SLO SKIERS, INC. P.O. BOX 1047 SAN LUIS OBISPO CA 93406

MEETINGS Ist Wednesday of the month at the SLO Elks Lodge 222 Elks Lane, SLO

SOCIAL: 6:00pm MEETING: 7:00pm Board Meeting: 5:30pm

JOIN US Annual Dues: \$40 sloskiers.org

SUMMER BIKE RIDE SCHEDULE First Friday of the Month

UPCOMING RIDES:

July 3rd Bob Jones Trail I 0am

July 12th Location TBD Hosted by: Kara Edwall

Aug 7th Bob Jones Trail I 0am





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

JULY 2015

A Message From Our President...

SLO Skiers is lucky to have numerous active, supportive, and involved members. In addition to our many hard-working board members, we continually have members volunteering to plan, host, and/or help out with events. Special thanks go out this month to many such generous volunteers.

Thank you, Lauren Nagle, for leading the June 'First Friday' bike ride. I understand there were about 10 riders and twice as much fun. **Peter and June Ward**, thank you for planning and hosting our first BBQ of the season. I'm sorry I had to miss it, but I was still limping home from my Half Dome experience in Yosemite. I understand the crowd had a



President Fran Long

great time. **Kara Edwall** has planned, and will lead (by the time you get this newsletter), the Seven Sisters bike ride. Thank you, Kara, for completely handling this ride. It seems our hiking program continues to grow under the leadership of **Pete Sarafian**. Thank you, Pete, for planning and leading our monthly hikes. Again, by the time you read this newsletter, **Jana Favalora** will have hosted another fabulous wine down. Thank you for opening your home, and your cozy patio, to the SLO Skiers, Jana.

A very special thank you goes out to two of our hard-working board members who recently stepped down from their positions. **Helen Jacobsen**, photographer, and **Peter Jacobsen**, membership, love SLO Skiers AND love to travel. They will both still be around a lot, and they will both be seen helping out a lot, but they will also be off pursuing other adventures. Peter and Helen, thank you so much for so generously sharing your time with SLO Skiers.

In true SLO Skier form, when a need arises, someone steps up to fill that need. A big thank you to **Jana Favalora**, stepping in as our new photographer; and to **Teresa Rice**, stepping in as our new membership chairperson. Welcome to your new positions on the board.

There are a couple of second meetings of the month in the works for your consideration. A second Meetup training will be held in August. Emailing all members (I now know how to do this) and making sure your settings are set to get you the information you want, and NOT get the information you do not want, will definitely be on the list of topics covered. In September, we will have a presentation on traveling affordably, specifically including house swapping. Hopefully, both will be on the third Wednesday of the month. Watch for more details as the dates get a bit closer.

Congratulations to our May SLO Skier of the Month, **Diane Mandala**. Diane is a 'get it done' kind of lady. She quietly volunteers whenever the need arises...a monthly BBQ, ways and means, wine down... She is a very energetic organizer and doer, and you couldn't ask for a better ambassador for the SLO Skiers.

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JUNE BIKE RIDE by Barbara Collins

The weather was perfect for our summer bicycle ride, first Friday of every summer month, on the Bob Jones trail to the Port San Luis Pier. Some hearty and athletic members, Lauren Nagle, Bonnie Long and Mike Long, started their ride from the Elks Lodge in San Luis Obispo. Chris Lopez and Barbara Collins started with the group from the parking lot at the beginning of the Bob Jones trail at: Ontario Road. Steve Thatcher joined us for a delightful lunch at Woodstone Market & Deli.



MARCHING MULTITUDE MANIFEST MAYHEM

by Pete Sarafian (one of the 99%)

The number of hikers, sixteen, Was the most we've ever seen. We did a big loop, All in a "swell foop," On a day that became clear and serene.

We went up some hills and down dales. The Johnson Ranch never fails, To elicit some smiles, Even after three miles, And finally resting our tails.

We lunched in SLO and sat outside, So beautiful we could have cried, Let's do it again, Not today? Ok, when? In July, that's a day bona fide!



