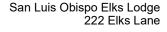


SLO Skiers P.O.Box 1047 San Luis Obispo, CA 93406 The Newsletter of *The SLO Skiers, Inc.* A Ski, Sport and Social Club *November 2014*

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ome one, come all to the SLO Skiers Annual "Pray For Snow" dance on November 22, 2014 to be held at the San Luis Obispo Country Club. Dress to the "NINES" and your picture taken with have vour "Sweetie". Great food, dancing, socializing, good friends and a good time to be had by all. \$40.00 per person for club members and \$70.00 per person for non-members. Send your money and reserve a place now to SLO Skiers, PO Box 1047, SLO 93406. The deadline to pay is November 10th, 2014. See the flyer on page seven for full details.





President's Message

Our Turtle Auction has come and gone, and a new team is already hard at work planning our next big event: **Pray for Snow**. **Janet Leonard** and her team have great plans for all our fun. This year we will re-introduce a live band to Pray for Snow, and we will continue with our wonderful country club venue. The event will take place on Saturday, November 22nd, and the cost will remain the same as last year at \$40.00/person. This is one of the SLO Skiers events heavily subsidized by your generous contributions to the Turtle Auction. If you haven't already signed up, contact Janet Leonard for any details you need, then get your money and reservation in!

Hot on the heals of Pray for Snow is the annual **Christmas Party**. This year's party will be held on Saturday, December 13th at the Vines RV Resort, the same location as the Turtle Auction. It will be a mostly catered meal, with lots of other fun involved. Check this newsletter for additional information, or contact the lady in charge, **Sharon Page**.

Lauren Nagle and her travel team continue to take deposits for the Big White ski week as well as waiting list deposits for Mt. Bachelor. You will find lots of information on those trips elsewhere in this newsletter.

Mike and Bonnie Long graciously hosted our October Wine Down at their lovely home in San Luis Obispo. Many SLO Skiers enjoyed a rare, very warm, San Luis Obispo evening, sipping wine and enjoying each other's company. Thank you for a wonderful evening, Mike and Bonnie.

We've finished with our summer bike riding program, but the hiking program continues. **Pete Sarafian's** monthly hike took a group to the Estero Trail out of Cayucos. Thank you, once again, Pete.

October brought our first in a series of second meetings of the month. Thank you **Nancy J**. for volunteering to help us all get our muscles retrained for skiing. We appreciate your knowledge and your willingness to share with the rest of us.

Many of you have taken the leap and signed up on the SLO Skiers MeetUp site. Thank you! If you haven't signed up yet, please read the article in this newsletter and give it a whirl. MeetUp will benefit our club in many ways, including the numerous issues we have had with people being dropped from our current Snowmail system. We all have until December 31st to figure out how to sign up on MeetUp. At that time, it will become our only Snowmail communication tool. After reading the article, if you need help, contact Fran (after November 23rd please). I will happily help you through the process.

Remember your membership dues are now due. If you have not already done so, please 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. Even if you are a member that no longer pays dues, you must complete the paperwork to continue as a member in good standing.

Spotlight on Hal Rosewall

Hal, along with Teresa Rice, was our SLO Skier of the Month for the month of October. As most of you know, Hal has been our Turtle Auction auctioneer for many years. He always does an outstanding job, and he really outdid himself this year, helping lead the club to a record \$14,000 income on the auction.

Hal Rosewall has been a member of SLO Skiers for 28 years. He joined the club to meet people after a divorce. He likes to ski and has been doing so for 20 years. What did you do the first eight years you were in the club, Hal?

What he looks forward to most within the club is spending time with other members at the many events. He has always been an active, contributing member. In addition to the auction, Hal has served as president of SLO Skiers twice.

Hal's hobbies & interests are fishing, woodworking, & antiques. As a retired teacher, Hal likes to think he has been instrumental in helping his friends learn to "catch", not just fish.

What he'd like to share about his family is that he had great parents, two great kids and a wonderful wife.

No one knows about him that he really is a very introspective and serious person. What we do know about Hal is that he protects his serious, introspective side by entertaining us all with his jokes...the good, the bad, and the corny.



Spotlight on Teresa Rice

Teresa, along with Hal Rosewall, was our SLO Skier of the Month for October. Teresa has served her club well, having been President, Secretary, Silent Auction Coordinator, and behind the scenes assistant for many ski trips and other SLO Skier activities.

In Teresa's words...

I joined the club when Mark Richardson was president, so have been a member for about 15 years. I was new to the central coast and my trust attorney, Vladimir VonRauner, then a member, recommended I join the club to meet people in the area.

During my first meeting, at Embassy Suites, I signed up for a ski trip to Colorado. Unknown to most people, I am actually very shy, and I wasn't getting to know anyone, so I volunteered as secretary in order to force my way into the middle of things and I've been there ever since.

As a member, I look forward to all of our social events and I love flying down the hill with my ski pals and then having a beer slope side. I love all things outdoors, I love the thrill of hooking a big fish on the ocean, but in my recent new experience fly fishing, no fish has sacrificed itself for me. I have been skiing since about age 14 when my mother let me borrow her big wooden skis and lace up leather ski boots. The newer equipment has improved my ability in a big way.

