



**Newsletter of SLO Skiers, Inc.  
A Ski, Sport and Social Club  
June 2010**

June Meeting

June 2: Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Social @ 6:30 p.m. and General Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

SLO Kennedy Club Fitness

Tank Farm Rd. & Long St.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Looking forward to a great year

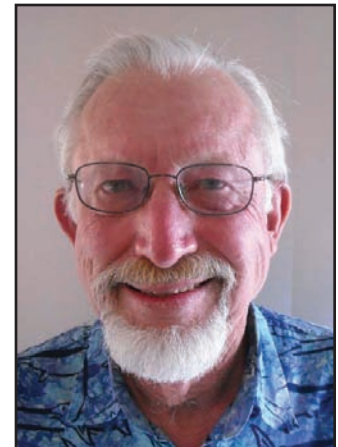
Fellow SLO Skiers:

I could not pen more words before first saying some thank yous. A big shout-out goes to Peter and June Ward for their combined work and dedication for two years of service. A bouquet for the past board for their work for a smooth transition to the new team.

We are at the start of summer and those activities such as hiking, biking, floating, camping, white-water rafting, golf and barbeques are upon us. There are so many people willing to donate their time to organize and monitor these activities. Yeah!

We have already enjoyed a successful golf event by Bill Winston, and by the time you read this, John Smith will have put on a great May barbeque at Tidlands Park in Morro Bay.

I sincerely feel that we will have a successful year not because of your computer-illiterate president, but because of the fine individuals in this club.



**Hal Rosewall**

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**President's Message (cont.):**

Ski Club will give to you what you are willing to earn. If you come to the meetings and do some of the activities, you will receive a great benefit.

Sincerely,

Hal Rosewall

### Happy Birthday to Members with June Birthdays



Barbara Collins 15<sup>th</sup>

Phil Manor 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ernie Davis 19<sup>th</sup>

George Mavrolean 10<sup>th</sup>

Rex Fitch 1<sup>st</sup>

Lauren Nagle 21<sup>st</sup>

Myra Wapner 23<sup>rd</sup>

Gail Guerra 24<sup>th</sup>

Daniel Phares 9<sup>th</sup>

Peter Ward 16<sup>th</sup>

Lloyd Kinney 1<sup>st</sup>

Hal Rosewall 15<sup>th</sup>

June Ward 15<sup>th</sup>

Diana Lovejoy 12<sup>th</sup>

Steve Seybold 13<sup>th</sup>

Sybil Wheeler 30<sup>th</sup>

## SLO SKIER OF THE MONTH

|                |  |                                     |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| April 2010     | Peter Ward   | Smooth transition to new board      |
| March 2010     | Lauren Nagle/Fran Long                               | Race Program/Telluride Trip Captain |
| February 2010  | Adam Corob   | Park City Trip Captain.             |
| January 2010   | June/Peter Ward                                      | Making It Happen                    |
| December 2009  | Pete Canassa   | "Mr. Dependable"                    |
| November 2009  | Noni Smyth & Botti Binder<br>Roberta Guidry          | Morro Bay Campout<br>Pray for Snow  |
| October 2009   | Hal Rosewall, Teresa Rice, Kathy<br>& John Welbourne | Turtle Auction                      |
| September 2009 | Pete Sarafian  | Captain of the Expo                 |
| August 2009    | Rich Romero  | Golf Tournament & BBQ               |
| July 2009      | Teri Wilson  | Mammoth Summer Trip                 |
| June 2009      | Steve Franks   | Storing Club BBQ                    |
| May 2009       | Jeanne Kinney  | Lake Santa Margarita Campout        |



Enjoying a great day of Margaritas and Golf at Sea Pines in May were, from left, Hal Rosewall, Sue Fowle, Mike Niblett, Joe Chufar (club founder) and Teresa Rice.

## ATTENTION SLO GOLFERS: TACO TUESDAY IS BACK FOR THE SUMMER



Set these dates aside for Margaritas & Golf.

Tuesday evenings at the Sea Pines Golf Club. Tee time is at 5PM with dinner and socializing about 7:15 PM. Golf cost \$9.50 and the club is located at 1945 Solano in Los Osos. Non-golfers welcome. Come out and join us for dinner.

