



SLO Skiers  
P.O.Box 1047  
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The Newsletter of  
*The SLO Skiers, Inc.*  
A Ski, Sport and Social Club  
**January 2014**

[www.sloskiers.org](http://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

## *2014 Ski Season Update*

*Mark your calendars and save your pennies for another  
fantastic SLO Skiers ski season!*

Jan. 9-12, 2014	Thursday-Sunday	Mammoth Mountain**
Jan. 24-26, 2014	Friday-Sunday	China Peak*
Feb. 7-14, 2014	Saturday-Saturday	South Lake Tahoe*
Feb. 23-28, 2014	Sunday-Friday	Mammoth Mountain*
Mar. 14-16, 2014	Friday-Sunday	China Peak*
Mar. 22-29, 2014	Saturday-Saturday	Breckenridge**
Apr. 6-10, 2014	Sunday-Thursday	Mammoth Mountain*

\*Contact Fran Long: [fancat@me.com](mailto:fancat@me.com)

\*\*Contact Lauren Nagle: [mlnskier@gmail.com](mailto:mlnskier@gmail.com)

You should be all signed up for the fantastic Breckenridge trip by now. Rumor has it there are a couple of spaces available.  
Contact Lauren if you have not signed up and definitely want to go.

The South Lake Tahoe "A Taste of Tahoe" ski week currently has 44 SLO Skiers going! Space is available in lodge rooms or one bedroom condos.  
Contact Fran Long for pricing on those units

When deciding your trip schedule, it is very helpful if you have a roommate at the time you sign up. We will only arrange roommates between people who agree to room with one another. It just makes it easier for all of us.



## *Message from the President*

Dear fellow SKI Club Members,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. Checking the snow reports today (21 December) - I'm happy to report good to excellent skiing conditions at Mammoth and most all the Sierra Nevada resorts. The news from Colorado is even better. Breckenridge had 7" of snow last night. Their five-day forecast is five days of snow and more snow. Base depth is 38".

Please join me in thanking Kathy Steele (Skier of the Month) for organizing and leading a holiday trip to New York City. This was our first trip of this kind, but I expect more non-skiing week-long trips to follow.

We had a packed room for the Christmas party. Thanks again to Peter Ward for hosting it. Credit goes to Spence and Carol Thatcher who again brought a roast turkey (with dressing and cranberry sauce). Lauren Nagle bravely reorganized our formerly wild gift exchange. Rachel Rue emceed an ugly Christmas sweater contest which Teresa Rice's extraordinary bonnet won. Santa even showed up and added to the fun. Thanks again to everyone who volunteered in December!

Wishing you all a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2014 with all the vertical adventure your hearts desire!

John Smith  
President



# Taste of Tahoe

## February 7-14, 2014

**\$550 P/P** (non-skier/pass holder)

**\$885 P/** (5 day non-refundable lift package)

Trip Includes:

- 7 nights condo lodging at Forest Suites (2bd, 2 ba, 4 per condo) (SOLD OUT)
- 2 outdoor hot tubs
- Wifi in condos
- Full breakfast
- Short block to Heavenly Gondola
- 1 block to shopping & casinos
- Welcome pizza party, DJ, dance party, wine & cheese parties, MS Dixie dinner/dance cruise
- Transportation to Northstar & Kirkwood
- Non-skier gondola to mountain après ski party
- 1 bdrm/1 bath condos & hotel rooms available upon request

Pay in Full by  
September 4th  
Receive \$20  
Discount!



### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$100 August 7  
\$160 September 4  
\$150 October 2  
\$140 November 6  
\$130 December 4  
\$205 January 7

Bring payments and all paperwork to a meeting or mail to:

P.O. Box 1047  
San Luis Obispo, CA  
93406

### CANCELLATION POLICY

Until September 1 full refund  
Sept 2-Oct 1 less \$100  
Oct 2-Nov 1 less \$250  
Nov 2-Dec 1 less \$400  
Dec 2-Jan 1 less \$550  
No refund after January 2nd

Presented by Central Council  
and SLO Skiers



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### Questions/Special Requests

Contact Information:

Fran Long, trip leader  
Email: [fancat@me.com](mailto:fancat@me.com)  
Phone: 805 238-1375

Membership must be current to  
participate in ski trips

Trip insurance is recommended  
Visit [www.sloskiers.org](http://www.sloskiers.org) or contact an  
insurance carrier of your choice  
for trip insurance information

### You really won't want to miss this year's Tahoe trip!

In addition to skiing three resorts, Northstar, Heavenly, and Kirkwood, you will be treated to lodging in an amazing location, wine and cheese receptions, a disco dance, a dinner dance cruise on Lake Tahoe, and the list goes on. Since we will be staying just a block from Heavenly Village, with lots of great shopping; a block from Stateline, with its many casinos; and a block from the Heavenly gondola, there is truly something for everyone to do. Lake Tahoe's lower elevation makes it very easy to get around, even if the mountains are under six feet of snow! Did you purchase a Vail Pass? If so, all of the Tahoe resorts we will be skiing will be covered by your pass. This is definitely a deal not to be passed up!

**Mammoth Mountain**  
February 23-28, 2014



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**Trip Includes:**

- 5 Nights Lodging  
**Sierra Nevada Resort**

Two/Hotel Room  
Microwave  
Mini Fridge  
Coffee Maker  
Hair Dryer  
Iron/Ironing Board


- Welcome Party
- Mid-Week Party

**This ski trip is  
Sunday-Friday  
Price: \$400**

**Lift tickets NOT included**

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

*To sign up see information below!*

	<b>Deposit Schedule:</b>  \$100    12-15-13 \$150    01-15-14 \$150    02-15-14	<b>Cancellation Policy:</b>  Before 01-15-14 Full Refund 01-15-14—2-14-14 \$100 After 02-14-14 No Refund
Make checks payable to: SLO Skiers  Mail payment AND trip paperwork to: Fran Long 1635 Canyon Crest Lane Paso Robles, CA 93446		Payment Questions... Need More Information...  Contact Fran... email: fancat@me.com phone: 805 238-1375



**The SLO SKIERS PRESENT:**  
**2014 SKI WEEK**  
**BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO**  
**MARCH 22ND THROUGH MARCH 29TH**



**\$1416 .00 \***

Per Person, Double Occupancy  
With the Vail Pass, purchased separately price is:

**\$991.00\***

**PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

Round trip airfare, LAX to Denver.  
Depart LAX at 11:30 AM, arrive in Denver 2:51 PM  
Depart Denver 1:50 PM arrive LAX 3:18\*\*

Ground Transportation  
to/from Denver with a grocery stop included.

7 nights lodging  
Sawmill Creek Condos. 2bedroom/2 bath units.

5 of 6 day interchangeable lifts  
at Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe. Limit of  
2 days at Vail or Beaver Creek\*\*

Welcome and Farewell Parties

**Deposit of \$784.00 due to sign up**

Email Lauren for sign up documents and details  
mlnskier @gmail.com  
phone 636-0477 between 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM.

\*Price subject to tax and fuel  
surcharge increase

\*\*air schedule subject to change

\*\*\*check your Vail Pass for details





## *Vail Pass, what is the deal?*

The SLO Skiers are able to offer you a great deal!! We waited until the Breckenridge and South Lake Tahoe trips were put together to offer you the following:

The lift tickets for Breckenridge (*at group rates*) are \$405.

