

SLO SKIERS, INC.

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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
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FALL BIKE RIDE

SCHEDULE
*First Friday of the
Month*

UPCOMING RIDES:

OCT 2 - 4th
Morro Bay
Camp & Bike



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

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NOVEMBER 2015

President's Message

SLO Skiers really know how to AUCTION! It sounds like I missed a fantastic evening of great food and beverages, wonderful friendships, and way too many fabulous auction items to choose from. Thank you is not enough to express my gratitude, on behalf of SLO Skiers, to **Stacey King**, for her six months of hard work, her amazing talent and creativity, her undying energy, and her fastidious leadership, in organizing and pulling off another overwhelmingly successful Turtle Auction. The club earned just over \$11,000 at this year's auction. Way to go SLO Skiers!



President Fran Long

SLO Skiers events don't just happen, and they aren't successful because of one person alone. In addition to her committee of many, special thanks and recognition must also go to Stacey's right and left arms. **Thom and Sharon Page** were invaluable in getting and gathering auction items AND in making sure every one of us had an idea for an auction item. And, of course, there were two stars of the night. In addition to Stacey keeping everything on track, **Hal Rosewall**...auctioneer extraordinaire...stole the show and sold the house. If we're really, really lucky, we can keep him auctioneering for another few years...until he trains Hal 2 to take over.

Do you enjoy your newsletter? In addition to spending most waking hours on the auction the past few months, and working full time, **Stacey King** is the editor of our Turtle Gazette. I, personally, love the look of the newsletter, it feels socially professional to me, and I am proud to send it out as the main communication of the SLO Skiers. Stacey is one more example of a wonderful, hard-working board member, who goes the extra mile to make SLO Skiers a desirable club, worthy of our membership!

Rumor has it, our two big week-long ski trips are nearly sold out, and it is only the end of October. If you snooze (procrastinate), you will lose out. Check out the trip information on our Meetup site or in this newsletter, then contact **Lauren Nagle** to sign up. Don't wait...it could be too late

As you know by now, we are in search of a new meeting venue, at least temporarily, and maybe permanently. The SLO Elks lodge is going through some organizational changes that prevent them from allowing us to hold our meetings there at this time. **November and December's meetings will be held at the Laguna Grill**, in the Laguna Shopping Center, at the corner of Madonna Road and Los Osos Valley Road. Reasonably priced food and drinks are available for purchase, so we will continue to have our social hour beginning at 6:00 PM, with the meeting following at 7:00.

See you at the meeting. I'll be one of those in line, check book in hand, to pay off my ski trips...no snoozing for me!

November Philanthropy Update:

by Michael Krebsbach



THANK YOU's

Laura Hyde donated 12.5 lbs of toiletries for our homeless shelter category. Thank you Laura for your bringing in such a hefty amount! With Laura's donation we have now collected 92.5 lb of toiletries this year for homeless shelters. S

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

SLO Skiers please bring canned and dried food goods to the Christmas party on December 11. Last year club members gave 206.5lbs of food that was given to the SLO Food Bank. Let's see if we can do a little better this year. If you bring your food donations to the event I will personally deliver them to the Food Bank. If you can't make it to the Christmas party please bring your food donations to the December meeting.

R.I.S.E. - RESPECT INSPIRE SUPPORT EMPOWER

RISE is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides crisis intervention and treatment services to survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence and their loved ones. At the August 5, 2015 Board Meeting the SLO Skiers Board agreed to give \$250 to RISE (located in North County) We wanted to make sure that we showed our support again by including the picture taken during the check presentation to the R.I.S.E. Executive Director, Jennifer Adams. She accepted our \$250 check with much gratitude and appreciation for our club's generosity.



