



The Newsletter of
The SLO Skiers, Inc
A Ski, Sport and Social Club
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<http://www.sloskiers.org>

Meetings Held First Wednesday of The Month
Social at 6:30 PM - General Meeting at 7:30 PM
Board Meeting Held Prior at 5:30 PM

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge
222 Elks Lane
San Luis Obispo, CA

Dear fellow skiers...

As I write this newsletter I just wrote the final check to the trailer company that was hired to transport my trout from Sandpoint, Idaho to Umpqua, Oregon. Cadillac's just don't have enough storage space.

We enjoyed the trip to the Reagan Library that June ward put together. It was remarkable, as are all her sponsored activities. Rich Romero did a great golf tournament at Black Lake once again. Kathleen O'Neill, even though suffering from a wasp spray infection, managed to put on a wonderful "Wine Down".

We are all blessed by the individuals who step up to the plate and put on awesome activities.

Upcoming is our annual Turtle Auction on October 14. It is critical in earning funds in support of the many costs of the club. As I say every year, there are three things that make a Turtle Auction successful. Number one is to donate something worthwhile. Number 2 is to show up at the auction. Number 3 is to buy something.

Hal Rosewall, President



LOST & FOUND - Back By Popular Demand!

FOUND -

- Man's navy windbreaker left at Kathkeen's after wine down.
- Salad fork & spoon found after end of year party.
- Titleist sun visor found after the August golf tournament & BBQ.

LOST -

- Sharon Rosewall lost an eight (8) inch silver appetizer spreader with fancy loop at end of handle.
- Jack Hansen has never found his navy sports jacket left at 2010 Pray For Snow party.
- Pete Sarafian lost a nice brown and black wood grain pen that has special meaning for him.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! . . . To Members Born In SEPTEMBER !!

Rick Dahlinger	9/29	Kathy Steele	9/20
Roberta Guidry	9/8	Frank Stockton	9/21
Dan Nagle	9/16	Bill Winston	9/30

MONTEREY BIKE RIDE AND RAVE CONCERT



Thursday, August 4th. The adventure begins. Kathy Steele, Lauren Nagle and Irene Smith spend time being totally lost in the hills above Monterey. We finally find the fairgrounds and pull in next to Ernie and Debbie Davis' palatial motor home.

Friday, August 5th. Day one: the pre-bike ride. It took a little longer than expected to get the gear and bikes ready to roll. A kind neighbor had to show Lauren how a derailleur works. Irene and Lauren took a quick refresher course on tandem riding. Kathy got a

good laugh at the numerous chain dropping fiascos. We enjoyed a fabulous lunch and a little window shopping in Monterey. The fairgrounds proved to be a convenient location to the bike trail. Friday afternoon Pete Sarafian joined his harem. We shared kabobs and ski club gossip over the fire pit.

Saturday, August 6th. The real bike ride begins. Jeanne Kinney and Erika Minanni join the peloton. We rode down the spectacular coastline in Monterey and on to the 17 Mile Drive. The weather was the perfect for a day of exercise and camaraderie. The most challenging part of the ride was dodging pedestrians in Cannery Row. Bike riding with the Club is mostly social. No one is left behind and any level or proficiency is encouraged.



When we returned to the Fairgrounds we were greeted by a rather large group of weirdly dressed "kids." They were enjoying a Rave Concert taking place *next* to where we were parked. None of us enjoyed the music but the people-watching was *very* entertaining. Overall we lived in harmony with the concert goers. Congratulations to Irene Smith for bravely riding behind Lauren on a tandem bike. Be sure and join the fun next year. Same location, different time..

Bike Ride and Campout Schedule



Summer Bike Rides are Here Again

It's time to dust your handlebars, blow up your tires, and get ready for another summer of social bike riding. Here's the schedule for the summer so you can save the dates. The details will be in the newsletter for the upcoming rides. This year, a few more bike rides also involve a campout. You can still come just for the ride, or you can make a weekend of it and enjoy the great outdoors, the stars, and a campfire with your friends.

September 17	South County Wine Ride
October 8	9 Sisters Bike Ride, San Luis Obispo
November 4-6	Oceano Campout and Bike Ride

Central Council Salinas Air Show

Fundraiser for Central Council

September 23-25

There is still time to join the party!



Planes, parties, and plenty of fun...and it's all **FREE!** Central Council is again celebrating friendship and earning operating funds by working at the **Salinas Air Show, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 23, 24, 25, 2011.** YOU are a member, and YOU can to join the fun.

