

TURTLE GAZETTE



APRIL 2020



SLO Skiers, Inc. a Ski, Sport & Social Club
PO Box 1047
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406
www.sloskiers.org

Meetings ~ 1st Wednesdays @ the Elks Club
5:15~ Board Meeting
6pm~ Social
7pm General Meeting

Get Your IKON Now & Save!



Sports America (SA) is again offering IKON passes. There are several advantages of buying through their website. First, they give you back a lodging credit of \$30 to \$50 depending on the type of pass you order. Second, the SLOS Club earns money for each pass purchased. According to our calculations, this year SLOS earned over \$900. Third, Next year IF you go on a trip and don't book a trip through Sports America you will receive an Amazon credit. Here's their email address for their website:

<https://www.sportsamerica.com/ikon-slo>

No added credit card fees. Guests can choose to add the protection plan (recommended!) when buying from S.A. us. Those renewing passes will qualify for any/all advertised discounts.

Renewal pricing expires April 21st, 2020

As of 4.1.20 the following pricing is for the Ikon Base Pass, blackout dates apply.

\$659.00

NEW Group Ikon Base Pass Adult (age 23+) - NO pass Insurance

\$698.54

NEW Group Ikon Base Pass Adult (age 23+) WITH pass protection (6%)

\$649.00

RENEWAL Group Ikon Base Pass Adult (age 23+) - NO pass Insurance

\$687.94

RENEWAL Group Ikon Base Pass Adult (age 23+) WITH pass protection (6%)



Winner! Winner! Chicken Dinner!



Nancy Brown's going to be taking us all out for that Chicken Dinner with the jackpot she won during the March SLO Skiers meeting. Her winning ticket was drawn for the 50/50 jackpot. Congratulations goes out to Nancy on winning \$75. Drinks are on Nancy next time around...Right?!!

HIKING w/ MARV

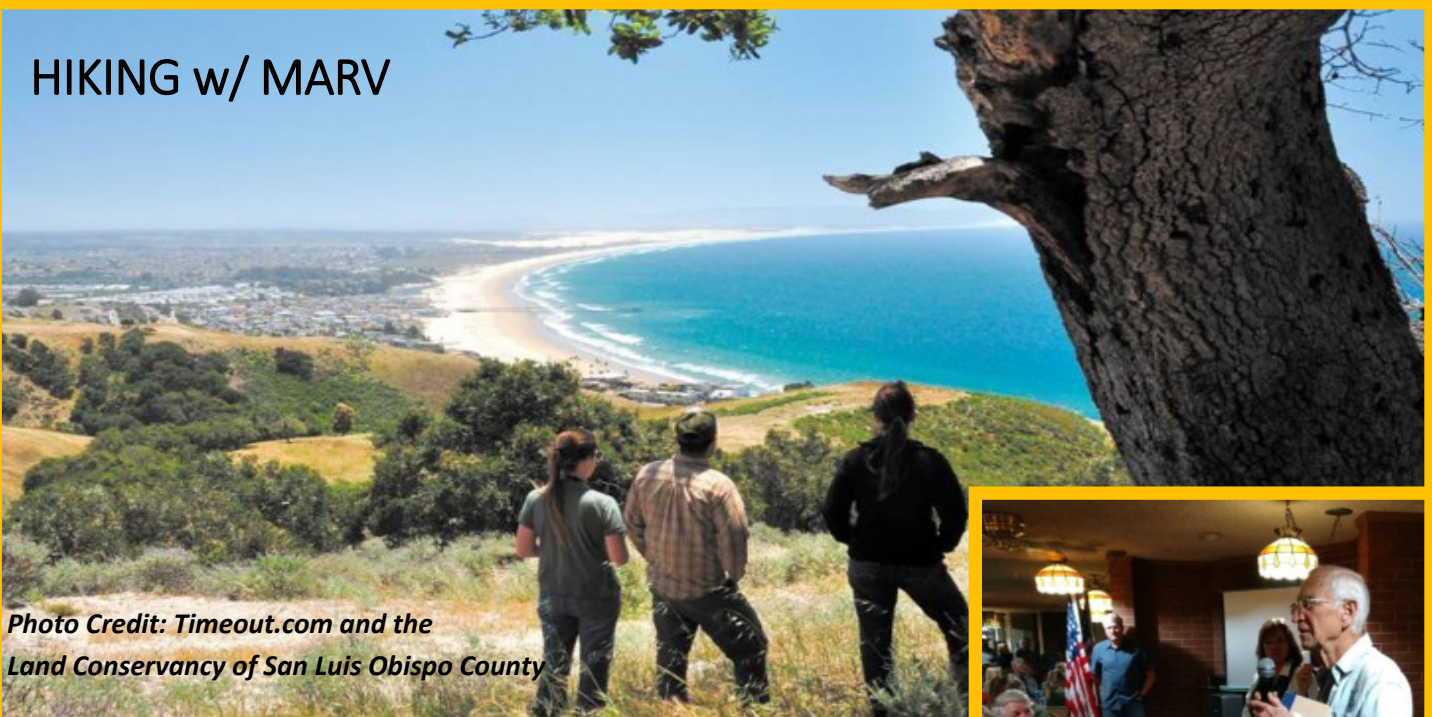


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Thank you Marv!

