



Newsletter of SLO SKIERS, INC.

A Ski, Sport, and Social Club

March Meetings



March 3: Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM,

Social @ 6:30 PM and General Meeting @ 7:30 PM

@ SLO Kennedy Club Fitness

March 17th, Dine Around



**Telluride Info as of 2/22/2010**

Base 72', Surface powder, Daytime temperatures 18 to 29 degrees F. All lifts are open. For additional information call Trip Captain: **Fran Long, 238-1375.**

**South Lake Tahoe Trip** Just a reminder that the South Lake Tahoe trip is coming up fast. The dates are March 25, 26, 27. Three nights and skiing for only \$350.00. It is a great trip and a great value. It includes a cooked to order breakfast at the \*\*\*\*\* (five star) restaurant and a \$20.00 voucher towards dinner on Saturday night and three days of interchangeable lift tickets at the Lake Tahoe ski areas. For those who are interested, there is a night at the Improv Comedy Club at Harvey's South Lake Tahoe. The cost of that is \$29.00 (\$25.00 + \$4.00 tax and fees). We are currently booked with the exception of room for one more female. If you want to go, now is the time to put your name on a waiting list. I think that I can get more rooms, so let me know. The deposit of \$150.00 is due on Wed. Feb. 17th. Thank you, **Teri Winston**

terila1@yahoo.com

**Happy Birthday to The Members with March Birthdays.**



Dennis Balsamo	14th	Catherine DeRochie	12th	Gary Elam	12th
Kelly Fisher	19th	Beverly Gammill	13th	Linda Kinney	17th
Rita Morici	18th	Kym Pohl	5th	Richard Romero	28th
Don Smith	26th	Noni Smyth	5th	Robin Weckerly	4th



## President's Newsletter for March 2010

Fellow club members the season is really here! At last, it's off to the lifts five days in a row for the best skiing of the year. As I write this 24 lucky SLO Skiers are in Park City enjoying some of the best ski conditions of recent memory. And, in less than three weeks 36 more SLO Skiers will be off for a wonderful ski vacation at Telluride Colorado. I can hardly wait! This is what it is all about. The activities, the new friendships, and of course the best ski conditions of the entire year.

We need every member of SLO Skiers to come to the General Meeting at the Kennedy on March 3<sup>rd</sup> as it will be one of the most important meetings of the entire year. We will be putting forth nominations for the Board of Director for the coming ski year. The terms of office for each of the Board of Directors is only one year long from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> of the next year. Most of the BOD offices can be filled by either new or experienced club members. I encourage your participation in this process especially newer members as you are the 'new blood' our club. We need you to renew and revitalize our club with new ideas and different ways of doing things. PLEASE be there and be ready to volunteer your skills and services to make SLO Skiers a better club for all of us.

I want to thank every member of SLO Skiers for your support during the past two years of my presidency. Without knowing that you care and want SLO Skiers to be successful my job would have been impossible. Again, I thank you.

Your Friend,

***Peter***

### **Dancers.**

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

### **February Hike Horrendous**

Pete Sarafian braved the horribly bright, sunny weather and "howling" 5 mph breeze and allergy-inducing wildflowers and hiked through the Johnson Ranch in SLO. Saturday, Feb. 11 turned out to be such a terrible time that none of the SLO Skiers turned out to join in the walk. It's just as well. The day was so nasty that you can see from the parking lot photo that no one else ventured forth. There were only about 18 different wildflower species starting to bloom and blind the eye with nasty, glaring colors like white, yellow, pink, orange and blue. ***Pete Sarafian***



## CAMATTA RANCH

You're invited to join us for our 5th ANNUAL WILDFLOWER ADVENTURE May 1st and 2nd.

**BICYCLING – HIKING – CAMPING—GUIDED TOUR OF EXOTIC ANIMALS—AND FOSSIL HILLS.**

Camatta Ranch is a real working cattle and exotic animal ranch of 32,000 acres, in existence since Spanish Land Grant days. Our trip will include wildflower viewing, wildlife and bird watching, a guided tour of the fossil hills and exotic animals followed by a leisurely picnic under the towering oaks and the opportunity to hike and bicycle with NO traffic!

Conducted Tour of exotic animal zoo and 5-7 million year old fossil hills on Saturday May 1st – 10:00 to 2:00.

This can be a day trip, or extended for a weekend of activities as follows:

RVers and campers will dine under the stars and enjoy the usual SLO skiers campfire craziness, then camp overnight in the most pristine environment. (We will be the only outsiders on the ranch and have full use of the trails and roads)

Bring: MOUNTAIN Bicycles, Walking shoes, binoculars, jacket, camera, picnic lunch. Tables, water and A FLUSH TOILET are located at the site.

Overnighters – bring a potluck dish and something to barbecue in addition to all of the above and provisions for Sunday – depending upon how long you plan to stay.

\$6.00 per person for the tour (on Saturday)

\$15.00 per RV

\$10.00 per person in tent

\$10.00 per person for just the day activities

Please advise Bev or Roy Gammill 528-5304 - [bevroy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bevroy@sbcglobal.net) if you plan to come. We require a 10.00 deposit by the 5th. – non refundable (it goes to the Ski Club)

Camatta Ranch

9330 Camatta Creek Rd. (Hwy 58)

Approx. 25 miles from Santa Margarita

Driving directions: From Highway 101 go through Santa Margarita to Hwy 58 and turn East on 58. It is then approx 23 ¾ miles to Camatta Ranch. You will pass Shell Creek Rd. and from that point it's just 3 1/2 miles. It took us about 75 minutes from Los Osos. You might want to check their website – [lazyarrow.com](http://lazyarrow.com). And if you have problems you could try our cell which is 704-2768 and may not get reception out there . See you there!

