March 2006

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I take great pleasure in inviting you to the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association, which will be held June 21-24, 2006 at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Often referred to as the American Shangri-La, Sun Valley Resort offers its visitors a chance to “Rough it in Style”. Spend the long, warm days participating in outdoor activities ranging from boating and swimming to tennis and skeet shooting, or stay indoors visiting the many art galleries in the Valley, taking a tour or shopping in nearby Ketchum. The cool evenings offer the chance to enjoy ice-skating on the resort’s outdoor rink, or attend one of the many cultural events in town.

I look forward to seeing you all this June and I hope you will take advantage of this year’s exciting program put together by Dr. David Fullerton and the rest of the Program Committee. As part of that program, we are pleased to welcome some of the most respected international leaders in cardiothoracic surgery.

Please review the information included here carefully and I will see you in Sun Valley!

Warmest regards,

R. Scott Mitchell - President

GENERAL INFORMATION
The 32nd Annual Meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association will be held at the Sun Valley Resort, June 21-24, 2006. Half-day scientific sessions will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with afternoons free to enjoy the many activities available in and around Sun Valley. Separate subscription breakfast sessions will be held on Friday morning prior to the Postgraduate Course.

ACCREDITATION
The Western Thoracic Surgical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association designates the annual meeting program, a continuing medical education activity, for up to a maximum of the following Category 1 credits towards the Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association:
- Simultaneous Breakfast Sessions, up to 1.25 credits
- Postgraduate Course, up to 1 credit
- Scientific Sessions, up to 8.75 credits
- Concurrent Poster Sessions, up to 1.25

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES
The Annual Meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association is designed to provide two and a half days of a comprehensive educational experience, for WTSA members and guest physicians, in the field of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery. It is the Association’s intent to bring together leading scientists in these specialties to freely and openly discuss their latest clinical and research efforts.

This year’s program begins on Thursday with a half-day scientific plenary session of original papers and concludes with the highly successful “Controversies in Thoracic Surgery”. The initial debate addresses the issue of VATS versus Open Lobectomy for Lung Cancer.

Friday morning begins with three simultaneous breakfast sessions, featuring recognized leaders in Adult Cardiac, General Thoracic and Congenital Heart Disease, who will provide state of the art techniques and procedures in each specialty. The scientific program continues with the annual Post Graduate Course and a scientific plenary session of original papers.

The Saturday scientific session begins with a concurrent moderated poster forum session addressing a far ranging field of topics in each of the three sub-specialties. The session continues with additional original papers and
concludes with the C. Walton Lillehei Point/Counter-Point Session, sponsored by and educational grant from St. Jude Medical. The debate this year will focus on Optimal Treatment of Multi-Vessel Coronary Disease.

At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, participants should have an enhanced understanding of the latest techniques and current research specifically related to General Thoracic Surgery, Adult Cardiac Surgery, and Congenital Heart Disease. Through the open discussion periods, participants will have the opportunity to hear the pros and cons of each paper presented to gain an overall perspective of their current practices and utilize results presented to select appropriate surgical procedures and interventions for their own patients and integrate this knowledge into their academic setting and/or clinical practice.

**SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM and BREAKFAST SESSIONS**

A preliminary program listing breakfast session topics and faculty is included in this mailing.

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**MEETING SCHEDULE**

The 32nd Annual Meeting will feature scientific sessions and social events as follows:

**Wednesday, June 21st**

3:00 pm – 7:00 pm    Registration Opens
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm    New Members Reception and Kids’ Reception

**Thursday, June 22nd**

6:00 am
7:00 am – 12:00 noon    Registration
7:00 am – 12:00 noon    Exhibits Open/Continental Breakfast
7:00 am – 11:00 am    Family Hospitality Suite
8:00 am – 12:30 pm    Scientific Session
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm    Trail Creek Theme Dinner

