



The Newsletter of
The SLO Skiers, Inc
A Ski, Sport and Social Club
July- 2013

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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,

Happy Fourth of July! Summer is here and your Club has begun a full schedule of biking, hiking, golfing, rafting, zip-lining, grilling/ barbecues and other fun activities. Don't miss the fun. Please check out the newsletter's listing of trips and activities, and make plans to join us!

It has been a wonderfully busy past month. Please join me in personally thanking the following SLO skiers:

- Rich Romero for promoting the Live Oak Music Festival
- Teresa Rice for launching the summer Golf program
- Skiers of the Month - Kathy Steele and John Walker for holding an enjoyable Club barbecue at their new home in Avila Canyon.
- Kathy and John Welbourn for hosting the June wine-down at their home
- Fran Long for starting the monthly bike rides along Bob Jones trail
- And Pete Sarafian for leading a brisk creek side/seaside hike around Fiscalini Ranch in Cambria.

Thanks all!



The Board has approved a week-long ski trip at Breckenridge next 22-29 March. Sign-ups will start this month. I expect the trip will be popular and sell out quickly. So send in your trip applications and deposits on time, and later make sure your 2013 - 2014 membership dues are paid (due 1 September).

Your Trip Director, Lauren Nagle worked hard to successfully negotiate the best possible deal for us. When you see Lauren, please remember to thank her; or better yet, if at a happy hour, offer her a glass of wine.

I count just sixteen weeks until first snow is expected at Mammoth (Oct 23th last year). The days are already getting shorter and shorter. Before you know it, you'll be signing up for skiing trips, sorting through winter sports gear and attending the Pray for Snow dinner.

John Smith

2013-2014

Ski Season Schedule

Yes, it is time to mark your calendars and save your pennies for another fantastic SLO Skiers ski season!

January 9-12, 2014 Thursday-Sunday Mammoth Mountain*
January 24-26, 2014 Friday-Sunday China Peak***
February 8-15, 2014 Saturday-Saturday South Lake Tahoe (Heavenly, Kirkwood, Northstar)*
February 23-28, 2014 Sunday-Friday Mammoth Mountain*
March 14-16, 2014 Friday-Sunday China Peak***
March 22-29, 2014 Saturday-Saturday Breckenridge**
April 6-10, 2014 Sunday-Thursday Mammoth Mountain*



*Contact Fran: fancat@me.com

**Contact Lauren: mlnskier@gmail.com

***These two China Peak trips will need a trip captain. Fran will help you set everything up for the trip, and help you with collecting money and paperwork

We have listened to input from our skiers, and tried to put together a ski season that will work for everyone. If you have an idea for a ski trip that isn't listed, contact either Lauren or Fran. We cannot promise it will happen in 2014, but we are open to suggestions from ALL our skiers.

When deciding your trip schedule, it is very helpful if you have a roommate at the time you sign up. We will only arrange roommates between people who agree to room with one another. It just makes it easier for all of us.

Other than the two week-long trips, dates can be adjusted a bit to match schedules. For example, if you want to go to Mammoth, but you can't stay the whole time...you want the weekend...etc., we can work that out, but only if you have your own roommate that wants to do the exact same thing.

Detailed information on trips will be coming soon. Happy planning!



The SLO SKIERS PRESENT:
2014 SKI WEEK
BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO
MARCH 22ND THROUGH MARCH 29TH

\$1396 .00 *

Per Person, Double Occupancy
With the Vail Pass, price is:

\$991.00*

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

Round trip airfare, LAX to Denver.
Depart LAX at 11:30 AM, arrive in Denver 2:51 PM
Depart Denver 1:50 PM arrive LAX 3:18**

Ground Transportation
to/from Denver with a grocery stop included.

7 nights lodging
Sawmill Creek Condos. 2bedroom/2 bath units.

5 of 6 day interchangeable lifts
at Breckenridge, Keystone, Arapahoe. Limit of
2 days at Vail or Beaver Creek**

Welcome and Farewell Parties

First deposit of \$329.00 due 7/3/2013

Email Lauren for sign up documents and details
mlnskier @gmail.com
phone 636-0477 between 5:30 PM and 8:00 PM.

