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SLO Skiers Newsletter November 2016

Mark Your Calendars!

November

Wednesday 11/2
General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

Friday 11/4
Bike ride in Avila, 9:00 a.m. at Dinosaur Caves parking lot in Pismo, or 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones trailhead, Ontario Road parking lot; no-host brunch at Hula Hut in Avila

Saturday 11/12
Pray for Snow Dinner Dance, 5:30 p.m. at the Madonna Inn, 100 Madonna Road, SLO

Sunday 11/20
Pismo Preserve Hike, 8:45 a.m. at Pismo Preserve; 15 hiker limit, hikers must sign a release form; see information on page 3

December

Wednesday 12/7
General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

Friday 12/9
Christmas Party, 5:00 p.m. at SLO Grange Hall, 2880 Broad Street, SLO

December hike TBA

January

Wednesday 1/5
General meeting, 6–7 p.m. social hour, 7–8:30 p.m. meeting at the Elks Lodge, 222 Elks Lane, SLO

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, more information to follow

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

Tuesday–Tuesday 3/14–21
Ski week at Whitefish, Montana

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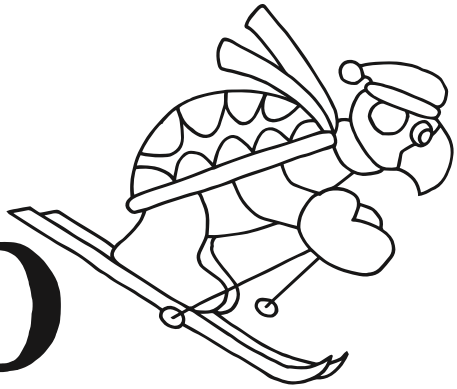

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General meetings the first Wednesday of the month (6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. meeting)

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Upcoming Event Details

Friday Bike Ride

Friday, November 4th, 9:00 a.m. at Dinosaur Caves parking lot
or 9:30 a.m. at the Bob Jones Trailhead parking lot on Ontario Road

Our first Friday of the month bicycle rides have been an enjoyable event this summer. As Mike Long mentioned, it would be nice to continue through the Fall with weather permitting. Therefore, we will have another bicycle ride on November 4th. Ed Peltzman has volunteered to start the ride from Dinosaur Caves parking lot in Pismo Beach, or meet the rest of the group at Ontario Road at the beginning of the Bob Jones Trail. At 10:45 a.m. the group will have a no-host coffee/brunch/ice cream break at the Hula Hut, 380 Front Street in Avila Beach. It is important to wear a helmet, bring a water bottle and some cash for snack or brunch. Contact Ed Peltzman at (805) 458-2462 or edpeltz@juno.com, or Barbara Collins (leaving from Ontario Road) at (805) 704-6572 or bacslo@charter.net.

Pray for Snow Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 12th, 5:30 p.m. at the Madonna Inn
$50 for members, $80 for non-members
Janet Leonard, event chair: (805) 440-8535 or bellaluna13@juno.com

(See flier on following page for additional details.)

Pismo Preserve Hike

Sunday, November 20th, 8:45 a.m. (hike will leave promptly)

SLO Skiers will have an opportunity to hike and enjoy the views on the scenic Pismo Preserve, which was purchased by the Land Conservancy. Since the SLO Skiers made a donation to the Land Conservancy, they have welcomed our participation. We meet at the Preserve at 8:45 a.m. and start the hike promptly at 9:00, at which point the park gates will be relocked. Be prepared to be on the hike with the group up until noon, since the gates will not be unlocked until we return. Park on the west side facing east. Be prepared for ticks and poison oak, and bring water. The Preserve is at the south end of Mattie Road. There will be three docents, including club member Marv Gross. This hike will be limited to 15 guests and will be four to five miles. If there is sufficient interest another hike (or more) can be planned in the future. Contact Marv at (805) 545-9657 with questions.

