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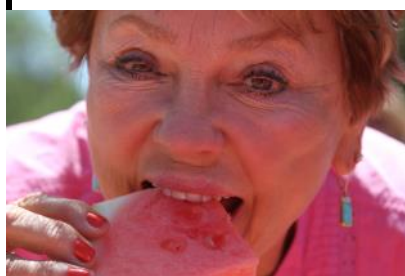
The Newsletter of
The SLO Skiers, Inc.
A Ski, Sport and Social Club
June 2014

www.sloskiers.org
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

WHERE YOU AT THE ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE?





President's Message

Welcome to another fun-packed summer with the SLO Skiers! This newsletter is packed with information about fun in all sizes and shapes. You have but to read and make your decisions. Summer BBQ's, hikes, bike rides, campouts...the list goes on.

While we are all out enjoying the lazy days of summer, we have many folks staying busy with plans for what lies ahead as well. The Turtle Auction committee is in full swing, preparing for our annual fund raiser to be held September 6th. In addition to operating expenses, the auction proceeds offset the cost of many of your events...ski trips...pray for snow...end of the year party...Christmas party...

Speaking of Pray for Snow, that committee is in full swing as well. Research is under way, lead by committee chair, Janet Leonard, to procure a lively live band for our dancing pleasure this year.

There is no beginning nor end to planning for ski trips. You already know the club is going to Big White, Canada, and to Mt. Bachelor, Oregon. The details, details, details, are being shaped, planned, refined, and reshaped by the travel committee, under the leadership of trip director, Lauren Nagle.

SLO Skiers is made up of around 150 creative, enthusiastic members. You board is asking each of you to do a small part for a ski trip, party, wine down, bike ride, etc. Come to a meeting, pick an event you want to attend anyway, and sign up to help out with its success.

See you at the meeting, Wednesday, June 4th; see you on the bike ride, Friday, June 6th; see you at the BBQ, Wednesday, June 18th.

SLO Skiers Calendar of Events



June 4 SLO General Meeting at SLO Elks Lodge at 7:30 PM

June 6 First Friday Bike Ride

Where: Bob Jones Trail at 10:00 AM

June 12 thru 15 Far West Volcanic Paradise Convention

Where: Bend Oregon (see flyer May Newsletter)

June 18 SLO Member BBQ

Where: Spyglass Park at 5:00 PM

June 27 thru 29 Backpacking and Hiking

Where: Chickenfoot Lake (see flyer May Newsletter)

July 2 SLO General Meeting at SLO Elks Lodge at 7:30 PM

July 4 First Friday Bike Ride

Where: Bob Jones Trail at 10:00 AM

August 1 thru 3 Camp and Bike

Where: Monterey County Fairgrounds

August 6 SLO General Meeting at SLO Elks Lodge at 7:30 PM

August 8 First Friday Bike Ride

Where: Bob Jones Trail at 10:00 AM

September 3 SLO General Meeting

Where: SLO Elks Lodge at 7:30 PM

September 5 thru 16 Far West South Africa Trip (see flyer May Newsletter)

September 6, 2014 SLO Skiers Annual Auction

Where: Clubhouse of the Vines Resort, 88 Wellsona Rd, Paso Robles, CA

September 20 First Friday Bike Ride

Where: Bob Jones Trail at 10:00 AM

October 1 SLO General Meeting

Where: SLO Elks Lodge at 7:30 PM

October 11 thru 18 Cozomel Scuba Trip (see flyer May Newsletter)

November 22, 2014 SLO Skiers "Pray for Snow" Dinner / Dance

Where: San Luis Obispo Country Club

December 13, 2014 SLO Skiers Annual Christmas Party

Where: Clubhouse of the Vines Resort, 88 Wellsona Rd, Paso Robles, CA

SLO SKIERS 2015 WEEKLONG SKI TRIPS

This is **THE** season to **SKI!** If the weather forecasters are correct, 2015 promises to be a great ski season. There are predictions of an El Nino winter. We have our work cut out for us at the PRAY FOR SNOW dance! For those among us who are not independently wealthy, the Bachelor trip on February 14th to 21st is going to be very budget friendly. The Big White trip to Canada was booked at prime time for the resort, but budget time for pricing. I'm not supposed to tell, BUT, United Airlines is announcing TODAY (May 27th) that they are adding a flight direct from San Francisco to Kelona. You may be saying sooo??? Kelona is the airport servicing the Big White Ski Resort. And why is this so important? Welllllll, if everyone who says they are going to Big White signs up, we should be taking around 60 people. Some will drive, some will prefer the Los Angeles flight. We are, at this moment, negotiating with United Airlines to get 40 seats at a discounted rate. Since we are the first group to book the new route, chances are very good there will be enough seats to accommodate the group. I am being told that the flight from San Francisco leaves in the afternoon. The flight from Los Angeles leaves in the morning. I am praying that this will translate to a reasonable departure for the bus to SFO.