Your entrance into the air show is free if you work with Central Council on this once a year fundraiser. We sell parking tickets, guide the paying folks to their parking spots, guard the handicap parking so the handicapped guests indeed have a place to park, and whatever else we are asked to do.

The more people we have on our team, the fewer hours we all have to work. Sign up for the weekend, just a day, or just half a day if that's all the time you've got.

To sign up, contact our non-ski activities director, Jayne Camic.

Email: camicski@aol.com

Phone: 408 602-0569

August Hike

A "Long" One

The August hike brought out a crowd of one, John Long, to join Pete Sarafian. The route took us up and over the top of the ridge that separates Avila Beach Drive from the Pacific Ocean. After forgetting where the turn was that goes up the ridge, a short round trip got us back on track. The ridge trail proceeded up and down until we descended back just above sea level near Pirates' Cove. Unfortunately, the fog kept the views restricted (no one at the Cove was about to strip down in such chilly weather); oh no, I meant the view of the ocean and waves. And wouldn't you know, the minute we left Pirates' Cove for the walk back, the sun came out and the weather was beautiful! Nice hike, even without the views.

John Long checks out Pirates' Cove (the ocean and waves, of course).





Turtle Auction

Friday, October 14th

Whether you're new to the club or a long-standing member, the Turtle Auction is definitely a fun filled evening (dinner and wine are included) you **shouldn't miss**. It's our main fundraiser and how most of our great club events are funded. Proceeds from the auction account for approximately 70% of our annual budget and allow us to keep our annual dues at \$40. Hal Rosewall, our auctioneer, keeps the evening moving along with the live auction. There are also many items to bid on at the silent auction. Advanced bids and phone bids are accepted for those unable to attend.

We encourage all club members to support the club by donating items for the auction. Types of items donated in the past included pottery, handcrafted jewelry, a round trip flight to Mammoth, a fishing trip, house painting, repair services, picnics, progressive dinners, paintings, baskets of delicious baked items, baskets of wine, a guided tour of the Elfin Forrest and many more things from small to large (last year there were more than 80 items)! **The list of items has always been an amazing array due to the creativity of our members and their donors!** Our personal favorites last year were a trip "riding the rails" with Bev and Roy Gammill in their little "speeder" rail car and a dinner with friends hosted by Peter and June Ward. Jana Favolara took wonderful pictures of a friend's wedding. If you talk to club members, each will have similar stories of the amazing items, trips, dinners and other items they purchased at the auction. Items range have arranged in price **from \$10 to \$900**, so there is something available for every price range!



So, save the date and start thinking of items, services or treasures to donate - the more creative, the better! Look for upcoming information and advance notice on auction items in SNOMAIL from Kathy (805-406-6069, ksmith93306@yahoo.com) and John Welbourn (805-758-4327).

Items Already Donated:

One day's house painting by Hal Rosewall
...and many more amazing items

Remember: Your donations and bids provide approx. 70% of our clubs annual funding!



Eleven SLO skiers pedaled North along the beach from Los Osos to Cayucos on Saturday and enjoyed a great day of biking, beautiful scenery, friendship and laughs. The group met in Los Osos at 10 in the morning. A few of us feeling the remains of too much partying on Friday night at Kathleen O'Neils. Thanks for a great evening Kathleen.

We all jumped on our assortment of bikes and began our mini Tour de Morro Bay. The ride went along without a hitch. Except maybe one rude trucker that got in Ms. Binder's way at

one point. For all of you SLO skiers that dream of being another Lance Armstrong, join us for our next ride in September. It is a great way to spend a morning and will get you ready for skiing to boot. Don't hesitate if you are new at the sport or a long time

cyclist.

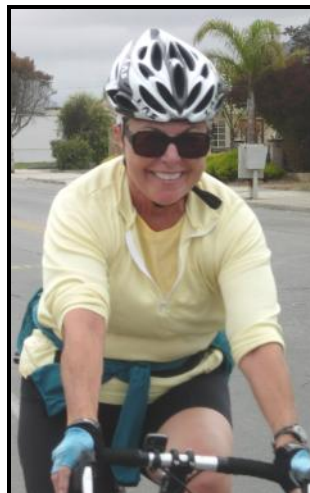
Our group accepts all levels, and we even have nice folks like Lauren Nagle who volunteer to ride sweep. She assures that everyone is with us and no one is left behind. Spence Thatcher is ahead of the pack with John Long up in the front of the group as well. And Spence and John both turn around and come back to make sure we are all together. After a very scenic ride up the coast, we gathered in Cayucos for eats at Schoolers Restaurant. Many laughs and cycling stories were shared and a good time was had by all.

