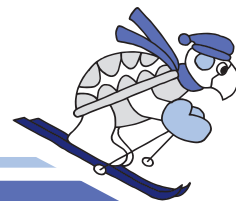


TURTLE GAZETTE



SLO Skiers Newsletter

October 2016

Mark Your Calendars!

October

Wednesday 10/5

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m.
meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

Friday 10/7

Bike ride in Avila, 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones
trailhead, Ontario Road parking lot, or 8:45 a.m.
at the SLO Elks Lodge for a longer ride; no-host
brunch at Hula Hut in Avila

Saturday 10/8

Hike, 9 a.m. at Cave Landing parking lot in Avila
Beach

Sunday 10/9

Williams-Sonoma cooking with pumpkin free
demonstration, 11 a.m. at Williams-Sonoma in SLO
(864 Monterey Street)

Wednesday 10/19

Craft morning at Barbara's home, 11 a.m. 364 Los
Cerro Drive, SLO

Saturday 10/29

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

November

Wednesday 11/2

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m.
meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

Friday 11/4

Bike ride in Avila, 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones
trailhead, Ontario Road parking lot; no-host brunch
at Hula Hut in Avila

Saturday 11/12

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

*November hike TBA (possible docent-led hike
on 11/19 or 11/20 through Pismo Preserve; more
information to follow)*

December

Wednesday 12/7

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m.
meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

Friday 12/9

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

January

Wednesday 1/5

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m.
meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

February

Saturday–Sunday 2/11–19

Ski week at Whistler, British Columbia

March

Tuesday–Tuesday 3/14–21

Ski week at Whitefish, Montana

**The Pray for Snow Dinner Dance is right
around the corner! Contact event chair,
Janet Leonard, at (805) 440-8535 or
bellaluna13@juno.com.**



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A Ski, Sport and Social Club
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General meetings the first Wednesday of the month (6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. meeting)

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Upcoming Event Details

Williams-Sonoma Essentials of Pumpkin

Sunday, October 9th, 11 a.m., Williams-Sonoma in downtown SLO
(864 Monterey Street, SLO)

Williams-Sonoma, The Kitchen Store, will be opening in San Luis Obispo on Friday, October 7th. They are having a free cooking and tasting demonstration. If more than 25 people want to attend they will have a separate demonstration for our club. If you are interested please email Barbara at bacslo@charter.net.

Craft Morning at Barbara's House

Wednesday, October 19th, 11 a.m., Barbara Collins' home
(364 Los Cerros Drive, SLO)

Bring leftover Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas material, scissors, tape, portable sewing machine and imagination! We will be making items to decorate the Auction, Pray for Snow and Christmas parties and 2017 ski weeks, and coffee and donuts will be served! The event will be in the backyard, so follow the signs when you arrive. If the event is successful then we may consider having a second meeting. Call or email Barbara ahead of time with any ideas: (805) 704-6572 or bacslo@charter.net.

Pray for Snow Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 12th, 5:30 p.m. at the Madonna Inn
\$50 for members, \$80 for non-members
Janet Leonard, event chair: (805) 440-8535 or bellaluna13@juno.com

From the event chair: Never an athlete, I tried skiing when I was 19. While exiting the beginner chair I fell five times in a row, took out the guy in the middle seat and stopped the lift. Good times! The well-meaning friends of course thought it must be the snow conditions and took me to where the SNOW IS BETTER! We have all done that to someone we love, right? I had to keep trying—good SNOW and speed are addicting! Let's have another great *SNOW* Dance!

(See flier on following page for additional details.)

SLO SKIERS
CELEBRATE
PRAY FOR SNOW

DINNER DANCE

NOVEMBER 12, 2016
5:30 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.

The Famous Madonna Inn

Entertainment Provided by

THE BOB SANTA CRUZ BAND

\$ 50 Members, \$80 NonMembers

**TIME TO DRESS TO IMPRESS WITH FORMAL OR SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE,
BUT BE READY TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AND ENJOY A PLATED
DINNER OF EITHER RIB EYE STEAK, SALMON, OR VEGETARIAN
LASAGNE AND INCLUDES CAESAR SALAD, VEGETABLES, CHOICE OF
POTATOES OR RICE PILAF, DESSERT, AND COFFEE AND TEA BEVERAGE
SERVICE.**

NO HOST BAR

Make checks payable to SLO Skiers. Mail to SLO Skiers, P.O. Box 1047, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

Any questions contact Janet Leonard at 440-8535 or bellaluna13@juno.com.

