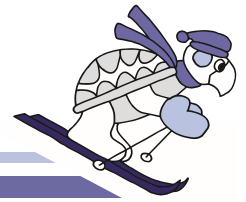


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SLO Skiers Newsletter

March 2017

Mark Your Calendars!

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

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

Saturday 4/22

End of Year Party at Lori & Allan Margulieux's
home (more information to follow)



Photo: Whistler Blackcomb Resort; courtesy of Fran Long.



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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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Whistler Wrap Up

Wow! What a trip. 77 SLO Skiers certainly had a great holiday in British Columbia. 42 early-risers took the bus from the SLO Elks to LAX. 59 people flew directly from LA to beautiful Vancouver. The weather cooperated and the flight was greeted by Canadian sunshine. The group trundled into 2 separate buses bound for the ski resort. Mike Grabowski and Charlie Capobianco were the bus captains and chief cat herders. The views of the Howe Sound were incredible. The Howe Sound Brewing Company hosted a wonderful buffet dinner. Many people said it was the best buffet they had ever tasted. After a lovely dinner and beverage the bus group took off to the Listel Hotel to check in. The Listel is a boutique hotel located in the heart of the Whistler Village. The rooms were nice and the service wonderful. The condo group made a quick grocery and liquor stop. Then the condo group made the 45 minute trek to Whistler.

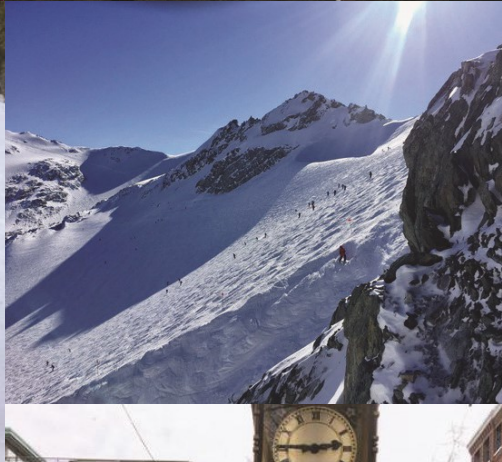
Sunday the weather was welcoming. Sunshine and good snow. We skied our legs off. Later in the evening, everyone crowded into Lauren's condo for an official meet and greet our newbies. This trip was special because we had 18 new people join the club to go on this trip. Melanie Cleveland put together bios of our newbies so we knew something about each of them. Thanks for all your hard work, Melanie. Monday, the weather was still good and the snow was very skiable. Each afternoon the group would convene at the Longhorn Bar for a "restorative beverage." What fun. After most of the club events the dancers would hit the clubs dancing until the wee hours of the morning. Honestly, I don't know how they can ski all day and dance all night. Monday afternoon, Lori Margulieux with the assistance of Kathy Doody transformed the Mountain View Room at the Tantalus Lodge into a 1950's soda shop. The decorations and costumes made you believe James Dean would arrive at any minute.

Tuesday the weather was showing signs of changing and the snow was getting heavier. We still enjoyed our time on the slopes. Tuesday was Valentine's Day. We celebrated with a potluck dinner at the condos. Wednesday is usually "poop out day" on a ski week. Rain pelted the Village most of the day. It was a great day to do some shopping and recuperating from challenging days on the slopes. Thursday 26 of us raced. It was still raining at the base area. On the race course gentle snow fell. The race results will be available in another article. Stephanie Francis and Kate Fitch put their creative spin on the 50's party room, including a photo op with James Dean. Michael Krebsbach and Fran Long calculated and announced the race results. That is a challenging job. Thanks Mike and Fran! Friday was a bluebird day, but the snow was heavy due to the recent rain. Whistler is a weather-sensitive resort...

Saturday the group bused to Vancouver for some sightseeing and chill-out time. The newbies under the direction of Ken Wenzel judged the photo contest. At 4:30 the first group boarded a bus for Granville Island and the Royal Victorian. While they waited for the bus to loop back to pick them up, the second group enjoyed a free wine reception at the Listel Hotel in Vancouver. When everyone was aboard we sailed, ate a fabulous buffet dinner, and danced our socks off. The results of the photo contest were announced. No surprise, Helen Jacobsen won 1st and 2nd in the people category. Bruce Henshaw (one of 2 Aussies on the trip) won 1st and 2nd in the scenery category. Bruce also won the best packer/unpacker of luggage, skis and trip stuff.

Special thanks to Bonnie Long. Without her patience, perseverance and wonderful sense of humor this trip would not have been possible.





"Laissez les bons temps rouler!" is a Cajun French term for "Let the good times roll!" Kathleen O'Neill certainly emulated that phrase with her Mardi Gras theme wine down on Sunday, February 26 at her lovely home in Pismo. Thank you Kathleen for a wonderful evening and to members that brought wonderful themed food, hors d'oeuvres, and deserts.



Did you know? You can see more pictures from Whistler (and other Club events) on Meetup, and post your own photos!



A very special thank you to Kara Edwall! She is our present Newsletter Editor and will be moving this month to wonderful Spokane, Washington. I have had the pleasure of having her guide me and other SLO Skier members on bicycles through the roadways around San Luis Obispo County. She is an energetic snowboarder and has been in our club for about four years. She is personable and a very talented graphic designer. We will miss her presence as a member of our club on hiking trips, bicycle rides and ski trips. We wish you well on your move but please consider joining us on our future ski trips!



President's Message



February was a great month for the Club's favorite activities—skiing and snowboarding! Hope everyone had a chance to visit the snow and enjoyed a memorable experience. 77 club members had a wonderful week in Canada. The trip started with a delicious dinner in the small town of Squamish, British Columbia, Canada located on the edge of Howe Sound on the Ski Highway. The group enjoyed their stay at Whistler Blackcomb at the Tantalus condos and Hotel Listel. The trip's final event was held in the Vancouver Harbor with a delicious dinner and dancing while watching the city lights in the distance. A special thank you to Bonnie Long for organizing the buses, airport and newcomer's party. A fond thank you to Kate Fitch for organizing non-ski activities that included a village food tour. Allan and Lori Margulieux generously provided a great ski party Monday evening at the Tantalus lodge meeting room. Helen and Peter

Jacobsen took time to take multiple photographs recording all the events. All participants thank Lauren Nagle for providing a spectacular ski experience.

"Laissez les bons temps rouler!" is a Cajun French term for "Let the good times roll!" Kathleen O'Neill shared this spirit with the club at her Mardi Gras-themed wine down. Thank you Kathleen for a wonderful evening and to members that brought food, hors d'oeuvres and deserts. San Luis Obispo once had the largest crew parade west of the Mississippi River to celebrate Mardi Gras. Kathleen has been an active participant in all their events. She certainly knows how to throw a Mardi Gras party as all those who attended the wine down can attest.

Our club is growing in members and we wish to provide social events that provide activities that are as varied as our members. If there is an activity that may interest at least five members, please come forward at our monthly meeting and share your intent to organize the event. This is a volunteer organization and everyone is free to actively participate in sponsoring activities.

I, Barbara Collins, President for the year 2016–2017, am happy to interact and listen to any member of the SLO Skiers in helping to organize our yearly events and new events such as the sport fishing trips. Ski trips, however, are the sole decision of the Trip Director who decides on her own where and when they will be held. There is no discussion or voting as to the location or dates or transportation for the two yearly ski trips.

The next meeting is time for paid members to vote for volunteer organizational leaders. There are positions that are not yet filled that have important functions ensuring the smooth operation of the SLO Skiers organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Collins

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

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