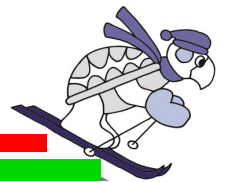


TURTLE GAZETTE



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

HOLIDAY GIVING

Join the SLO Skiers Club in helping to support local families. We encourage everyone to make a cash donation to the SLO Food Bank. Check out the Philanthropy Report for details on how to donate. A few dollars will go a long way!

Here Ye, Here Ye, All Dedicated SLO Skiers

It is time to start thinking about the 2021-2022 Board of Directors Election. We need a total of seven directors and 13 officers which are appointed by the directors. If you are interested in serving in either capacity, please contact me, Jackie LaPrade, Past President. It's fun, get involved, and share you great ideas for the club. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jackie LaPrade

jackielala92@gmail.com

MOUNT BACHELOR MARCH 6—13, 2021

There's still time to join in on the Mount Bachelor trip for March 6th through 13th, 2021. Spaces are still available. Mount Bachelor is the sixth largest ski area in North America and has endless terrain to explore. 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, snow shoeing, shopping, restaurants, and more! So far we have 37 members signed up for this trip but we have room for more. Sign up for what is sure to be another great SLO Skiers ski trip.



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

MOUNT BACHELOR

PRICING (Full payment due by January 1, all lodging includes the Social Activities Package)

Full Package - Lodging, Air, Lift Tickets.....	\$1,510 pp
Package w/Air - Lodging, Air, no lift tickets.....	\$1,195 pp
Base Package - Lodging, Lifts.....	\$1,090 pp
Package - Lodging.....	\$775 pp

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

- (1) Fly round trip from San Luis Obispo to Redmond, Oregon.
 - (2) Drive to and from Bend on your own.
 - (3) Take Amtrak round trip from San Luis Obispo to Bend and back.
 - (4) Take Amtrak one-way to Bend and then fly one-way back to San Luis Obispo.
- Anyone wanting to take Amtrak must make their own reservation. We no longer have a group rate. If you are only going on the train one-way to Bend, please notify Sara at Sports America so she can book your one-way flight home with the group.

AIRLINE (All flights subject to change by airline Baggage fees are not included)

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

LIFT TICKETS Alternate lift options are available as follows:

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| - 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 |

REGISTER - Login to our website at www.sloskiers.org

TRIP INSURANCE - it is highly recommended you purchase trip insurance

TRIP COMMITTEE

Ski Trip Officer: Jennifer Novick 805.235.2659 or skitripsofficer@sloskiers.org

Ski Trip Captain: Mike Grabowski, 805.235.7443 or skilvn@hotmail.com

Ski Trip Committee: Kelly Fisher and Christi Rivera

[REGISTER FOR MOUNT BACHELOR](#)

Taos Ski Valley February, 6-13

~ Update ~

Hello Fellow Taos-ers,
Here is an update for the Taos trip.

First & foremost, **Taos is OPEN!** They opened Dec 11 and have been getting **SNOW!!!** The **Snow Report** shows 18 inches of snow in the last 7 days. **Base Depth:** Mid Mountain, 35 inches, Top of the Mountain, 43 inches. That's pretty good for mid-December, especially with the season off to a slow start almost everywhere else. Some travelers opted out before Dec 1st, but we still have 41 members going.

Covid Update:

All ski resorts have adopted Covid Protocols, designed in conjunction with their local Health Departments. Taos Protocols are listed in the link below & may change between now & our departure. Please go to the following link to see the Taos Winter Operations Plan: <https://www.skitaos.com/winter-operations>

SLO Skiers Planning:

There are changes to our usual social events to be consistent with Covid Protocols. While member safety is our top priority, we are trying to arrange activities that allow for intelligent social activity.

Two Gift Packs will be provided, one from Snakedance/Sports America & one from SLO Skiers. At this time group meals are primarily being arranged for take-out.

We thank those of you who have sent your beverage preferences & vest sizes to Shawn Shurick. If you have not done so, please do so now by emailing Shawn at shawnshurick@gmail.com

Pre-Trip Meeting via Zoom: Friday, January 22, 6 PM, a link will be sent to you.

Tentative Schedule

Saturday, Feb. 6:

Check into lodging in the afternoon.