**Friday, June 23rd**

6:30 am – 7:45 am    Breakfast Sessions
7:00 am – 12:00 noon    Registration
7:00 am – 12:00 noon    Exhibits Open/Continental Breakfast
7:00 am – 11:00 am    Family Hospitality Suite
8:00 am – 8:50 am    Scientific Session
8:50 am – 12:00 noon
1:00 pm – 6:00 pm    Golf Tournament
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm    Tennis Tournament
Evening Free

**Saturday, June 24th**

6:30 am – 10:30am    Exhibits Open/Continental Breakfast
7:00 am – 12:00 noon    Registration
7:00 am – 11:00 am    Family Hospitality Suite
7:15 am – 8:30 am    Concurrent Poster Sessions
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
12:00 noon – 12:30 pm
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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006**

3:00 pm Registration Opens
7:00 pm New Members’ Reception

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006**

6:00 am Samson Fun Run
7:00 am Registration
Continental Breakfast
8:00 am Introduction of New Members and Resident Essay Finalists
8:10 am **SCIENTIFIC SESSION**
Moderators: R. Scott Mitchell*, David A. Fullerton*

+1. Women with Pathologic Stage I, II and III Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer have Better Survival than Men
S. Bryant, R. J. Cerfolio.
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
Discussant: Richard I. Whyte*

+2. Right Ventricular Outflow Tract Reconstruction with a PTFE Monocusp: A 10-Year Experience
J. W. Brown, M. Ruzmetov, P. Vijay, M. D. Rodefeld, M. W. Turrentine.
Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
Discussant: Gordon A. Cohen*

+3. Cardiac Surgery after Mediastinal Radiation: Impact of Extent of Radiation Exposure on Outcomes
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH
Discussant: Thoralf M. Sundt*

9:10 am **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**
R. Scott Mitchell

10:30 am **SCIENTIFIC SESSION (cont.)**
Moderators: Elliot T. Gelfand*, John A. Hawkins*

4. Have We Gone Too Far? Endovascular Stent Graft Repair of Aortobronchial Fistulas
G. H. Wheatley, A. Nunez, O. Preventza, V. Ramaiah, J. Rodriguez-Lopez, J. Williams, D. Olsen, E. B. Diethrich*
Arizona Heart Institute, Phoenix, AZ
Discussant: D. Craig Miller*

5. Implantable Cardioverter-Defibrillators Improve Survival after Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting in Patients with Impaired Left Ventricular Function
Department of Surgery, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, St Louis, MO
Discussant: Kent W. Jones*

6. Long-Term Results of Repair For Aortic, neo-Aortic and Truncal Valve Insufficiency in Children
Primary Children’s Medical Center, Salt Lake City, UT
Discussant: John J. Lamberti*

7. Role Of Lymph Nodes Dissection In Lung Metastasectomy
Division of Thoracic Surgery, European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy
Discussant: Eric Vallières*

9:10 am **CONTROVERSIES IN THORACIC SURGERY**
VATS vs. Open Lobectomy for Lung Cancer
Moderator: Douglas E. Wood*
VATS: John D. Mitchell*
Open: Douglas J. Mathisen

12:30 pm ADJOURN

7:00 pm Trail Creek Theme Dinner

*Samson Resident Prize Essay
*WTSA Member
FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2006

6:30 am SIMULTANEOUS BREAKFAST SESSIONS

A) Adult Cardiac Session
   Current Techniques and Long-Term Results of Valve Sparing Aortic Root Surgery
   D. Craig Miller*

B) General Thoracic Session
   Evolving Role of PET Scanning and Lung Cancer Staging
   Robert J. Cerfolio

C) Congenital Heart Disease Session
   Current Status of Pediatric Mechanical Support Devices
   Marc P. Pelletier

7:00 am Continental Breakfast – Exhibit Hall

8:00 am POSTGRADUATE COURSE

Sponsored by: White Memorial Medical Center and Foundation – Lyman A. Brewer, III Fund

