

TURTLE GAZETTE



SLO Skiers Newsletter

May 2016

Mark Your Calendars!

May

Wednesday 5/11

General Meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at Margie's Diner, 1575 Calle Joaquin, SLO

Friday 5/13

Bike ride in Avila, 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones trailhead, Ontario Road parking lot; no host lunch at Woodstone Market

Saturday 5/21

Hike with Pete, trail TBA, meet at 9 a.m. at the Home Depot parking lot

June

Wednesday 6/8

General Meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at Margie's Diner, 1575 Calle Joaquin, SLO

Friday 6/10

Bike ride in Avila, 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones trailhead, Ontario Road parking lot; no host lunch at Woodstone Market

Saturday 6/11

Hike with Pete, trail TBA, meet at 9 a.m. at the Home Depot parking lot

Wednesday 6/15

Sportfishing on the Patriot, 6 a.m. at Port San Luis Pier, \$60/\$40 non-fishermen

Wednesday 6/15

First Summer BBQ of the Year, 5–8 p.m. at Spyglass Park, 2549 Spyglass Drive, Pismo Beach

Sunday 6/26

Wine Down, 5 p.m. at Stacey King's home (address will be announced at the general meeting)

July

Sunday 7/3

SLO Blues baseball game & fireworks, 6–10 p.m. at Sinsheimer Stadium, 900 Southwood Drive, SLO

Wednesday 7/13

General Meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at Margie's Diner, 1575 Calle Joaquin, SLO

Friday 7/15

Bike ride in Avila, 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones trailhead, Ontario Road parking lot; no host lunch location TBA

Saturday 7/16

Wine Down, 4 p.m. at Carol and Spence Thatcher's home (address will be announced at the general meeting)

Wednesday 7/27

Music in the Park, 5–8:30 p.m. at Templeton Community Park, 6th and Crocker Streets; bring a dish to share and a chair

July hike, TBA

September

Monday 9/26

Celebrate Marvin Gross' hike up Half Dome, 8–10 p.m. at Yosemite National Park (exact location TBA)

October

Saturday 10/29

Turtle Auction, time TBA at SLO Grange Hall, 2880 Broad Street, SLO

November

Saturday 11/12

Pray for Snow Dinner Dance, 5:30 p.m. at the Madonna Inn, 100 Madonna Road, SLO

December

Friday 12/9

Christmas Party, time TBA at SLO Grange Hall, 2880 Broad Street, SLO

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Upcoming Event Details

Let's Go Fishing on the Patriot Sportfishing Boat—Lead by Hal Rosewall

Wednesday, June 15, 6 a.m. at Port San Luis Pier, Avila Beach (boat returns at 12 p.m.)

Cost: \$60 to reserve your spot (or guest) on the deck and bait (maximum of 30)
\$40 for non-fishermen (maximum of 9)

\$200 reward for the person who catches the LARGEST FISH!
\$100 reward for the person who catches the 2nd LARGEST FISH!

Additional costs paid at the pier store:

Day fishing license, \$15.12 or annual license, \$47.01

Rental of rod and reel, \$10.60

Rental of tackle, sinker weight (1lb) and hooks, \$6.50

Cash for crew to fillet fish, \$1.00 for small fish and \$3.00 for lingcod or cabezon

Gunnysacks available for fish to carry off, \$2.00 each

Please bring:

Boots or shoes with tread

Waterproof jacket

Pants that can get wet

Hat

Sunscreen

Food and drinks (do not bring alcohol; cash bar and lunch items are available on the boat: beer, soda, water, candy, burgers, burritos)

Pay for your spot at the May 11 general meeting
or send \$60 check to: SLO Skiers, PO BOX 1047, SLO, CA 93406
Contact Hal and Sharon Rosewall at (805) 461-0868

SLO Skiers' First BBQ of the Year!

