

## Mark Your Calendars!

### 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 1/4*

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, more information to follow

### 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

#### *Sunday 2/26*

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

### Ski Trivia

Test your knowledge with a bit of ski trivia,  
just for fun! Answers are on page 14.

From [www.snocountry.com](http://www.snocountry.com) (2015)

1. Name four ski areas located on dormant volcanoes, or their shoulders.
2. Where can you ski a lift-served glacier in June or July?
3. List 2014's top-four ski states by skier visits.
4. What was the first Winter Olympics to include an alpine event?
5. Name the two southernmost ski areas in the US.
6. What ski area operated the 1994–1995 season from October 8 to August 13?
7. At what US resort were chairlifts first installed in 1936?
8. Name five ski areas served by aerial trams.
9. Who was the first US alpine competitor to win two gold medals in one Olympics?
10. When is learn-to-ski/ride month?





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A Ski, Sport and Social Club  
[www.sloskiers.org](http://www.sloskiers.org)

PO Box 1047  
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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

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### Pismo Preserve Hike

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The Pismo Preserve hike was CANCELED due to inclement weather.

Many members signed up to go on the Pismo Preserve hike on November 20<sup>th</sup> with volunteer leader, Marvin Gross. Due to inclement weather the hike was canceled. The Pismo Preserve docents canceled the hike due to the vulnerability of the new trails to erosion. The club will plan to reschedule in the future, though at this time

Marvin is planning to schedule some back surgery, so it may take some time. There are regularly scheduled docent hikes which are available to individuals who are members of the Land Conservancy. For a donation of any amount sent to the Land Conservancy of SLO (P.O. Box 12206, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406), you can become a member, and then go to [www.LCSLO.org](http://www.LCSLO.org) to sign up for one of the docent led hikes. The Land Conservancy phone number is (805) 543-9096. If you have questions, you can call Marvin at (805) 545-9657.



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# 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 course BYOB**

## **Come in Holiday Attire**

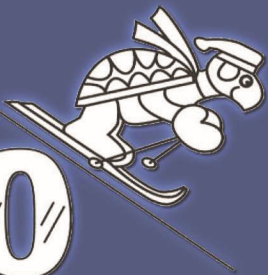
**There will be a gift exchange of a \$15 (or more) bottle of wine in gift wrapping. This is a free event for all ski club members who are current in their dues.**

**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**



# the SLO SKIERS



# WHISTLER BLACKCOMB

## FEB 11-19, 2017

- 7 Nights Lodging at the Hotel Listel or Tantalus Condos

Double Occupancy

- Roundtrip air - LAX to Vancouver, BC
- 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

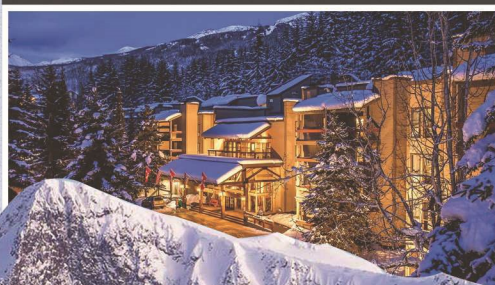
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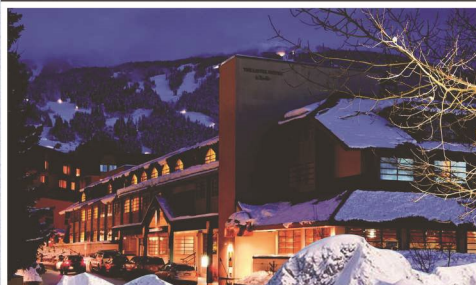
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THE TANTALUS



HOTEL LISTEL



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or 805-636-0477 after 5pm



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## Whistler Update

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The trip was sold out. However there has been a cancellation. One space is available for a single man at the Hotel Listel. When that last space is filled, there will be 78 people on the trip.

