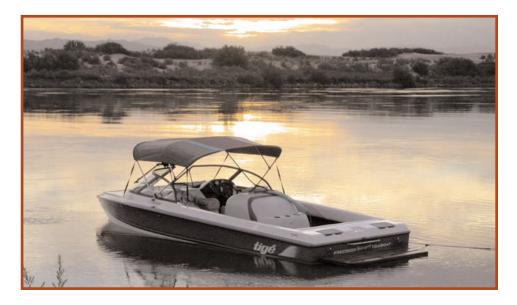
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Only 6 More Trips to the River for 2003!



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2003 HEASB Water Ski Club Membership Application Padar · Rats

Please, ONE application form per membership type (Individual or Family)

Name(s):	Home Ph: ()				
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** Note — Email will be the tool used for most of ou	ar communication with members. Please print clearly.				
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The membership year is from April 1 through March	31.				
Please check (ONE only) the type of membership that	applies to you:				
\$30.00 Single Membership					
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Deduct \$10/individual or \$20/family if you	supply a valid email address for electronic newsletters				
There is no membership fee for a non-skiing child under the age of 12. However, ALL skiers must be members, regardless of age.					
Submit application with your check payable to HEASB WATER SKI CLUB by mail to: Cathy Schulte, P.O. Box 3080, El Segundo, CA 90245					
	send this application with your trip reservation or will affect your trip reservation.				
We are always looking for volunteers. I may be interest	ted in helping run the club: Yes No				

I would like to volunteer / suggest / comment: ____

WAIVER: I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims I may have against HEASB Water Ski Club, Radar River Rats, Raytheon Employee Association (EA) or its representatives, agents, or board members of any and all injuries. The Raytheon Employee Association (EA) is a non-profit organization that has no association with Hughes Aircraft Company, Raytheon Systems Co., or Boeing.

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by Catherine Ohl

The July trips were both for the record books. One was very hot while the other was very cool. The skiing was fabulous for both. The photos are on the web site and you can read more about the trips on pages 4 & 5.

Only 6 trips remaining in 2003! Now is the time to mark those calendars and get your reservations in. At \$89 a person for food, drink, water skiing and camping, our club trips are a bloody bargain.

Boat Drivers Needed, Desperately-

Our trips are limited by our boat drivers. And with only three of us in the queue, there are some trips where we can only provide one boat. If you know of anyone with an appropriate boat who may be interested in pulling for the club, please contact **Gene Fulkerson** at 858-467-9469 or gene@pacificrimalliance.org.

New Zealand-

Most of the Rat's Board, **Kim Griffin, Patricia Ortiz, Gene Fulkerson** and myself, are headed for New Zealand and will be gone until August 16, 2003. Additionally, **Paul Jackson** will be on a business trip until August 8, 2003. That leaves **Linda Newcomb-Mathis** in charge. **Yvonne Rupp** will handle the trip coordination along with help from Linda and **Cathy Schulte**.

Snow Ski Trips

Your Rat's membership also gives you membership in LA Council and the Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Check out the ski trips planned for 2004 on page 8.

Thompson's Ski Ranch-

At the moment, **Maury Adler** and **Pam Malouf** have reserved one more date at Thompson's Ski Ranch – August 16. They figure the cost will be about \$75 per person. You can contact Pam at pamedit@aol.com.

atherine

Boat Driver UPDATE

by Gene Fulkerson

The season is going strong. I've finally had a chance to ride my new ski and it's really got quite a snap to it.

We need boat drivers! We still only have the three drivers from

last year — **Catherine Ohl, Mark Mathis** and **Paul Jackson**. If you, or anyone you know, has a boat appropriate for water skiing, please call me at 858-467-9469 or email me at gene@pacificrimalliance.org.

Boat Driver Assignments-

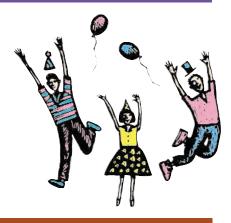
The queue is actually irrelevant since we are limited to just the three drivers. All I know for sure is that Catherine is available for most trips and all boat drivers are available for the October trips.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter Catalano8/8Katie Wilhite8/21Marco Marquina8/21

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Alexis Castillo Peter Catalano Laura Dynabursky Rick Fisher Alicia Hernandez Sonia Hernandez Sean McKee Laura Priess Fred Rupp Yvonne Rupp



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Summer Points Schedule

Ever since they put hook ups on the points at Park Moabi, we've had trouble scheduling Point 7 on a regular basis. Below is the schedule of the points we have to date. We are waited-listed for Point 7 on the trips were where are some place else. Keep this reference handy and be sure to double check the point assignment when Patricia calls you for your carpools.

