

# The Snowbird



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## *Space Coast Ski Club Holiday Party*

*Friday, December 9, 2011  
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM*

*Tortoise Island Clubhouse  
727 Loggerhead Island Drive  
Satellite Beach FL 32937*

*Attire is casual and sparkly.*

*Please bring an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots and a non-perishable food item for the Sharing Center.*

*Be sure to read the Evite that has been sent to our members!*

*Remember to RSVP with your name for the guard gate.*

*Questions, please contact Vicki Bristol at 321-626-3909.*



*In front of Monte Carlo Casino!  
Our Club's Mediterranean Cruise!  
Read more about this exciting trip on Page 7.*

**SKI WITH US!**  
We do all the work.  
You have all the fun!

OUR OWN  
**CLAIR QUENZLER**  
IS THE  
**FLORIDA SKI  
COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT!**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Members!

Your Space Coast Ski Club Board of Directors has just returned from the fall Florida Ski Council meeting in Orlando. **HOT OFF THE PRESS:** For the 2012-13 season, Heavenly Lake Tahoe was chosen as our Florida Ski Week destination and Big Sky, Montana, was chosen as the second Florida Ski Council trip. Our European destination for 2013 will be St. Anton, Austria.

**MORE GOOD NEWS:** Our Clair Quenzler is now the new Florida Ski Council President. Congratulations, Clair!

Have you heard about all the snow coming down in Colorado lately? What a start to the 2011 - 2012 ski season! If you have not picked a ski destination yet, now is the time! Call one of our trip leaders ASAP... NO EXCUSES!

See ya in Steamboat!  
Lloyd Lewis, President

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## ***SHIP SKIS TO RESORTS FOR CONVENIENCE***

If you want to avoid the hassle of carrying your ski equipment on the plane and paying airline fees, you may consider shipping your skis to and from resorts. This can be a break-even or money-saving arrangement, depending upon which airline you fly and how many bags you travel with. Equipment is generally shipped FedEx ground.

**Peter Glenn Ski & Sports in Orlando** can handle the shipping for you and suggests sending them about 10 days ahead to allow for holidays or weather. For information, contact Steve at 407-788-3334.

Be sure to talk with your trip leader and plan ahead by asking the hotel or condo if they will accept and hold skis for a day or two before you arrive.

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***Lange (Women's) Ski Boots  
for Sale***  
***Like New, Size 7.5 - 8, worn skiing  
approx 40 days***  
***Original cost: \$500, New liners  
last year \$100.***  
***With Hot-Tronics \$250 (cost \$150)***  
***Without Hot-Tronics \$125***  
***Call Carla for more info:  
(321) 255-7708***



## CLAIR QUENZLER STEPS IN THE PRESIDENT'S SHOES (OR SHOULD WE SAY SKI BOOTS?) OF THE FLORIDA SKI COUNCIL



Most of you know **Clair Quenzler** or have seen her name on everything 'Space Coast Ski Club' for the past 20 years. That is when she began her journey as a trip participant to Jackson Hole. The fun from that trip led her to become a SCSC Board member and Trip Leader. Since then, Clair has lead trips all over the country, Europe and as far as New Zealand. Clair has been a leader of the Space Coast Ski Club in every way, adding a dimension of fun to all aspects of the club.

But that was not enough. Six years ago, Clair ran for Secretary on the Board for the Florida Ski Council and has since held positions including Treasurer, VP of Trips and VP of On-Mountain Activities. Clair was slated to become President of the FSC in June 2012 when the current President (Laurie Vest, Orlando) stepped down. However, a new job required Laurie to leave early, giving Clair a push into the position of President as of November 6, 2011.

Make no mistake. President of the FSC is a huge responsibility and one Clair was a little reluctant to take on. Why? *NOT* because she is not capable....hardly. But because Clair wants to travel the world taking friends and members with her! The position of President will slow that down, but members of the **17 member clubs** in the Florida Ski Council will benefit from her leadership. Clair is a forward thinker and will help guide the FSC to make the organization thrive and succeed. Ultimately, Clair's goal is have everyone who travels with the SCSC and FSC to look back after 20 years of trips and say, *that was fun!*

### **CONGRATULATIONS CLAIR!!**

**We're all proud you are one of our own and wish you much success (and fun) as your journey continues!**



Not familiar with Florida Ski Council?

Go to [www.FloridaSkiCouncil.com](http://www.FloridaSkiCouncil.com) to find out all about it!