We know that one day we WILL make it out to the Pismo Preserve and we'll get to experience the fabulous views of the Central Coast with you!





Skier of the Month: Karen Dillis



A big shout out goes to Skier of the Month Karen Dillis. She has been a great asset to the club and contributed endless hours of volunteer work creating our Gazette Newsletter, helping with activities, communications, special events and spearheading the development of the club's new website! We can't wait to see it go live. Congratulations Karen!



Philanthropy: Donation to Veterans Support Group



Central Coast Veterans Helping Veterans (CCVHV) is a 501c(3) organization founded in 2015 to help assist veterans residing in San Luis Obispo, northern Santa Barbara and southern Monterey Counties. Some of the CCVHV's focus is to provide assistance for low-income, homebound veterans (support and companionship), get vital care needed, help with the application process for attaining benefits from the Veterans' Administration, and much more.

Thanks to the generous \$500 donation from the SLO Skiers Club this wonderful organization will be able to continue its much needed services for our local veterans who gave so much while serving our country. **Thank YOU for your service!**

April Philanthropy Report *by Steve Urbani*

Fiscal Year-End Report

Q1 – GO See Foundation, an organization that works with vision loss individuals and organizes outings including a trip to China Peak. Allyson Buerger, the founder, (with her guide dog Olga) talked to our club at the August, 2019 meeting.



For more information, call 805-242-4220

Q2 – Shower the People, provides mobile shower units for homeless and people in need. They are at various SLO County locations each week. Rick Grether and Kalleen Corley visited our club at the November 2019 meeting.

For more information, contact:
showerthepeopleSLO@gmail.com



Holiday Party 2019 – Club members donated 150 cans/packages of food and \$270 cash to the SLO Food Bank.



Q3 – One Cool Earth, funds and supports school garden programs at all 43 elementary and some middle schools in SLO County. Dylan Jones, Executive Director, presented to our club at the January 2020 meeting.

For more information, call: 805-242-6301



Q4 – Central Coast Veterans Helping Veterans, provides transitioning/readjustment, home care, mentoring and counseling to vets and their families in SLO County. Bill Crewe the President talked to the club at the March 2020 meeting.

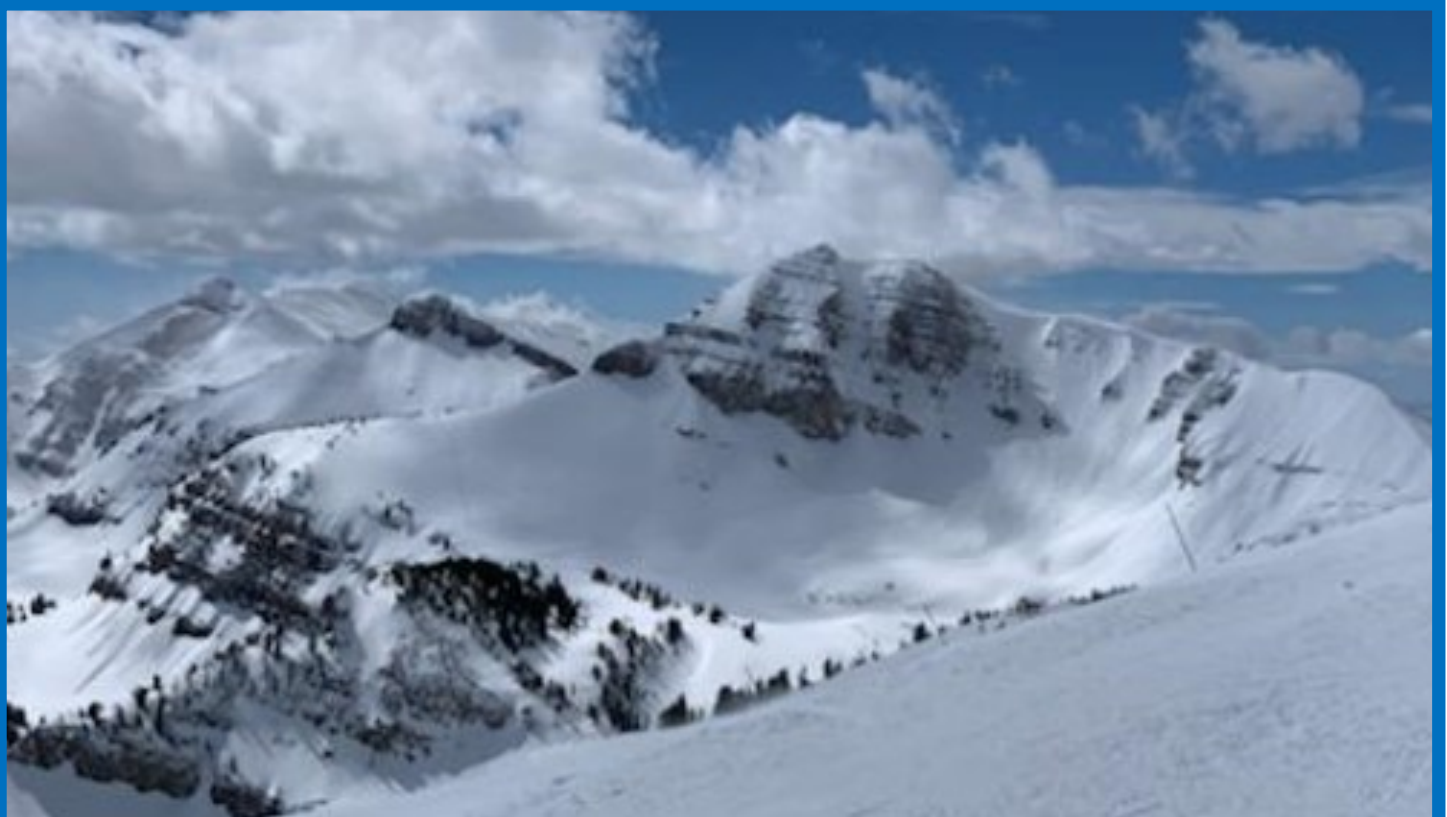
For more information, call: 805-242-5575