The Conservancy requires a signed release of liability statement which will be provided. Marv will need a list of those participating, so please RSVP to him. If you cannot make it later, please let him know so someone else can take your place. On a clear day the views are spectacular, however rain cancels the hike.

Directions from North County: 101 southbound and take exit 191 B, Price Street/Shell Beach Rd; take a right after the stop sign onto Price St. Take a right at the first traffic light onto Mattie Rd. Backtrack and go under the freeway (just south of Dinosaur Caves) and up onto Mattie Rd (do not go back onto freeway), then immediately catch the very first road to the right.

Directions from South County: 101 northbound and take exit 191 B, Shell Beach Rd; after the ramp take a right onto Mattie Rd, and the entrance is the first road on the right (may be dirt).

SLO SKIERS Annual

PRAY for SNOW

Dinner and Dance

Saturday, November 12, 2016
5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
at
The Madonna Inn

Members $50,
Non Members $80

Dress: formal or semi-formal

5:30-6:30 pm Cocktails and Appetizers (no host bar)

Dinner includes:

- choice of entree(salmon, rib-eye or vegetarian lasagna)
- salad
- vegetable
- roasted baby red potatoes
- black forest cake

Entertainment by

The Bob Santa Cruz Band

Checks made out to SLO Skiers, P.O. Box 1047, SLO CA 93406. Payment and choice of entree due by Sunday, November 6, 2016. Pre-paid only, no late door entry.

For more details contact Janet Leonard at (805) 440-8535, bellaluna13@ juno.com or Barbara Collins at (805) 704-6572, bacslo@charter.net

SLO SKIERS ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2016

SLO GRANGE HALL

2880 Broad Street
San Luis Obispo,CA

HAPPY HOUR:	5:00-6:00 PM
BUFFETT DINNER:	6:00-8:00 PM
GIFT EXCHANGE and FUN:	8:00-10:00PM

On the menu: by HAUTE Skillet

Pan Seared Salmon
Balsamic or Piccata Chicken
Rosemary Fingerling Potatoes
Roasted Veggie Medley

Please Bring to Share

Last Name Beginning with:

A-I: Appetizers

J-R: Salad

S-Z: Dessert

And of coarse BYOB

Come in Holiday Attire

There will be a gift exchange of a $15 (or more) bottle of wine in gift wrapping. This is a free event for all ski club members who are current in their dues.

There will be giving basket for can or dry goods for the Food Bank and a $5 tickets for Club Raffle Baskets.

Guest Price: $15

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WHISTLER BLACKCOMB

FEB 11-19, 2017

- 7 Nights Lodging at the Hotel Listel or Tantalus Condos
  Double Occupany
- 5 out of 6 day Lift passes
- Transfers to/from Vancouver Airport
- 8th night at Hotel Listel/Vancouver
- Farewell dinner cruise of the Vancouver Harbor

Prices start at

$ 1,150

depending on availability

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THE TANTALUS

HOTEL LISTEL

TRIP LEADER: LAUREN NAGLE - mlnskier@gmail.com
or 805-636-0477 after 5pm

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WHITEFISH
MOUNTAIN RESORT
MARCH 14-21, 2017

- 7 Nights Lodging at the Kintla Lodge or Morning Eagle condos
  Ski-in/out. Double Occupany
- 5 out of 6 day lift pass
- Roundtrip air: San Jose to Kalispell
- Transfers to/from Kalispell
- Welcome and Farewell Parties

Prices start at

$ 1,345

depending on availability

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KINTLA LODGE

MORNING EAGLE

TRIP LEADER: LAUREN NAGLE - mlnskier@gmail.com
or 805-636-0477 after 5pm

WHITEFISH UPDATE:

First, I want to welcome Jennifer Novick to the travel committee. She is the new trip captain for the Whitefish trip. This is Jen's first experience as a trip captain. She did an outstanding job of signing up the group going to Whitefish. She is being helped by her husband and Excel expert, Rich. The trip is 1/2 full. If you plan on going email Lauren for the sign up documents and bring them and your check to the October meeting.

