



The Newsletter of
The SLO Skiers, Inc
 A Ski, Sport and Social Club
April — 2013

P.O.Box 1047
 San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

<http://www.sloskiers.org>
 Annual dues \$40/person

Meetings Held First Wednesday of The Month
 Social at 6:30 PM - General Meeting at 7:30 PM
 Board Meeting Held Prior at 5:30 PM

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge
 222 Elks Lane
 San Luis Obispo, CA

Hello SLO skiers,

It has been a wonderfully busy past month, but first here are the results from the annual elections:

Director/ President - John Smith
Director/ Vice President - Bobbi Binder
Director/ Secretary - Michael Metzger
Director/ Finance Director - Ken Waage
Director/ Treasurer - Caryn Maddalena
Director/ Membership - Pam Olson
Director/ Week Long Trips - Lauren Nagle
Newsletter - Rachel Rue
Philanthropy - Kathleen O'Neill
Photographer - Steve Seybold
Publicity - Pete Sarafian
Schedule Coordinator - Fran Long
Ways and Means - Rachel Rue
Website Manager - Jana Favalora



In summary - kudos to Kelvin Malin, Jerry Arseneau, John Long, Bev and Roy Gam-mill who helped us coordinate Club activities this past year. Thanks to those who remain directors and officers. And please welcome Michael Metzger, Rachel Rue, Pam Olson and Kathleen O'Neill to the Club's leadership team for 2013-2014!

Did I mention March was a busy and rewarding month for the Club? Please join me in personally thanking the following SLO skiers:

Lauren Nagle for giving us another spectacular ski experience (at fabulous Banff and Lake Louise)!

Skier of the Month for March is Steve Seybold for again providing a photographic record of all the fun.

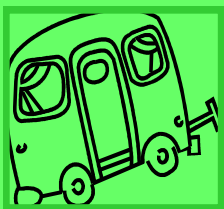
Nancy Brown for helping to relieve many a sore muscle during that same Banff trip!

Pam Olson for organizing a Moroccan dinner for the March dine-around!

Pete Sarafian for guiding another poetic hike into the wild!

John and Eilene Stocksdales for hosting a wine-dine at their Shell Beach home!

John Smith



You're invited to join us for our
CAMATTA RANCH WILDFLOWER ADVENTURE
Date: April 26-28th

**BICYCLING – HIKING – CAMPING
TOUR OF EXOTIC ANIMALS
AND FOSSIL HILLS
AT CAMATTA RANCH**



Camatta Ranch is a real working cattle and exotic animal ranch of 32,000 acres, in existence since Spanish Land Grant days. Our trip will include wildflower viewing (maybe), wildlife a tour of the fossil hills and exotic animals, followed by a leisurely picnic under the towering oaks and the opportunity to hike and bicycle(bicycling thru the hills on the cow trails is the MOST fun!) with NO traffic!

**Tour of exotic animal zoo and 5-7 million year old fossil hills on Saturday
(no collecting.)**

Come for just the day trip on Saturday, or for a weekend of activities as follows:

RVers and campers will dine under the stars and enjoy the usual SLO skiers dinner bringing something to barbecue and a side dish. Then join in an outrageous campfire and camp overnight in this most fabulous pristine environment. (We will be the only outsiders on the ranch and have full use of the trails and roads)

Bring: MOUNTAIN Bicycles, Walking shoes, binoculars, jacket, camera, picnic lunch.

Tables and a FLUSH TOILET are located at the site – otherwise this is primitive camping so bring everything you need, including trash bags – carry out. Please bring firewood.

Overnighters – bring a potluck dish and something to barbecue in addition to all of the above and provisions for Sunday – depending upon how long you plan to stay.

Possibly going for breakfast or lunch in Pozo.

estimated tariff:

10.00 per person CAMPING:

\$20.00 per RV

\$10.00 per person in tent or car

\$10.00 per person for just the day activities

Oh yes, you'll need to bring chairs, dishes, silverware, drinks and water(just as we do for BBQ's for Wednesday night). Meat to BBQ and a dish to share if staying.