Three tickets at Heavenly, Kirkwood, and Northstar at *group rates* will cost you \$219. The Epic Local Pass is \$529. This allows you unlimited, unrestricted skiing or riding at Breckenridge, Keystone, Afton Alps, Mt. Brighton and Arapahoe Basin, 10 days at Vail and Beaver Creek with holiday restrictions. There are blackout dates when the pass can't be used. They are Vail, Beaver Creek, Heavenly, Northstar & Kirkwood restricted dates are; 11/29- 11/30/2013, 12/26-12/31/2013, 1/1/8/2014, 2/15-2/16/2014. However as a pass holder you can purchase a ticket during the blackout dates for \$52 (also a big savings) at Heavenly, Northstar, and Kirkwood. Because of the special deal this pass won't have Ski-With-AFriend options on these passes. Therefore if you want to save money [you need to buy this pass.](#)

There is also an Epic Pass for \$689 that includes unrestricted access to Canyons in Utah, 5 days at Verbier, Switzerland and 5 free consecutive days at Arlberg, Austria. If you are going to ski at the Canyons or the mentioned European resorts this is the pass for you.

As with all special deals there is fine print. Your job is to go to the [www.snow.com](http://www.snow.com). Click on the passes in the orange bar for all the specifics. If you plan on skiing 6 days at Heavenly, Kirkwood or Northstar, or at Ski Week the pass is a no brainer purchase.

There are two more passes available You need to pay the \$529. **NON REFUNDABLE, NON TRANSFERABLE** price at the September meeting. If you can't attend the meeting email Lauren at [mlnskier@gmail.com](mailto:mlnskier@gmail.com) to sign up. I highly recommend you buy insurance for \$20 for the pass. Consult the above referenced website for those details.

This is yet another reason to belong to the SLO Skiers. [If you have already purchased your pass details of when you can pick them up will be available at the September meeting.](#) Skiing is an expensive sport. Take advantage of this deal. By the way, 4 of the sold passes are for Mammoth Pass holders.

**Do the math, save some money.**

**Lauren Nagle**

**Phone: 636-0477 5:30 pm to 8:00pm daily email: [mlnskier@gmail.com](mailto:mlnskier@gmail.com)**

## BRECKENRIDGE UPDATE:

For those of us who purchased the Vail Local's Pass: You should be receiving your pass in the next couple of weeks. When the pass was purchased your email and snail mail address was provided to Vail Associates. Therefore keep a close eye on the mail box. If you haven't had a Vail Pass in the past, you simply take your paperwork to the ticket counter of any of the Vail owned resorts. They take your picture and you are on the slopes! In review your Vail Local's Pass is good at Heavenly, Kirkwood, and NorthStar in the Tahoe area. There are some black out dates, mostly holiday and 3 day weekends. In the Summit County of Colorado your pass is good at Breckenridge, Arapaho Basin, Keystone, Vail and Beaver Creek.

The good news is that Breckenridge already has snow and five lifts are open. The bad news is that the trip is sold out. If you want to go, contact Lauren at [mlnskier@gmail.com](mailto:mlnskier@gmail.com). You can pay the deposit that is due to get on the waiting list. If a spot becomes available, we cash your check. If there aren't any cancellations we give your check back.

**Mark your calendar: the pre-trip party will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.**



*Sochi Olympics: Going for the Gold, Spending in the Red*

The Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia likely will take the gold for being the most expensive Games in history. Originally estimated at some \$12 billion, the final costs for hosting the Sochi games is expected to exceed \$50 billion—far surpassing the high of \$15 billion in Athens in 2004. That money, equal to the annual GDP of Burma, is unlikely to be recovered.

### **FAR WEST CHARITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION PROGRAMS**

FWSA encourages all clubs and councils to get involved with charities and community service. The Charities and Community Service Recognition Program has been recognizing clubs for their charitable work at each convention for the past eight years. Information can be obtained on the Far West website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) regarding this wonderful program, and how easy it is to apply for this recognition. The top 3 clubs will be invited to display a picture board at Convention. From these three, the winning club will receive \$300, and the two runner-ups will each receive \$100 to be donated to the charity of their choice. In addition, we now award \$100 to the top ski club council. All groups that apply will be recognized at Convention. Application deadline is March 20, 2014. For more information about how to get your club on the "Honor Roll of Clubs and Councils Supporting Charities", or any Charity & Community questions, contact Sigrid Noack at [skisig@earthlink.net](mailto:skisig@earthlink.net).

