

THE GREAT SCHUSS

LEXINGTON SKI & SPORTS CLUB/APRIL 2014/JAN CLARK, EDITOR

April Meeting

April 1

(April Fool's Day-No Joke!)

Join us at **Rooster's** at 124 Market-place Drive (off Nicholasville Road at Man-O-War), Tuesday, April 1st, 6:00 pm, no fooling! A **slide show** from all three weeks of the France trip will be included (Nice, Chamonix, a side trip to Paris and Morzine). The proposed slate of officers for the 2014-15 year will be presented, nominations accepted from the floor and the **election** held. We will discuss proposals for non-OVSC **trips for next winter** so if there is somewhere you'd like to go ski make sure you let us know!.See you there!



Jackson Hole and Europe travelers: All home safe and sound!



LSSC Officers and Directors 2013-14



Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors: 2014-15

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The April board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm, 1880 Ft. Harrods Drive. Turn into Rabbit Run Subdivision at the Harrodsburg Road/Ft. Harrods traffic light between New Circle and Man-O-War. 1880 is at the end of the dead end on Fort Harrods Drive.



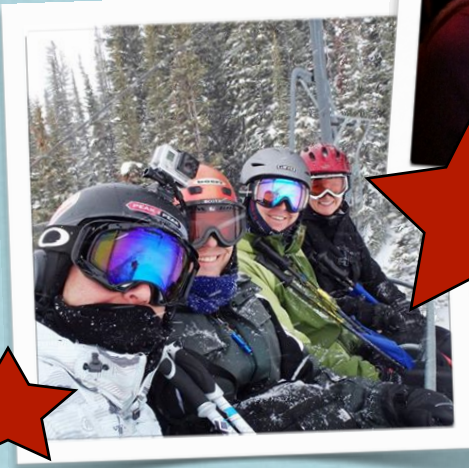
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At the end of February, LSSC sent 16 folks to Jackson Hole, Wyoming where we were blessed with 19" of fresh snow on our first day and many inches on snow throughout the week. So much snow did make for some challenging skiing and crazy, long lift lines. Dave Martin maintained his ever calm demeanor despite a 2 hour wait for ski patrol to clear the mountain.



John Samson, Brian Kruer and Howard Glauert were much tempted to give Corbet's Couloir a try, the couloir having an unusual amount of snow making the jump in a little less daunting, but daunting nonetheless.

Art Schlachter enjoyed some of the alternative activities on two of the trip days: snow-mobiling and dog-sledding, with a hot springs diversion. We were happy to have Dayton Club member Mike Coyle along, his first trip with LSSC in 25 years. The boys club of Tommy Glover, Chris Chrisman and Lisle Dalton was rounded out this season with Lisle's son Rob from Knoxville. They enjoyed a rest day with a trip to the National Museum of Wildlife Art and saw some live wildlife (elk and calf) on the slopes.

All the skiing and activities built up good appetites. We enjoyed many of meals out, including the wild game restaurant Gun Barrel where Jim Blackwell donated his elk rib bones to John to bring back home to his puppy. Although the beer and meal at Snake River Brewing was tasty, it was a good thing our party included the couples Bob Cairns, Paula Freeman, Barbara Gibbs and Jim Gibbs, since we were about sitting on one another's laps.

The snow was so heavy on the scheduled departure day that the airport closed (after we arrived there) so we enjoyed an extra day in Jackson Hole; Brian and Howard astonishingly still had ski legs at the end of the week and took advantage of the extra day by skiing the town mountain of Snow King.

LSSC is going back to Jackson Hole with the OVSC, scheduled for the last week of February 2015. If you enjoyed the trip or you missed it this year, save the date!



Three Weeks in France!!

LSSC had a total of twenty-two members for the 2014 OVSC trip to France. The trip consisted of three parts: the first week found us on the beautiful Côte d'Azur for tour-ing, week two was in Chamonix, and the third in Morzine.

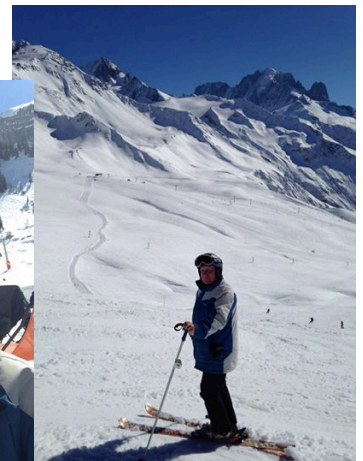
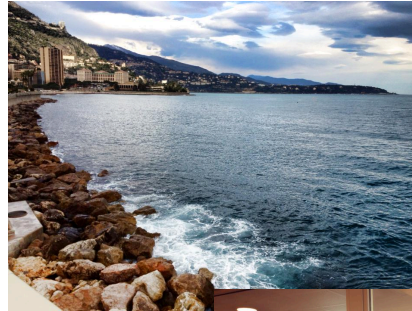
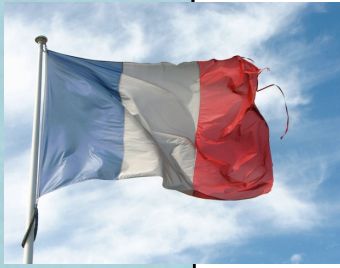
We had ten members on the Nice/ Côte d'Azur portion of the trip. Although we arrived in deary, cold rain, the weather turned glorious the next day and stayed that way for the rest of the week. Our four-star hotel was well-located and comfortable. Our second night in Nice was the last night of Carnival, ending with a fireworks celebration on the beach that rivaled Thunder over Louisville! We toured Nice, Monaco, Monte Carlo (several folks actually WON at the world famous casino!), Eze, Cannes, Antibes, Grasse, Biot, and several walled, medieval cities.

