

TURTLE GAZETTE



December 2019



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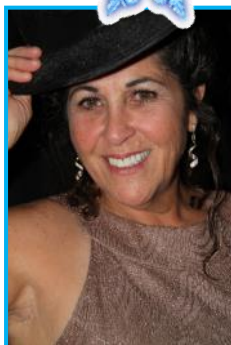
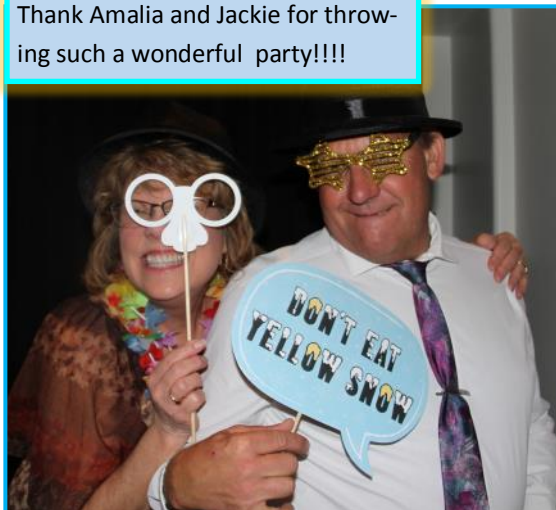
Meetings ~ 1st Wednesdays @ the Elks Club

5:30 ~ Board Meeting
6pm ~ Social 7pm General Meeting

Dues \$40/year

Pray For Snow Dinner & Dance Party

Thank Amalia and Jackie for throwing such a wonderful party!!!!



UPDATE ON OUR CELEBRATION IN MEMORY OF HAL

Everyone on the membership list should have received an invitation to this special event.

When: Sunday, December 8th.

Where: 9230 North Forty Road. (Charlie Capobianco's home in Atascadero)

Time: 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Past ski club members who want to honor Hal's memory are encouraged to attend. It is in our "WINE DOWN" format. Bring a dish to share and what ever beverage you'd like to enjoy. **We need folding chairs to accommodate the crowd.** At the celebration held earlier, Hal's frat brothers wore Hawaiian shirts. We all know how Hal loved those crazy shirts. Guys are encouraged to follow the frat brothers lead...

Please bring your own table setting & wine glass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE PRE_TRIP PARTY

Monday January 27th @ the SLO Elks Club..... @ 6:30pm.

At this very important meeting you will get your credentials, flight lists and times, luggage tags, everything you will need plus lots of specific information. If you can't make the meeting it is your responsibility to get a friend to attend and pick up your stuff. Monday night is burger night at the Elks if you want to grab a quick bite. Serving starts at 6 PM. If you are one of our out of town members be sure I have your mailing address.



November Meeting



The SLO Skiers
Annual Holiday Party



SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 2019

Trinity Hall

6565 Edna Rd. *corner of Hwy 227
San Luis Obispo and Price Canyon Rd*



Happy Hour 5-6pm
Potluck Dinner 6-7pm
Contest and mini-Auction 7-8pm
DJ Dance music 8-10pm

Tropical or Holiday Attire Encouraged

RSVP on Signup Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f48acae28a5fb6-holiday1>



- Theme is Tropical Christmas!
- Free for members, \$10 guests
- Bring a canned food donation for SLO Food Bank
- Club providing the ham, turkey, and drinks
- You bring the Side Dishes, Salads, and Desserts
- Volunteers earn ski trip discount*

Questions? Steve Grupenhagen
stgru@yahoo.com, 703-300-0753

Campers & RVs are
welcome to spend
the night!



Notes from The Trip Coordinator:

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A SLO SKIERS SKI WEEK

Sometimes, it is beneficial for a trip leader to become one of the tour group. I recently had that opportunity. I hope some of my insight will help me be a better trip leader. I signed up for a trip to Israel and Jordan for 3 reasons. I enjoy my pal MJ's company. We always find a way to make anything a fun adventure. I wanted to see Petra in Jordan. The group was lead by Tucker and Kathy Hoffman. They are experienced and organized trip leaders. With nothing but those 3 expectations, I plunked down considerable cash and signed up.

Not knowing what to expect is *scary*. Thankfully, I received in advance a well documented day to day agenda. This helped me pack appropriately. I hope you will find our trips give you the same detailed information. The pre-trip meeting is almost mandatory if you haven't been on one of our ski weeks. We go over the itinerary. It lets you know: who is on the trip, who you will be sharing a condo with. At Snowmass there are several different configurations of condos. The travel plans are gone over in explicit detail. You get the opportunity to meet almost everyone going on the trip. This is a good time to set up "house rules", and perhaps menus if you plan on having group meals. There are numerous après ski events. The best way for a "newbie" to get to know everyone is to *volunteer to help* with one of these events. At Jackson we are staying in hotel rooms, but there will be plenty of things to do off the slopes.

