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



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SPYGLASS
PARK
BBQ—
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YOU LOST
IT,
CONTACT
JOHN
SMITH**





President's Message

June has been our usual busy summer month for SLO Skiers with a bike ride, hike, wine down, BBQ, and winning a wonderful award at the Far West Ski Association convention in Bend, Oregon. None of these activities would be available for us all to enjoy without some wonderful SLO Skier(s) volunteering to put a little time into organizing them.

Thank you, **Peter and June Ward** and committee for organizing our first BBQ of the summer. I didn't take a head count, but there were lots of SLO Skiers there, enjoying some outstanding eats and even better company.

The June wine down at **John and Kathy Welbourn's** home was equal in great food and even better company! We all had a wonderful time, and we thank you heartily for opening your home and organizing our fun.

Pete Sarafian led us on another informative hike at Lopez Lake. After traveling cross country and through the lake bed, we found the trail and enjoyed the hike, the views of the lake, and, of course, our fellow hikers. Thank you, Pete.

And, let's don't forget the First Friday Bike Ride, led by yours truly. I want to thank the riders who joined me. You all are helping me stay in shape for ski season, and I probably wouldn't do the ride if you weren't there.

We have all done a fantastic job of supporting charities and our community, but we wouldn't have won the top award at the Far West Ski Association convention without the many volunteer hours **Kathleen O'Neill** put into keeping us moving forward AND completing a very tedious and lengthy application. A huge thank you goes out to you, Kathleen. We received some wonderful recognition, and a check for \$300 made out to the Parkinson's foundation, for our efforts. We should all be proud!

It certainly isn't too early to begin thinking about what you want to donate to the **Turtle Auction** to be held on September 6th. This is our one and only significant fund raiser, with the proceeds going to cover our operating expenses and offset the cost of many of your events...ski trips...pray for snow...end of the year party...Christmas party... VP, **Thom Page**, and committee chair, **Stacey King**, are putting together a great committee and will be prepared to begin accepting your donations at the July meeting.

See you at the meeting, Wednesday, July 2nd; see you on the bike ride, Friday, July 4th;

SLO Skiers Calendar of Events



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

July 10 Beer Around (see Flyer page 7)

July 16 SLO BBQ (see Flyer page 11)

July 19 Morro Bay to Cayucos Bike Ride (see Schedule page 8)

August 1 thru 3 Camp and Bike (See Flyer page 10)

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

Member in the Spotlight...Kathleen O'Neill



Kathleen was named the SLO Skier of the Month for the month of June. She was honored for her hard work and commitment chairing the SLO Skiers Philanthropy program. Kathleen spent many hours keeping us informed and moving forward as we supported a number of charities at home and abroad. Additionally, Kathleen completed a lengthy Far West Ski Association application process so that SLO Skiers could be recognized for all our charitable efforts. Her diligence, and our member's commitment to helping others, paid off as we received the top honor in that competition, a check for \$300 to be donated to the Parkinson's Foundation.

Kathleen is a skier, beginning her skiing 'career' at age 40. Like so many of us, she is relatively new to skiing, taking up our sport as a seasoned adult. We all have those things we look forward to most in our organizations, and Kathleen's is the group ski trips. Since her recent left arm and hand surgeries, she hasn't been able to ski. She is looking forward to getting back to it after her recovery.

In addition to skiing, Kathleen has a variety of interests and hobbies including ballroom dancing, mountain climbing, walking on the beach, cooking, traveling the world, and playing with family members and friends.

Kathleen's passion for mountain climbing led her to rock and ice climbing in the U.S. and in several countries including Bolivia, Peru, France, Switzerland, Africa, Nepal, Bulgaria, and Greece; with her personal best summit of 19,840 feet on a glacier in the Peruvian Andes. Her last expedition was in Nepal two summers ago with one son, one brother, and two nephews. It was a memorable family adventure.

Kathleen is the first daughter in a family of eight children (4 boys, 4 girls). All 8 of the "kids" lived between Atascadero and Santa Maria until January when one sister moved to Lake Tahoe. Born in Baltimore Md., Kathleen lived her childhood on a ranch in Montana until age 12, then moved to Colorado before coming to SLO. She is the mother of two sons, Kevin and Brian, and raised two more boys, Kris and Damon, from the time they were 5 and 7. They were all raised on a ranch in Edna Valley. Between those four sons, she has seven grand children.

Kathleen graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, with a degree in Applied Mathematics and a minor in Computer Science, followed by working for IBM in San Francisco and County Government in San Luis Obispo.

And a final bit of trivia that most ski club folks don't know is that Kathleen was queen of the San Luis Obispo Mardi Gras in 1985.

June Jog Lost in Fog

Six skiers went out to seek,
The way up Valencia Peak.
But they tried to scale,
The Monterey Shale, (see photo)
Which made the enterprise bleak.

So they regrouped and marched up the trail,
And had no more risky travail.
Upon reaching the top,
They all had to stop,
And breathe, eat, sip, rest, then turn tail.

At the top the fog rolled right in,
You couldn't see much past your chin.
But we came down,
The previous frown,
Turned in to a sun shiny grin.



Photo by Mike Long. From left to right, Thom and Sharon Page, Pete Sarafian, Peter Jacobsen and Roy Gammill challenge the shale near the Summit of Valencia Peak.

June First Friday Bike Ride

June's First Friday bike ride on the Bob Jones Trail was just as much fun as the May ride, and we had the exact number of riders. Six of us met at 10:00 AM to enjoy a leisurely ride out to the Avila Pier. After touring the pier and peering in the windows of the Old Port Inn, we once again stopped for eats and friendly conversation out by the Avila pier, followed by our leisurely ride back up the trail.