Please include this form with your payment.

Member Name:

Name: _____ Dinner Choice _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Member Name or Guest #2

Name: _____ Dinner Choice _____

SLO SKIERS TURTLE AUCTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER

SLO Guild Hall (formerly The Grange)
2880 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo

Doors open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:00pm

FREE Food and Drinks!

This year's event is a **Halloween Party** and we're giving out prizes for best costumes! Don't have a costume?

Come dressed like Hal by wearing your favorite tropical attire!

Remember the success of our fundraiser depends on your participation and bidding! If you can't come any member attending may act as your proxy. Keep in mind that **all purchases must be paid in full on the night of the auction.**



Thanks to everyone who's donated amazing auction items and packages. A list will be posted on Meet-up soon!

If you still need to drop off your donations please drop them off at Stacey's (1205 Sydney Street, SLO) or bring them to the **October 5th** meeting!

Need ideas? Call Stacey at 805.441.3116 or email slostacey@yahoo.com

PLEASE R.S.V.P. ON MEET UP BY WEDNESDAY, OCT 24th

This will help us plan for food and drink and we all know how much we like to nosh & slosh!



SLO SKIERS TURTLE AUCTION DONATION FORM

DONOR'S NAME: _____ PH: _____

DONOR BUSINESS: (If applicable): _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY/ZIP: _____

Did you solicit this donation? Y N If yes, please provide all information needed on form.

This is so a "Thank You" note can be mailed to the donor after the Auction.

DONATION	EST. VALUE	DETAILED DESCRIPTION to be printed in the Auction Catalog.

Please fill out a separate form for each item donated.

To have your item included in the catalog we must receive your donation by Friday, October 7.

Thank You for supporting the SLO Skiers and the many club activities it has to offer!

Membership Directory

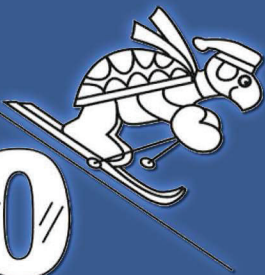
All members that have signed up before October 5th will be listed in the SLO Skiers directory! Please fill out a member information form and the Waiver & Release of Liability, and pay the \$40 annual membership fee. The directory will be great way to communicate with your new and old friends from SLO Skiers. It is helpful in finding members in your neighborhood that you can carpool with to events. It is not to be used to promote a business or advertisement for an event, organization or business.

50/50 Raffle

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.

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WHISTLER BLACKCOMB FEB 11-19, 2017

- 7 Nights Lodging at the Hotel Listel or Tantalus Condos

Double Occupancy

- 5 out of 6 day Lift passes
- Transfers to/from Vancouver Airport
- 8th night at Hotel Listel/Vancouver
- Farewell dinner cruise of the Vancouver Harbor

Prices start at

\$1,150

depending on
availability

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THE TANTALUS



HOTEL LISTEL



TRIP LEADER: LAUREN NAGLE - mInskier@gmail.com
or 805-636-0477 after 5pm

2017 Trip Update: Whistler

First of all, we had 2 cancellations due to a summer injury. Those 2 cancellations are already filled. If you are still interested in going to Whistler and joining the 75 SLO Skiers who have already signed up, contact Lauren immediately.

Second, you may have heard me say, "Whistler is a weather sensitive resort." Because of the base area's low elevation it may be raining at the base camp and snowing on the mountain. The forecast from "On the Snow's" website is calling for a La Nina lite this winter. Of course forecasts don't have a great track record for accuracy. If the weather gurus are correct the northern resorts will have 120% of average snowfall. In 2016 289 inches of snow covered these side by side incredible mountains. The average annual snowfall is 402 inches per year.

The two ski mountains of Whistler and Blackcomb are situated on two ridge lines. The two are separated by a deep valley with Fitzsimmon's Creek running along the valley floor. The main base area at Whistler Village is located on the northwest end of this valley. The Sea-to-Sky Highway runs along the Green River valley. The ski runs mostly run towards the village area or into the valley area between the two ridges.

