

TURTLE GAZETTE



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SLO Skiers, Inc. a Ski, Sport Social

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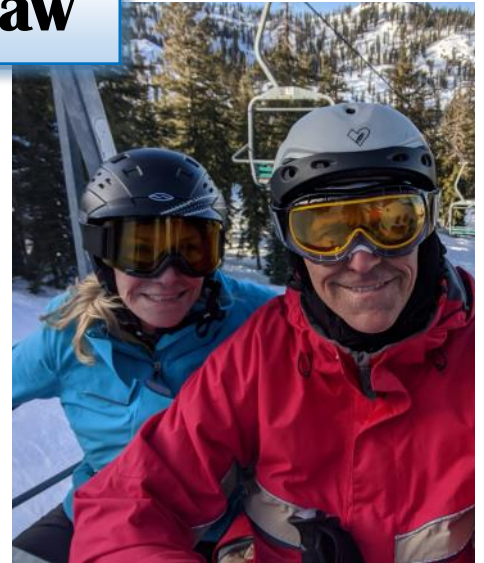
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Meetings ~ 1st Wednesdays @ the Elks Club

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

Dues \$40/year

Tahoe — Alpine/Squaw



Tahoe Jan 2020





JACKSON HOLE®

Contact Lauren about airfare

the SLO SKIERS



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>

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING: UPDATE

There are still a couple of rooms available at the 49er Motel. I am hopeful this article will get to you prior to the meeting on the 5th. At this very late stage of the sign ups you must have a roommate to secure a room. This year we have all signed up on line using the SportsAmerica website. For the most part the sign ups went off without a hitch. Here is the website address if you want to go:

<http://sloskiersjackson.sat.tours/> You can cut and paste this into your browser. OR simply type the address into your browser. This isn't a link. You need to use a computer for this...NOT your phone.

Ok for the 52 of you already signed up, here are some fun details. First the 49'er has an indoor and outdoor hot tub as well as an indoor pool. It is a short walk to the town square of Jackson. There is a full service grocery store a couple of blocks away. Flight arrangements were made on an individual basis. Again, no matter how you get there we all should be there by Saturday 3/7. The motel has a continental breakfast each morning. There is a bus to take us to the slopes of Jackson each day of the tour. As a new twist, the Welcome Party takes place on Sunday to accommodate late arrivals. The location is the Hole Bowl in downtown Jackson. Be prepared to bowl a few rounds prior to a fun dinner at the restaurant. Wednesday we will have an après ski party at the 49'er. Lloyd Kinney took on the daunting job of getting the drivers to bring in our California wines to enjoy during the party. Thanks Lloyd.

You are a sweetie! The week ends with a Farewell Dinner at the Wort Hotel. During the week there is soooooo much to do in Jackson. There is the Elk Preserve, the museums, snow shoeing. There is a group doing a wildlife tour into the Tetons. Of course there is nearby Yellowstone Park. There are several ways of touring the Park. Check out the options on line.

OK, have I convinced you? I love to ski. Unfortunately, I can't tear up the slopes like I used to. I enjoy the sport for as long as I can. Then I look for mischief to get into. This group make any time you spend with them special. Next year we are looking at Banff (The Chateau and Banff Springs Hotel) and Taos. The trip to Taos HAS to be limited to 40. Watch for details in the Gazette in July. Most of you who love the sport purchased IKON passes.

Those passes will go on sale in a month or so. Our club website should be up and running by then. Don't miss out on the early sign up price for this amazing pass. Both week long and long weekend trips will be on the pass.

~ Lauren

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.

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".

Website Update

Currently working to format our membership data correctly to do a bulk upload. Followed by creating a method to track/collect/send renewal messages relating to dues and active & inactive memberships.

Formatting the look and feel of the home page, creating 10 custom pages, a blog center, a ski swap center, a document library and a photo album library.

Outlining how the E-Commerce Store will work and figuring out a Merchant Service which will be utilized to buy bling as well as pay dues and maybe pay for trips.

Updated projection to go live.... 2 more months, thanks for your patience.

~Karen Dillis

Get Ready Aspen....Here come the SLO Skiers!