Chamonix-Mont Blanc showed us glorious blue skies and warm spring weather! We found the views awesome: everywhere you looked, there were impressive rugged peaks overhead. The terrain was challenging, but we soon found that the walls of rock offered many moderate trails weaving around the bases. Some started with skiing/boarding the closest areas, Le Brevant, while others headed for La Flegere, Les Grands Montets, or Le Tour.

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FRANCE 2014

Nice, March 2-8
Chamonix, March 7-15
Morzine, March 15-22



Three Weeks in France (continued)

Later ventures were made to Aiguille du Midi and Les Houches. Several experienced the Vallee Blanche glacier guided ski/board adventure. The start of this trek is reached by two sets of trams to the top of Aiguille du Midi and is a skier's/boarder's rite of passage. It starts with participants tethered to a guide on a narrow path with a rope railing. Then - after a bit of a white-knuckle hike! - you begin skiing/boarding at 12,605 feet on a precarious ridge and continue down the glacier for twelve miles over an obstacle course of terrain, massive ice blocks, cravasses, and white terror, concluding in the town of Chamonix. Side excursions from Chamonix included a day trip to Annecy, France's "Venice," as well as individual jaunts to Geneva, Paris, Megeve, and beyond. Some of our group also skied/boarded into Italy, and Switzerland. The centrally-located Hotel Alpina was our base for the week and offered great hospitality and dining. The Olympic luge run and parasailing rounded out the week!!

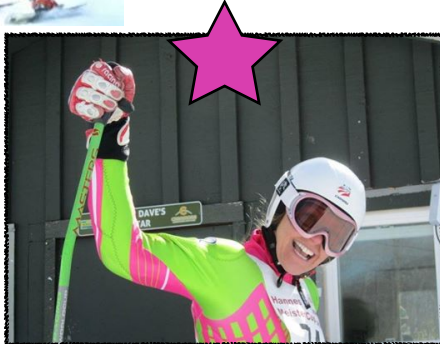
Five members continued on for a week in Morzine, staying at the Club Hotel Le Cret. Morzine offers one of the largest ski areas in the world. Even though the weather was very spring-like, we found plenty of snow! Our hotel offered great rooms and food, two indoor pools, sauna, Jacuzzi, as well as day activities and nightly entertainment. As luck would have it, after a week of warm spring conditions, the next week found colder temperatures and lots of snow - after we returned home!

OVSC Summer in Europe: Croatia and Istanbul, September 2014

Dayton Ski Club is offering a trip to Croatia in early September with an optional extension to Istanbul. A few spaces are available to other OVSC members. Pricing is around \$3195 for Croatia, and includes round trip air to Zagreb and return from Dubrovnik, most meals, all touring as listed, fuel surcharge, departure taxes, and local tax. Istanbul is around \$1195 and includes airfare from Istanbul to Zagreb, 4 nights accommodation at a four-star hotel, breakfast daily, touring each day as outlined in itinerary, airport transfers, and local taxes. Contact Janet Jones for information at 859.420.5016 or get details at our April 1 meeting at Rooster's.



Spring Racing 2014



LSSC racers Mark (Mad Dog) and Dianna (Lady Di) Miller participated in the **Hannes Schneider Meister Cup Race** at Cranmore Mountain Resort in North Conway, New Hampshire, March 7-9. There were 200 Racers. Dianna took 2nd in her Division (behind the local favorite) and made Top Ten Women! Mark took 2nd in his Division, too! Congrats to the Millers!

Now, on to the **NASTAR Nationals** (March 25-30) at Aspen-Snowmass, Colorado where Dianna will be defending her national title! NASTAR is the world's largest recreational ski program. Avid skiers and snowboarders from 45 states will compete. Best of luck Lady Di!!



Member Spotlight for April: Si Morrison

Last month you met David Morrison who is taking over the LSSC website as a new LSSC member. This month we want you to meet his wife, Siobhan (Si).

Si grew up in Massachusetts and began snowboarding in high school. Both of her brothers snowboard, and they in turn taught her. Her family would get together with cousins and have big winter trips to the local mountains and everyone would enjoy the weekend skiing or snowboarding.

Si came to Kentucky for college where she attended ECU and met David. When they visited her family in the winter, she taught him to snowboard so that he could be part of the family fun. Now that she has graduated and is working in Lexington, Si and David go snowboarding every winter. They spend most of weekends at Perfect North, but they've also enjoyed a few long weekends at Snowshoe WV as well. This year was their first trip out west to Telluride and they loved it. Si and David can't wait to take another trip with the group!

Si jumped in as a volunteer for the OVSC Summit, heading up a Saturday morning trip to "Breakfast with the Works" at Keeneland. She's also on the proposed slate of officers for 2014-15 as Social Director. Welcome Si!



OVSC Summit 2014: LSSC to Host, Volunteers Needed!

Lexington Ski & Sports Club will host the annual OVSC Summit, **June 6-8, 2014**. The host hotel will be the Lexington Hilton Downtown (formerly the Radisson Hotel). Hard-working club members have already put several activities on the agenda with more to be added! We need volunteers! If you want to help contact Jan Clark at janclark@roadrunner.com. Events include receptions, dinners, a bike tour of The Legacy Trail (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCeVlAnHWcE>), golf tournament, breakfast with the works at Keeneland, a downtown champagne breakfast and Farmer's Market shopping, a tour of Town Branch Distillery, a ski tour operator and resort showcase, trip presentations, meetings, prizes and more still under development! Mark your calendar now to attend. Jump in and help if you can! Help us show other OVSC skiers some serious Bluegrass hospitality!



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