We all arrived safely and timely back in

Los Osos and continued the party at the Elks Club in San Luis. Thanks Jean Kinney.

I would urge all of you to go into the garage and hose off your son's or daughter's old bikes and join us for our September ride. You really can't miss. Once again, thanks Fran, for the planning and organizing of such a fun event for our club. You are very much appreciated!!!

Kathy Steele



Reagan Library Review

The Reagan Library tour and luncheon was an amazing day. You will read below the thoughts and comments from members about their experience and what impressed them the most about the library and our 40th president. To all who participated, thank you!



Front row: Bev Gammill, Noni Smyth
Second Row: Robert Guidry, Donna Davis, Bobbi Binder,
Third Row: Teresa Rice, Kathy Welbourn, Roy Gammill and John Welbourn

WHAT IS TWO HOURS LONG, CHOCK FULL OF AMERICAN HISTORY, AND PRECEDES A GOURMET/ AVIATION FINALE? ANSWER: A Private Tour of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum

Lindy Graham, Social Director Santa Barbara Ski Club
You can enjoy Lindy Graham's article about her library experience in the "Sitzmark". <http://www.sbski.org>.

It was our pleasure to be joined by six members from the Santa Barbara Ski Club.

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What an awesome experience! Reagan was such a POSITIVE man! Denny

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The whole trip was a great experience for me. The Reagan Library is full of history of his personal and political life. It's so much to see and read. It brought back some memories of his presidency. It's nice to see the inside of Air Force One. The luncheon was delicious and well organized. Overall, **A+**, it worth the trip. Irene Smith

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We enjoyed the beautiful grounds and buildings. Our guide was well informed and answered our many questions. We enjoyed and excellent meal. Overall a beautiful experience. Bev & Roy Gammill

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The trip to the Reagan Library was extremely informative and an eye opening experience. This was our second trip to the Library and after our guided tour; you might as well say it was our first visit. Having had such an informed tour guide made our visit a very different experience from the first visit. We were reminded of the meager means a man can come from and rise to become one of the most powerful men in the world. It was also shocking to realize, our country is right back to where we were when President Reagan took office--with the exception of the 19% interest rates. The Reagan Library is not a political experience, just as visiting Washington, D.C. is not a one-sided political visit. The Reagan Library, just as any other previous sitting President has their Library's, is a visit into history and expands our knowledge and serves as a reminder of that particular time in history. We thoroughly enjoyed this trip and look forward to a visit to the Reagan Ranch. Al and Gay McCready

It was a lovely day. We were pleased with every aspect of the day. Perhaps the most moving aspect was the video when he announced he had Alzheimiers. Having a Mother who died of that dreadful disease, I was particularly affected by that part. It brought back so many memories of what our family went through. I could identify with the Reagan family. The lunch was a delight. The food was delicious and beautifully served. Carol Thatcher

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We enjoyed the tour and luncheon. The new section on the Berlin wall was especially interesting. History was presented in an interesting and interactive way. And who would guess that they could put a plane inside a building! Kathy and John

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I had forgotten that he was known as the great communicator and that he had taken over as president when we were in about the same shape, economically and globally, as we are now. Air Force One was my favorite exhibit. Noni Smyth

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We loved being a part of the SLO Skier trip to the Reagan Library. They have done such a wonderful job depicting the wonderful President he was. The tour with our Docent Arnold was fabulous and his insights added to the enjoyment...he is extremely knowledgeable. The facility is very well organized and well run. Lunch was great. Sandy and Gary Saunders

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My most gratifying event was Air Force One. Hal R. - I found the whole experience very moving. Sharon R.

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I had no idea what to expect and was very impressed with the facility and the luncheon was awesome especially the "Chocolate Cake"! Roberta Guidry

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Linda Kinney, John Walker and Bobbi Binder really enjoyed dessert!