Throughout the year, club members donated hotel-sized shampoo, soaps, etc which were given to the homeless shelter on Prado Road.

As always, if you have an organization that you would like to recommend for consideration, please let me know. From the club survey last year, the membership overwhelmingly wants to support small, local (SLO County) organizations that support youth/children, veterans, homeless/poverty, environment and sports.

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



SLO SKIERS WEBSITE UPDATE :

Pam and Karen have been working on the home page layout. There will be 6 -8 high resolution banner pictures which will auto rotate highlighting trips the club has taken and 11 tabs at the top of the page with drop down menus.

On the home page there will be sections to encourage new memberships as well as a non-members email sign up. The next big step is producing content for all pages. The new board members are being asked to provide a short bio and picture for the 'Board of Directors' page. There will be a 'Philanthropy' menu tab listing the organizations we will be donating to in the current year as well as those we have previously donated to. A 'Snow Conditions' menu tab has links to many of the west coast ski resorts. The 'Blog' menu tab has endless possibilities! Are you interested in writing a monthly blog perhaps? A 'Classified' page will encourage ski gear resale among members, and the 'Newsletter' tab will link to years and years of Gazette Newsletters for your enjoyment.



ZOOM CLASSES

by Pam Stanley

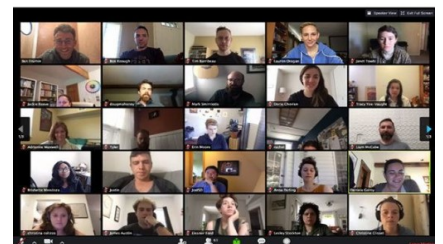
Saturday, April 4 & Saturday, April 11

Since we're in the days of "Shelter In Place" do you feel a need to connect with more people and do fun activities? Zoom is the way!

Pam Stanley will be conducting two Zoom Clinics on Saturday, April 4 and Saturday, April 11 from 10 am - 11am to help those who are not familiar with Zoom. Go to www.Zoom.com to register your account. It's **FREE!**

To register for either class please send an email to Stacey King at slostacey@yahoo.com.

Also, make sure your device is compatible with Zoom by going to <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/204003179-System-Requirements-for-zoom-rooms>



March Walk Had to Balk

The Pismo Preserve went and closed,
The SLO Skiers hike was then hosed.

We stayed in our homes,
Like so many gnomes,
Some awake, while others just dozed.



by Pete Sarafian



***Did anyone see this cute
Leprechaun driving
around SLO?
I do believe she was
partaking in a little
mischief on March 17th!***