Introduced by: R. Scott Mitchell

Irving L. Weissman
Stanford, CA

8:50 a.m. SCIENTIFIC SESSION

Moderators: James I. Fann*, Patricia A. Thistlethwaite*

   I. Yu¹, W. Huang¹, R. Parker¹, E. Metchetner¹, T. D’Amato², R. Landreneau².
   Oncotech, Inc., Tustin, CA, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA
   Discussant: David M. Jablons*

9. Early Results of the 1.5 Ventricle Repair for Ebstein’s Anomaly and the Failing Right Ventricle
   Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
   Discussant: Vaughn A. Starnes*

10. Advances in Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Technology Have Increased the Need for Surgical Staging in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)
    B. E. Lee, D. Von Haag, T. Lown, D. Lau, R. Calhoun, D. Follette*.
    UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA
    Discussant: John D. Mitchell*

11. A Novel Biomarker for the Detection of Esophageal Adenocarcinoma
    Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN
    Discussant: TBD

12. Medium Term Results of Cut-and-Sew MAZE III Versus Ablation Devices for the Treatment of Chronic and Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation
    Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA
    Discussant: John D. Mitchell*

10:30 am Coffee Break Visit Exhibits

11:00 am SCIENTIFIC SESSION (cont.)

Moderators: Donald B. Doty*, Michael S. Mulligan*

13. Aortic Root Enlargement vs Small Valves in Small Patients: What are the Operative Risks?
    Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
    Discussant: David A. Fullerton*

14. “Extended pneumonectomy” for Broncogenic Carcinoma: Surgical and Survival Outcomes
    Division of Thoracic Surgery, European Institute of Oncology, Milan, Italy
    Discussant: Douglas E. Wood*

+Samson Resident Prize Essay
+WTSA Member
P5. Long-term Outcome of Mitral Annuloplasty with or without Left Ventricular Restoration Surgery for Idiopathic Dilated Cardiomyopathy
T. Horii¹, T. Isomura¹, H. Suma¹.
¹Kagawa University, Kagawa, Japan, ²Hayama Heart Center, Hayama, Japan,
³Cardiovascular Institute Japan, Tokyo, Japan

P6. Aortic Root Reconstruction with Bioprosthetic Valved Conduits: Reviewing a Consecutive Series of 275 Procedures
Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

P7. A New Device for Heart Failure: Quantitative Ventricular Restraint Reduces Transmural Myocardial Pressure in a Post-Infarction Ovine Model of Heart Failure
Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, MA

P8. Clinical Risk Factors and Predictors of Cerebrovascular Accidents in Patients with a Ventricular Assist Device
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

P9. Annulus Size, Valve Labels, And Geometric Orifice Area: A Therapeutic Conundrum
B.A. Youdelman, H. Jain, H. Hirose, J.W. Entwistle, A.S. Wechsler*
Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

P10. Replacement of descending aorta under partial cardiopulmonary bypass: still a gold standard

GENERAL THORACIC
Moderators: Donald E. Low*, Michael S. Mulligan*

P11. Sleeve Lobectomy And Pneumonectomy: A Functional Comparison
A. Zuin¹, G. Marulli¹, R. Buit¹, C. Breda¹, C. Schiraldi¹, G. Rizzardi¹, F. Sartori¹, F. Rea¹.
¹Thoracic Surgery - University of Padua, Padua, Italy, ²Division of Respiratory Medicine - University of Padua, Padua, Italy

*WTSA Member
P12. Tumor FDG-avidity on PET scan predicts Long-Term Survival in Patients with Stage I Bronchioloalveolar Carcinoma
D. J. Raz, A. Y. Odisho, D. M. Jablons*
University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

P13. Randomized Controlled Phase III Trial of Paravertebral Catheter vs. Epidural Catheter for Post Thoracotomy Pain Control
M. J. Liptay, Z. T. Hammoud, E. Merwitz, J. McGee, F. Clark, K. Culiner
Evanston Northwestern Healthcare, Evanston, IL, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

