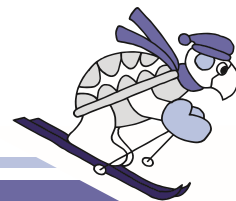


TURTLE GAZETTE



SLO Skiers Newsletter

January 2017

Mark Your Calendars!

January

Wednesday 1/4

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

Wednesday 1/18

Dine Around hosted by Jana Favalora, more information to follow on Meetup

January hike TBA

February

Wednesday 2/1

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

Monday 2/6

Whistler ski week pre-trip party, 6 p.m. (dinner), 7 p.m. (meeting) at the Elks Lodge; RSVP for dinner to Lauren by 2/2

Saturday–Sunday 2/11–19

Ski week at Whistler, British Columbia

Saturday 2/25

Wine down at Kathleen O'Neill's home, Mardi Gras theme; more information to follow

March

Wednesday 3/1

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

Friday 3/3

Bike ride in Avila, 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones Trail parking lot on Ontario Road; brunch at Hula Hut in Avila to follow

Tuesday–Tuesday 3/14–21

Ski week at Whitefish, Montana

March hike TBA

April

Wednesday 4/5

General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

Friday 4/7

Bike ride in Avila, 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones Trail parking lot on Ontario Road; brunch at Hula Hut in Avila to follow





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General meetings the first Wednesday of the month (6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. meeting)

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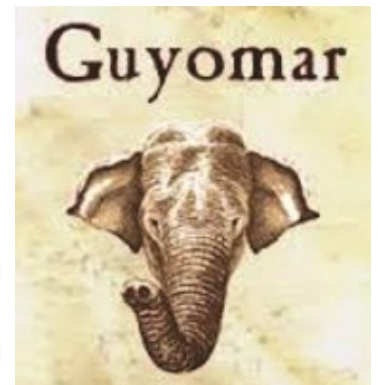
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The SLO Skiers Club would like to thank the following sponsors for their donations for the 2016 Turtle Auction. In return, we ask that our members also help support these businesses and organizations as the success of this years auction would not be possible without their generous support. THANK YOU!



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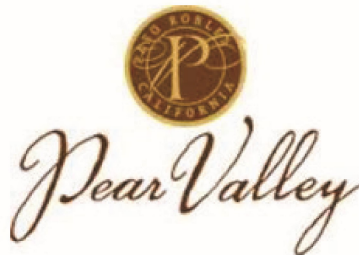
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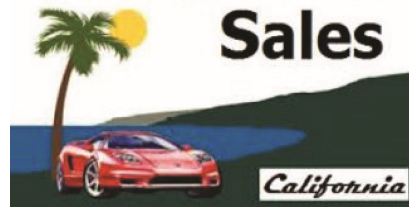
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Whistler Update

If you haven't double checked the spelling of your name and your date of birth on the air roster, do so at the January meeting. There are 3 spaces available.

The pre-trip party will be on February 6th at the SLO Elks Lodge. The Elks have a simple hamburger dinner if you care to purchase it. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Please let Lauren know in advance if you are going to eat dinner. The Elks are graciously allowing us to have the meeting there. It would create havoc if 70 people arrive unannounced for dinner. We don't want to risk losing our meeting place. Please RSVP by February 2nd for dinner. The trip information meeting will start at 7:00. Lots of information will be available to help you plan to make your trip run smoothly. If there is some reason you can't attend, please ask someone to take notes for you. If you haven't signed up for the bus to Los Angeles please do so at the January meeting.

A huge thank you to Melanie Cleveland who put together bios of the new members who are going on the trip. She took the time and effort to interview every new member. If you are interested in getting to know some of these special people I will send you a copy of the bio with a picture. Copies will also be available at the pre-trip party.

Whistler and Blackcomb mountains are totally open. The coverage is really good. All indications are we will have a great week of skiing.

Michael Krebsbach and Kate Fitch are heading up the plans for fun on and off the slopes. Lori Margulieux and Stephanie Francis are working on the apres ski parties. I need at least 3 volunteers to set up the food and beverages for each party. Charlie Capobianco and Mike Grabowski will be in charge of the 2 buses taking you from the Vancouver airport to the welcome dinner at the Howe Sound located in Squamish. Squamish is 45 minutes from the resort. After dinner the condo bus will take you shopping for groceries. The hotel bus will transport you to Whistler.