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September 5	Poin
October 3	Poin

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August 22 September 19 October 17

Point 5 Point 7 Point 9

Trip Wrap — July 11-13, 2003

Hot, Hot & Hotter. Thank heaven for the fricking A/C!

All kidding aside, this trip was exceptionally hot. It's a good thing that Stephanie Thompson showed up in a new motor home. She and the three girls slept comfortably (and late) in cool comfort.

Jim Hess came out early with his new boat to work on his RV so that it would be cooled down when his family arrived. He had quite a time finding the right water pump.

He seemed all together when Gene Fulkerson and Catherine Ohl showed up. Gene & Jim proceeded to set up the kitchen with the help of Jan Hess, Stephanie, Ashley Thompson and (her very best friend) Ashley Clark.

The young girls – **Danielle Hess**, Courtney Thompson and Kristine Aves – played long and hard all day in the sand and water. Jim managed to get them all out

by Gene Fulkerson,

on the inner tube a couple of times. Courtney even skied the horseshoe ski. Everyone was up to a cruise to the gorge for some jumping and swimming.

Simone Beaudoin and Patricia Ortiz camped out at The Traveler's *Inn* in Needles. They actually managed to get to the river by 6 AM on Sunday for a glass runs.

Marco Marquina was back but this time with a new wake board. He made a lot of progress on his board. Katie Wilhite did great on a single ski and did well under Gene's excellent instruction. She can't wait to come back in August with some of her friends.

Steve & Mickey Klinger were a tremendous help, as usual. Also of help were Jim & Jan Hess, Stephanie, Agnes Johnson, Patricia Ortiz and Simone Beaudoin. Simone, who says she can't cook, was even able to be useful in the kitchen.



Ashley Clark



Agnes Johnson



Girl Power—Kristine, Courtney, Danielle



Katie & Marcos

Trip Wrap — June 25-27, 2003

The weekend was unbelievably cool and yet **Gene Fulkerson** got busted for an air conditioner he really didn't need.

It threatened thunder showers all weekend but we didn't get a drop. There was a bit of a spectacular meteor shower on Friday. Saturday greeted us with a beautiful sunrise and sunset. On Sunday the humidity was a bit high but after the sun came out, it was just hot. Both evenings were down in the 70s.

This was officially a one and half boat trip with **Paul Jackson** and **Catherine Ohl** driving the boats and giving instruction. Paul came out early to work on his boat. It was smoking a bit on the last trip and needed a tune up. Gene did some mysterious tapping to temporarily clear up the carburator. Paul took the carburator home for a through cleaning.

Gene Fulkerson was the trip leader and did his usual magic in the kitchen. He had some very enthusiastic help and in the process learned a few culinary tricks. Sean McKee and Laura Dynabursky are both expert chefs and took over some of the dinner and breakfast preparations.

Dinner was an excellent tri-tip (that everyone enhaled) and chicken with roasted colored peppers and mashed potatoes and creme brulee.

Since **Rick Fisher** was on this trip, it was guaranteed that there would be more men than women. And we weren't disappointed. **Dennis Leon** and **Peter Catalano** were back with their friends, Laura and Sean from

by Gene Fulkerson

Beach Cities. It was obvious on their first run that Peter and Dennis hadn't skied in awhile. Neither could remember which foot goes forward. Peter figured it out right away but Dennis actually got up wrong footed before he figured it out. It was pretty funny and Laura is going to mark their feet so they don't ever forgot.

The last time Laura and Sean skied was at the Wailer's Bash. As they soon found out, we generally ski while the Wailer's mostly drink. They really appreciated the help and the calmer waters. Laura had only momentarily been up on a single. We helped her to get up and ski consistently. Sean, on the other hand, wanted to make a quantum leap in his skiing and took on the challenge of Gene's "old" ski. The narrow tail was a real challenge but he really loved the way it skied.

The little kids were evenly numbered this trip – **Brian Jackson**, the boy and **Kristine Aves**, the girl. Both kids played well together in and out of the water. They even took turns burying each other in the sand. They made lots of progress behind Paul's boat as they learned to knee board. Brian was a natural.

Steve and Mickey Klinger got their fill of skiing and were happy to relax when it came time for Happy Hour. Cathy Schulte helped Gene set up the happy hour on the beach. Agnes Johnson was also a big help in the kitchen while Carmen Jackson took over cleaning up after dinner. Everyone helped break camp, which as predicted, was the hottest part of the whole weekend.