**JACKSON
HOLE®**



4 WD is Not Enough!

by Pete Sarafian

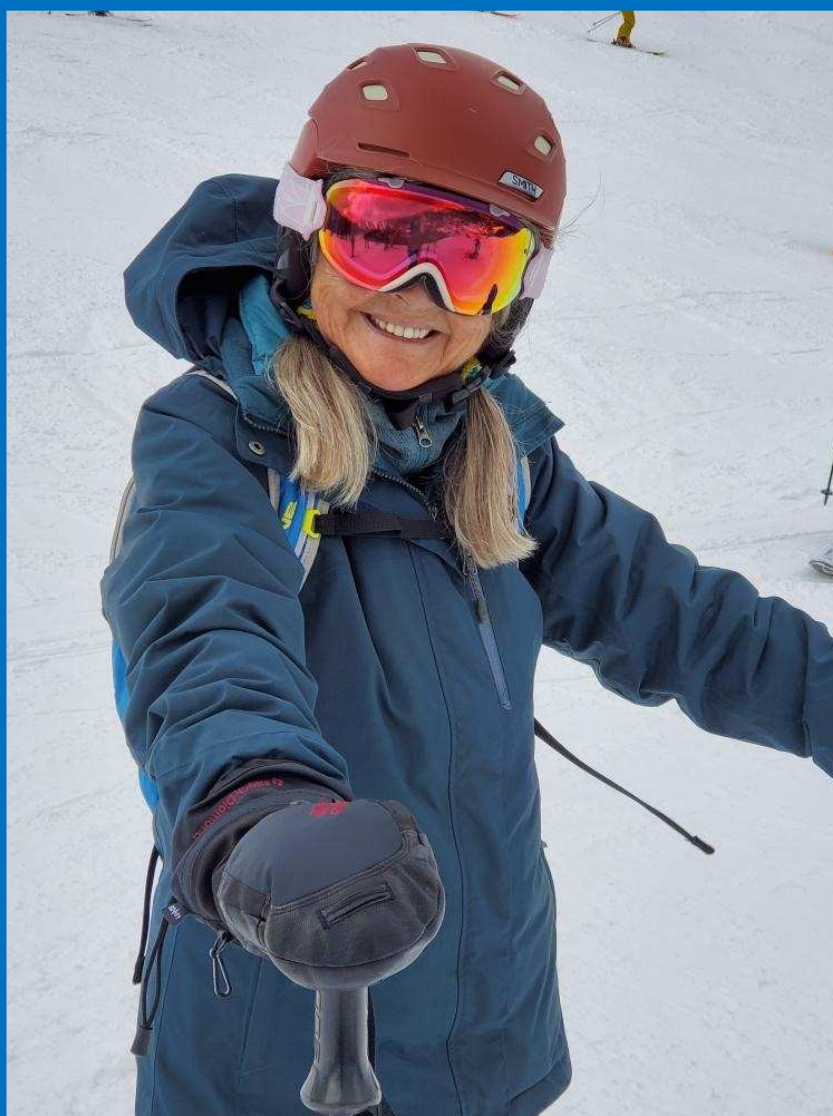
I must confess to being too smug about driving in snow and ice. I thought a 4 WD compact SUV with all-season radial tires that were highly rated by Consumer Reports would be enough to provide me safe travels on this winter's roads. Having grown up in the northeast, I was smug about being able to drive in winter conditions where we regularly received three to four feet of snow at a time. We would take a VW bug out to an empty parking lot and do skidding donuts and more than 360 degree spin outs for fun.

During the drive to Snowmass, CO I was leaving a ski area on a steep, snow-packed road at about 30 mph. When I tapped my brakes, the car began to fishtail like mad. There was a steep drop off to one side and a sharp curve up ahead. After three or four fishtails I managed to steer out of the skid, but it scared the crap out of me.

On the way south out of Jackson Hole, WY I hit two snow storms. After the second storm, a woman ahead of me on a two lane road decided to come to a complete stop in my lane in order to pull off and turn around (too panic stricken to continue on). I put on the turn signal and began to pull out to pass her while going very slowly. I must have applied the brakes, and my car slid sideways with no steering control. I ended up on the left shoulder of the road in disbelief. Fortunately the on-coming traffic stopped and let me pull back onto the road. Very scary!



Signs on WY highways called for chains or snow tires when conditions got bad enough. Now I am a believer. I ordered snow tires for winter. 4 WD with ordinary all-season radials won't do it!



April Birthdays

Wendy Bevan	4/4
Sue Blackburn	4/4
Mike King	4/6
John Walker	4/9
Patty Brion	4/10
Kenneth Wenzel	4/11
Robbie Emslie	4/14
Carla Friddle	4/14
Sue O'Sullivan	4/17
Dan Donati	4/17
Brent Nolan	4/18
Steve Thatcher	4/23
Pam Cabak	4/23
Paul Castello	4/26
Karen Loida	4/27
Peter Jacobsen	4/27
Linda Schmid	4/28
Leon November	4/30
Jim Grady	4/30



A Fond Farewell From Our President



I have enjoyed two years of serving on the Board of Directors, one year as Vice-President and one year as President. I had planned on serving one more year, unfortunately my schedule won't allow for the time and dedication that the new board is going to require. I know the new board will follow through with the same goals of last year such as the website, and the expansion of social media and social events. They are going to do a fantastic job and I'm proud and confident in them all.

I plan on staying active with other events. Such as, my end of the year party that had to be postponed. I am looking forward to rescheduling as a post ski season/post quarantine extravaganza!!! I also plan on working with Amalia to plan next year's Pray for Snow Dance, hosting my annual wine down, and just having fun with all of you. Here's to another great year!

