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## Flatlands – FIRST PLACE Two Years in a Row!!!



### Twice Is Nice By Josh Watts

With great pride and pleasure I would like to announce that the Tulsa Ski Club brought home the First Place trophy from the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Flatlands Ski Association race meeting at Steamboat Springs. This makes the second year in a row that we have accomplished this task. With the effort of 80 members, including 58 challenge racers and eight open racers, we achieved the back to back victory!!!! The competition this year was even more intense than in the past due to the change from the cross country race to a snow shoe race, Kansas City nipping at our heels to regain their former glory, and Oklahoma City wanting to claim the victory for their own.

A lot of younger members competed this year to fill the always sparse and/or empty age brackets. This, coupled with a lot of participation from all members in every bracket, sealed the victory. It didn't matter that we didn't get first, second, or third in every category. We filled the brackets with multiple entries which gave us higher team points. So, for those who think they only got one point for the Club, you really aided in pushing the Club toward 100 points by having the most individual race points per age bracket. It was truly a team effort, and I want to thank everyone for their participation!!!

I would especially like to thank Trip Captains **Gene Elsberry, Evan Elsberry** and **Kelley Phillips** for all their hard work in recruiting, planning, and ultimately organizing the entire trip. Without them, the trip would not have been nearly as successful. Also, a special thanks is due to the Race Committee, which included Trip Captains **Gene, Evan, and Kelley**, along with **Jim Sanwick, Shawn Martin, and Martha Sell**.

Now it's time to celebrate our victory!! We will be having the Club Medal Ceremony at the March General Meeting. Listed on page 5 are the Club and FSA results. Hope to see everyone on March 11 at 8:00pm with a 7:00pm social hour.



Justin Sanwick dashes for finish line in snowshoe race



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## President's Column

By Jim Constantine

### INCREDIBLE STORY

#### TULSA SKI CLUB IS PROSPERING and Making New Friends

It is the members of Tulsa Ski Club that created this incredible story: a sold out ski season; a successful, well attended social calendar; a great turnout for meetings, including many new young adults; PLUS, Tulsa won the annual Flatlands Ski Competition for the second year running. Flatlands is for skiers of all levels and all ages, from nine different clubs. It creates lots of club spirit and friendship.



If you have been on a ski trip or attended a social event, I'm sure you've met some new people this year. We all recognize benefits of having friends and companionship, so I urge you to maintain contact with new acquaintances, and attend club sponsored events. Our IRS tax exemption is partially based on providing social and recreational services of mutual benefit.

In short, it's good for people to get out and do something, and to keep a smile on their face. I'm proud of all the good things happening at Tulsa Ski Club. Thank all of you for being a member of TSC.

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# Membership Report

By Robert Foster

Welcome to all of our new members. We look forward to your involvement in this great ski club. Get involved on the board or consider a chair person. Every member has a talent to share. Tell a friend to come check us out; there is something going on for all ages. Congratulations to all the Tulsa Flatlanders on their BIG win at Steamboat this make two in a row. Let us now welcome the following new members to the Tulsa Ski Club.

Let us now welcome the following new members to the Tulsa Ski Club:

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## Spring Dance and Ski Club Reunion

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**Friday, May 2, 2008**

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Bring a dessert or appetizer to share.  
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\$20 adults, \$10 teens, \$5 age 12 and under.

Encourage former members to join us. Invite your neighbors to come find out about our club. Bring your young families and introduce us to your kids. Plan to have a good time!

Buy tickets at the March and April General Meetings or by mail from JoAnn Huber, 4710 S. Columbia Place, Tulsa 74105. Call JoAnn at 742-4156 with your ideas and to volunteer! Teens and younger kids are also welcome to volunteer. We want you all!!!

# Murder Mystery Weekend

**The Haunted Stone Lion Inn  
Guthrie, Oklahoma  
April 5, 2008**

Come join us for a fun-filled Saturday night at the Stone Lion Inn in Guthrie. We need 16 adventurous couples to help us solve a murder. There are three prices for this trip depending on the size of room selected. Prices include dinner Saturday evening, the murder investigation, dessert, and breakfast the next morning. Transportation to Guthrie is on your own.