Now for some details...Bachelor...We will be staying at the **Hilton Hotel** (formerly the Phoenix Inn) in **downtown** Bend. Daily breakfast is included in the price. Many of you like this option. It gives you a time to "touch base" with your ski buddies. There will be two shuttles to take you from the hotel to Bachelor each morning. There are three shuttles in the afternoon to take you from the ski area to the hotel. A five out of six day lift package will give you the opportunity to ski this wonderfully diverse mountain. For the après ski adventures you can count on a tour of the Deschutes brewery, great restaurants and shops are an easy walk from the hotel. The Hotel is hosting a welcome party. I'm working on a farewell dinner and dance at the Bend Elks Lodge. What is not included in the package is transportation. Some of you will opt to take the fun filled Amtrak directly from either Grover Beach, SLO , or Paso. There are also flights into Redmond Oregon. If you opt to drive the Hilton is working with their sister Hotel in Red Bluff for discounted rooms on Friday night. Bonnie and Mike Long have volunteered to work with Sharon Page and I to make this a trip to remember. Bonnie is a former SLO Skier Trip Director. Her experience and enthusiasm will add even more fun to a great trip.



Big White...The dates are March 21st to 29th. This is the first time the SLO Skiers have visited this great resort. First a few facts on why this resort was chosen. Location, location, location. Skiing in British Columbia, Canada may mean Whistler for many of you. Well guess what? Big White is also in British Columbia. However the resort is *inland*. That translates to much DRIER ski conditions. The top of the mountain is ;7,606 feet. The base of the mountain is 5,757 feet. Translated that means altitude sickness shouldn't be a problem. 18% of the mountain is for beginner skiers. 54% are intermediate slopes. 22% are rated expert. 6% are for extreme skiers. There are 16 lifts. 1 gondola, 5 high speed chairs and addition 5 chairs 3 ground t-bar and 2 tubing transports. These lifts service 2,765 acres of skiable terrain. There are 38 acres available for night skiing. You can choose from 118 designated trails. The average annual snow fall is a whopping 24.5 feet. Most California skiers haven't gotten the opportunity to become good powder skiers. Therefore included in the package will be one powder lesson. That will help all of us take advantage to the light powder that Big White is known for. The end of March is typically powder season at the resort.

Now let's talk about the village. It isn't a town but a real ski village. There are plenty of great restaurants and shops. Make no mistake this is NOT a shopper's haven. We have chosen very upscale condos for the majority of the group. However for those who prefer hotel rooms the option is available. The hotel is in close proximity to the condos. Both are located slope side. Both properties were carefully selected for the amenities and locations.

Sign up for both week long trips will begin at the July meeting. The pricing will come out in a snow mail as soon as the contracts are signed. Again this year there will be a discount for payment in full. Accommodation and travel preferences are giving in the *order of trip sign ups*. Barbara Collins is the trip co captain. She has been to the resort and will be happy to answer your detailed questions.

WEEK LONG SKI TRIP DIRECTOR; LAUREN NAGLE
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Summer Bike Ride Schedule

Yes, it is time to start getting in shape for those long, hard days of skiing by routinely riding your bicycle. Join the SLO Skiers bike group for another superb series of summer bike rides. Mark your calendar and save the dates. Details will be in the newsletter prior to each ride.

Friday, June 6th	First Friday ride on the Bob Jones trail Ride Captain:	10:00 AM
Sunday, June 8th	Join Santa Barbara Ski Club Santa Barbara to Carpinteria (see article) Ride Captain:	8:45 AM
Friday, July 4th	First Friday ride on the Bob Jones trail Ride Captain:_____	10:00 AM
Saturday, July 19th	Morro Bay to Cayucos ride Ride Captain: John Long	10:00 AM
Fri-Sun, August 1-3	Monterey Camp and Bike (see article) Trip Captain: Lauren Nagle	
Friday, August 8th	First Friday ride on the Bob Jones trail Ride Captain:_____	10:00 AM
Friday, September 5th	First Friday ride on the Bob Jones trail Ride Captain:_____	10:00 AM
Sat, September 20	South County ride Ride Captain:_____	10:00 AM
Friday, October 3rd	First Friday ride on the Bob Jones trail Ride Captain:_____	10:00 AM
Sat, October 4th	Ventura to Ojai and back ride Consider campout if someone will lead Ride Captain:_____	10:30 AM

As you can see, many rides need a ride captain. Ride captains have as much, or as little, freedom as they would like in setting the ride route, lunch/breakfast/snack stops. If you would be willing to support our bike ride program by captaining a ride or two, contact Fran: fancat87@gmail.com.