Zoom Welcome Party with Snakedance Staff - Early evening

Refreshments provided in your Gift Packs from Snakedance & Sports America.

Sunday, the 7th:

Ski & Ride!!!

We're working on arrangements to have Mountain Tours on Sunday morning.

'Ski the Trees', Off Piste Group for Sunday morning lead by Dave.

Optional Lunch meeting place & time. Location & time TBD.

Apres Ski: Beverage & Burrito.

Monday, the 8th:

Ski & Ride!!!

Optional Lunch meeting place & time. Location & time TBD.

Roger & Diane's dinner has been changed to a dinner by the Hondo Restaurant (this may change again due to Covid)

Tuesday, the 9th:

Ski & Ride!!!

Optional Lunch meeting place & time. Location & time TBD.

Apres Ski: in condos with your Gift Packs or on your own.

Wednesday, the 10th:

Poop Out Day - Nothing scheduled on the Mountain

Day trip to Taos: We will be shuttled to town for a day of sightseeing & shopping.

Lunch (probably Take Out) hosted by SLO Skiers at a restaurant in town.

Thursday, the 11th:

Ski & Ride!!!

Lunch Meeting: Time & location, TBA

Apres Ski: in condos with your Gift Packs or on your own.

Take away dinner, hopefully served in the Lobby. Enjoy flavors of the Southwest.

Friday, the 12th:

Ski & Ride!!!

Lunch Meeting: Time & location, TBA

Apres Ski: in condos with your Gift Packs or on your own.

Leftover night - Organize on your own. Clean out the frig & feast!

Saturday, the 13th:

Sadly, our time is up in Taos.

Load out, travel to the airport or drive off to your next destination.

Some are planning to go to Wolf Creek in Southern Colorado.

Summary:

We have had many changes planning events on this trip due to Covid. It is virtually guaranteed that the plans will change more before we travel. The Ski Trip Committee for Taos is working hard to provide the best possible trip experience for our members while still adjusting for the ongoing Pandemic.

Please 'Stay Tuned' for more updates.

Dave, Jacquie & Shawn.

The logo for TAOS, featuring the word "TAOS" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly stylized, with the 'A' and 'O' having a unique shape.

Photo Credit: Getty Images

December 2020 Philanthropy Report

The end of the year is coming soon, and because many fund raising events have been canceled during 2020, our local community organizations need us more than ever! Due to COVID, the need to help others with food insecurity is stronger than ever.

You have all seen on the news the long lines of people waiting for food. This is not only happening around the country, but here in our county too! The SLO Food Bank has 80 distributions each month at 64 locations in San Luis Obispo County.

Each year at our Club's holiday party we asked each of you to bring a food item or donate cash to the SLO Food Bank. Last year we donated 150 food items and \$270 in cash.

With this year's party canceled, we are asking every Club member to donate directly to the SLO Food Bank. If every active member donated \$10 we could potentially be donating over \$1500 to the SLO Food Bank. Plus, each cash donation is multiplied many times by the Food Bank's ability to purchase food at huge discounts – each dollar you give is actually giving much more! As an example, a \$25 donation will provide 175 Holiday meals!

We are asking you to mail (or drop off) your cash donation to the SLO Food Bank, and on the check's note line, write 'SLO Skiers Club'. You can also request a receipt for tax purposes. You can also donate on their web site.

Due to COVID and staffing, they are not taking food donations at this time.

If you prefer to give food items (cans or packaged food), please deliver the items to:

CAPSLO Homeless Shelter, 40 Prado Road, SLO or
Loaves & Fishes, 2650 26th Street, Paso Robles

Make your check payable and mail to **The SLO Food Bank, 1180 Kendall Road, SLO 93401.**

Online donations can be made at: <https://donate.slofoodbank.org/checkout/16397>

Please do what you can and help others in our community this holiday season.

Thank you and Happy Holidays to you all

Steve Urbani, Philanthropy Officer



SLO Skiers On The Move!