All prices are based on double occupancy. There are 8 rooms at \$265; 5 rooms at \$235; and 3 rooms at \$210. To view the rooms, check out the website at [www.stonelioninn.com](http://www.stonelioninn.com). Full payment is expected with registration. If interested, contact Kim Macy at 254-6995 or by e-mail at [kmmacy@cox.net](mailto:kmmacy@cox.net).

This should fill up fast, so don't wait!

# More Flatlands Gold

BY "Bad Dog", "Powder Puppy" and "The Kidd" (Gene Elsberry, Evan Elsberry, Kelley Phillips)

Another STELLAR performance by YOUR Tulsa ski Club ... a win in overall racing ... and an overwhelming victory in party competitions! Trust us, we were the loudest, most enthusiastic club by far ... AGAIN. Another LARGE group of TSC members, two busses, some flights and some drive-ups convened at Steamboat Ski Resort to show other Flatlands Clubs how it should be done.

Lots of fun on the busses ... Margaritas on Powder Puppy's bus ... Bloody Marys and loads of beer on Bad Dog and The Kidd's bus ... songs, dancing, loud rude jokes ... a super start for a super trip. A lot of new members



joined us for they called their best ski trip ever.

Most of the condos were ready for us when we arrived. A quick change of clothes, several painkillers and a short walk or shuttle to the lifts, and ... guess what ... TON'S OF SNOW ... DEEP powder ... fresh "face shots" every day. (Okay, maybe it was a little cold and windy a couple of days, but how often do you get to ski in fresh thigh-deep powder every day?)

Our Club's wine and cheese (and beer and other food) party was a big hit for skiers worn out from the first day of skiing. (Thanks to **Pat, Susie** and many others who helped.) Party strategy sessions ... cheerleading practice ... rehearsals for the Flatlands Welcome Party and Awards Banquet ... all of the things that help us create our "target" image ... loud, rude and "in your face".

The FSA Welcome Party ... we certainly welcomed all of the other clubs with our



trademark "Howdy, Howdy". They really get irritated when they have to listen to us ... but, that's the point, isn't it? We're the ones having such a good time. We did try to

work on some other cheers. ("Pork chop, pork chop" was a group pleaser, but was not considered entirely socially acceptable.) In any event, our attendance was a great performance! (The after party at "the Kidd's" condo was a great performance, too.)

Thursday's Super FSA Race was somewhat strange ... the Super FSA was shut down early, and some people didn't get to race, or only got one run. Both of our Snowshoe (used to be Cross Country) race teams were awesome, posting the top two times. However, after some creative rulings, each team was awarded the same number of points. CONGRAT-ULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR TEAM RACERS! Friday's Challenge Races were pretty impressive, despite tough



conditions. Thanks to all of those who participated. And CONGRATULATIONS, too, to our TSC Open Racers, who ALL did a great job. (See Race Chairman **Josh Watts** article in this issue, and be at the March meeting for a big celebration.)

The AWARDS BANQUET ... another BIG TSC celebration. Great enthusiasm, loud cheers and, believe it or not, good sportsmanship. Lots of free beer (thanks Boulevard), good food, lots of TSC medals to cheer about ... another FIRST PLACE trophy ... does it get any better than this? (Not to mention another after party at "The Kidd's".)

Fun on the bus trip back ... lots of dancing ... loud music ... some imbibing of intoxicants...no casualties. A great end to a super trip.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED!! LET'S DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR!!

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Michael Messimore

# Flatlands Results

**Julie Dewitt** – FSA skiing - Silver 21-29, Club - Gold 21-29, NASTAR FSA - Gold, Snowboard FSA - Gold, Snowboard Club - Gold, Snowboard NASTAR - Bronze, Super FSA NASTAR - Silver, Super FSA Club - Gold

**Tess Huber** – Club - Silver 21-29

**Kristin Huber** – Club - Bronze 21-29

**Ann Marie Brown** – Club - Gold 30-24, NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Kristen Durbin** – FSA skiing - Bronze 35-39, Club - Gold 35-39

**Piper Messimore** – Club - Silver 35-39

**Ann Darnaby** – Club - Gold 40-44

**Gwen Sanwick** – Club - Gold 45-49, NASTAR FSA - Silver, Super FSA NASTAR - Silver, Super FSA Club - Silver

**Kathy Helbert** – Club - Silver 45-49

**Kelley Phillips** – Club - Gold 50-54, NASTAR FSA - Silver, Super FSA NASTAR - Bronze

**Elaine Simpson** – Club - Silver 50-54, NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Lynda Constantine** – FSA skiing - Gold 60-64, Club - Gold 60-64, NASTAR FSA - Gold, Super FSA NASTAR - Platinum, Super FSA Club - Bronze

