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The Newsletter of
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Meetings are held first Wednesday of the month
Social- 6:30PM General Meeting- 7:30PM
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!*

Mar. 22-29, 2014 Saturday-Saturday Breckenridge**
Apr. 6-10, 2014 Sunday-Thursday Mammoth Mountain*

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Message from the President

Hello fellow SLO skiers,

February was a month of highs and lows for the Club. The death of Steve Seybold was a great loss to all of us. It was a blessing to have known him and to still have him in our memories. Thank you Hal for putting together a celebration of Steve's life - Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the SLO Elks Lodge beginning at 1:00 p.m.

SLO Skiers is a wonderful collection of talented volunteers. One of the easiest jobs is finding candidates for Skier of the Month. For February, the Skier of the Month is Sharon Page. If you skied with us this winter, please thank Sharon for all her behind-the-scenes support to the Trips Director and Trip Captains in making things happen.

Wednesday March 5 is our annual membership meeting and the election of the next Board of Directors and Officers. Please attend and vote. And if you're not already on the ballot - please consider volunteering to help with the newsletter or with ways & means. Volunteers guide and power all Club activities.

John Smith

MARCH 2014 PHILANTHROPY REPORT



STEVEN SEYBOLD

WHILE THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN A SNOWMAIL ON THIS SUBJECT, LET ME REMIND YOU AGAIN OF THE MEMORIAL FOR OUR DEAR MEMBER STEVEN SEYBOLD AT THE ELKS LODGE IN SLO ON MARCH 9TH AT 1 PM. STEVEN'S SLO SKIER HAT WAS PASSED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING, AND \$824 WAS GENEROUSLY DONATED. I AM UNCLEAR AT THIS TIME AS TO THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF STEVEN'S ESTATE AND AWAIT INFORMATION FROM THE EXECUTOR OF STEVEN'S ESTATE. MANY IDEAS FOR FUND RAISERS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO ME, AND I AWAIT THE BOARD'S DIRECTION BEFORE PROCEEDING. WE WILL BE PLANTING A TREE IN STEVEN'S HONOR SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.



BEV GAMMILL

SAVE THE DATE. SATURDAY MARCH 15TH at 2PM WE WILL HAVE A MEMORIAL TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBER BEV GAMMILL AT RANCHO EL CHORRO PARK IN SLO ACROSS FROM CUESTA COLLEGE.

The memorial tree will be planted on the right hand side just as you enter the park. As you turn into the park there is a dirt road that takes off to the left which leads to our maintenance shop. You can all park along side that dirt road as long as everyone leaves room for vehicles to get by. The planting will take place directly across from the entrance of that dirt road in the field.



AMP SURF TRAINING:

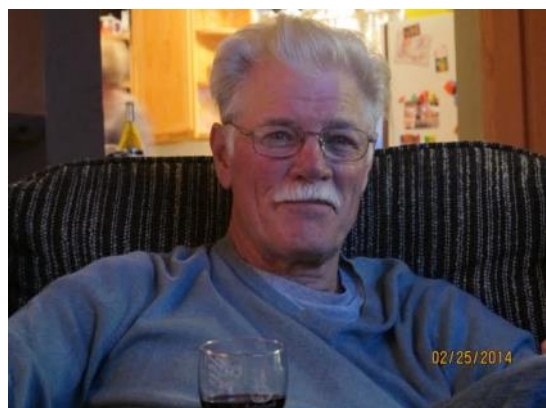
THERE WILL BE A TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO WANT TO ASSIST IN THE NEXT SURFING CLINIC WHICH TEACHES DISABLED VETERANS TO SURF. THAT TRAINING WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 PM ON MARCH 4TH AT 340 POMEROY ST. IN PISMO BEACH. MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ACTUAL SURFING CLINIC ON MAY 3RD IN PISMO BEACH. PETER JACOBSEN AND I VOLUNTEERED AT THE LAST SURFING CLINIC, WHICH WE BOTH LOVED; AND I WILL DEFINITELY WANT TO DO IT AGAIN.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
KATHLEEN O'NEILL

Mammoth Mountain Ski Trip



Mammoth Group!



*LET IT SNOW...LET IT SNOW...
LET IT SNOW...*

As I write this, there is still snow in the forecast at all our favorite ski areas. Sooo... you might not want to put away your skis just yet.

The March China Peak trip has been cancelled due to multiple difficulties in planning the trip.

The final Mammoth trip, Sunday-Thursday, April 6-10

should bring some very good spring snow and skiing conditions. Those of us who went late in the season last year had a fantastic time! Lodging options will again include hotel lodging, but we will also make condo lodging an option. If you are interested in a condo, please work on your friends and put a group together. Traditionally, we can get condos for 4-5-6-or 7 people. (I cannot book a condo without firm sign-ups for the entire condo.) The hotel lodging will again be at the Sierra Nevada Lodge. As the trip is late in the season, I am trying to negotiate an off-season price for our lodging. For now, save the dates, let your preferences be known (fancat@me.com), and watch for details via Snowmail..