P14. Temporal Trends and Outcomes in the Management of Pleural Space Infections
F. Farjah, R. G. Symons, B. Krishnadassan, D. E. Wood*, D. R. Flum
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

P15. Routine Mediastinoscopy and Esophageal Ultrasound Fine Needle Aspiration in Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer who are Clinically N2 Negative: A Prospective Study
R. J. Cerfolio, A. S. Bryant
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Y.C. Lee, C.T. Wu, SW Kuo, Y.T. Tseng, Y.L. Chang
National Taiwan University Hospital, Taipei, Taiwan Republic of China

P17. The Effect of Interleukin 6 on Mitogen Activated Protein Kinase and Suppressors of Cytokine Signalling 3 Expression in Lung Ischemia Reperfusion
H. E. Merry, A. S. McCourtie, A. S. Farivar, M. F. Delgado, M. S. Mulligan*
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

P18. Effect Of Sympathectomy Level On The Incidence Of Compensatory Hyperhidrosis After Sympathectomy For Palmar Hyperhidrosis
D. L. Miller, A. S. Bryant, S. D. Force, J. I. Miller
Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

P19. Design, Development and Hemodynamic Analysis of A Low-Pressure Cavopulmonary Assist Device within the Total Cavopulmonary Connection
R. Wang, J. Hertzberg, F. Lacour-Gayet, R. Shandas
University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO, Childrens Hospital Heart Institute, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Boulder/Denver, CO

P20. Neonatal Repair of Hemitruncus - Excellent Short and Long Term Outcomes
M. Nathan, D. Rimmer, G. Piercey, P. del Nido, J. E. Mayer, E. Bacha, F. Pigula
Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

P21. Endotoxin Preconditioning Induces Robust Protection Against Brain Injury Resulting from Deep Hypothermic Circulatory Arrest
E. J. Hickey, J. You, V. Kaimakchiev, M. Stenzel-Poore, R. M. Ungerleider*
Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR

P22. Infants with Congenital Heart Disease have Elevated Biochemical Markers of Brain Injury Prior to Cardiac Surgery
J. M. Simsic, S. Dambinova, G. Izykenova, W. Mahle, P. M. Kirshbom, P. Bokesch
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, Cis-Biotech, Atlanta, GA, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

P23. The Training of Congenital Heart Surgeons
B. E. Kogon
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

P24. Effects of Single Ventricle Physiology with Aorto-Pulmonary Shunt on Regional Myocardial Blood Flow in a Piglet Model
M. Ricci, P. Lombardi, A. Galindo, s. Schultz, A. Vasquez, E. Rosenkranz
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

P25. Impact of Pulmonary Vascular Compliance on Pleural Effusion Duration after Extracardiac Fontan Procedure
T. J. Yun, Y. M. Im, S. H. Jung, J.J. Park, D. M. Seo, W. K. Jahng, Y. H. Kim, I. S. Park, J. K. Ko, M. S. Lee
Asan Medical Center, Seoul, Republic of Korea

*WTSA Member
8:30 am

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION**

Moderators: Donald E. Low*, David R. Clarke*

16. **Surgical Teaching Predicts ICU Length of Stay in CABG Surgery**
   Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, ON, Canada

   Discussant: Edward D. Verrier*

17. **Systolic Anterior Motion After Mitral Valve Repair: Is Surgical Intervention Necessary?**
   M. L. Brown, M. D. Abel, R. L. Click, H. V. Schaff.
   Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

   Discussant: James I. Fann*

18. **Impact of Anastomotic Airway Complications following Lung Transplantation**
   Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

   Discussant: Michael S. Mulligan*

19. **Central Aortic Cannulation Does Not Increase Adverse Events in Repair Of Acute Ascending Dissection**
   University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