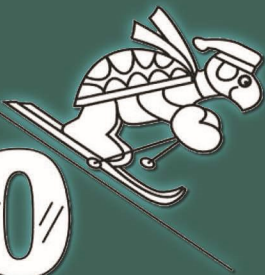
Here are a few things you should be doing as soon as possible: Double/triple check your passport expiration date. If you don't have a valid passport with you, you won't be allowed on the flight. Take color copies of your passport. Be sure to take one with you. Leave a copy with a trusted friend. Make arrangements with your bank or brokerage company to get some Canadian currency. Canadian businesses will take US dollars, usually at a 1:1 rate. Many business have a minimum purchase amount to use a credit card. To date, the currency exchange is very much in our favor. Credit cards usually have decent exchange rates. Check with your card to be sure you aren't getting socked exorbitant foreign currency exchange costs. Also contact your cell phone company. You should ask about plans for both calls, texting, and data usage in Canada to avoid an unpleasant surprise when you get home. If you have any questions or concerns please email myself or Bonnie Long. We will try and help in any way possible.

Lauren Nagle (mlnskier@gmail.com), Bonnie Long (blong@calpoly.edu)



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the SLO SKIERS



WHITEFISH

MOUNTAIN RESORT

MARCH 14-21, 2017

- 7 Nights Lodging at the Kintla Lodge or Morning Eagle condos

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- 5 out of 6 day lift pass
- Roundtrip air: San Jose to Kalispell
- Transfers to/from Kalispell
- Welcome and Farewell Parties

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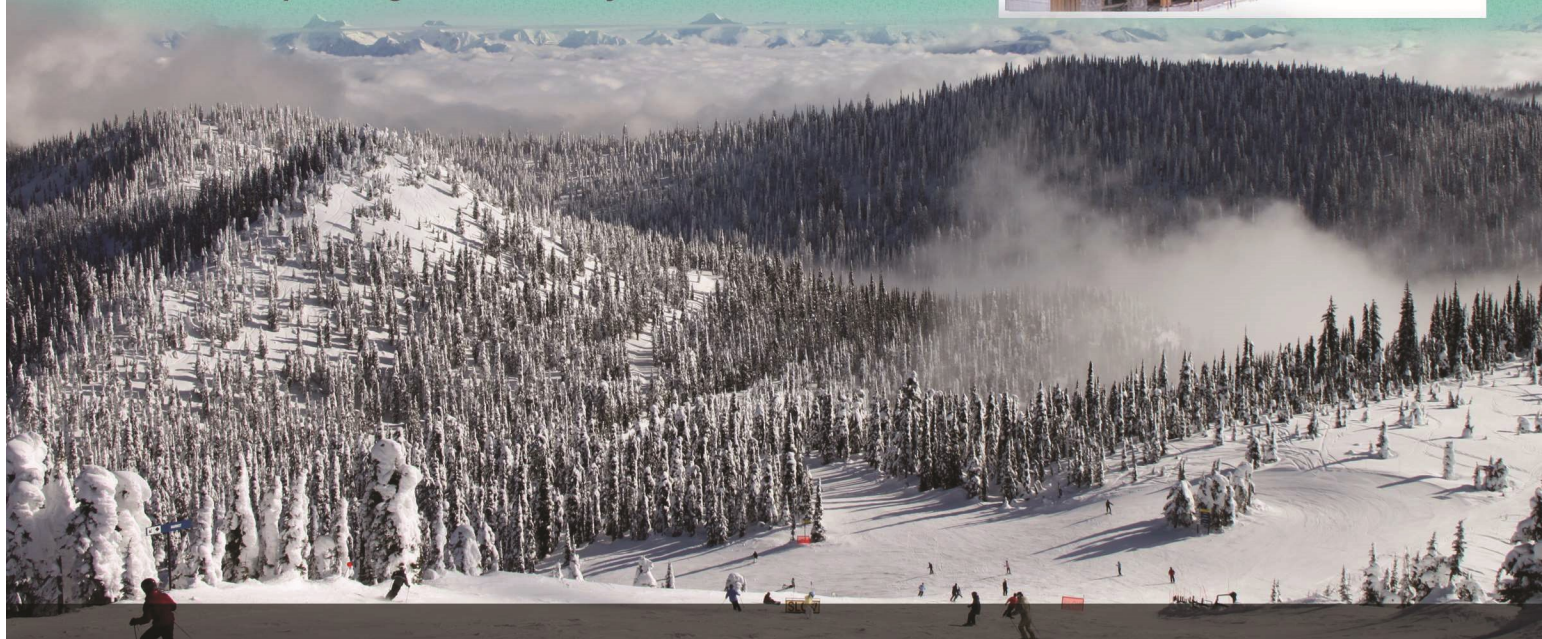
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TRIP LEADER: LAUREN NAGLE - mInskier@gmail.com
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Whitefish Update