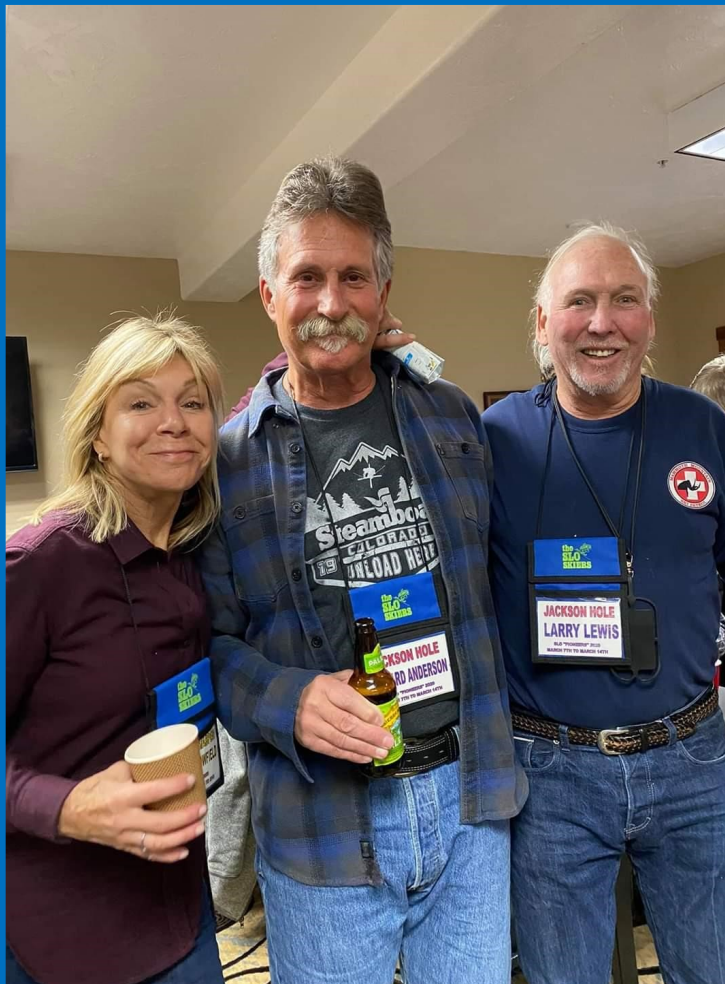
Jackie LaPrade

Ski Safari, Jackson Hole & more!

