It was crowded!! There was plenty of food, drink, dancing with music from DJ D- Smooth and DJ K-Tone, and lots of picture taking as old and new friends met.

As the week progressed, Ski Jammers took our group picture wearing red shirts, and participated in the picnic on the hill with all the other clubs.

The racing event occurred on Wed. Each club was encouraged to participate. Racers were classified according to their age and ski abilities, advanced, experts, beginner and intermediate. The winners were announced at the Race Awards Ceremony with awards given by The Race Coordination Team.

Each NBS region met to discuss issues concerning their region and to prepare for the general meeting held Thurs. night. The highlight from our Rocky Mountain Region is the upcoming trip to Havana, Cuba in August of 2016. Our region is sponsoring this and has worked out all the details. If you are interested in attending, please let me know before April 30, 2016.

The “Red Light District Mardi Gras Happy Hour” sponsored by Eastern and Midwestern Regions occurred Wed. evening was another success. By this time all were familiar with the California Lodge and truly enjoyed socializing with each other. Many old and new people again became acquainted. Numerous people who were associated with Ski Jammers but moved to other parts of the country showed their love and support. Past presidents and members were given accolades.

The NBS general meeting allowed all present to get an overview of the mission and undertakings of the national organization. Many members from all parts of the country work very hard to make sure we operate in accordance to procedures, 501(c) 3 guidelines, and to fulfill a vision of developing black skiers and promoting winter sports. Highlights from the general meeting included the introduction of The National Winter Activity Center which provides a winter camping experience for black youth, and the Olympic Scholarship Fund which provides money to youth to participate in sponsored ski trips and learning opportunities. Two new members of the 13 member Executive Board were installed. The office of President and Executive Secretary was filled by, Mrs. Peggy Allen and Mr. Lee Valentine respectively. The outgoing President, Diana Starks gave numerous appreciation and recognition awards to those who assisted her during her tenure. Four regional VP were ratified, including our newly elected VP of the Rocky Mountain Region, Dr. Kim Barksdale. The meeting was adjourned with an invitation to the summit next year in Keystone, Co. Feb. 25-Mar. 4, 2017.

To close this extraordinary week, The Ski Jammers meet one last time to eat and enjoy fellowship with each other. Some traveling with us lived in other parts of Texas and getting to know them was beautiful. We all got to know each other better, learning our professions and personalities. We became motivated to continue to participate with Ski Jammers and inspired with ideas for the future. The NBS closed the event with the Finale Party where older and younger partied together for hours before returning home in later hours.

Ski Jammers will continue to work towards the goals and objectives of The NBS during the year. We will sponsor activities that will encourage our youth, young adults, and seasoned adults to come together and to “Party with a Purpose”. Many are already planning for the Summit next year. I hope you will join us!!!

See you soon,

Debra Hill

President, Ski Jammers





A former Ski Jammer who moved out of state has a **Ski Jammer jacket and pants for sale**. Ladies jacket, approx. L – XL and pants, size 10. Very good condition. Only worn on a few trips.

Jacket has name embroidered on front but an embroidery shop can remove it and replace it with another name for a minimal cost. Pictures shown are not the actual items. Please contact Regina at regina.johnson@parkerdrilling.com

*You know you want it.
Get it!*

Want to jumpstart the 2017 ski season?
Thanks to Ski Jammer, Jacquie Coombs for the following links with massive **sales** on ski/snowboard clothing & equipment.

Sierratradingpost.com

The-house.com

Backcountry.com

Mountainwarehouse.com

PeterGlenn.com

SKI JAMMERS



2016

ELECTION INFORMATION

Ski Jammers, it election time. We are now taking nominations for the following positions.

President

Parliamentarian

Fund Raising Committee Chair

Vice President

Public Relations

Youth Committee Chair

Secretary

Membership Committee Chair

Treasurer

Trip Committee Chair

Duties of each position:

President

The President will preside at all meetings of the organization and perform all other duties as may pertain to the office of the President as specified in the Policies and Procedures. The President will:

- a. be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- b. the Chairperson of the Executive Board.

Vice President

The Vice President will perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. If the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President will succeed to that office until such time as a special election can be held to fill the office. Perform duties as specified in the policies and procedures.