Sean & Laura



Mickie & Steve Klinger



The Jacksons— Paul, Brian, Carmen



Cathy Schulte

HEALTH & FITNESS California Rules of the Road

Failure to obey the Rules of the Road is the major contributing factor in accidents for which cyclists are at fault. The *Driver's Handbook* can be found on the DMV's web site at http://www.dmv.ca.gov/dmv.htm.

Definition of a Bicycle

There is a technical definition of a bicycle. Adult tricycles are considered to be bicycles under the vehicle code, but child tricycles, in which the pedals directly drive the wheels, do not qualify.

Summary of Cycling-Specific Rules

The following summary is not meant to provide legal advise but to alert you to the rules for your safety.

- Cyclists must obey the same rules as motor vehicles, and they have the same rights.
- When riding at speeds less than the normal speed of traffic, a cyclist should nominally stay to the right, either in a bike lane, or near the right side of the roadway. The roadway is that portion of the road used for vehicular travel, so there is no requirement to ride on a shoulder or to weave in between parked cars, or to even ride in an area marked for parking when no cars are there.
- Bicyclists have to ride in the same direction as vehicular traffic, both on and off the roadway (e.g., when on a shoulder), but this requirement does not apply on sidewalks.
- Riding on a sidewalk is subject to local laws.
- Lights and reflectors must be used at night.

Traffic Laws

The rules are nearly identical for cyclists and motorists, with each having equal rights to use public roads. Please note that bicycles are allowed on every road in California except certain freeways and toll bridges. There is no legal requirement for cyclists to use a sidewalk or off-road bicycle path.

Cyclists Rights and Responsibilities

Since cyclists have the same rights and respon-

sibilities as drivers, the use of alcoholic beverages is treated similarly (i.e., you should not assume that you can use a bicycle to avoid a DUI conviction.)

Right Side of the Roadway Rule

The "stay to the right" law is often misunderstood. It applies only on the roadway (not the shoulder or areas normally used for parking) and when riding at less that the normal speed of traffic. There are numerous exceptions as listed below under "exceptions."

In addition, on multilane one-way roads, you may use either edge of the roadway.

Bike Lanes

The requirement to use a bike lane is similarly misunderstood and, like the right-side-of-theroadway rule, applies only when riding at less than the normal speed of traffic. There are also the same numerous exceptions (see below).

Furthermore, the rule applies only to those bike lanes established according to state standards. Not all bike lanes meet that test. Unfortunately, the legality of the bike lane depends on when the bike lane was installed, which is not visually obvious.

Exceptions

The "stay to the right" and bikelane rules have numerous **exceptions**, including preparing for a left turn, avoiding debris or other hazards, passing slower bicyclists or vehicles, conditions that make it unsafe for a vehicle and bicycle to pass side by side, and approaching a place where a right turn is permitted. The latter exception includes driveways, not just intersections.

Use of the Shoulder

Bicycles can, at the rider's discretion, use a shoulder, but must go in the same direction as vehicles when on a roadway or shoulder.

Hand Signals

Like other vehicles, bicyclist must signal before turning if other vehicles are affected. The offi-



cial hand signals are extended for bicycles to allow a cyclist to signal a right turn by pointing right with the right hand. Unfortunately, sometimes you have to keep your hands on the brakes or handlebars (especially when crossing reflector dots), and the law does not consider this need explicitly.

Lights at Night

Cyclists are required to use a front light at night, together with rear, side, and pedal reflectors. A rear light is highly recommended.

Miscellaneous

A cyclist and any passenger must ride astride a seat, and packages may not be carried if the hands are prevented from reaching the handlebars. Brakes have to be functional.

Rules for Drivers

Drivers have two obligations around bicycle lanes:

- to stay out of them when not turning across them
- to merge into the bike lane within 200 feet of the turn before turning across one.

There is also a specific requirement for drivers to pass to the left of a cyclist, leaving a safe distance, when passing.

Rules for Pedestrians

No pedestrian shall proceed along a bicycle path or lane where there is an adjacent adequate pedestrian facility.

Cyclists should be particularly wary of jaywalking pedestrians. A frequently occurring tableau in California consists of a jogger running along a bike-lane stripe, against the flow of traffic, wearing headphones.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

New Ownership Marmot Basin

Marmot Basin, the ski area set deep in the Jasper National Park, Alberta, Canada is under new ownership.

The six partners of the group now running the famous area represent more than a century of operational and service excellence to National Park visitors and include owners of major hotels, famed attractions such as the Maligne Lake boat tours, and the renowned Sunshine Village Ski Resort in nearby Banff National Park.

