

SLO SKIERS, INC.

P.O. BOX 1047
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CA 93406

MEETINGS 1st 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:

AUG 7th

Bob Jones
Pathway
10am

AUG 16th

TBD

SEPT 4th

Bob Jones
Pathway
10am



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

www.sloskiers.org

AUGUST 2015

A Message From Our President...

July boasts activities galore, both club sponsored and individual, for our active SLO Skiers group. Our members travel far and wide and close to home in pursuit of the activities and people that bring joy to their lives. Shout outs go to a number of such busy SLO Skiers for helping the rest of us in those pursuits.

Kara Edwall, thank you for leading both our July bike rides. As one of the travelers, I was unable to attend either of your rides...maybe I'll stick closer to home in August. I hear there was an excellent wine down at the home of **Diane Mandala**. Those who went all agree, thank you for opening your home to the SLO

Skiers. Thanks for the July hike at San Simeon Point, **Pete Sarafian**. You are getting quite a group of hikers each month. Must be the poetry!

Special thanks to **Steve Thatcher**, our almost crutch-less VP, for helping out during the month of July while I have been gallivanting about the country, visiting friends, catching up with family, and spending some quiet time alone hiking in the mid-west humidity.

We have made some changes to the upcoming second meetings of the month. A second Meetup training will be held in September, not August...conflicted with something much more fun...our BBQ-less monthly BBQ in Templeton Park. 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 October, not 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 June SLO Skier of the Month, **Pete Sarafian**. We all know Pete as the hiking poet, corny as the poetry may be. Lesser known, is Pete's other responsibility with the SLO Skiers. Pete is also our publicity chair, and he does a fine job of keeping the SLO Skiers known to the outside world.



President Fran Long



July Hike Rhyme, In Nick of Time

It seemed the most beautiful coast, was our current July hiking host.
San Simeon Point was the site, everything worked about right.

A day later, we would have been toast!
(The torrential rains hit the next day.)

The weather and scenes were sublime, and we made it in the bare nick of time.
And this ain't no bull, we saw four that were full,
Of whatever; we hoofed it back double time.

Lunch at Sebastian's Store, left everyone crying for more.
The food and the folks, the talk and the jokes,
Satisfied all to the core.



Enjoying the sights are from left to right: Pete Sarafian, Teri Winston (kneeling), Bonnie Long, Kara Edwall, Kathleen Cronin & Nancy Brown.

Photo courtesy of Mike Long

SLO SKIERS TURTLE AUCTION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

South Bay Community Center, Los Osos

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

Food and Drinks provided



Live and Silent Auction Items

- * Vacation Homes
- * Handyman Services
- * Gift Certificates
- * Gourmet Dining
- * Gift Baskets
- * Artwork
- * Jewelry
- * Home Decor
- * Hand-crafted Items
- * Painting Services

& much, much, more!



**BUBBLE DOWN,
FRIDAY, AUG 7TH 6:00 PM**
1667 PARTRIDGE DRIVE
SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA



A new twist to an existing SLO Skiers concept!
Bring champagne, or bring wine if you prefer.
Just come and enjoy the fun!
And don't forget your appetizer to share.
A salad bar and birthday cake will be provided

As a part of this Bubble Down
We will be honoring Sandy Bane
with a champagne toast
for her ?? Big ?? birthday
(A former 2 time SLO Skiers President)
You do not need to know Sandy to attend!
Just come and enjoy the usual fun.

You hosts for this event:
Lauren Nagle and Fran Long
(Please RSVP on Meetup)

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

(IN LIEU OF BBQ)

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19TH
5:00PM to 8:30PM

Templeton Community Park

Located at 6th & Crocker Streets

MONTE MILLS
AND THE
LUCKY HORSESHOE BAND

LOOK FOR SLO SKIERS FLAG!
BRING A DISH TO SHARE, LOW-BACK CHAIR, BLANKET TO SIT ON, SWEATER OR JACKET (it can get cold!)

EXPECT TO HAVE FUN!!!!

Questions? Call Diane Mandala at 720-1555
or email at dianemandala@remax.net

Seven Sisters Bike Ride

We missed the July Gazette but still wanted you all to know about our fun Seven Sisters Bike Ride which took place on Sunday, June 28th,

Kara Edwall challenged us to a ride around the ancient volcanoes. It was a beautiful day with a slight wind on our climb on Los Osos Valley Road. Then onto South Bay Blvd. to view the beautiful Morro Bay Estuary. We made a full loop by going south on Route 1 to O'Connor Way. A good 20 miles for an end of the month ride!

