



**Newsletter of SLO SKIERS, INC.
A Ski, Sport, and Social Club
www.sloskiers.org
March 2009**

PRESIDENTS LETTER FOR MARCH 2009

As I write this letter 24 members of SLO Skiers are in the air headed to Breckenridge CO. Lucky them!! What a wonderful ski vacation. I know they will have a spectacular time. **Fran** has done a great job putting together our week long trips and I for one thank her for doing that for all of the SLO Skiers. Hopefully, we will have some photos to share with you in next months' newsletter.

Coming up very soon we have at least two opportunities to participate in some great downhill skiing activities. I'm referring to the trip to Lake Tahoe and Mt. Bachelor. **The Tahoe trip**, February 12-15, promises to be very fun because in addition to the daytime skiing you will also have a difficult time deciding what to do during the evening with so many options available. Please contact Teri Winston if you have any interest in the Lake Tahoe trip and keep in mind that this is also a great trip for non skiers to go on with all the other activities that the area offers.

The **Mt. Bachelor trip** at the end of March will be a blast with the train ride from San Luis taking at least a full day. There will be plenty of time on the train for us to acclimate ourselves to the fun we are about to undertake at Mt. Bachelor. Both June and I are very excited about this adventure and I know many other club members are also. Another exciting opportunity will be the chance to snow shoe, which we have never done before, at Crater Lake. How can anyone pass that up? Stay in touch with Fran because frequently there are last minute opportunities to be added to a trip but Fran has to know who is willing to go on short notice.

The second **Wine-Down** was a fun night on Lucky Friday the Thirteenth at the **Wards**. Thanks to all that came and we look forward to a great March Wine-Down. Any volunteers?

Many members enjoyed an evening together at Marie Callender's for dinner at the **Dine-Around** on Wednesday the 18th. I want to thank those members who took the time to be together it was lots of fun. The next Dine-Around will be at **Creekside Pub** on Broad Street in San Luis on **March 18th** at 6:00 pm. Come on! Join the Fun!

And finally, I urge you to attend the regular membership meeting on **March 4th** as we will be holding **election of officers** for the 2009-2010 year Board of Directors. Many of last years members are willing to again serve the club in this volunteer capacity. But, we do still have open position on the Board of Directors and I am very anxious to hear from 'quiet' club members who would be willing to contribute their time and energy to the enhancement of SLO Skiers. Being on the Board of Directors is a great opportunity to see how the SLO Skiers manage to provide so many wonderful activities. I can say it has been a very rewarding year for June and I. And, we both encourage you to step forward with your nominations and offer to volunteer. THANK YOU!

See you at the Kennedy on March 4th.

Peter

Board of Directors 2008-2009

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March MEETINGS
March 4th: meeting @ SLO Kennedy Club Fitness.
Board of Directors, 5:30 PM
Social at 6:30 PM and General meeting 7:30 PM.
2nd meeting of March is the 18th. Location Creekside Pub. Broad St.,
SLO @ 6 PM

The **Attendance Jar (Pot of Gold)** was created to encourage members to keep their membership current and to attend the whole meeting. **Rules:**

- 1- Your membership must be current to be Eligible
- 2- You must be in attendance at the time the name is drawn.
- 3- One name will be drawn at the end of the meeting.



Getting a Membership Directory

All members are entitled to have a current Membership Directory. Copies are available at meetings. You can also just email 'membership@sloskiers.org' and an electronic copy in Excel format can be sent to you. The Directory is to be used only for club social purposes & contacts for club events and not for outside mailing and call lists, etc. If you don't want your particulars included in the distributed Directory, no problem. Likewise just let Kathy, the Membership Director know at a meeting or email 'membership@sloskiers.org'.

SLO SKIERS RAFFLE AT 02/04/09 MEETING

| WINNER | PRIZE | DONATED BY |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Barbara Collins | Ski picture | Denny Wheeler |
| Judi Southcott | Beringer wine | Sara Medzyk |
| Jason Vork | Red wine | Barbara Collins |

The unofficial rules of the raffle are that winners bring a gift to the next meeting to replenish the stock of desirable gifts. All members are encouraged to bring something to the raffle now and then. (It doesn't have to be a bottle of wine either.) THANKS!-Pete S.

Dancers.

Dancing at the Madonna Inn. Join fellow SLO skiers and enjoy the dance.
Sunday evening from 7:30 to 10:00PM.