Central Council Update

Central Council...What is that? Organized skiing in the United States is a tiered organization. At the local level, we all belong to ski clubs, like SLO Skiers. Ski clubs within a geographical area are organized into councils. The central California and central coast council is called Central Council, and it is comprised of ski clubs in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Salinas, Bakersfield, and Fresno. Councils belong to larger organizations. Central Council, along with ten other councils, is a member of Far West Ski Association. Councils throughout the United States belong to the national organization, the National Ski Council Federation.

So, what does all this mean to you, the local SLO Skier? It means many things, but here I will just highlight one...more opportunities for ski, sport, and social activities. First of all, the president and trip director will be attending the FWSA convention on your behalf. We will be networking with the ski industry, attending seminars, etc., increasing our knowledge base in order to bring you the best deals at the best prices.

Next, Central Council has a few summer activities to add to your planning schedule. If they fit your fancy and your time frame, you can find all the details on the Central Council website: www.centralcouncilskiclubs.org. Coming up, June 27-29, is a backpacking/hiking trip to Chicken foot Lake. You can hike in and spend the night, or two; or you can hike in and out the same day and camp in a less primitive location. The hike is less than 3 miles in. Like the idea? Check it out on the website. September 26-28, Central Council has a group going to the Nevada County Celtic Festival and Games. Like Celtic music? Consider checking this one out, too. And finally, Central Council is hosting a golf tournament in the fall. Information will be available soon on that one. Between our own club events and our council events, there is no reason to sit home and be bored this summer!

AUG. 1ST & 2ND BIKE AND CAMP, MONTEREY

Back by popular demand is our summer trip to Monterey. We will be camping at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. The address is 2004 Fairgrounds Road. The reason we chose the Fairgrounds is location, location, location. The facility is located close to the bike trail. Check in time is 1 PM. You need to be there prior to 8PM when the gates are closed. Check out is noon. Friday night dinner is on your own.. There is a golf course located right next door. The RV spaces have 20/30/50 amp electrical service and sewer and water hook ups.

The club has reserved 5 RV spaces in the overflow grassy area. We chose to reserve spaces there to accommodate parking of the larger rigs. The cost for Friday and Saturday night is \$90 which is the senior rate. Tents are no longer allowed in the RV area. However you can sleep in the back of your SUV or truck. The cost for an extra vehicle is \$5/night. That fee has not been prepaid. You also could consider sleeping on a cot under one of the RV awnings. Visit the Monterey County Fairgrounds web site for more details. There are showers and picnic tables available for campers. Of course there is no shortage of lovely motels in the area. To reserve a space please drop a check in the mail payable to SLO Skiers in the amount of \$90. The address is PO Box 1047, SLO, CA 93406. Be sure to write Monterey camping on your check. Lauren will be collecting money at the first meeting in May. If the trip hasn't sold out by June 5th, unsold spaces will be cancelled.

**\$90 FOR TWO NIGHTS FULL RV HOOK UPS
PAYMENT IN FULL DUE BY JUNE 4TH**

Just to
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urday and Sunday, the Scottish Games and Celtic Festival is happening at the Fairgrounds. The Festival features a weekend of fun. Featured in the athletic competition is the Caber toss, weights for distance and heavy hammer. Wow...that sounds interesting. The Scottish Clans will be in attendance in their full regalia. You can also enjoy one of Scotland's best exports at the Single Malt Whiskey Tasting. Tickets for the Festival are available on line. If purchased in advance there is a discount. Go to www.montereyscotgames.com for details.



The bike ride
AM from the



will start at 10
Fairgrounds on



Saturday. We will go through Can-
fully 17 mile drive. The round trip ride will be approximately 20 miles. It is rated beginner/
intermediate. The scenery is world famous. Be sure to bring a **helmet**, water, and money for lunch.

After the ride on Saturday we will
to share and an entrée of your choice.
day morning and your dinner wear for
and head home around noon on Sunday. Questions? Email Lauren at: mlnskier@gmail.com. My phone
number is 805-636-0477. If you are staying in a hotel, please let me know for planning purposes.
HAPPY TRAILS! LAUREN



have our usual group BBQ. Bring a dish
I will supply eggs and yogurt for Satur-
Saturday's dinner. We plan to pack up

LAUREN

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

Saturday, September 6, 2014



It's the Annual Turtle Auction

Saturday, November 22, 2014



Pray for Snow

Saturday, December 13, 2014



The SLO Skiers Annual Christmas Party

Both events will be held at a new location; the Clubhouse of the Vines RV Resort located at 88 Wellsona Road, Paso Robles. A limited number of RV Spaces have been reserved at a reduced rate of \$50 per night. For Reservations please contact the park directly at (805) 467-2100 and reference SLO Skiers.