# COPPER, COLORADO

January 15 – 21, 2012



**TRIP IS CLOSED, BUT PLEASE CONTACT TRIP LEADER IF YOU WISH TO JOIN US!**

**Prices and availability are subject to change since deadlines have passed.**

Come and ski what the U.S. Forest service declares “the most nearly perfect ski mountain in North America”.

Copper Mountain, located in Summit County, is only 1-1/2 hours west of Denver. Copper Village is a small and friendly village, but the mountain is large and boasts 125 trails, 2,600 vertical feet and is naturally laid out with green runs to the west progressing to blue and black runs to the east. This allows you to stay where you feel comfortable until you are ready to progress.

Copper is designed to help skiers of different abilities enjoy their day to the fullest. If you love a challenge, the Back Bowls are available for those hard core skiers. There are FREE daily mountain familiarization tours; and, for a change of pace, Copper offers FREE snow shoe walks.

While we’re talking about FREE, Summit County has FREE bus service to Frisco, Silverthorne and Dillon for shopping and dining. Additional FREE bus service is available to Breckenridge, Keystone and A-Basin. Back in Copper, FREE après ski entertainment with Moe Dixon and Lefty Lucy round out your day of skiing; and while the drinks are not free, there is always Happy Hour to keep you. . . well. . . happy!

We will be staying in Center Village Condos just a few minutes’ walk from the slopes. They have fireplaces, ski storage, hot tubs, and laundry facility. We will make a grocery store stop on the way in from the airport. Also, there is a small grocery store in the village along with plenty of shops and bars. Restaurants in Copper range from pizza to fine dining. Pick a new one every night or stay in and create your own cuisine.

So if you want to start the new year out with a fun and easy ski trip, come with us to Copper Mountain. It will be loads of fun and easy to enjoy. Visit [www.coppercolorado.com](http://www.coppercolorado.com) for more info.

**Mail checks (payable to Space Coast Ski Club) and applications to:**

Laird Quenzler  
104 Riverside Dr. #401  
Cocoa, FL 32922  
321-632-1715

[laird@spacecoastskiclub.com](mailto:laird@spacecoastskiclub.com)



Cancellation: A minimum of \$75 penalty after the Extravaganza. Please see Club’s cancellation policy for more details.

**Price:**

- \$1260 per person; 4 persons in a 2-bedroom condo. (Silver accommodations)
- \$1285 per person; 4 persons in a 2-bedroom condo. (Gold accommodations)

**Price Includes:**

- Round trip air fare Orlando to Denver
- Transfers to/from Denver-Copper
- Baggage fees at Copper
- Group rental ski discount
- 6 nights’ accommodations in Copper’s ‘Center Village’
- Welcome wine & cheese party
- Pre/post trip party
- Après ski activities

**Lift Tickets:**

- 4 day lift tickets with ‘super pass’ (no lift lines) INCLUDED
- Extra day lift ticket \$59

**Payment schedule:**

- \$400 due by the Extravaganza (September 17th)
- Balance due by October 15<sup>th</sup>

**Ground package:**

- Deduct \$400 from the above trip price





## STEAMBOAT, COLORADO FLORIDA SKI COUNCIL TRIP January 22 – 28, 2012

We've done all the work; now you can have all the fun!

Grab your skis and cowboy boots and come with us to Ski Town USA! Join Floridians from all around the state for a week of fun on Steamboat's fabulous champagne powder.

One of Colorado's authentic Old West towns, [Steamboat](#) is over 100 years old but modern in every amenity. Located in northwestern Colorado, cowboy country meets ski country in Steamboat, where Wrangler jeans and big hats are as common as ski jackets and snowboard boots. Steamboat trademarked the name Ski Town, U.S.A.® as a testament to its skiing roots and the generations of Olympic athletes who grew up there. With close to 3,000 skiable acres, a Steamboat ski vacation offers every level of terrain and it's all easy to reach by a vast lift system including the eight-passenger gondola and six high-speed chairlifts. Steamboat continues to make significant improvements to the mountain, more than \$27 million over the past three years. Does Steamboat's famous Champagne Powder™ snow put a smile on your face? If so, you should have a permanent grin plastered there after last year's record breaking powder season. As we all know, history has a way of repeating itself in Steamboat-Ski Town, U.S.A.®. Ski Steamboat and discover small-town hospitality and friendly service both on and off the mountain. This is a modern ranch town that never lost its heritage. A free bus system allows easy access to the quaint shops, excellent restaurants, and Old West lifestyle. There are affordable restaurants for every taste, from Norwegian to barbecue smokehouses and post-dinner nightspots to round out the evening.