Lauren's email: mlnskier@gmail.com

There are two choices for on mountain lodging on the Whitefish trip. Both are condominium properties. They sit side by side in the ski village. They are steps away from the Tenderfoot lift and bars and restaurants.

At the Kintla Lodge we have one, two and three bedroom units available. Both of the properties are 2 per room and bath. The one bedroom units are $295 per person (double occupancy) more expensive than the 2 or 3 bedroom units. Guests here enjoy the cozy comfort of a mountain lodge, complete with carved pine furniture, down comforters, and fireplaces. All units have a full kitchen and ensuite laundry. The amenities include cable TV, free wifi, underground parking, personal ski lockers and elevators. A gorgeous covered hot tub and comfortable common area let you unwind in style after a day on the mountain.

The second condo property is Mountain Eagle. Again this is located steps from the lift and in the center of Glacier Village. There is an adequate choice of restaurants and bars located in Glacier Village. There are one, two and three bedroom units to choose from. The one bedroom unit is more expensive. The amenities are the same as the Kintla Lodge. There is a gorgeous two-story lobby. You can unwind in a rooftop hot tub and soak after a long day on the slopes. You can hop on a free shuttle and enjoy all the shops and restaurants of downtown Whitefish.

KINTLA LODGE

MORNING EAGLE

WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Whitefish Mountain Resort stands out as the only Western Resort in North America to Earn High Rankings for both Service and Value

SKI Magazine Reader's Poll Ranks Whitefish in Top 5 for both Service and Value

WHITEFISH, MT – September 26, 2016 – Whitefish Mountain Resort continues to lead the west in providing both exceptional service and affordability in skiing. The independently owned Montana resort has been named "No. 11 Overall" by *SKI Magazine* readers in this year's annual Resort Guide, and ranks in the "Top 10" in seven of eighteen categories including "No. 3 Service" and "No. 5 Value" attesting that the two attributes can co-exist at a western ski resort.

"We are pleased that the readers of *SKI Magazine* have once again voiced what we believe to be the core of our mission: to provide an affordable world-class ski experience with a natural, easy atmosphere in the un-crowded, laid-back small-town setting," Whitefish Mountain Resort CEO Dan Graves said. "Our resort and the community of Whitefish, where the locals are friendly and unpretentious, is a unique experience that offers our guests the freedom and comfort to be who they are, have fun and connect with friends and family and have access to quality products and services without paying a premium for it."

Whitefish maintains its reputation for delivering outstanding service while keeping the ski experience affordable. For the third consecutive year, of the resorts ranked in the top 10 for service Whitefish Mountain Resort stands out as the only resort also ranked in the top 10 for value raising their ranking from last year's survey in both categories from No. 9 to No. 3 for Service and from No. 6 to No. 5 for Value.

"This ranking reflects the dedication of our employees," continued Graves. "We are fortunate to have a talented and knowledgeable staff and we thank our employees, and the community members of Whitefish and its surrounding communities, for their role in making our visitors feel welcome. We would not have attained these scores without them."

In an industry where seasonal employment typically translates to a high turnover rate, Whitefish Mountain Resort maintains a high rate of return with its winter staff. Seventy-two percent of the resort's employees have worked at least one year, and nearly half of returning staff have been employed for five or more years. The resort actively encourages its employees to grow professionally within the company. Their institutional knowledge and experience at the resort enables employees to deliver a high level of customer service.

"Our employees are passionate about our industry and we have found that this passion is what keeps employees returning year after year," Whitefish Mountain Resort Director of Human Resources Kristi Hanchett said. "With so many years invested in our resort they truly care, and go above and beyond. Because our employees participate and enjoy the same activities and experiences as our guests they are able to personally connect and provide our customers with an experience where personal service comes naturally."