   Discussant: Robert C. Robbins*

9:50 am

Coffee Break – Visit Exhibits

10:10 am

**SCIENTIFIC SESSION (cont.)**

Moderators: J. Scott Milliken*, Colleen F. Sintek*

20. **Radiofrequency Ablation for the Treatment of Stage I Non-small Cell Lung Cancer in High-Risk Patients**
   A. Pennathur1, J. D. Luketich1, G. Abbas1, M. Chen1, H. C. Fernando1, W. E. Gooding1, M. J. Schuchert1, S. Gilbert1, N. A. Christie1, R. J. Landreneau1.
   1University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA; 2Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA

   Discussant: Donald E. Low*

11:10 am

   Division of Cardiac Surgery - Ospedale S. Andrea - University of Rome

   Discussant: Luis J. Castro*

22. **Surgical Treatment of Infective Endocarditis: A Continued Challenge**
   Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, ON, Canada

   Discussant: Steven W. Guyton*

12:00 am

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (Members Only)

7:00 pm

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION AND BANQUET

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The dress code for the meeting will be resort casual with the exception of the President’s Reception and Banquet, which will be Black Tie optional.

*Samson Resident Prize Essay
*WTSA Member
Social Program (INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION FEE)

Included in the registration fee for all attendees will be the New Members’ Reception on Wednesday evening, the Trail Creek Theme Dinner on Thursday evening, the Saturday Luncheon, the President’s Reception and Banquet on Saturday evening and daily continental breakfasts (served in the Exhibit Hall for meeting attendees and in the Hospitality Suite for family members).

NEW MEMBERS’ RECEPTION – Wednesday, June 21st, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Join us in welcoming our new members to the WTSA. The reception will be held around the lovely Sun Valley Pond that meanders behind the Inn. Children ages 5-12 are invited to begin their evening at the New Member’s Reception; from there, they will be taken to their own Kids’ Welcome Reception, to be held in the Sun Valley Lodge Bowling Alley. The bowling alley features 6 bowling lanes, exciting video games, a snack bar and a pool table. Additional cost of $28 per young person.

SAMSON FUN RUN – Thursday, June 22, 6:00 am

Join your friends & colleagues for this year’s Samson Fun Run. This 5K Fun Run kicks off at the golf pro-shop and leads you along the paved bike path of the Sun Valley Resort. As you jog along the gentle rises of the Sun Valley Resort Grounds, don’t forget to take in the beautiful early morning scenery that Sun Valley has to offer. The Fun Run is open to all physician attendees, spouses, guests, family members and exhibitor representatives, and pre-registration is requested. All participants will receive an official Samson Fun Run T-shirt at the finish line.

Trail Creek Theme Dinner – Thursday, June 22, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

The Thursday night Theme Dinner will be held outside at the Trail Creek Grounds. You will be transported to the dinner and into the old west aboard horse drawn wagons. Cowboys, young and old, should be prepared to test their skills while you learn how to line dance, country western style and rope horses while singing along to the sounds of the old west and much more. Don’t forget to listen for the chuck wagon bell as it calls us to dinner.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON – Saturday, June 24, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

We’ve put a new spin on this year’s Family Luncheon, which will be held on Saturday afternoon around the resort’s beautiful outdoor ice rink. The entire family is invited to lace up their skates and practice their Olympic caliber spins and jumps or sit back and enjoy watching your friends & colleagues attempt these Olympic feats. Award winners from the Golf Tournament, Tennis Tournament & Samson Fun Run will be announced during the lunch.

Golf/Tennis Tournaments

(SEPARATE SUBSCRIPTION REQUIRED)

GOLF TOURNAMENT – Friday, June 23rd, 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Sun Valley Golf Course

The motto of the Sun Valley golf course is “How can something so beautiful be so cruel?” The feathered golds and crystal blues of the stunning landscape combine with club-snapping challenges and towering tee shots to create a golf experience like nothing else in the country. This 72-par masterpiece consistently ranks among the nation’s top resort courses and was ranked #1 in Idaho by Golf Digest. The Tournament will take place on Friday, June 23, 2006, beginning at 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required with indication of handicap. The course is located right on resort property, east of the Sun Valley Inn. $140 per person includes greens fees, box lunch, cart and prizes.