**One low price per person includes:**

- Roundtrip airfare from Orlando to Steamboat (Hayden Airport) on Frontier Airlines
- **2 FREE** Checked Bags on Frontier
- Ground transportation to/from The Steamboat Grand & luggage handling at the resort
- 6-nights' deluxe **ski-in ski-out lodging** at *The Steamboat Grand*
- Nastar race between the clubs for the coveted Pauline's Cup (Florida Cup)
- Pre-trip party
- Scenic on-mountain lunch on *Crazy Hat and Boxer Shorts Day*
- Theme party with dinner, DJ, dancing, costume prizes, and race prizes
  - Equipment rentals and lessons are available at incredibly **discounted rates**

**Price:** per person/double occupancy per bedroom:

- \$1395 per person (2 bedroom/3 bath condo) 4 people
- \$1500 per person (1 bedroom/1 bath condo) 2 people
- \$1415 per person (hotel room - King) 2 people
- \$1360 per person (hotel room - 2 Queens) 2 people
- Travel Credit \$460 Less

**Adult Group Rate Lift Tickets:** 3 days \$150; 4 days \$200; 5 days \$230

**Payment Schedule:** (per person)

- \$300.00 with trip application
- Final balance due by October 10, 2011
- Trip Specific Cancellation Policies: [Club Standard](#)

**Mail checks (payable to Space Coast Ski Club) and applications to:**

Pam Kaercher

144 Island View Drive

Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

Email – [plk@cfl.rr.com](mailto:plk@cfl.rr.com) Phone – 321-298-7086 (Cell)



## NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE, CALIFORNIA February 4 - 11, 2012



***TRIP IS CLOSED, BUT PLEASE CONTACT TRIP LEADER IF YOU WISH TO JOIN US!  
Prices and availability are subject to change since deadlines have passed.***

Join us as we take our club's first trip to Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort near Lake Tahoe, California. One of the finest year-round mountain resorts in North America, the Northstar Resort is host to a base area village featuring more than 35 unique shops and restaurants, 9,000-square-foot skating rink, on-site lodging, special events and more. Our luxury condo accommodations are in the Iron Horse Lodge on the village plaza just steps to the Gondola and all the base area village has to offer. Considered the ultimate Lake Tahoe ski resort, recent Northstar additions include a mid-mountain Ritz-Carlton with its Spa and French-inspired California cuisine at the Manzanita restaurant.

A winter sport enthusiast's paradise, Northstar Resort offers 93 ski trails with 19 lifts spread across 3,000 acres, award-winning terrain parks and snow sports, including alpine and Telemark skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and tubing. As a recent addition to the Vail Resorts group, their \$30 million Northstar summer improvement project will add new gladed terrain and ski trails, a high-speed lift and a 500-seat restaurant on mountain, new retail shops and a signature restaurant in the village for the 2011-2012 ski season. **Additionally, our club's lift passes will be valid at both local Vail Resorts, Northstar-at-Tahoe and Heavenly, with an option to also ski at Alpine Meadows at no additional cost.**

**Price:** per person/double occupancy per bedroom

- \$1700 per person (2 bedroom/2 bath condo)
- \$2115 per person (1 bedroom/1 bath condo)
- Non-skier: \$250 less
- Travel credit: \$450 less

**Price Includes:**

- Round Trip Flights: Orlando / Reno **(2 seats left until November 30)**
- Ground transportation to and from accommodations
- Grocery stop on the way to the resort
- 7 night accommodations at Iron Horse Lodge
- Baggage handling at resort
- 5 day – 2 or 3 resort lift pass included
- 25% discount on ski rentals
- Pre-trip party
- Group welcome wine and cheese reception
- Group mid-week dinner
- Group social at end of week

**Mail checks (payable to Space Coast Ski Club) and applications to:**

Brice Crossley  
PO Box 361935  
Melbourne, FL 32936-1935

Email: [Brice@SpaceCoastSkiClub.com](mailto:Brice@SpaceCoastSkiClub.com)

Phone: (W) 321-867-2145

# MEDITERRANEAN CRUISE

## October 2011

42 Space Coast members visited 8 ports of call and ate 1357 meals all while consuming copious amounts of wine at every turn! To say the voyage was a huge success would be a complete understatement. How do you put into words how crystal blue the Mediterranean really is? How do you describe roads like the Cote d'Azur along the French Riviera? Or the opulence of Monte Carlo? It is difficult at best and that was the first day.



