



Message from the President

# Time to Start Thinking Winter

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Well, we're halfway through spring, and summer is right around the corner.

The first round of lawn fertilizing should be done and the sound of lawnmowers is in the air, Baseball fans have hope no matter their team, though a few hockey and basketball teams remain in the playoffs. The winter of 2011 left more than the average number of memories, but they're starting to fade away.

Skiing and snowboarding are the furthest things from anyone's minds, right?

Wrong!

Our ski and snowboard clubs have already started planning for next winter. Our members may not spend 12 months a year on the slopes, but the slopes are on our minds for all 12 months.

Not that we dislike spring, summer and fall; we love those seasons also. We'll be on the links, lakes, rivers, beaches, forests, streets, mountains, canyons and trails with our boats, clubs, canoes, rafts, kayaks, wave runners, backpacks, tents, climbing gear, bikes and skates.

But snow and winter are never out of our minds. Whether it's around a campfire, in a canoe, at an outdoor concert or anywhere else, there are two topics that are sure to come up. Sometimes the lead topic is a memory of a great run from last winter, sometimes it starts with a discussion of where we'll be skiing and boarding next winter. Either way, our common bond is getting out on the snow and enjoying winter.

If you love hitting the slopes as much as our members do, then you should really consider joining one of our clubs. We're dedicated to winter, but not exclusively committed;

we love winter, but we need to spend time with all the seasons.

Check out the club features in this magazine and see if you can find a club that fits your interests. If you need more help, go to our website, where you'll find all of our clubs listed, and check their profiles. Most have different activities going on, and those are great ways to get to know some of the club members.

By late summer our clubs will have their 2011-12 trips listed in our database and you'll be able to find out if any of our clubs are going to your favorite destination, or maybe that destination you've never been to or wanted to try.

In the meantime enjoy the weather, have fun, and start thinking winter.

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