



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

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

## President's Message

September was quite a month for the SLO Skiers! We kicked off the month in a BIG way with probably the most financially successful Turtle Auction we have had so far. Due to the diligent efforts of auction coordinator, **Stacey King**, and her energetic committee; along with auctioneer, **Hal Rosewall**, and silent auction coordinator, **Teresa Rice**; overseen by our own big picture man, **Thom Page**; with the donation and purchasing support of the best ski club members in the entire United States; the 2014 Turtle Auction grossed just over \$13,700! A huge 'way to go' to a fantastic auction team and ski club.



Rumor has it that we sold 46 of the 60 spots available on the Big White ski trip in the hour or so before the auction started. Way to go **Lauren Nagle** and travel staffers! If you didn't sign up, don't wait too long. That trip will sell out as fast as Mt. Bachelor did

The auction certainly was our focus over the past couple of months, but all of our other social and sports activities continued and the event leaders of those events deserve a big shout out as well:

**Kathy Steele** graciously offered to lead the September First Friday Bike Ride on the Bob Jones Trail. Thank you, Kathy.

**Ralph and Caroline Gibson** hosted our September Wine Down at their lovely home in Atascadero. I'm sorry I missed the fun and the debue of the new pool. Thank you for opening your home to our club members.

Thank you, **Pete Sarafian**, for leading the South County Vine and Dine Bike Ride. That's another event I hated to miss! In addition, Pete planned another wonderful hike for our leisure time pleasure.

**Membership dues** are now due. Please remember to complete and send the membership application AND the signed waiver along with your check in order to complete your membership for 2014-2015. The waiver you are signing covers meetings, parties, and non-risk local club events only, and it is required in order to be a member in good standing. I think it's a pain, too, so thank you for understanding.

The **second meeting of the month**, a program meeting, begins in October. Our first program will focus on preparing your body for the upcoming ski season. Our own **Nancy J** will be guiding us in this endeavor. Thank you, Nancy, for volunteering your time to support our club members. Following the program meeting, there will be a wienie roast at the beach. Look for all the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

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**Think SAFETY...**Do you know the Skier Responsibility Code? Now is a good time for all us skiers to begin refreshing our memories. Here are the first two entries in the code:

1. Always stay in control, and be able to stop or avoid other people or objects.
2. People ahead of you have the right of way. It is your responsibility to avoid them.

## *SLO Skiers Calendar of Events*



October 1, 2014 SLO General Meeting

Where: SLO Elks Lodge at 7:30 PM

October 3, 2014 First Friday Bike Ride (See Flyer Page 7)

October 11 thru 18, 2014 Cozomel Scuba Trip (See Page 12)

October 23, 2014 Fitness Training / Bonfire Weiner Roast

Where: 1570 Grand Avenue, Grover Beach at 6:00 PM (See Flyer Pg 6)

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

Where: San Luis Obispo Country Club (See Flyer Page 8)

December 13, 2014 SLO Skiers Annual Christmas Party

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

January 8, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 11)

January 25, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 11)

January 31 thru February 7, 2015 FWSA to Whistler (See Page 12)

February 14 thru 21, 2015 Bachelor Ski Trip (See Details in June Newsletter)

March 5, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 11)

March 10 thru 14, 2015 FWSA to Paris, March 14 thru 21, 2015 Ski Trip to Val d'Iserre and 3-21 thru 3-28-2015 to Provence and the French Riviera (See Page 12)

March 21 thru 28, 2015 Big White Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 9)

March 30 thru April 4, 2015 Whitefish, Montana Ski Trip (See Page 12)

April 5, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 11)

June 4 thru 7, 2015 FWSA Convention in San Diego, CA (See Page 14)

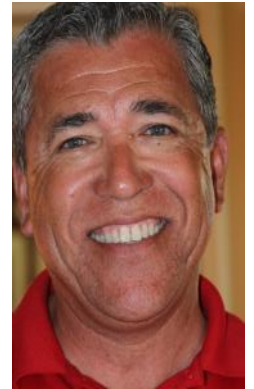
June 19 thru June 23, 2015 FWSA Mississippi River Boat Cruise (See Page 12)

FWSA Ski Trips in 2016 - Telluride Ski Resort and Crested Butte Mnt Resort  
(See Page 15, September Newsletter)





## THE AUCTION-\$13706.00





OCTOBER 23, 2014

## PREPARE YOUR BODY FOR THE SLOPES



BY

*Nancy J Brown*

Join Nancy J at her massage studio as she runs participants through a 7 point body stretch that will prepare and retrain your muscles for skiing. Nancy will personally coach participants in the proper techniques of each movement to ensure they are done correctly for optimal benefit to you. Don't miss this exciting opportunity on October 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. 1570 Grand Ave. Grover Beach. The session should last approximately 60 minutes.