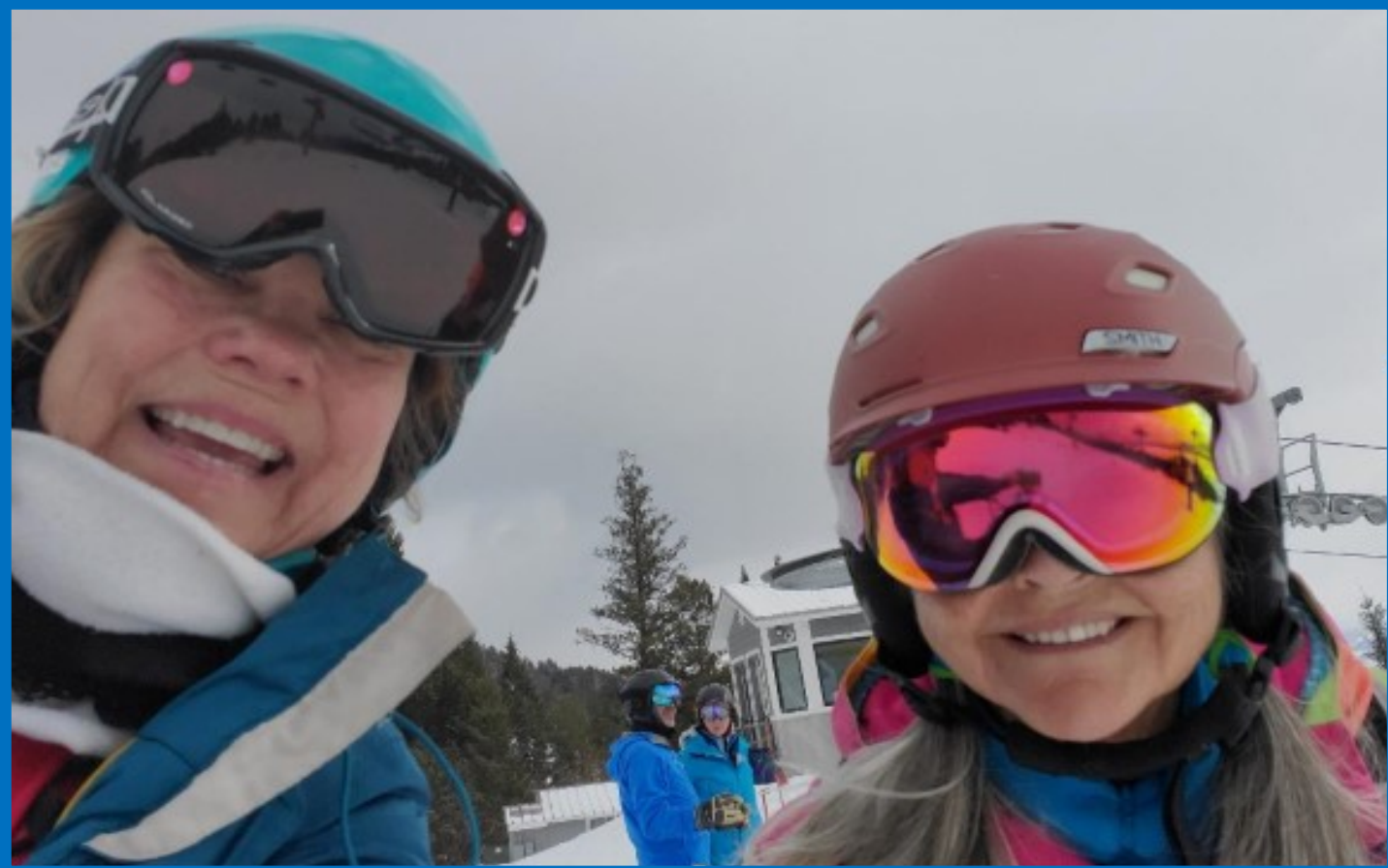






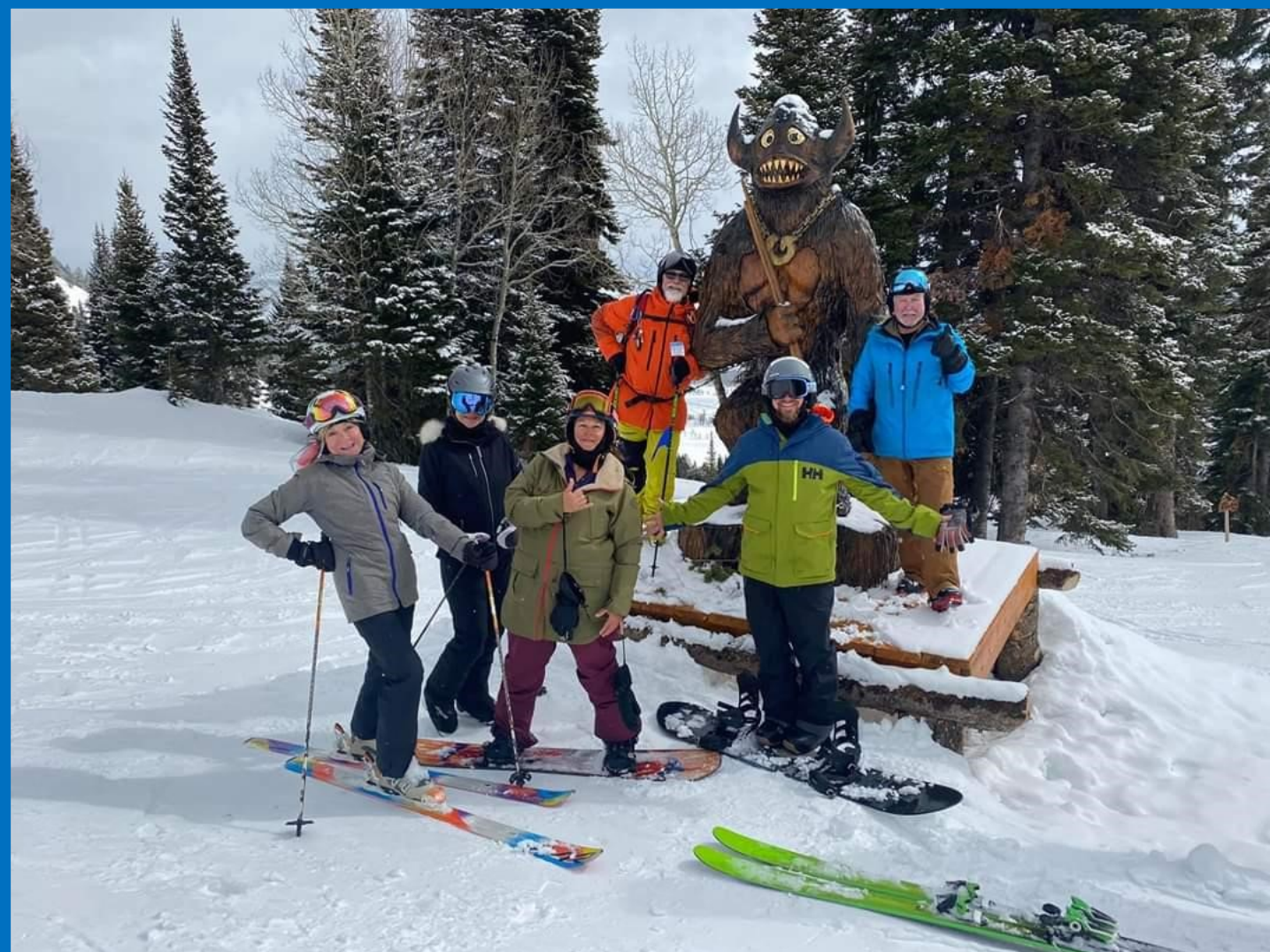
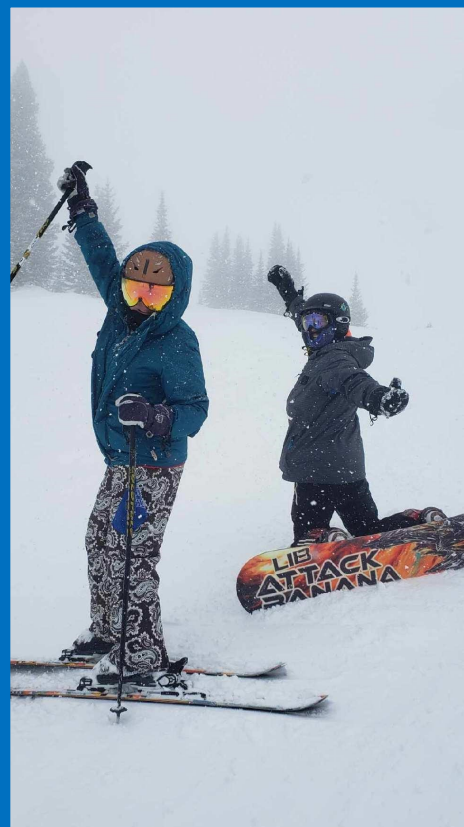