Now to the main reason you signed up for a ski week. Of course that is to ski!! Skiing with the club opens up so many opportunities. From beginner (not too many of those) to experts the SLO Skiers has helpful friendly people to enjoy this wonderful outdoor invigorating sport. Personally, I can't, or don't chose to, read maps. So I find someone who read maps *OR* knows their way around the mountain. Each of our ski weeks offer tours of the mountain. This accomplishes two goals. First, a local shows you the best type of runs geared to your ability. They are able to do this because we take the 80 or so people (46 at Jackson) and split into 6 to 8 person groups. This is the time to be honest about your ability. Tell the ski tour leaders what kind of skier/boarder you are, not what you *aspire* to be. Perhaps the best reason to do the mountain tour is getting to know more people who to ski the type of runs you enjoy.

Another important thing I learned as a part of a new group:

Read the information provided and be on time. If you volunteer to help, follow through! The Hoffmans had very strict rules about that. It helped our tour run smoothly in a very foreign environment. It also ensured that I would be welcome on future trips with the group.



If the only reason you attend our ski week is to ski that is your preference. Again, my experience in Israel taught me the magic of the group added so much to my enjoyment. Meeting people who love adventure and travel made a *good* trip **great**. You will have this opportunity at our ski weeks. A week gives you the time to really get to know the very special people in this club. You get to act like a kid again. There are still spots available for both trips. **Sign up now!!**

Questions? Contact Lauren @ MLNSKIER@GMAIL.COM

Weeklong Trip Updates

WE'RE GOING TO ASPEN/SNOW MASS



First, the Snowmass trip has **one** space available. It is for a man. It is a single bed in the one bedroom loft deluxe unit. There is a bath in the loft which will be shared by only 2 guys.

The race awards for boarders and skiers this year are way cool. You are eligible to win Nastar awards as well as club awards. The great thing about Nastar is the handicap system that takes **AGE** into account. Wa Hoo... Since most of us are seniors our chances to win a medal are higher than for the youngins'. I encourage you to sign up to race at the pre-trip party on MONDAY Jan. 27th. The one comment I hear every year is: "that was *fun*." It will be a dual (two people on the course) format. The gates (poles with flags on them) are spaced fairly far apart. If you can turn when you want you can race. You only go as fast as you feel comfortable. No pressure. Another common comment is, "I know I could have gone faster." You get two tries at the course. Your fastest time counts. I'm amenable to team challenges if someone wants to put that together... let me know.

Sportsamerica is again hosting our welcome party at the lodging complex. We will have a NEWBIE party on Sunday night. That is available to first time trip goers and the trip committee and Board of Directors. On Tuesday, we have the race awards ceremony. Thursday is SENIOR PROM. The gal pals are wearing prom regalia. Don't be left out! Dress up! A slinky black dress doesn't take much room in your suitcase. Guys...Nice jeans and a shirt will do the trick. We are providing boutonnieres to dress you up for the prom!

Questions? Contact Lauren: MLNSKIER@GMAIL.COM

WE'RE GOIN' TO JACKSON HOLE

The Jackson trip is a little more laid back. Some fun activities that are on the drawing board are: Bowling and a welcome party. An après ski party at the 49'er meeting room. The property has a huge indoor pool. Perhaps the guys can get a chance to win at water basket ball. Many of you remember when the gals beat the hell out of the guys in Bend. Of course we cheated, but that was the fun of it. A farewell party at the historic, elegant Wort Hotel is scheduled for Friday night March 13th. The skiing at Jackson is second to none. If someone wants to plan a day at Targhee that would be wonderful. I do have a room, maybe two still available. The fireplace rooms have all been spoken for. The theme for this week is "The Pioneers".

Western wear is cool. Please be available at the January meeting to get your photo taken. You know the drill... The photos go on the door of your hotel room. If you can't make that meeting: send Lauren a picture of you in a cowboy hat.

Questions? Contact Lauren: MLNSKIER@GMAIL.COM

the SLO SKIERS

ASPEN SNOWMASS®

FEBRUARY 8-15, 2020

- 7 nights lodging at The Crestwood condos Slopeside with 2b/2b and 3b/3b choices. Deluxe lodging options available.
- 5 day lift pass valid at Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk. 65+ Senior discounts available as well.
- Airfare: Charter bus to LAX, direct to Aspen
Option #2: Airfare SLO-PHX-Aspen (+\$100)
- Welcome Party
- Farewell Dinner & Dance
- Travel protection available & recommended



The Crestwood

For more information:

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SLO Skiers CST#: 128709

STANDARD
PACKAGE **\$1935** per person
tax included

NO-AIR / IKON PASS HOLDERS
\$987 no transportation
or lift passes.