### **HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY**

American Ski Pioneer, Charles Moon, founder of the Wolf Creek Ski Area, turned 100 recently and spent the day, how else, but skiing. Members of the Gray Wolves Ski Club and fellow ski enthusiasts showed up at Wolf Creek Ski Area in Colorado to help celebrate Charles' birthday. He had over 150 fellow skiers cheering him on. Charles is credited as one of the pioneers of skiing in the San Juan Mountains. He has skied every year since 1934, except for the five years when he served in the Air Force during World War II.

### **Women's Ski Jumping... An Olympic Sport for the First Time**

#### **Women's Ski Jumping Team and the New York**

**Times:** The VISA Women's Ski Jumping USA team made the cover of the New York Times Magazine on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The cover story, entitled "Who Said Girls Can't Jump", takes an in-depth look at the decade-long struggle to get a women's ski jumping event into the Olympic Winter Games by focusing on the U.S. team's fight to get there and to win. In conjunction with the New York Times Magazine cover story, Women's Ski Jumping USA has launched a new fundraising campaign to raise \$70,000 to meet budget demands of their most expensive World Cup season ever.

#### **LET'S PUT OUR USA WOMEN'S SKI JUMPERS ON THE PODIUM IN SOCHI!**

You know their story; they struggled against overwhelming odds to compete in the 2010 Olympics. Even with favorable Canadian laws, they were not allowed to compete. Now, with four years' training and jumping in international competition, they are going to carry OUR flag and the hopes of all Far West Members to Sochi in the first Winter Olympics ever to feature women's ski jumping.

The Far West Ski Foundation and the Far West Ski Association made a joint commitment earlier this month to raise a share of the \$70,000 stated by WSJUSA as needed to cover our team's last minute expenses and we need help from any and all members. Our joint Far West share is \$5000 by February 5. The current USA Women's Ski Jumping team lives and trains in Park City. It's like they are Far West's team!

We are asking individuals to consider making a tax-deductible contribution to Far West Ski Foundation in this tax year (or in January for that matter). Councils and clubs can make their contributions, earmarked for our jumpers, any time before early February. The Foundation is the lead for this campaign, with the Association in a strong backstop role to top off the joint commitment.

You can make your contribution in two ways: by check to the FWSF Treasurer, John Reinhardt, 6105 SW Sheridan, Portland, OR 97225; or by using the contributions page of the website [farwestskifoundation.org](http://farwestskifoundation.org). FWSF is a California public benefit corporation operating under section 501c3 of the IRS tax code.



BRING A FRIEND LIFT \$69/ADULTS \$59 SR **MAMMOTH'S AMAZING STATS:**

**SNOWMAKING ON 46 TRAILS, 15% EXPERT, 20% ADVANCED, 40% INTERMEDIATE, 25% BEGINNER**



## SEASON'S OPENER JANUARY 9TH TO 12TH MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN

### ENJOY 3 NIGHTS LODGING

#### At the Sierra Nevada Inn

IN A FULLY EQUIPPED  
3 BEDROOM/3 BATH CHALET,  
LIVING ROOM WITH FIREPLACE  
FULL KITCHEN, DINING ROOM, PRICE FOR 6 SHARING **\$321.**  
(2/ROOM)

OR

A LODGE ROOM WITH ONE OR 2 BEDS AND A FULL BATH,  
WITH MINI FRIDGE & MICROWAVE  
2/ROOM PRICE IS **\$242.**

Package includes a welcome party and dinner.  
See sign up docs for details.



Questions?  
Email  
Lauren  
[mlnskier@gmail.com](mailto:mlnskier@gmail.com)

Cell  
636-0477



Checks can be mailed to SLO Skiers, PO Box 1047, SLO, CA

DEPOSIT OF \$150 DUE NOV. 6TH, BALANCE DUE ON DECEMBER 4TH. IF THERE ISN'T A 40% OF THE MOUNTAIN OPEN BY 12/25 THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED WITH NO PENALTY.