TENNIS

The Annual Tennis Tournament will take place on Friday, June 23, 2006 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the resort’s beautiful courts located on property just an easy walk from the Lodge or Inn. Pre-registration is required with indication of level of play. $50 per person includes courts, refreshments and prizes.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION AND BANQUET – Saturday, June 24, 7:00 - 11:00 pm

The 32nd Annual Meeting will conclude with the Presidential Reception and Banquet at the stunning River Run Lodge, located at the base of Bald Mountain. The legendary California band, Papa Doo Run Run, will keep you dancing for hours. Their act encompasses all the great Classic Rock hits of the 60s and 70s, with a special emphasis on their award winning re-creation of the hits of the Beach Boys. Their best kept secret... Papa Doo Run Run is who the Beach Boys call when they need someone to fill in for their band. You will not want to miss this evening! Dress is black tie optional. Transportation to and from the banquet will be provided.

Children will be in for special treat all their own – enjoying a delicious dinner and activities followed by the evening’s ice show at the resort’s outdoor ice rink. Over the summer months, the Sun Valley Skating Rink has often been home to some skating’s biggest names and this summer’s ice shows will be no exception. Please note that the ice show begins at sunset (approx. 9:30 pm) and will end at 10:45 pm. If you would like to pick up your children prior to the end of the show, please let the staff when you drop off your children. The Kids’ Banquet is charged at an additional cost of $28 (5-11 years) and $44 (12-17 years).
For Kids Only

SUN VALLEY PLAY SCHOOL
Infants (3 months – 2 years) $74 Half Day/$92 Full Day
2 yrs – 5 yrs - $65 Half Day/$76 Full Day

Summer in Sun Valley is a perfect time for children to enjoy various activities. Besides the well-equipped playground, children enjoy walks around the picturesque Sun Valley Village, swimming, picnics, hayrides & ice skating. Sun Valley Play School is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Half Day sessions are held from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm. To make reservations or for more information, call (208) 622-2288.

"After Hours" Sitter Services
The Sun Valley Play School also offers “after hours” babysitting services. Prices are as follows:
1 Child - $12 per/hour
2 Children - $14 per/hour
3 Children - $16 per/hour

SUN VALLEY DAY CAMP
Ages 6-14
Half Day $65 (9:00 am – 12 noon or 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm) Full Day $76 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Sun Valley’s Youth Program offers a variety of activities on a daily schedule to enable your children to enjoy a special summer stay in Sun Valley. Emphasis is placed on a coordinated weekly program to enhance your child’s awareness of the facilities offered by Sun Valley and a fun-filled experienced supervised by carefully selected personnel. To make reservations or for more information, please call (208) 622-2133.

Optional Tours/Activities

**TO ENSURE TOUR AVAILABILITY, PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2006**

THURSDAY, June 22, 2006

Hemmingway Tour – Morning
Cost: $50 per person
Tour Length: 1.5 - 2 Hours
This tour is led by long time resident & expert Jim Jaquet. Highlights include:
- Ketchum/Sun Valley Heritage, which houses a Hemmingway Exhibit
- The Sun Valley Lodge to view photographs in the lobby which show scenes of the early years of Sun Valley when Hemmingway first visited Sun Valley in 1939. It was here he wrote most of “For Whom the Bell Tolls”
- Hemmingway Memorial
- Trail Creek Cabin, where Hemmingway and his friends including Gary Cooper, Ingrid Bergman, Lloyd and Tillie Arnold, Taylor Williams and his third wife, Martha Gellhorn often had dinner parties.
- Ketchum Cemetery to visit the Hemmingway gravesite.

White Water River Rafting – Afternoon
Cost: $135 per person
Activity Length: 1 hour drive, 3 hour river trip
You will be taken to Stanley, in the heart of the Sawtooth Mountains, amid the largest recreation areas in the United States. Your afternoon trip on the Salmon River will be loaded with beautiful scenery and the thrill of paddling some of the most pristine waters in America.