Wednesday, June 15, 5 p.m. at Spyglass Park, 2549 Spyglass Drive, Pismo Beach

Enjoy the sunset over the ocean with your friends at this birthday-themed event! Sponsored by June and Peter Ward (hint: their birthdays will be celebrated, along with other members' birthdays) and Teri and Bill Winston.

What should you bring?

Something to share: salad, dessert, casserole, anything goes!

Something to drink: water, soda, etc. (no alcohol please)

Something to BBQ: fish just caught that morning with Hal, chicken, beef, veggies, anything goes!

Other: bring a chair and something warm to wear as the sun sets

See you at the park!

Take Me Out to the Ball Game—SLO Blues Baseball Game & Fireworks

Sunday, July 3, 6–10 p.m. at Sinsheimer Stadium, 900 Southwood Drive, SLO
Tickets are \$12 in advance

Contact Barbara Collins at (805) 546-0600 or barbara.bacslo@charter.net

This year we are going to try something different.

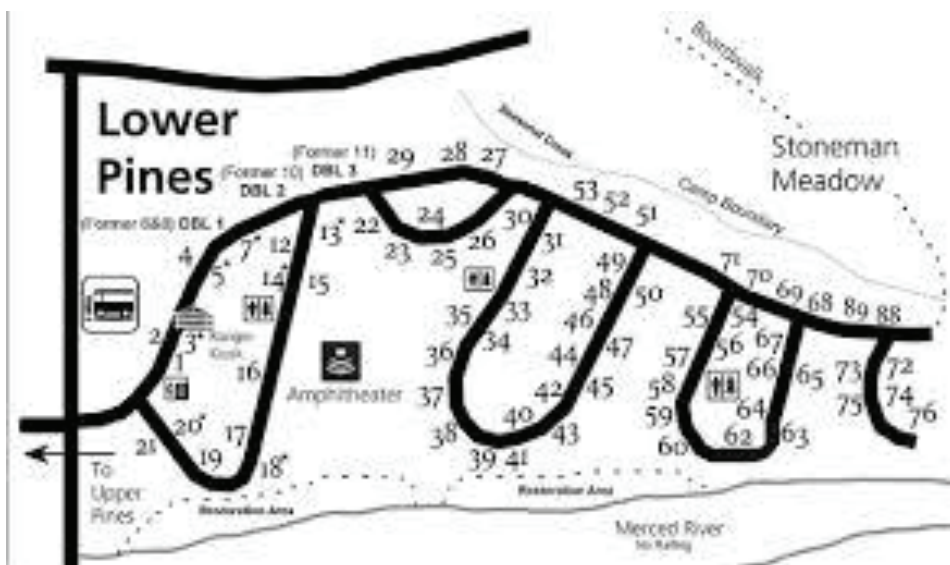
A group camp trip to Yosemite. Sunday, September 25th.

Each of you have different ideas of what you works for your camping trip. I, personally, take my RV. Some of you prefer, housekeeping tents. For the non campers in the group there are hotel options available. To be sure each of you gets what makes you happy you can make your own reservations. Take some time to look over the Yosemite Park website . There are specific restrictions due to the popularity of the park.

How to make your reservations: ON THE WEB, GO TO: RECREATION.GOV, **MAY 15TH 7 AM**
LOWER PINES CAMPGROUND, CALIFORNIA, CHECK AVAILABILITY, LOOP: LP
Remember to adjust your clock accurately, start the reservation process and be ready to “Book These Dates” the moment the on-sale begins at 7 AM.

