



SLO Skiers
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The Newsletter of
The SLO Skiers, Inc.
A Ski, Sport and Social Club
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Meetings are held first Wednesday of the month
Social- 6:30PM General Meeting- 7:30PM
Board Meeting- 5:30PM

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge
222 Elks Lane



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

President's Message

Where does the time go?!! Once again, the SLO Skiers were a busy bunch during the month of December. It is always so gratifying to see the many, many volunteers that put in amazing numbers of hours to make our club such an energetic, viable organization for all our members.



Until this December, under the creative leadership of **Sharon Page**, it had been many years since SLO Skiers participated in the San Luis Obispo downtown Christmas parade. It certainly looked like everyone was having a good time. I must admit, I was a bit envious, as I was spending that time sitting extensively at the Far West Ski Association board meeting.

I also heard rave reviews about the Christmas party. Once again, **Sharon Page**, and her enthusiastic committee of volunteers, provided an amazing event for the benefit of all SLO Skiers. The venue was beautiful; the food delicious; and the gift exchange new, different, and lots of fun. I hear **Stacey King** (organizer extraordinaire) had something to do with the smooth running of this event.

Pete Sarafian lead the hiking group on the December hike right after Christmas. Thank you Pete, for helping our skiers keep in shape and work off all those Christmas goodies.

Mid-December saw some great snow falling throughout the western United States, with Mammoth getting a much needed white covering. Many SLO Skiers have already stretched their ski legs and headed to the snow in various locations. Rumor has it that Larry and Spence are skiing Alta and Brighton in Utah, Lauren and Bruce are enjoying Mammoth Mountain, and I have had the privilege of skiing Snowbird (for the first time) and Mammoth so far this year.

Our SLO Skiers ski season is in full swing, with two Mammoth trips coming up this month, Mt. Bachelor (sold out) in February, another Mammoth trip AND our big trip to Big White, Canada in March, and an end of season trip back to Mammoth. Surely, all you SLO Skiers skiers can find a trip or two to fit your time schedule, budget, and skiing desires.

Contact **Lauren Nagle**, trip director, for information on Mt. Bachelor and Big White: mlnskier@gmail.com. Contact **Fran** regarding the Mammoth trips: fancat87@gmail.com.

Think about those who do not know skier safety, watch all sides; and always stop where you are very visible to them.

Spotlight on Janet Leonard

Janet received the honor of being named one of two SLO Skiers of the Month for the month November for her outstanding leadership in planning a fantastic Pray for Snow dinner and dance for all of us to enjoy. Congratulations and thank you, Janet.

Janet joined the SLO Skiers in 1997. That year, Pray for Snow was at the Forum in San Luis Obispo, and it was a very glitzy affair. She joined SLO Skiers to be able to ski with people from our area, and to take advantage of our great ski deals. Her first week-long ski club trip was to Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood and Mt. Bachelor in Oregon.



Janet looks forward to member's stories about places they have been and adventures they have had. Other activities Janet enjoys include living on the Central Coast, golfing, hiking, and recently, Pickle Ball.

Janet lives with her significant other, Brent. The rest of her family, even her only daughter, live in Southern California. She moved here in 1987 to work at Sierra Vista Hospital. She also loves listening to our local music. A little known fact about Janet...even though she loves music, she failed to make chorus in fourth grade!

Spotlight on Nancy J Brown

Congratulations to Nancy upon being selected as one of our two SLO Skiers of the Month for the month of December. As our presenter for the second meeting of the month in October, Nancy provided some much needed tips on how to keep your body in shape and injury free during ski season.

Nancy joined SLO Skiers eleven or twelve years ago, just before the FWSA/Central Council trip to Sun Valley. Why, you ask? To ski, of course! Nancy has been skiing for about 30 years. I didn't realize she was old enough for that. Her favorite things about SLO Skiers include the ski trips and the summer BBQ's.

Nancy is a fine massage therapist, but she also enjoys sewing, good food, and social drinking. Additionally, there are some interesting facts about Nancy that most of us do not know. Nancy owned a limo for four years. She rode a 30 foot whale shark in Mexico, and swam with hammerhead sharks in Costa Rica.

SLO Skiers Calendar of Events



January 8, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 11)

January 21, 2015 Dine Around, Details to follow in Meet-Up

January 25, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 11)

January 31 thru February 7, 2015 FWSA to Whistler (See Page 13 Nov newsletter)

February 14 thru 21, 2015 Bachelor Ski Trip (See Page 9& 10 December newsletter)

March 5, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 11)

March 10 thru 14, 2015 FWSA to Paris, March 14 thru 21, 2015 Ski Trip to Val d'Iserre and 3-21 thru 3-28-2015 to Provence and the French Riviera (See Page 13 November newsletter)

March 21 thru 28, 2015 Big White Ski Trip (See Details Page 8, & 9)

March 30 thru April 4, 2015 Whitefish, Montana Ski Trip (See Page 13 November newsletter)

April 5, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 11)

