



The Newsletter of  
**The SLO Skiers, Inc.**  
A Ski, Sport and Social Club  
**August- 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,

Please mark your calendars for two important upcoming events:

**1. Annual Auction** - October 25<sup>th</sup> (cocktails 6PM) at the Avila Bay Estates Club House. Pizza, salad and all beverages provided (BYOB okay of course). **Please contact Bobbi Binder or me and donate for the auction.** No white elephants please; but do check your garage for unused sporting equipment, art work and the like. And please donate if you have a skill in need (e.g., painting, gardening, baking, pottery, murder mystery hosting or gift card purchasing). The auction is also a SLO Ski Club reunion inviting all past members to attend as well as any friends interested in a great evening.

**2. Pray for Snow Formal Dinner/ Dance** - November 23<sup>rd</sup> (cocktails 5PM) at the San Luis Obispo Country Club. Members \$40; guests welcome at a \$70 charge. RSVP (details shortly) will be a must in order to save you a seat. Remember the riotous fun we had last year.

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

- ♦ **Pam & Jimmy Olson** for hosting a well-attended BBQ at their Atascadero homestead
- ♦ **Teresa Rice** for the ongoing summer Golf program
- ♦ **Skier of the Month - Jana Favalora.** Long-overdue. Think website management, dine-arounds, wine-downs, active voice in Club decision-making and a perennial volunteer.
- ♦ **Carolayne Holley** for hosting the July wine-down at her B&B resort, the Kaleidoscope Inn in Nipomo (a short walk from Jockos)
- ♦ **Fran Long** for bike rides along Bob Jones trail and from Morro Bay to Cayucos
- ♦ And **Pete Sarafian** for leading a hike at the Harmony Headlands. Thanks all!

**Please renew your membership.** The new Club year starts September 1st and dues are only \$40. The membership form is on our website. Contact our Membership Director, Pam Olson for help. And please introduce your friends to the ski club. The more the merrier!

John Smith

**PS. CACHE CREEK RIVER RAFTING TRIP August 23-25 has been CANCELLED.**

**PSPS.** And if you still crave more activities - subscribe to our sister ski club in Santa Barbara's email newsletter - Lily Smolenske <[publicity@sbski.org](mailto:publicity@sbski.org)>



# 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)\* **Look for detailed information on this trip through Snowmail very soon.**
- ◇ **February 23-28, 2014** Sunday-Friday @ Mammoth Mountain\*  
**This trip will need a trip captain in order to be a "go".**
- ◇ **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](mailto:fancat@me.com)

**\*\*Contact Lauren: [mlnskier@gmail.com](mailto: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!



## SLO CAMP OUT & BIKE RIDE AUGUST 15TH TO 18TH



Hi, fellow campers and bike riders. We have just put together the August camp out and bike ride. We will be staying at El Chorro Park located across Highway 1 from Cuesta College. You need to make your camping reservations directly with the **SLO County Parks @ 781-5930 X 4**. Please tell them you are with the SLO Skiers and would like to be near the Long, & Nagle rigs.

The Park is on a first come first served basis. Amazingly enough you can still get a reservation for that weekend. The cost for a full hook up is \$38 per night. We have sites 14 and 16 in the Chumash loop. If you want hook ups try and get spaces nearby. Tent spaces are available in the Bishop's Loop for \$25/night. There is a \$9 reservation fee per site as well. The details will be in the August Turtle Gazette. **The important thing is to make your reservations NOW!!!**



Details on the bike ride will be in the Gazette as well. It will be about a 20 mile moderate ride.

For more info; Email: [Lauren Nagle: MLNskier@gmail.com](mailto:Lauren.Nagle@MLNskier@gmail.com)

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### "SAFE CYCLING PRACTICES"

1. Ride in bike lanes when available.
  - Move into the road when the bike lane is hazardous
  - Move into the road to pass other bikes when clear
2. Ride as far to the right on roads as practicable
  - Ride on a road's shoulder when adequately wide and safe
  - Move left as required to avoid hazards
  - Take the lane when it would be dangerous to be passed
  - Take the lane to make a left turn
3. Call out approaching vehicles: "Car Up;" "Car Back"
  - Move right as practicable to permit vehicles to pass
  - Move into single file to permit vehicles to pass
4. Point out road hazards
5. Signal your intentions and call it out: "Stopping;" "Turning"
6. Pass riders only on the left and call it out: "On Your Left"
7. Leave the road completely when stopping to re-group
8. Ride defensively; Be Alert, Visible, Assertive and Predictable
9. Obey traffic laws – Always honor right-of-ways at intersections
10. Be courteous and acknowledge courteous behavior
11. Encourage others to practice safe cycling



One more safety reminder . . . wear proper clothing and always wear a snug fitting helmet, check your bicycle for maintenance regularly.