Followed by:

A bonfire and wiener roast on the Oceano Dunes from 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. Drive one mile down Grand right onto the sand (\$5.00 entrance fee per car) or park in the lot to the right of the entrance (free) and walk to the fire. We'll be located just north of the entrance. Look for the club flags. Bring your own drinks, hot dogs will be provided. Warm clothing, chairs and blankets are also suggested.





## Summer Bike Ride Schedule

We will have our final organized bike ride of the summer on Friday, October 3rd. Join the SLO Skiers bike group and ride toward better ski fitness this winter.

We do need a ride captain for this ride, as I have to WORK!



Friday, October 3rd      First Friday ride on the Bob Jones trail      10:00 AM  
Ride Captain: \_\_\_\_\_



Just a reminder...helmets are required on all SLO Skier Bike Rides.

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## Vail buys Park City Mountain Resort for \$182.5 Million

Vail Resorts has purchased Park City Mountain Resort for \$182.5 million in cash, creating the country's largest ski resort covering more than 7,000 acres. The Colorado resort announced the acquisition Thursday morning, adding that the sale resolves all litigation with Powdr Corp., Park City Mountain Resort's parent company.

Vail said PCMR and Canyons Resort would be combined for the 2015-16 season. But PCMR will be added immediately to the resort's popular Epic Pass, which offers pass holders skiing opportunities at all of Vail's resorts in the United States — plus a few ski areas overseas.

Vail CEO Rob Katz said he was pleased that the sale would "bring a permanent end" to litigation between Talisker/Vail and Powdr Corp. that for months had threatened to close PCMR this winter. Ending that dispute will "provide assurance to the guests and employees of PCMR — and to everyone in the Park City community — that they no longer have to worry about any disruption to the operation of the resort. The agreement requires Vail Resorts to retain PCMR employees in their current roles.

"This has been a difficult period for everyone involved," he added, "and I commend John Cumming and Powdr Corp. for helping to find a solution to this situation."

Cumming said "selling was the last thing we wanted to do, and while we believe the law around this issue should be changed, a protracted legal battle is not in line with our core value to be good stewards of the resort communities in which we operate." He added that "a sale was the only way to provide long-term certainty for PCMR employees and the Park City community. My family and I are extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to play a role in making PCMR what it is today, and we deeply appreciate the dedicated employees and all of the people who have supported us over the years."



Join the SLO Skiers for an evening of fine food, good dancing  
and great friends to start the Ski Season as we . . .

# Pray For Snow

Saturday, November 22, 2014  
5 to 11:30 p.m.

San Luis Obispo Country Club,  
255 Country Club Dr.  
543-3400

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres  
5 to 6 p.m.

(No Host Cash Only Bar)  
Dinner and Dancing until 11:30

\$40 members, \$70 non-member guests

Included: Hors d'oeuvres, Salad, Dessert, Choice of Entree: Center Cut  
Top Sirloin, Grilled Salmon, or Vegetarian--chef's choice, and table  
wine. Corkage fee \$15, cash only. Please specify Entree choice on your  
check and send to: SLO Skiers, PO Box 1047, SLO, 93406

Payment must be received by November 10th.  
No admittance at the door. Contact: Janet Leonard 440-8535



**MARCH 21ST TO MARCH 28TH, 2015**



**Kelowna, BC Canada**  
bigwhite.com

**\$1,498.**



**PACKAGE INCLUDES;**  
**ROUND TRIP AIR**  
SAN FRANCISCO TO KELOWNA, B.C.  
**(FOR AIR OUT OF LAX ADD \$80.00)**  
**SHUTTLE TO/FROM KELOWNA TO SKI AREA**  
**7 NIGHTS LODGING**  
(BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)  
**STONEBRIDGE CONDOS SKI IN/OUT**  
CHECK OUT THESE UNITS @STONEBRIDGEATBIGWHITE.COM  
**5 OUT OF 7 DAY LIFT TICKETS**

**SELLER OF TRAVEL #**  
**2093324-40**

**TRIP CAPTAIN; LAUREN NAGLE [mlnskier@gmail.com](mailto:mlnskier@gmail.com)**  
**EMAIL LAUREN FOR SIGN UP DOCUMENTS**  
**CHECKS TO RESERVE SPACES WONT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE**  
**TURTLE AUCTION SEPTEMBER 6TH BEGINNING AT 5:30 pm**



