

TURTLE GAZETTE



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SLO Skiers, Inc. a Ski, Sport & Social Club

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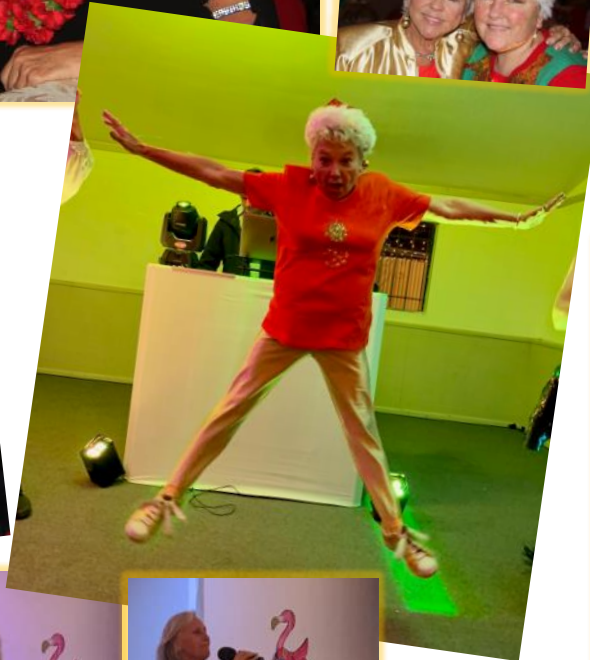
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Meetings ~ 1st Wednesdays @ the Elks Club

5:15 ~ Board Meeting
6pm ~ Social 7pm General Meeting

Dues \$40/year

Holiday Party 2019 Shenanigans



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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:

Lauren Nagle
mlnskier@gmail.com

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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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>

Snowmass Update:

There is still an opening for a single guy. 84 people are signed up. Consult your personal profile on line. Confirm all the information is correct. Airline, lift tickets, lodging is based on this profile. The pre-trip meeting is Monday, January 27th . Location, SLO Elks. The lodge is serving dinner beginning at 6 PM. On the menu build your own burger. The informational meeting begins at 6:30 PM. This is where all the details will be gone over. You will be picking up your “stuff” for the trip. If you have never been on a SLO Skiers weeklong trip you are highly encouraged to attend. If you can’t make it you need to ask someone to pick up your information. Every year someone doesn’t go to the pre-trip and ends up being a problem. Don’t let this be you!

Equipment Rentals: We will get group discounts at: Four Mountain Sports. They are located in the Snowmass Village Mall 50 yards from the ticket pavilion. Their phone number is 970-923-2337. Email: fourmountainsports@aspensnowmass.com . The group rental code is: SportsAM10.

Racing: Chuck Applegarth has stepped up to the plate to be our race chairman. This is his first time doing this so please cooperate and sign your forms at the pre-trip meeting. The race will take place on Monday. Dual format, Nastar and club medals for the winners.

Lessons: Again this year, Linda Tarbell-Messer will have all the necessary information available for group/private lessons. This is an excellent way to tune up your skills. The best skiers take lessons every year.

Don’t forget to pack your neck wallets. You can pick up your Snowmass credentials at the pre-trip meeting. The credentials are your ticket into the many fun group events. The farewell dinner dance (“Senior Prom”) will be held on Thursday (2/13) this year. This leaves Valentine’s day free for a date with your sweetie. Our dinner dance will be held at the elegant Snowmass Club.

IKON UPDATE:

Learn from my mistake: At Mammoth I tried to ski right into the lift line to use my IKON for the 1st time this season...WRONG!! You need to check in on line and be sure your waiver has been signed OR do it at the ski area. As a precaution, consult each ski area prior to using the pass.

Aspen/Snowmass Riches to Rags Thrift Store Excursion

DATE: Wednesday February 12, 2020

TIME: Pick up at 10:00 am, return at 3:00pm

LIMIT: 8 people.

COST: \$125.00 per person

The elegant mini coach will pick us up at the condo complex, greeted with a glass of champagne . Our first stop will be in Basalt for thrift store/ consignment store shopping, then lunch. We will head back to Aspen after lunch and visit 2 more shops, time permitting.

For more info: Kate Fitch emrldjoy@gmail.com / 805.459.2124



Looking Ahead.....2021

Here is what we are looking at for 2021:

Early February Taos Ski Valley. We will be staying at the fabulous Snakedance Inn at the ski area. This will be a smaller trip aimed to please our more advanced, or want to improve your ski skills, members. I have had the pleasure of taking a ski lesson there. Their ski school is tops.