PRAY FOR SNOW DEADLINE — Wednesday, November 4

PRAY FOR SNOW

DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, November 21

5 P.M. to 11 P.M.

255 Country Club Drive
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401



Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres 5 PM – 6 PM
(No Host Bar & Corkage Fee cash only)

Dinner includes hors d'oeuvres, choice of entrée (Fish/Beef), salad, table wine and dessert

Dancing with the Storm Band

Price: Members \$45
Non-members \$85

Do you ever get all dress up with no place to go? Don't worry, we have the party for you! Come to the San Luis Country Club for one of SLO Skiers annual signature events - Pray For Snow! This formal affair at the San Luis Country Club will be a night of fine food, fine wine and fabulous entertainment.

Payment and choice of entrée will be due by Wednesday, November 4th
For more details please contact Janet Leonard at 805.440.8535.

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The SLO Skiers Annual Christmas Party

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11, 2015

**SLO GRANGE
2880 Broad Street, SLO**



Happy Hour 5:00-6:00

Buffett Dinner 6:00-8:00

Gift Exchange and Fun 8:00-10:00



**On the menu:
Pork Tenderloin
Pan Seared Salmon
Fingerling Potatoes
Roasted Veggie Medley
Coffee and Tea**

**Please Bring to Share
Last Name Beginning with:
A-I – Appetizers
J-R – Salad
S-Z – Desserts**

**And of course BYOB
and something for the gift exchange
(Teresa will have to fill us in on this one)**

**This is a free event for all ski club members who are current in their dues.
Questions? Contact Lauren at MLNskier@gmail.com 805 636 0477**

Recap by our own SLO Skier Hiking Guru - Pete Sarafian

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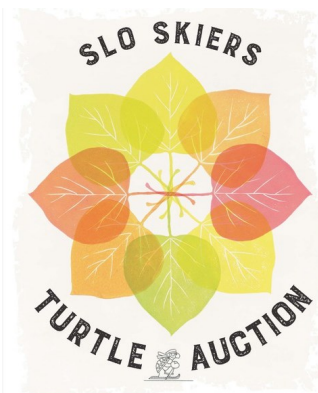
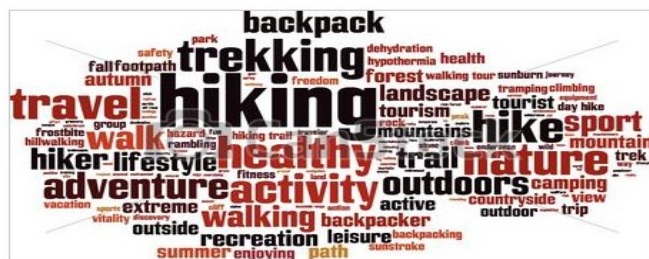
Two hikers went out from the club,
The rest of you issued a snub.
That is too bad,
You all should be sad,
Because it was wonderful, Bub.

You should have seen the big swell,
Surfers galore shred and fell.
They were so far from shore,
We've never seen such before,
They came from all over pell mell.

The weather was perfectly fine,
Not hot, not cold; can't whine.
The post-hike dessert,
Was so big, it hurt,
But I think that the pleasure was mine.



Pete Sarafian and Carla Friddle enjoy the shore along Estero Bluffs.
Selfie by Pete Sarafian.



Fun Times at the Turtle Auction by Stacey King, Auction Chair

This years Turtle Auction came with plenty of action. We had an amazing dinner as well as beverages galore. For those of you who didn't attend you totally missed out! This year we added a Wine Pull and Dessert Auction as well as a fabulous Santa Maria Style BBQ.

The Wine Pull featured 16 bottles of wine worth \$15 or more (except for 1) and there were 16 tickets available to purchase for \$15 for the chance to "pull" a secretly wrapped bottle. Everyone who participated walked away with a great bottle of wine. Some worth \$40 or more!

Auctioneer Hal began the Live Auction with a Dessert Auction to fill everyone's sweet tooth! There were amazing desserts made by our own SLO Skiers and we even had a dessert donated by a guest. Stacey's sister-in-law, Anna, made a fabulous Blackberry Ricotta Cake that was yummy! In addition the winning bidder also received a gift certificate for that same dessert to be made on a future date in time. Perfect for the holidays or for a special occasion.