There's still a place... (courtesy of Whitefish news)

Where powder lasts for days. Mother Nature's special Whitefish recipe for consistent snow conditions:

- Mix Pacific air flow with cold Canadian and continental air flow (read: lighter, drier snow than Pacific Northwest) to produce 300 inches of snow annually.
- Sprinkle cloud cover throughout the season to preserve snow (sun=melt) and keep surface temps more stable minimizing the ice/thaw effect (this yields an average end-of-season summit base depth over 100 inches).
- Spread snow across 3,000 acres of terrain on every aspect (some aspects will keep snow longer than others).
- Add skiers sparingly: Last year's average skiers per day was 2,851; that's more than an acre per person. On the busiest day, each acre was shared by 2.5 people.

There is space available on the Whitefish trip. The dates are March 14th to 21st. See the flier for details. We will continue to take sign ups through the 15th of January.

For those lucky people already on the trip, there has been a change in the air schedule. Alaska Air purchased Virgin America. In the consolidation of flights, our departure flight from San Jose was moved from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Believe me, I have searched EVERY available option for a better flight schedule. The good news is we will get to Whitefish earlier in the day. That gives us time to get settled before hitting the slopes the next day. I'm planning a wahoo welcome party at the Hellroaring Saloon.

The snow is great at the resort. As of the end of December, all runs are open. There is a packed 70" base. There are 3,020 acres of terrain. For the more adventurous the mountain has vast amounts of bowl and tree skiing. There are 5 terrain parks for boarders. A fabulous ski mountain combined with the following Ski Magazine awards for 2017: TOP 10 SKI RESORTS FOR: Service, Overall Satisfaction, and Top Value. The ski resort is a short shuttle from the charming town of Whitefish. There are free, convenient shuttles to town. Give your wallet a break from the big resort prices. Join the fun group headed to Montana.

Getting from the mountain to downtown Whitefish is not only easy, it's FREE! The Shuttle Network of Whitefish (S.N.O.W.) Bus provides free rides between the resort and town throughout the day and into the evening. There are 10 stops in the town of Whitefish and the bus drops off/picks up at both the Base Lodge and Mountain Village on the mountain.

Lauren Nagle, mlnskier@gmail.com (2nd letter is a small L)



2016 Turtle Auction Item: Now and Then Walking Tour of SLO! Jeanne Kinney prepared a coffee and breakfast treat for the 5 lucky auction guests to tour downtown San Luis Obispo on Sunday, December 4th. It was a beautiful morning and we started on Dana Street and were surprised at all the new construction around the historical old adobe homes. We walked through The China Project currently under construction, compared the Granada Hotel vs the Wineman Hotel and took a tour through the Mason Building on Marsh Street built in 1913. The lucky attendees included Stacey King, Barbara Collins, Meredith Collins, Caryn Maddelena and Suzanne McFarlane.