Riders:

Rich

Steve

Julie

Lauren

John S.

Fran

Next month is now here, and the July First Friday bike ride is almost upon us. Yes, the ride will take place on the 4th of July at 10:00 AM. Wear you red white and blue, be at the head of the Bob Jones Trail, and get in a little friendly exercise before you head off to your holiday celebration.

Bunches of Hikers Avoid the Bikers

We had a hiking boon,
Walk Lopez Lake in June.
Eleven took Duna Vista trail;
No one had injury or trevail.

At the ridgetop we saw the Pacific;
Need I be more specific?
Despite scores of mountain bikers,
We were very satisfied hikers.

Even Lauren's pup,
Went on hiking up.
And to test their trekking mettle,
Pete led them back through stinging nettle.

(We even saw four wild turkeys and four deer.)

caption for photo: From left to right are Pete Sarafian, Mary Alexander, Fran Long, Peter Jackobsen, Tom and Sharon Page, Lauren Nagle and puppy, Sandy from Bakersfield, Barbara Collins, John Long and Carla Friddle. Photo courtesy of Ranger Rick



COME JOIN ROY GAMMILL & BOBBI BINDER FOR A “BEER” AROUND ON THURSDAY, JULY 10TH AT . . . 5:00 PM (OR WHENEVER YOU CAN GET THERE!) WE’LL SAVE A SEAT FOR YOU!

(SORRY NO WINE (AGAINST THEIR LIQUOR LICENSE), BUT COME JOIN THE SLO SKIERS’ BEER CLUBBERS!) REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE! IT IS “TRI TIP THURSDAY” FROM 5PM TO 8PM! THE “PARING KNIFE FOOD TRUCK” COMES TO TAP IT. ALSO THERE WILL BE ENTERTAINMENT! WWW.TAPITBREWERY.COM

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Summer Bike Ride Schedule

We have had two successful "First Friday" bike rides so far this summer. Check out the schedule and 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, July 4th	First Friday ride on the Bob Jones trail Ride Captain: Fran Long	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 20th	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

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



VAIL RESORTS COMMITS \$85 MILLION IN RESORT IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2014-15

Beaver Creek's combination gondola/six-passenger express lift will replace the Centennial Express, Beaver Creek's primary portal. It will have one gondola cabin for every five chairs.

Breckenridge's Super Chair on Peak 8 is being upgraded from a quad to a six-passenger express, providing a 30 percent increase in capacity.

Central Council Update



Those who kayaked the Owen's River in and around Bishop and Crowley Lake had a wonderful time enjoying the gentle river, the adventure of doing something new and different, and the camaraderie with friends. We all pledged to do it again next year, AND convince some of our other friends that they should join us.

Central Council's next adventure is coming up this NOW! A small group will be either day hiking or overnight backpacking to Chickenfoot Lake, in Little Lakes Valley which is hidden in the Eastern Sierra north of Bishop and south of Mammoth. This will likely be an annual event as well, so you can look forward to joining the group next summer.

And there are a few more summer activities you might want 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. 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 fun golf tournament and campout in Morro Bay on October 3rd. 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!

Park City Ski Resort Update

PARK CITY, Utah — A judge has signed an order clearing the way for Park City Mountain Resort to be evicted from the mountain. However, the judge halted enforcement until August 27 and ordered both sides to go into mediation.

Last month, Judge Harris ruled Park City Mountain Resort missed a key deadline to renew its lease on the mountain, giving control of the slopes to Talisker Holdings. “The Court, as least as much as most members of the Summit County community, had certainly hoped that the parties to this litigation would have been able to find a way, at some point during the many months this case has been pending, to resolve the situation amicably for the good of everyone including the community, and keep both resorts operating in something close to the usual manner,” he wrote.

Park City Mountain Resort, a crown jewel of Utah’s multi-billion dollar ski industry and a one-time Olympic venue, was served with an eviction notice last year. It stemmed from [a lawsuit it filed against Talisker Holdings](#), which owns the mountain (and also leases to Vail Resort, which operates Canyons Resort nearby). “The only thing they had to do was provide notice 60 days in advance that they wanted to renew the lease,” Talisker attorney Howard Shapiro said in April. “They failed to do that.”

PCMR claimed it was an “honest mistake.” Attorneys for the ski resort argued they had been operating on the belief they were renewing their lease, making improvements to the property and talking about long-term goals.

Come Join us in Morro Bay for the July 16 BBQ!



WHO—SKI Club Members and Guests.

WHAT—BBQ and Frisbee Golf Tournament (ladies vs. gents)! Bring something to BBQ, your favorite beverage and a food dish to share. Club will provide fire, BBQ utensils, cups, paper plates, napkins and tableware. Bring a light coat just in case of foggy weather.

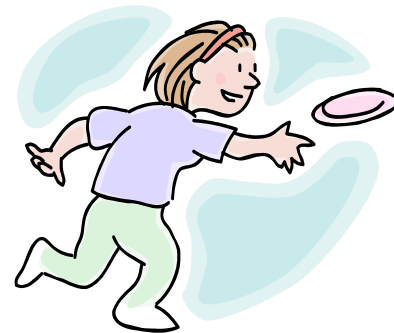
WHERE—

lands Park at the south end
barcadero Ave. in Morro

Tide-
of Em-
Bay.

WHEN—Come as early as
and help with the set-up. Fire ready by
5:30PM.

WHY— A good time!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JULY FOLKS





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