June 4 thru 7, 2015 FWSA Convention in San Diego, CA (See October Newsletter)

June 19 thru June 23, 2015 FWSA Mississippi River Boat Cruise (See Page 9)

FWSA Ski Trips in 2016 - Telluride Ski Resort and Crested Butte Mnt Resort (See Page 15, September Newsletter)

PHILANTHROPY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2015:

What a generous club we are. In the month of December 2014 our club donated 294 pounds of food and diapers to the Food Bank. We also collected \$413 in cash to which we will add another \$500 from our club treasury very soon for a total of \$913. (It has been approved by the board to add an additional \$87 dollars to increase this amount to \$1,000.00)

In addition, members donated ten (10) pairs of sweats for hospitalized veterans through the Elks Lodge. I am aware of at least two beautiful toys that were also given to the Elks Lodge for needy children. There may be several more contributions for veterans and/or children through the Elks Lodge that I am unaware of.

We also donated 159 pounds of toiletries plus a jacket to the SLO Homeless Shelter in recent months.

Members are encouraged to tell me of any other donations they made on their own so that they can be counted in our Philanthropy summary report. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen O'Neill
Philanthropy Chair

A Nice Thank You From our Pray for Snow Band

I apologize for not getting this in the December newsletter. Sometimes time just slips away from us all!

From: "DURANT, JACK CTR USAF AFSPC UPC/UPC" <jack.durant.1.ctr@us.af.mil>

Subject: Saturday night's party

I just wanted to express, on the behalf of all members of the band STORM, how much fun we had meeting all of you and playing for your party at the Country Club. Some gigs are just gigs; done and forgotten. Your party certainly ranks among the best we've played and will stick in the memory banks. Thanks for hiring us And we sincerely anticipate working for you again sometime. Please conveyour thanks to all members of your club.

Regards,

Jack (keyboards)



THIS YEARS MURDER MYSTERY CREW GOES ROARING TWENTIES

A group of very good sports met Friday night the 5th of December to promote our club and bring in the holidays. We had our own ski club drill team , and our club was given lots of publicity as we paraded through downtown San Luis Obispo. Thanks to Roy Gammill, Peter Jacobson, John Walker, & Thom Page for being our flag bearers. They rock! And our very own Vince Kirkhuff skied on his clever invention of skies on roller skates! We're all going to follow his imaginative idea for next year's

parade! Everybody get busy with a pair of your old skies. 😊

Thanks to the Kinney's for schlepping ski bags through town!! You guys are great!!

And for our skiers who swished down Higuera Street, Kathy Steele, Teri Winston, Sharon Page & Bobbi Binder. You girls' GO!!

Our illustrious majorettes performed with their awesome baton skills and never missed a beat.

Laura Hyde & Stephanie Francis are very talented baton twirlers. And, of course, our very own Helen Jacobson stole the show as our fearless drill team leader parading downtown in a bikini no less. She is an entertainer extraordinaire!

And none of this would have been possible without the tireless effort of Stacy King's organizational skills and sign making. Stacy, you are the BOMB!!

So thanks for coming out on a rainy night, and hanging out for hours waiting for the parade to start. This group is nominated for the GOOD SPORTS of the month.

See you all at next year's Christmas parade.

Happy New Year,



Post Christmas Excursion A Nice Diversion

Twos two days after Christmas,
All around Pismo Beach,
Tourists and dogs were roaming,
Some were off leash.

Ski club hikers went out,
And walked across dunes,
Crossing a creek,
And humming some tunes.

The sky was so bright,
With that Central Coast blue,
Surfers and people,
Thick as a stew.

And topping it off,
On the journey back home,
We stopped and saw Monarchs,
Beautiful as a poem.



Caption for photo: From left to right Brian and Teri Winston, Mike Long and Donna Etter enjoy Pismo. Photo by Pete Sarafian

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND WAIVERS

A note to members to please pay their annual dues and sign there liability waiver at the next meeting or send in your membership dues check if you are not coming to the meeting. The \$40 membership which runs from September to August allows you to participate in all the fun activities and ski trips. If you have already paid "thank you".

Peter Jacobsen Membership

Vail Resorts Details Plan to Create America's Largest Ski Resort in Utah

Vail Resorts has announced details of the company's planned upgrades to Park City Mountain Resort for the 2015-16 ski season that will create the nation's largest single ski resort in Utah.

The plan, which will cost over \$50 million, is one of the largest capital development programs in U.S. ski industry history. The key component of the plan will for the first time connect Park City with nearby Canyons Resort, creating the largest single ski area in the country with more than 7,300 acres of skiable terrain. Spending will also include a number of upgrades to the infrastructure of both resorts.

MARCH 21ST TO MARCH 28TH, 2015



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TRIP CAPTAIN; LAUREN NAGLE mlnskier@gmail.com
EMAIL LAUREN FOR SIGN UP DOCUMENTS

TRIP UPDATE:

Big White: There are many exciting things to tell about this trip. First, our treasurer, Sharon Page is ON IT! She is paying the resort as quickly as money comes in to take advantage of the favorable exchange rate. That should make a few of you procrastinators happy. The US dollar is doing well in Canada. Our dollar is valued at 80 cents to the Euro. In Canada you get \$1.14 in value. You will be pleasantly surprised not *shocked* at prices in grocery stores, bars and restaurants.