## BIG WHITE...MORE INFORMATION

At a recent event, I ran into my buddy, Rex Fitch. I asked Rex if he was going to the Canadian trip. His answer was he didn't think so. I asked *why*? His answer was, "because there is nothing to do there but ski." Well, Rex, darlin' you are wrong. Another misconception I've heard is the trip is only for really good skiers. Again, darlins' **WRONG!**

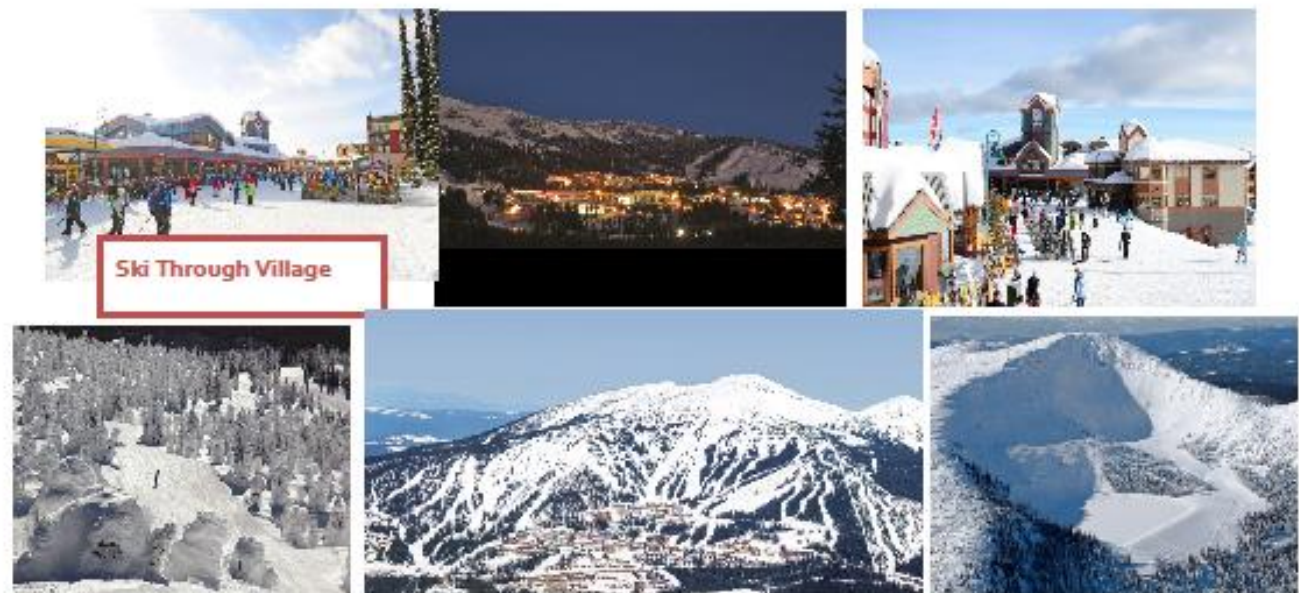
**I admit, I'm a skier.** The only time I care about non ski fun is if my friends are signed up for an event like last year's Riches to Rags, Limo Tour. That was so much FUN! Here is a list of some non ski fun to get into at Big White; Outdoor ice skating, tubing in a thrilling tube park, enjoy a sleigh ride through the pristine Canadian forest, snow shoe tours with a guided tour, sno-limo tours..designed for non-skiers to be transported on a lazy-boy chair on skies,, dog sled tours, snowmobile tours. There are 25KM of Nordic trails and Nordic coaching available.

Oh, yes. then there is the European style village. The elevation is 5,758 feet. There are all the amenities of a small city, such as a grocery store, specialty shops, pubs with live entertainment and over 18 restaurants. Don't forget the exchange rate means we get more for our US dollars! Enjoy a pleasant surprise when your credit card bill arrives after the trip.

Now, just a few words about beginner and intermediate runs. 18% of the mountain is for beginner skiers. **A whopping 54% of the runs are for intermediate skiers, many of which are groomed!!** Part of our package includes a powder lesson. Who doesn't want to become a better skier?

Sign ups happen at the auction...See the attached flier. Contact Lauren for sign up docs.

Now, a picture is worth a thousand words: The photos are provided by the Big White Resort.