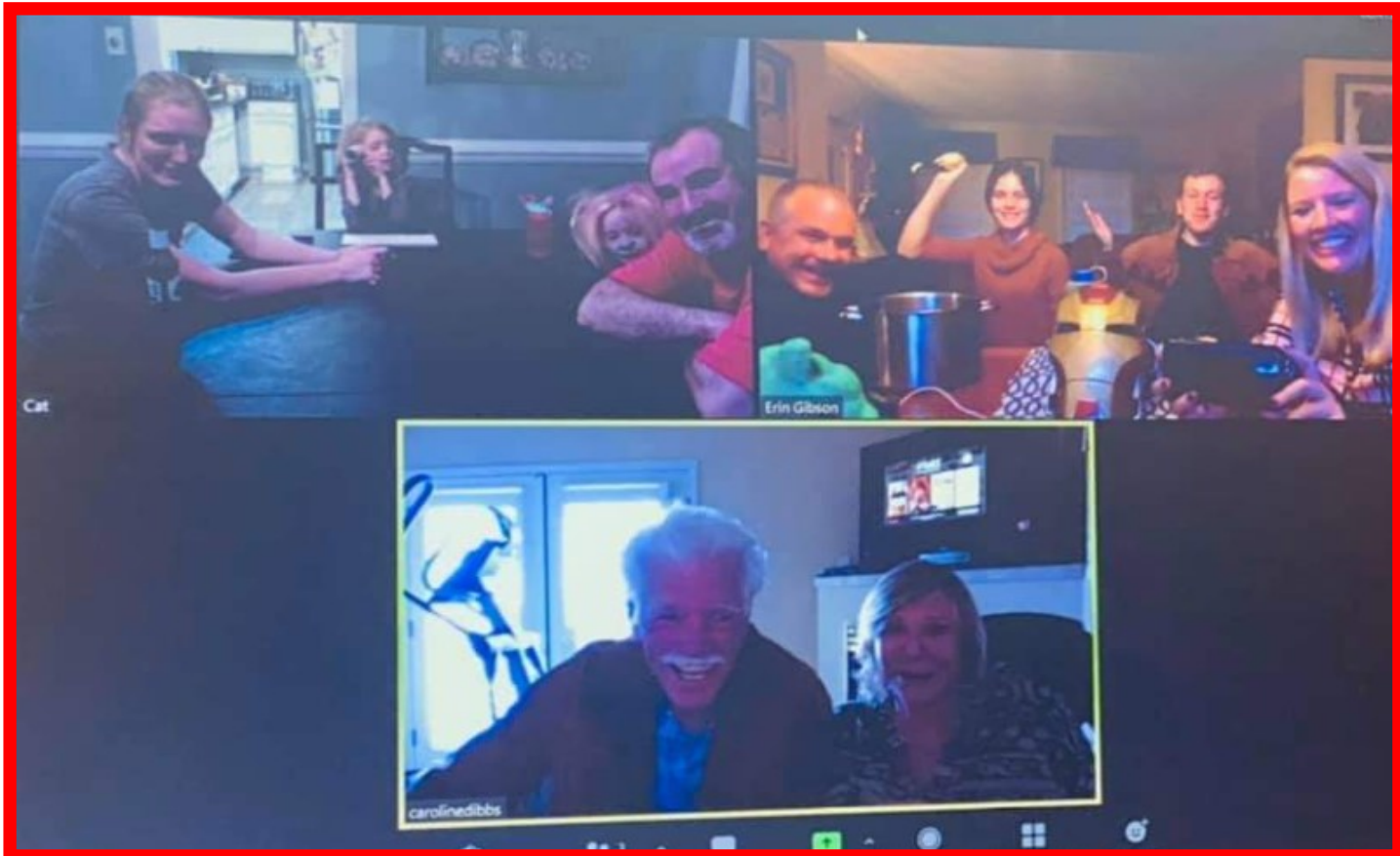
Jackie LaPrade with her hiking buds along the Estero Bluffs.



Janelle King taking a walk in Asheville, NC with her granddaughter Charlie Mae.



Amalia Plemons enjoying the Cambria Scarecrow Festival and a beautiful hike along the San Simeon Bluff Trail with her boyfriend Patrick.



Ralph Gibson and Caroline Dibbs enjoying some family time during the holidays.



Linda Grupenhagen practicing some of her amazing culinary skills at Thanksgiving. Gobble gobble!



Helen Jacobsen enjoying Thanksgiving with her Great Grandson Carson.



Jennifer and Rich Novick took a Covid break and went camping for Thanksgiving in Santa Barbara.



Darryl and Kathy Buck enjoying a beautiful sunset at the beach!