Taking in the sights of Florence, Tower of Pisa, and Rome are something visitors are in awe of no matter how many times they see them. In Pompeii, we were reminded that people flourished in an advanced society as far back as 79 A.D. The drive along the Sorrento coast was both breathtaking and hair-raising. It led us to Positano, where we would like to retire in a perfect flat perched on a cliff. There is only one problem; there are no real estate agents in Positano

because property never goes up for sale. Houses are kept in the family forever. Does that tell you how desirable it is?

In Sicily, tromping all over spilled lava from eruptions of Mt. Etna was thoroughly unique and visiting Taormina proved to be a highlight for many. Taormina defines old world architecture, with classic splendor around every bend. From seeing an active volcano, our next port took us to see the Drach Caves in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, large enough to take a boat ride.

Our last port was Marseille. Perched on top of the city is a cathedral with stunning views in every direction. Leaving the hustle bustle of Marseille, we drove to the seaside town of Cassis. Go there if you ever get the chance and take a boat ride to see the Calanques. The surrounding cliffs, yachts, and sailboats encircle one of the most picturesque beaches in the world. Sadly, we got our last look at the crystal blue/green Mediterranean waters as we had seen every day of our cruise. Fortunately, our trip is not over yet.....

Stay tuned for Part II of our Med Cruise report next month!



# BANFF, CANADA

February 25 – March 3, 2012

**ONLY 6 SPOTS REMAINING!!**



Imagine what happens when you experience something truly extraordinary.

The trip of a lifetime awaits.

- o Visit [www.skibig3.com](http://www.skibig3.com) for a preview visit of this special trip.
- o Spoil yourself in the unspoiled endless mountain terrain in Banff National Park.
- o Rejuvenate in the world class spa.
- o Stay in the Fairmont Banff Springs story-book castle in the majestic Canadian Rockies.
- o 90 minutes from Calgary's International Airport
- o Ski three world-class resorts: Banff, Lake Louise & Sunshine, all on one lift ticket
- o More than 8,000 acres of varied terrain, 270 runs, 26 lifts, and 360" of snow per year!
- o The longest run is five miles long!
- o Wide open champagne powder filled bowls, perfectly groomed cruisers, steep & deep chutes, and challenging terrain parks
- o Scenery is second to none in the world.
- o Green, blue and black runs available off almost every lift; those with different abilities can still spend their days together.
- o The town of Banff is ten minutes' walk from the hotel and has more than 130 bars & restaurants, offering everything from 5-star dining to family meals on-the-go, with après ski activities & nightlife from dawn to dusk.
- o Shopping offers an array of galleries & boutiques.

**Final payments are now due in full. You will receive e-mail notice of your balance.**

If you have out-of-state friends who would be interested in meeting us at the Calgary airport, a trip price reduction will be given to those who find their own airfare. Send your \$300 deposit now to hold your reservation!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

*Be sure to **check your passport** to be sure that it is valid through the return date of March 3, 2012. Now is the time to check to avoid any delays you may encounter if you need to renew. Also, check your cell phone and internet rate plans for international travel settings. You could get gouged heavily if you forget to set this up before you leave the country.*

Mail checks (payable to Space Coast Ski Club) and your application to:

Vicki Bristol  
4955 Dixie Hwy. N.E. #205  
Palm Bay, FL 32905

**Trip Leader - Vicki Bristol**

vicki\_bristol@msn.com 321-626-3909

**Asst. Trip Leader - Danny Molina**

runtnvern@cfl.rr.com 321-536-7149

Cancellation policy: Prior to November 15, 2011, refund will be given minus \$100. After November 15, 2011, refund will be given only if space can be resold, minus any airline & lodging penalties, minus \$100.



Price **\$1679** includes:

- R/T airfare Orlando to Calgary
- Ground Transportation to/from Fairmont Hotel
- Baggage handling & tips
- Pre-trip party
- Sunday Mountain Tour
- Monday welcome party w/ dinner, cash bar, live music
- Tuesday FSC race, mountain lunch & club pictures
- Thursday FSC Banquet, dinner, cash bar, live music. Theme: The Great Gatsby
- Friday apres' ski at Wild Bill's Saloon downtown Banff
- Special FSC rates for ski lessons & equipment rentals

**Lift Tickets:**

- 3 of 4 day \$202
- 4 of 5 day \$269
- 5 of 7 day \$336
- 6 of 7 day \$403
- ask about senior rates

[www.skibanff.com](http://www.skibanff.com)

[www.skilouise.com](http://www.skilouise.com)

[www.skibig3.com](http://www.skibig3.com)





