



SLO Skiers
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The Newsletter of
The SLO Skiers, Inc.
A Ski, Sport and Social Club
February 2015

www.sloskiers.org
Annual dues \$40/person

Meetings are held first Wednesday of the month
Social- 6:00PM General Meeting- 7:00PM
Board Meeting- 5:30PM

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge
222 Elks Lane



**SLO SKIERS AT SEA VENTURE
RESTAURANT DINE-AROUND IN PISMO**

President's Message

Think snow, think skiing! See you on the slopes...once i finish my move to my new home. Oh...and please forgive my lack of article. I will be back in business next



Spotlight on Helen Jacobsen

Helen is currently the club photographer for SLO Skiers. Helen takes amazing pictures at many of our events. She has struggled, but been very successful, at developing the skills to get our photos on Meetup for all of us to enjoy. We do so appreciate your efforts, Helen.

Helen has been a member of SLO Skiers since 2013, but she has been a skier for 45+ years! She and her husband, Peter, joined the club because they knew how much fun it would be, and because they both love to ski. How did she know how much fun it would be??? Helen has been involved with FWSA ski trips for a number of years, and she already knew a lot of people involved in organized skiing, including a number of SLO Skiers who have gone on FWSA trips.

Helen is like most ski club members; she looks forward to the camaraderie with fellow members, the parties, dances, and the wine downs. In addition to ski club functions, Helen is a pilot and loves flying, has written two books, and enjoys tennis, travel, and fishing.

Helen's family includes three wonderful daughters that she considers fun and successful people that she would like even if they weren't related. She also has lots of fabulous grandchildren.

Something we may not know about Helen...She was a firefighter in Lemoncove, CA for seven years, and she was on the ski patrol at Sierra Summit for three years. She also covered the Olympics in Salt Lake City and Vancouver.



Spotlight on Sharon Page



Sharon Page is our Treasurer and so much more! Sharon is our non ski activity organizer for our week long ski trips, she and husband Thom will volunteer to research and set up any event mentioned, and they always remember to bring and set up the SLO Skiers banner so we can all easily find our events.

Sharon, and husband Thom, have been in the club for a few years now, but they have been very busy with Elks Bingo and haven't been able to attend meeting on a regular basis. This past year they have both really stepped up as amazing organizers and "go to" members for whatever needs to be done.

Sharon works part time for Allegiant Air (mostly for the travel benefits). She and Thom love to travel, both internationally and around the US in their motorhome.

Sharon has one son, and is expecting a grandchild in the very near future.



SLO SKIERS AND SOCIAL CLUB DONATES \$1,000 PLUS 300 POUNDS OF FOOD TO THE FOOD BANK COALITION.

At a recent meeting of the SLO Skiers and Social Club the membership presented the Food Bank Coalition with a check for \$1,000. In addition, the Club donated 300 pounds of food and diapers to the Food Bank before Christmas. From left to right are Club President Fran Long, Food Bank Coalition's Community Outreach Manager Aracely Aceves Lozano, and Club Philanthropy Chairperson Kathleen O'Neill. For more information about the SLO Skiers and Social Club, go to www.sloskiers.org.



Above,
Fran
Long
presents a
bottle of
wine to
January's
members
of the
month,
Sharon
Page and
Helen
Jacobsen



Fran Long and
Thom Page, our
birthday people
for the month of
January and their
delicious cake!

SLO Skiers Calendar of Events



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

March 5, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 12)

March 10 thru 14, 2015 FWSA to Paris, March 14 thru 21, 2015 Ski Trip to Val d'Isere 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) and flyer Page 11

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

April 5, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 12)

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 Mountain Resort (See Page 15, September Newsletter)

Membership dues are from September to August. Waivers need to be paid and signed off in order for you to participate in any of the fun and wonderful activities that the ski club has to offer. If you are in doubt whether you are paid up to date, send an email to Peter Jacobsen at membership@sloskiers.com or come to the February meeting and ask.

Rabble Hike To Rubble

A dozen SLO skiers did seek,
The hiking route up to Froom Creek.
The group, none too slow,
Behind SLO's Home Depot,
Went all the way up to the peak.

The weather was near ideal,
Chilly at the start, and then
made us peel.
With nothing to stop or slow
us,
We passed drop-dead
gorgeous Ceanothus,
A perfect day we did feel.

The shrubs' sparkled all
pink and blue,
And many an in-between
hue.
The scents and buzzing
honey bees,
Filled the senses in sun or
shade of trees,
Then were capped by a
beautiful view.

At the top we reached a
strip mine,
With rocks as deep red as wine.
In wartime they dug chrome,
To make steel and defend home,
The tailings leaving a clear sign.