There is already a 10' base at mid-mountain. The resort is open. The weather prediction of snow and cooler weather in the North seems to be accurate. There will be an opportunity to do a mountain tour early in the week. I urge all of you to sign up. Whistler/Blackcomb is a HUGE resort. One of the unique things you will experience is the variance of weather conditions from the top to the base of the mountain. This will require you changing your ski style. Years ago a good friend of mine was skiing way too fast and hit slush near the Village that resulted in a broken leg. Each ski area has different challenges. In Whistler the weather can be one of them. Be aware, ski with care.

There will be an optional bus from SLO to LAX. Watch your email in December for details. The pre-trip party is February 6<sup>th</sup> at the SLO Elks Lodge at 6:00 p.m. The Elks always has a simple Monday night dinner. If you choose to dine at the Lodge before the meeting we need to know in advance. We will be collecting payments for the bus to LAX and the optional dinner at the January meeting. Spaces on the bus are limited. If you snooze you might be driving to LAX.

It really takes a lot of effort and organization to move this huge group. We have a group working on fun activities both on and off the slopes. Many thanks to the following people who have already volunteered to help: Kate Fitch, Fran Long, Lee Ybaben, Diane Mandala, Michael Krebsbach, Donna Etter, Melanie Cleveland, Charlie Capabianco, Mike Grabowski and Helen Jacobsen. We still have a few simple tasks that need volunteers. It shouldn't take more than an hour out of your vacation. If you are interested please contact Lauren.

Bonnie Long has diligently collected your money and recorded who is doing what. That is a huge job. THANK YOU Bonnie!!

There are 18 new members who joined the club to go on this trip. Melanie Cleveland is compiling pictures and basic information on our "newby's." Please welcome them to the group. Again this year, the gentlemen and ladies will have distinctive helmet decorations. It can be difficult to recognize people when they are covered up with goggles and helmets. Speaking of helmets, if you don't have one, buy one. It is a good investment in your safety.

THERE IS A PHOTO SHOOT AT THE DECEMBER MEETING FOR PEOPLE ON THE TRIP. PLAN ON BEING EARLY TO GIVE HELEN TIME FOR A FABULOUS PORTRAIT. I will be double checking the names and dates of birth for your airline tickets. As Bonnie mentioned in your recent email if there is a discrepancy in your name as it appears on your passport and on your airline tickets you won't be able to get into Canada. That is why we are being super cautious about typos or use of nicknames. If you didn't receive the email please alert Bonnie or myself. If there are last minute changes, we want to be sure you are on the list.

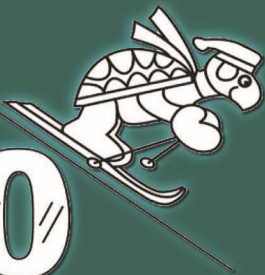
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**WHISTLER BLACKCOMB**



