



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

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



Larry, Michael, Steve and Ken, top of Northwestern lift. Mt. Bachelor

President's Message

So many wonderful things happen in our ski club, it gets increasingly harder to keep up, and to remember all of the events and activities.

40+ SLO Skiers just returned from a wonderful week getting to know the finer points of dining and partying in Bend, Oregon and skiing Mt. Bachelor. Thank you, **Lauren Nagle** and travel staff support, **Sharon Page**, **Bonnie Long**, **Barbara Collins**. A BIG thanks also goes out to **Mike Long** for standing in as photographer for the trip. Can't wait to see the photos, Mike!



Jana Favalora was not duly thanked for arranging our January dine-around. It sounded like a fun time was had by all. Anyone else interested in organizing a dine-around? You contact the board, you pick a date that will work, you pick the location, you develop the flyer, I will help you advertise it on Meetup.

Pete Sarafian, thanks for organizing the 'rain hike'. It worked!!

Thank you to all of our club members who donated food and money to the SLO Food Bank. And a special thank you to **Kathleen O'Neill** for keeping all of us focused on holiday giving, arranging a very nice presentation of our \$1,000 check to the Food Bank, and following up with an article in the Tribune.

Mammoth Mountain finally received some significant snow, but just a little too late for our scheduled March 5-8 Mammoth Mountain ski trip. That trip has been cancelled. You do still have one opportunity to ski Mammoth with some of your favorite club friends. The final trip for this season has been adjusted slightly to accommodate a stellar performance by our own **Kathy Steele**. Kathy will be performing at the Edison Theatre in Mammoth Lakes beginning on April 9th. Our trip will be a Tuesday-Friday trip, April 7-10. We will be attending Kathy's opening night performance on Thursday, April 9th, before heading home on the 10th. A trip and performance you just might not want to miss!

Got questions about ski trips? Contact **Lauren Nagle** about the Big White trip: mInskier@gmail.com. Contact **Fran Long** about Mammoth: fancat87@gmail.com. Interested in Whitefish? Go to www.fwsa.org for all the information on that trip.

Spotlight on Jana Favalora

Congratulations, Jana, upon being selected as the SLO Skier of the Month for January. Jana has been a 'behind the scenes' support SLO Skiers for several years. She is our webmaster, keeps our calendar up to date, and sets us up to be able to communicate with one another electronically. Additionally, Jana hosts at least one wine down and one dine around each year.



Jana was a member of SLO Skiers for five years in the early 90's, took a bit of time off, and has been a member again for the past six years. Jana originally joined the club because she was invited by friends to meet other fun people in a happy hour type meeting setting, in a nice setting (Embassy Suites). Years later, she rejoined the club to enjoy our week long trips. Although only an occasional skier, Jana enjoys the many other events on our trips, and the friendships she has developed.

Jana says it's hard to say how long she's been skiing, even though it sounds like it's been over 40 years! She learned at Crystal Mountain in Washington in the late 70s (two days total), skied a few days in Mammoth in the early 80s, skied 3-4 days a year on the week-long trips after joining the club in the early 90s, a couple of days at Sierra Summit in the early 2000's and since rejoining the club about six years ago, 1-2 days a year on the club's week-long trips. I

Jana has a variety of hobbies and interests, including crafts, movies, dancing (she is a great dancer), game nights, and travel. A little known fact about Jana...she served three years in the Army as a cook.

SLO Skiers' Calendar of Events



March 8 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 5) and flyer Page 11

March 30 thru April 4, 2015 Whitefish, Montana Ski Trip (See Page 7)

April 7, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 6)

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

June 19 thru June 23, 2015 FWSA Mississippi River Boat Cruise (See Page 7)

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.

BIG WHITE, BRITISH COLUMBIA, MARCH 21ST TO 28TH

The trip so many of us have been waiting for is just around the corner! 56 SLO Skiers are traveling to Canada to experience the renowned powder snow. Truth be told, any kind of snow will be welcome. The majority of us will be flying from San Francisco straight into Kelowna. A bus has been arranged to take us to San Francisco. If you haven't received an email regarding the bus, contact Lauren asap! The town of Kelowna is 35 miles from the ski resort.

Before each week long trip we have an informational get together. Allan and Lori Margulieux have graciously agreed to have the party at their lovely estate. The date is March 14. The 5:00PM meeting will be followed by dinner and social hour. Again, if you haven't received the details via email, contact Lauren. People who miss the pre-trip party **miss sooooo many important details**. The theme of this ski week is EASTER Parade. The ladies are wearing Easter bonnets at the Welcome and Farewell parties. There are two fun contests. First a silly and sexy sock contest..hmmm. Also a dry t-shirt contest with a funny and ski themed t-shirt winning semi valuable prizes.