And finally for all our trouble,
We stood there on top of the rubble.
And soaked in majestic views,
Appreciating our outdoor muse,
With nothing to burst our joy bubble.



Caption for picture: Rabble on the rubble from left to right- Carla Friddle, Tom and Sharon Page, Peter Jacobsen, Ralph Gibson, Ryan with Teri Winston and Rebecca (Teri's children), Steve Balog, Julie Page and Mike Long. Photo by Pete Sarafian

SEA VENTURE DINE AROUND





Winterizing Your Vehicle Presented by Morin Brothers Automotive Saturday, January 17, 2015

On Saturday, January 17th, a gaggle of club members met up at Morin Brothers Automotive in San Luis Obispo for an **auto winterization seminar** hosted by the past owner, Michael Morin. Although Michael is retired, he remains available to consultant for the business. The club members munched on goodies provided by Sharon Page while Michael patiently and cheerfully advised us on the whys and wherefores about proper vehicle lubricants, what not to do with an automatic transmission if stuck in snow, when to use the various special settings on your transmission and how these features work. He also discussed unusual winter operating conditions and why your check engine light might come and why your current windshield wiper fluid might not work in very cold situations and much more. We discussed the various types of snow chains on the market and what the best way is to install them if doing it yourself. Michael discussed at length preparing well-in advance of a winter trip in your vehicle, knowing your travel routes and being personally prepared should your vehicle become stranded. He also provided us with a written copy of his presentation that we are sharing in the newsletter with all of you.

After all questions were answered we adjourned to the Graduate for a "cool one" and some lunch. I think we all learned some very valuable information and had a great time as well.

A big THANK YOU goes to all of the attendees, Morin Brothers Automotive and especially to Michael Morin for providing us with some great information.

Thom Page V. P.



THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION FROM THE SANTA BARBARA SKI

From: <publicity@sbski.org>

Date: January 13, 2015 at 12:02:38 PM PST

To: "Michael Mead" <michael@parametersframing.com>

Subject: email blast

Tis the season, and by "the season" I of course mean ski season. So if you haven't already hit the slopes, dust off those leather boots, consider a wax job for your skis (what the heck, get one for yourself too!) and join your friends in the white powder (not that white powder! I mean snow!) There is still room on the Mammoth trips, and you can put your name on the waiting list in case somebody has to bail on one of the long trips. Just get out and ski! **Bike and Brunch** The bike and brunches are back thanks to Bachir! We originally had to cancel them because Marianne broke her wrist in the women's world boxing championship bout (flyweight division) and had to step down. But Bachir, who has served his time admirably, stepped up to make them happen. So our next bike and brunch is this Sunday the 18th. We will meet at Rainbow Arch in front of the Red Lion on Cabrillo at 8:45. The ride will wind down the coast to the sleepy town of Carpinteria where we will dine at Jack's Bagels. Then we will ride back to Santa Barbara to get rid of the weight we just added with the brunch! This is one of our most popular rides. If you have any questions call Bachir at 795-1959. **Joke Night** It's baaaaack! Recent polling of our members indicated that Joke Night was a favorite event, so here it is. (hopefully, the members polled weren't joking when they said they liked joke night!). It all takes place at Mulligan's, Tuesday the 20th at 5:30. Yes you read me correctly-that is **Tuesday**. If you show up on Wednesday, the joke will be on you! There will be free appetizers, and one of Debra Robert's awesome raffles! You can bring your own joke(s) or we will have some for you to tell. Former club members who went on to fame and fortune in comedy are Chris Rock, Ellen Degeneres, and Jay Leno (ok, maybe not) If you have any questions call Debra at 319-1012. **Bike and Brunch** Bachir has vowed to whip the members into shape so in keeping with that pledge, he has scheduled another ride on Sunday, January 25th. We will meet at the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot at State and Hope at 8:45. The ride will wind along the bike path past UCSB to the beautiful Sandpiper Golf Course where the group will eat, and enjoy the mirthful mutterings of the golfers as they miss putts and shank drives. For more info on this, one of our most popular rides call Bachir at 795-1959. **Happy Hour** Our next happy hour is Tuesday(yes, Tuesday. There's a theme here) February 3rd from 5:30 to 7:30. It will take place at the El Paseo Restaurant which appropriately enough is inside the El Paseo! Reasons to be happy may include alcohol, talking to your friends, alcohol, a \$7.50 taco bar, and let's not forget alcohol. All reasons may not apply to all people. No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited. Side effects may include giddiness, laughter, and extreme happiness. Symptoms should decrease after discontinuing happy hour. If symptoms persist please see your vet and request a doggy downer. **Bike and Brunch** Yet another b and b on the horizon! This one will take place on Sunday, February 15th. We will meet at Hendry's Beach at 8:45, ride up Las Positas to the San Roque area, up APS and then descend to Cabrillo for brunch at the East Beach Grill. This is one of our most popular rides-call Bachir at 795-1959 for more info. Darren's first Mammoth trip was a little rough, but he has vowed to step up his game for the next trip or submit to being staked to an anthill. Of course these are Santa Barbara ants, so they may not come out if it's raining, or if it's not raining, and they will complain that the commute to actually bite him is way too long, and that their anthill condo is way too expensive and they may have to move to Oklahoma.

