



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

Are you ready to continue the fun? May is our transition month. Ski clothes and equipment are lovingly stored. Out comes the cycling clothes and we're adjusting brakes and checking tires. Reference the calendar inside. In addition to special monthly bike adventures, this summer features a monthly ride along the Bob Jones trail. Dine-around suppers have transitioned to monthly BBQs. Pete Sarafian will continue to lead monthly hiking trips. Teresa Rice has put together a schedule for golf. And later this summer, there will be a white-water rafting trip and an evening of wine and zip-lining.



May was another super month for SLO Skiers. Please join me in thanking:

Skier of the Year is Dennis Wheeler! Not only a fabulous role model for the outdoors life, Denny was active behind the scenes supporting Club activities.

Kathleen Cronin and Larry Guittard for earning trophies as the ski season's most improved skiers

Skiers of the Month - Beverly and Roy Gammill for arranging the Camatta Ranch adventure and for hosting last month's wine-down

Pete Sarafian for leading a hike along Estero bluffs

Lori and Allan Margulieux for hosting another enjoyable end-of-season party

June and Peter Ward for hosting our first BBQ of the season at Spyglass Park

Everyone who donated diapers and baby wipes to the SLO Food Bank

Fran Long and crew for May's South County Wine & Dine Ride

John Smith

CONGRATULATIONS TO....

DENNY WHEELER

SKIER OF THE YEAR!



MOST IMPROVED SKIER AWARDS

Profile in Courage

The most improved lady skier for the 2013 season is Kathleen Cronin. Kathleen always had more ability than she gave herself credit for. She shied away from steep or icy conditions. The past 3 years she summoned her courage and determination. She now skis anywhere with most anyone. She wasn't necessarily the fastest skier, but definitely the most determined. She listened carefully to helpful suggestions and improved her form. If you see Kathleen on the slope her hands are always out in front as she masters almost even the most challenging terrain.

Profile in Strength and Guts

Larry Guittard is the most improved man skier for the 2013 season. Larry's problem never was courage. He had more of that than he had ski technique. Skiing along side Spence and Steve Thatcher, Larry learned to copy and implement their great skiing ability. In the past three years Larry has broken through the intermediate ski barrier. As an advanced skier he many times leads the pack.

Congratulations to you both! You deserve the acknowledgement for all your hard work and time on the slopes..

the End of the Year Party!!! SLO SKIERS



*Thank you Lori and Allan
Margulieux for being wonderful
hosts!!!*



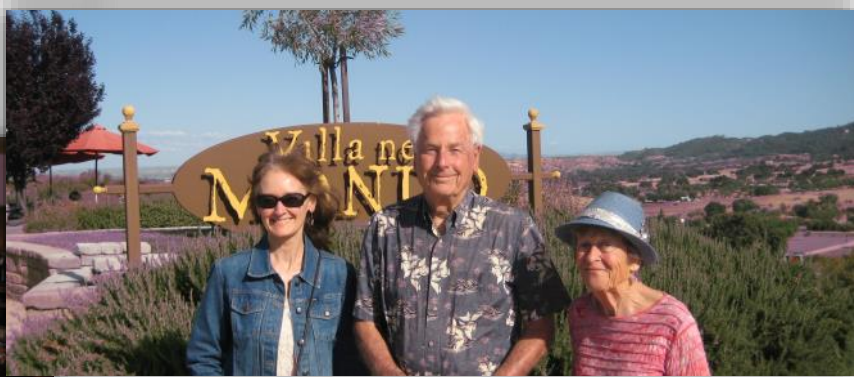
Sunday's South County Wine & Dine Ride.



Relaxing at Baileyanna Winery with a shared bottle of wine and yummy snacks Bobbi Binder brought for us to enjoy. Then back to AG for lunch at Alphie's in the Village. Great day for all - Teresa Rice, John Long, Barbara Collins, Andy Snyder, Shawn Schumacher.



Mondos Wine Down



Pete's Hiking News . . .



May Sashay Goes All The Way

We took two cars so we could go,
The whole way; not to and fro.
Estero Bluffs were really sweet,
For Carla, Carol, Sharon, Tom and Pete.