**Martha Sell** – FSA skiing - Silver 60-64, Club - Silver 60-64, NASTAR FSA - Gold

**Heath Dismang** – FSA skiing - Gold 17-20, Club - Gold 17-20, NASTAR FSA - Silver, Snowboard Club - Silver

**James Lindsey** – FSA skiing - Silver 21-29, Club - Gold 21-29, NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Travis Sanwick** – FSA skiing - Bronze 21-29, Club - Silver 21-29, NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Benjamin Umdenstock** – Bronze 21-29

**Justin Sanwick** – FSA skiing - Gold 30-34, Club - Gold 30-34, NASTAR FSA - Gold, Super FSA NASTAR - Gold, Super FSA Club - Gold

**Josh Watts** – Club - Silver 30-35, NASTAR FSA - Silver

**Evan Elsberry** – Club - Bronze 21-29, NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Travis O'Dell** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Siegmund Brown** – FSA skiing - Silver 40-44, Club - Gold 40-44, NASTAR FSA - Gold

**Michael Messimore** – Club - Silver 40-44, NASTAR FSA - Silver

**Matt Moss** – Club - Gold 45-49, NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Russell Wilson** – Club - Silver 45-49, NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Jim Sanwick** – FSA skiing - Gold 50-54, Club - Gold 50-54, NASTAR FSA - Gold, Super FSA NASTAR - Silver, Super FSA Club - Silver

**Mark Grant** – Club - Silver 50-54, NASTAR FSA - Silver

**Chris Gavin** – Club - Bronze 50-54, NASTAR FSA - Silver

**Richard Watts** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**John Darnaby** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Eric Lagan** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Bruce Dawson** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Harry Simpson** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Gary York** – FSA skiing - Gold 55-59, Club - Gold 55-59, NASTAR FSA - Platinum, Super FSA NASTAR - Gold

**Scott Sanwick** – FSA skiing - Bronze 55-59, Club - Silver 55-59, NASTAR FSA - Gold, Super FSA NASTAR - Silver, Super FSA Club - Bronze

**Phil Wiltfong** – Club - Bronze 55-59, NASTAR FSA - Silver, Super FSA NASTAR - Bronze

**Don Wickersham** – NASTAR FSA - Silver

**Phil Schoen** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Gary Anderson** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Ron Lewis** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze, Super FSA NASTAR - Bronze

**John Sieler** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Mike Fullerton** – FSA skiing - Gold 60-64, Club - Gold 60-64, NASTAR FSA - Silver, Super FSA NASTAR - Bronze

**Charles Harrington** – Club - Silver 60-64, NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Jim Constantine** – Club - Gold 65-69, NASTAR FSA - Gold

**Lee Benest** – Club - Silver 65-69, NASTAR FSA - Silver

**Gene Elsberry** – Club - Bronze 65-69, NASTAR FSA - Silver, Super FSA NASTAR - Bronze

**John Posey** – NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Sonny Parrish** – FSA skiing - Bronze 70-74, Club - Gold 70-74, NASTAR FSA - Gold, Super FSA NASTAR - Gold

**Frank Sommer** – Club - Silver 70-74, NASTAR FSA - Gold

**Ernie Darnell** – Club - Bronze 70-74, NASTAR FSA - Bronze

**Ryan Zwerneman** – Snowboard Club - Gold

**Cody Watts** – Snowboard Club - Bronze

## FSA Open

Kris Robinson, Susie Kelley, Casey Bates, Mary Higdon, Lou Deger, Jeff Scott, Bill Nichols, Larry Van Horn

## FSA Snow Shoe Teams

Heath Dismang: Team 1A, Gold, Time 43.81

Julie Dewitt: Team 1B, Gold, Time 43.81

Michael Messimore: Team 1C, Gold, Time 43.81

Josh Watts: Team 1D, Gold, Time 43.81

Gwen Sanwick: Team 2A, Silver, Time 47.62

Matt Moss: Team 2B, Silver, Time 47.62

Ryan Zwerneman : Team 2C, Silver, Time 47.62

Justin Sanwick: Team 2D, Silver, Time 47.62



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# Vail/Beaver Creek 2008

By Matt Moss

From sign-up to see you later, this trip was destined to be a success. It is simply hard to go wrong with Vail and Beaver Creek as your vacation spot. I could not have been more pleased with the group as it came together to form this outing. An initial thank you to all participants who made this trip so wonderful... Not a bad apple in the whole barrel!