# the SLO SKIERS



## 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

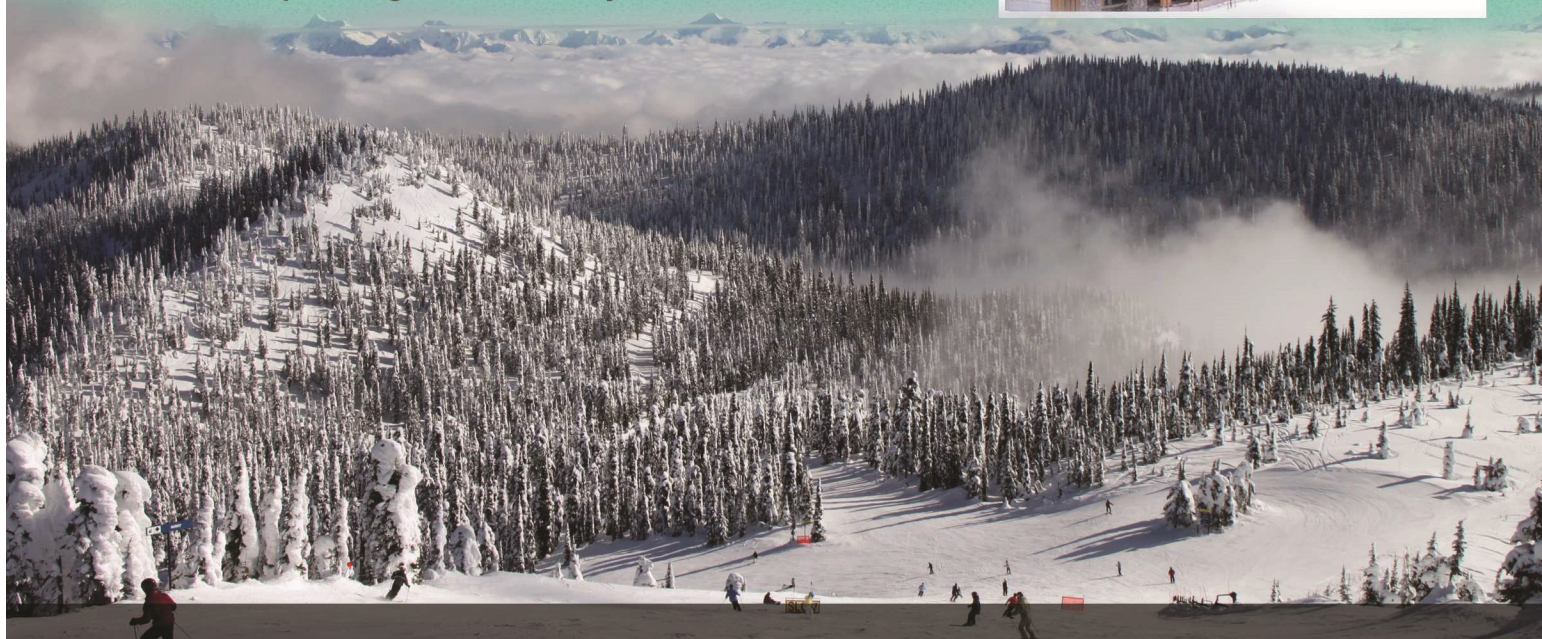
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KINTLA LODGE



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or 805-636-0477 after 5pm



## WHITEFISH UPDATE:

Located in northwest Montana is the Big Mountain whitefish. The whitefish Mountain Resort is a short 8 miles (13km) from the gorgeous town of whitefish. The nearest major city is Kalispell,. Kalispell is where our flight will be landing. By road, whitefish is only 65 miles southeast from the Canadian border and only 109 miles from Fernie in Canada.

The latest news on snow fall at whitefish is good. There is a storm on the way. The mountain plans on opening on December 7<sup>th</sup>.



View from whitefish 11/30/16

Glacier National Park

**There are three distinct areas to enjoy on this trip:**

**First** of course is the mountain. There are 3,000 skiable acres with 105 marked trails. There are vast amounts of bowl and tree skiing. Snow-ghosts will join you as you glide down the slopes. The longest run is 3.3 miles and is called Hellfire. YAHOO. Yes, whitefish Mountain Resort is BIG. You can ski and board on all 4 sides of the mountain. 12% of the mountain is for beginners, 40% for intermediates, 46 % Advanced and 6% will be enjoyed by our experts. There is enough steep, trees, glades and bowls to provide ample off-piste challenge for the "rat pack". We will enjoy a complimentary Ambassador Tour. The Ambassadors' primary goal is to orient you to the Mountain. You will find your dream terrain and have the time of your life!

At the mountain village there are several bars and restaurants. We will be staying at Morning Eagle or the Kintla Lodge. Both properties are ski in and out condos. The standard package will be either 2 bedroom 2 bath or 3 bedroom 3 bath condos. If you want to pay a little more you can upgrade to a private one bedroom condo. The farewell dinner is planned at The Summit House restaurant 7000 'up the mountain. You will dine while overlooking Glacier National Park and the sparkling lights of Flathead Valley.

