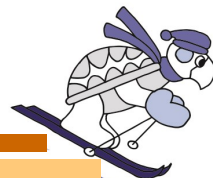


# TURTLE GAZETTE



SLO Skiers, Inc. a Ski, Sport & Social Club  
PO Box 1047  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93406  
[www.sloskiers.org](http://www.sloskiers.org)

ZOOM Meetings ~ 1st Wednesdays  
5:30~ Board Meeting  
7pm General Meeting



Come join us March 6<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, by train, plane or the good old-fashioned automobile, at Mt. Bachelor, Oregon. As the sixth largest ski area in North America, there is endless terrain to explore as well as lots to do, even during a pandemic! When you are not enjoying the never-ending trails, you can relax at The Riverhouse or explore the town of Bend. Mt. Bachelor offers lots to do including dog sled rides, breweries, ax throwing (yes, ax!), snow shoeing, shopping, restaurants, and more! So far we have 40 members signed up for this trip but we have room enough for 80. Don't procrastinate any longer and sign up for what is sure to be another great SLO Skiers ski trip.



Your Mount Bachelor Ski Trip Leaders and Committee are Jennifer Novick, Mike Grabowski, Kelly Fisher and Christi Rivera. They are organizing lots of fun activities for a wild and crazy week!

Register online at [www.sloskiers.org](http://www.sloskiers.org).

## Spots Is Full

If you would like to be added to the wait-list please go to our website at [www.sloskiers.org](http://www.sloskiers.org) and register for the trip. Sports America has created a wait-list but you must go thru the registration process. Remember that you need to be an active member and have paid your dues for 20/21.



## *SLO Skiers Presents*

**March 6-13, 2021**

- 7 nights lodging at The Riverhouse in Bend
- Optional discounted lift tickets
- Transportation between lodging & mountain
- Welcome reception, daily breakfast, apres party, mountain lunch & photo!
- **OPTIONAL:** Travel Protection plan available

**Choose your transportation - plane - train - or automobile! (pricing tbd)**

For more  
information:

**Jennifer Novick**  
jnfnovick@gmail.com

**Mike Grabowski**  
skilvn@hotmail.com

CST # 2093324-40

STARTING PRICE:

**\$775** per person



**More Info: [www.sloskiers.org](http://www.sloskiers.org)**



# MOUNT BACHELOR

## TRIP COMMITTEE

Ski Trip Officer: Jennifer Novick 805.235.2659 or [skitripsofficer@sloskiers.org](mailto:skitripsofficer@sloskiers.org)

Ski Trip Captain: Mike Grabowski, 805.235.7443 or [skilvn@hotmail.com](mailto:skilvn@hotmail.com)

Ski Trip Committee: Kelly Fisher and Christi Rivera

## TRANSPORTATION

There will be several options as to how you can get to Bend and back home:

- (1) Fly round trip from San Luis Obispo to Redmond, Oregon.
- (2) Take Amtrak round trip from San Luis Obispo to Bend and back to SLO.
- (3) Take Amtrak one-way to Bend and then fly one-way back to San Luis Obispo.
- (4) Take your own transportation to and from Bend.

Both the flights and Amtrak have bus transfers to the Riverhouse Hotel.

## PLANES

All flights are subject to change by the airlines. Baggage fees are not included.

A total of **30 seats** have been booked on the following flights:

March 6, 2021	SBP / SFO UA5882	Depart 6:30am / Arrive 7:33am
	SFO / RDM UA6002	Depart 9:07am / Arrive 10:36am
March 13, 2021	RDM / SFO UA5265	Depart 1:45pm / Arrive 3:18pm
	SFO / SBP UA5962	Depart 6:00pm / Arrive 7:06pm

One-way flights from Redmond are subject to change by the airlines. Baggage fees are not included. A total of **12 seats** have been booked on the following flights:

March 13, 2021	RDM / SFO UA5752	Depart 11:34am / Arrive 1:07pm
	SFO / SBP UA5949	Depart 3:22pm / Arrive 4:30pm

## TRAINS

Round trip Amtrak for **30 guests** have been booked on the following schedule:

March 5/6, 2021	Train 14	SLO / Chemult	Depart 3:35pm / Arrive 9:32am
March 6	Train (Bus) 6214	Chemult / Bend	Depart 9:40am / Arrive 11:10am
March 13	Train (Bus) 6111	Bend / Chemult	Depart 6:05pm / Arrive 7:40pm
March 13/14	Train 11	Chemult / SLO	Depart 8:08pm / Arrive 3:07pm

