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The Newsletter of  
*The SLO Skiers, Inc.*  
A Ski, Sport and Social Club  
*April 2014*

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Annual dues \$40/person

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*

**Apr. 6-10, 2014    Sunday-Thursday    Mammoth Mountain\***

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## *Message from the President*

Hello fellow SLO skiers,

Please join me in welcoming the new leadership team!!!

Fran Long – Director/ President  
Thom Page – Director/ Vice President  
Sharon Page – Director/ Treasurer  
Teresa Rice – Director/ Secretary  
Peter Jacobsen – Director/ Membership Director  
Lauren Nagle – returning Director/ Trips Director  
Ken Waage – returning Director/ Finance Director  
Helen Jacobson – Photographer  
Ralph Gibson – Newsletter  
Kathleen O'Neill – Philanthropy  
Jana Favallora – Website Manager  
Pete Sarafian – Publicity

A great many thanks to the outgoing team and to all the volunteers that made the past year so grand! The April meeting will be the transition meeting. A new team takes over and the Club starts looking ahead to spring and summer activities. Also - the Breckenridge group should be back and I'm anxious to hear those stories. Hope to see you at the April meeting.

*John Smith*

# **APRIL 2014 PHILANTHROPY REPORT :**

## **ANNUAL SUMMARY:**

Ours is a club of truly generous members. Since I assumed the office of Philanthropy Chair in April 2013, our club's total charity giving has been as follows:

- 127 pounds of food, \$20 cash, and 271 pounds of diapers and baby wipes were donated to the San Luis Obispo Food Bank.
- 124.5 pounds of hotel sample toiletries were given to the San Luis Obispo Homeless Shelter.
- Members assisted disabled veterans (mostly amputees) learn to surf in the AmpSurf clinic at Pismo Beach. The Club has decided to support AmpSurf on a continuing basis in teaching amputee veterans to surf. Upcoming clinics will be held on May 3rd June 14th and September 4th– 8th
- We "adopted" the village of Dumarao in the Philippines after the devastating super typhoon Haiyan destroyed the village in November 2013. One of our members raised \$9,000 to help this Philippine village of 1,300 people recover. We collected \$590 in donations for the relief effort from our Club members alone; and with recovery taking several years, we expect to continue supporting this village. Through our donations we have already provided them basic food of rice and sardines and have financially helped in the building of their small chapel and pre-school.
- Members donated sweat shirts, sweat pants and books to the Elks Lodge for hospitalized veterans. Members also contributed "toys for tots" via the Elks Lodge. Members anonymously provided gifts to needy families through the "angels program" at the Elks Lodge.
- Fourteen (14) members supported the Central Coast Follies, a charity donation for Parkinson's research. Our total contribution was \$406. In total, the Follies contributed \$23,000 to Parkinson's research.
- 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. Two recently deceased members will have their trees planted soon.
- We collected and donated \$824 to help pay some medical bills of a fellow member who sustained a tragic accident in Mexico.

## **AMPSURF IS COMING UP SOON!!!**

The SLO Skiers Board is encouraging members to participate in the upcoming AmpSurf surfing events at Pismo Beach May 3rd, June 14th, and September 4th-8th as one of our community service projects. These are events when disabled veterans (mostly amputees) are assisted to learn to surf, regardless of whether they sit, lie down on their bellies, or stand. It is by far one of the most personally rewarding experiences you will ever have, whether you assist deep in the water, near the shore, or on the beach. The joy of accomplishment in the veterans' faces will make these events something you will want to participate in over and over. Wet suits and booties are provided, and lunch is served for all veterans and volunteers. Also bring a waterproof camera to the surfing event if you have one. There are two requirements of participating in the May 3rd online to <http://ampsurf.org/clinics/volunteer/> and complete and submit their volunteer application form early, and 2) attend a volunteer meeting on 4/29 at 5:30 pm at 340 Pomeroy St. in Pismo Beach. For any other questions, please contact coordinator Kathleen O'Neill at 550-5010.

## **MEMORIAL FOREST**

It always saddens us to lose loved ones, but our deceased Club members will always be remembered in both our hearts and our memorial forest at Rancho El Chorro Park. On March 15th Bev Gammill we planted a live oak tree in memory of member. On April 26th Seybold at 1 pm we will plant a memorial tree for Steven, . We plan to have an overnight campout at the park that evening to honor both Steven and Bev. Everyone should reserve their own campsites at Rancho El Chorro Park across highway 1 from Cuesta College at <http://reservations.slocountyparks.com>.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen O'Neill



The bus and plane trips went as planned and according to schedule. Many thanks to Teresa Rice and Hal Rosewall for herding the cats along the way. Upon arrival in Denver we were greeted with snow falling. The Welcome party at the rustic private restaurant was great. Michael Kresbach and Sharon Page won the crazy hat contest. We enjoyed the Sawmill Creek condos. The units were located on the Four O'Clock ski run. We had a short shuttle ride to the slopes. We skied home directly to our condos when the errant moose wasn't on the loose.

Skiing on Sunday featured a trip up the new Peak 6 chair. The added ski area was mostly challenging runs. The wind was blowing the fresh snow and made all the expensive ski gear worth the investment. Sunday afternoon the condo challengers started the pool tournament. The hospitality suite had a pool table that was put to good use all week long. The pool tournament was ultimately won by Aussie John (Ryding).