Whitefish Mountain Resort also continues on its course of providing exceptional value. This season's daily walk-up ticket price is $76, or $69 per day for two or more days, and Ski & Stay lodging and lift ticket packages start at $88 per person per night. An adult season pass at the early season rate is $630 if purchased by September 30, 2016. The resort's Learn to Ski/Ride package which includes two days of beginner lifts, equipment rentals and two half day lessons is $79 and a full day of daycare at the Kids Center is $70.

In addition to Service and Value, Whitefish Mountain Resort ranked in the top 10 in five other categories including No. 8 for Grooming and No 10. For Character, Kid Friendliness, Lodging and Overall Satisfaction. The most top 10s ever for the resort.

The *SKI Magazine* Reader's Poll is the longest running and most comprehensive survey in the industry. The online poll asks *SKI Magazine* readers to rank the top 50 North American ski resorts in a variety of categories. Whitefish's overall ranking is determined by a combination of reader's scores across 18 different categories. The remainder of the resort's rankings were: #12 Off-Hill Activities; #13 On-Mountain Food; #15 Après and Dining; #18 Terrain Variety and Scenery; #19 Terrain Parks; #21 Access; #23 Snow; #24 Lifts; #26 Terrain Challenge.

Whitefish Mountain Resort is scheduled to open for the 2016-17 season on December 7, 2017. This winter Whitefish goes into its 70th season having invested over $10.6 million to improve the guest experience in the last decade. This season the resort finishes its remodel of it popular mountaintop lodge, the Summit House with a complete remodel of the café and kitchen while continuing the look and feel of the major remodel that began last season.

For more information on Whitefish Mountain Resort's affordable Ski & Stay packages and up-to-date daily snow reports visit www.skiwhitefish.com.

Whitefish Weather:
Average Temperature/Outlook for 2017

The following information was taken from 2 sources off the internet. Both were found by a GOOGLE search: The average temperatures are from Area Vibes.com. The forecast information is from OnTheSnow.com, Forecast Update: Winter 2016-2017. Both Whistler & Whitefish are predicted to have 120% of average snowfall !

In the event that the weather data was unavailable for this city, estimates based upon nearby cities were used.

Month	Temp LOW	Temp. MAX	Temp. AVERAGE
January	-25°F	48°F	24°F
February	-15°F	53°F	28°F
March	-8°F	65°F	35°F

Outlook: The latest forecast data suggests a continuation of neutral conditions this fall mixed with La Niña lite this winter. This is a small but important change from my previous winter outlook. Why? The average position of the wintertime jet stream gets forced a bit further north along the Pacific Coast.

Biggest Winners for Above Normal Snowfall

Mount Baker, Mount Hood, Mount Rainier, Mount Bachelor, Whistler/Blackcomb, Lake Louise, Schweitzer, Sun Valley, Bogus Basin, Big Sky, Bridger Bowl, Discovery, Whitefish, Jackson Hole, Grand Targhee, Steamboat and Buffalo Pass. In the Northeast, Jay Peak, Killington, Sunday River, Sugarloaf, Wildcat and Mount Snow.

WHISTLER LIFT TICKET UPDATE:

Those of you who get SNOWMAIL know that Whistler will be honoring the **Epic and the Epic Local Pass for** 5 days of skiing during the upcoming ski season. This is great news for Vail Pass Holders. **The Mammoth Calif4nia Premium Pass** allows you 50% off lift tickets at the Mountain Collective resorts. Whistler is one of those resorts. **The Mountain Collective** pass gives you 2 or 3 days of free skiing at Whistler and 50% off all other days. Confused? I have a Mountain Collective Pass because I intend on skiing at 5 other resorts that honor that pass. I contacted

Elanor Bushfield | Manager, Group Sales | Whistler Blackcomb

And asked what the "over the counter price for a ticket at Whistler will be when we are at the resort. Her answer was" Regarding window pricing we have several scenarios out there and our revenue team decides on the window rate based on conditions. Currently we are proposing a $139 window rate, but this could still change."