Kara wants everyone to come join us for more exciting rides!



Pictured are: Barbara Collins, Mike Long, Steve Balog, Julie Page, and our fearless leader Kara Edwell!

Bike Ride Update

by Kara Edwell

There were two great rides in July. We had quite a bit of company along the Bob Jones Trail, as lots of other locals were enjoying the sunshine and scenery in Avila on the first Friday of the month. We replenished our energy stores with a great lunch at Taco Roco afterwards. Later in the month we rode from San Luis Obispo down to Pismo Beach and back, with a stop at the Avila Valley Barn to cool down with some ice cream (so delicious!). Big thanks to Barbara Collins, Lauren Nagle and Teresa Rice for making it out for one (or both!) of these rides, and making them so much fun!



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 will be local, and some will be combined with a campout. ALL rides will have something to offer to everyone!

Friday, August 7th First Friday Bob Jones Trail Ride

Sunday, August 16th Location TBD, ride hosted by Kara Edwell

Friday, September 4th First Friday Bob Jones Trail Ride

Sunday, September 20th Location TBD, ride hosted by Kara Edwell

Fri-Sun, October 2-4 Morro Bay Camp & Bike—Weekend campout in Morro Bay with other Central California ski clubs—**weekend hosted by Fran Long, ride hosted by Pete Sarafian**

Sunday, October 10th Templeton Wine & Roses 30 Mile Ride, Register now at: wineandrosesride.com—**hosted by Fran Long**



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

August Philanthropy Update Michael Kresbach, Philanthropy Officer

This recognition is overdue but I would like to thank Steve Balog and Julie Page for their volunteer work they did at the April 30th Amp Surf fundraising golf tournament. Steve and Julie spent in support of Amp Surf before and during the tournament 30 hours of work and 200 hundred miles of driving. Thank you so very much for your support of the clubs philanthropy goals. We appreciate your efforts and contribution of time and gas.

We gave 15 pounds of creams and toiletries (thanks Paul & Barbara Collins for their big donation of creams) to the El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO) in Atascadero. ECHO is the North County homeless shelter that is supported by many businesses, individuals and the cities of Atascadero and Paso Robles. ECHO's focus is to help families and individuals to get back on their feet with providing guidance and assistance in finding jobs, housing and other needs. They have a very nice facility that sleeps 50 individuals and all beds are full at this time. You can learn more about ECHO at their website at www.echoshelter.net.

On August 29, 2015, from 9:30-11:30am ECHO will have their 4th Annual Long Walk Home. This a walking event in Atascadero to raise funds for ECHO. I will be walking and would like to get a team of SLO Skiers together for this event. The donation is \$30 per individual. If you are interested let me know at the August meeting or by email. You can check out the event at their website above.

Good times at the Wine Down!

Thank you Diane Mandala for hosting a great Wine Down event at your beautiful home.



**SLO SKIERS
MONTHLY RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS
JULY 2015**

MAIN CHECKING ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

Date	Description	Expense	Income	Balance
7/1/2015	Beginning Balance			\$ 40,366.95
7/16/2015	Peter Ward-June BBQ Expense	\$ 44.93		\$ 40,322.02
7/20/2015	State Board of Equalization-Annual Filing	\$ 197.00		\$ 40,125.02

TRUST CHECKING ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

Date	Description	Expense	Income	Balance
7/1/2015	Beginning Balance			\$ 1,379.44
7/4/2015	Monterey Deposit		\$ 85.00	\$ 1,464.44
7/4/2015	Ski Pass Deposit		\$ 2,116.00	\$ 3,580.44
7/4/2015	Forest Suites-Tahoe Deposit	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 2,580.44
7/11/2015	Monterey Refunds	\$ 335.00		\$ 2,245.44

MAIN SAVINGS ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

	Description	Expense	Income	Balance
7/1/2015	Beginning Balance			\$ 1,001.20
7/31/2015	Interest		\$ 0.01	\$ 1,001.21

TRUST SAVINGS ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION

Date	Description	Expense	Income	Balance
7/1/2015	Beginning Balance			\$ 1,001.20
7/31/2015	Interest		\$ 0.01	\$ 1,001.21

TOTAL OF CLUB ACCOUNTS \$ 44,372.88

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

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, OUR IN STATE WEEKLONG TRIP