Think Happy Ski Trails...



So, what makes a good trip?

As a member of the SLO Skiers for over 30 years and a trip leader for over 20 years, I have been on A LOT of ski trips! I've stayed at the China Peak Lodge and the Banff Springs Hotel. I've skied in 40+ degree sunshine and minus 20 degree storms. I have schussed the deep and steeps at Whistler and the beginner slopes at Mammoth. In fact, each of the last four out of state trips I had already "been there, done that." I will honestly say, each time I visit a ski area I am pleasantly surprised. The resorts continually upgrade their lift systems. There are always new restaurants and plenty of mischief to get into.

The price, the ski terrain, the lodging choices, the après ski opportunities and the ease of travel all factor into where club trips are booked. There are TWO things I can't count on. They are: the weather, and who signs up for the trip. A ski trip isn't possible without cold weather and snow. Some of the best ski days I've experienced have been snow days. Snow usually equates a temperature of approximately 32 degrees. The snow flakes give the scenery a surreal look. Today's ski/board clothing keeps us warm and dry. A trip to Mountain Air Sporting Goods assures warm fingers and toes! The scariest ski condition for me is when it is warm and the snow turns to slush. I quit early several afternoons at Beaver Creek, last year. The snow snakes come out and grab my skies and test how strong my reconstructed knees are/not.

The MOST important part of anything in life is the people you experience it with. We are so blessed. Our wonderful membership wants to have fun and knows how to do it. I've had great ski days at tiny Badger Pass because I was with friends. So, my opinion of what makes a great ski trip is having friends to share an exciting day beings outdoors and participating in a changeable and challenging sport. Think about the opportunity to share your vacation on the slopes or in a ski town with friends. The only thing you need to do is sign up for a ski trip. Bend, Oregon and Big White offer a budget friendly, kick back venue. We will be visiting both of these fun ski venues in 2015.

Check the July Gazette for details...
Lauren Nagle- Trip Director.

February Hike

Black Hill Stroll Rather Droll

A trio of skiers set out,
To climb Black Hill up or about,
We went to the top,
And then did a stop,
Having good reason to pout!

The fog came rolling on in,
Giving little but a view quite thin.
We could see a mountain top,
But overall it was a flop,
No ocean, no bay; t'was was a sin!

But not being those who would brood,
We drowned all our sorrows in food.
The Bayside Cafe,
Was just a short way,
The victuals were really good!



Pete was joined by Sharon and Tom Page in this "selfie" on the hill.

-Pete Sarafian

SLO Skiers Super Bowl Party



Thank you Rich Romero for hosting!



BRECKENRIDGE UPDATE- MARCH 2014

Let's begin with the snow...there is plenty of it! As of March 2nd there has been a total of 335" of snow fall. That isn't the Sierra Cement snow. Instead it is the Colorado light fluffy flakes. Earlier reports from the FWSA Ski Week in neighboring Beaver Creek indicated that there was great skiing off piste. Follow Facebook.com/Breckenridge for the latest information..



The pre-trip party is March 7th at 7 PM at the SLO Elks in our normal meeting room. Attendance is **VERY IMPORTANT!** We will be going over our schedule of events, airline ticketing and baggage information. Details of the crazy hat contest, pajama party, card tournament night, pool (billards, not swimming) tournament, fun Nastar club race, welcome and farewell parties will be explained in detail. You may bring a guest. This is a business meeting. After the meeting dessert will be served. If you have signed up for the round trip bus from SLO to LAX, please bring your checks, payable to SLO Skiers in the amount of \$85. Once again, our great Club has agreed to subsidize the cost of the bus. After all the business is taken care of there will be plenty of time to socialize. It is a good idea to get together with your roommates and do some menu planning if you plan to cook in the condos. As a reminder, the condos are 2bed/2bath with a **full** kitchen.

Now onto some 21st Century information: The **EpicMix** has revolutionized the way we can experience the mountain. You can track many different experiences at any of the Vail owed resorts. RFID scanners are located in all of afore mentioned mountains. Those of you with season's passes or Epic Day lift tickets can capture on-mountain activity automatically as soon as you hit the slopes. There are apps for both I-Phone and Android mobile devices. To view your activity, activate your free account at epicmix.com. Epic Mix calculates your vertical feet based on your lift rides on the mountain. There are hundreds of pins available. You can earn them as you explore the mountain for a variety of on mountain achievements. Click on the '**EpicMix Pins**' tab for details. EpicMix photographers are available at all the Vail Associates venues. Look for the professional photographers in green jackets. It is free to have your photo taken. Your pass will be scanned and your photo will be automatically loaded to your personal EpicMix profile.