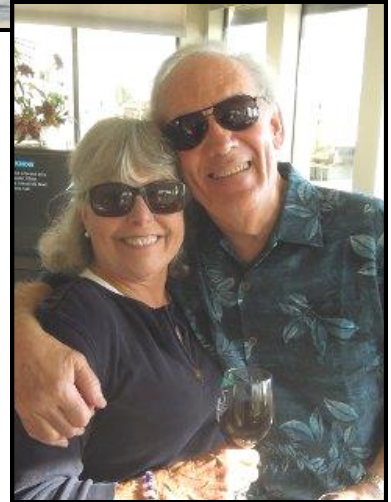
The address: 9330 Camatta Creek Rd. (Hwy 58) Approx. 25 miles from Santa Margarita

Driving directions: From Highway 101 go through Santa Margarita to Hwy 58 and turn East on 58. It is then approx 23 ¾ miles to Camatta Ranch. You will pass Shell Creek Rd. and from that point it's just 3 1/2 miles. It took us about 75 minutes from Los Osos. You might want to check their website – lazyarrow.com.

See you there! Call 781-0590 (bevroy@sbcglobal.net) Bev and Roy Gammill for reservations.



About 20 SLO Skiers showed up at John & Eileen Stocksdale's house for a Wine-Down
Beautiful home, beautiful views and beautiful hospitality.
What a great time!



Sunday, April 14, 2013

Where to Meet:

Shell Creek Road Hwy 58.
Take Hwy 58 out of Santa
Margarita. It's on the way to
Santa Margarita Lake; or
create your own route there.
Google Shell Creek Rd,
Shandon, CA

Arrive: 9:50 AM

Ride begins at 10:00 AM

North County Wildflower Ride



Shell Creek Road is notorious for its display of wildflowers. Of course, the more rain, the better the display will be. Fortunately, even in a dry year this is a beautiful area and a very nice ride.

This will be an relatively easy ride of about 20 miles. We will ride this very flat to gently rolling route to Shandon and back, taking our time to enjoy the wildflowers and snap a few pictures along the way.

What to bring:
Helmet (Required)
Water
Camera

Don't want to ride???
Just drive out and enjoy the
wildflowers

Confirm your attendance:
Email Fran: fancat@me.com
OR
Call Fran: 238-1375



Pete's Hiking News . . .



March Hike Much to Like

Three muchacho(as) went up Coon Creek.
The sights were quite unique.
Of wildflowers, we counted fifty varieties.
There was no question as to our sobrieties.
They were all about at their peak.

The color was really superb.
So I'm sending this little blurb.
To tell you, don't be appalled!
At the drought; get enthralled.
Don't sit home or on the curb.

The recent out-of-control burn,

Leaves us all something to learn.
Get out and enjoy the coast.
Forgive me if I boast.
But there's a great deal here to discern!



Left to right — Pete Sarafian, Teresa Rice
and Carla Friddle return from hike up Coon
Creek to view the burn and wildflowers.

BANFF IN REVIEW

Yvette and I had a fantastic time. I am glad we rejoined the club. They are a great bunch of people. Thanks again **Dennis & Yvette**
Lori and I had such a wonderful time in Canada! Nice choice.

In reference to a 3 sentence commentary on our trip, I will try, however three sentences couldn't possibly tell you how much we enjoyed the time away from home and all the great memories we brought back. " The SLO ski group really out did themselves on the trip to Banff, Canada this year. The Venue(s) of hotel accommodations were superb as was the skiing! My wife and I have NEVER had such a absolutely fantastic time with a group of friends that will be remembered forever."

OK...I told you it was difficult to sum it all up. We hope this helps to give the "readers" a sense of what happened there. Like I said...we had a GREAT TIME! Thanks! **Allan and Lori**

It was a fantastic trip. Great skiing with great snow. The guides showed where to ski on 2 hour tours. The beds were wonderful in the beautiful hotels. The food was delicious. If anyone complains about the travel to get there, they haven't traveled much because it always takes a day to get anywhere. Thank you for all your hard work to make it go right!! **Susan Wiley**

The sheer breathe taking natural grandeur of the Canadian Rockies can not be described in words to do their beauty justice. We were surrounded by this beauty every minute no matter what we did or where in traveled during our week in Banff National Park. Our two hotels, Château Lake Louise and the Banff Spring Hotel were of equal grandeur and we all welcomed the luxury of spending a week in 5 star surroundings. We enjoyed all the fun activities during the week with the high-light of orientating at Lake Louise, thanks to the Smiths. Thanks to the planning and numerous hours of dedicated work; this trip is one that will be on the top of our life time memories. **June and Peter Ward**