Linda and Lloyd Kinney taking a hike along the Pismo Preserve. A beautiful day indeed!



Kathy Steele and John Walker meandering along a coastal trail.

NINE BRAVE SOULS

Nine brave souls were bound for our trek,
but for various reasons nine didn't stick.

Seven brave souls were raring to go,
but cold temps and delays made it not so.

Tom's bike was derailed and Kathy Steeled away.

So five brave souls continued on their way!

The ride was spectacular and the company, fun and the
best part of all, we regaled in the (Avila) sun!!!

Back at the Elks, we said our good-byes,
'til another SLO Skiers exceptional bike ride!





Bike Ride to Avila on Friday, December 11th. Riders include (L-R): Darryl Buck, Jackie LaPrade, Amalia Plemons, Kathy Buck, and Kate Fitch



Kathy Steele and Teri Winston joined some of their non-SLO Skier biking friends for a beautiful ride on December 2 in Morro Bay. L to R: Charles Wright, Diane Halsted, Kari Jones, Kathy Steele, Anne Lovegren, Kate Murray, (not pictured: Teri Winston)



Look who's
moonlighting
as
Santa Claus!
HO HO HO

AKA SLO Skier, Mike Grabowski



Jacquie Johnston warming up her skis for the upcoming ski season!



Rich Romero vacationing somewhere in Australia or New Zealand. Nice pic Rich!



After a great workout on the Pismo Preserve, Linda and Lloyd Kinney dropped into Christi Rivera's Honeymoon Café for breakfast! A happy holiday cheer was in order.



Marya Bolyanatz getting a Covid vaccine.
Thank you for all you do Marya!



Santa is that you?
You're a mean ole Mr. Grinch!



Holiday Escapades in Morro Bay

Karen Dillis rounding up Santa's Elves for a fun day on the water in Morro Bay.
From left to right: Roxanne Mancici, Chrissy Hall, Santa Claus, Muffy Johnson, Susan Clifford,
Kelly Fisher and Karen Dillis and mascot Princess Buttercup, an 8-month old knucklehead.
A great time was had by all!

December 2020 General Membership Meeting on Zoom



“You’re on Mute”

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QUOTE OF 2020

MAMMOTH GETAWAY



PHOTO CREDIT: Rene Jerez, IKON Pass Holder

Several SLO Skiers took a quick trip to Mammoth Mountain Sunday, December 6 to Thursday, December 10. Considering the low snow pack, skiing was pretty good. There were several lifts and runs open thanks to Mammoth's great snow making abilities. The group met for lunch at The Mill's patio bonfire (practicing safe social distancing) and everyone enjoyed several days of pretty good skiing conditions. Thank you Dave Swartz for putting on a great trip!