From left to right- Kathleen O'Neill, Mike Long, Carolyne Holley, Steve Balog, Bonnie Long, Julie Page, Steve Silberstein, Mary Silberstein, Thom and Sharon page, Lauren Nagel, pete Sarafian (kneeling), Teresa Rice, Janet Leonard and Chris Lopez

Photo credit—Tara Thorlakson

SLO SKIERS TURTLE AUCTION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

South Bay Community Center, Los Osos

The Turtle Auction is going to be here sooner than you think and the success of the auction depends on YOU! Please help the SLO Skiers Club have another successful event by making a donation.

Put your thinking cap on. What will you be donating this year? Do you have a hidden talent or service? How 'bout a weekend get-away or vacation rental? Do you have extra bottles of wine that you know you'll never have time to enjoy? Can you help with these ideas?

- Wines from around the world
 - Pampered Pooch Package
- 4 Tickets to a San Francisco Giants baseball game
 - Enjoy a weekend in style with a Porsche Boxter
 - A Sunset Cocktail Party for 10
 - Beerology and Pizza for up to 15 people
 - River Rafting Adventure
 - Napa Valley Get-Away
 - Gourmet Dining Package
 - Dinner and a Show

• Homemade Desserts for a year (one each month) Need more ideas? Contact Stacey....she has lots of ideas to share!



Back by popular demand is our summer Bike & Camp trip to Monterey. We will be camping at the Monterey County Fairgrounds (MCF). The reason we chose MCF is location, location, location. The facility is located close to the bike trail.

The bike ride will start Saturday at 10 am from the MCF. We will bike through the Cannery Row area towards the beautiful 17 mile drive. The round trip ride is approximately 20 miles and is rated beginner/intermediate. The scenery is world famous. Be sure to bring a helmet, water, and money for lunch. After the ride on Saturday we will have our usual group wine down. We plan to pack up and head home around noon on Sunday.

The club has reserved 4 RV spaces in the overflow grassy area. We chose to reserve spaces there to accommodate parking of the larger rigs. Tents are no longer allowed in the RV area. However you can sleep in the back of your SUV or truck. You may also consider sleeping on a cot under one of the RV awnings. Visit the MCF website at www.montereycountyfair.com for more details. For those of you that like a bit of luxury there is no shortage of lovely hotels/motels in the area.

To amp up for the fun on Saturday and Sunday, the Scottish Games and Celtic Festival is happening at MCF on August I & 2. Check out the next page! The Festival features a weekend of fun. Athletic competition is Caber toss, weights for distance and heavy hammer. Wow...that sounds interesting. The Scottish Clans will be in attendance in their full regalia. You can also enjoy one of Scotland's best exports at the Single Malt Whiskey Tasting. You can purchase your tickets in advance at montereyscotgames.com.

Check In/Out: Starts at Ipm. Gates close at 8pm. Check out time is noon.
Meals: Friday night dinner you're on your own.
Amenities: RV spaces have full hookups (electrical 20/30/50 amp, water and sewer).
Activities: There is a golf course located right next door.
Rates: RV spaces are \$50/night. You get 10% off as a senior over 65. The extra vehicle fee is \$5/ night. That fee has NOT been prepaid.
Payment Due: \$50 payable to SLO Skiers, P.O. Box 1047, SLO 93406. Be sure to write "Monterey Camping" on your check. Full payment is due by July 1

Lauren will also be collecting money at the meeting on June 3. Questions? Email Lauren at mlnskier@gmail.com or call 805-636-0477. If you are staying in a motel please let me know for planning purposes.



HAPPY TRAILS! LAUREN



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Back by popular demand is the acclaimed "Classic Drum Major Contest" featuring world class Drum Majors. The Drum Majors parade the pipe band while showing off their skills for the honor of top Drum Major of the Monterey Games



Single Malt Whisky Tasting

Come enjoy one of Scotland's greatest exports—fine, single malt Scotch Whisky. Our Whisky Tasting event will provide you with a greater understanding of the history, distillation process and various tasting characteristics of fine Whiskies.