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What I enjoyed the most about the Reagan Library tour: I would have to say first & foremost the pleasure of seeing so many of our members & friends making for a most enjoyable and memorable day. I'm glad I signed up even though I'm not a Republican, but then again, Reagan was once a Democrat! I had been to the Library many years ago when it first opened and the additions and improvements to the grounds were amazing. The setting could not be better and I'm sure President Reagan enjoys his view. Bobbi



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Our family of 8 enjoyed the tour with Irene S & John W. We were TOTALLY impressed with the Oval Office, tour inside Airforce1, the pieces of the Berlin Wall & World Trade Center, Historic Photos, Mementos & Gifts, and interactive displays, I would have loved to see Hal at the President's Podium giving a speech (with a few jokes)! Lunch was delicious! Just wish we had a dessert doggie box & 2 more days!!! It's on my bucket list to see ALL of the Libraries. Are there any Ski Slopes in Texas?? Linda Kinney

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I would like to share a few thoughts:

1. I admire the optimism that Pres. Reagan expressed in the face of huge obstacles
2. I thought his acknowledgement of heroic deeds accomplished by the common man was inspirational
3. The world is in as bad or worse shape now as it was then. Who or what will it take to change our current situation
4. Nancy was a powerhouse, and the woman behind the Pres. She tried to bring recognition of the drug problem. She was not particularly successful in turning the tide but did raise awareness. I am not really as impressed with her as I was with Laura Bush.
5. The trip was a great visit on memory lane. Teri Winston

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I am looking forward to seeing other Presidential Libraries and then researching "what is missing here" for each library. Jeanne Kinney

Thank you all for making The Reagan Library trip a success! Without each of you we would not have had this amazing experience.

June



February 11-17, 2012...

Ski North Shore Lake Tahoe...

Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, Northstar, Diamond Peak...and the list goes on!
With 6 nights lodging and NO air hassles or additional baggage charges skiing will be a breeze. Ski a different resort everyday, for up to 6 days, or pick your favorite and

spend the week. North Shore Tahoe ski resorts truly have skiing for everyone...and activities galore for those travelers who don't ski.

When planning your ski vacations for the coming season, think Tahoe for February. The details for this 'no weekend skiing' trip are being finalized NOW, and more information will be available at the September meeting. Can you guess the resorts below???



SLO Skiers - "Wine Downs" ??

You've heard of them! You know they exist! But where, when, what time??? Are you in the dark??? Feeling left out!?!?

The secret is out! Just come to the regular Wednesday night club meetings and get all the answers! These fun events are only announced at the meetings to get you to BE THERE!



Photos from the recent Wine Down at Jana Favalora's house.



Wednesday Night BBQ

September 21st at 5:00 PM - Hosted
by Spence Thatcher
Spyglass Park

What to Bring -

- Something to Share
- Your Favorite Beverage
- Something To BBQ

Bring a Chair and Something
Warm to Wear For After Sunset

Attention SLO Golfers!

TACO TUESDAY IS BACK FOR THE SUMMER

Set these date aside for Mar-
garitas and Golf - Tuesday
Evenings at Sea Pines Golf
Club

Tee time is 5 pm with dinner
and socializing around 7:15
pm

Golf cost \$9.50 - Located
at 1945 Solano Street—Los
Osos

Non-golfers are Welcome—Come out and
join the Fun!

Dates to Save - Final day September 13
See You There! - Bill Winston



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BEAVER CREEK, COLORADO ~ MARCH 10 THROUGH 17TH "RETURN TO THE OPULENCE OF THE EIGHTIES"

Are you as tired of this Recession as I am? For one week lets return to a happier time. Our weeklong out of State ski trip will be to beautiful Beaver Creek. For bargain prices we are staying at a four star condominium project that is ski in/out. If the reality of your finances, require you cook your meals, each unit has a full kitchen. The package includes a delicious farewell dinner. Each condo has three bedroom and three baths. The bedding will accommodate both couples and singles. No one has to sleep on the couch or in a loft. If you want the privacy of your own room, there is pricing available for that as well.



We have a meeting room for the week. Bring your cup of coffee down in the morning and check the sign-up board for the plans of the day. After you come off the slopes put your skis in your private locker and stop by the meeting room to check on the evening schedule. If you want to play cards in to the late hours you can do so without keeping your roomies awake. I made sure of this option, just for you, **John Welbourn**. Please look up the Highlands Condos in Beaver Creek on the internet. Included is baggage service so no "slocking" your luggage. That is a real plus for us single gals!

The package includes five out of six day lift tickets. The tickets are good as Beaver Creek's big sister resort, Vail. For the more adventuresome you may also choose to ski at Breckenridge, Keystone, or Arapahoe. The Resort at Beaver Creek was originally designed to accommodate folks like us. There are gentle groomed slopes in the Strawberry Park area. In fact, the Resort prides itself on its grooming. There are also rugged glades and bump runs at the Grouse Mountain area. Even **Barbara and Paul Collins** should have plenty of challenge on this mountain. For the snowboard crowd that went to Jackson last year there are four fabulous terrain parks and a Super-pipe. We will be having our annual Girls versus Guys race. I **promise** not to bug non racing ladies about participating. Maybe I will just concede victory to **Hal's men's team** up front. They have **won the trophy two years in a row!** Then again, **Fran Long** may be on this year's ladies team to help us out!