With first time trip captain jitters floating around in my stomach, I was comforted by the fact that I had some seasoned pros along to seek advice. With sages like **Jim Constantine**, **Gene Elsberry** and **John Sieler** right there, we were all in good hands. Notice the words "seasoned and sages" but not once did I say "old"!

Pretty much standard fare for the trip out... Games, fellowship and eager anticipation for the awesome conditions that were promised. Sandwich orders from LeBistro were perfect. My only rules of no bad jokes, no 99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall and no Kum Baya were obeyed almost perfectly, but it must have been a little too much for **Jim Constantine** as one of his jokes accidentally slipped out. **Colleen Williams** emerged as winner of most card contests with **Lowell Whitlock** pulling out a late victory. Rumors of **Lowell** cheating at cards have been greatly exaggerated. Not our **Lowell**! I don't know if the scrabble contest was ever decided among **Gloria Jones**, **Stacey Huckaby**, **David Warne** and **Randy Obryan**, but no, **Randy**, "nug" is not a word. How did we sleep? Opinions vary from front to back of the bus, but **Larry Vanhorn** took his usual position not in a bunk but in the seats directly behind the driver. While this action gave me extra room in my bunk, **Larry** became a victim of an overly talkative bus driver. This guy did not need a mike, and we all became victims. But he was an excellent driver.

Arrival at Vail after breakfast at Denny's was right on time. Vail Racquet Club had some condos ready, plenty of storage space for the rest of us, and nice men's and women's locker rooms available to change into ski clothes. Most people got to the mountain in plenty of time to have a full day of skiing. **Spenser Peterson** was late for his snowboard lesson that first day, but he caught up with the group in more ways than one. Some altitude issues cut into **Hannah Sieler's** time that first day. Many of us have been there, but thanks to dad **John Sieler's** experience and a good doctor at hand, **Hannah** recovered later that day. Glad she made it because we all can't wait to see her on American Idol 2016!

Was that Nicole Kidman that people saw at the mountain? No, that was Tulsa Ski Club's own **Becky Hyde**. Dr. **Scott Hyde** and **Becky** along with **Scott** and **Holli Gould** were kind enough to let me ski with them that first day. I promptly took a wrong turn right off the bat and got **Scott G.** separated from his group. Thanks to a strong cell signal at the moment we were able to meet up again quickly and did not lose much time because **Scott H.** was getting his equipment adjusted. It's always the equipment, isn't it, **Scott**? I got some great early runs in with the **Hyde's** and **Gould's**, but quit around noon to prepare for the party that night. Most of us skied at Vail that first day. Very cold but plenty of snow.

Back at Vail Racquet Club I found myself alone and needing to get into my room to prepare for the Wine & Cheese and More Party. VRC was late getting me in, stomach jitters were coming back, and all my mentors were out skiing. Preparations were a little shaky until help arrived in the form of **David Warne**. **David** is full of ideas and was great to have in the condo. The worst moment came when I was needing to get into nearby condo 206 to cook extra lasagna. **Stacey Huckaby** was out on the patio, and I had a key to get in. The key did not work, and **Stacey** realized that

she too was locked out of her own condo. A long walk to registration and back to 206 resulted in yet another key that did not work! With time running low and my first batch of lasagna cooking in my condo, I think I would have turned into a raging Incredible Hulk, but with **Stacey** giggling in my ear about the entire situation as I fumbled with the key, I was able to keep calm. Yes, the third key worked. As the early people arrived for the party, things fell into place beautifully. The wine, cheese and snacks were great. The lasagna from both ovens was perfect. **Holli Gould** got the French bread cooking. **Mark Grant** kept us supplied with clean silverware. **Mark's** wife **Teresa** wanted someone to take a picture of that. We had 100% attendance for the party. Thirty-eight of us crowded in, and everyone got fed. I want to thank my condomates **Bob Morgan**, **Jennifer Morgan**, **Spenser Peterson** and **David Warne** for coping with the extra action and mess caused by having a party in there.