The sun was bright, the wind was light,
A bunny, squirrels, birds and seals
were there all right.
A day as perfect as could be,
All were glad we were by the sea.

If you forgot it, it's your loss,
(At least don't forget to brush and
floss.)



From left to right: Carla Friddle, Carol Holley, Tom and Sharon Page
joined Pete Sarafian to hike along the ocean bluffs.

CAMATTA RANCH WILDFLOWER ADVENTURE



Weekend at Camatta Ranch

We enjoyed a nice weekend at the ranch! There were campers in cars, vans, and motor coaches, and all participated in the pot luck Saturday night. We toured the wild animal park and then on out to the fossil beds. Saturday night the ranch had a variety show to which we were invited, and Nancy Brown's friend who played guitar joined the performance and also played and sang for us around the campfire. There were people in and out of the campground all weekend and about 18 or so camped.

- Bev & Roy Gammill

BBQ at Shell Beach



Grill Masters!



"Hey" all you SLO Skiers, it's time to start thinking about the *Live Oak Music Festival*. It's really a great time for family and friends. Your kids will also enjoy all the special activates. The Live Oak Music Festival is a three day concert and camping event held every year on Father's Day weekend in the hills above Santa Barbara, California. Our next festival will be held on June 14, 15, and 16, 2013. 100% of Live Oak proceeds go to support KCBX Public Radio! Live Oak, as it has become affectionately known, is more than just a music festival — it is an experience rooted in music and community. These two elements together create a three-day journey into a timeless place that is far removed from ties and clocks, suits and schedules. The festival features an aural collage of live music ranging from traditional, folk, bluegrass and gospel, to blues, jazz, classical and world music.



Nestled in the oak trees of the quiet Santa Ynez Valley, Live Oak comes alive as an outdoor music festival showcasing some of the finest musicians from around the world. The camping experience at Live Oak creates a community of friendly people that are all doing the same thing — relaxing and having fun in the warm sunshine of June.

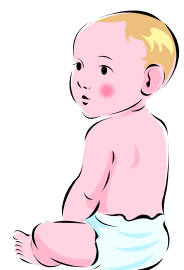
Order your tickets at www.liveoakfest.org if you have any question about the Festival and to coordinate camping spots, contact **Rich Romero 805-448-6528** rjromero@att.net

Big Thanks to all who donated Diapers!



271 lbs to the Food Bank Coalition of SLO

The diapers were donated to the SLO Food Bank and given to struggling mothers in our community. One in three American moms have difficulty providing their babies with this basic need and there's very little help or public resources for it. Babies kept in dirty diapers for extended periods of time can lead to babies suffering emotionally and physically.





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, June 23st SLO Seven Sisters Ride
Sunday, July 21st Morro Bay to Cayucos Ride
Sunday, August 18th
Sunday, September 22nd
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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

WHITewater ADVENTURES - CACHE CREEK RIVER RAFTING TRIP —AUGUST 23-25



Enjoy two days of two person self-bailing rafting on the Class II and III warm waters of Cache Creek for a beautiful adventure through remote volcanic canyons with interesting geologic formations. You'll experience solitude and serenity plus a few navigational challenges as you guide your own raft downstream.

The trip starts with dinner Friday, followed by a river-side movie with popcorn and candy, and camping under the glow of the Milky Way. Gourmet dinners and breakfasts with picnic lunches provided on the rafts both days. The Saturday dinner menu includes mes-

quite grilled NY steak, a breast of chicken, or garden burgers, sweet corn on the cob, pasta, artichoke hearts, fresh sourdough French bread, shrimp and spinach dip, guacamole and chips, plus a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese and tons of appetizers. The big dance is Saturday night! We're off the river about noon on Sunday for the return home.