The new ownership has the strong capital depth, environmentally progressive attitude and an unmatched synergy of interests to attract more visitors to the resort.

Vail Decentralizes Marketing

Vail Resorts announced a restructuring of its marketing organization today, which eliminates the top level positions of senior vice president of marketing and vice president of sales and distribution.

The new structure will give more decisionmaking power to the individual resorts. A smaller central sales and marketing group will remain in place to coordinate programs that involve all the resorts and hotels.

United Park City Mines to Sells Land

On July 18, United Park City Mines Company completed its merger with Capital Growth Partners LLC. The significance of the deal to the mountain resort industry lies in the fact that United Park City Mines owned land that both Deer Valley and Park City lease as part of their ski resorts.

United Park City Mines has been actively seeking a buyer because they lacked the necessary funds for real estate development on the old mining land. Capital Growth Partners specializes in real estate development, but sees no changes for the two Utah resorts.

\$2.9 Million Awarded in Snowboard Accident

A British Columbia Supreme Court jury recently awarded a former high school student \$2.9 million in damages in a personal-injury lawsuit stemming from a terrain park accident during a high school outing in January 2000 at Blackcomb.

Travis Murao, now a quadriplegic, had sued his teachers, his school district and Blackcomb for his injuries. The jury found Blackcomb 70 percent responsible for the accident, Richmond School District 15 percent liable and Murao himself, a novice snowboarder at the time of the accident, 15 percent to blame.

It is unclear what effect the ruling will

by Catherine Ohl

have on future school outings in B.C since teachers were found to be negligent for failing to warn their students that the terrain park could be dangerous. Now that a district has been found negligent for injuries sustained by a student on a school outing, schools may cut back or eliminate ski/ride trips.

Do Snowboarders Need Lifts?

A whopping 2.5 million snowboarders report that they don't visit ski areas,

according to a new survey conducted by the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA), and funded by SnowSports Industries America (SIA). The NSGA survey tallies 5.5 million snowboarders nationwide, including 3 million riders who turn up at resorts.

It has been postulated that many 10- to 14-year-olds buy inexpensive boards at Wal-Mart, Target, and local hardware stores, then ride on any local hill they can find—in their backyard, in public parks and on golf courses.

If the number of non-resort riders is even half the 2.5 million NSGA reports, it indicates a significant base of ridership which may be turning up at resorts in the near future.

SKI RESORTS SHOW PROGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The third annual Sustainable Slopes Annual Report released by the National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) details the ski industry's progress in implementing its Environmental Charter for Ski Areas over the past season.

Seventy-nine resorts from 25 states measured their progress in implementing environmental best practices this past spring in 21 areas of environmental stewardship. The four areas in which resorts scored the highest include: protecting wetlands and riparian areas; protecting scenic values or "visual quality"; planning, designing and constructing facilities in an environmentally sensitive manner; and properly handling potentially hazardous waste. The four areas that resorts need to improve on in the future include: energy use for lifts; reusing products to reduce waste; energy use for vehicle fleets; and energy use for snowmaking.

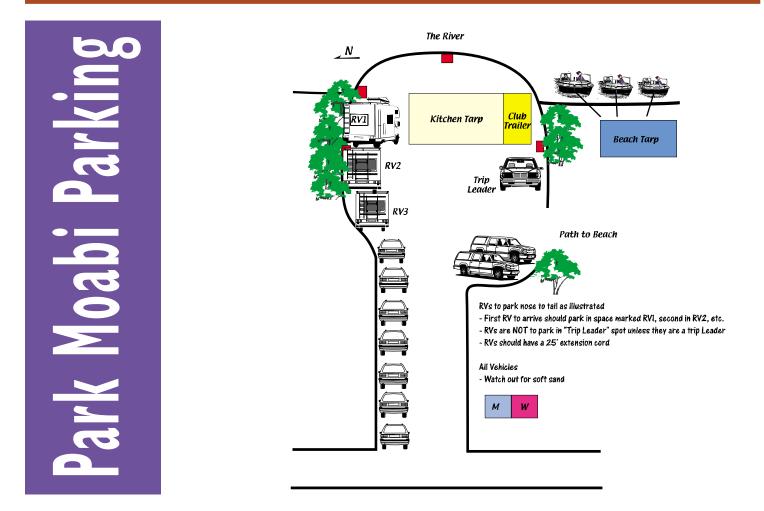
The assessment helped resorts quantify reductions in CO₂, a principal green-

house gas associated with global warming. Collectively, resorts helped eliminate the emission of 222,608,369 pounds of CO₂ through energy conservation, waste reduction/recycling and transportation-related projects.