Yosemite National Park differs from most of the campsites on Recreation.gov because the park releases a block of reservations monthly. Yosemite's reservable campsites are available up to five months in advance on the 15th of each month. The FIRST DATE you can book reservations for September 25th is on **May 15th at 7:00 AM**. I suggest you go to the site prior to May 15th and have several site options available. The map below is for the suggested campground. It is near Curry Village (now called Half Dome Village). It has both tent and RV spaces ranging in length from 24 feet to 40 feet. Those of you who don't like tent camping have options. There are a few hotel rooms in Half Dome Village. They are small wood cabins with a bathroom called Yosemite Cabins or Stoneman Cottage rooms with private baths. The same website contains heated and non-heated 4 man tents. On the luxury side, the Ahwahnee (now known as the **Majestic Yosemite Hotel**) is nearby. <http://www.travelyosemite.com/lodging/the-majestic-yosemite-hotel/>The hotel is rated 4 diamonds. The room price reflects the location and grandeur of the property. Another hotel option is **Yosemite Valley Lodge**. <http://www.travelyosemite.com/lodging/yosemite-valley-lodge/>. This hotel is less expensive but farther away from the group campsites.

The following siites are specifically for rv's: # 47 (27'),# 50 (40') ,#51 (27'), #52 (27')m #64 (27'), #71(27'),#DBL1 (35'), #DBL2 (35'), #DBL3 (35'). The DBL sites can have up to 12 people/site. The other sites accommodate 6 people.



QUESTIONS?...CONTACT LAUREN AT mlnskier@gmail.com

SKI WEEK

Did I get your attention? Judging from the questions at the end of the year party, Whistler is going to sell out. But more on that later...It is time for a long over due **THANK YOU** for the success of both the South Lake Tahoe and Park City trips. For a club of about 150 members over 100 people went on the trips. Granted, some of us were lucky enough to attend both trips. It took a great team of volunteers to make it happen. It would take a full page to thank all of you. The core team was Thom and Sharon Page, John and Irene Smith, Barb and Paul Collins, Fran Long and Teresa Rice. Oh yes, and me, Lauren Nagle and my special helper, Bruce Henshaw. Linda and Lloyd Kinney, Michael Krebsbach and Ken Waage hosted the après ski parties in Park City.

The Tahoe and PC trips were special in different ways. Weather is always a crap shoot when you plan a trip a year in advance. Tahoe had too much sunshine. We were blessed by fresh snow at Park City. It is always a joy to hear "new-be's" comments. I remember Melanie Cleveland's saying: "I had no idea these trips could be so much fun." The SLO Skiers are such a fun loving, hard skiing, and partying group. The trips aren't just about skiing, snowmobiling, food touring and après ski parties. The special ingredient is **YOU the members** who attend. Over the years many long time friendships have been formed on a ski week. It gives us all an opportunity to really get to know our fellow members.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

I have most of the details worked out for our trip to Whistler, British Columbia, Canada in 2017. The dates are **February 11th through the 19th**. And NO, I didn't make a mistake on those dates. It is an 8 night package. I'm cooking up something unique and fun for your travel experience. Whistler is a weather sensitive ski area. What does that mean? Because the village is at a relatively low elevation (2,214 feet) the weather is milder than most resorts. HOWEVER!!!! The ski area has over ONE MILE in vertical ski terrain. That means John Smith is going to have an easy time convincing Irene to go, because it won't be too cold in the Village. For our skiers you simply get on one of the **39 lifts** and go up the mountain to ski weather. The resort has **hosted the Olympics**. There are **200 ski runs**, the longest is **6.8 miles**. We were only able to get 46 air line seats. Word to the wise: Sign ups begin at the August meeting. Be there to get a spot on this trip.

LAUREN NAGLE, WEEKLONG TRIP DIRECTOR mlnskier@gmail.com



April Hike



Many in Crowd
Remained Unbowed

Thirteen quite hearty souls,
Adopted their day hiking roles.
And went up the hill,
With nary a spill,
Despite all the rocks and some holes.