The Monterey Scottish dames & Celtic Festival HOME OF KILTS, CELTS & KINGST

AUGUST 1 & 2, 2015





Nearly 50 years of tradition competition and performance

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Summer Bike Schedule

As you can see by the schedule below, there are still plenty of opportunities to hop on your bike and take a bike riding adventure with your SLO Skier friends. Check out the schedule below and join your fellow SLO Skiers for a series of superb summer (and spring) bike rides. Mark your calendar with the following bike ride dates. Exact locations and times will be announced on Meetup and in the newsletters. Some rides with be local, and some will be combined with a campout. ALL rides

with have something to offer to everyone!



Friday, July 3rd First Friday Bob Jones Trail Ride
Sunday, July 12th Location TBD—host Kara Edwall
Thu-Sun, July 30-August 2, Monterey Camp & Bike—host Lauren Nagle
Friday, August 7th First Friday Bob Jones Trail Ride
Sunday, August 16th Location TBD
Friday, September 4th First Friday Bob Jones Trail Ride
Sunday, September 20th Location TBD
Fri-Sun, October 2-4 Morro Bay Camp & Bike—Weekend campout in
Morro Bay with other Central California ski clubs—host Pete Sarafian
Sunday, October 10th Templeton Wine & Roses 30 Mile Ride, Register
now at: wineandrosesride.com—host Fran Long

Contact Fran with questions, or if you would be interested in hosting one of the rides email her at fancat87@gmail.com. As you can see we have lots of rides without a leader.

Far West Ski Association Dive Trip

September 26 - October 3, 2015

Join the Far West Ski Association for the annual Far West Dive Trip 2015. The destination this year is **Plaza Beach Resort, Bonaire**. The Diver package price is \$1,115, with the non-diver price at \$836. This price includes 7 nights lodging in a Junior Suite (double occupancy), all meals



and drinks (alcohol included), use of paddle boards, kayaks, and catamarans, 6 days of 2-tank boat dives and unlimited shore diving. Airport transfers are also included.

This is an extraordinary trip. You'll have time to explore and experience the local culture, or simply relax and enjoy the resort. Check out the Far West website, or contact Randy Lew, your Trip Leader at: <u>fwsal3randy@telis.org</u>. Limited group air is available on Delta Airlines RT from Los Angeles to Bonaire estimated at \$725 per person.

MORRO BAY CAMPOUT October 2-4, 2015

CENTRAL COUNCIL, FRESNO SKI CLUB, & SLO SKIERS



Join the SLO Skiers and Fresno Ski Club for a Weekend of Fun in Morro Bay

- · Camp 2 Nights, Friday and Saturday
- BBQ Saturday Night
- Bike Ride on Saturday
- · Golf on Saturday (Additional Cost)
- No Host Kayaking/Paddleboarding/Hiking Available (Additional Cost)

Limited Camping Available

- No hookups
- · Sites for one RV plus tent
- 6 People/Site
- 3 Vehicles/Site
- Purchase entire site & share with your friends

Questions?

Contact Fran Long fancat87@gmail.com

Trip Cost:

- \$90.00 Camp Fee + Saturday BBQ
- \$16.00 BBQ Only (Each Person)

Payment:

- Make Checks Payable to Central Council
- Mail Payment to: Fran Long PO Box 4395 Paso Robles, CA 93447

VAIL LIFT PASS, YOU HAVE TO LOVE A BARGAIN!

In case you haven't heard there are two SLO Skiers weeklong trips where you will be able to use a Vail pass. Just to sweeten the deal these passes are good for **LOTS** more than just 10 days of skiing. The trip to South Lake Tahoe will be February 20th to 26th. The lift tickets without the Vail pass will approximately \$375 for 5 days. The lift ticket cost for the Park City trip March 19th to 26th) will be approximately \$295. Total cost for both trips for lift tickets \$670. You can purchase the Tahoe Local Pass for \$479. That gives you 5 days at another Vail owned resort (Park City) plus unlimited skiing at Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood 7 days a week with limited holiday restrictions. The holiday restrictions are basically for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Martin Luther King Day and President's Day. Most of us avoid the crowds and don't ski then anyway. IF you think there is a chance you will ski for more than 5 days at another Vail owned resort the Vail Local Pass for \$579 is a great bargain. If you are only planning on skiing for 5 days at Park City go with the Tahoe Local Pass. See the sign up sheets for each pass in this month's Turtle Gazette for all the details. Remember these passes must be purchased by August 25th.