The two previously separate ski areas of Whistler and Blackcomb were joined in 2003 when Intrawest (known to most of us from Mammoth) merged with the original resort corporation. Together, Whistler and Blackcomb form the largest ski area in North America. Either mountain alone would be in the top-five in terms of size!

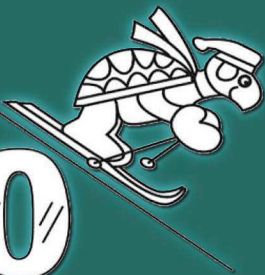
Here are some of the impressive statistics of the Whistler/Blackcomb ski resort: 18% beginner, 55% intermediate, 22% advanced and 5% expert runs. There are 200 runs, 5 terrain parks. There are 8,171 skiable acres of terrain. There are 565 acres serviced by snowmaking. The longest run is 7 MILES long. The base elevation is 2,140 feet. The top elevation is 7,160 feet. The resort holds records for the highest and longest unsupported cable car span in the world. The lift system consists of 5 gondolas, 1 high speed six-pack chairlift, 12 high-speed quads, 5 chairlifts and 16 surface lifts. These lifts can transport over 65,000 skiers per hour. With capacities like that lift lines should be minimal.

Now club information regarding the trip: We will have a bus to Los Angeles. Sign ups will happen beginning in January. Everyone who has signed up and wanted to fly with the group has a seat on the Air Canada straight through flight to Vancouver, B.C. There will be 2 buses transporting us from the Vancouver airport to the welcome party in Squamish and then on to Whistler Village. One bus will be for the hotel guests. The second bus will be for the condo people. There will be a grocery/liquor stop on the way to the village. If you have friends/adult children living in the Seattle or Vancouver area they can pay to join the farewell party aboard a private yacht. We will cruise the Vancouver harbor and enjoy our farewell dinner and dance.

Email questions to: Lauren Nagle, Weeklong Trip Director, mlnskier@gmail.com (the second letter is a small L, not the number 1)



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WHITEFISH

MOUNTAIN RESORT

MARCH 14-21, 2017

- 7 Nights Lodging at the Kintla Lodge or Morning Eagle condos

Ski-in/out. Double Occupany

- 5 out of 6 day lift pass
- Roundtrip air: San Jose to Kalispell
- Transfers to/from Kalispell
- Welcome and Farewell Parties

Prices start at

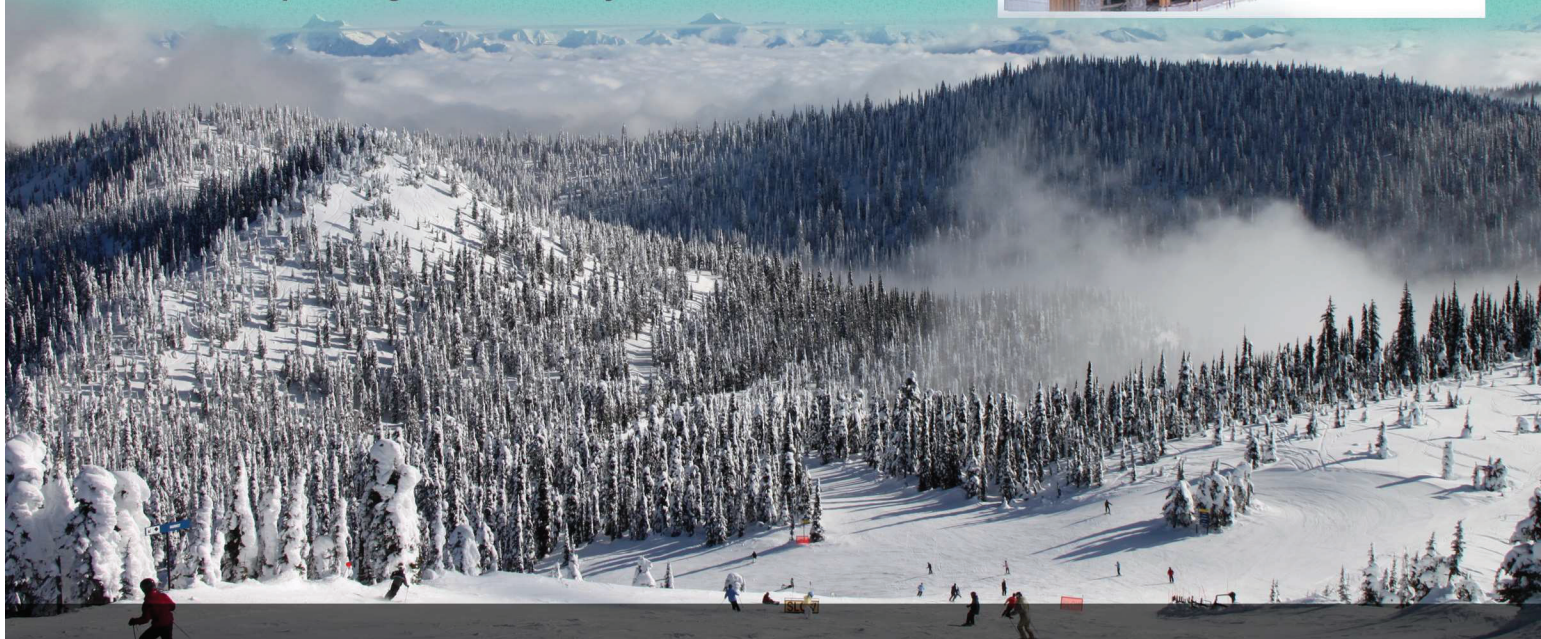
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KINTLA LODGE