Are you convinced that there is a very real possibility El Nino is returning to the West Coast? The experts are predicting a great winter. What better time to ski at beautiful Lake Tahoe? The trip is scheduled for prime time; **February 20th to 27th**. We are staying at the conveniently located Forest Suites. The hotel features a full breakfast each morning. It is a very short walk to the Heavenly gondola loading area. Lift tickets included in the package will be for Heavenly, Kirkwood, and Northstar. If you are going on this trip and the Park City trip in March you will save heaps of money by purchasing a Vail Pass. You might be saying, "What does Vail have to do with these two trips?" In case you don't know, Vail Associates owns these three Tahoe Resorts and Park City/Canyons. The three ski resorts offer different types of skiing. Heavenly is huge and has the best snowmaking in the area



Heavenly; 97 trails. Terrain is varied from wide open cruisers to plunging 1,600 foot chutes/28 chairlifts 9 of which are high speed/4,800 skiable acres/3500 feet of vertical/10,067 elevation/3 terrain parks/expert areas at Mott and Killebrew Canyons/

Kirkwood; 86 trails, 12% beginner, 30% intermediate, 38% advanced, 20% expert/15 chairlifts/2,300 skiable acres/2000 feet vertical/average snowfall 354"/longest trail 2.5 miles/ 80km of groomed cross country trails.

Northstar; 97 trails, Beginner 13%, Intermediate 60%, Advanced 27%/20 chairlifts, 2 gondolas/3,170 skiable acres/2,280 feet vertical/elevation 8,610/23.7 km of cross country skiing/50% of the mountain has snowmaking.

**ADD THESE FABULOUS STATISTICS TOGETHER, THROW IN BEAUTIFUL SCENERY -
SIGN UPS WILL START AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!!**



Now let's talk about some of the fun activities scheduled for this trip- There will be a welcome and farewell party. We are also looking into a apres ski party at the top of Heavenly and another get together on the Tahoe Queen. The activities we enjoy are based on two things. The rebates we receive for the number of people on the trip and how much the club is able to donate to our fun. Your support of the auction allows extra money for your trip activities.

PARK CITY, MARCH 19th to 26th

\$1324 or LESS..INCLUSIVE...!!

I'm writing this article in green because of the fabulous **savings in MONEY!!** Who doesn't love a bargain?

This trip is all about unbelievable skiing at a bargain price. Vail Associates who own Park City and Canyons Ski Area is spending **\$50 MILLION in the largest ski area expansion** in the history of American skiing. Part of that expansion will involve combining 2 wonderful ski areas via The Interconnect Gondola. There will be upgrades to the PC King Cong and Motherlode Lifts. Another wad of money will be spent improving dining and day lodge facilities. Additional snowmaking and other improvements will be completed this summer. Park City and Canyons prior to the expansion were great places to ski. With the two resorts combined even our most advanced skiers will have plenty of ski runs to explore. Consider this, the **US Ski Team** chose Park City as their home base. If it is good enough for the **Olympians** it is good enough for us!

Now let's talk about saving you, the **SMART SLO SKIER** a bundle of **your money**. The inclusive price includes air fare out of San Francisco. I am still negotiating to get a better price out of San Jose airport. I will have an answer on that by August 11th. A notice will go out via email if my negotiations are successful. Even at this price the trip **WITH air** and transfers is less than the most weeklong trips. The transfer from the International airport in Salt Lake City to the resort is on a super highway. The travel time is minimal. After traveling from SLO to Utah who wants to spent a long bus ride getting to the resort? We will be staying at Park Station condos. The units are 2 bedroom 2 baths. They are a short walk to the Town lift and downtown Park City. I've never stayed at the complex but I've been told it is one of the nicest in town. It definitely has one of the **BEST** ski hill locations. Park City was recently named Sunset Magazine's # 1 Ski Destination. The reason for the popularity is simple. The town is a fun, interesting, vibrant place to visit even if you don't ski. Combine that with having 7300 acres of some of the best ski terrain and you know why this is going to be a fabulous trip. The package includes 5 days of lifts at Park City/Canyons, transfers to and from the airport, a welcome and farewell party, plus our usual hospitality suite fun events.

DID I MENTION THE PRICE???? WOW! Sign ups will begin at the September meeting. We only have 46 air seats. Questions, email Lauren at mlnskier@gmail.com.

VAIL PASSES MUST BE PURCHASED BY AUGUST 25TH. THERE ARE FORMS THAT MUST BE COMPLETED. IF YOU GO ON THE TAHOE AND PARK CITY TRIP YOU WILL BE SAVING OVER \$100 ON SKIING. DO THE MATH! BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK TO THE AUGUST MEETING...