I made the decision to purchase a 4 day group ticket from the Club for 2 reasons: First, convenience. I hate to stand at the ticket window every morning. If I purchase a ticket and the $139 price applies I'm spending a couple of bucks more per day for the four day group ticket. However, I 'm also getting a free breakfast and an "early up." included with the group deal. *Plus the comps we receive for purchasing the group tickets goes back into our party fund!!!!*

Lauren Nagle, Weeklong Trip Director mlnskier@gmail.com

Thank you Joe Chufar and Steve Davis for opening your home for the October SLO Skiers wine down! Members brought a bottle of wine and a dish to share. The rooftop social was perfect and some members enjoyed a swing on the chipping golf range. Joe made sure the BBQ was hot and ready for anyone bringing their favorite meat to cook. It was a warm fall evening that everyone enjoyed!

A little pumpkin and spice made four members of SLO Skiers enjoy a Sunday morning on October 9th. The Williams-Sonoma chef produced many creative pumpkin dishes before the store opened. After the demonstration, we took a walk in downtown SLO and saw the new cow art in Mission Plaza. The final event was a brunch at Novo Restaurant.

Summer Bike Rides

The SLO Skiers invite members to join them on November 4th for our next Avila bike ride. Meet at the Dinosaur Caves parking lot in Pismo Beach at 9:00 a.m., or the Bob Jones Trailhead parking lot on Ontario Road at 9:30 a.m.; or just come join us for a no-host coffee/brunch/ ice cream at the Hula Hut, 380 Front Street in Avila Beach. Remember to wear your helmet, bring a water bottle and some cash for snack or brunch. Contact Ed Peltzman (leaving from Dinosaur Caves) at (805) 474-8977 or edpeltz@juno.com, or Barbara Collins (leaving from Bob Jones Trailhead) at (805) 704-6572 or bacslo@charter.net.

October Hike

Ten hikers went upward on a steep Ontario slope.
Some were fast climbers and some slow but all able to cope.
Up on top of the ridge the group reunited
and everyone thought the view delighted,
but the pathway down was narrow and rough
and all ten ramblers finished well enough.

Hikers from left to right: Linda Kinney, Darrell Voth, Barbara Collins, Paul Collins, Myra Wapner, Marvin Gross, Laura Hyde, Melanie Cleveland and Mike Long.

Philanthropy Update

Our philanthropy plan and donations for the 2016–2017 giving year are up and running. Our plan this year is to give 70% of our $2,000 philanthropy budget to organizations involved in helping humanity. Last year we gave 75% of our budget to humanity. Our human category will include donations to the Food Bank Coalition of SLO County, a ski organization such as Disabled Sports of the Eastern Sierras and possibly two other organizations working on human causes. This year we will give 15% of our budget to an animal organization such as Woods Humane Society. Last year we donated $250 or 12.5% of the budget to animals. This year we will also donate 15% of the budget to environmental/conservation organizations. Last year we gave 12.5% of our budget to environmental/conservation.

We will make our first donation of the year to the Food Bank Coalition of SLO County. They will receive $500 from SLO Skiers again this year. Last year SLO Skiers made a $500 donation to the Food Bank Coalition. We also collected $408 in cash donations at last year's Christmas Party for the Food Bank. Every dollar we give to the Food Bank is turned into $10 when they apply their buying power. This is a great contribution for us to make. All the dollars are used here in SLO County.

So far this year we have received 71.5 pounds of toiletries from members. The toiletries have been donated to the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter on Orcutt Road in SLO and the El Camino Homeless Organization in Atascadero. These are the two main homeless shelters in our county. Thank you to Barbara & Paul Collins, Laura Hyde and Helen Jacobson for the generous donations of toiletries. There was a big white plastic bag of toiletries donated at the October meeting but I do not know which member left that bag; thank you for your donation.