Bev & Roy



## SLO SKIER OF THE MONTH



January	2010	June/Peter Ward	Making It Happen
December	2009	Pete Canassa	"Mr. Dependable"
November	2009	Noni Smyth & Bobbi Binder Roberta Guidry	Morro Bay Campout Pray for Snow
September	2009	Pete Sarafian	Captain of the Expo
August	2009	Rich Romero	Golf Tournament & BBQ
July	2009	Teri Winston	Mammoth Summer Trip
June	2009	Steve Franks	Storing Club BBQ
May	2009	Jeanne Kinney	Lake Santa Margarita Campout
April	2009	Joe Chufar/Mike Buckels	Super End of Year BBQ
March	2009	Teri & Bill Winston	Weekend Trip Directors
February	2009	Andy Snyder & Fran Long	Outstanding Breckenridge Trip

## SLO Skier of the Year 2008-2009 Fran Long

End of Year party scheduled for April 25th, at **Sharon Dillard's**. More information to come.

### TIDBITS

Kate Fitch would like to convey her personal thanks to the SLO Skiers for their generous contribution to the relief efforts in Haiti. You are an extraordinary group!

Editors Note: The clubs contributions went to the Registered Nurses Rescue Network (RNRN)

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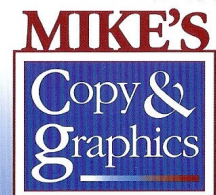
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#### Mammoth Condo For Rent

The condo is 1 bedroom with bunks, 1 1/4 baths, on the end near the clubhouse at Horizons 4. It has a fireplace, is nicely furnished, and fully stocked kitchen. It rents for \$120 per night midweek and \$140 weekends with multi day discounts. Cleaning fees by maid service is additional.

Nancy Walden 235-2035



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Owner

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## SLO Skiers 2009-2010 Ski Trip Schedule

Mar.13-20,2010	Telluride, CO	(SLOskiers)	(Weeklong Trip)
Mar.25-28,2010	So.LakeTahoe	(SLOskiers)	
Apr.15-18,2010	Mammoth	(SLOskiers)	(MammothSkiClubAppreciationParty)

FOR INFORMATION ON ANY TRIPS VISIT THESE WEBSITES:

[WWW.SLOSKIERS.ORG](http://WWW.SLOSKIERS.ORG)

[WWW.FWSA.ORG](http://WWW.FWSA.ORG)

[WWW.CENTRALCOUNCILSKICLUBS.ORG](http://WWW.CENTRALCOUNCILSKICLUBS.ORG)

Your 2009-2010 Trip Planning Team is proud to offer SLO Skiers a wide variety of ski venues for the coming season.

Our goal is to provide ski trips for all budgets and interests..including ski trips for non-skiers! If you see a trip you might Be interested in, you can get detailed information by going to the websites listed.

For trips listed as SLO Skiers trips you are welcome to contact the trip leaders: June Ward, Trip Director: [pjin-shell@aol.com](mailto:pjin-shell@aol.com)

### Central Council's Up Coming Summer Events

Truckee River Float Trip/Bike Ride/Campout, June 24-27

Glenwood Springs, CO. Adventure Trip Rafting/Biking/Hiking. August 1-7

For more information contact: Fran Long, [fancat2007@sbcgobal.net](mailto:fancat2007@sbcgobal.net)

[www.centralcouncilskiclubs.org](http://www.centralcouncilskiclubs.org)



Turtle Auction Dinner Party, sponsored by Sara Medzyk



Pictures courtesy of Steve Seybold

Great Progressive Dinner for Eight

(another Turtle Auction prize)

Hosted by: Carollane & Jim Grady, hors d'oeuvres

Teri & Bill Winston, main course

June & Peter Ward, dessert.

The Gradys provided a wide assortment of delicious treats and wine. Dinner was 6 star, with wine, followed by a sensuous dessert. And did I mention wine. . The staff looked and acted very professional, mostly. Thank you to all that made it a memorable and fun night.

## Board of Directors 2009-2010

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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.



The winner of the \$55 POT OF GOLD was **Sharon Dillard**. Congratulations



### Raffle Results from Feb. 3, 2010 Meeting

WINNER	PRIZE	DONATED BY
John Welbourn	Ski goggles	Mt. Air Sports
Barbara Collins	Spa basket	Sharon Dillard
Denny Wheeler	Self heating mug	Kathy Welbourn
Larrie Ciano	Bracelet	Kelly & Bill Fisher
Kathy Welbourn	Golf balls	Steve Seybold

Thanks to all the SLO Skiers members who brought a nice gift to replenish the stock (winners have an unofficial obligation to do so). All members are encouraged to do so now and then to keep the raffle a success. –Pete S.

# March 2010

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	1	2	3 Gen Mtg	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Telluride
14 Telluride	15 Telluride	16 Telluride	17 Telluride	18 Telluride	19 Telluride	20 Telluride
21	22	23	24	25 Lake Tahoe	26 Lake Tahoe	27 Lake Tahoe
28 Lake Tahoe	29	30	31			

# April 2010

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Gen Mtg	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Mammoth Appreciation
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 End of Year Party	26	27	28	29	30	

## Membership Renewal Form

Please circle information you do NOT want published.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Work ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

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