Ski Tripping with LAC Clubs in 2004

Are you looking for a ski destination for 2004? Want to join a group? Here are some of the trips being offered by clubs and organizations associated with LA Council of Ski Clubs. Your membership in the Rats allows you to join LAC, Far West (FWSA) or USRSA. Pac Rim membership is only \$8.

Where	When	Who	Contact	Phone	Email
Lake Louise, Canada	FWSA	Jan 24-31	Judith Miller	818-841-4192	jamski5@juno.com
Whistler, Canada	LAC	Jan 31-Feb 7	Bonnie West	562-699-8880	travel@lacouncil.org
Salt Lake City, UT	LAC	Feb 19-23	Bonnie West	562-699-8880	travel@lacouncil.org
Banff, Canada	USRSA	Feb 21-28	Nancy Sanford	909-878-3681	nanskii@aol.com
Verbier, Switzerland	Pac Rim	Mar 8-16	Gene Fulkerson	858-467-9469	gene@pacificrimalliance.com



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Water Ski the Net! Check us out at http://radarriverrats.org

2003 HEASB Water Ski Club Reservation Application

(Please, <u>ONE</u> reservation form and <u>ONE</u> check for <u>EACH</u> person <u>EACH</u> trip)

Circle Irip Date:	8/8-10 8/22-24	é 9/5-7	9/19-21	10/3-5	10/17-19	
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In case of emergency, notify:			Phor	ne: ()		
My reservation is for the following:					r child (5-11) \$ and under) \$0	
Make check payable and send with this f	form to: HEASB W	ATER SKI CI	LUB, P.O. I	Box 3080, I	El Segundo, CA	90245.

Reservations must be received two weeks before the trip. Cancellation must be received IN WRITING AT LEAST TWO WEEKS before trip date. No substitutions without the Trip Coordinator's permission. The HEASB Water Ski Club reserves the right to reject a reservation. For further information, call Yvonne before 9 pm at 310/798-2434.

REQUIRED CARPOOL INFORMATION (your form may be returned if not complete)

The Trip Coordinator will arrange carpools for those wishing to travel with the club. First priority is given to vehicles pulling boats or hauling supplies. Volunteer drivers are needed to provide the remaining transportation, taking AT LEAST two passengers and/or food/drinks. Each passenger will pay the carpool driver for transportation expenses, an amount determined by the driver (typically \$10-\$24). Most carpools leave the LA area on Friday after work and arrive at Park Moabi around midnight. Drivers of arranged/ approved carpools will be reimbursed for campground fees <u>AFTER</u> the trailer's packed on Sunday, about 2 pm. Your request for a specific carpool is not guaranteed. Carpools will be non-smoking.

 I agree to carpool as arranged/approved by the Club.

 NOTE: If you choose not to carpool, you will be required to pay campground fees (\$18 per night or \$6 per day use).

 I am available to drive my vehicle to the river.

 • Other passengers:
 Year, make, model of vehicle:

 • Air conditioned?
 Total # of people you can take including driver:

 • In addition, I have room for: #cases drinks:
 #coolers:

 I prefer a ride to the River. Carpool Driver Preference:
 Tent:

 • How much gear will you bring? Ski:
 Chair (type):

 I would like a hookup on the point. (A limited number of hook-ups are available.)
 Tent:

 • Hook-ups will be assigned on a first signed-up basis. Hook-ups are \$35 a night. We reimburse up to \$18 a night.

I am willing to be a trip leader (reimbursement will be based on people count up to \$89 per trip leader).

MEMBERSHIP

You must be a member of the HEASB Water Ski Club. The membership fee and application MUST be sent to **Cathy Schulte** at the location listed on the membership form. (**DO NOT INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP WITH THIS FORM.**)

I have paid my membership fee: _____ (Initial) (Non-skiers aged 0-11, membership not required)

WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED AND ACCOMPANY PAYMENT

I am aware that participation in the RADAR RIVER RATS' events, has, in addition to the usual risks, dangers and hazards associated with travel, water skiing, air chairing, skurfing and boating, including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking boats; changing weather conditions, exposed rock, earth, trees or other natural objects; the condition of the water, skis and boats; impact or collision with other skiers, boaters, jet skiers; the failure to ski safely or within one's own ability or within designated areas; negligence of other skiers, boaters and jet skiers and negligence on the part of the organizations or their staff. I am also aware that the risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the area and that many are unmarked. I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS, RESULTING THEREFROM.

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Everyone is Welcome – Beginner to Expert, Family and Friends!