On the quiet side, I have made many lovely quilts, one for every one of my seven grandchildren and now working on one for a baby on the way. Both of my daughters are high school teachers

and my son is president of MultiPure, a company that manufactures the best water filter on the market.

The ski club is a perfect fit for me because we are so active and fun, and my ski buddies keep me off the couch where I would be reading and eating bonbons which I would love to do if I had the time.



SLO Skiers Calendar of Events



November 22, 2014 SLO Skiers "Pray for Snow" Dinner / Dance Where: San Luis Obispo Country Club (See Flyer Page 7) 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 12) January 25, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 12) January 31 thru February 7, 2015 FWSA to Whistler (See Page 13) February 14 thru 21, 2015 Bachelor Ski Trip (See Details Page 10 & 11) March 5, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 12) March 10 thru 14, 2015 FWSA to Paris, March 14 thru 21, 2015 Ski Trip to Val d'Isere and 3-21 thru 3-28-2015 to Provence and the French Riveria (See Page 13) March 21 thru 28, 2015 Big White Ski Trip (See Details Page 8, 9, & 11) March 30 thru April 4, 2015 Whitefish, Montana Ski Trip (See Page 13) April 5, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 12) June 4 thru 7, 2015 FWSA Convention in San Diego, CA (See October Newsletter) June 19 thru June 23, 2015 FWSA Mississippi River Boat Cruise (See Page 13) FWSA Ski Trips in 2016 - Telluride Ski Resort and Crested Butte Mnt Resort (See Page 15, September Newsletter)

Halloween Trek Scary as Heck

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A ski club hiking quartet, Cannot be called all wet. They're not ones to boast, Seeing a ghoul or ghost, But invisible hikers, you bet!

Their flip flops were all we could see, Nothing else; who could they be? Couldn't tell girls from guys, We could not see their eyes, Their footwear was the only key.

The invisible people were enough, To scare us away from Estero Bluff. But we went out anyway, On this beautiful day, Even though it might have been rough.

Later, a dessert we deserve, To soothe our shattered nerve, Full of ice cream and goo, But what can you do? We proved that we had Halloween verve.

> From left to right- Pete Sarafian, Ralph and Caroline Gibson and Carla Friddle enjoy Estero Bluffs despite the invisible hikers.



Invisible hikers identified only by footwear....





Vail Outlines Plans to Connect Park City Mountain Resort and Canyons in 2015.

The chief executive officer of Vail Resorts on Wednesday said the firm intends to connect Park City Mountain Resort and Canyons Resort in the summer of 2015, an aggressive timeline that will depend on what is thus far an unspecified regulatory process. Rob Katz said Vail Resorts intends to build a lift and the related infrastructure next summer. More details about Vail Resorts' capital plans, including the connection, will be released in March. 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--chefs 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, 98406

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



PACKAGE INCLUDES; SELLER OF TRAVEL # ROUND TRIP AIR \$ \$1.12.82 2093324-40 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 TRIP CAPTAIN; LAUREN NAGLE minskier@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.

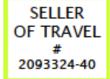




FEBRUARY 14TH PRICE PER PERSON: BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY



\$885/ ADULTS AGE 19 TO 64 \$845/ SENIOR AGE 65 TO 69 \$795/ AGE 70 +



TRAVEL VIA AMTRACK ROOMMETTE: ADD \$370*AGE 62 & ABOVE INCLUDES MEALS!



SIGN UP AT JULY 2ND MEETING\$200 DEPOSIT TO HOLD SPACE

WEEK LONG TRIP UPDATES:

BACHELOR: February 14th to 21st: The trip is sold out. If you have been out of the country or just joined the club we will attempt to secure a space for you. Please contact Lauren in advance of the November meeting for the sign up documents. You must be prepared to pay for the trip on November 5th. Then I will contact Amtrak and the hotel. Hopefully another group will have a cancellation. Don't forget that if your deposits aren't kept current you could lose your space.

Now a little more about the fun you can expect on this trip. The real deal sealer for most of us going on the trip is the train ride. You get on the train in SLO and off the train 40 minutes from Bend. The train is way too much fun. The best description is: "a rolling party." We catch a bus that takes us to the newly remodeled Double Tree Inn in downtown Bend. The hotel is right in the center of the bar and restaurant district. Breakfast and daily, conveniently timed, transfers to and from Mt. Bachelor are included. Oh yes, there is a welcome party and a farewell party included at the Bend Elks Club. The meal is great the drinks are inexpensive AND there is music to dance to.