SNOWMASS: UPDATE

So, I am always telling you that a week long ski trip is more than just skiing. I thought I would give you some details. There are 92 people on this trip. 29 people are flying to Aspen through Phoenix. An additional 9 are flying to Aspen via LAX. Each flight has a flight captain to keep the group together. Amalia Plemons is guiding the group through Phoenix. Kate Fitch has the group through LAX. The balance of the travelers either made their own flight arrangements, many using airline points. Since many of us are retired quite a few opt to drive. One of the perks of having such a large group is the comps. The SLO Skiers policy is to turn comps into fun activities for the group. No matter how we get there the fun starts Saturday night at the Welcome Party. Another perk we receive is the tour company hosts this party. At this venue there will be reps from the Village of Snowmass and the Crestwood condos to field your questions. The Village of Snowmass is a full service town. Right outside the condos is a bus stop. The bus runs on a regular schedule to the town of Aspen. On Sunday we do a tour of the mountain of Snowmass. The slopes are right outside our doors. An added convenience is a snow valet for your skis. The property is convenient enough you can ski in for lunch. A new feature of the larger ski weeks is the "Newbie" party. This is hosted by the SLO Skiers Board. The focus of this get together is to get to know our new members. More importantly we want to make sure they feel welcome. On Monday, Chuck Applegarth and John Long send the pre-registered names of our Nastar race competitors. This is just for fun and bragging rights. Oh, and by the way, there are Nastar and Club medals for the winners. Those medals are handed out at the Tuesday night après ski party. Since there are four mountains to choose to ski, everyone of us picks our own itinerary. Wednesday is our "poop out" day. There is plenty to see and do in the area. Kate is working on a riches to rags tour of the thrift stores. This trip the gala Farewell Party will be our "Senior Prom". It is on Thursday evening at the exclusive Snowmass Club. Following dinner we shake our booty to the songs of senior proms...Friday night is Valentines to be shared with your sweetie... Don't have a sweetie? No problem the ladies condo is planning shenanigans for the singles. Then Saturday morning we all start home. Since skiing is dependant on snow, now we pray for good weather and a smooth flight back to SLO.

~Lauren

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



Remember to bring and wear your neck wallet!



Tiger tails, neck wallets, name tags, boutonnieres & bows



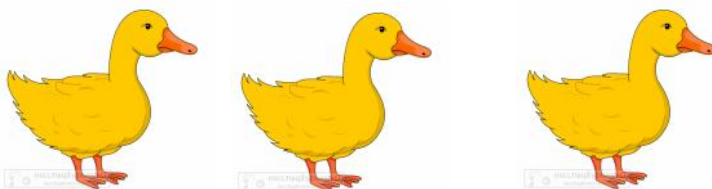
The worker bees



Bagging it up!



A successful pre-trip meeting. Getting all our ducks in a row!



February Birthday Babies

Dan McGauley	2/1
Jean Fallowfield	2/3
William Babka	2/7
Janice Nanninga	2/11
Donna Webb	2/12
Carollane Grady	2/13
Richard Anderson	2/17
Tracey Anderson	2/20
Wayne LaPrade	2/21
Sandra Wilson	2/21
Jessica Lieland	2/22
Jessica Turner	2/22
Martine McConnell	2/23
Alec Lance	2/26
Donna Etter	2/27
Norm Smith	2/27

January Hike w/Pete

Nature Did Cue Us

For Cerro San Luis

An octet of skiers did climb,

In Central Coast weather sublime.

All reached the top,

No one did drop,

And the views were not nickel-dime.

Three puppies joined us to the peak,

Nary a one of them issued a squeak.

In triumph they would howl,

Not throw in the towel,

But not one of them knew how to speak.

~ Pete

From left to right in the photo are: Millie with Kathleen O'Neill, Steve Grupenhagen, Melissa and Remzi Mertogul, Brooke Shipley, Vince Kirkhuff with his two pups, Jan Temler and Pete Sarafian. Photo by a nice woman hiker.





Poker Night



More Hiking! Pismo Preserve



50/50 WINNER! WINNER

With Linda Grupenhagen, Janet Leonard, Shawn Shurick and Bruser



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Respectfully Submitted by: Karen Dillis

Calendar

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.

Feb 29 2020 - Hike w/Pete

Bishop Peak Details & RSPV on Meetup

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.
Details & RSVP on Meetup