Total challenging in Powder. Loved it. Wonderful group..**Kathy Steele**

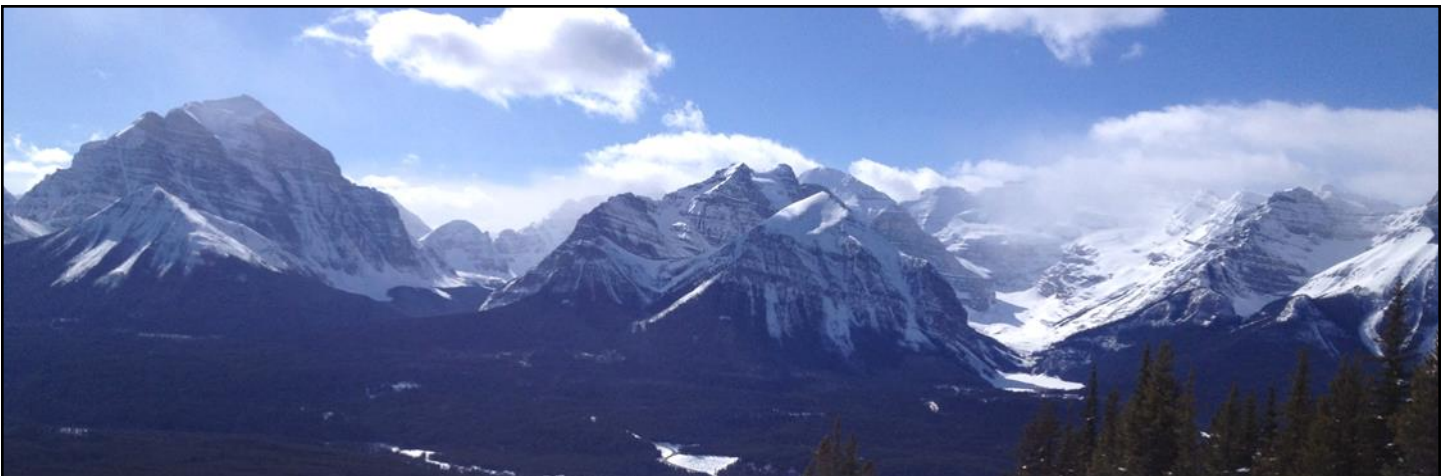
Outstanding trip and. Challenging skiing Great time for the non-skiers. We had a great time sno-snowshoeing and dog sledding. What an experience to stay at both the Chateau Lake Louise and the Banff Springs Hotel! **Kathy Welbourn**

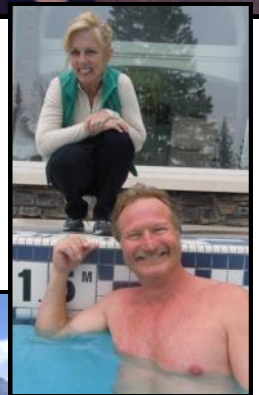
I think this is one of the best trips I have been on.. The venues were amazing both the Chateaux Lake Louise and Banff Springs and skiing as always was great. Thanks again **Melissa Guise**

The Banff trip was a fabulous bargain, a world class resort (actually two) breathtaking scenery, and outstanding ski areas. We were lucky enough to have fresh snow the whole week, and temperatures in the low 30's, although colder temps would have given us lighter snow. Sometimes the wind blew us about, but it just gave us something to talk about, and without snowstorms, how can we have snow to ski on? There were lots of choices, activities with the group were always available, or you were able to just relax in the wintry paradise. **Teresa Rice**

"The Banff/Lake Louise ski trip will go down in our personal memory banks as probably our best ski experience ever. The accommodations were superb, Canadian hospitality and friendliness were extraordinary, and our group of friends were fun to hang around with on and off the slopes. The skiing was great (even when we couldn't see where we were going!), and we don't think we've ever seen more beautiful mountains.

The trip planning was executed with such attention to detail that everything seemed to run better than imagined - and that was for 64 people! **Bonnie and Mike Long**





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Visit and Tour of

NEW YORK CITY

DECEMBER 1 - 6, 2013

\$1209 PER PERSON (NOT INCLUDING AIRFARE)

Sign ups and \$300 deposits will be taken at the February meeting on Wednesday Feb.6th. There will be a payment schedule given out at the meeting as well. Looking forward to NYC with the club.
Kathy Steele & John Walker



Package includes:

- 5 nights lodging at the Hotel Belvedere (located in the heart of the theater district), 2 per room (belvederehotelnyc.com)
- Round trip airport transfers from JFK
- Luggage assistance
- Local taxes and fees
- Visits to some of NYC's well-known and finest attractions

Optional costs:

- Theater visits to see the Rockettes and the Book of Mormon (starting at \$59 per person)
- Continental Breakfast - \$15.00 daily
- Full American Breakfast - \$20.00 daily
- Airfare starting at \$300 per person. Purchase a ticket or use frequent flyer miles.