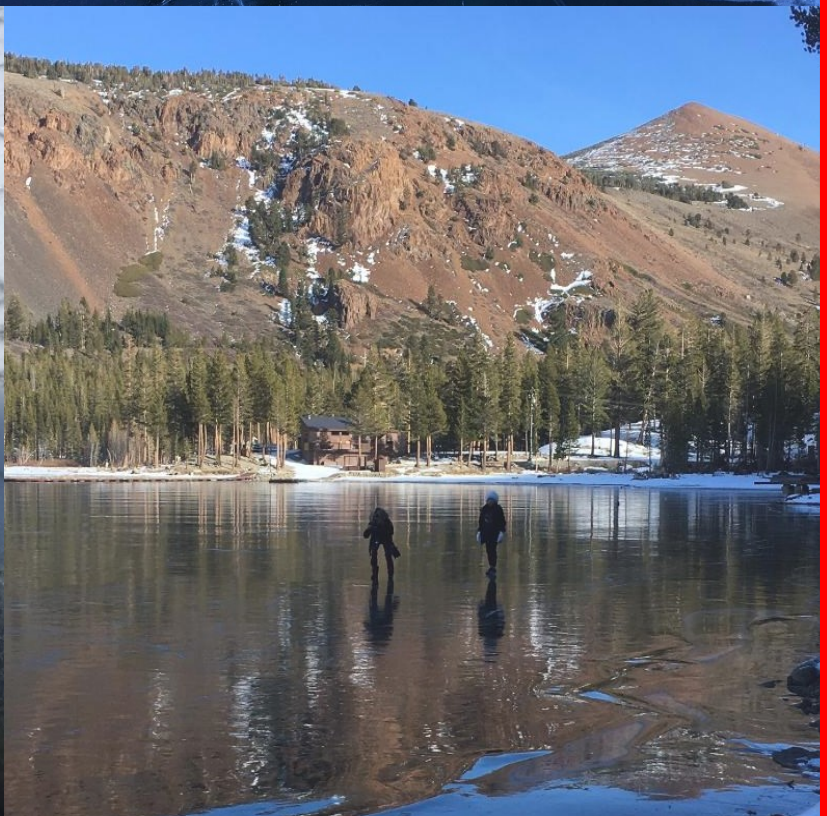


A quick group photo at the meet up location. We met for lunch at the The Mill bonfire pit Monday and Tuesday. Back row L to R: Larry Lewis, Jean Fallowfield, Remzi Mertogul, Melissa Mertogul, Cindy Doll, and Dave Swartz. Front row L to R: Stacey King, Kathy Buck, and Darryl Buck. Not pictured: Helen and Peter Jacobsen.



Afternoon Hike Around Lake Mary

Helen and Peter Jacobsen, Jean Fallowfield and Larry Lewis had some fun on the frozen lake.





Disney's Failed Attempt To Build A Massive Ski Resort In The California Wilderness

Article credited to [SFGATE](#)

Read the full article here: <https://www.sfgate.com/disneyland/article/mineral-king-ski-resort-disney-failed-project-15662462.php>



A look down into the Mineral King Valley, once eyed by Disney as a home for its massive ski resort.
HikingMike via Wikimedia Commons



The 5 Oldest Ski Areas in North America

Take a look at these historical ski areas that have been in operation for more than 87 years!

<https://unofficialnetworks.com/2020/12/21/five-oldest-ski-areas/>

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Arriving at the bar in full control. Do not try this at home...what NOT to do.

<https://www.facebook.com/UnofficialNetworks/videos/1410792918944473>



This might take you awhile to learn but
try testing your bindings!



<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZMJQaiyKd/>



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How to check your bindings. #skiing #smooth #win

🎵 Mood - 24KGoldn



Hike a Blast From Wind So Fast

You didn't miss a thing, The sand grains caused a sting,
On skin exposed, Where clothes weren't closed,
Not a jolly fling.

The wind was howling badly, The beach eroded madly,
My walk was short, Had to abort,
And retreat very sadly.

*Pete Sarafian had a very short hike alone on
Monday, November 23 at Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County
Park out of Santa Maria. Gale force winds made for an
unpleasant experience unless you wanted
to experience facial exfoliation.*

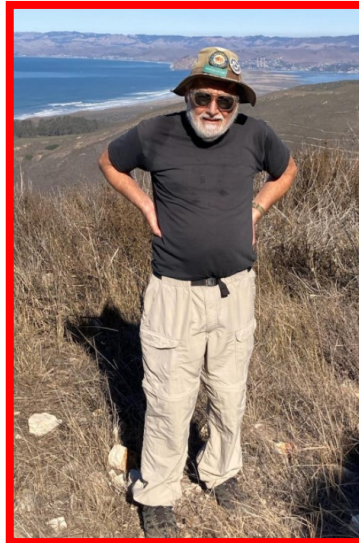


Photo Credit: The Nature Conservancy

Valencia Peak Makes Pete Very Weak

Five hikers went out on the trail,
To reach a peak, to no avail.
Pete's A-Fib attack,
Along the steep track,
Caused them all to have to fail.

All the rest could have gone past,
But stayed with one who couldn't last.
Pete continued to sag,
Needing a body bag,
Three quarters up, quit: the view very vast.



*Pete Sarafian
"Mr. Exhausted"*



Jackie LaPrade



Kathleen O'Neill



Linda & Lloyd Kinney



LtoR: Linda Kinney, Pete Sarafian, Kathleen O'Neill, Lloyd Kinney

QUAD WORKOUTS



SLO Skiers continue weekly quad workouts at the stairs between San Luis Coastal Unified School District Office and the San Luis Obispo High School. Come join us for a great way to get your ski legs in shape!



WORKOUT SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 at 9am
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 at 9am
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 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.



SLO SKIERS FACE MASKS NOW AVAILABLE!