Thank you to our favorite couple, Steve Balog and Julie Page, for hosting the wonderful Holiday Party! The members brought tasty appetizers, delicious salads and scrumptious desserts. The club provided the main entree of seared salmon or chicken piccata with side dishes. Members had a chance to tell their holiday wishes to our jolly Santa Claus, Bob Cazier. This year the club added music by DJ Meredith Collins. The club is glad to welcome new members and guests that made a great evening of merriment and joy.



Philanthropy Update

SLO Skiers are Generous, Caring members of the Community
by Michael Krebsbach, Philanthropy Officer

Congratulations fellow skiers, we did it! The generous and caring members of the SLO Ski Club set a new donation record for the Food Bank Coalition collection at our annual Christmas party. The final tally was \$694.25 in cash and 103 pounds in food. At last year's Christmas party members donated \$408 in cash and 217 pounds in food. In 2016 SLO Skiers cash donations to the Food Bank are \$1,194.25. The Food Bank will convert that into \$11,940 of food. Needless to say Carl Hansen, CEO of the Food Bank and his staff are extremely grateful to SLO Skiers for the support we have given to them. On December 20, 2016, I delivered the 103 pounds of food and the \$694.25 check to Carl Hansen at the Food Bank's new location on Kendall Rd in SLO.

On December 9, 2016, I delivered a \$225 donation to SLO Botanical Garden. Receiving the check was Debbie Hoover, Operation Director for the Garden. She and all the members of the Garden are extremely appreciative of our willingness to support and partner with the Botanical Garden. This is our first donation to the SLO Botanical Garden. The Garden includes a nice hiking trail we may want to schedule a hike on.

On December 13, 2016, Fran Long and myself delivered the \$250 donation to Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra. Receiving the donation was Laurel Martin, Finance Director for DSES. We spoke with Laurel and the staff for over an hour and learned much about the wonderful work this organization does and the volunteer opportunities available. Laurel and the staff at DSES are extremely grateful to SLO Skiers for their generosity. We have now given to DSES for two years in a row.

The next two organizations that we will make donations to are Woods Humane Society and the Land Conservancy of SLO County. I hope to deliver those donations the first week of 2017. We have donated 75% of this year's \$2,000 philanthropic budget. The remaining 25% of this year's philanthropic budget will go to organizations working in the area of human needs.

SLO Skiers can be proud of our philanthropic donations and goals and for being generous, caring members of the community we live in by helping those who can use our support.



Photos (clockwise, from upper left): Carl Hansen, CEO, Food Bank receiving the check from SLO Skiers; Laurel Martin & staff of DSES receiving the donation from SLO Skiers on a stormy day at Mammoth; Debbie Hoover of SLO Botanical Garden receiving the donation from SLO Skiers.



Success in the SLO Skiers, and Those Who Make it Possible

The SLO Skiers board is made up of directors and officers and appointed chair positions...confusing, I know, but that's how our by-laws are set up. There are 7 director positions, and those 7 people have ultimate responsibility for the operations of the club. Those 7 positions are identified, but generally they vote to allow all members of the board, whether directors, officers, or appointed positions, voting rights as club decisions are being made.

That said, here are the positions that will be voted upon by all of you in March. I am also attaching the names of those members who have stepped up and said, "I'll help out and support the club I love!" As you can see, we still have a couple of positions available, and I am still looking for a couple of fantastic ski club members to volunteer to fill those positions. I've been practicing my arm twisting skills...don't make me use them!

- **President**

Candidate: Vince Kirkhuff

The president presides over the monthly meetings and board meetings. While the president presides over meetings, the entire board has input as to what goes on the agenda for the meetings. The president offers guidance and leadership to the board, but does not have to be in charge of everything that happens in the club. Volunteers are always needed to head up our many activities.

- **Vice President**

Candidate: We need a volunteer!

The vice president presides over meetings in the absence of the president. In addition, the vice president oversees all club activities other than those that are associated with ski trips. Again, this doesn't mean the VP is in charge of all those wonderful activities. It means he/she offers guidance and leadership to the many volunteers who step up to run an activity.

- **Treasurer**

Candidate: John Smith

The treasurer keeps the club financial books and all that entails...making deposits, paying bills, etc.

- **Finance Director**

Candidate: Bonnie Long

The finance director ensures all of our financial reports, taxes, etc. are completed accurately and on time. The finance director and the treasurer obviously work closely together.