HAPPY TRAILS. WE ARE CHOO CHOOING OUR WAY TO BEND!

43 fun loving folks are traveling, mostly by Amtrak, to Bend Oregon. We leave the SLO Amtrak station on Friday afternoon on the 13th of February. We arrive in Chemult Oregon the next morning at 9:30 AM. From there we are whisked to Bend. We are staying at the Doubletree Inn. We chose this hotel because of the location and the services. The theme of this ski week is Happy Trails. I've heard from reliable sources that Annie Oakley will be among the guests from the past. Some of us are old enough to have enjoyed TV westerns in the 50's and 60's. The characters from Bonanza and the Roy Rogers and Dale Evans show are scheduled to make appearances at the Welcome and Farewell parties. Yes, week long ski trips are about more than just schussing down the slopes.

There is a pre-trip meeting on Monday night, February 2nd at the SLO Elks. The Elks have a build your own burger dinner that night. They begin serving at 6 PM. Dinner is no host. The informational meeting starts at 6:30. If you are going on the trip you are **urged to attend**. There are lots of details that you should know about. If you have questions this is the time to get the answers. Traveling by train is *way* different than air travel. Don't make the mistake of thinking you can take your luggage into the roomette with you. There is only room for a small overnight bag.

The good news is that Mt. Bachelor has snow. Our package includes 5 out of 7 days of lift tickets. The mountain has so many different types of slopes. There is the top for the advanced skiers. If you just want to enjoy a gentle intermediate run there are plenty of runs to cruise down.

For the nine non skiers in the group, we have a full schedule of fun events. Even the skiers will have the opportunity to snow shoe at Crater Lake. This is an extra cost. If you think this is something you'd like to participate in, bring your checkbook to the pre-trip party. We are in the process of negotiating a great price for this full day event. The great thing about the club is the power of numbers. There were several people who wanted to go on this trip but didn't make up their minds quickly enough. Amtrak was sold out of roomettes by the end of July. Be sure and keep a look out on Meet Up for pictures of this trip. The train, the town, the terrain all make Bachelor a club favorite.

BIG WHITE PRE-TRIP PARTY AND MEETING

There has been a change in the date of the pre-trip party. It will be held Saturday, March 14. The location is the home of Lori and Allan Marguileux. (address and what to bring will be available via email.) The fun begins at 5:00 PM. There are a few things you need to know **prior** to the party...The theme for the ski week is "Easter Parade." Remember the Judy Garland movie? Ladies be prepared to bring your Easter bonnets to the pre-trip party **IF** you don't want to have to pack them. The Nagle transport is available for Easter apparel. There will also be a couple of crazy contents similar to the Breckenridge PJ party. This year, prizes will be awarded to the sexiest and craziest socks. That is right. **Socks!** Also plan on packing for the **DRY** t-shirt contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best ski themed t-shirt and the funniest t-shirt.

DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR PASSPORT!

MARCH 21ST TO MARCH 28TH, 2015



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

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

See you friends with a
Mammoth Pass for
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>	

Did you know that individual SLO Skiers are queried to apply for FWSA awards? See the list of awards below. Some are for club recognition, and some are individual.

FAR WEST RECOGNITION AWARDS

CHARITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION: DEADLINE: March 20, 2015

RECOGNITION: The 1st Place Club will receive a \$200 donation and the 2nd Place Club a \$50 donation for the charity of their choice. The 1st Place Council will receive a \$100 donation.

DESCRIPTION: The intent of this recognition program is to encourage charity and community service involvement in all our FWSA councils and clubs and to recognize a club or council for its outstanding financial and/or volunteer support to one or more charitable organizations. All clubs and councils that apply will be recognized at the FWSA Convention. Three clubs and one council will be selected and notified by April 15. They will then prepare a picture display board to be presented at Convention.