Saturday found all of us scattered far and wide. I chose Beaver Creek along with **Bill Millis**, **Lowell Whitlock**, **Gene Elsberry**, **Jennifer Morgan** and **Spenser Peterson**. **Bill** is really in touch with his skis. Want some tips, just watch **Bill**. I also appreciated the tips from **Gene Elsberry** on some of the steep moguls. I followed him as best I could, but I hope he did not mind when I chose not to copy his perfect face plant. **Jennifer Morgan** skis like a girl. If that sounds like a jab, it's because I am green with envy. While **Gene** and I alternated doing some of the easier runs with **Jennifer's** son **Spenser**, the other one of us was doing black run moguls with **Jennifer**. No sweat for her. Wish I could ski like a girl; or that girl anyway.

Dinner Saturday night proved to be outstanding. We dined at the Ore House. No "Wh" in front of that ore. Reservations were hard to come by on a Saturday night in Vail, and I tried several places before changing strategy. The young dude on the phone line at The

Ore House somehow got the idea that I was the equipment manager for the Denver Broncos Cheerleaders and that one of my co-workers was asking about the menu. We were promptly penciled in for dinner at 8:00pm. I shared this story with some of my dinner companions, and **Randy O'Bryan** wanted to know what kind of equipment!

**Tip** and **Robin Burch** did their own cooking Saturday night. It must have smelled good because it lured **Hannah Sieler** away from our dinner outing. She chose to eat with them.

Most of us found time to ski at both Vail and Beaver Creek. **Kelley Phillips** took her usual role as group leader, and many followed her to some great skiing at both locations. **Tom Neal** followed her to what he called a streambed and a natural half-pipe. I think they must have gone under the ropes to get to this one because I could not find it on the maps anywhere! Others who benefited from **Kelley's** lead were **Jane Meyer**, **Vic Neal** and **Colleen Williams**.

A few of us brought back some hardware from Nastar. **Kelley Phillips** and **Jennifer Selstad** won Silver Medals, and **Scott Grimes** won his first medal ever with a Bronze. **Vic Neal** won a Bronze on Saturday but doggedly pursued an upgrade, and by Monday he too won a Silver Medal. Way to go, guys! Don't know if **Trey Sophy** tried Nastar, but if the club could ever get him and **Jennifer Morgan** to participate in Flatlands, we'd be a shoe-in to pick up a couple of hundred extra points off of them. Think about it, you two.

**Teresa** and **Glene Grant** found the finer side of Vail with shopping, massages and touring. Both are now qualified to give tours of Vail. Husbands **Don** and **Mark Grant** did a ton of skiing, while the girls toured and brought back plenty of stories to tell. However, the girls had physical evidence to show what they did all day, while **Don** and **Mark** had only stories... all true of course.

**Larry** and **Tammy Thomas** along with **Robert** and **Darla Foster** were part of the building 15 group at Vail Racquet Club... right next to the pool, hot tub and spa room. I heard some of them even had heated tile floors! Nice. **Larry Thomas** wins the good sport award for the trip. Our table kept coming up short on the tab for dinner Saturday night. **Larry** kept the peace by continuing to chip in and chip in until the difference was made up. Anyone who was at that table buy **Larry** a drink

next time you see him out somewhere.

In closing let me say thank you to **Bruce Dawson** who has done an outstanding job as Winter Trips Chairman this year and helped me tremendously with planning this trip as Trip Captain. I'll never forgive **Bruce** for bailing out on me by touring Europe just before the ski trip and not arriving in Vail until Saturday. Just keep telling **Bruce** he missed a great party Friday night. Thanks again to all on this trip. You were great.

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# March General Meeting

Tuesday, March 11

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Social Hour 7:00 p.m. – General Meeting 8:00 p.m.

## Activities and Meetings:

Tuesday, March 11 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	General Meeting Social Time General Meeting 5335 S. Harvard
March 14-19	Wolf Creek Trip
Thursday, March 20 5:30pm - 7:30pm	Skier's Night Out Santino's Italian Restaurant 7875 E. 71st St.

## Upcoming Events:

April 19-29	France Trip - 1 week extension
April 5	Murder Mystery Weekend Guthrie, Oklahoma
May 2	Ski Club Reunion and Spring Dance
May 17	Sporting Clay Shotgun Event, Dinner & Party

# SKIER'S NIGHT OUT



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