- **Secretary**

Candidate: Amalia Templeton Plemons

The secretary's job is to keep accurate minutes of club business meetings (board meetings). Additionally, the secretary handles incoming correspondence and may be asked to handle some outgoing correspondence.

- **Trip Director**

Candidate: Lauren Nagle

The trip director has the ultimate responsibility for the club's week long ski trips. Once again, it doesn't mean the trip director will run every aspect of every trip single handedly. Remember, it takes a village. The trip director also needs a number of volunteers to run successful trips.

- **Membership Chair**

Candidate: Linda Kinney

The membership person keeps accurate records of our membership, collects dues, meets and greets guests and potential members at meetings and events, introduces new members and guests, etc. This person is an important first face/impression of the ski club.

- **Newsletter Editor**

Candidate: We need a volunteer!

The newsletter editor is responsible for the newsletter. The newsletter editor does not have to write all the articles. Club members do that, but the editor has to recruit those articles and make them fit into a newsletter that you will want to read.

- **Communications Director**

Candidate: Fran Long

The communications director position was added this year. This position entails keeping Meetup up to date with activities, membership, photo albums, etc. Additionally, the communications director works with the publicity chair to keep the club and club events visible to the community.

- **Philanthropy Officer**

Candidate: Kate Fitch

The philanthropy officer is the club communicator with our charitable contributions. This position carries out the wishes of the club in taking the checks/donations to our chosen organizations, and, along with the publicity chair, ensures that our club gets recognized for our efforts.

- **Ways and Means**

Candidate: Frances Wheeler

Ways and Means sells raffle tickets at our monthly meetings for the 50/50 drawing.

- **Club Photographer**

Candidate: We could use a volunteer!

The photographer should be someone who attends most club events and enjoys taking pictures and can edit and post them on Meetup. It doesn't mean the photographer has sole responsibility, but it does mean they make sure someone will be taking pictures in their absence.

- **Publicity Chair**

Candidate: Pete Sarafian

Put simply, the publicity chair advertises our club and its activities, in multiple venues (newspaper, radio, etc), throughout the community.

All board positions are one year positions, but many board members opt to serve in their positions more than one year. If you have an interest, either as an individual or as a shared position, please contact me. Remember, it takes a village of busy people to keep a really fun ski club going. Please don't make me have to beg!!!

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Questions or suggestions about the newsletter? Have something you would like considered for inclusion? Email Kara at kkedwall@gmail.com!

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President's Message



Welcome to the New Year that is bringing snow to all of the United States and Canada! Canada is our focal point for our first week long ski trip in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada. I wish to thank Lauren Nagle and Bonnie Long for planning and advising members on the future trip. I understand several members have taken ski vacations at Mammoth Mountain in California this December.

The Christmas Party was our best attended event of the year with over 95 members attending. We want to thank our hosts, Julie Page (Secretary) and Steve Balog (Vice President) on an excellent evening of dinner, dancing and a wine exchange. It was a wonderful evening of making new friends, reminiscing on the club's past activities and making plans for winter travel. The club would like to thank the jolly not-so-old Santa Claus, Bob Cazier, who listened to our

Christmas wishes. Some of our board members, Teresa Rice, Michael Krebsbach and Fran Long, were at the front door to greet and welcome our new members, members and guests. Your photographs were taken by photographer Stacey King and the dance music was so inspiring that Paul Collins danced the night away as his daughter, DJ Meredith Collins, played his favorite songs. The event was facilitated with help of setting up and cleaning up from John Walker, Kathy Steele, Peter Sarafian, Bonnie and Mike Long, and John and Irene Smith. We are pleased for the food and monetary donations collected that will help the food bank this holiday, to assist those people in our community that are less fortunate.

During the winter months our biking and hiking schedule changes due to inclement weather. We will continue to have members volunteer to host wine downs and plan a Dine Around at a local restaurant. Jana Favalora is planning January's Dine Around on the 18th and will be posting more information on Meetup.

Wishing everyone a healthy and exciting 2017!

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Collins