Meeting Place –

Suggestions are welcome for a new meeting place. Please notify Peter with your ideas at 556-0242 or pjinshell@aol.com.

Criteria:

- Conveniently located, parking available.
- Serves individual meals
- Serves alcohol
- Willing to provide a free meeting room or area
- Capacity 60 people plus or minus

Thanks, *Peter*

Mention SLO Skiers and receive a discount.



FREE raffle tickets

Members who bring a guest to the meeting get 2 free raffle tickets! And... the guest gets 3 free raffle tickets. Normally raffle tickets are 2 for a dollar. Don't miss out. *Pete S.*

Membership Renewal NOW

Are your friends not getting their newsletter?

Please ask them to contact membership@sloskiers.org.

Are you not getting e-mail updates? Log on to sloskiers.org and follow the directions for opting in on e-mail updates. It is a THREE (3) step process, and if you don't complete all 3 steps, the request is not processed. Thanks to all who have their membership current and paid for the 2008-2009 season. Keep those checks coming-----The annual dues is \$40.00 per member. Please submit to myself at the meeting or by mail to the SLO Skiers PO Box. Thanks, Kathy Smith

From the Week Long Trip Captain
Fran Long

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Mt. Bachelor, Oregon had a late start to the 'snow' season this year, but now seems to be in the throws of an epic ski year. That is great news for our spring fling trip the end of March. The trip is currently sold out with 36 SLO Skiers, but rumor has it that more spots might be available if two people should want to go and approached me with money in hand.

Anymore, planning for a week of skiing is as complicated as planning for a European vacation. When one starts looking at luggage limitations and costs, fuel surcharges, cost of flying compared to driving, time, etc., there are a lot of decisions to be made. Should I rent equipment or pay to bring my own? Should I take my gear on the plane or ship it ahead? One of the values of going on a ski club trip is having someone else get all those answers for you. Months of planning goes into each of our SLO Skiers week-long trips to ensure a great ski/vacation experience for you, including answers to any and all of your questions. Your trip director and trip captains are available to help throughout your planning and ski-week experience. Don't hesitate to contact anyone of us with your questions, suggestions, and concerns.

I know ski season isn't coming to an end just yet, but I'm already looking to next season anyway. Knowing it takes months of planning to pull off a great ski experience, we need to start now in deciding where we want to ski next year. Traditionally, we have 2 week-long trips; one early on in the ski season, and one later in the spring. If you've gone on a week-long trip in the last couple of years, I'd love to get your input on where you might like to ski next year. Your thoughts give us a direction as we start the whole process over again.

Questions, thoughts, input for next year can all be directed to me, Fran Long: fancat2007@sbcglobal.net.

News from the Far West Ski Association

By Fran Long

*And here are some additional **Benefits to belonging to FWSA:***

Terry Sports—Taos and Steamboat, Present your FWSA membership card to receive discounted rates on group rentals. Email rentskis@terrysports.com or call 800-233-7547. For individual rates, log on to www.terrysports.com.

Identify yourself as a FWSA member and get 20% off lodging at **The Canyons, Park City, UT**. No online booking. Call 1 888 Canyons for booking reservations.

Travel

Chile/Argentina Ski and See— Bariloche and Buenos Aires, Argentina **August 16-25**; pre-trip **Aug 10—17** Valle Nevado and Santiago, Chile; post trip Aug 25-28 Iguazu Falls, Argentina. Contact **Norm Azevedo** at 925-944-0420 for more information

Baltic Cruise , Scandinavia and Russia with The Cruise Company and FWSA **September 13-23, 2009**. Pre-cruise Copenhagen September 10-13. Contact **Norm Azevedo** at 925-944-0420 for more information.

Visit the FWSA website, www.fwsa.org, for further information and benefits.

The SLO SKIER OF THE MONTH is a person who has earned recognition because they have made an exceptional contribution to the success of our club. Please take a minute to THANK these club members for their service to better SLO Skiers.