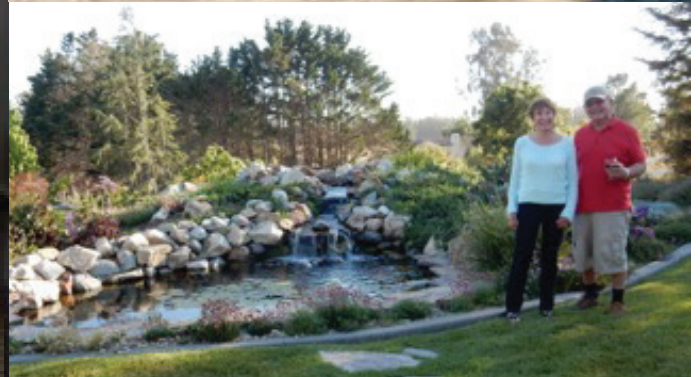
Froom Creek was bubbling along,
Making a quite pleasant song.
We climbed through the trees,
Enjoying the breeze,
And each other in our merry throng.

The April hike went from the Home Depot parking lot in SLO up into the Irish Hills and ended up almost at the Johnson Ranch.

Remaining in the group to enjoy the green meadow at the turn-around of our walk were (from left to right) Paul Collins, Peter Jacobsen, Pete Sarafian, Marvin Gross, Barbara Collins, Myra Wapner, Pam Stanley and Carolayne Holley. (Photo by a nice woman hiker. Not pictured but also on the hike were Mike and Bonnie Long, Julie Page and Jeanne Kinney.)

April Wine Down

Thank you John and Kathleen Welbourn for hosting a wonderful wine down at your home!



2015 Turtle Auction Item: Hike & Brunch

Pam Stanley took advantage of her 2015 auction item of a guided hike of Bishop Peak's Felsman Loop Trail and brunch for 6 people on April 28th, courtesy of Barbara Collins. First arrivals enjoyed fresh brewed coffee and breakfast cake, and at 9 a.m. the group started on the 4 mile hike up Highland Drive to the beginning of the Felsman Loop. It was a sunny morning and the wildflowers were in bloom on the sides of the trail. At a picnic table halfway around the loop water and chocolate brownies waited to refresh the hikers. The trail had majestic views of the Seven Sisters peaks, rolling hills around Cal Poly and the town of San Luis Obispo. Brunch included apple cinnamon crepes, spinach quiche, a selection of fresh melons and roasted potatoes. The lucky attendees included Stacey King, Pam Stanley, Bonnie Long, Jana Favalora, Carolayne Holley, Laura Hyde and Barbara Collins. Hopefully Barbara will offer this item again at the 2016 Turtle Auction on Saturday, October 29 at the Grange!



Photos courtesy of Jana Favalora

End of the Year Party

Thank you, Allan and Lori Margulieux, for an afternoon of games, happy hour and dinner at your home! All members enjoyed your warm and inviting hospitality. The artistic flower arrangements made nice gifts for some of the attendees. President, Fran Long, thanked the outgoing board members for making the SLO Skiers the best ski club in the entire United States! Ski club members enjoyed the memorable afternoon.



Far West Adventure Trip 2016

The 2016 Far West Adventure Trip will be to England and Ireland, September 12–22, 2016, with an extended bike tour in Ireland from September 22–26. If you haven't put this on your calendar yet, now is the time to do that. Your trip leaders, Debbie and George Stewart, have a phenomenal trip planned for you. The trip includes nightly accommodations and most meals. Tour London, see the Roman spas, and ferry to Rosslare, Ireland from the Welsh town of Fishguard. Visit the Waterford Crystal Factory, climb Blarney Castle to kiss the Blarney Stone, see the Ring of Kerry, the Guinness Storehouse, and try a pint. Tour Dublin and much, more! For further information, contact Debbie at: FWSAintltrlvl@prodigy.net. You can view a short video at: <https://www.dropbox.com/l/s/udeOiKPIUpM5Ng2K5DiyIt>

Far West Dive Trip 2016

Get ready for the trip of your life! Far West is going to Fiji, September 24–October 1, 2016. We will be at the amazing Beqa Lagoon Resort, and/or October 1–October 8 at a second resort (yet to be secured). Register for either week or stay for both weeks. The land and dive package for Beqa Lagoon Resort is \$1,916 (double occupancy). Roundtrip air from Los Angeles into Nadi, Fiji is an additional \$1,578 per person. Cyclone Winston resulted in insignificant damage to Beqa Lagoon, with only minor landscape damage, which has already been cleaned up and they are operating at 100% capacity again. For further information, contact Randy Lew, your Dive Trip Leader at: fwsa13randy@telis.org.