[REGISTER FOR MOUNT BACHELOR](#)

# MOUNT BACHELOR (continued)

## LIFT TICKETS

5 day adult ticket valid at Mt. Bachelor. Alternate lift options are available as follows:

- 4 DAY Adult – less \$40      Senior/Teen – less \$93      Super Sr/Child – less \$160
- 5 DAY Adult – \$315 (incl)      Senior/Teen – less \$58      Super Sr/Child – less \$137
- 6 DAY Adult – add \$36      Senior/Teen – less \$30      Super Sr/Child – less \$119

## PRICING

Amtrak prices are based on a Roomette option for 2 people or for an additional price a bedroom option will be available. A round-trip or one-way Business Class Seat will be available for a lower price. Prices available upon request.

**Full Package** - Lodging, Train (Roomette), Lift Tickets.....**\$1,624 pp**

**Full Package** - Lodging, Air, Lift Tickets.....**\$1,510 pp**

**Package w/Train** - Lodging, Train (Roomette), no Lift Tickets.....**\$1,309 pp**

**Package w/Air** - Lodging, Air, no lift tickets..... **\$1,195 pp**

**Base Package** - Lodging, Lifts..... **\$1,090 pp**

**Package** - Lodging..... **\$775 pp**

**Note:** All Lodging includes the Social Activities Package. Transportation options will be available for one-way train and one-way air to San Luis Obispo. The train option will also include Business Class seats.

Due Date	Full Package (Lodge, Trans, Lifts) <b>\$1,090—\$1624</b>	Lodge & Trans (No Lifts) <b>\$1,195—\$1309</b>	Lodge & Lifts (No Trans) <b>\$1,090</b>	Lodging Only (No Air & Lifts) <b>\$775</b>
At sign-up	\$400	\$325	\$305	\$200
Nov 1	\$400	\$325	\$305	\$200
Dec 1	\$400	\$325	\$305	\$200
Jan 1	Balance Due	Balance Due	Balance Due	Balance Due

**REGISTER** - Login to our website at [www.sloskiers.org](http://www.sloskiers.org)

**TRIP INSURANCE** - it is highly recommended you purchase trip insurance

# The Fun Continues With SLO Skiers!



Peter and Helen Jacobsen hiking with Charles and Donna Webb in Cayucos



Kate Fitch, Amalia Plemons, Karen Dillis, Jennifer Novick and Kelly Fisher gettin' a little witchy in Morro Bay .



Stacey King and her niece, Audrey handed out Covid-friendly Halloween candy to the neighborhood kids.



Need a repair done? Karen Dillis dissected, diagnosed, ordered part and reassembled her dryer. Do you need anything dried? Way to go Karen!!





Some fun pics of our Rim2Rim with Sue O'Sullivan, Chuck and I. We got a great quad workout there, haha!

Marian Fiorentino



# STAYING ENGAGED

The SLO Skiers Board made the decision to allow the promotion of small group activities (with 10 or less people). These activities must follow Covid safety protocol. We have received rave reviews from members that have joined these activities and they are excited to engage, once again, with other club members. Thanks to the activity leaders who have stepped up to help out: John Long, Linda Tarbell-Messer (Kayaking), Kate Fitch (Bike Ride), Pete Sarafian (Hikes), Stacey King (Quad Workouts), Karen Dillis, Melissa and Remzi Mertogul (Drive-In Movies). If you are interested in leading an activity please send an email to either Stacey King at [slostacey@yahoo.com](mailto:slostacey@yahoo.com) or Karen Dillis at [kdillis91@gmail.com](mailto:kdillis91@gmail.com). We'll put it on the calendar. Make sure you give us advanced notice and information on the Who, What, When and Where. What kind of activity would YOU like to lead?

## Kayaking in Morro Bay

A huge thank you goes out to **John Long** and **Linda Tarbell-Messer** for leading a Kayaking Day in Morro Bay. Numerous members showed up for a great day, and as far as we know, nobody fell in! Yeah!