National Skier Visits Fall Slightly

The number of skiers and snowboarders hitting the slopes at U.S. ski areas fell by about 700,000, or 1.3 percent, this season, the National Ski Areas Association trade group announced Thursday. A preliminary estimate showed there were 56.2 million customers compared with 56.9 million last season, the association said. The 10-year industry average is 57.3 million. "It's important to note that if the West Coast had experienced an average amount of skier visits, nationally the ski industry would have been close to another



AMP SURF OUTING



~ Season Opener ~

First BBQ of the Year

COME AND ENJOY THE FUN!



Spyglass Park ~ Shell Beach ~ June 18th ~ 5:00 PM



Exit 193 off 101

WHAT TO BRING:

SOMETHING TO SHARE:	Salad, dessert, casserole, anything goes.
DRINKS:	Your choice ~ water, soda, beer, wine
SOMETHING TO BBQ:	Chicken, fish, meats, veggies, what ever you like

Also bring a chair and something warm to wear as the sun sets

SEE YOU AT THE PARK



Santa Barbara's Ski Club Bike and Brunch

Santa Barbara Ski Club has extended this invitation to SLO Skiers. It really sounds like a great "June" bike ride for anyone available to do it.

The next bike and brunch is one of our most popular rides. Bachir Jirari will be leading the ride from Santa Barbara to Carpinteria on Sunday, June 8th. Everybody will meet at 8:45 at the Rainbow Arch in front of the Doubletree. The ride will wind down the coast to Carpinteria where the group will dine at Jack's Bagels before heading back to Santa Barbara. This is a fantastic ride, and Bachir does a great job. And best of all, it's free (except for the breakfast part of course). No RSVP necessary, just show up.

Park City Mountain Resort Loses Lawsuit — and Slopes Ski Industry Judge Says Resort's Lease of Mountainside From Talker Corp. had Expired.

Park City Mountain Resort looks like it lost its mountain.

A 3rd District judge ruled Wednesday the resort missed a 2011 deadline for renewing its lease on more than 2,800 acres of mountainside from [Talker Corp.](#), which said afterward it "looks forward to bringing in [Vail Resorts](#) as its new tenant and operator of the terrain."

[Vail Resorts](#) has been running [Talker](#)-owned Canyons Resort, adjacent to PCMR, [for the past year](#). In addition, Vail took over the lead role on this litigation, in which [Judge Ryan Harris](#) also determined [Talker](#) did not violate the lease by turning over operation of Canyons to Vail without offering it first to PCMR, or its parent company, Powder Corp.

PCMR is left with only the base facilities and the lower portion of the mountain. But that could be enough to make it difficult for Vail to run PCMR's expansive terrain from Canyons.

"Even if Vail ultimately prevails in this litigation," Powder Chief Executive [John Cumming](#) said, "it cannot possibly operate a resort on the leased property. They do not own the adjacent lands and facilities that are essential for ski operations to take place."

Judge Harris said he had shared the hopes of "most members of the Summit County community" that the lawsuit would be settled amicably "for the good of everyone, including the community, and keep both resorts operating in something close to the usual manner."

But no settlement was reached, so the judge ruled in favor of [Talker](#) on 8½ of 9 motions. All that PCMR has left is a claim it was not informed by [Talker](#) until more than a year later that the lease had expired on May 1, 2011.

Sullivan said PCMR expects to operate as usual in the winter of 2014-15 while the appeals continue.

"Our community has become one of the world's premier ski destinations because each of our three resorts offer a unique ski experience and compete with each other for guests," he said.

"A Vail takeover would diminish what we collectively offer," Cumming added. "They may boast of their domination of other communities, but that flies in the face of what has made Park City so successful."

The May hike will be too late in the month (May 31) for an article to be submitted on time, It was up to the top of Valencia Peak in Montana de Oro State Park.

The May hike was to Valencia Peak;
Too late for the newsletter to speak,
About how good it could be,
To get out and be free,
Rejoicing as a nature freak!

May First Friday Bike Ride

Our first bike ride of the season, the May First Friday bike ride on the Bob Jones Trail, boasted a small group of very enthusiastic lady bike Riders. Fran and Lauren rode from the Elk's in SLO, meeting up with the rest of the group at the head of the Bob Jones Trail. After touring Avila Beach, the group stopped for eats and meaningful conversation about solving the world's problems out by the Avila pier. With the satisfaction of a job well done, the group rode back up the Bob Jones Trail and said good-bye with a promise to do it again next month.

Next month is now here, and the June First Friday bike ride is just around the corner. Plan to meet up with the group at the head of the Bob Jones Trail at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 6th.



*Happy Birthday to all born in
June*





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