Far West Annual Ski Week 2017

Ski Week 2017 has been set, and will be in beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado, January 28–February 4, 2017. The town of Breckenridge has a colorful history full of gold mining, saloons, booms and busts. There is much to do to keep skiers and non-skiers busy for the week! There are historical tours, shopping, spas, pubs and plenty of restaurants to keep you active. We have lots of slope-side lodging with many close to town. Council trip leaders will begin promoting this trip in Spring, 2016.

Far West Mini Ski Week 2017

Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites at Sun Peaks Resort, boasting to be the second largest ski resort in Canada, is our destination for the 2017 Mini Ski Week, March 21–26, 2017. We will have an incredible trip with 133 runs to choose from spread out over 3 mountains, a ski-in/ski-out village and virtually no lift lines. We will have more information about this trip in the near future, so stay tuned.



2015–2016 Charitable Giving Year-to-Date Summary as of May 12, 2016

Our 2015–2016 charitable giving year was a very good one. We accomplished much this year in the way of giving and in the way we give. We established charitable giving guidelines and a member charitable donation request form for the first time. Both are posted on Meetup. Through our Board approved giving guidelines, we now put emphasis on giving to local organizations that are within the county of SLO. We give to organizations that are functioning in the areas of human needs, earth and conservation needs, animal needs and skiing needs. Members may submit a donation request to be considered for 3rd and 4th quarter donations. Giving year is May 1 to April 30: we give \$500 each quarter of the giving year.

First Quarter (May, June, July)

- Steve Balog & Julie Page donated 30 hours of volunteer time to Amp Surf on April 30, 2015
- Gave \$500 to the Food Bank Coalition of SLO County; donation was approved by the board at November board meeting and delivered to the Food Bank on December 7

Second Quarter (August, September, October)

- Gave \$250 to Woods Humane Society
- Gave \$250 to RISE
- May through December members have donated 142 pounds of toiletries and lotions to the homeless shelters in north and south county
- At our annual Christmas party members donated \$408 and 217 pounds of food; year-to-date we have given \$908 to the Food Bank which is a value of \$9,080 to the Food Bank

Third Quarter (November, December, January)

- We received the first charitable donation request from a club member, Bonnie Long; she asked us to consider a donation to the Assistance League of SLO County
- At the February board meeting The board unanimously approved a \$500 donation be made to the Assistance League of SLO County; the donation was presented to Bonnie on April 4, 2016

Fourth Quarter (February, March, April)

- This quarter's donation(s) will be made to a ski organization and an environmental organization; organizations will be presented to the board at the May 2016 meeting
- Members have donated 159 pounds of soaps, lotions and toothbrushes in the 2015–2016 business year

From Michael Krebsbach, Philanthropy Officer



Bonnie Long receives the donation to the Assistance League from Michael Krebsbach.

50/50 Raffle—How the Raffle Works

Feeling lucky? At the monthly general meeting and some club functions, club members can buy raffle tickets from the Ways & Means Directors, Helen and Peter Jacobsen. Guests get 4 free tickets if attending the monthly meeting. During the meeting, one lucky ticket is drawn with a number on the ticket. The winner claiming the lucky number ticket must still be present at the meeting to obtain their reward. The reward is half of the money collected from the 50/50 donations at that meeting. For a donation of \$5.00 a person will receive 12 tickets for the drawing; a single ticket is \$1.00. The lucky winner can keep the monetary prize or donate to one of the club's philanthropic projects.