We are staying at the Stonebridge Lodge in two bedroom, two bath luxury condos. The rooming lists will be available at the pre-trip party. If you didn't sign up in a foursome this is when you find out who you will be sharing a condo with. During the week there are two cooking contests. These contests are strictly **volunteer**. The gentlemen will show off their skill with delicious appetizers. The ladies will vie for the best dessert award. To make cooking easier for everyone there will be a grocery and liquor store stop on the way to the resort. Our condos are ski in and ski out. They are located a short walk from the beautiful European style village. The condo complex features an outdoor saltwater pool. Each unit has its own hot tub.

Now to the reason we go on ski trips...The ski resort is best known for its ghost trees and fluffy powder. A ½ powder lesson is included in the package. Hopefully there will be powder snow. If not, a lesson is always a good idea. There are many different types of runs serviced by 16 lifts. Everyone will have plenty of skiing on their favorite types of runs. There are 118 designated runs. Of the runs 18% are beginner, 54% are intermediate, 22% expert, and 6% extreme. The elevation at the base area is 5,757 feet, and 7,606 feet at the summit. There are 38 acres of night skiing available.

Many thanks go out to Barbara and Paul Collins. They have done the accounting and numerous lists that keep our trips organized. Anyone who thinks running a ski trip is easy, should talk to the Collins! They also helped pick out the beautiful accommodations you will be enjoying. Sharon Page has arranged several non ski activities including wine tasting in the Okanagan Valley. Thanks to her skill as treasurer we were able to take full advantage of the currency exchange rate. This allowed several extras for the group to enjoy. If you have questions, please email Lauren at mlnskier@gmail.com (the second letter is a small "L" not a 1).

Thanks to the 56 people who signed up for this trip!!

Lauren

Mammoth Mountain

2014-2015 Ski Trips

Trip Dates:

April 7-10
(Tuesday-Friday)

Trips Includes:

- Condo lodging for 3 nights
- Welcome Party
- Dinner
- Fun with friends!

Pricing:

- 2b/loft/3ba condo 6 people



Lift tickets NOT included

See you friends with a
Mammoth Pass for
potential discount buddy pass

Special Event:

Edison Theatre presents
Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike
Starring our own Kathy Steele!

To sign up see information below



Sign up before
March 15

Full payment due before
March 15

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds at this time

Make checks payable to:

Central Council of California, Inc.

Mail payment AND trip paperwork to:

Fran Long
PO Box 4395
Paso Robles, CA 93447

Payment Questions...

Need More Information...

Contact Fran...

email: fancat87@gmail.com
phone: 805 712-5781

FAR WEST MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Ship Skis - a New Benefits Partner: Our newest Benefits Partner is *Ship Skis*, located in West Palm Beach , Florida . What began as a company who shipped golf clubs, has now grown into something more. They are offering our members a \$5 discount on shipping your skis OR golf clubs to your favorite vacation destination. Check them out on our website: FWSA.org (Member Corner/Benefits), or on their website: shipskis.com.

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

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West Mini Ski Week 2015: This trip to ***Whitefish Mountain Resort*** , March 30 - April 4, 2015, includes 3-4 days of skiing, lodging at Grouse Mountain Lodge, both Welcome and Farewell Parties, and optional activities such as snowmobile tours, day spa, Glacier Park tours, dogsled adventures, sleigh rides, and more. Check out the Travel Section on the Far West website.

Far West International Trip 2015: We are still looking for people for our ***Val d'Isere*** trip in 2015. This International Ski Trip comes with a pre-trip to Paris , March 10-14, the main trip March 14-21, and a post-trip to Provence and the French Riviera March 21-28, 2015. There are actually 5 options for this trip: a) Paris & Val d'Isere; b) Val d'Isere Ski Week; c) Paris , Val d'Isere and Provence/French Riviera; d) Val d'Isere and Provence/French Riviera. Paris will NOT be sold alone, but you can do a Stand Alone trip to Provence and the French Riviera. (FWSA can assist you with transportation on a case by case basis). Contact Debbie Stewart for part or all of this incredible trip: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net.

Far West Mississippi River Trip: 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.

Meetup Tune-up

Several club members have expressed concern about receiving Snowmail's through Meetup. There can be a number of reasons why this is occurring. The first thing one should do is double check the email address you are using for your Meetup account. Make sure it is the email you want to use to receive your Snowmails, and make sure you didn't make a typo when you entered the email address. (It's amazing what we learn by doing...incorrectly!)