Cache Creek is located about 40 minutes northwest of Vacaville, past the Cache Creek Casino. The nominal cost for rafting, camping, and food is \$188. Make your checks out to Whitewater Adventures. Registration will be available at the June & July meetings.. For more information call me at 805-234-7288 or email michael.metzger@ml.com

MIKE METZGER - TRIP CAPTAIN

Philanthropy Report

-Kathleen O'Neill

There is no limit as to what one person can accomplish in service to others in need. My parents modeled service to others by taking in orphans to feed and bringing them along with our family of ten on outings. I watched my father propagate many thousands of succulents for years that he gave to the Achievement House to sell. I watched him for his last 10 years work 18 hours a day in his wood shop designing and making wooden toys that were given away by local organizations to children he never saw. So if just one person could do so much, I challenge all Club members to think bigger than ever before and imagine how much we could serve our community collectively. Each year ski clubs compete for the Far West's Charity and Community Service Recognition awards, and I would like to see our club contribute more to our community this next year and win an award.

Here are some service ideas presented to me thus far. The best way to make them happen is to have one person take on each project, as follows:

- * Save small toiletries from hotels for the Homeless Shelter and bring to each Club meeting.
- * Have woodworkers design and build wooden toys for needy children's Christmas.
- * Donate toiletries, books and other articles to the military through the SLO Elks Lodge at each Club meeting.
- * Donate canned foods to the Food Bank each month and especially at Thanksgiving.
- * Donate baby diapers and wipes to the Food Bank from collections at the EOY party.
- * Form a team and raise funds and awareness for Alzheimer's care, support and research on June 21st, "the longest day".
- * We know how to play well together. Why not work together as both a bonding experience for us and as service to others by helping build a home with Habitat for Humanity?
- * Organize a work party and fix up the home of some needy person here.
- * Financially adopt a child in a third world country for about \$25 a month; money goes much farther elsewhere, and it can make a world of difference to them.
- * Support the Atascadero Library through a dance fundraiser.
- * Raise money for Parkinson's research through Club attendance at the Follies dance performance at the Clark Center the first and second weekends of October of each year.
- * Support the AmpSurf organization, which helps rehabilitate disabled amputees by teaching them to surf at Pismo, Avila and Morro Bay. We could raise money and/or provide food and drinks for them when they surf; their next event is May 18th in Pismo Beach.
- * Financially support "Wounded Warriors", an organization that helps disabled veterans and/or support the veterans' clinic in Santa Maria.
- * Cook and serve some meals at the Homeless Shelter.

So pick a project that appeals to you or propose another one and step up to the plate to lead making it happen.

In addition to serving our broader community, I would love to see someone be the "Sunshine" person for the Club who would send get well wishes when someone in the Club is sick, injured, recovering from surgery, etc. and who would also compose a tribute and a send condolence card when a Club member or someone in their family passes away as our way of being supportive of each other.

June BBQ!

Hosted by Kathy & Johnny Steele



*Come on out and
Enjoy the Fun!!
June 19th @ 5:00*

**6520 Bellevue Orchard Ln.
93405. SLO**

The property is located in a gated area. Call Kathy Steele for the gate code and to R.S.V.P

From North or South County:

Take the 101 freeway and exit at #196 - San Luis Bay Drive - head West. At the bottom of the big hill, turn LEFT into the Charter School entrance.

What to Bring:

Something to Share: Salad, Dessert, Casserole, Anything Goes.
Something to Drink: Your choice ~ water, soda, beer, wine
Something to BBQ: Chicken, fish, meats, veggies, whatever!

See You There!!

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

Phillip Manor	6/2
Stacy King	6/5
Steven Seybold	6/13
Lee Ybaben	6/14
Barbara Collins	6/15
Hal Rosewall	6/15

June Ward	6/15
Peter Ward	6/16
Betty Leman	6/18
Lauren Nagle	6/21
Myra Wapner	6/23
Sybil Wheeler	6/30

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

Happy Birthday to all!!

SLO Skiers CALENDAR of Events

JUNE

June 19th - Second BBQ of the year! Hosts- Kathy & Johnny Steele

JULY

July 17th BBQ – *Need Volunteer(s)*

AUGUST

August 21st – BBQ at Atascadero Lake Park, Hosts: Ken Waage & Fran Long

SEPTEMBER

September 18th – BBQ at French Park –SLO, Host: Bobbi Binder

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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