Why does the club hold a 50/50 raffle? The 50/50 raffle is the second largest club fundraiser! Your continued support is appreciated, and funds given to the treasury are used to help pay for costs needed for our meeting room or awards given to volunteer members for participating in our club events.

Communication is Key

By Fran Long, Communications Director

I would like to start by giving a big shout-out to all of you who navigated Meetup to RSVP for the end of the year party. That would be 52 of you! There would have been closer to 60, but I cut off the RSVP date early in order to get a sense of what we might need to do to get an accurate count. I learned that our club members are doing a superb job already.

Since you already know a bit about Meetup...you signed up, so you know that part...you RSVP'd, so you know that part. Each month, I plan to give a couple of strategies for using Meetup more effectively, and causing all of you less frustration.

This month, let's talk about signing in, and staying signed in. There are advantages and disadvantages to staying signed in to any online program. The more 'things' you leave open on your computer, the easier it is for someone to hack into your computer. Chances of being hacked are slim to begin with (but it does happen), and companies like Meetup are continually adding more security to keep your computer safe. That's the negative side of remaining signed in. The positive side is, you don't have to sign in every time you want to access information on Meetup.

For example, when you get a Snowmail for the newsletter, a wine down, etc., if you are already signed in, you click on the 'click here to get your info' tag, and you are taken directly to the information. If you are not already signed in, you are taken to the general Meetup site. You must then go to SLO Skiers and sign in. Once you do that, you are good to go with the information you are seeking.

I would never remain signed in to my bank or credit card company (I even close the browser when I'm finished with those), but I DO remain signed in to my email, Meetup, and Facebook. For me, the very small risk is well worth the overwhelming convenience.

Got questions about Meetup? Contact me if you need a little personal tutoring: fancat87@gmail.com.

President's Message



As Madame President, I am looking forward to an exciting 2016–2017 year with the SLO Skiers Club. It was an awesome snowy winter and hope everyone is ready to keep in shape for next 2017 ski season.

Our newest members have found that this ski club is focused on skiing but there are many other activities and sports. Our trip captain, Lauren Nagle, planned an all inclusive trip of accommodations at condos in downtown Park City, air travel, lift tickets, transportation from airports, a Nastar ski competition of women vs. men, mixed drink contest, appetizer contest and a Ruth Chris Steakhouse end of trip party.

Our non-ski supervisor, Sharon Page, planned a guided snowmobile tour, snowshoe tour, wine tasting and acrylic paint on canvas activity, historic tour of

Park City, and wine and food paring tour at different restaurants. The winter may have come to an end but our summer activities are just beginning. We want to keep in shape with hikes and bicycle rides, but we want new adventures such as deep sea fishing in June and wine downs at our members' homes.

I must give credit to my Board of Directors and Officers to guide me through this coming year. Many of the board members have been past Presidents of this SLO Skier Club and still enjoy making this a working and exciting organization. We need all members' help in planning activities, hikes, bicycle rides, dances, sport fishing and camping. I must say with all the help of club members this year will be exciting.

I want to thank the wonderful couple, Kathleen and John Welbourn, for opening their lovely home and garden for an April wine down. The members could have competed in a game of Italian bocce ball and the traditional horseshoe pitching. It was a time to make new friends, reminisce of this past winter and make plans for summer.

Our hike leader, Pete Sarafian, gave members a wildflower tour of the rolling hills behind Home Depot that encompassed part of the Johnson Ranch. All twelve hikers and two dogs enjoyed the green grass and flowers on the hills of our local trail system. Thank you Pete for encouraging us to adventure out on these trails.

Thank you, Allan and Lori Margulieux, for an afternoon of games, happy hour and dinner at your home. All members enjoyed your warm and inviting hospitality. Congratulations on being our May SLO Skiers of the Month. It was a time of ending a wonderful two years of dedication by our past President, Fran Long. Our past board members were commended for their participation and dedication to SLO Skiers Club.

Respectfully,

Barbara Collins

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