Next, you need a passport to get into Canada. If you don't have one there is time to get one. Allow at least 2 months for processing. As you read this, go to your airline approved ski bag. On your bag put a big note, in BOLD LETTERS; **remember your passport!** Without a passport you absolutely won't be able to get into Canada. Ah, yes. There is an issue if you have received a DUI. The Canadian government considers driving under the influence a felony offence. If it has been 10 years since you served penance for the offense it is expunged from your record. This year some of the regulations have been relaxed. Consult the Canadian Government's CSBA website for details.

The pre-trip informational meeting will be at Lori and Allan Margulieux's beautiful home. The date is March 13th. Please mark your calendars. Attendance at this meeting is very important. One of the things covered at length will be the apres ski activities. Every year there is some kind of wacky contest. At Big White you need to bring a pair of sexy or funny socks. Stay tuned for more information...

Barbara Collins is the co-captain for the trip. She is tracking your payments plus handling numerous trip details. If you have questions her email is; bacslo@charter.net

Finally, and perhaps most important; There are still spaces available! Most of us have friends who envy the great ski vacations enjoyed by the SLO Skiers. Invite them to join the club and go to British Columbia. The resort is famous for very light powder snow. The price is an unbelievable bargain. When the trip sells out, I can arrange for a bus to/from the San Francisco airport. If you haven't participated in a week of fun with the club you are really missing out. 2015 is the year to find out why the trips are so popular. Happy Holiday the wonderful, fun loving, friendly SLO Skiers. What an amazing group of people you are.

Contact me at mlnskier@gmail if you need additional information.

Lauren Nagle, Trip Director

Far West Mississippi River Trip

Far West Ski Association is sponsoring a Mississippi River Cruise, June 19 - 23, 2015, with an additional two days, June 23-24, 2015, in **New Orleans**. This trip will be a 3-night roundtrip paddleboat cruise aboard the American Queen from New Orleans. It will be a "Southern Culture Cruise" with stops at Oak Alley Plantation and Baton Rouge, LA. Trip includes all meals, wine/beer with dinner, soft drinks, water, and coffee. Also included is 1 night at a local hotel before the cruise. It includes transfers to the ship, steamboat-style entertainment, daily lectures, and a Welcome Party. June 23-24th will be at the New Orleans Hotel Bienville House. New Orleans tour options include airboat/swamp tours and ghost/paranormal tours. See the Far West website for further information.

Far West Skiers Guide

Did you know that the Skiers Guide has a digital edition. Check out the link below. There is an additional 24 page insert between the general issue and the club section - between pages 66 and 67. Hope you enjoy this year's magazine.

<http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2014-15/>

Deer Valley Proposes Gondola Link to Park City's Main Street

Once Vail Resorts completes its planned connection of Park City Mountain Resort (PCMR) and Canyons Resort this summer, Park City will become a two-resort ski town. PCMR already has the Town Lift to carry skiers to the slopes from Park City's historic downtown district. Now, Deer Valley Resort is proposing to move forward on a ski lift link of its own to bring its guests to the heart of the Utah resort town's dining, shopping and nightlife.

Christmas comes but once a year! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!



Mammoth Mountain

2014-2015 Ski Trips

Trips Includes:

- Lodging for 3 nights
Condo or Hotel Room
- Welcome Party
- Dinner
- Fun with friends!
- Required taxes and insurance

Approximate Pricing

(Not all properties have 2015 pricing available)

- 1b/loft/2ba condo 4 people \$190/p
- 2b/2ba condo 4 people \$205/p
- 2b/loft/3ba condo 6 people \$195/p
- 1b/1ba condo 2 people \$295/p
- Hotel room 2 people \$298/p

4 night package can be arranged per condo/
room for additional charge

Trip Dates:


January 8-11 (12) Thurs-Sun (Mon)
January 25-28 (29) Sun-Wed (Thurs)
March 5-8 (9) Thurs-Sun (Mon)
April 5-8 (9) Sun-Wed (Thurs)



Lift tickets NOT included

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potential discount buddy pass

To sign up see information
below

	<p>Deposit Schedule:</p> <p>\$100</p> <p>Holds any trip until November 15, 2015</p>	<p>Cancellation Policy:</p> <p>Before 11-15-14 Full Refund</p>
<p>Make checks payable to:</p> <p>Central Council of California, Inc.</p> <p>Mail payment AND trip paperwork to:</p> <p>Fran Long 1635 Canyon Crest Lane Paso Robles, CA 93446</p>	<p>Payment Questions...</p> <p>Need More Information...</p> <p>Contact Fran...</p> <p>email: fancat87@gmail.com</p> <p>phone: 805 712-5781</p>	



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