Check out these cool new SLO Skiers face masks. If you'd like to help promote the SLO Skiers Club what better way than with our turtle logo mask. There's even a space to write your name! This mask is super soft and is #3-Ply 100% Black Cotton. It also has a front seam that makes it a more comfortable fit.

A mask is available for each active member. For those going on a week-long trip you will receive your free mask at either Taos or Mt. Bachelor (not both). You may purchase additional masks for \$5 each. Please contact Stacey King at 805.441.3116 or by email at slostacey@yahoo.com.

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Far West News **Flash**

DECEMBER 2020

Far West Ski Association

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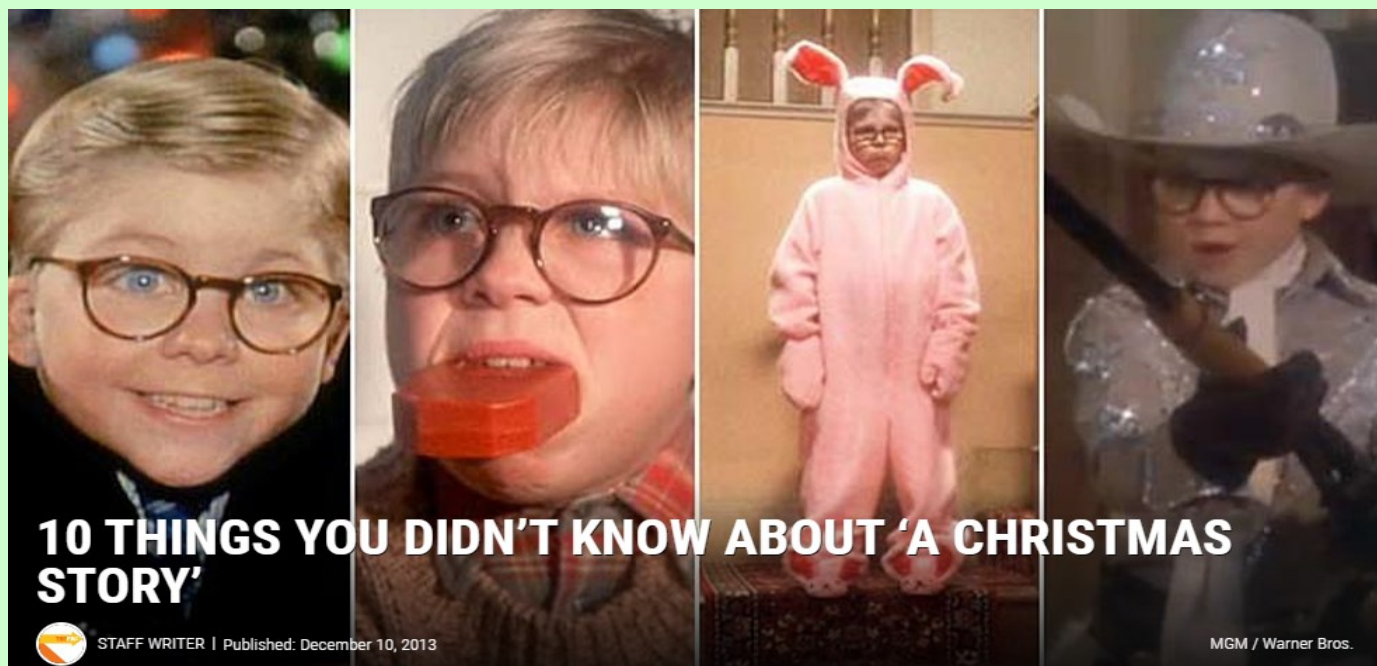
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Happy 101st birthday to ski legend, and Aspen local - **Klaus Obermeyer!** Klaus still attends the SIA Show each year, and skis his run, "Klaus' Way" on Buttermilk Mountain. He has inspired many by his positivity, innovation in skiing and athleticism.

A BIG WIN FOR MIKAELA: On December 14th, a beautiful day in Courchevel, France, Mikaela Shiffrin made her triumphant and emotional return to the top step on the podium in a FIS World Cup. Heavy snow fell on Saturday, and then Sunday's scheduled giant slalom was postponed, leaving a hard and fast track for the women on Monday under blazing sunlight. However, it was worth the wait to see Mikaela take her first World Cup win in almost a year. It was a beautiful moment when she crossed the finish line ahead of the field, taking her first win after her father's sudden passing earlier this year. Emotions ran even higher when she stepped off the podium and into her mom's arms, as she cried through her post-race interview. Congratulations, Mikaela, and to AJ Hurt, who took home her first World Cup giant slalom points, and top-20, in 18th place.