Last week in February: Banff, Canada. I'm negotiating for us to stay at the fabulous Chateau Lake Louise and the Banff Springs Hotel. For those of us who want the upscale vacation experience these hotels are amazing. Perhaps if a group of 20 want to stay at a less expensive property I can book a less expensive hotel downtown and come to the castles for the parties. If the price is too high, perhaps, I will book a trip to the amazing Big White resort. The best part of that venue is the convenience to the mountain. At Banff it is a bus ride to one of the Big 3 ski areas. At Big White it is ski in ski out.

OK! What about **March??** Mammoth at the Alpenhoff. We did this trip last year. The mountain and the convenience of the lodging property were superb. This would be a long weekend trip. This could be an opportunity for a trip leader wanna be to run a very easy trip.

I'm looking for comments on what you want/expect out of your ski weeks. All constructive comments are appreciated. Reach out to: Lauren. My email is mlnskier@gmail.com. The second character is a small "L".

JACKSON WYOMING 3/7 TO 3/14

There are 48 people signed up for this trip. There are air seats available if you want to fly. Contact Kayla at SportsAmerica for the details. Her number is: 800 876 8551 X 112. (Her direct # is 707-791-3212) For those of you driving to the ski area there is free parking at the 49'er hotel. Also included at the 49'er (our lodging for the week) is: A daily Continental breakfast, wifi, 2 hot tubs and and indoor pool. The hotel is a short walk to town.

One misconception about the ski area is that it is for advanced/experts only. That is NOT true. This year the Solitude Station is new. It is a new full service center featuring a top notch service ski school. There are 5 beginner runs and 31 mostly groomed blue runs. Of course, the rest of the mountain is renown for its Blue/Blue, Black, and Black/Black, scary runs.

March 7 th and 8 th the mountain is hosting "Demo Fest" This could be your chance to demo those new skis. If you are contemplating going as a non skier... Do it! The town of Jackson has so much to offer in the way of non ski activities. There is an sleigh ride into the National Elk Preserve. There are Mercedes Benz snowcat tours into Yellowstone Park. If you want a more adventurous ride, you can do a snowmobile tour into the park. If photography is your "gig" there are photo safaris into Grand Teton National Park. After all that activity, you can "saddle up" to the bar at the famous Million Dollar Cowboy bar. Questions? Contact: Lauren MLNSKIER@GMAIL.COM. The second character is a small "L".



Looking @ it a Little Differently

"Uphill skiing is on the rise. Intense and fulfilling and tiring in the best possible way, the sport is encouraged today at many ski resorts that once prohibited it, and people of all ages are embracing it. At SNOWMASS, in Colorado, I slapped "skins" on the undersides of my skis to give them grip, and started climbing a designated uphill trail. Warm within minutes, I settled into a rhythm and was able to wind through aspens to areas skiers riding the lifts couldn't reach. SNOWMASS and many other resorts rent skins and alpine touring bindings that let you climb like a cross-country skier before locking in your heels for the downhill run. The experience is quite magical - a chance to get your heart pumping and to enjoy the mountain's beauty. And just moments after we reach top of the trail, our skins are packed away, and we're flying down the slopes we just skinned up, powder billowing out from underneath our skis."

A synopsis from the "The Washington Post" by: Rachel Walker

Submitted by:

Steve Grupenhagen



Waxing 101

MERE MORTALS CAN, IN FACT, LEARN TO MAINTAIN THEIR SKIS AT HOME (AND SAVE MONEY IN THE PROCESS).

By Jenny Wiegand

Even the most dedicated skiers can get lazy about waxing their skis regularly. But technically, your skis should be waxed every half dozen ski days (at minimum), and not just to make them glide faster. "Wax increases the density of your bases so they'll be less susceptible to damage," says Leif Sunde, experienced ski technician and cofounder of the Denver Sports Lab in Golden, Colo. "If you're ever bored, just wax your skis. There's no such thing as too much wax." Paying someone else to wax your skis that often can get pricey, so learning to do it yourself can save you a chunk of change. Plus, Sunde is willing to stake his livelihood that anyone can learn to wax. Just gather the right supplies, clear some space in a well-ventilated basement or garage, and follow these easy steps. ●

SUPPLIES: Base cleaner/conditioner; waxing iron; brake retainers (industrial-strength rubber bands); wax (start with all-temperature wax); plastic scraper; base brush

1. PREP SKIS

Step 1: Retain the brakes of your skis by looping a strong rubber band around the brakes and the heel piece of the binding.