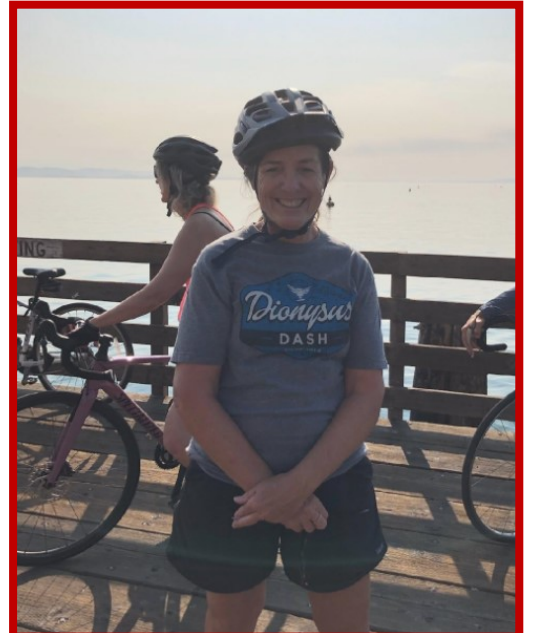
From left: Amalia Plemons, Melissa Mertogul, Richard, Remzi Mertogul, Jeanne Potter, Ron Tilley, Linda Tarbell-Messer, John Long, Toni Avina, guest Trish Fagundes and daughter Katie (red kayak in back)





## Bike Ride w/ Kate

Thanks **Kate Fitch** for leading a really fun bike ride along the Bob Jones Pathway.  
Those partaking in the fun were Barbara and Bill Babka, Melissa Guise,  
Melissa and Remzi Mertogul, Darryl and Kathy Buck.





# MOVIE NIGHT 'S AT THE SUNSET DRIVE-IN

Friday, October 9th and November 6 brought several SLO Skiers to the Sunset Drive-In Theater. Beach chairs, beverages and blankets kept us all warm as we watched movies on the big outdoor screen. Thanks Chuck Applegarth for providing the VERY YUMMY Hot Mulled Wine! Movie Night participants included Karen Dillis, John Long, Linda Tarbell-Messer, Chuck Applegarth, Stacey King, Melissa and Remzi Mertogul, Helen and Peter Jacobsen.





## September Hike w/ Pete At Osos Flaco Lake and Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes

### A Stroll on the Beach Was Quite Within Reach

A bunch of babes, Ernie and Pete,  
Made a statement with just their feet.  
They went through some dunes,  
And were humming nice tunes,  
On an outing that was just complete.

The surf was crashing quite loud,  
The sky had not a faint cloud.  
The birds and fresh air,  
Were without compare,  
A September day that would make one proud.



The September Hike at Osos Flaco State Park included from left to right are Ernie Gamble, Kathleen O'Neill, Kathleen Cronin, Kathy Steele, Kate Fitch, Tara Thorlakson and Jane Brennan. Tara, Jane & Pete arrived at Guadalupe Dunes National Wildlife Refuge.

*Photos by Pete Sarafian*



# October Hike w/ Pete

## Osos Flaco Lake and Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes - North



Going where no truck has gone before.  
*Photos by Pete Sarafian*

### Same Place Another Space

In October we all went back,  
To the same Oso Flaco track.  
But now we went to the north,  
Where plovers come forth,  
And no trucks were there to attack.

At one point we got to a view,  
Without another human or two.

The ocean was calm,  
A real soothing balm,

And the weather was perfect... Adieu!

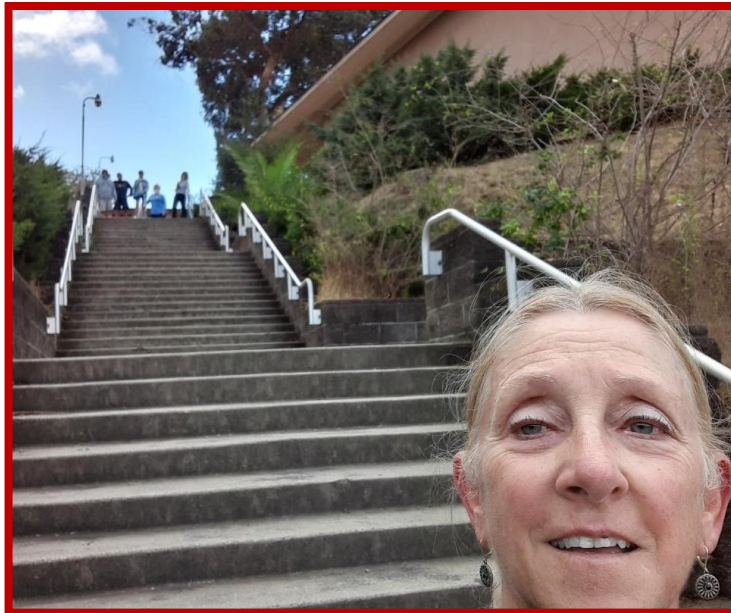


Joining Pete for the October hike from left to right were Remzi and Melissa Mertogul, Kathleen O'Neill, Kate Fitch, and Darryl & Kathy Buck. *Photo by Pete Sarafian*