Sharon Page is cooking up lots of fun for your day(s) off. A tour of the abandoned mines is happening on snow shoes. A "Rags to Riches" tour of thrift stores with limousine transportation is available. Helen Jacobsen has agreed to be the trip photographer. Lots of candid party and on slope photos will be available. How could a trip be any better??

-Lauren Nagle

South Lake Tahoe

A Ski Trip Is What You Make It...

As a trip leader, I can easily write an article recapping the fun everyone had...from my biased viewpoint! Rather than give you my views only, I asked several of those on the trip to write a paragraph or two about the trip. Please enjoy what they had to say...

Great Timing, submitted by Steve Thatcher

A good time at Lake Tahoe all started with great timing. First, driving up Highway 50 in a snowstorm with only 6 inches of new snow on the ground when there was 36 inches more to follow, that was great timing.

We all know skiing requires good timing to make it down the hills, but great skiing was meeting **Mike, Norm, and Ken** at Kirkwood the day they opened the wall after receiving over 5 feet of new snow.

Good timing is also required off the slopes. You need to make it down to breakfast to find out what the schedule for the day would be, as plans were fluid, like the weather. You need to be at the hot tub at the right time, where **Spence** would bring Bloody Mary's after a hard day of skiing. Good timing also means knowing to fold at the poker table when **Hal Rosewall** is holding four of a kind. Timing is everything on the dance floor when you're out on a Lake Tahoe dinner/dance cruise.

Needless to say, a great time was had by all who made the trek to Lake Tahoe. So, it's time to put a fresh coat of wax on your skis and plan to have a wonderful time with us in Breckenridge.

Rain, Snow, and so Much More, submitted by Hal Rosewall

As **Sharon** and I rode to South Lake Tahoe with **Denny Wheeler** and **Don Smith**, it was snowing like crazy on Donner Pass. We were struck with happiness and relief until we arrived at Lake Tahoe, where it was raining like crazy! Fortunately, it snowed higher up and by Sunday we found great skiing at Heavenly, Kirkwood and Northstar.

Fran Long out-did herself in arranging other activities (with the help of **Sharon Page** and **Lauren Nagle**...just in case the snow was bad. We took a bus trip to Virginia City, and on the return trip made a stop at a brothel called Bunny Ranch. Don't worry...everyone (except Thom Page) stayed on the bus...you must ask him about that!

Our last evening of dining and dancing was spent cruising Lake Tahoe aboard the M.S. Dixie. Earlier in the week, the Lakeview Casino did a Texas Hold-em tournament in which fifteen SLO Skiers participated. The big winner was Yours Truly, **Hal Rosewall**.

Great Trip, submitted by Sharon and Thom Page

Tahoe was a great trip! Not only was the snow Heavenly, the group was Devine! With your choice of ski locations, you couldn't go wrong. There were plenty of activities for the non-skier too! Not only did we learn to Cha-Cha and gamble...some of us even went to an old Western town and stopped by a "bunny" ranch.

But the best part of all...we're the people! The new friends we made, and the old ones we caught up with, ski club members are the best! You are always guaranteed a good time, and A Taste of Tahoe did not disappoint. Thank you Fran, can't wait for Breckenridge.

A Little Bit Longer, submitted by Diane Mandala

Tahoe was fantastic: great powder, good friends, perfect weather, and our lodge was very accommodating. Just wish we could have stayed there longer...

Thank you Steve, Hal, Sharon, Thom, and Diane, for taking time out of your busy lives to share your Tahoe experience. You are the best!

Now that you've heard from your friends, think about the rest of this season...Breckenridge in March and Mammoth in April...and is isn't too early to start saving for next year's ski season which will include Big White, Canada; Mt. Bachelor in Oregon; and several trips to Mammoth.



South Lake Tahoe Ski Trip



SLO Skiers Calendar of Events

MARCH

Mar. 9 Steve Seybold Celebration of Life @SLO Elks- 1pm
Mar. 15 Bev Gammill Memorial Tree Planting @Cuesta Park-2pm
Mar. 22-29 Breckenridge Ski Trip

APRIL

Apr. 6-10 Mammoth Mountain Ski Trip

Happy Birthday to all born in March!



Robin Weckerley
Winona Smyth
Gary Elem
Caroline Dibbs
Kelly Fisher
Don Smith
Rich Romero

Linda & Darrell Voth
Robin & Lawrence Guittard
Jerry & Olivia Larson
Linda Kinney
John Leman
Gary McCready

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



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