IT IS UP IN THE AIR!

March 19th to 26th. Mark that on you travel calendar! The air fare for the Park City trip is still being negotiated. I can tell you we the lodging is the best quality and convenient to town and skiing. Look up Park Station on the internet. www.parkcitylodging.com/.../Park-Station-The condos are two bedroom and two bath. The property is very well appointed. Those of you who attend the SLO Skiers week long trips know that every detail is well thought out with your fun in mind. The property is located at Main Street and the Town Lift. It is a short walk to the FUN city of Park City. Park City was recently named by Sunset Magazine as the number on ski destination in the US. It is home to the US Ski team. In 2002 the area hosted the Olympics. The town is a must see even if you don't ski. There are wonderful restaurants and bars steps from your condos. Another BIG plus is Park City is 32 miles from the Salt Lake City ease of access. Since it is a large airport there are International Airport. The road to Park City is a major highway. numerous flights daily. Not a windy mountain road. In fact the transportation between Park City and Salt Lake City is convenient and affordable. You might consider a trip into SLC during our visit. The SLO Skiers requested visiting this great resort and you will NOT be disappointed. Oh, and just another tidbit of information. The theme of the ski week is "DISNEY". Wouldn't Lori Margulieux make a beautiful "Cinderella"?

Questions..contact Lauren...mlnskier@gmail.com

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First BBQ of the Year! The SLO Skiers celebrated the 1st BBQ of the Year event at Spyglass Park in Pismo Beach. This was a potluck event with tons of food, fun and wine. A great time was had by all!



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Conclusion of Stranded in Russia by SLO Skier, Helen Jacobsen

In Part 3 Helen was approaching her train's destination. As she tried to get off the train with all of her luggage a large German lady got in her way. Remember the trains only stop for a minute. As Helen was heading towards the door to debark it abruptly closed. She screamed, "Stop the train" as she pulled on the emergency cord. Absolutely nothing happened and the train proceeded on.

All the commotion now woke up the drug dealer. Seeing how upset I was, he tried to calm me down. He reassured me I could get off at the next stop, and catch the next train back. Well I thought, after all I had been through, I could certainly survive this delay. At the next stop, the



young man helped me get my luggage off in a hurry and wished me all the best.

I watched the train pull away. I glanced around for a ticket booth. A kind; elderly man looked at me, all disheveled, and asked if he could help. I explained I needed a ticket for the train going back, as I had missed my stop. He said in his broken English "The train back is tomorrow at 9am."

That's when I finally lost it. I started crying and digging in my pouch for the itinerary that had the name and phone number of the hotel in Schyling. Between the sobs, I managed to ask the station clerk if I could use his phone. I dialed, and heard a cheerful voice saying, "Good Morning."

I missed the stop, sob, I don't know where I am, sob, she wouldn't let me off the train, sob, sob, I am with the Far West Ski Association, sob. The hotel clerk asked where I was. Unable to talk, I handed the phone to the railway clerk. He explained where we were, and handed the phone back to me. Still blubbering helplessly I heard him say between my sobs, we are sending a van to pick you up. We will be there in a little over forty minutes. I tried to thank him, but I doubt he could even understand me.

Right on time this white chariot of a van arrived and my rescuer hopped out. I was sitting on the curb looking like I had already been run over twice, surrounded by the perpetual pile of luggage. It must have been easy for him to spot me. He loaded my luggage and I pinched myself to be sure I wasn't dreaming, was I really on the last leg to the hotel?

We arrived at the beautiful, gorgeous, fantastic hotel. It was like an oasis in a desert of snow to me. My bags vanished from the van and reappeared in my room. The best magic trick ever. I wobbled up to the counter, I had been up now for over thirty hours, and managed somehow to check in. I headed up to my room, passing by the dining area. The entire Far West Ski group was in there having a late breakfast. The second they spotted me, the room erupted with applause, tears of joy, massive hugs, and an onslaught of questions. They were all so very worried about me. As the chaos died down I assured them I would tell everyone the very long story of my adventure that night at dinner.