MORNING EAGLE



TRIP LEADER: LAUREN NAGLE - mlnskier@gmail.com
or 805-636-0477 after 5pm

Thank you Sharon and Hal Rosewall for a wonderful wine down on Sunday, September 11th. It was a warm evening at their lovely home and later cooled off as the sun set. People gathered around the warmth of the fire pit and enjoyed salads, casseroles and deserts that members brought to share. Hal, one of our past presidents, and Sharon have enjoyed the SLO Skiers and it shows by their generosity of opening their home and organizing the summer sportfishing events. Our thanks for your dedication to the organization!



Thank you to our fishing event leader Hal Rosewall! It was a splendid day off the coast of Morro Bay on Wednesday, September 14th. The members of SLO Skiers encountered a beautiful calm sunny day and the fish began to bite our lines around 9 a.m. We had a wonderful captain, Nick, and crew from Virg's Landing, that had our bait ready for our fishing hooks. The captain would yell out, "let those lines go" and our tackle sank to the bottom of sea and then we wheeled in our line by several feet to catch the fish below. Our largest catch of the day was a lingcod caught by Julie Page. This was her first time sportfishing so was it skill or beginner's luck? She believes it was skill and patience! The club members look forward to another adventure next summer!



The National Park Service turned 100 years old on August 23, 2016. On September 25–27, 13 club members and guests including Bob Cazier, Barbara Collins, Paul Collins, Marvin Gross, Bruce Henshaw, Laura Hyde, Helen Jacobsen, Peter Jacobsen, Fran Long, Lauren Nagle, Kathleen O'Neill, Myra Wapner and Francis Wheeler, stayed in the campgrounds, housekeeping camp, and Half Dome Village in Yosemite. Hikes included the Mist Trail, Mirror Lake Trail and of course, Half Dome Trail. We are pleased to share that three members reached the summit of Half Dome. Congratulations to Marvin Gross, Helen Jacobsen and Peter Jacobsen for completing an 18 mile hike, 4,800 elevation gain, with climbing cables to the summit of Half Dome in ninety degree weather! We would like to thank Lauren Nagle for informing members of the campsite reservation information and a Friday evening wine down. Early on Tuesday morning, Marvin Gross awarded hikers that completed the Half Dome hike with diplomas that initiates them into the "Order of the Rock".



Summer Bike Rides

Thank you to our volunteer leader, Mike Long, for starting the Friday, September 9th bike ride from the Elks Lodge in SLO. He and Jan Temler rode the furthest distance to meet the rest of the group at the beginning of the Bob Jones Trailhead. 14 members started from Ontario Road, but were later joined by a longtime member, Michael Niblett. Halfway through the ride, everyone enjoyed a social brunch at the Hula Hut in Avila before heading back to our cars.