*Price subject to tax and fuel surcharge increase

**air schedule subject to change

***check your Vail Pass for details

BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO

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We are staying at the Sawmill Creek Condos. They are a short shuttle ride to the lifts and ski in. The units are two bedroom, two baths, with living room and a full kitchen. If you care to cook in, the cost of the week is more budget friendly. If you haven't been on a ski week with condos this is how it works. There is usually a queen in one bedroom and two beds in the second room. However there are units with a king or queen bed in each bedroom. If two couples want share a unit, **SIGN UP EARLY!** If four singles want to share a unit, **SIGN UP EARLY!** If you don't have a roommate it is best for you to find someone you want to share a room with. Of course, you may opt to pay more and have a room to yourself. If you are new to the Club and don't know anyone I will do my absolute best to find you a compatible roommate. The more I know about you the easier that is. My advice is; remember that each person in the room has the right to a great vacation. Ski Week is an absolute **BLAST!** It involves so much more than just skiing. There is at least 2 and usually 3 or 4 après ski events. The best part for most of us is spending time with our friends. Don't be shy. This is a perfect opportunity to really get to know the wonderful friendly membership of the SLO Skiers. We have a total of 37 spaces reserved. You can use the first payment of \$329, due on July 3rd to reserve both your Vail pass and your trip. How much easier could it be? Because of the limited number of spaces available you need to keep your deposits current. We are reserving the right to remove your name from the roster if you don't follow the deposit schedule. Conversely, if you pay the entire amount in one payment, before September 3rd, you will get a discount of \$15.

The Sign Up Documents are on the Website. (www.sloskiers.org)

Questions: Email Lauren; mlnskie@gmail.com or phone between 5:30 PM and 8 PM 805-636-0477

VAIL PASS, WHAT IS THE DEAL?

The SLO Skiers are able to offer you a great deal!! We waited until the Breckenridge and South Lake Tahoe trips were put together to offer you the following:

The lift tickets for Breckenridge (*at group rates*) are \$405.



Three tickets at Heavenly, Kirkwood, and Northstar at *group rates* will cost you \$219. The Epic Local Pass is \$529. This allows you unlimited, unrestricted skiing or riding at Breckenridge, Keystone, Afton Alps, Mt. Brighton and Arapahoe Basin, 10 days at Vail and Beaver Creek with holiday restrictions. There are blackout dates when the pass can't be used. They are Vail, Beaver Creek, Heavenly, Northstar & Kirkwood restricted dates are; 11/29- 11/30/2013, 12/26-12/31/2013, 1/1/8/2014, 2/15-2/16/2014. However as a pass holder you can purchase a ticket during the blackout dates for \$52 (also a big savings) at Heavenly, Northstar, and Kirkwood. Because of the special deal this pass won't have Ski-With-A-Friend options on these passes. Therefore if you want to save money **you need to buy this pass.**

There is also an Epic Pass for \$689 that includes unrestricted access to Canyons in Utah, 5 days at Verbier, Switzerland and 5 free consecutive days at Arlberg, Austria. If you are going to ski at the Canyons or the mentioned European resorts this is the pass for you.

As with all special deals there is fine print. Your job is to go to the www.snow.com. Click on the passes in the orange bar for all the specifics. If you plan on skiing 6 days at Heavenly, Kirkwood or Northstar, or at Ski Week the pass is a no brainer purchase.

The Club reserved 20 passes. 12 of them have been spoken for. We maybe able to get more, but I can't make any promises. The pass is only available to Club members. They must be purchased by July 25th. We will accept a \$329 **NON REFUNDABLE, NON TRANSFERABLE DEPOSIT** at the July meeting. If you can't attend the meeting email Lauren at mlnskier@gmail.com to sign up. The balance of \$200 will be due September 4th. I highly recommend you buy insurance for \$20 for the pass. Consult the above referenced website for those details.