# Mammoth Mountain

## 2014-2015 Ski Trips

### Trips Includes:

- Lodging for 3 nights  
Condo or Hotel Room
- Welcome Party
- Dinner
- Fun with friends!
- Required taxes and insurance

### Approximate Pricing

(Not all properties have 2015 pricing available)

- 1b/loft/2ba condo 4 people \$190/p
- 2b/2ba condo 4 people \$205/p
- 2b/loft/3ba condo 6 people \$195/p
- 1b/1ba condo 2 people \$295/p
- Hotel room 2 people \$298/p

4 night package can be arranged per condo/  
room for additional charge

### Trip Dates:


January 8-11 (12) Thurs-Sun (Mon)  
January 25-28 (29) Sun-Wed (Thurs)  
March 5-8 (9) Thurs-Sun (Mon)  
April 5-8 (9) Sun-Wed (Thurs)



### Lift tickets NOT included

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

To sign up see information  
below

	<p>Deposit Schedule:</p> <p>\$100</p> <p>Holds any trip until November 15, 2015</p>	<p>Cancellation Policy:</p> <p>Before 11-15-14      Full Refund</p>
<p>Make checks payable to:</p> <p>Central Council of California, Inc.</p> <p>Mail payment AND trip paperwork to:</p> <p>Fran Long 1635 Canyon Crest Lane Paso Robles, CA 93446</p>	<p>Payment Questions...</p> <p>Need More Information...</p> <p>Contact Fran...</p> <p>email:      fancat87@gmail.com</p> <p>phone:      805 712-5781</p>	



## FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION

**Far West Ski Foundation Plans for Giving:** Everyone gives to their favorite cause or charity in some way or another each year. For organizations, a plan of action for raising funds for a favorite cause has to be laid out well in advance in order to mobilize necessary resources and execute the plan. The Far West Ski Foundation is both a destination and a channel for worthwhile snowsport programs, and their long term effect. The Foundation focuses on four principal target areas. First are the athletic programs for young people, including scholarships for scholar-athletes, and support USA Women's Jumping. Support here in the \$10,000-15,000 range is needed annually. Second is support to programs advancing the use of on snow rehabilitation for wounded servicemen and the broader public. Finally, the Foundation supports learning about the contributions of snowsports to the world through museums. Contributions may be made online at: [www.farwestskifoundation.org](http://www.farwestskifoundation.org) or by mail to: FWSF, Box 861, Fallbrook, CA 92088.

## FAR WEST TRAVEL

**Far West Dive Trip:** The FWSA 5<sup>th</sup> annual scuba dive trip will be October 11-18, 2014 to *Occidental Grand Cozumel Resort* on the great island of *Cozumel, Mexico*. The price is \$1,138 for divers and \$758 for non-divers. Price includes 7 nights at the Occidental Grand Cozumel (2 persons in a deluxe room), all meals and drinks including alcohol!. The dive price includes 5 days of 2 tank boat dives and unlimited Nitrox. Contact Randy Lew at 530-304-0802 or [fwsa13randy@telis.org](mailto:fwsa13randy@telis.org).

**Far West Ski Week 2015:** Reservations are being taken now for the North American Ski Week to *Whistler Blackcomb*, January 31 - February 7, 2015. A fun week is being planned by our travel staff, along with Ski.Com and all the folks at *Whistler*. The council trip leaders are taking payments now for this incredible once-a-year trip. See all of the information on our website ([www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)) or check with your own council trip leader to get the entire scoop.

**Far West Mini Ski Week 2015:** This trip to *Whitefish Mountain Resort*, March 30 - April 4, 2015, includes 3-4 days of skiing, lodging at Grouse Mountain Lodge, both Welcome and Farewell Parties, and optional activities such as snowmobile tours, day spa, Glacier Park tours, dogsled adventures, sleigh rides, and more. Check out the Travel Section on the Far West website.

**Far West Mississippi River Trip:** June 19 - 23, 2015 with an additional two days - June 23-24, 2015 in *New Orleans*. This trip will be a 3-night roundtrip paddleboat cruise aboard the American Queen from New Orleans. It will be a "Southern Culture Cruise" with stops at Oak Alley Plantation and Baton Rouge, LA. Trip includes all meals, wine/beer with dinner, soft drinks, water, and coffee. Also included is 1 night at a local hotel before the cruise. It includes transfers to the ship, steamboat-style entertainment, daily lectures, and a Welcome Party. June 23-24th will be at the New Orleans Hotel Bienville House. New Orleans tour options include airboat/swamp tours and ghost/paranormal tours. See the Far West website for further information.