**Second** is the town. It is a quaint small mountain town. No mega malls and chain restaurants. The atmosphere is easy going. The prices are much more affordable than in a glitzy resort. There are plenty of down home type restaurants and bars. whitefish is a year round sports town. You will have opportunity to shop in small specialty stores.

**Third and finally is nearby Glacier National Park** If you are a skier you should plan on taking a day to tour the park. The scenery will blow you away. The quiet and majesty of the park in winter will stick in your memory forever. If you aren't a skier this is a good reason to sign up for the trip. There are wonderful cross country ski areas. Snow mobiling will give you a thrill as you explore this natural wonder. Snow shoeing will give you a good work out.

The Turtle Auction was truly a fun social evening, thanks to event Chairman Stacey King! 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 organizations. We want to thank each member for their contributions to the auction and their generous bids on the items purchased.









The Pray for Snow Dinner Dance at the Madonna Inn's Venetian Room was another wonderful event to usher in the Winter season. Hal Rosewall said a beautiful prayer to start the evening of a wonderful meal that was followed by dancing to The Bob Santa Cruz Band. The dance was successful, and looking at many ski areas in Western United States, snow is falling!





## Summer Bike Rides

Our Summer/Fall bicycle rides are coming to an end with the impending winter weather. Our November volunteer leader, Ed Peltzman, started the group from Dinosaur Caves parking lot in Pismo Beach. The rest of the riders waited to meet at the Bob Jones Trailhead, Ontario Road parking lot. We were met by other members at the oceanfront Hula Hut cafe in Avila. It was a beautiful day, riding through the valley to the sea.



*Clockwise, starting from far left: Teri Winston, Carolayne Holley, Kate Fitch, Ed Peltzman, Michael Niblet, Barbara Collins, Julie Page, Kathleen Cronin and Kathy Steele*



*From left to right: Darrell Voth, Norm Smith and Kathy Steele*



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## Philanthropy Update

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On October 26<sup>th</sup>, SLO Skiers presented a \$500 check to the Food Bank Coalition of SLO County. Carl Hanson, CEO of the Food Bank Coalition received the check at the Food Bank's warehouse in Paso Robles. The Food Bank works with a network of more than 200 community partners serving more than 44,000 residents in SLO County who are at risk of being hungry. For every dollar the Food Bank receives it is able to buy \$10 of food via their purchasing power as a non-profit organization. On Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> the SLO Tribune featured the SLO Skiers donation to the Food Bank in the Good News section of the paper.

In the coming weeks we will be making donations to the SLO Botanical Garden, Woods Humane Society and the Land Conservancy of SLO County.

Respectfully,  
Michael Krebsbach, Philanthropy Officer



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## Ski News

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### Powder Mountain Adds Acres, Lifts, Villages

Opening this season with 1,000 more skiable acres and two new lifts, Powder Mountain is once again the largest ski and snowboard area in the country. The lifts will open up terrain that was "guide-only" and provide access to a pair of planned mountain villages with up to 500 home sites. Powder now surpasses Park City Mountain in size...covering 7,957 acres.

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## Far West Travel Update

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**Mini Ski Week:** The 2017 Far West Ski Association's "Spring Fling" Mini Ski Trip will be held at Sun Peaks Resort/Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel and Suites, British Columbia, Canada, March 21st to 26th. Sun Peaks Resort offers incredible access to cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and snowboarding. Optional activities during your stay may include: dog sledding, snowmobile tours, snow bikes, tubing, ice skating, snowshoeing, spa day. We are pleased that we now have online payments through PayPal after your initial deposit has been mailed. To sign-up for this trip, please complete the registration and waiver forms and mail your initial deposit to Gloria Raminha. After that, participants may make payments online at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) using PayPal, or can be mailed to Gloria. If the dates don't fit into your schedule, we can arrange for an earlier or later arrival or departure. Remember, Sun Peaks is in Canada, so you **MUST** have a passport. Your passport must be valid for at least six months after our trip dates.