This is yet another reason to belong to the SLO Skiers. You can't find a similar deal anywhere. Because of the success of the auction we are able to allow you to spread your payments over two months. Skiing is an expensive sport. Take advantage of this deal. By the way, 4 of the sold passes are for *Mammoth* Pass holders.

Do the math, save some money.

Lauren Nagle

Phone: 636-0477 5:30 pm to 8:00pm daily email: mlnskier@gmail.com

Pete's Hiking News . . .

June Hike Gives Much to Like



A record bunch came out to crunch
The dry weeds underfoot.
In Cambria, the Fiscalini Ranch
Was dry down to the roots.

The four mile stroll was never droll,
And delighted all who came.
Meadows, ocean and trees,
Were sure to please,
Whether dude or dame.

The sky so blue,
A sparkling hue,
The perfect Calif. sky.
We broke for lunch and had a munch,
Of chicken, ribs and fries.

Maybe next time you can walk,
Along with us and laugh and talk.



Photo caption: From left to right (in front of old dairy foundation)- John and Irene Smith, Pete Sarafian, John (with puppy) and Kathy Welbourn, Teresa Rice, Barbara Collins, Kathleen and Michael Cronin. Photo by Jeanne Kinney.

Ride the Bob Jones Trail

The next bike ride on the Bob Jones trail will be Friday, July 5th.

I will NOT be able to do this ride so soon after my knee replacement!

Would anyone like to volunteer to be a ride leader?

There is no route to be decided...just follow the trail.

You can decide the location for breakfast/lunch, and you can adjust the start time if you would like.

Contact Fran if you would be willing to take on this very rewarding volunteer responsibility for your club.

Email fancat@me.com or phone 712-5781.

Awards from last meeting!



LIVE OAK MUSIC FESTIVAL





June BBQ

Thank you Hosts Kathy Steele & Johnny Walker!



June Wine Down



Keeping warm by the fire

Summer Bike Rides Are Back!!

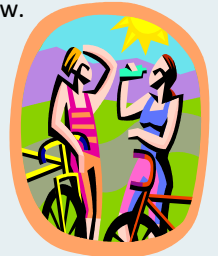
It's time to pump up your bike tires, dust off your handlebars, don your bike duds, and join the SLO Skiers bike group for a series of superb summer (and spring) rides. Mark your calendar with the following bike ride dates. Exact locations and times will be announced soon! At least one ride will be a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

- Sunday, April 14th Gentle North County Wildflower ride...This was a great ride!
- Sunday, May 19th South County Wine and Dine Ride...This was a great ride...Thank you John Long for leading this one for me.
- Sunday, June 23rd SLO Seven Sisters Ride-This ride was replaced by a great ride from Santa Maria to Rancho Sisquoc Winery!
- 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 ...Great ride, great people!
- Friday, June 7th ...Great ride, great people...Thank you, Kathleen Cronin for leading this one for me.
- 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

Sign Up Now!



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 July meeting. For more information call me at 805-234-7288 or email michael.metzger@ml.com
MIKE METZGER - TRIP CAPTAIN



Philanthropy Report

-Kathleen O'Neill

FIRST, KUDOS ARE EXTENDED TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE BRINGING ME THEIR SMALL TOILETRIES FROM HOTELS. KEEP IT UP AS THE HOMELESS SHELTER LOVES RECEIVING THEM. JUST BRING THEM TO OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS, AND I WILL DO THE REST.

NEXT, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CENTRAL COAST FOLLIES BENEFIT PERFORMANCE IN OCTOBER AT THE CLARK CENTER FOR PARKINSONS RESEARCH. 2 PM MATINEES ARE OCTOBER 5, 6, 12 & 13. 7 PM EVENING PERFORMANCES ARE OCTOBER 10 AND 11. LET'S GET GROUPS TOGETHER FOR BOTH WEEKENDS, HAVE A GOOD TIME WATCHING THE FOLLIES, AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE AT THE SAME TIME. TICKETS ARE REASONABLY PRICED AT \$25, \$27 AND \$29. BOX OFFICE IS 489-9444. OUR OWN CLUB MEMBER ROBERTA GUIDRY WILL BE PERFORMING. ALSO, I NEED ONE OR TWO VOLUNTEERS TO COORDINATE SIGNUPS FOR THIS EVENT.