CONTACT: Sigrid Noack, FWSA Charities & Our Community Chair, 310-823-1373, sig4ski@earthlink.net

SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD: DEADLINE: March 20, 2015

RECOGNITION: New sponsors this year, Telluride Ski Resort and Mountain Lodge, Telluride have donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, 4-day lift tickets, and 4-day rentals.

DESCRIPTION: The FWSA is a proponent of safety in skiing and snowboarding. Every year we hear about tragic deaths and injuries that happen during our favorite winter activities that remind us of the great importance of safety. We have a number of ways in which we promote safety and one of our more viable ways is through the Safety Award. The award is for the individual, within the association, that has done the most to promote safety through a number of criteria. These include articles on slope safety, and other ways to raise safety consciousness. The link to detailed information and entry form is: <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-safety.html>

ENVIRONMENT AWARD: DEADLINE: March 20, 2015

RECOGNITION: New this year! Sponsors, Aspen Skiing Company and Snowmass Tourism, The Gant and Crestwood Condominiums have donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, and a full-day group lesson.

DESCRIPTION: The Environment Award is designed to encourage good stewardship of our environment. We want to inspire and reward creative efforts to conserve and protect our environment. This award should recognize a special action that the applicant took, or something he or she put in place that made a difference. Some areas to consider are: Volunteering at the community level, particularly in a leadership role; conducting or arranging for an environmental event (s) for the club, council, or public; writing a series of columns regarding environmental conservation, education or protection in your ski club or ski club council newsletter; or being pro-active in environmental protection.

CONTACT: Mike Sanford, VP of Public Affairs, 858-761-6191, bubasnfrd@aol.com

FAR WEST HISTORICAL RECOGNITION PROGRAM: DEADLINE: March 20, 2015

RECOGNITION: Certificate suitable for framing.

DESCRIPTION: The FWSA launched the Historical Recognition Program in 2008 to develop club, league and council histories. The objective of the annual program is to capture important information about skiing from the skier's perspective and especially that of the club skier. Selection for the award is based on digital (preferable) or mailed presentation of club or council history according to a set of weighted criteria and judged by knowledgeable ski historians. The History Recognition is not for outstanding club or council, although it is anticipated that material may be common to both types of presentations. Think of these histories as museum or library reference resources. The link to detailed information and entry form is: <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-historical.html>

CONTACT: John Watson, FWSA History Committee Chair, 760-723-6539, geospace@pacbell.net

FAR WEST CLUB & COUNCIL COMPETITION: DEADLINE: March 31, 2015

RECOGNITION: Certificate suitable for framing and a digital award to place on club or council website.

DESCRIPTION: The Club and Council Communications Awards website is up and can be found at: <http://fwsaca.org/educomm>. These competitions are designed to promote excellence and outstanding performance and are open to all clubs and councils within Far West Ski Association. The information you will find on this site concerns entries for the following five competitions: Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year; Wentworth Outstanding Club Newsletter of the Year; Wentworth Outstanding Council Newsletter of the Year; Outstanding Club Website Award; and Outstanding Council Website Award. The deadline for all categories is March 31, 2015. Clubs and Councils may access the 2015 updated criteria, judging information and submit 2015 entry forms. Online registration and an "invite code" is required to gain access. The Invite code: FwsaEdu2015.

FAR WEST 83rd ANNUAL CONVENTION

Salute to San Diego : The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs will be hosting the 83rd Annual Far West Ski Association Convention at the luxurious Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego , California from June 4-7, 2015. Come early, or stay late to take advantage of all that San Diego has to offer.

Optional events on Thursday will feature a Historic Trolley Tour of San Diego, the Seal Tour on San Diego Bay and a very special evening Sunset Dinner on the USS Midway. Friday events include a golf tournament, kayaking, biking, and a trip to the San Diego Zoo.

Make your room reservations now!! Call 1-800-772-8527 or book online at our FWSA room reservation site at <http://bit.ly/FWSA-lodging>. When calling for a room reservation, be sure to reference our group name - Far West Ski Association. Our special group rate offers a choice of accommodations in one of the high-rise towers, or a charming garden bungalow. Free Wi-Fi in guest rooms is included. For complete details about all the Salute to San Diego - Convention meetings, educational seminars and events, visit www.fwsa.org. The website for the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center is located at www.towncountry.com. For additional information, contact Eileen Sanford, Host Council Convention Coordinator at esanford1@san.rr.com.



**PICTURES
FROM
PREVIOUS
MONTHS**





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2014–2015

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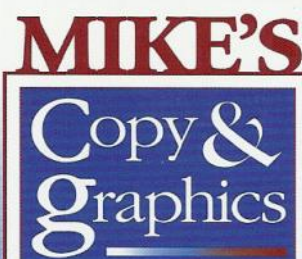
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