The hardest component for our trip is the air. During the lengthy negotiations involved in setting up the trip, Frontier Airlines opened up a route to Denver. We will all be on the same convenient afternoon flight. From Denver we will be bussed to our lodging property. That is directly to our lodging where our bags will be taken from the bus to our room. The same holds true of our return to reality at the end of the week. We don't leave until noon so there should be time for a St. Patty's day eye-opener held in our meeting room. Speaking of parties, there are three hosted parties. The tour operator, the lodging property and Vail Associates will host parties for the group. This will make the "**Dining Diva**", **Sharon Rosewall's** job much easier. This year's theme is the Opulent Eighties. Ladies, how about "channeling" *Alexis Carrington*, in Dynasty with the huge shoulder pads for our welcome party? Gentlemen think Miami Vice attire. Now head for the thrift stores, or maybe your own closet!

I wish I could tell you that the price would be the same as it was during the "Opulent Eighties", but that *is* fantasy. The price of the trip is \$1492.

If you choose to make installments (that darn recession) the installments will be due every meeting between now and February. The installment amounts will be: Sept. \$255. Oct. \$254. Nov. \$253. Dec. \$252. Jan. \$251. Feb. \$250. The installments take a lot more bookkeeping. You will be given a coupon book with the dates and payment amounts due.

I want as many of you as possible to go on this trip. What makes a trip special is the people on it. Please sign up. *Lauren*

It's Membership Renewal Time!

It's time to renew your membership for the upcoming year. Because we are no longer mailing out newsletters, you may complete your paperwork either way listed below.

Go to the SLO Skiers website. Print off and complete both the membership renewal and conduct forms. Include a check for \$40.00 for each renewing member and send to: SLO Skiers, Inc., P.O. Box 1047, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406.

Go to the September general meeting at the Elks Club and complete the forms and give completed forms and check to Jerry Arseneau, Membership Chairperson.

For those members who recruited a new member this past year, please complete both forms and note the name of the member you sponsored. Please remember in all cases to print information legibly, so that the membership roster and directory are correct. As all memberships are now due, the roster will be printed in October.

Thank you, Jerry Arseneau—Membership Chairperson

South County Vine and Dine Ride

Saturday, September 17th, the SLO Skiers bicycle group will be heading to south county for the annual vine and dine adventure. This ride will be about 25 miles long, taking riders through some beautiful south county wine country and gentle rolling hills. **Plan on arriving at the start point at 9:20 for a 9:30 AM ride.** We will be starting in Arroyo Grande, near the high school, on Orchard St. at the Assembly of God Church.

Plan for a safe ride...wear a helmet and bring plenty of water. You will also need money for lunch. We will be lunching at the Old Village Grill on the corner of Bridge St. and the main street through A.G. Village.

Non-bikers are always welcome to meet the group for lunch. We should be at the Old Village Grill around 1:00 PM.

As always, to sign up for this ride email your intentions...this time to John: jlong50@yahoo.com. Questions about the ride, email the same.



Far West Ski Association Travel and Benefits Program

Opportunities Abound!

Can't coordinate your schedule to go on a SLO Skiers ski or adventure trip? Looking for a different venue for your vacation? It's all about you and your travel desires. As a member of The Far West Ski Association, and you can take advantage of any and all discounts and travel packages offered. For details on any of the trips and benefits available to you, visit the FWSA website: www.fwsa.org. All you need to take advantage of the member benefits is your FWSA membership card. If you haven't received one, check in with SLO Skiers membership table at the next meeting to get your card. Far West Ski Association has openings on most of the trips listed below. Ski the world...see the world...make new friends around the globe with FWSA.

October 22-29, 2011	Roatan, Honduras	Dive Trip	\$929
Oct. 25-Nov. 9, 2011	New Zealand/Australia	Adventure	From \$3616
March 9-17, 2012	Chamonix, France	Ski Trip	From \$1191 without air
Mar. 17-25 or 31, 2012	Morocco	Adventure	From \$1225 without air
Jan. 28-Feb. 4, 2012	Jackson Hole, WY	Ski Trip	From \$995 without air

(Book this one through Central Council, not FWSA: www.centralcouncilskiiclubs.org for info.)



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October 2011

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