# QUAD WORKOUTS

SLO Skiers are getting their quads in shape for the upcoming ski season. Those enduring the burn on Sunday mornings are Melissa and Remzi Mertogul, Cindy Doll, Stacey King, Chuck Applegarth and Diane Mandala. Amad Amir joined in for a few rounds of climbing with his pup Marley.



## WORKOUT SCHEDULE:

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 at 9am**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 at 9am**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 at 9am**

Meet at 1500 Lizzie Street at the San Luis Coastal Unified School District Office. From there walk thru the school to the stairs which are located between the office and San Luis High School. Please wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be provided.





L to R: Melissa Mertogul, her friend Joel Sheets, Remzi Mertogul, Petty Rice and Jeanne Potter sumitting Valencia Peak in Montana de Oro on a very windy first Friday in November. This is an excellent training hike to get in shape for the ski season! Look at that spectacular view!

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## Coming Soon!

Check out the new SLO Skiers face mask that has been ordered. This mask covers from the upper nose to the chin and is #3-Ply 100% Black Cotton. It has a front seam that makes it a comfortable face mask fit. We will be offering these on our website soon. Stay tuned!





Far West News **Flash**

**OCTOBER 2020**

*Far West Ski Association*

*The following articles are  
credited to the  
Far West Ski Association  
FLASH Newsletter*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FAR WEST

Far West Ski Association turned 90 years old on October 7, 2020. The life and times of Far West has been put together in a beautiful commemorative publication, which will soon be available to those interested in reading how it all began. Many people have crossed the threshold of Far West Ski Association in these past 90 years, from snow sports partners, Olympians, mountain-climbers, Tenth Mountain Division members, adaptive skiers and climbers, Forest Service Representatives, educational and leadership mentors, and many more. The organization provides a chance for the members to get together for travel opportunities, both domestically, and through our wonderful International travel program. Ski trips, dive trips, and adventure trips abound. The annual Convention allows friends to gather for that once-a-year reunion to catch up with each other. The clubs and councils of FWSA contribute to the communities which they serve through charitable giving and community events. They look toward the future with racing scholarships awarded each year to promising young athletes, and recognize those who are involved in ski history, environmental safety and skier safety, both on and off the mountain. Congratulations to an organization that is well respected, and well revered across the country by our fellow ski chapters.

### U.S. SKI AND BOARD HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCEMENT

Eight ski and snow board athletes and sport builders were recently named to the 2020 US Ski and Board Hall of Fame. The eight include: the late *Howard Peterson*, leader and visionary of the U.S. Ski Team; *Holly Flanders*, Olympic downhill racer; ski area mastermind, *Brian Frank*; two-time Olympic Champion snowboarder *Seth Wescott*; long-time international ski federation and U.S. Ski Team leader, *Hank Tauber*; FIS Cross Country World Cup winner, *Alison Owen*; inventor of the THE ski, *Bobby Burns*; and U.S. Ski Team Freestyle Aerialist, *Kristean Porter*.



Dear Taos Ski Valley Visitors,

We are excited to share with you our plans for the 2020-21 winter season. We wanted to carefully craft a plan that gives you a world-class experience while maintaining aggressive COVID-Safe Practices. We're pleased to announce our opening day is planned for November 26, and we have a thoughtful, socially responsible approach that gives you crowd-free access to our legendary terrain, while still ensuring your health and well-being is our top priority.

Taos Ski Valley will look a bit different this winter due to COVID-Safe Practices. Our B Corporation ethos has been a beacon for us as we navigated the pandemic, and throughout this lengthy planning process, we kept the well-being of our staff, visitors, and community at the forefront. We worked with our peers in the industry and the state of New Mexico's tourism and health regulators to develop best practices for how to operate this season. We thoughtfully and carefully considered every aspect of our business so that COVID-Safe Practices are integrated into everything we do, from our ski patrollers to our restaurants, to lift lines, and rentals. We did this out of respect for you, our staff, and our community.