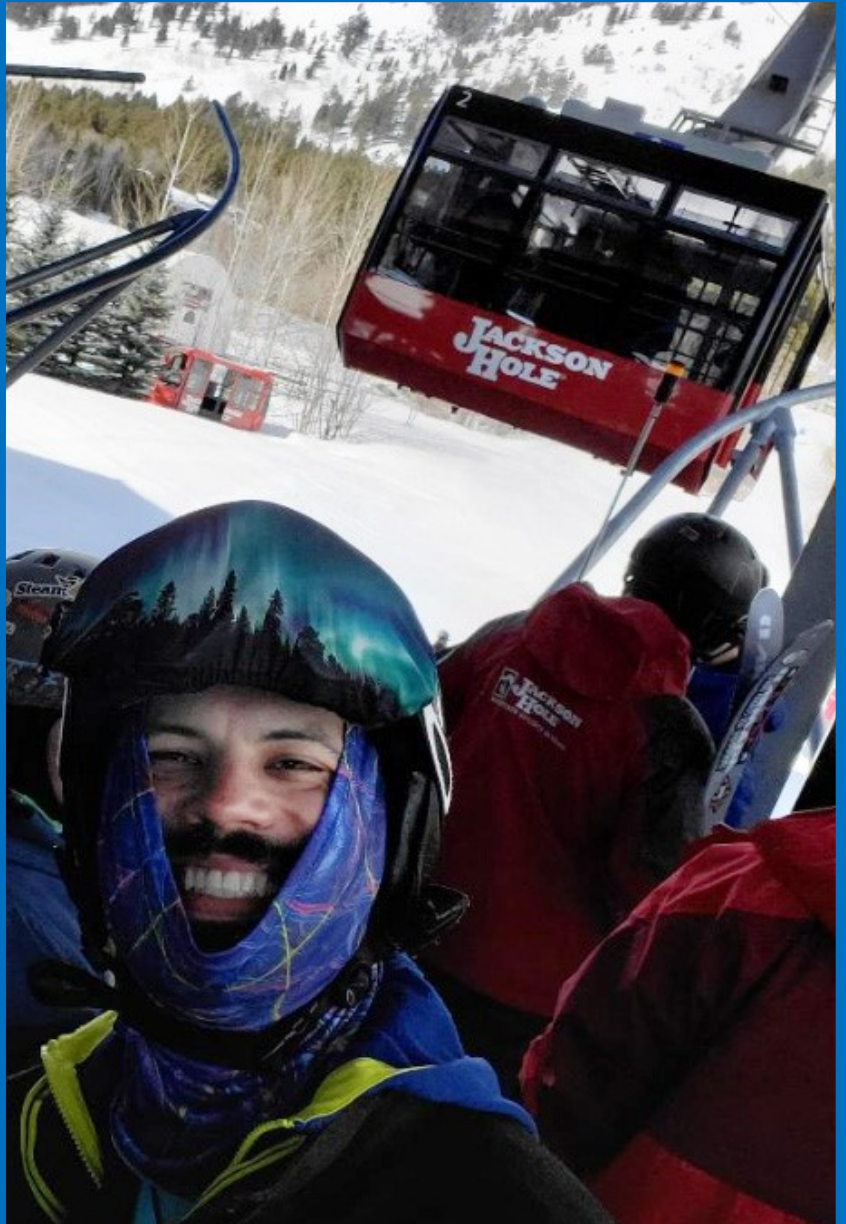


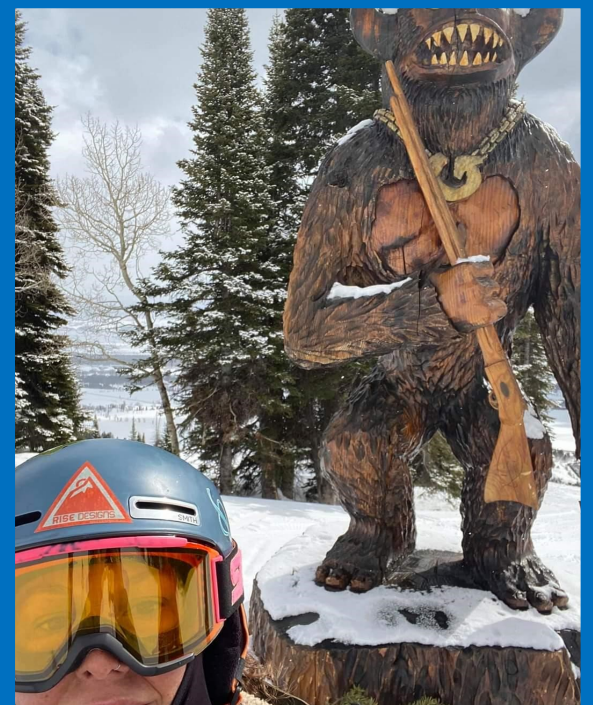










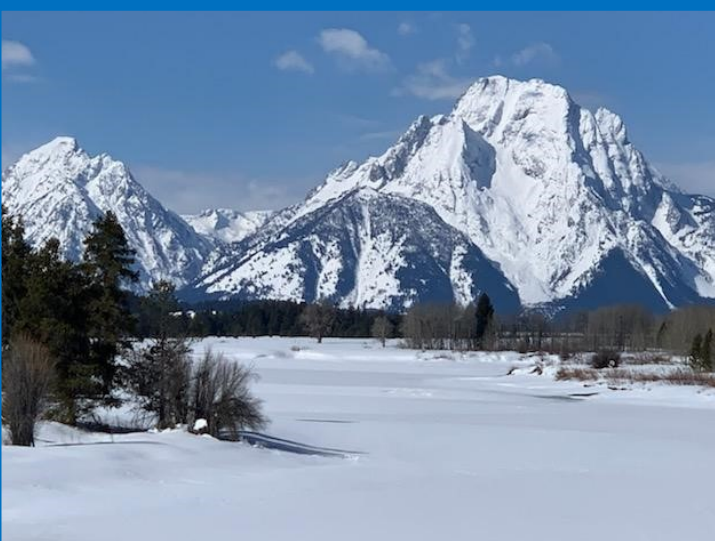








Waffles & Beer & Skiing
OH MY!



Welcome 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Congratulations to the newly elected 2020-2021 SLO Skiers Board of Directors. They will be conducting their first meeting on May 6, 2020 with the first order of business being the appointment of the 13 Officer positions. Thanks to the outgoing Board for their endless efforts in doing such a great job this past year and all the fun offered to the club!



(back row) Karen Dillis, Amalia Plemons, Barbara Collins, (front row) Pam Stanley, Stacey King, and Jennifer Novick

Moving forward, the new Board has diligently been working behind the scenes getting ready for their first Board meeting as well as discussing issues effecting our organization. Even though SLO Skiers is a small club, the new Board is dedicated to the rules of the club aka the ByLaws. The new Board has found some inconsistencies in the Operations Manual (which is supposed to follow the Bylaws). They will be updating the Ops Manual starting with their first meeting. Do you have questions or concerns about the Board and their roles? Do you have any great ideas for the club? Please email the Board with any questions/input you may have to Karen Dillis at kdillis91@gmail.com. They look forward to hearing from YOU!



A Peek Into How We Are Organized



SLO Skiers, Inc.
Is a 501c Non-Profit Corporation - Incorporated on 10/30/1979
We'll be 41 years old in October!

The SLO Skiers, Inc., Member Conduct Policy

This policy applies to all persons participating in any SLO Skier, Inc. activity. It is intended to maximize the enjoyment of all participants and to provide guidelines for the SLO Skiers, Inc. Board of Directors and their designated agents. All participants are requested to observe common courtesy and generally accepted standards of social and moral behavior.

In accordance with Federal and State laws, SLO Skiers, Inc. will enforce a "Zero Tolerance Policy" on illegal drug use at any SLO Skiers, Inc. sponsored activity.

Alcohol and tobacco use is allowed in moderation and where permitted by law.