Thank you SLO Skiers for your continued generosity. Remember the philanthropy funds come from our annual auction proceeds so please participate in the auction by donating an article or service, buying an item, or better yet both.

Respectfully,
Michael Krebsbach, Philanthropy Officer

Ski News

End Coming Near for K2, Marmot and Other Skis
Newell Brands has announced the company's intention to sell or abandon its entire collection of winter sports brands by January 1, 2017, including K2, Völkl, Marker, Full-Tilt, Marmot, Line Skis and Ride Snowboards. The company has given itself only a few months to sell its portfolio of winter sports businesses within its Outdoor Solutions Segment, including brands such as Coleman, AeroBed and Abu Garcia, which Newell will retain. If K2 or Marmot is one of your favorite brands, you'd better buy them now while you still can!

Far West Travel Update

Far West Annual Ski Week 2017: January 28–February 4, 2017 are the dates set for the next FWSA ski week to Breckenridge, Colorado. Ski Week staff and the folks at Breckenridge will have some great things planned for everyone, including a mountain picnic, 5–6 day lift tickets, racing and lots of socializing. Join us to get in on all the fun. Check with your council's trip leader, Fran Long (fancat87@gmail), to make your reservations for this fantastic week.

Far West Mini Ski Week 2017: Signups are being taken for the 2017 mini ski week trip to Sun Peaks, British Columbia, March 21–26, 2017. Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites will be our hosts. There will be lots of FWSA activities and optional local activities available. We have online registration and credit card payment available. Go to www.fwsa.org and click on the travel tab for more information, or contact Gloria Raminha, trip leader, at garski2011@gmail.com or (661) 800-8229 (cell). Don't miss this fun trip!

Far West International Trip 2017: The international ski trip for 2017 will be to Austria and Hungary. Ski week is set for March 12–19 in St. Anton, with an extension trip from March 19–26 to Vienna and Budapest. The extension trip is also being offered as a stand alone trip for those interested. Participants will be staying in one hotel for the week in St. Anton, The Schwarzer Adler Hotel, and will be getting one lift pass which allows skiing in 5 areas. You'll experience a welcome/orientation, a mid-week day tour, mid-week après party and a farewell party. We have 24 people signed up for ski week thus far. If you want to add your name to this growing list of participants, contact Debbie Stewart at FWSAintltrvl@prodigy.net.

Essential Ski Training Exercises

Winter is almost upon us! Are you as fit as you would like to be to enjoy your time on the slopes? According to the U.S. Ski Team, these are the five best exercises to do for ski training. These brief descriptions will point you in the right direction; if you have access, it is an excellent idea to consult a knowledgeable professional or personal trainer at your gym. Remember to adapt exercises to your level of fitness, and take it slow if you are just getting back in shape! (Adapted from www.onthesnow.com.)

1. Band Walk: With a resistance band around your ankles, start in a squat position; take a large step sideways in one direction, and moving in the same direction, move your other foot in a half step. Repeat; when you have reached the end of the room, work your way back the other direction.

2. Back Extension: This can be done using gym equipment (possibly adding dumbbells for extra weight, and a dumbbell row), or by laying face-down on the floor; from laying down, reach your hands back towards your ankles and lift your shoulders and chest off the floor. Release in a controlled motion, and repeat.

3. Single Leg Squats: These can be done weighted or with your own body weight, and are just like they sound; for a less intense workout or more stability, you can do your squats keeping your weight centered over both feet.

4. Overhead Medicine Ball Throw: Using a medicine ball (or another compact, unbreakable weighted object may do), squat and lower the ball between your calves; in a smooth motion rise and throw the ball overhead, before catching it and lowering back down. Modify by raising the ball into the air, but don't let go.

5. Lateral Box Jump: Starting on one side of a box (head to the gym or borrow equipment for this one to make sure you'll be stable), jump up and sideways on to the box; jump off the box to the other side, and repeat going back in the opposite direction.