# **BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO**

## **MARCH 22ND THROUGH MARCH 29, 2014**



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](http://www.sloskiers.org))

Questions: Email Lauren; [mlns skier@gmail.com](mailto:mlns skier@gmail.com) or phone between 5:30 PM and 8 PM 805-636-0477

## Construction Begins on Breckenridge Expansion

Vail Resorts has begun construction on 543 acres of new terrain in the Peak 6 area of Breckenridge Ski Resort. The Peak 6 project will include 400 acres of lift-served terrain and 143 acres of hike-to terrain. They expect to open the new terrain for the 2013-2014 ski season, including adding a new high-speed, six-person chairlift and a new fixed-grip chairlift to access the Peak 6 area.

## Ski Industry Asks Congress to Act on Climate Change

Climate change is serious business for the ski industry--without snow, there won't be much of an industry left. It is one of the first industries to visibly suffer from climate change as there's less reliable snow in recent years. It foreshadows the impact that many industries will experience, such as tourism, hospitality and retail. 108 ski areas from around the U.S. have signed the Climate Declaration, which urges Congress to address climate change.

# SKI INDUSTRY NEWS

## Mammoth Mountain to Host US Olympic Ski Hopefuls

The United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) has named **Mammoth Mountain** as its official training ground for the nation's Olympic free skiing and snowboarding hopefuls ahead of the Sochi 2014 Games. The California ski resort will play host to spring and fall training camps for athletes, including the likes of world champions Ted Ligety - a Turin 2006 Winter Olympic gold medalist - and Mikaela Shiffrin, through 2019, which means it will also be used by snowsport stars for the Pyeongchang 2018 Winter Olympics.



## Pete's Hiking News...

### July Hike Gives Much to Like

#### Harmony Head- Lands Quite a Spread



A foursome departed for hiking along,  
The coastline where there would not be a throng.  
They marched through ranch lands; then saw the Pacific,  
Such a pretty sight, if I am specific.

The sun shone a bit and the waves made a roar,  
And the scene was just peachy for our group of four.  
We walked the main road, then went to the cliffs,  
Central Coast residents: such lucky stiffs!

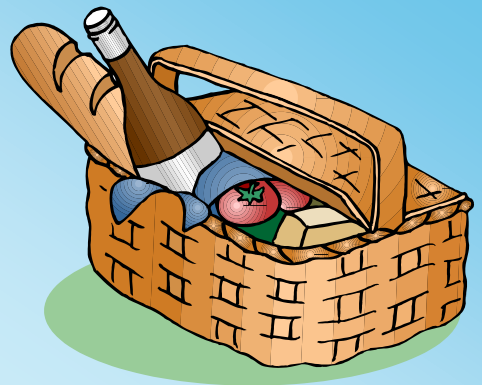
Adjourning to lunch,  
We all sat with a sigh,  
And made sure the last munch,  
Was a huge Mud Pie!  
(The ice cream variety, of course.)



caption for photo: From left to right- John and Irene Smith, Carla Friddle and Pete Sarafian.

## AUGUST BBQ

Be sure to save the date, **Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** for our monthly BBQ...with a twist! Rather than our traditional BBQ, we will be having a picnic (no BBQ available) in Templeton Park, in the small town of Templeton, while enjoying their last concert of the 2013 season. The band playing that night is Monte Mills and the Lucky Horseshoe Band. They are a fun, local, country band, even if country isn't your favorite music genre.



Plan on arriving around **5:30 PM** for a little social/eating time before the music starts at 6:00 PM. Bring the usual...a dish to share, your own beverages, and a chair/blanket for relaxing and enjoying the music. It's a good idea to bring a light jacket as well. The north county evening temperatures can be a bit chilly, even in August. There will also be food and beverages available for purchase at the concert.

Your hosts, Fran Long and Kenny Waage, will arrive at the park early in order to secure a picnic table for our feast. Hopefully, we will be the south side of the park. We will attempt to get a SLO Skiers banner to hang so you can easily locate our area.

Questions? Contact Fran: [fancat@me.com](mailto:fancat@me.com).





# Visit and Tour of **NEW YORK CITY**

**DECEMBER 1 - 6, 2013**

**\$1209 PER PERSON** (NOT INCLUDING AIRFARE)



## 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

## **LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

The New York trip is becoming a reality. We still have rooms left in our boutique hotel in Manhattan. A written schedule of daily events will be coming out soon. We have 15 folks signed up and ready to hit the streets of New York. A group will be flying together on the 1st of December. Their tickets came in under \$400 roundtrip. We're working on carpooling to LAX on the 30th and getting fly/stays hotel. If any of you skiers have been on the fence, here is your opportunity to see New York City at one of the most beautiful times of the year.

Call Kathy Steele@ [805-709-0323](tel:805-709-0323) for more information.

# July BBQ

Thank you Hosts Pam & Jimmy Olson



## July Wine Down

Many thanks to Carolayne Holley,  
a wonderful hostess!