**28 LIFTS, 9 HIGH SPEED QUADS, 2 HIGH SPEED 6 PACKS, 3 GONDOLAS**

**OVER 3100 VERTICAL FEET, 3500 SKIABLE ACRES, 150 NAMED TRAILS, AVERAGE 300 DAYS OF SUNSHINE/YEAR**

# *Ski Season Opener at Mammoth Mountain Jan 9-12*



Our season opener will be where there is the best snow in the Eastern Sierra. If you haven't experience skiing at [MAMMOTH](#) this is your chance! No other mountain compares to this ski resort which is aptly named. Here are a few things you need to know; It is approximately a 7 hour drive. Check with Lauren for the "shortcuts". Mammoth is located off of US 395. 395 is infamous for the LA Crazies and their disregard of the speed limits. The drive is long, but not the curvy mountains roads you may have experienced going to other ski areas. Once you get to your lodging property you can park your car and probably won't need it, because the town of Mammoth has a great shuttle system. Be sure to pick up the bus schedule when you check in. The mountain is about 5 miles from the downtown central area. The bus system has a great schedule that runs on time.

## *About Mammoth...*



The mountain is unbelievable. No matter how long you have skied there it is always exciting! The top of the mountain is at 11,053 feet. It is the highest summit of any California resort. There are 3,500 skiable acres. The snowboarding is some of the best anywhere. There is over 3,100 vertical feet, and over 150 named trails and 28 lifts! The terrain is 15% expert, 20% advanced, 40% intermediate and 25% beginner. The ski school is one of THE BEST anywhere. If you are just learning or perhaps revisiting the sport after a long absence you need to check out the ski school. For one thing, it will help you get your bearings in this [MAMMOTH](#) area. Check out the website; [mammothmountain.com](http://mammothmountain.com). Be sure and ask who has a Pass and can get your discounted lift tickets.



## *Where to stay...*

This year the club will be staying at the Sierra Nevada Lodge, located next to the Rafter's Restaurant on Old Mammoth Rd. We have reserved a 3 bedroom chalet and 7 lodge rooms. (Check the flier for pricing details.) The chalet has a full kitchen and living room, 3 bedrooms and 3 baths. The lodge rooms feature 2 queen-sized beds, a full bath, mini fridge, microwave and coffee pot.

The website is: [thesierranevadaresort.com](http://thesierranevadaresort.com).

\*Please do not call the resort. All communications need to be funneled through Lauren. That is how we earn our group discounts. There will be a two tiered cancellation policy. If you want the convenience of the chalet you can't cancel unless the trip is cancelled. Again this year, we are looking to each trip participant to find a compatible roommate. If you are new to the club and don't know who is available to room with talk to Lauren. The more information she has the better to help you find someone with similar ski, dining, partying, and sleeping habits.



**Lauren's contact information is [mlnskier@gmail.com](mailto:mlnskier@gmail.com) (that is an L not a #1). She works during the day. Cell number after business hours: (805)- 636-0477.**



# *SLO Skiers*

## *Christmas Party*



## *December Hike*

### *Cerro San Luis Climb Was a Trip Sublime*

On the 14th, the December hike,  
Gave all three of us much to like.  
Besides the temp. that was so mild,  
No gusty wind whipped and riled.

From the top, the view was grand.  
A birthday party was on hand,  
To wish us well and offer food.  
We declined, but the intent was good.

The sun so bright, lighting far and near.  
We are so blessed to live right here.  
The women exchanged many words,  
While I looked down at flying birds.

We worked up a mighty appetite.  
Jeanne Kinney met us for a bite.  
The food, the day were so sublime;  
All in all a marvelous time.