Step 2: Apply a base cleaner/conditioner with a sponge to remove any road salts and chemicals the skis may have picked up to and from the resort. Then use a base brush to remove excess contaminants. This will ensure you have a clean surface to work with.

2. APPLY WAX

Step 1: Heat the waxing iron to the appropriate temperature for the wax you're working with. **Ensure iron is not smoking when you apply wax**, as this indicates overheating.

Step 2: Turn the iron upside down so the top corner of the iron hovers just above the base of the ski. Gently hold the brick of wax against the base of the iron and drizzle the wax down the length of the ski, working tip to tail. Try to get the wax to melt in a steady line down the length of the ski versus leaving wax blotches.

3. WORK IN WAX

Step 1: Work the wax into the base by running the iron slowly **from tip to tail** until wax has completely melted and spread evenly across the base.

Step 2: Let cool for 30 minutes or until bases and top sheets are completely cool to the touch.

4. SCRAPE & BRUSH

Step 1: Apply the edge of the scraper to the base and working tip to tail, **push or pull the scraper along the length of the ski** to shave off excess wax.

Step 2: Use a base brush to **brush the bases tip to tail** to remove any unbonded wax from the pores of the base's plastic.

LEIF SUNDE + SAM PETTY

Ski Technicians, Denver Sports Lab, Golden, Colo.

Sunde and Petty are highly experienced ski technicians who cofounded the Denver Sports Lab to make Olympic-level tunes available to the public.

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Mammoth's Morning Light



The sun sets on Hal's Celebration of Life Party



Thank you for opening your beautiful home for this event Charlie



January Birthday Babies

Pam Ricci	1/1
Bruce Legernes	1/3
Francis Moore	1/6
Dan Solomon	1/6
Teri Winston	1/6
Linda Butler	1/8
Douglas McConnell	1/8
Fran Long	1/8
Bonnie Long	1/9
Susan Wallace	1/10
Kara Edwall	1/11
Bob Hyde	1/17
Jan Christian	1/17
Carol Thatcher	1/17
Mary Browning	1/18
Dennis Paulson	1/19
Russell Voth	1/19
Cynthia Calderia	1/19
Melissa Guise	1/20
Mark Bolyanatz	1/21
Glenn Zimmerman	1/22
Joel Blum	1/24
Haley Lafleur	1/25
Ryan Winston	1/25
Michael Krebsbach	1/25
Alice Tomasini	1/26
Karen Dillis	1/28
Edward Peltzman	1/30



From left to right at elev.
1347: Barbara Collins, Linda Grupenhagen, Dana Morgan, Frances Wheeler, Bruce Easton, Jackie LaPrade, Cindy Doll & Pete Sarafian. Photo by a nice young lady hiker.

Decembers Hike

Valencia A Peak Experience

The views and the weather sublime,
Eight skiers went on a climb.
We got to the top,
(I nearly did drop),
Not a single complaint did we chime.

At the peak we were so high,
Birds were below as they fly by.
The scenes of the coast,
Would lead one to boast,
Enough beauty to make one cry!



December Warren Miller Movie Night!



Getting pumped up to go SKI!



January Philanthropy Report By: Steve Urbani

Thanks to all who brought a food item and/or donated cash at our holiday party. We donated 150 cans/packages of food and \$270 in cash to the SLO Food Bank. The food bank is always looking for volunteers (if you're interested). They also offered to give tours to Ski Club members. Contact the Food Bank directly if you're interested.

At the January meeting we'll meet Dylan Jones, the Executive Director of One Cool Earth-SLO. He will tell us about the organization and accept the \$500 grant for this quarter.

Our final grant for this fiscal year will be to Central Coast Veterans Helping Veterans.

If you have questions or comments on the Club's philanthropy, please contact me: steveu@sbcglobal.net

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Out & About
glamming it up @ Sephora



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



Out & About
Summer camping
flashback



Calendar

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 18, 2020—Hike w/Pete

9am @ Home Depot parking lot . Hike Cerro San Luis
Details & RSVP on Meetup

Jan 27, 2020—Pre Trip Meeting

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.

April 1, 2020-Monthly Meeting

6-7 p.m. social hour ~ 7-8:30
pm General Meeting.