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. Half-off 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, Alton Alps, Mt. Brighton, Arapahoe Basin

10 total restricted days at: Vail, and Beaver Creek

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

Restrictions: Vail, Beaver Creek, Park City, Heavenly, Northstar & Kirkwood restricted 11/27/15-11/28/15, 12/26/15-12/31/15, 1/15/16, 2/13/16-2/14/16.

Additional Tickets: Ski-With-A-Friend tickets. Half-off pass holder tickets available for purchase during blackout dates at Park City, Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood.

THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR PAYMENT IN FULL BY AUGUST 25TH.

QUESTIONS?? CONTACT LAUREN mlnskier@gmail.com

Telluride Ski Week

So many choices, so little time. As you make your ski decisions for the 2016 ski season, SLO Skiers has not two, but three, weeklong options for your skiing pleasure. Telluride kicks off the weeklong season, taking place January 30-February 6. Also in February is our every other year Tahoe ski trip. We'll be at south shore again for this trip. The final trip, which takes place mid March is to Park City, Utah. You will see lots of information on this trip in the newsletter as well.



I do have some new information for you regarding the Telluride trip. I was able to do two things that may be helpful in your decision making. First, I was able to negotiate an extension to sign up deadline. You now have until September 15 to make your decision and send in your first deposit. Be sure to check the deposit schedule carefully and mark your calendar reminders so your deposits get handled on time.

Secondly, I was able to secure some lodging that is a bit less expensive. The Mountainside Inn is in town, less than a block from a chairlift and the gondola. It is a couple of blocks from the Riverside Condos (our other lodging option). It is hotel lodging with a king bed and a twin bed in the room. There is also a kitchenette with a 2 burner stove, microwave, mini fridge, coffee pot, etc. Two people could easily cook meals and eat in if they so chose. The cost of this lodging is \$1060, almost \$300 less than Riverside Condos. In addition to price point, the other advantage to the Mountainside Inn is bedding configuration. The Riverside Condos all have a king or queen bed in the master and 2 beds in the second bedroom. That translates to a couple and 2 singles in each condo, OR 2 females sharing a king size bed. Currently, we are very short on couples to make the lodging work.

Check out the info on the new flyer, also in this newsletter. When signing up, please be sure to put your roommate preference, and (new) indicate your first and second choice for lodging. As always, if you have questions, shoot me an email: fancat87@gmail.com.





Far West Ski Association
Central Council of California Ski Clubs
 &



SLO Skiers
2016 SKI WEEK

TELLURIDE, COLORADO

JAN. 30 - FEB. 6

Registration...Welcome Party...Pub Crawl...Mountain Picnic...Apres Ski Party... Races...Farewell Banquet and Dance...Council Event Tuesday Night...6 Day Lift Ticket...Huge Skiing Terrain...Lots of Fun!!!

\$1325/per person double occupancy (plus air and ground transfers) at
 Riverside Condos: 2bd/2ba (4 people) or 3 bd/3ba (5 people)
 \$1060/person double occupancy (plus air and ground transfers) at
 Mountainside Inn: Hotel lodging with 2 bed & kitchenette

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Preferred contact: E-mail _____ Daytime Phone _____ Nighttime Phone _____ Mail _____

Female: _____ Male: _____ Roommate Preference: _____

Lodging Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Skier/Boarder: _____ Non-skier: _____ Currently a member of _____ Club

Deposit Schedule:

\$300 Due now to reserve space
 (fully refundable until September 15th)
 \$400 Due Aug. 15th
 (fully refundable until September 15th)
 \$400 Due Sept. 15th
 Balance Due Oct. 10th

Cancellation Policy:

Before September 15 th	full refund
Sept 15 th – Oct. 15th	\$250 per person
After Oct. 15 th	NO REFUNDS
Unless a compatible replacement is found	
Transfer fees up to \$300 will apply	

Make Checks Payable to: Central Council of California

Mail to: Fran Long
 P.O. Box 4395
 Paso Robles, Ca. 93447

Contact Fran with questions:

Email: fancat87@gmail.com
 Phone: 805 712- 5781

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have been informed of the cancellation penalties and agree to the terms of the cancellation policy.
 Any returned checks from your bank will have a \$25 penalty charge.

Travel Insurance recommended. See link at <http://fwsa.org/Travel/insurance.html>



Board of Directors & Officers 2015-2016

Your Board is here for you. If you have any questions, suggestions on activities, want to be more involved, contact any of the following Directors or Officer. Remember, the SLO Skiers & Social Club is YOU!



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