From left to right, Teresa Rice, Barbara Collins and Pete Sarafian enjoy the view from the top of Cerro San Luis

## *Interested in Joining Santa Barbara Ski Club on a Bike Ride?*

Santa Barbara has extended the following invitation to SLO Skiers. If you aren't skiing somewhere, are looking for a great group of people, want to get some ski conditioning exercise...check out the information below.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 : BIKE N BRUNCH  
RIDE

MEETING PLACE: MONTECITO BANK @  
STATE @ HOPE PARKING LOT

TIME: 08:45 AM

BRUNCH: SANDPIPER GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT

## *Prepare Now*

### *to Avoid Ski Injuries Later*

Before heading out on a ski vacation, most people prepare by reserving a room, booking a flight, packing their winter clothes and, of course, their skis. However, if they do not prepare their body, they might end up spending more time in the doctor's office than on the slopes. Of the nearly 144,000 skiing injuries reported per year, anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tears, such as that suffered by ski racer Lindsey Vonn, are the most common, followed by ulnar collateral ligament (UCL) tears, or skier's thumb.

*Merry Christmas and Happy Hiking New  
Year!*

*-Pete Sarafian*



## *SLO Skiers go to* **New York City!**



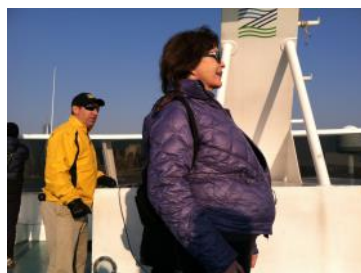
We all had a FABULOUS time in New York City (NYC) because Kathy Steele planned a great trip! Luckily, the weather was wonderful, and we were able to fly home before 1,000's of flights were cancelled due to the winter storm. It was actually balmy the week we were there. The Christmas lights and the stores were beautifully decorated.

We all met for a great dinner our first night in the city. We toured during the day, and experienced all the "musts" including a boat ride out to the Statue of Liberty. The early risers made it to the Today Show with our S.L.O. Skiers banner; and Kathy Steele, the celebrity magnet, shook hands with the stars of the show. A few of the folks went to the taping of the Katie Couric Show. John Walker was invited on stage for an interview! On the last full day, people went to museums or shopping. We even successfully figured out the New York City subway system. We won't mention getting lost on the subway a couple of times. We did it all!

The highlights of the week were all the Broadway shows that we saw. It began with everyone going to The Rockettes Christmas Spectacular at Carnegie Hall. It is a must see in New York during this time of the year. We all saw different plays—no trouble getting tickets of your choice. We went to Jersey Boys, Mamma Mia, Book of Mormon, Beautiful (the story of Carol King), the Janis Joplin story, Newsies and many many more. It was an incredibly exciting trip!



*SLO Skiers at the TODAY show!!!*

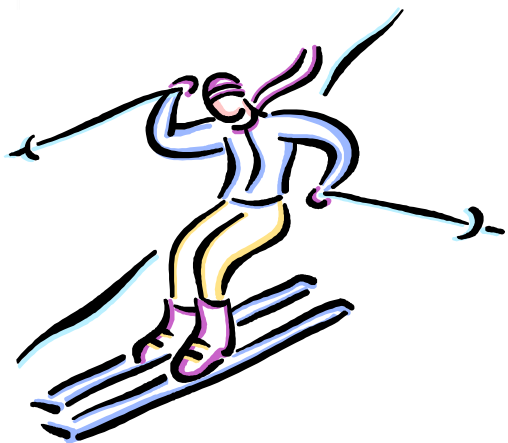


*John Walker on  
the Katie Couric  
Show!*





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# CHINA PEAK

## JANUARY 24-26, 2014

Book your own lodging and join  
SLO Skiers for a fun-filled weekend  
at China Peak

Deadline to order discount lift tickets is

**January 8, 2014**

### Lift Ticket Pricing:

- If 20 participants: \$68/Sat.-Sun.
- If less than 20 participants:  
\$134/Sat.-Sun.  
65+: \$100 Sat.-Sun.
- Children's lift prices available by request

### Book Your Lodging...

Get together with your friends  
and book your lodging at the  
lodging property of your choice.

Then contact Fran:  
[fancat@me.com](mailto:fancat@me.com)

Lift tickets will be ordered on  
January 9, 2014

**Membership must be  
current to participate in  
ski trips**

Have questions...  
Need more information...