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A HUGE “Thank You” goes out to numerous volunteers who took time to help pull this event together. I especially want to thank Donna Etter, Ken Wage, and Mike King for picking up most of the tab on the amazing BBQ dinner — Love you Mike! (You too Donna & Ken). Hugs and kudos to the following volunteers and I deeply apologize if I’ve missed anyone. Please email me if I missed you and I’ll give you a “Shout Out” in the December Gazette! Woo hoo!

Donation Acquisitions: Roberta G., Janet L., John L., Kathleen O., Sharon & Thom P., Gaye P., Rich R., and Carol T.—Thanks for making all those calls and following up!

Program: Kara E.—your talent amazes me and thank you for putting up with our endless revisions. Thank God you are a night owl like me!

BBQ and Caterers Extraordinaire: Thank you Don, Kim and Aimee for helping to make an amazing dinner for our SLO Skiers. You are priceless and the Watermelon Salad was a hit!

Event Set-up/Decor: Nancy B., Joan K., Janet L., Lauren N., Thom & Sharon P., and Teresa R. You all made the venue layout so beautiful and well organized. I knew I could count on you.

Wine Pull: Thom Page—you have quite the talent in wrapping up bottles and taking command of the microphone for all announcements needed.. Thank you my friend Janet N. for stepping in to run the Wine Pull. You are such a joy to have as my friend. Thank you Roy G., Lisa H., Joan K., Brent N., Gaye & Ed P. for your amazing wine donations!!! We were able to pull (no pun intended) it together because of you all.

Auctioneer: Hal...as always you make our auction a success by getting us all to cough up our money! You definitely know how to work this tough crowd!

Imported Volunteers: To my friends Elizabeth Kavanaugh, Suzanne McFarlane, Caryn Maddalena and Janet Neumann. You girls ROCK! It was so great having you help out so that our members could enjoy a great evening of food, wine and fun! You have noooo idea how much this meant to me and for you to give up a Saturday night! I sincerely hope you enjoyed the evening too.

Desserts: To our “Dessert Goddesses” - MUAH! THANK YOU! Anna K., Janet L., Bonnie L., Kathleen O., Sharon P., and Shaun S.

Runners: Barbara C., thank you so much for stepping in to help with the Live Auction clerking duties. It can get a bit crazy trying to figure out who won what and for how much! Sold to bidder #?

Check Out: Thanks to you Suzanne M., Caryn M., Janet N., Sharon P., and Steve T. we were able to have another year of quick and easy check-out. You processed \$11,150 in funds for the club!

Clean-up: The hardest part of the event is the cleanup. When everyone went home we had a crew with just enough energy to get ‘er done. Our hard core help guru—Lloyd Kinney—your help is unmeasurable! Thank you for always being there, above and beyond. Thank you Nancy B., Elizabeth K., Sharon and Thom P.

In closing, you can see there is a lot of work that takes place behind the scenes and at the event. Without our volunteers this event would not be possible. Until the next Turtle Auction.....

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!





TRIP UPDATES:

VAIL PASSES: 27 people purchased their Vail Passes through the Club. Yahoo!! For the second time we were given a comp in the amount of \$599 from Vail Resorts. What does that mean to you? That gift from Vail is disbursed out to each of the Tahoe and Park City trips. The money goes to help defray the costs of those trips.

If you haven't received an email from Lauren, with your confirmation of purchase, email her. The Pass can be used as early as November!

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE: First, a big thank you to John and Irene Smith. When I was scrambling for a trip captain they stepped up to the plate. What does a trip captain do?: **PAPERWORK.** You would be amazed at the amount of paperwork and endless details that must be taken care of. John and Irene aren't even going on the trip, but they are doing a fabulous job. If you have signed up for any of the trips you understand how many variations are available. Keeping track of who is doing what/when/where/and how many, takes ginormous spreadsheets to keep the numbers straight. Now for some of that information. 29 people are signed up so far. I "get it" that some of the empty glass folks are waiting to sign up. Don't wait too long. 12 people opted for the 2bedroom 2bath condos (3 total). The rest are staying in hotel rooms. We have the option of skiing at Heavenly, Northstar or Kirkwood. A unique farewell party will be held aboard the yacht, Tahoe Paradise.

PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT: First, a special thanks to Barbara and Paul Collins. They are the trip captains for this trip. The options are numerous. There will be 60 people on the trip. The stacks of paper is over whelming. The Collins' are doing such a fabulous job. This is going to be such a fun trip. Some new information: There will be a fun race. We will be running a Nastar course with a dual (2 people on course at a time) modified giant slalom format. Participation is totally optional. If you haven't had a chance to race, you have missed out. 90% of the people who test their skills are amazed. The most common comment after the race is: "I know I could have gone faster." Second amazing tidbit is our farewell party will be at Ruth Chris' restaurant. If you are a country bumpkin, like me, you say, "so what." I was discussing the restaurant's bid with Sharon and Carolayne. They were both amazed by the great menu and the price we were quoted. Apparently this restaurant is famous for it's "best steak, anywhere." Oh and by the way, we have 3 spaces available. One for a single guy and the others for 2 people in a king bed. That is it.

MT.BACHELOR 2015: That is not a typo. If you were one of the lucky ones who went on this trip be sure to come to the November meeting. Mike Long produced a DVD that shows how much fun we had. If you haven't been on a week long trip, this will give you a glimpse into why our trips sell out so quickly.

Thanks for your support! It is time to Pray for Snow. If you have questions, shoot me an email... mlnskier@mail.com.



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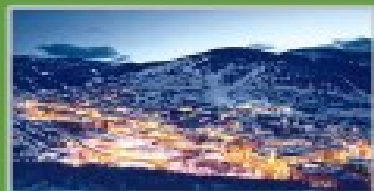


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MARCH 19 - 26, 2016

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\$1324

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* **Non-Skiers:** \$1134

* **Vail Pass Price:** \$1034

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The Long or the Short of It: Vail Upgrades Lift Line Wait Time Technology

Vail Resorts might not be able to eliminate lift lines at some of its most popular resorts, but this upcoming season, it'll at least be able to tell you which lines are the worst. The resort giant is harnessing the technology it puts in season passes to turn them into data points in a system to crowd-source wait times. The EpicMix™ Time feature will be a part of its already available EpicMix app and will debut this season at the company's Colorado resorts: Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone. The newly acquired Perisher Resort in Australia, which is in the middle of its season, is the guinea pig for the new service



Vail Resorts Will Spend up to \$115 Million on Improvements

Vail Resorts wants us to know just how much money the empire is spending to improve some of our favorite resorts. It's not trivial. Between \$110 million and \$115 million is going toward winter improvements for the upcoming season. The largest beneficiary of that largesse is the new Park City, with a total project cost of \$50 million to tie together what used to be Park City Mountain Resort and Canyons.



Big White Opens New Day Lodge

Big White's new *Black Forest Lodge* is scheduled to open this December, and will operate daily from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The lodge will feature a quick-service menu including specialty sandwiches, house-made soups and fresh baked pastries, with seating for 150 just steps away from the Black Forest chairlift. Local craft beers or glasses of Okanagan wines will be served. A modern, sophisticated space will feature floor-to-ceiling windows for breathtaking, panoramic views of the Monashee and Selkirk mountain ranges.



FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West International Trip 2016

There's still room on the 2016 Int'l Ski Week trip to **Cortina d'Ampezzo** and extension trip to *Florence and Rome, Italy*. The optional extension trip will be to the *Tuscany* region – 3 nights in Florence with day tours to Sienna & San Gimignano and 4 nights in Rome. If one chooses to not go to Cortina, we will fly you from the US to join us for the extension trip – we call this the "Stand Alone" trip. Contact Debbie Stewart for more information: FWSAintltrvl@prodigy.net.



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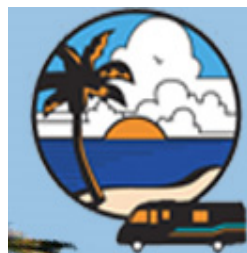
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