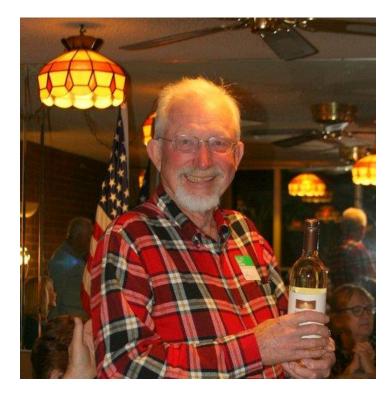


SLO Skiers P.O.Box 1047 San Luis Obispo, CA 93406 The Newsletter of *The SLO Skiers, Inc.* A Ski, Sport and Social Club *December 2014* 

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





Teresa Rice and Hal Rosewall receive a bottle of Vino in appreciation of their status as co-members of the month



President's Message

Wow! Pray for Snow has come and gone, and what a fantastic party it was. Next time you see Janet Leonard, or any of her committee members, please express your appreciation for all the hard work that went into the fun we were all able to experience.

Hal lead us in a great prayer, and the band lead us into some pretty amazing dancing. It must have worked, because Mammoth is getting snow as I write. Mammoth will continue to get snow for several days this coming week...3-4 feet! GREAT JOB, EVERYONE!

It is definitely time to make your final ski season weeklong and weekend-ish ski plans. Bachelor is sold out, but has a waiting list. Big White has a few spots still available...see Lauren about those. Mammoth trips are now being finalized. Contact Fran, or check the flyer in this website, for detailed information and to sign up.

Two great SLO Skiers holiday events are in the works. Join the group marching in the SLO Christmas Parade this coming weekend, then join in the fun at the SLO Skiers annual Christmas party the following weekend. Look for information on both events elsewhere in this newsletter.

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#### FREE WINE AT NORTHSTAR

Northstar in Lake Tahoe will be serving complimentary Californian sparkling wine at 2:30 p.m. as the ski day winds down.

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## Far West Mississippi River Trip

Far West Ski Association is sponsoring a Mississippi River Cruise, 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.

SLO Skiers Calendar of Events



December 5, 2014, San Luis Obispo Christmas Parade Where: San Luis Obispo at 7:00 PM December 13, 2014 SLO Skiers Annual Christmas Party (flyer page 9) 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 13 Nov newsletter) February 14 thru 21, 2015 Bachelor Ski Trip (See Details Page 9& 10) 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'Isere and 3-21 thru 3-28-2015 to Provence and the French Riveria (See Page 13 November newsletter) March 21 thru 28, 2015 Big White Ski Trip (See Details Page 8, & 10) March 30 thru April 4, 2015 Whitefish, Montana Ski Trip (See Page 13 November newsletter) April 5, 2015 Mammoth Ski Trip (See Flyer Page 11) 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 Page13 November newsletter) FWSA Ski Trips in 2016 - Telluride Ski Resort and Crested Butte Mnt Resort (See Page 15, September Newsletter)

PHILANTHROPY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2014:

"As we approach the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, it is more important than ever to remember people in our community who are hungry, who are needy, and who could not begin to think of going on all the fun trips we go on. Philanthropy really kicks into high gear at this time of year, and I ask that you be generous and take to heart that the real joy in life is found in serving others.

Therefore, I am asking that all club members donate in the following ways:

- Donate disposable diapers and non-perishable food for Christmas at the December 3rd club meeting and also at the Club Christmas party. I like to weigh all contributions for the Food Bank. However, If you would like to deposit your goods in any Food Bank barrel around town yourself, just weigh it first and tell me how much it weighs. Cash is also acceptable for the Food Bank.
- I also ask that every Club member support the Christmas efforts of the SLO Elks Lodge (they have been very good to us). They ask that we take a white paper angel off the wall and donate to a particular family whatever they have requested. For this you take your donation to the front counter of the Lodge. They are also collecting books, sweat pants, and sweat shirts for military personnel in hospitals. They also collect "toys for tots". There are bins in the lobby for you to drop off all your donations for the Lodge's projects.
- As you travel, please keep collecting those sample hotel toiletries each day (clear them out of your bathroom every day so that they get replenished). I take them to the Homeless Shelter in SLO, which they are most grateful for as their clientele is transient and love the small bottles. Bring the toiletries to any Club meeting.