Contact: Fran Long  
[fancat@me.com](mailto:fancat@me.com)

### Interested in a mid-week option???

China Peak Inn offers free lift tickets for  
the next day of skiing for each lodging  
night booked, Sunday-Thursday nights.  
Ski Monday-Friday for free!

Book direct with China Peak Inn, then email  
Fran: [fancat@me.com](mailto:fancat@me.com).  
A list of those going will be sent out prior  
to the trip.

## PHILANTHROPY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2014

Congratulations to all on a job well done. We truly have a generous group of members. Our total charity giving so far, since I assumed the Club's philanthropy role, is as follows:

- 127 pounds of food to the Food Bank
- \$20 to the Food Bank
- 271 pounds of diapers and baby wipes to the Food Bank
- 93 pounds of hotel toiletries to the Homeless Shelter

Two members assisted disabled veterans learn to surf in the AmpSurf clinic at Pismo Beach.

We collected \$590 in donations for the Dumarao Philippines relief effort. Hopefully more will come in as we "adopt" the village of Dumarao.

Members are donating sweat shirts, sweat pants and book to the Elks Lodge for veterans in hospitals. Members are also contributing "toys for tots" via the Elks Lodge. Members are providing gifts to particular families through the "angels program" at the Elks Lodge.

Fourteen (14) members supported the Central Coast Follies, a charity donation for Parkinson's research. At \$29 per member, our total contribution was \$406.

We started a new function in the Club, that of "Sunshine" person who sends get-well cards, sympathy cards, etc. to any members needing support after accident, illness, surgery, etc.

We started the memorial tree program for any deceased club members, not only for their recognition but also to show support for their family members.

### LOOKING BEYOND TO THE PHILIPPINES:

I am so pleased and proud of our members for donating \$590 to the Dumarao Philippines relief effort at our meeting of 12/5. My dream is that we "adopt" the village of Dumarao, feed them, and help them rebuild their homes, schools, and other structures with concrete that will survive future storms. If anyone has wanted to donate to relief efforts in the Philippines and has not gotten around to it yet, consider this. You could directly help the village of Dumarao Philippines with nothing siphoned off for any agency's administration, tax, or overhead. I have set up a special fund at Rabobank called the "Dumarao Philippines Relief Fund". Any donor can go to any Rabobank and donate to this particular relief fund and know that 100% of their donation will go to direct aid to these villagers. Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen O'Neill





## *SLO Skiers Calendar of Events*

### **JANUARY**

Jan. 9-12 Ski Season Opener at Mammoth Mountain (*Flyer enclosed*)  
Jan. 24-26 China Peak Ski Trip

### **FEBRUARY**

Feb. 7-14 Ski Trip @ South Lake Tahoe (*Flyer enclosed*)  
Feb. 23-28 Ski Trip @ Mammoth Mountain

### **MARCH**

Mar. 14-16 China Peak  
Mar. 22-29 Breckenridge

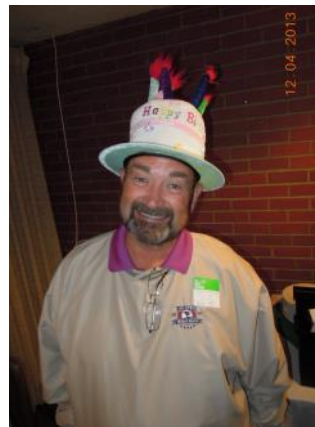
*Happy Birthday to all born in  
January!*



Spencer Thatcher  
Carol Thatcher  
Melissa Guise  
Michael Krebsbach  
Joanna Verhaar  
Bruce Legernes  
Edward Peltzman  
Thom Page  
Teri Winston  
Fran Long  
Joyce De Line  
Mike Long  
Bonnie Long

Be sure to wish these folks the best when you see them during the month of December. Better yet, take the time to send your wishes with a card or email!

*December Birthdays!*





*SLO Skiers*  
*Board of Directors & Officers*  
*2013–2014*

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