Harassment will not be tolerated, whether it be sexual harassment or harassment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, medical condition, marital status, sexual orientation, age or any other basis made unlawful by any applicable law or ordinance or regulation. Prohibited harassment in any form, including verbal, physical and visual conduct, threats, demands, and retaliation is unlawful and will not be tolerated.

Public display of anger, profanity, intoxication, obnoxiousness or any other behavior that is out of line with common courtesy will not be tolerated.

Trip participants agree not to transfer, resell or barter all or portions of any trip package.

The SLO Skiers, Inc. Board of Directors and their designated agents reserve the right to ask participants to refrain from the offending behavior as stated above. Violations of this policy may result in sanctions including removal from the sponsored activity, exclusion from future SLO Skiers, Inc. activities and possible expulsion from the Club as reflected in the SLO Skiers Inc. bylaws.

SLO Skiers Leadership 2019 —2020

Elected **Directors**

Jackie LaPrade
Steve Grupenhagen
Amalia Plemons
Doug McConnell
John Smith
Alec Lance
Lauren Nagle

Appointed **Officers**

Jackie LaPrade	President
Steve Grupenhagen	V-President
Amalia Plemons	Secretary
Doug McConnell	Treasurer
John Smith	Finance
Robin Kaplanek	Ways & Means
Alec Lance	Membership
Fran Long	Communications
Lauren Nagle	Week- Trips
Karen Dillis	Newsletter
Steve Urbani	Philanthropy
Christi Rivera	Photographer
Pete Sarafian	Publicity

Activities & Events

April 1—Monthly Meeting
CANCELLED

April 4—Zoom Class
Hosted by Pam Stanley 10am—11am

April 11—Zoom Class
Hosted by Pam Stanley 10am—11am

April 16—Zoom Happy Hour
Hosted by Stacey King at 5:30pm—6:30pm
Check your email for a Zoom invite

April 17—Zoom Poker
Texas Hold 'em w/ Pam Stanley at 7pm
Register w/ Stacey slostacey@yahoo.com
Space is limited

April 24—Zoom Yahtzee
Hosted by Stacey at 7pm

May 6—Monthly Meeting
We'll keep you posted due to
Shelter In Place restrictions.

EOY Party—TBD

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



Respectfully Submitted by: Karen Dillis & Stacey King