MY FINAL REQUEST THIS MONTH IS THAT ONE PERSON VOLUNTEER TO BE WHAT I CALL "*THE SUNSHINE PERSON*" WHO WOULD, ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE CLUB, SEND OUT GET WELL CARDS TO MEMBERS WHO ARE INJURED OR WHO HAVE SURGERY OR OTHERWISE NEED A LITTLE SUNSHINE. THIS MIGHT ALSO INVOLVE VISITING SOMEONE IN THE HOSPITAL IF THEY WANT IT. ALSO, IF THE MEMBER DESIRES IT, A NOTICE COULD BE POSTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER SO THAT CLUB MEMBERS COULD GIVE THEM A BIT MORE SUPPORT, WHETHER THAT IS AN EMAIL OR A PHONE CALL OR WHATEVER IS APPROPRIATE. ANYONE ONE OF US COULD HAVE OCCASION TO NEEDING A LITTLE SUNSHINE. SO, LET'S TAKE THIS STEP TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER!

Volunteers Make Things Happen...

About 13 SLO Skiers enjoyed a lovely bike ride and lunch on Friday, June 7th on the monthly Bob Jones Trail ride. My hats off to a wonderful volunteer, Kathleen Cronin. I mentioned that I would be traveling during that bike ride and wouldn't be available to lead it. Without my asking, Kathleen volunteered to lead the ride. In addition, she found a wonderful new spot for lunch and made all the arrangements. I heard from many riders that Kathleen did a wonderful job! So...thank you, Kathleen!

It isn't really unusual for club members to volunteer to lead events, but it is sometimes scary or uncomfortable to make that initial commitment. If you are new in the club, or if you just haven't felt ready to take on the responsibility for an event, consider something small. A bike ride, a BBQ, a dine around, etc. If you are unsure of what to do, all you have to do is ask. We have many willing helpers.

One of my roles as our club schedule coordinator is to keep our events from colliding with one another. In my opinion, a bigger responsibility is to help our volunteers with the details they might need to carry out their commitments.

Once you have decided where you want to volunteer, contact me (Fran: fancat@me.com). I won't always be the one to offer the guidance, but I will be the one to get you connected to the right person when you are unsure of what to do.

July BBQ! Hosted by Pam & Jimmy Olson

*Come on out and
Enjoy the Fun in a
Private, Lush, Park
Like Setting in
Atascadero!!
July 17th @ 5:00*



**9295 Santa Margarita Road Atascadero, CA
R.S.V.P. to PAM @ (707) 616-7570**

DIRECTIONS: Exit Santa Barbara Road off 101 - East to El Camino (First Light) Turn Right, Go 2 miles, pass a convalescent home turn right onto Santa Margarita Rd (easy to miss go slow). Olson's house is on the right side with an asphalt driveway leading to the house which is off the street in the back.

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 July!!

Sharon Rosewall	7/1
Diane Mandala	7/3
Kathleen Cronin	7/13
Allan Margulieux	7/13
Tara Thorlaskson	7/13

John Long	7/19
Joan Kennedy	7/22
John Welbourn	7/24
Meena Akhaven	7/27
Al McCready	7/24

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

Happy Birthday to all!!

SLO Skiers CALENDAR of Events

JULY

July 17th - BBQ in Atascadero! Hosts- Pam & Jimmy Olson

July 21st- Morrow Bay to Cayucus Bike Ride

AUGUST

Aug 21st- BBQ at Atascadero Lake Park Hosted by Ken Waage & Fran Long

Aug 23-25- Cache Creek Rafting Trip

SEPTEMBER

Sept 18th- BBQ at French Park, SLO. Hosted by 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!!

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



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