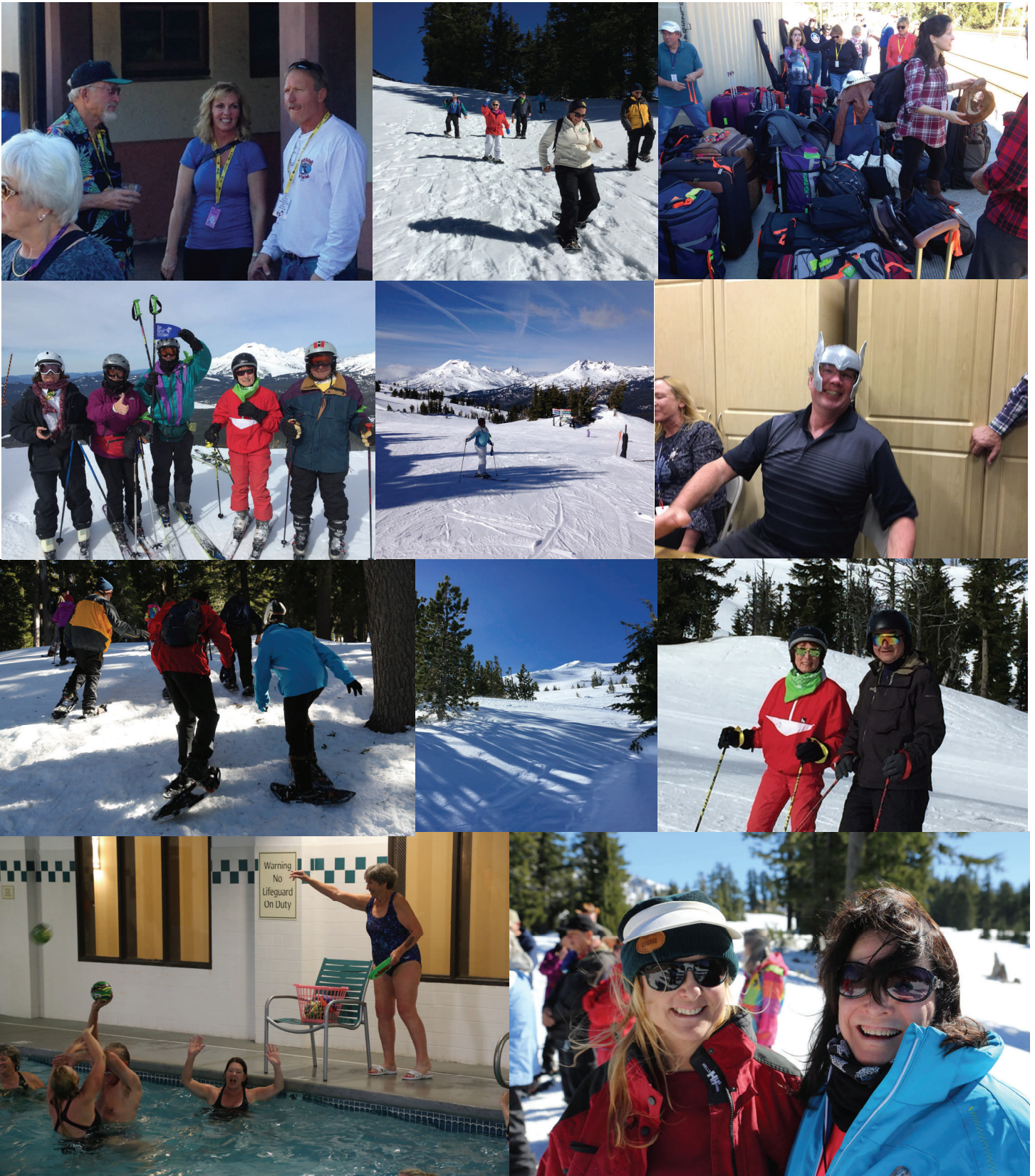
If all of that looks good, it may be that you have set your email settings in such a way that Meetup thinks you don't want to be bothered with emails (Snowmails) from Meetup. Here's how you can check this out:

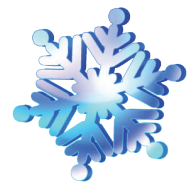
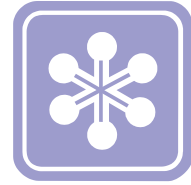
Once you are on the SLO Skiers Meetup home page, click on 'My Profile' and go down to 'email & notifications'. You will find a long list of email settings. I check every box, as these only apply to SLO Skiers emails, not all of Meetup. You can leave out things like 'member suggests a Meetup' or 'my Facebook friend joins the group', but don't leave anything out that talks about being notified of, or reminded of, a Meetup.

If you have tried all of this, and you still do not receive your Snowmails, contact Fran: fancat87@gmail.com. I will personally sit with you, and we will figure out the problem.

By the Wednesday meeting, you should receive a Snowmail with a link to your newsletter and reminder about the meeting. If you do not receive this Snowmail, first check to see if it is going in your spam or bulk mail file, then try the above solutions.

THE MOUNT BACHELOR TRIP





POP QUIZ FOR BEND OREGON TRIP PARTICIPANTS

CAN YOU NAME THE TWO “C’S”?

HINT: “Caroline” is doing “fine” and “Carolayne” is on the “train”.

CRATER LAKE EXCURSION TRIP





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