In addition to implementing COVID-Safe Practices throughout, we also carefully considered what that meant for you: our loyal visitors. We're striving to provide you with the same unparalleled skiing and riding experience you've come to know. What we've developed is a balance of extraordinary skiing and riding and practical measures that comply with, and often exceed, health and safety guidelines.

Below you'll learn what changes we've made for the season. But in addition to our operations, we hope you'll work with us on two important things. First, **plan ahead for skiing and riding**. As much as we like a spontaneous powder day, this season will require some advance work. By planning ahead, you get all the experiences you want in your ski vacation.

Secondly, it's critical everyone comply with New Mexico Health Orders and COVID-Safe Practices. **All guests must wear a face covering in all public places**, physically distance six feet, avoid gathering in groups, and follow our procedures, which are clearly marked throughout the resort. Our staff will be doing the same.



Ultimately, we're excited for what's in store this year. We think you will love the intimate experience and will benefit from the extensive planning we've done. Here are the details for skiing and riding in 2020-21 at Taos:

- This season, **we will limit ourselves to 50% of peak capacity of skiers and riders.** This will allow you to physically distance while still enjoying an adventurous day on the mountain. And although capacity will be limited, we plan to open **our terrain, lifts, retail, on-mountain restaurants, and lodging**, so you can still have the world-class Taos experience in an uncrowded, intimate alpine sanctuary.
- In order to operate this way, **lift tickets must be purchased online, in advance of any visit.** Tickets may sell out during peak times, including holidays and weekends, so you are encouraged to book tickets as far in advance as possible. Tickets will go on sale October 15 for the four weeks of early season and October 22 for the prime season.
- We are encouraging **skiing and riding on weekdays**, which are typically less crowded than the weekends, and so we are offering new pricing for Monday through Thursday. We know many of you have unusual work and school schedules right now, so we hope this offers you a compelling option to get in as many ski days as you would like.
- Season passes go on sale today, and only a limited number of passes are available at the prices offered during our Early Fall Pass Sale, which runs through October 25. If demand is high, we may close the sale prior to October 25. Passholders may ski any day their pass allows and we have a strong COVID guarantee built in.
- To reduce physical contact, **we will be cashless this season**, meaning payment for all dining, rentals, ticketing, and retail will be via smartphone, credit, debit, or prepaid card only.
- **Only private lessons will be offered** this season. These can include up to five guests visiting together. Lessons will need to be booked in advance by calling 888.262.8398. Unfortunately, childcare will not be available.
- Public, indoor gathering places throughout the resort will be significantly limited, so skiers and riders will need to **put on boots and gear in designated outdoor areas, in their cars, or in their lodging.** Although there will be no locker access, a no-touch basket check will be available to guests for a fee.
- **There will not be a parking lot shuttle this season, but there is a new, skier drop-off area** where guests and gear can be dropped for convenient access to the base area.

We've added these precautions so we can open on time and stay open throughout the winter. **We'll continuously monitor all guidelines and the effect of the coronavirus on the community, and may adjust our business operations at any time in response.**

Our experience over the summer shows us that our guests are as eager as we are to get outside, and we've been gratified by their embrace of our COVID-Safe Practices. Our snowmaking system is prepped and the lifts will be spinning soon. As always, we hope to see you on the slopes.

Sincerely,  
David Norden  
CEO, Taos Ski Valley



## SLO Skiers Leadership 2020-2021

### Board of Directors

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### Ski Trip Committee

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Mike Grabowski	Ski Trip Leader
Jacquie Johnston	Ski Trip Committee
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Jackie LaPrade	Ski Trip Committee
Amalia Plemons	Ski Trip Committee
Christi Rivera	Ski Trip Committee
Shawn Shurick	Ski Trip Committee
Dave Swartz	Ski Trip Leader

## November Birthdays

Judy Mavroleon	11/6
Tracy Thatcher	11/6
Robert Joynt	11/10
Pete Sarafian	11/12
Andy Snyder	11/15
Christi Rivera	11/15
Carolayne Holley	11/15
Cindy Doll	11/16
Mark Richardson	11/19
Jeanne Potter	11/19
Kathleen O'Neil	11/21
Tom Patterson	11/25
Linda Grupenhagen	11/26
Craig Murry	11/29
Rob O'Sullivan	11/30



Respectfully Submitted by: Stacey King