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A good friend of mine Christine, who was of German descent, had mentioned she was headed off to church that morning. I asked if I could go with her, even though I knew the sermon would be in German. I needed to thank God, for all the angels he had sent to help me on every step of this journey.

About the passport and what happened to it. There are two distinct schools of thought. I could have lost it at the Russian Culture Center, or it could have been stolen. The Russian Culture Center wasn't in the best part of town. We were told it was run by the Russian Mafia. Maybe word got back to the neighborhood boss that a pouch was found with press credentials. He might have been concerned about the bad press and made sure it got back to me.

We had another odd thing happen on our last night in Russia before we left. A group of about six of us were having dinner together in a local restaurant. I had my passport pouch inside my ski jacket pocket that was on the back of my chair. A Russian lady sitting next to us came over to our table and stood behind me. She looked around and asked us the strangest question. She said, "I have a dear friend here in Russia I am visiting, and I wanted to give her a gift. Do you think I should give her flowers or something practical like a chicken to eat? We all looked at each other dumb founded. How would a bunch of Americans know what is etiquette in Russia? We suggested perhaps the chicken would be more practical. As a group, we later thought how odd that she would ask us that question. Was it a distraction while she picked my pocket? I am almost positive that the Russian Mafia was still responsible for the end result, getting the passport pouch back to me because of the press credential.

Philosophical thought: This adventure taught me many things. I am more resilient and resourceful than I ever imagined, and there is an abundance of really wonderful people all around the world that will help another person when they are in need. I know one-on-one the world is amaz-ing! Perhaps if we had less government and politics, ordinary people would get along just fine.

Come Join us in Morro Bay for the July 15th BBQ!

WHO—Ski Club Members and Guests

WHAT—BBQ! Bring something to cook, your favorite beverage and a food dish to share. The Club will provide fire, BBQ utensils, cups, paper plates, napkins and tableware. Bring a coat just in case of foggy weather.

WHERE—Tidelands Park at the south end of Embarcadero Avenue in Morro Bay

WHEN—Come as early as 5:00 p.m. and help with the set-up. Fire ready by 5:30 p.m.



WHY– A good time!!!

TAHOE LOCALS PASS \$479. PURCHASE THROUGH THE CLUB!!

Unlimited skiing or riding at Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood 7 days a week, with limited holiday restrictions. Saturdays included at all resorts. 5 total restricted days at Vail, Beaver Creek and three other resorts.

Access with limited restrictions to: Heavenly, Northstar, and Kirkwood *Saturdays included at all resorts. *NEW* Now includes 5 days with limited restrictions to: Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Park City and Arapahoe Basin. Restrictions:

- Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood, Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, Park City & Arapahoe Basin restricted: 11/27/15-11/28/15, 12/26/15-12/31/15, 1/16/16, 2/13/16-2/14/16.
- Additional Tickets: 6 Ski-With-A-Friend tickets. Unlimited half-price tickets to Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone, and Park City. Halfoff pass holder tickets available for purchase during blackout dates at Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood

You might also consider the Vail Local Pass for \$579

THIS PASS LETS YOU SKI MORE DAYS AT PARK CITY PLUS THE VAIL OWNED COLORADO RESORTS FOR ONLY \$100 MORE THAN THE TAHOE LOCAL PASS. CONSIDER THIS IS YOU PLAN TO SKI MORE PLACES OR MORE DAYS THAN THE 2 SLO SKIER TRIPS.

Unlimited Breckenridge, Keystone, A-Basin and two others. Date-restricted access to Park City, Heavenly, Canyons and two others. 10 restricted days at Vail/Beaver Creek.

Unlimited access to: Breckenridge, Keystone, Alfton Alps, Mt. Brighton, Arapahoe Basin 10 total restricted days at: Vail, and Beaver Creek

Limited restrictions at: Park City, Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood

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THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR PAYMENT IN FULL BY AUGUST 25TH. QUESTIONS?? CONTACT LAUREN mlnskier@gmail.com

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