New York City is larger than life, especially with respect to culture, food, and arts and entertainment! Visitors to New York have the world at their fingertips, from Uptown to Downtown and beyond.

Visit New York along with our host, Kathy Steele, and tour some of New York's best attractions vis bus, subway, and walking. They include the Empire State Building, top of the rock and Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Central Park, the 9/11 Memorial, Union Square, and the Diamond District in Midtown. Visit and shop at the High Line, SoHo, drink coffee and wine at the French brasserie Marseille, have lunch at Chelsea market while visiting Chelsea Galleries, dine at Locanda Verde and attend the best shows on Broadway.



For info: Kathy Steele: 805.709.0323(k_Steele2003@yahoo.com) or John Walker 805.459.8265 (jwalker24@sbcglobal.net)

Trip sponsored by SloSkiers ski club (sloskiers.org)
Initial deposit of \$300 due at trip signup. Balance due June 1.
Checks payable to Slo Skiers, PO Box 1047, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406

Cancellation: up to 90 days prior to departure: NO penalty - For Cancellation Insurance contact Snow Tours: 1.800.222.1170

Summer Bike Rides Are Back!!

It's time to pump up your bike tires, dust off your handlebars, don your bike duds, and join the SLO Skiers bike group for a series of superb summer (and spring) rides. Mark your calendar with the following bike ride dates. Exact locations and times will be announced soon! At least one ride will be a campout/bike ride, which would change the ride to a Saturday.

Sunday, April 14th Gentle North County Wildflower ride
 Sunday, May 19th South County Wine and Dine Ride
 Sunday, June 23st SLO Seven Sisters Ride
 Sunday, July 21st Morro Bay to Cayucos Ride
 Sunday, August 18th
 Sunday, September 22nd
 Sunday, October 20th



Additionally, there will be a ride on the **Bob Jones trail on the first Friday of every month**. Plan on a start time of 9:30 AM at the head of the trail. There will be either a coffee stop or a breakfast stop on each of these rides. See schedule below.

Friday, May 3rd
 Friday, June 7th
 Friday, July 5th
 Friday, August 2nd
 Friday, September 6th
 Friday, October 4th



Contact Fran with questions, or if you would be interested in captaining one of the rides: fancat@me.com



10 of 30 FWSA Mini Ski Week Participants from Central Council

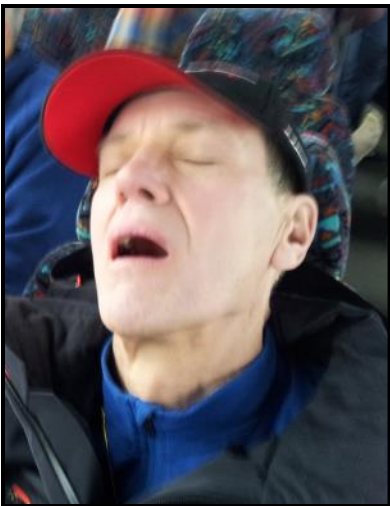
Mt. Bachelor hosted this year's Far West Ski Association Mini Ski Week with 29 participants. The 10 from Central Council (representing SLO Skiers, Avalanche in Bakersfield, and Fresno Ski Club) had a great time skiing, tubing, tromping through the forest on snowshoes to the light of the full moon, and getting to know each other. We arrived in Bend as strangers and returned home six days later as friends. SLO Skiers on the trip were Helen, Peter, and Fran.



General Meeting & Events Photos



Dine Around at the Oasis—SLO



Slumbering babe! Worn out from too much fun!



Skier of the Month awarded



Birthday girl!!





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 Weeklong Ski Trips—Lauren Nagle—trips@sloskiers.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! . . . To Members Born In APRIL !!

Carla Friddle	4/14
Jim Grady	4/30
Peter Jacobsen	4/27
Michael King	4/6
Sara Medzyk	4/4

Brent Nolan	4/18
Bob Stevenson	4/7
Steven Thatcher	4/23
Irene Vega	4/2
Robert Walker	4/30

Be sure to wish these folks the best when you see them during the month of April. Better yet, take the time to send your wishes with a card or email!

Happy Birthday to all!!

SLO Skiers CALENDAR of Events

APRIL

April 7-10 - Mammoth Mountain

April 26-28 - Camatta Ranch Adventure!! - flyer enclosed

DECEMBER

Dec 1 thru 6, 2013 - New York City Tour—flyer enclosed

Check out the bike ride schedule on page 9 of this newsletter!!

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**- AND To learn about the next Wine-Down event/party
you must attend the club meeting!**



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