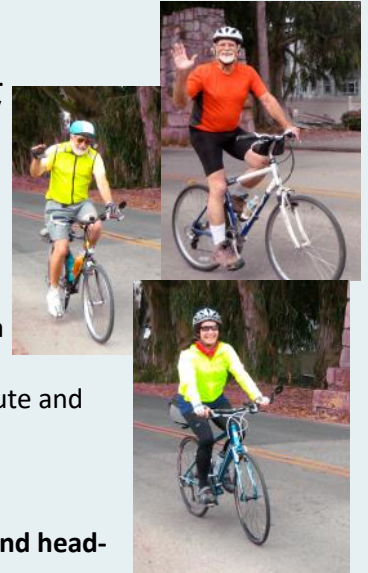
## Summer Bike Rides Continue for a Few More Months!

The SLO Skiers biking group has had a lot of fun on a variety of rides so far this summer. We continue to have 8-15 riders on each ride with a variety of riding terrain and social/eating fun!

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>** **This ride has been changed to Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.**

This will be a campout and bike ride, camping at El Chorro County Park, across from Cuesta College. See details on the campout in this newsletter.

The ride will be a moderate 20ish mile ride leaving from the campground. The route will be towards Los Osos/Morro Bay. The ride will start at 10:00 AM on Saturday, with a lunch planned following the ride. We will be finished in plenty of time for whatever your late afternoon/evening plans may be. Look for a Snowmail down the road with route and dining details.



**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** Ride to be determined

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** This will be a north county ride starting in the Templeton area and heading west.

Additionally, the rides on the Bob Jones trail will continue on the first Friday of every month. Plan on a start time of 10:00 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, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

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



## ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The SLO Skiers annual golf tournament will be on Wednesday, August 28, 3:00 at Laguna Golf Course. There is a \$5:00 charge to cover tournament fees and the green fees are \$8.25 per person. We will have prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, womens and mens high scores, and some surprise categories. It will be a "best ball" tournament and golfers of all levels are welcome.

All members are welcome to join us at a pot luck BBQ after the tournament at Lauren's home nearby at around 5:00. Club will provide paper goods, members are asked to bring something to share, your own meat for the BBQ, and beverages. Lauren's home is at 1667 Partridge, from Los Osos Valley RD, south on Royal Way then left on Quail Dr. to Partridge Dr.

Call Teresa Rice for more information, 528-2832 or 748-4906



# *August Philanthropy Report*

## *-Kathleen O'Neill*

Teresa Rice has volunteered to be the Club's new "Sunshine Person" who will send cards and well wishes to anyone needing a little extra support after an accident, injury, surgery, death of a loved one, etc. Teresa can be reached at [teresarice@charter.net](mailto:teresarice@charter.net). Roberta Guidry has volunteered to be her backup, and she can be reached at [rguidry1@gmail.com](mailto:rguidry1@gmail.com). They are depending on each Club member to let them know if you or someone else needs some TLC. They won't know unless you tell them. Also, we respect a person's right to privacy if they choose that. If it is appropriate to have a notice in the newsletter, that will be posted only with permission.

Do not forget to mark your calendars for the first and second weekends of October when Club members will be attending the Follies performance at the Clark Center in AG to support Parkinson's research. Ticket prices are very reasonable, \$25 - \$29; and it will be fun to go together as a group. We still need one or two persons to coordinate getting a head count to buy to group of tickets together. It's a simple one-time task; so won't someone please volunteer.

I recently dropped off 33lbs of your donated hotel toiletries to the SLO homeless shelter, and they were EXTREMELY grateful, saying that these kinds of donations are their lifeblood. So keep bringing your donated items to me at any Club meeting, and I will do the rest. Don't underestimate the value of a small gift to someone who has nothing.

### **SKI CLUB MEETING SHENANIGANS!**



*Dinner  
after a  
great  
round of  
golf!*

*Leave it to Bobbi  
Binder. ..to have a  
golf ball land on a  
lady's metal roof! She  
collects the balls as  
punishment!*







## **SLO Skiers Board of Directors & Officers 2013—2014**

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY! . . . To Members Born In August!!**

Diane Davies	8/1
Kathy Welbourn	8/13
Sherry Shahan	8/14
Shawn Shurick	8/17
Susan Wiley	8/18

Larrie Ciano	8/24
Helen Jacobsen	8/24
Lori Margulieux	8/25
Kelvin Malin	8/31

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

*Happy Birthday to all!!*

## SLO Skiers CALENDAR of Events

### AUGUST

**Aug 21st**– BBQ/Picnic Templeton Park Hosted by Ken Waage & Fran Long

**Aug 15-18**– SLO Camp Out & Bike Ride

**Aug 22**– Zip & Sip (Zip lining & Wine Tasting at Ancient Peak!)

Hosted by Bobbi Binder. Contact her to sign up today! 215-9028

**Aug 23-25**– Cache Creek Rafting Trip **Cancelled**

**Aug 28th**– Annual Golf Tournament

### SEPTEMBER

**Sept 18th**– BBQ at French Park, SLO. Hosted by Bobbi Binder

### NOVEMBER

**Nov 23rd**– Pray for Snow Event!

### DECEMBER

**Dec 1st-6th**– 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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