Whichever way you decide to be generous, I ask that each and every member donate something to our community at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen O'Neill







# PARTY HARDY













## Turkey Trot Pleases A Lot

Nearly a dozen enjoyed hiking, To the Harmony Headlands, like Vikings. We all seized the day, In a pleasurable way, Working off turkey to our liking.

The day could not be more nice, At least as good as pumpkin spice. The sea was as blue, As a blueberry too, Definitely it did entice!



The cafe in Harmony was closed, So we had to follow our nose, To lunch at Schooner's Cove, In Cayucos, we all dove, Into our repast, from head to toes.

From left to right, Nancy Brown, Betty Leman, Peter & June Ward, Barbara & Paul Collins, Donna Etter, Shawn, Sharon & Thom Page enjoy the sun and sea. Photo by Pete Sarafian.

# **MEMBERSHIP DUES AND WAIVERS**

A note to members to please pay their annual dues and sign there liability waiver at the next meeting or send in your membership dues check if you are not coming to the meeting. The \$40 membership which runs from September to August allows you to participate in all the fun activities and ski trips. If you have already paid "thank you".

Peter Jacobsen Membership



Stephanie & Vince, Sharon Page, Helen Jacobson, Lauren Nagle & Laura Hyde strut their stuff during practice.





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# \$1,498. PACKAGE INCLUDES; ROUND TRIPAIR SAM FRANCISCO TO KELOWINA, 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 @STONEBRIDGEATBICWHITE.COM 5 OUT OF 7 DAY LIFT TICKETS

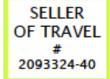
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FEBRUARY 14TH PRICE PER PERSON: BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY



\$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

#### TRIP UPDATE:

**Bachelor**: We have begged and pleaded with Amtrak to no avail. There is a slight possibility there will be cancellations. The really bad news that if we add any more roomettes the price will be doubled! It proves that advance planning worked in our favor. You could still drive or not take a sleeper. As of this writing there are hotel accommodations available. One thing that you need to be clear on; just showing up on a trip is NOT cool. Sharon and I work long and hard on our party packages. All non ski activities are planned and paid for by the number of people on the trip.

**Big White:** There are many exciting things to tell about this trip. First, our treasurer, Sharon Page is ON IT! She is paying the resort as quickly as money comes in to take advantage of the favorable exchange rate. That should make a few of you procrastinators happy. The US dollar is doing well in Canada. Our dollar is valued at 80 cents to the Euro. In Canada you get \$1.14 in value. You will be <u>pleasantly</u> <u>surprised</u> not *shocked* at prices in grocery stores, bars and restaurants.

Next, you need a passport to get into Canada. If you don't have one there is time to get one. Allow at least 2 months for processing. As you read this, go to your airline approved ski bag. On your bag put a big note, in BOLD LETTERS; remember your passport! Without a passport you absolutely won't be able to get into Canada. Ah, yes. There is an issue if you have received a DUI. The Canadian government considers driving under the influence a felony offence. If it has been 10 years since you served penance for the offense it is expunged from your record. This year some of the regulations have been relaxed. Consult the Canadian Government's CSBA website for details.

The pre-trip informational meeting will be at Lori and Allan Margulieux's beautiful home. The date is March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. Attendance at this meeting is very important. One of the things covered at length will be the apres ski activities. Every year there is some kind of wacky contest. At Big White you need to bring a pair of sexy or funny socks. Stay tuned for more information...

Barbara Collins is the co-captain for the trip. She is tracking your payments plus handling numerous trip details. If you have questions her email is; bacslo@charter.net

Finally, and perhaps most important; There are still spaces available! Most of us have friends who envy the great ski vacations enjoyed by the SLO Skiers. Invite them to join the club and go to British Columbia. The resort is famous for very light powder snow. The price is an unbelievable bargain. When the trip sells out, I can arrange for a bus to/from the San Francisco airport. If you haven't participated in a week of fun with the club you are really missing out. 2015 is the year to find out why the trips are so popular. Happy Holiday the wonderful, fun loving, friendly SLO Skiers. What an amazing group of people you are.

Contact me at mlnskier@gmail if you need additional information.

Lauren Nagle, Trip Director



#### 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.

# 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

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





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