Secretary

The Secretary will keep and record all minutes of meetings of the organization and make available such minutes to all members of the Club. The Secretary will be the Secretary of the Executive Board and will perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and Vice – President. In addition, the Secretary will keep a record of attendance at each meeting. The Secretary shall also work closely with the Treasurer and Membership Committee Chairpersons to keep a current roster of active members. Perform the duties specified in the policies and procedures.

Treasurer

The Treasurer will:

- a. have control of all funds belonging to the Club.
- b. collect dues and fees, pay the debts of the Club, deposit funds into a bank account approved by the Executive Board,
- c. issue checks and issue receipts for payment of monies. The Treasurer will obtain approval from the Executive Board prior to issuing a check for expenditures that have not been approved in the current operating budget. The Treasurer will perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President, Vice President, and Secretary.

The Treasurer shall:

- a. render a monthly financial report at each regular meeting and at each Executive Board meeting and an annual report at the end of each fiscal year.
- b. provide a copy of the Club's annual report to any member upon request.
- b. consult with the Secretary to keep a record of all dues paid.
- c. prepare the Club's annual budget for the fiscal year.
- d. Prepare financial statements to be presented to external source i.e., state and federal agencies).
- e. Prepare and submit a budget for review by the Executive Board.

Parliamentarian

The Parliamentarian shall be the final authority and guide in interpreting the rules contained in the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, which shall govern the meetings of the Club to the extent to which it can be applied and are not inconsistent with the charter or special rules of the organization. The Parliamentarian will ensure that members sign the attendance sheet at each meeting and submit the sheet to the Secretary. The Parliamentarian shall prepare and submit a proposed budget to the Treasurer for review by the Executive Board.

Public Relations

The purpose and objectives of the Public Relations Committee are:

- a. The Public Relations Committee is responsible for making a concentrated effort to reach the entire membership with various reminders before a scheduled meeting or event by: (1) phone, (2) postal card, and/or (3) newsletter.
- b. The Public Relations Committee is responsible for exploring all possibilities of advertising an event to be released by: (1) newspaper, (2) radio, (3) television, and/or (4) handouts.
- c. The Public Relations Committee is responsible for preparing attractive notices, posters, etc, for bulletin boards of local stores, places of business, industries, schools, and other places of interest.
- d. The Public Relations Committee is responsible for working closely with each committee in planning activities for publication in the Club's newsletter and forwarding of same to all members at least two (2) weeks prior to any scheduled meeting or activity.
- e. The objectives of the Public Relations Committee are to: (1) encourage the personal involvement of every person in the organization; (2) present and promote interest in the Club; and (3) seek publicly for all events and activities.
- f. The Public Relations Committee shall store and maintain the Club's banner and any artifacts of the Club.
- g. Prepare and submit a proposed budget to the Treasurer for review by the Executive Board.

Membership Committee

The goals and objectives of the Membership Committee are to:

- a. Promote new membership.
- b. Orient new members and stimulate existing members.
- c. Work closely with the Youth Committee.
- d. Accept applications and dues for membership and provide a current roster to the Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations Committee Chairperson, as well as make copies of the roster available to the membership.
- e. Provide each member with a valid membership card.
- f. Provide a copy of the Bylaws to each member.
- g. Participate in assessment of annual membership fees and turn over same to the Secretary and Treasurer for recording.
- h. Prepare and submit a proposed budget to the Treasurer for review by the Executive Board.

Trip Committee

The Trip Committee shall consist of a Trip Chair and assigned trip leaders. The goals and objectives of the Trip Committee are:

- a. To plan a minimum of two (2) ski trips every year; and to sponsor an annual club activity.

Fundraising Committee

- a. Will plan two (2) major fundraisers annually.
- b. Will plan activities for the club that encourage participation of all club members.
- c. Will prepare and submit a detailed report for any funds generated within a timely manner to the Treasurer, as well as the Executive Board.

Youth Committee

To generate among youth an interest in skiing/snowboarding and other winter sports.

- a. To develop a yearly program of activities to promote the benefits of skiing/snowboarding and all physical activity.
- b. To have at least one winter and one summer activity for youth.
- c. To sponsor various fundraisers for the purpose of subsidizing the cost of youth activities and trips.