SNOW SPORTS MUSEUM: Tahoe-Truckee Skiers Nominated to the 2020-21 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Teams include: Squaw Valley skiers - Bryce Bennett and Travis Ganong, both nominated to the men's Alpine "A" team, while Squaw Valley's Keely Cashman, joins the women's "B" team and Squaw Valley's AJ Hurt competes on the women's "C" team. Sugar Bowl's Ainsley Proffitt, a Missouri native, and Squaw Valley's Alix Wilkinson, who hails from Mammoth Lakes, CA, will be training and competing on the Alpine Development Team. DID YOU KNOW -- Tamara McKinney, a member of the SNOW Sports Museum Advisory Board, was the first U.S. woman skier to win the World Cup Overall Championship. In addition to that landmark triumph in 1983, McKinney won 18 World Cup races during her stellar career.

LAS VEGAS HAS MORE THAN GAMING: The Las Vegas ski area's *Lee Canyon* has been given the green light by the U.S. Forest Service to move forward with expansion plans to add two new lifts, 23 ski runs, mountain bike trails, a mountain coaster, additional parking, a zipline, and other amenities. Located only an hour north of Las Vegas, this expansion is highly anticipated as Las Vegas's area of interest in outdoor recreation has increased. Las Vegas tourism has always been centered around gaming and luxury, but this expansion appeals to a new market in Southern Nevada tourism. While Lee Canyon has occupied its 785-acre area since 1964, this expansion will allow them to accommodate the growing interest in Winter activities and the growing population in Clark County.

FAR WEST CONVENTION – 6 MONTHS! AND COUNTING: The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs has been busy making plans for the 88th Annual Far West Convention. The dates are set for June 10-13, 2021, at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley. There will be some interesting Educational Seminars, and we are currently seeking Public Affairs speakers and a Keynote speaker. One of our favorite events, the Golf tournament, which is now the 13th Annual Michael German Memorial, will be at the Riverwalk Golf Club, on Friday, June 11th. Barbara Blasé is set to head this event up, with assistance from Mike and Eileen Sanford, and a few other North Islanders. Michael was a long-time Board member of Far West, and a past recipient of the J. Stanley Mullen award in 2004. Michael left us in 2006.



1. Co-writer/director Bob Clark got to make 'A Christmas Story' because of 'Porky's'
2. Jack Nicholson wanted to play "the Old Man"
3. Flick's tongue actually stuck to the flagpole
4. The Bumpus' dogs ruining the family dinner didn't actually happen at Christmas
5. A deleted scene featured Ralphie fighting Ming the Merciless with Flash Gordon
6. Peter Billingsley still has the bunny suit, the cowboy suit and the BB gun
7. Billingsley now works as a movie producer and director with Vince Vaughn
8. The actor who played Flick had a brief career as a porn star
9. Someone bought the 'Christmas Story' house on eBay and turned it into a museum
10. Billingsley helped produce a musical version of the movie for Broadway

For more details on each item click on the link below:

<https://thefw.com/things-you-didnt-know-about-a-christmas-story/>

Story and photo credit: the fw.com, December 10, 2013 and MGM / Warner Bros.

10 Things You Didn't Know About Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer



1. Rudolph was originally conceptualized for a department store campaign
2. Most of the characters names are inspired by real people
3. The real deal with misfit toy Dolly
4. This holiday classic is an international masterpiece
5. Rudolph was almost named Reginald
6. The inspiration behind Sam
7. Children saved the Misfits
8. The original puppets are still standing
9. Change in plans
10. It's the longest running holiday special ever

For more details on each item click on the link below:

<https://blog.headout.com/10-things-didnt-know-rudolph-red-nosed-reindeer/>

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December Birthdays

Jennifer Novick	12/3
Joe Chufar	12/4
Toni Avina	12/11
Irene Smith	12/15
Amalia Plemons	12/19
Richard Novick	12/20
Wayne Patterson	12/22
Stefanie Francis	12/29
Patricia DeClark	12/30



Respectfully Submitted by: Stacey King