SLO SKIER OF THE MONTH

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| April 2009 | | |
| March 2009 | | |
| February 2009 | | |
| January 2009 | Nancy Brown | Ski Fitness demonstration |
| December 2008 | Judi Southcott | Re-designing web site |
| November 2008 | June Ward & Judi Southcott | Pray for Snow & Yosemite trip |
| October 2008 | Teresa Rice & Hal Rosewall | Organizing Turtle Auction |
| September 2008 | Board of Directors | Huge effort for Ski& Sport Expo |
| August 2008 | Marvin Gross | Spearheading Cache Creek |
| July 2008 | Bette Gillespie | Coordinating monthly hikes |
| June 2008 | Fran Long | Organizing monthly bike trips |
| May 2008 | Sharon Dillard | Fabulous End of Year Party |



Birthdays for the Month of March

3/1 Marseille Steele

3/4 Robin Weckerly

3/5 Noni Smyth

3/12 Gary Elem

3/13 Bev Gammill

3/14 Dennis Balsamo

3/17 John Tranmer

3/18 Rita Morici

3/26 Don Smith

3/28 Richard Romero

3/29 Debbie Boydston

Happy Birthday to all from The SLO Skiers

Kathy Smith wishes to apologize if there are any omissions. She is currently out of town helping with a new Granddaughter born 2/12. Congratulations Kathy.

Dine-Around Report

Marie Callender's in Shell Beach was the setting for an enjoyable evening of socializing and eating. Good food, good company and good prices made it a special occasion.

MARCH DINE-AROUND @ CREEKSIDE BREWING CO.

Meet at 6:00pm at the Creekside Brewing Co. 1040 Broad, SLO. Check out the menus at www.CreeksideBrewingCompany.com. See you there!

Tidbits to Share

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Heather Gillespie (Betty's daughter), has just returned home from a month on a little island in Nias, Indonesia where she worked mainly in an orphanage. Most of the orphans were ones left behind when their parents died in the 2004 Tsunami. She also went on the Christian radio station there and talked about Spiritual Growth. On the way there and on the way back she toured South Korea and Malaysia. She came home safely with lots of great experiences and pictures, and is VERY thankful for hot water and In N Out Burger!

Noni Smyth enjoyed having her son home to visit from Japan over the holidays. Now it's time to pay him back, so she's going to Japan to help him celebrate his 30th b'day in March! On the way home will be a five-day stop in Thailand.

If anyone is thinking of heading up to Mammoth for skiing, the conditions are great. The last few storms have been very cold, leaving soft feathery powder on the mountain, and lots of it. There may be some specials being offered, I would suggest you check online. Typical of **Mammoth**, the weather was all over the charts, but since the last series of storms, the area is about as good as it gets. I'll be back there in March, maybe I'll see you there. **TERESA dated 2/19**

Congratulations Kathy

Paige Lillian - Kathy Smith's granddaughter

Born 2/12/09, 11:12 pm, 9 pounds, 21 1/2 inches



GUESS WHO IS TURNING SEVENTY.

Rich Romero is celebrating his 70th at 1:30pm Saturday March 21 2009, at 605 Black Ridge Ln. Nipomo. Please join my family in celebrating my birthday. "Please R.S.V.P." to 929-3186, cell 4486528 or email: rjromero@att.net by March 14. No gifts, please.

Deadline for Tidbits is the 17th. Please submit items to ryguidry@hotmail.com

MAR 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 General Meeting | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Start Daylight Savings | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 Lake Tahoe Trip | 13 Lake Tahoe Trip | 14 Lake Tahoe Trip |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Tidbits Deadline | 18 Dine Around @ Creekside SLO | 19 | 20 | 21 Newsletter Deadline |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Mt Bachelor Trip | 28 Mt Bachelor Trip |
| 29 Mt Bachelor Trip | 30 Mt Bachelor Trip | 31 Mt Bachelor Trip | | | | |
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APRIL 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 Mt Bachelor Trip | 2 Mt Bachelor Trip | 3 Mt Bachelor Trip | 4 Mt Bachelor Trip |
| 5 Return from Mt. Bachelor | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Pinnacles Hike |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 End of Year BBQ, Red Barn. | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
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Membership Renewal Form

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Please circle information you do NOT want published.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Home Ph: _____ Work ph: _____ Cell ph: _____

Birth date: _____

Check here to receive your newsletter by E-MAIL.

Check here to receive your newsletter by USPS MAIL

Please bring your completed membership form, signed Conduct Policy and your check (made payable to SLO Skiers) to the next meeting or if you prefer, mail them to:

The SLO Skiers
P.O. Box 1047
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\$40 yearly per membership

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