**Far West International Trip 2015:** *Val d'Isere* will be the destination of the 2015 International Ski Trip with a pre-trip to Paris, March 10-14, the main trip March 14-21, and a post-trip to Provence and the French Riviera March 21-28, 2015. See the website for details.

## MEMBERSHIP DUES AND WAIVERS

If you have not already done so get your dues paid and your membership waiver signed and sent in.

September starts the new membership year and the membership fee certainly goes a long way in trips parties and all the fun activities that you can participate in. You can download the forms from the web site and send them in if you like or come to the meeting and hand them over. Thanks



## Duo Does New MDO Bluff Trail

A pair of SLO Skiers went out,  
The new Montana de Oro trail to scout.  
The crushed Serpentine,  
Was nice, blue and clean,  
The nicest trail, there is no doubt.

"Citizens' Protest Against Climate Change" was this day,  
The two SLO Skiers joined it symbolically in a way.  
While our California coast,  
Gives us plenty to boast,  
Let's pray for snow every 2014 Sunday!

We don't need another seasonal bust,  
With poor snow and a miserable crust.  
Even if you're a doubter,  
Pray for more powder,  
Remember "In God We Trust."

caption for photo: from left to right Pete Sarafian and Steve Balog enjoy the coast with Morro Rock in the background. Photo courtesy of Phoebe, a Central Coast State Parks Association docent.

## Trio Go on Bike Ride

Barbara Collins, Spence Thatcher and Pete Sarafian rode their bikes from the Village of Arroyo Grande on Saturday, September 20. They took the Corbett Canyon Road route to the village of old Edna in the Edna Valley outside San Luis Obispo. After a wine tasting stop at the Clairborne and Churchill oasis, they veered off on a shortcut and headed back for Pismo Beach on Price Canyon Road. From there Spence showed the way to Five Cities Drive, and the trio traveled to Arroyo Grande along the Highway 101 frontage road. The morning stayed nice and cool and overcast, but spirits brightened the day. Lunch at the Old Village Grill in Arroyo Grande topped off the ride. Lunch consisted of a sandwich for one rider, a burger and shake for another and a beer for the third rider. You can guess who had what!

From left to right Pete Sarafian, Spence Thatcher and Barbara Collins enjoy lunch in Arroyo Grande after a great ride. (Selfie)



**Philanthropy**– Help support Parkinson's Disease Research by attending the Central Coast Follies at the Clark Center at 487 Fair Oaks Avenue in Arroyo Grande. Matinee performances start on October 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 2:00 PM. Evening performances are on October 9 and 10 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are from \$25.00 to \$29.00. Check it out at [www.centralcoastfollies.org](http://www.centralcoastfollies.org) or call 805-489-9444.



## FAR WEST CONVENTION NEWS

**Save the date:** The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs is delighted to host the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Far West Ski Association Convention at the luxurious **Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, San Diego, California** from June 4-7, 2015. Make plans to arrive early and stay late to take advantage of all that San Diego has to offer.

Optional events on Thursday will feature a Historic Trolley Tour of San Diego, the Seal Tour on San Diego Bay and a very special evening Sunset Dine Out on the USS Midway. Friday events include a golf tournament, kayaking, biking, and a trip to the San Diego Zoo.

Make your room reservations now!! Call 1-800-772-8527 or book online at our FWSA room reservation site at <http://bit.ly/FWSA-lodging>. When calling for a room reservation, be sure to reference our group name – Far West Ski Association. Our special group rate offers a choice of accommodations in one of the high-rise towers, or a charming garden bungalow. Free Wi-Fi in guest rooms is included.

For complete details about all the *Salute to San Diego* - Convention meetings, educational seminars and events, visit [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). The website for the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center is located at [www.towncountry.com](http://www.towncountry.com). For additional information, contact Eileen Sanford, Host Council Convention Coordinator at [eileensanford12@gmail.com](mailto:eileensanford12@gmail.com). FWSA industry partners can contact Debbi Kor, FWSA VP of Marketing and Sponsorships at [fwsadebbi@comcast.net](mailto:fwsadebbi@comcast.net).



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS BILL, KATHY & RALPH



KATHY STEELE LEADS FIRST FRIDAY  
BIKE RIDE ON SEPTEMBER 5 ON BOB  
JONES TRAIL



LAUREN RECEIVES FLOWERS OF GRATITUDE  
AT SEPTEMBER MEETING FOR HARD WORK



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