The SLO Skiers invite members to join them on October 7th for our next Avila bike ride. Meet at the Bob Jones Trailhead parking lot on Ontario Road at 9:30 a.m., or for a longer ride, meet at 8:45 a.m. at the SLO Elks Lodge; or just come join us for a no-host coffee/brunch/ice cream at the Hula Hut, 380 Front Street in Avila Beach. Remember to wear your helmet, bring a water bottle and some cash for snack or brunch. Contact Barbara Collins at (805) 704-6572 or bacslo@charter.net, or if you are meeting at the Elks Lodge, contact Mike Long at (805) 801-4795 or mike@swingback.com.



October Hike



Hike Ontario Ridge, in Avila Beach; meet in the Cave Landing Road parking lot at 9 a.m. This hike, Ontario Hill, lies between Avila Valley and San Luis Obispo Bay. The 735 foot hill separates Avila Beach from Shell Beach. There are sweeping views of the ocean, the Irish Hills, Avila Beach, Port San Luis, Whaler's Island and the Shell Beach and Pismo Beach coastlines. It is a 2.8 mile loop of moderate difficulty. Bring water, sunscreen, snack and non-slip shoes.

Directions: From highway 101 in Pismo Beach, exit on Avila Beach Drive. Head west on Avila Beach Drive, passing Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort; further west the golf course will be on your right, but you'll make the first turn on your left on Cave Landing Road. Head towards the top of the hill and park in the parking lot near a gate on the left.

Hike leader: Peter Jacobsen, (805) 406-0227 or Pnbjacobsen@hotmail.com

President's Message



Hello SLO Skiers,

September was an enjoyable and activity-filled month for our SLO Skiers Club!! Our Friday Bob Jones Trail bike ride in Avila Beach had a turnout of 15 members! Those members wanting a longer bike ride started from the SLO Elks Lodge with Mike Long as our volunteer leader. The following Sunday, SLO Skiers enjoyed a wine down at the beautiful home of Hal and Sharon Rosewall. Our September fishing voyage was also lead by Hal, and 22 members embarked on Virg's Sportfishing vessel in Morro Bay for yet another adventurous club fishing trip. Everyone caught their fish quota for the day, with Julie Page, now a former novice at fishing, hooking the largest lingcod of the day! On the last weekend of the month, 13 members traveled to Yosemite National Park for hiking

adventures and spectacular views. A huge thanks to all members for volunteering their time and making every event memorable and exciting!!

This past month, I was also able to embark on an exciting personal adventure as a result of our SLO Skiers Turtle Auction. Ever since my childhood, I have been mesmerized by the depths of the sea with the Jacques Cousteau Undersea World television series encouraging my fascination. At the age of 14, I had my first opportunity to experience sea life firsthand while snorkeling during a family trip to Bermuda. I have continued snorkeling throughout my life, traveling to Hawaii a few times a year to snorkel with my husband. At the auction last year, I immediately noticed item #214: scuba lessons with SLO Ocean Currents. I thought to myself, this is my chance to finally get to the bottom of the sea! I was so thrilled to win but simultaneously nervous with the idea of actually going to the bottom of the sea in order to qualify for my scuba certification. During my scuba certification lessons with Ocean Currents, the instructors helped me build my confidence and provided me with the tools I needed to fulfill my goal. I would have never pursued this childhood dream of mine if it hadn't been for the Turtle Auction and I am so grateful for all the new experiences and adventures this club brings to my life.



The next SLO Skiers Turtle Auction is on October 29th and is a great way to find new adventures and life experiences, as well as enjoy social group activities. I strongly encourage all members to come and not only enjoy the event, but to make a bid on an item that interests you. Of course there is no pressure to purchase an auction item and we instead encourage everyone to enjoy the silent auction process as well as the excitement of listening to our favorite auctioneer, Hal Rosewall, during the live auction! Remember that the items have all been donated by members and the proceeds are to make future events more affordable for all members. All family members and friends are invited too!!

Respectfully,

Barbara Collins

Questions or suggestions about the newsletter? Have something you would like considered for inclusion? Email Kara at kkedwall@gmail.com!

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