Texas Ski Council Ski Bidfest



Join the Texas Ski Council in San Antonio for the Ski Bidfest April 1-3, 2016

**DRURY PLAZA
105 S. Saint Mary's
San Antonio, TX 78205
1-800-325-0720**

Here's Our List of '16 Bidfest Presentations!

Traditional

- Steamboat
- Telluride
- Vail

Winter Shoot Out

- Big Sky
- Crested Butte
- Heavenly Valley
- Mt. Bachelor

Final Showdown

- Crested Butte
- Mt. Bachelor
- Telluride

Winter Expedition

- Hakuba and Tokyo Japan
- French Alps-Paradisi Domain
- Zell-am-se, Austria
- Val Gardena, Italy (Dolomites)
- Val Thorens, France (Three Valleys)

Summer Expedition

- British Landscapes
- Iceland
- India
- Paris-Normandy-Loire Valley
- Rhine River Cruise
- Spain

PLEASE NOTE THE TSC HAS MADE CHANGES IN FORMAT FOR THE 2016 BID MEETING.

NEW IN 2016!

**LIVE MUSIC, DINNER AND DANCING SATURDAY NIGHT FROM
Nic Dante Music formerly Stan Wayne Band**



TSC BEST OF THE WEST BLACK AND WHITE PARTY



Texas Ski Council Delegates, Texas Ski Club members, Ski Resort Representatives, Vendors and Guests from around the world, come join us for 2016 Ski Bid Fest held by popular demand once again in Historic and fun filled San Antonio, Texas! The Historic Drury Plaza has been restored from the previous Alamo Bank Building. It features stunning architecture, comfortable rooms and suites, a rooftop pool and Drury's famous free extras, there's little missing from this hotel equation. Best of all, their riverside doors offer direct access to the beautiful San Antonio River Walk.

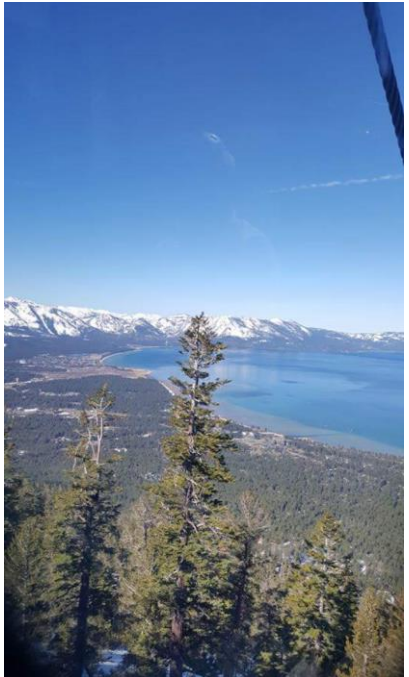
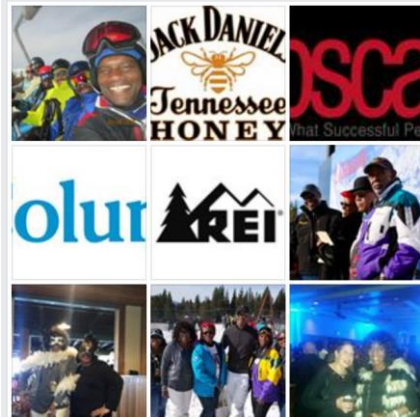
[VIEW THE EVENT SCHEDULE.](#)



The Houston Ski Jammers represented at the NBS AMCC in Heavenly Lake Tahoe with 27+ Ski Jammers participating.

https://youtu.be/i6c9PsT_EoM











More photos at:

skijammers.org

Meetup.com



2016 SKI JAMMERS GENERAL MEETINGS

(subject to change)

Jax Grill, 6:30PM,
1613 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX ([map](#))

January 27	July 27
February 24	August 24
March 23	September 28
April 27	October 26
May 25	November 16
June 22	December 9

Join the Ski Jammers today!

[Membership Application](#)

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We'll accept everything from a business card to a full page, camera ready ad.

The rates are:	Business Card	\$15.00	1/4 Page	\$25.00
	1/2 Page	\$50.00	Full Page	\$100.00

Ski Jammers Social Media

www.SkiJammers.org

www.Meetup.com/Ski-Jammers-Ski-Club



www.Facebook.com/SkiJammersSkiClub

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