Monday most of the group ventured to Keystone for skiing on the blue groomed runs. Eight ladies toured the local thrift stores in a limo. Many bargains were purchased. After skiing, the card tournament was won, by Steve Thatcher. The card game "Cards Against Humanity" was enjoyed by the less serious card players.

The big event on Tuesday was the Epic Race. Our racers proved that we definitely are not SLOW skiers. The course was super easy and way too much fun. Most racers ran the course multiple times. The race was only for our group so there was very little wait time between runs. The hospitality suite hosted an après ski get together.

Wednesday was the official "poop out day." Our Non Ski guru, Sharon Page, outdid herself with fun ideas. There was a good sized group that went on a snow shoe tour of the abandoned mining area outside of town. After lunch, the group enjoyed a tour of the historic downtown saloons. After the tour we tasted locally brewed bourbon and vodka. Those who chose to ski visited their favorite Vail owned resort.

Thursday we awakened to more fresh snow. The bus ride to Vail remained on schedule in spite of the inclement weather. Of course the snow meant fresh powder at Vail. The mountain hosts did a good job of showing off the incredible slopes. The powder hounds headed to the back bowls. Everyone was exhausted on the ride home. But wait... we rallied for a fun filled pajama party. There were no prizes awarded for the best pajamas. Spence and Carol Thatcher certainly had the most creative pajamas in the group. Hmmm. During the party the many awards were presented. The crash and burn award went to the "L" people. Lloyd had to have stitches and Linda skied all week with a broken arm. There was no contest for the men's winner of the Party Animal medal. Aussie John enjoyed so much of the liquid refreshment served in the hospitality suite that he missed the Tuesday race. Carolayne Holley won the female Party Animal medal. There were two beautiful blankets with the SLO Skiers logos won by raffle drawing. Again, lucky John Ryding won one blanket. The other blanket was won by Fran Long. The race awards were handed out. The big news is the women finally won the trophy back from the men....See the individual race results in a separate article.

Friday we were again treated to fresh snow. Almost everyone skied and enjoyed their last day at beautiful Breckenridge. After skiing we were bussed to the Adventure Park for a mule driven sleigh ride followed by dinner and entertainment. It was the perfect end to a perfect week of fun..

# BRECKENRIDGE RACE RESULTS, MARCH 2014

NAME	PLACE	MEDAL
<b>DAMN FAST RACER MEN:</b>		
MICHAEL KREBSBACH	1ST	SILVER
BRUCE HENSHAW	2ND	SILVER
KEN WAAGE	3RD	SILVER
KING, MIKE		BRONZE
<b>REAL FAST RACER MEN:</b>		
STEVE THATCHER	1ST	BRONZE
VINCE KIRKHUFF	2ND	BRONZE
NORM SMITH	3RD	SILVER
JEFF FERRARIO		BRONZE
CHRIS TOEWS		SILVER
LLOYD KINNEY		BRONZE
LOGAN THATCHER		BRONZE
BILL WINSTON		BRONZE
SPENCE THATCHER		BRONZE
HAL ROSEWALL		BRONZE
RALPH GIBSON		BRONZE
THOM PAGE		BRONZE
DENNY WHEELER		BRONZE
<b>UP AND COMING RACER MEN:</b>		
ED FELTZMAN	1ST	BRONZE
LARRY GUITTARD	2ND	RACER
PETER JACOBSEN	3RD	RACER
<b>DAMN FAST WOMEN RACERS:</b>		
LAUREN NAGLE	1ST	GOLD
FRAN LONG	2ND	GOLD
JENNIFER FERRARIO	3RD	SILVER
<b>REAL FAST WOMEN RACERS:</b>		
TRACY THATCHER	1ST	BRONZE
MELANIE THATCHER	2ND	BRONZE
HELEN JACOBSEN	3RD	SILVER
JANELLE KING		BRONZE
TERESA RICE		BRONZE
CAROLAYNE HOLLEY		BRONZE
DIANE DAVIES		BRONZE
LINDA KINNEY (BROKEN ARM)		BRONZE
CAROLINE GIBSON		BRONZE
<b>UP AND COMING RACER WOMEN:</b>		
STEPHANIE FRANCIS	1ST	RACER
DIANE MANDALA		BRONZE
KAYLEE THATCHER (BOARDED)		RACER
STACY KING		RACER

results for up and coming racer women will be posted in the May Gazette...Sorry....

## Breckenridge Memories!



Breckenridge Pajama Party



## *March Hike*



### *March Ramble A Nice Preamble*

At the top of East Cuesta Grade,  
Are spectacular views and some shade.  
Now that spring is springing,  
And the birds are all singing,  
Such a walk is like a parade!

The hills finally turned a bright green,  
Wildflowers are starting to preen.  
In a little while,  
They'll be out in style,  
The outdoors will be so serene.

Although this time I went alone,  
It was quiet; I brought not my phone.  
Nothing to frazzle,  
Just nature to dazzle,  
Like a dog who has found a new bone

*-Pete Sarafian*



*Pete Sarafian communes with Bush Poppies on E. Cuesta Grade via "selfie".*

## *Bev Gammill's Tree Planting Memorial*



## *SLO Skiers Calendar of Events*

### **APRIL**

Apr. 6-10 Mammoth Mountain Ski Trip– contact Fran Long for details

*Happy Birthday to all born in  
APRIL*





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