Important Information About the Success of SLO Skiers

We have a saying in education: "It takes a village to raise a child." Think of the ski club as that child; it takes a village to raise a successful ski club as well. Each year along about this time, it is the responsibility of the past president to put together a slate of officers for all of you to vote on for the coming club year. Our elections take place in March, with the new board officially taking office the following May.

Rather than twist arms to put together your slate of officers for 2017–2018, I would like each of you to think about how you could get involved and help raise that successful ski club. Like so many of us, the first thought is always, "I don't have the time to take on anything else." When you are thinking about your involvement, and the amount of time you have to offer, consider sharing a position with another club member. Many organizations are doing this very thing in order to put together a board of very busy people. If you have an interest, or you even think you might have an interest, please contact me or any one of our existing board members, and ask questions.

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:

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

- **Finance Director**
  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**
  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**
  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**
  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**
  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**
  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**
  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**
  Ways and means sells raffle tickets at our monthly meetings for the 50/50 drawing.

- **Club Photographer**
  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**
  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 are a current board member and you really want to run for your position again, please let me know. If you are NOT a current board member and you have an interest, either as an individual or as a shared position, please contact me as well. Remember, it takes a village of busy people to keep a really fun ski club going. Don't make me have to twist arms and beg!!!

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President's Message

Hello SLO Skiers,

Looking forward to an awesome ski season, but first we need SNOW! Therefore a time-honored tradition of the SLO Skiers Club is the annual"Pray for Snow Dinner Dance". Come enjoy a rib eye steak or excellent salmon dinner at the famous Madonna Inn, and then dance to The Bob Santa Cruz Band in the private Venetian Room. Hal Rosewall will give the traditional prayer before we kick our heels and dance the night away.

This dinner dance would not be possible without the hard work of our volunteer club members from the Turtle Auction. A very special thanks to the organizer, Stacey King, for her many hours of gathering items from members, organizing the wonderful items donated, and organizing the many volunteers to make this event special. The auction is the club's largest fundraiser event that supports our other club activities, and offsets the cost of ski trip events. We donate a percentage of the proceeds to our club philanthropic efforts. We want to thank each member for their contributions to the auction and their generous bids on the items purchased. If you are a member and did not participate, you are able to make a monetary donation to the club at a general meeting.

October started off with a wonderful wine down at one of the club's founding members home, Joe Chufar. We want to thank Joe and Steve Davis for opening their home to our members. Thank you members for bringing food items to share, wine to enjoy and good conversation. Some members got to practice their golf swing on Joe's chipping golf range.

We miss our hike leader, Pete Sarafian, but in his absence Peter Jacobsen volunteered to take us on an adventure hike on Ontario Ridge. It was the first visit for some members to this moderate-rated hike above Avila Beach, with sweeping views of the ocean, Irish Hills, Avila Beach, Port San Luis and the Pismo Beach coastline. Thank you, Peter, for a beautiful scenic hike. On November 20th, Marvin Gross is organizing a hike of the Pismo Preserve for a limited number of hikers; contact Marvin to reserve a space.

We tried a new cooking event, Williams-Sonoma Essentials of the Pumpkin, at the downtown San Luis Obispo store. Some members were not able to attend due to a last minute change of time and number of guests allowed at the event. My regrets to those members that were not able to attend. The chef cooked pumpkin as a main dish with chicken, pumpkin soup and pumpkin desert. The group then walked to Novo Restaurant and enjoyed a Sunday brunch.

Our summer bicycle rides will continue this month. We plan to have a November ride on Friday, November 4th. Ed Peltzman will lead a group from the parking lot at Dinosaur Caves and meet the rest of the riders at the Bob Jones Trailhead on Ontario Road. Mike Long lead the group in October from the Elks Lodge parking lot in San Luis Obispo. Thank you both for volunteering to lead our bicyclists.

Respectfully,

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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