**SPRING BREAK FOR GROWN KIDS!  
CANYONS RESORT, UTAH - MARCH 3-10, 2012**



***We are still looking for a single female to share a room on this trip.***

**AIR SOLD OUT - LODGING SPACE  
AVAILABLE**

**As of November, air seats reserved at the price included in the trip package are sold out. I am working to reserve more air space. I do have condos still available. To join us for this trip, you can get your own air OR I can see what price air is available for. EITHER WAY, please contact me to discuss!**



**This is the last club ski trip of the season. Early March makes for milder temperatures and a fun way to celebrate Spring! If you have not signed up for a SCSC ski trip, this will be your last chance for 2012 – don't be left out in the heat!**

4,000 acres of skiable terrain makes Canyons the largest ski and snowboard resort in Utah. Canyons is huge giving snow fanatics no chance for boredom! Located 30 minutes from the airport, our transfer to the resort will be short and easy. Average snowfall in March is 69 inches.

Completed in 2007, **SILVERADO LODGE** sits across from the Resort Village Lift. Amenities include 24-hour front desk, heated outdoor pool & hot tub, fitness facility, ski storage, daily maid service, in-room washers & dryers and free wireless Internet. Canyons Resort shuttle is available to Park City or the grocery store free of charge.

**Price Per Person/Double Occupancy Per Bedroom**

- 1 Bedroom/1 Bath - \$1435 each
- 2 Bedroom/2 Bath - \$1225 each
- 3 Bedroom/3 Bath - \$1180 each

**Call and ask me how you can make this trip more affordable!**

**Price Includes:**

- Round trip flights on Delta Airlines – Orlando/Salt Lake City
- Ground Transportation to and from resort
- 7 nights' accommodations at Silverado Lodge
- Welcome Party the evening of arrival, private mountain tour the first club ski day
- Group Dinner at Canyons, Group Happy Hour, Pre-Trip Party
- English Speaking Guide for the week

**Lift Tickets:** Adult 3 Day - \$155; 4 Day - \$200; 5 Day - \$230; Senior/Child rates available  
Group Lift tickets will be available for Park City and Deer Valley

**Payment Schedule:** \$350 with trip application and \$650 by October 15, 2011

Final balance due December 25, 2011 (*Merry Christmas to yourself!*)

**Mail checks (payable to Space Coast Ski Club) and applications to:**

Carla Constantino, 4173 Deerwood Trail, Melbourne, FL 32934

**Questions? Call (321) 255-7708 or email: calico@me.com**



# IRELAND

## TOUR AND GOLF VACATION

**September 17 - 25, 2012 --- 9 days and 8 nights**

Ireland is one of Europe's gems, a scenic extravaganza of lake, mountain, sea, and sky that's still gorgeous enough to make your jaw drop. There is also a wealth of history to discover - from the countless medieval castles and early Christian monasteries to the powerful political murals of Belfast and Kerry. You can also enjoy one of the biggest concentrations of prehistoric monuments in Europe.

The days are filled with exciting places to visit such as the Guinness Storehouse, where you learn the history and traditional methods used in crafting Ireland's most famous export, Guinness. You will visit the Kennedy homestead (where five generations of Kennedys lived), the Spirit of Ireland Exhibition, the Waterford crystal factory, the Ring of Kerry, the cliffs of Moher, and the Blarney Castle where you can kiss the blarney stone.

Golfers will experience the courses at Wicklow, Killarney, and Ennis if they choose. Green fees are extra.

There will be 2 nights in Dublin, 1 night in Dungarvan, 2 in Kerry, and 2 in Ennis. All breakfasts and dinners are included, with one Medieval Banquet featuring a 4-course meal of Irish dishes. You can also enjoy entertainment from the courts of lords and ladies of the castle.

So sit back and be escorted around Ireland in a comfortable coach, and truly enjoy the country with your Space Coast Ski Club friends. Don't worry about where you are going or where to have breakfast or dinner as it's all planned for you.

This trip is still under construction, but the price per person will be approximately \$2500, including air from Orlando, air fuel taxes, airport transfers, 8 nights' lodging, motor coach for touring with an English speaking guide, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, and a pre and/or post party.

Call or email Clair Quenzler if you are interested.

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321-431-7638

# SPACE COAST SKI CLUB CALENDAR

2011 - 2012

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

**December 9, 2011**

**COPPER, COLORADO**

**January 15 - 21, 2012**

**STEAMBOAT, COLORADO**

**January 22 - 28, 2012**

**NORTHSTAR, CALIFORNIA**

**February 4 - 11, 2012**

**BANFF, CANADA**

**February 25 - March 3, 2012**

**CANYONS, UTAH**

**March 3 - 10, 2012**

**IRELAND (Tour & Golf)**

**September 17 - 25, 2012**