FRIDAY, June 23, 2006

Horse Back Riding - Morning
Cost: $120 per person
Activity Length: 2 - 3 hours
Wild Horse Creek Ranch will be the site of your ride into the heart of the Pioneer Mountains. You will ride to the base of the Devil’s Bedstead and experience the raw beauty of the high desert and the mountains that engulf Sun Valley. It’s an experience not to be forgotten by horse lovers and nature enthusiasts. You will enjoy lunch at the rustic, yet elegant, Wild Horse Creek Ranch.

SATURDAY, June 24, 2006

Cooking Class with Your Own Personal Chef – Morning
Cost: $100 per person
Activity Length: 1.5 hours
Enjoy learning the art of fine cooking in this private class with Chef Russ Linter in a Sun Valley private home. Here you will have the opportunity to learn the culinary arts in a relaxed atmosphere from a chef with over 20 years of varied experience. Russ focuses on all aspects of cooking and will share his favorite recipes and culinary tips with you. Classes include food and beverage tasting, including Russ’ choice of wine.
Fly Fishing: Afternoon
Cost: $225 per person Activity Length: 4 - 6 hours
Silver Creek Outfitters will be your guides to a memorable outdoor Idaho experience. In either a private Alpine Lake, the Big Wood River or renowned Silver Creek, there is a place to experience the art of fly fishing for both beginner and experienced fishers. The scenery is amazing and the moments are unforgettable.

Additional Activities
For more information regarding additional activities in the Sun Valley Resort & nearby Ketchum area, please visit the WTSA website at www.westernthoracic.org.

Travel Information
Sun Valley Resort is often called the “American Shangri-La” and, like the Tibetan Shangri-La, Sun Valley takes some planning to reach, but is well worth the trip. Nestled in the heart of the Sawtooth Mountain Range and at the head of the Salmon River (also known as the “river of no return”), Sun Valley is like its literary counterpart.

By Air – Sun Valley is easily accessible from the gateway sites of Boise (ID), Seattle (WA), Los Angeles (CA), Oakland (CA) and Salt Lake City (UT). These cities are served by most major airlines and are met by Sun Valley’s two connecting carriers: Horizon Air and SkyWest. In addition, Horizon Air now offers daily direct, nonstop flights between Sun Valley and Los Angeles, Oakland and Seattle, putting left coasters just a while away from Sun Valley.

By Bus or Shuttle – For those who prefer a slower, more scenic path, charter service to Sun Valley is available from the Idaho gateway cities of Boise, Twin Falls, Pocatello and Idaho Falls. For additional information, contact Sun Valley Stages at 1-800-574-8661 or email svs stages@pmt.org. In addition, Sun Valley Express offers daily bus service to the resort from the Boise, Idaho airport. For more information, call 1-877-622-VANS or email Vans@SunValleyExpress.com.

Getting Around – Sun Valley is a complete walking village, where automobiles are unnecessary. Condominium units are located within easy walking distance of the Sun Valley Village, but complimentary bus service is also available. The Sun Valley Resort also offers continuous round-trip service from the Village to both Dollar and Bald Mountains. In addition, the Ketchum Area Rapid Transit (KART) system provides free transportation throughout the Wood River Valley, including continuous round trips from the Village to both Dollar and Bald Mountains.

Rental Cars – For those who may wish to strike their own path, rental cars are available in the gateway cities as well as in Sun Valley. Cars from Avis, Hertz and Budget may be dropped off at Friedman Memorial Airport. Those rented from U-Save, Thrifty and Practical can be picked up and dropped off at the resort. All other agencies book for round trip only.

Registration Information
To pre-register for the meeting, please complete the enclosed pre-registration form and return with appropriate fees to the Association’s Office by Friday, June 9, 2006. After June 9th, participants may register on site at the WTSA Annual Meeting Registration Area.