If you are lucky enough to already be on the trip and you don't plan on skiing, please contact Sharon Page. She is working on fun apres ski adventures for both the Bachelor and Big White trips. Her email is: Thomsharon@sbcglobal.net

Big White: There are still spaces available only because I originally reserved over 60 spaces. This will be an amazing Canadian ski vacation. Big White is north of Spokane, Washington in beautiful British Columbia. The resort's slogan is "It's the snow." This part of BC is located on the "Powder Highway." Please don't let the word powder scare you. California powder usually means Sierra Cement. The BC powder is L I G H T and easy to blast through with skis. Just to be sure you enjoy this very different snow a ski lesson is included with the package. No matter what you ability level in is always a good idea to take a lesson. Another really amazing feature of this package is the lodging. We are staying at a very up scale condominium located slope side. You can easily ski home for lunch. The Village is very European in nature. There will be a video at the next meeting showing you up close and personal how unique the area and village is. Don't miss out on this trip. I was able to negotiate a fabulous trip at bargain prices.

It is time to get those ski legs in shape. I've heard it has already snowed in both Oregon and British Columbia. See you on the slopes...Lauren email.. mlnskier@gmail.com

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

see information To sign up below

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

FAR WEST MEMBER BENEFITS

Far West Ski Association offers many benefits to its members, with new benefits being added on a regular basis.

New Benefits Partners for 2015: We have a new lodging partner in Gardnerville, Nevada - *The Historian Inn. The Hampton Inn*, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming has returned for another year, and we welcome back the Shilo Inn of Salt Lake City, which is now *Holiday Inn Express*. We have also added a new clothing company.. I/O Merino, out of Australia. This company provides a nice base layer for your skiing wardrobe.

Please check out ALL of our Member Benefits at: <u>www.fwsa.org</u>./member corner.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION TRAVEL

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 the FWSA website (www.fwsa.org), but check with your Central Council trip leader, Mary Alexander, to sign up for the trip. (maryalexander0535@sbcglobal.net)

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 for information and to sign up for this trip..

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. Once again, see the Far West website for all the details on this trip.

Steamboat Moves to Protect Their Trademark Name

We all recognize the trademark "*Ski Town USA* " that has gone along with the Steamboat name for decades. Both Steamboat Ski Resort and the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club have registered Ski Town, U.S.A. with the US Patent and Trademark Office, having used the term since 1959. On the heels of the launch of a marketing campaign by Visit Salt Lake to promote Salt Lake City and its four member resorts (Brighton, Solitude, Alta and Snowbird) as Ski City USA, which appeared to be an effort to attract visitors away from places like Park City and Steamboat, Steamboat Springs, Colo., moved to protect its trademark Ski Town, U.S.A. in the Federal District Court for the District of Colorado by filing a complaint against Visit Salt Lake and the four mentioned resort areas. It looks like Visit Salt Lake will have to come up with another idea.



CALLING ALL MAJORETTES, BATON TWILLERS AND FUN SEEKERS!

This year the ski club will be joining in on the SLO Christmas parade on Friday December 5, 2014 at 7:00p.m. The very talented Kathy Steele has graciously accepted the role of drill team choreographer. She will put together a simple and fun routine. There will be a rehearsal or two (three if we really need it) prior to the parade (dates and times to be determined). We need a drill team (no prior experience necessary) two flag barriers (to carry our new SLO Skiers flags) and 3-4 color guard to carrier our banner up front! A signup sheet will be available at the November , meeting. Don't miss this great opportunity to have fun and show off your inner drill team skills!

SLO SKIERS CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, 2014

Held this year at the beautiful Clubhouse at the Vines RV Resort 88 Wellsona Road, Paso Robles beginning at 5:00 p.m. This event is free to all active members! Dinner will be catered and we ask all attendees to bring an appetizer to share. Non alcoholic beverages will be provided. We encourage everyone to bring a consumable gift (sweets, treats or booze) for the gift exchange. New this year is a drawing for semi valuable prizes. One ticket will be given to each attendee. In exchange for additional tickets we ask you to bring a non perishable food item for the SLO food bank. An evite will be sent to the email address on file so that we can make sure the caterer brings enough food!

Don't forget to contact the park directly at (805) 467-2100 to make your reservations for an RV spot at \$50 per night or a Vacation Cottage that sleeps up to 6 for \$199 plus tax per night. Mention SLO Skiers to receive this special rate.



THANK YOU NANCY J. BROWN

Let's all give a big shout out to Nancy J for getting us into shape for the upcoming ski season. Twelve participants were put through Nancy's seven point body stretch to prepare and retrain muscles for skiing. Once completing here rigorous



MEMBERSHIP DUES AND WAIVERS

People need to make sure their membership is paid up and that they have submitted all necessary paperwork and waivers so they can participate in all the fun activities that we have coming up. Remember that your membership runs from September to August. Remember that Helen will be taking great portrait and fun photographs at the "Pray For Snow" dance on November 22nd at the San Luis Obispo Country Club so dress up in your best.



Left to right, Diane Mandala, Teresa Rice, Bobbi Binder, Barbara Collins, Donna Etter, Roy Gammill, John Walker and Kathy Steele.



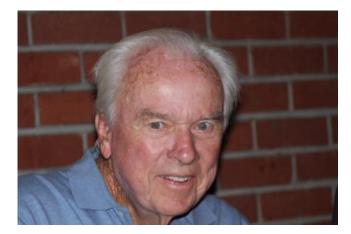
Teresa Rice, Hal Rosewall Stacy King and Fran Long



Barbara Collins



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