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**International Trip 2017:** THERE'S STILL ROOM LEFT on the international ski trip for 2017 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: [FWSAintltrlvl@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAintltrlvl@prodigy.net).

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## Happy Birthday to Characters in Our Past

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I'm sure we all grew up with these characters and made them a part of our childhood. Let us wish a belated happy October birthday to:

- Dumbo, who turned 75
- Tom and Jerry, who turned 76
- Mickey Mouse, who turned 89
- Winnie The Pooh, who turned 90



May they continue to be a part of our past, as well as our childrens' and our grandchildrens'.

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## Ski Trivia Answers

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1. Mt. Bachelor, Mammoth, Mt. Shasta, Crystal, Mt. Hood
2. Whistler Blackcomb, BC, Mt. Hood, OR
3. CO, CA, VT, UT
4. 1936 Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (Alpine Combined)
5. Mount Lemmon Ski Valley, AZ, Ski Apache, NM
6. Mammoth, CA
7. Sun Valley, ID
8. Jay Peak, Cannon Mt., Sandia Peak, Alyeska, Heavenly, Jackson Hole, Big Sky, Snowbird
9. Andrea Mead (Lawrence)
10. January



## President's Message



Season Greetings,

The holiday season is upon us and it is time for our annual December gathering to dance and enjoy a meal at the SLO Guild Hall, 2880 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo at 5 p.m. Donations will be taken for non-perishable food items as well as \$5 donation for the Food Bank. There will be a gift exchange of approximate \$15 price per bottle of wine. We will have a raffle for gift baskets to help supplement the event costs of our holiday party. Holiday casual dress will be the attire.

The October Turtle Auction was an entertaining evening on Halloween Eve. Members arrived in whimsical and amusing costumes. The outstanding success of the evening was due to the wonderful donations by the SLO Skiers Club

members as well as some of our supporting retail stores. The auction chairman, Stacey King, spent countless hours preparing the event and all donated items with the committee help of Pam Stanley, Bob Cazier, Irene and John Smith, Fran Long, Lauren Nagle, Bonnie and Mike Long, Lloyd and Linda Kinney, Laura Hyde, Teri Winston, Peter Jacobsen, Stephanie Francis, Vince Kirkhuff, Michael Krebsbach, Steve Balog, Julie Page, John Long, Linda Tarbell-Messer, Teresa Rice, programs by Kara Edwall, and the wonderful auctioneer, Hal Rosewall. I would like to thank the non-member volunteers as well for helping with the event, Caryn Maddelena and Suzanne McFarlane.

The November Pray for Snow dinner party was a successful and fun evening—and snow has been falling in the Western United States ever since! A huge thanks to the chairman, Janet Leonard, for creating such an outstanding evening. The arrangements for the sensational band were made by Phillip Manor, the place cards were produced by June Ward, and table decorations were fashioned with the help of Julie Page. Many thanks to these members for volunteering their time in making this event memorable.

It was great to have Ed Peltzman volunteer to lead the Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> Avila bicycle ride from Dinosaur Caves in Pismo Beach. He and Carolayne Holley headed north in Shell Beach, meeting with the rest of the group at the beginning of the Bob Jones Trail. It was a beautiful day along the coast and everyone enjoyed a tasty brunch at the Hula Hut in Avila Beach where other members joined the group as well. Marvin Gross volunteered to lead the group on a hike of the Pismo Preserve on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Due to inclement weather the hike had to be canceled, but we hope that in the near future this hike will be rescheduled with the docents of the Preserve. The club is delighted that our hike chairman, Pete Sarafian, has returned to the Central Coast to help guide our future excursions!

I would like to wish all members a very Special Holiday Season!

Respectfully,

Barbara Collins

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