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - REGISTER BY Friday, May 19, 2006 TO RECEIVE $50 OFF THE STANDARD FEE**
Tickets will be required for admittance to all social functions.

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<td>WTSA Member</td>
<td>$575.00</td>
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*Must present letter from Chief of Service

Family Registration

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| Ages 4 & Under | N/C |

Registration Fee
The meeting attendee registration fee includes the New Members’ Reception on Wednesday evening, Trail Creek Theme Dinner on Thursday evening, Saturday Luncheon, and President’s Reception and Banquet on Saturday evening, plus daily continental breakfasts and coffee breaks.
PAYMENT INFORMATION
Registration fees may be made by check, Visa, MasterCard or American Express only.

Check Payment: Checks should be made payable to the Western Thoracic Surgical Association and must be in U.S. dollars and drawn on a U.S. bank.

Credit Card Payment: Visa, MasterCard and American Express only. Please complete the credit card information including card number, expiration date, name on card and signature to authorize charges to your credit card.

REGISTRATION/CANCELLATION DEADLINE
The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, June 9, 2006. All requests for cancellations and refunds must be received in writing by Friday, June 9, 2006 and will be subject to a $50.00 administrative fee. No refunds will be made after June 9, 2006.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS – The Sun Valley Resort
1 Sun Valley Road, Sun Valley, Idaho 83353
208-622-2001: Front Desk
800-786-8259: Reservations
208-622-3770: Reservations Fax
www.sunvalleyresort.com

Since 1936, the Sun Valley Lodge has welcomed visitors with elegant amenities and old world charm. But what keeps guests coming back is the congenial smile that greets you no matter where you stay. From cozy cottages to three-bedroom condominiums, you’ll find it all in Sun Valley. And the centric arrangement of the Village puts shopping, entertainment and dining just a short stroll from your door.

ROOM RESERVATIONS
On behalf of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association, a block of rooms has been reserved at the Sun Valley Resort. The room rates range from $139 (US) - $449 (US). Rates are subject to a 10% tax, which is subject to change. Please be sure to indicate you are part of the WTSA room block. These rates will be honored, June 17-26, 2006, if rooms are available in the WTSA block. Hotel Block Cutoff: May 22, 2006.

To hold a reservation and receive a confirmation, an advance deposit equal to the first and last nights’ stay is required. All deposits will be charged at the time the reservation is made.

Check-In Time: 4:00 pm
Check-Out Time: 11:00 am

EARLY DEPARTURE POLICY
For the last several years the WTSA has been penalized thousands of dollars in hotel attrition fees because a significant number of our Attendees make changes to their reservations which result in a reduction of scheduled room nights, after the cancellation deadline. This especially includes early departures.

In an effort to curb these attrition costs incurred by the Association, the WTSA is implementing a new policy regarding hotel deposits. With the establishment of this new policy we believe that the Association will be able to continue to keep the costs of our annual meetings at a reasonable level, allowing more of our Western families to attend each year.

Beginning in 2006, an advance deposit equal to the first and last night of your stated reservation will be required to hold a reservation and receive a confirmation. All deposits will be charged at the time the reservation is made. Cancellations or changes to the reservation made prior to the cancellation date stated by each hotel may be made without charge to the individual**. Should a change in reservation occur after the cancellation deadline that results in a reduction of room nights, (including early departure), the total 2-night deposit will be forfeited. Additional Administration fees may be imposed by the hotel for cancellations.

**The period prior to arrival by which changes can be made with no charge is established by each hotel. Please check the reservation form carefully to determine how much advanced warning is needed.

CANCELLATIONS
Cancellations or changes in arrival or departure dates may be made up to 20 days prior to the date of arrival without charge to the individual. Should a change in reservation, including early departure, occur after the cancellation deadline the total 2-night deposit will be forfeited. All cancellations are subject to a $25 cancellation fee.

SPECIAL NEEDS
If you require special accommodations or services, please indicate so by checking the line on the registration form, or contact the Association’s Administrative Office at (978) 927-8330.