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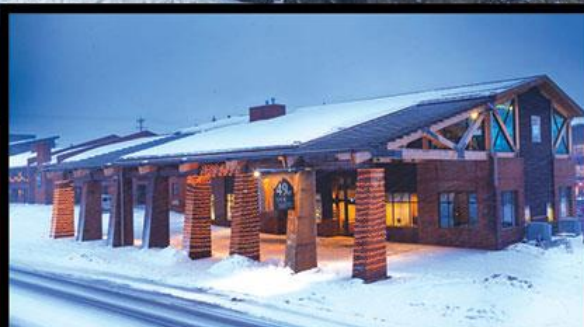
JACKSON HOLE®

Contact Lauren about airfare

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MARCH 7-14, 2020

- 7 nights lodging at newly remodeled 49'er Inn & Suites (double occupancy)
Daily continental breakfast included
- 5 day lift pass valid at Jackson Hole Resort
- Ski Shuttle to/from the ski area
- Welcome Party
- Farewell Dinner
- Apres Party
- Travel protection available & recommended



The 49er Inn & Suites

For more information:

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SLO Skiers CST#: 128709

STANDARD
PACKAGE

\$1035 per person
tax included

IKON PASS HOLDERS
\$580 no lift passes.

To register, cut and paste
into browser:

<http://sloskiersjackson.sat.tours>



Fresh at the start from left to right are Steve Grupenhagen, Carla Friddle and Jan Temler. Photo by Pete Sarafian.

November's Hike

Hikers on South Hill

Get Their SLO Fill

It was such a beautiful day,
That three of us went all the way.
To the end of the trail,
We climbed, hill and dale,
And did a loop so to say.

One met us at the very end,
Taking a more level trail to descend.
The ridge was quite rocky,
But not to be cocky,
We tired out coming 'round the bend.

~ Pete

Rick Eiben	12/3
Jennifer Novick	12/3
Joe Chufar	12/4
Marc Barnum	12/8
Michael Dibbs	12/9
Eric Lincoln	12/10
Irene Smith	12/15
John Mellar	12/18
Amalia Plemons	12/19
Ernie Gamble	12/20
Rich Novick	12/20
Jan Temler	12/21
Wayne Patterson	12/22
Harvey Brion	12/23
Gerald Arseneau	12/24
Bill Fisher	12/25
Bruce Henshaw	12/28
Stefanie Frances	12/29
Ken Waage	12/30

December Birthdays



Exhausted at the finish from left to right are Steve Grupenhagen, Jan Temler and Carla Friddle. Photo by Pete Sarafian

Steve Grupenhagen



Fran Long



John
Smith



Karen Dillis



Turn in those pix!

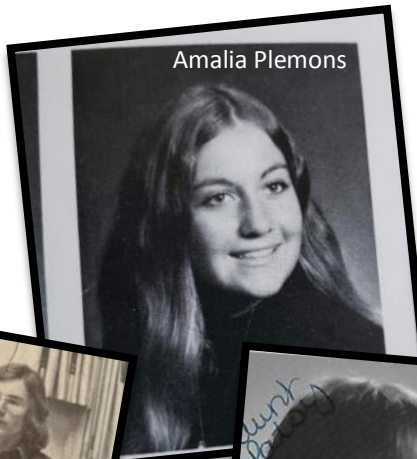
ATTENTION: SLO Skiers attending the **Snowmass/Aspen trip** themed, High School Senior Prom. Please send your High School Senior picture to Melissa Mertogul, mmertogul@sbcglobal.net, before **December 1st, 2019**. We have a team of volunteers working on the picture project including Jeanne Potter, Jacquie Johnston, Remzi Mertogul and Carol Waltos. Please let me know if you would like to be added to this fun committee. Many hands makes light work and fun! For questions, please email/text or call Melissa Mertogul.

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Pete Sarafian



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Nagle



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"The Voice of the Western Skier"



In May 2020

I will be moving on to another Ski Club job.

Think about becoming
the Newsletter Editor.....

I will show you how !
Karen~ 805.704.8914



Respectfully Submitted by: Karen Dillis

Calendar

Dec 4, 2019 Monthly Meeting

~~6-7 p.m. social hour ~ 7-8:30 pm General Meeting.
Details & RSVP on Meetup~~

Dec 4, 2019 -Warren Miller Movie

7:30pm @ the Fremont Theater ...buy your tickets now!!
<https://warrenmiller.com/events/fremont-theater>

Dec 8, 2019 - Celebrating Hal

3:00 to 6:00 PM. 9230 North Forty Road Atas.
Bring a dish& drink to share. Details on pg.2

Dec 14, 2019- Christmas Party

5-10pm @ Trinity Hall SLO All details on pg. 5

RSVP and sign up for a dish on signupgenius.com ASAP

Jan 8, 2020-Monthly Meeting

6-7 p.m. social hour ~ 7-8:30 pm General Meeting.
Details & RSVP on Meetup

Jan 9-12, 2020-North Lake Tahoe

Long weekend ski trip. Details & RSVP on Meetup

Jan 27, 2019—Pre Trip Party

6:30pm @ The Elks Club

Feb 5, 2020-Monthly Meeting

6-7 p.m. social hour ~ 7-8:30 pm General Meeting.
Details & RSVP on Meetup

Feb 8- 15 2020 -Snowmass/Aspen

Ski Week. Details on Meetup and in this newsletter.

Mar 4, 2020-Monthly Meeting

6-7 p.m. social hour ~ 7-8:30 pm General Meeting.
Details & RSPV on Meetup

Mar 7-14, 2020—Jackson Hole

Ski Week. Details on Meetup and in this newsletter.