DATES TO SAVE: JUNE15...JULY13...AUGUST10... and the final day ... SEPT. 14.

### GOLF IN NIPOMO AUG. 18!

There will be a golf event at Black Lake Golf Course in Nipomo, August 18.

Golf arrangement has been made for 24 players starting at 11 a.m. in a scramble format. The cost will be \$35, which includes a cart and all the range balls you can hit. We will be playing the Lakes and the Canyon. I will need to know how many players by August 4. Please call Rich Romero at 929-3186, or cell 448-6528, or email me at rjromero@att.net.

### CAMMATT A RANCH: BABY GOAT UPDATE



For those of you who were with us at Camatta Ranch, we have a good report on "Skier," the baby goat. Skier was rescued by young Carlo when he became trapped in a fence and has been recuperating in the ranch house. We understand he is doing well. Thanks again, Carlo.

Bev & Roy Gammill

## Summer Bike Rides have arrived!

Dust off those handlebars and join us for some fun trips! We've already had a good "warm-up" ride to Avila Beach on May 8, an easy 10- to 20-mile trip with breakfast at Fat Cats. Everyone had a great time!

If anyone wants to help plan a ride, please contact Fran Long, [fancat2007@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fancat2007@sbcglobal.net) and she'll help you set it up!

Join us for these upcoming events:

**June 24:** North Lake Tahoe Forest Ride  
(Central Council Float Trip Weekend)

**July 16-18:** Ojai to Ventura Ride and  
Campout

**Aug. 2:** Colorado River Trail Ride (Central  
Council Glenwood Springs Trip)

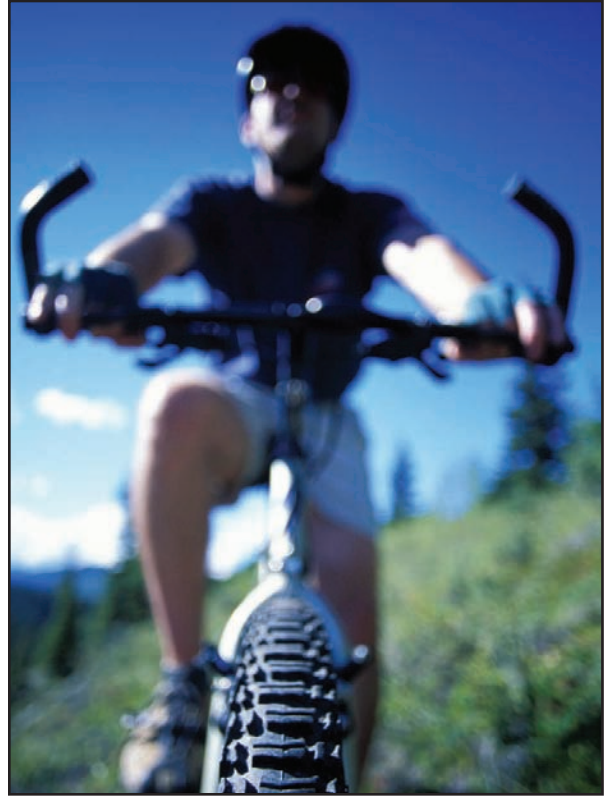
**Sept. 11:** South  
County Wine Ride

**Oct. 9:** Templeton Wine and Roses 50-mile Ride

**Nov. 6:** North County Wine Ride... weather permit-  
ting



Registration is open for the Templeton Wine and Roses ride in October. Go to the Templeton Chamber of Commerce website, [www.templeton-chamber.com](http://www.templeton-chamber.com) click on events and sign up!



## Dancers

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

## Bay to Breakers - Wild Times in S.F.

**Bay to Breakers**, a celebration of the active lifestyle and individual flair, was attended by 60,000 people, including three from SLO Skiers (Janet Leonhard and Brent Nolan, plus Erika Mininni). The chilly day did not discourage scantily clad runners of both sexes to choose style over warmth. The 12K race/walk/crawl from the Embarcadero to the Pacific Ocean in San Francisco is a top event every year.

The fun started already in the public transportation, with bananas, No. 2 pencils, ballerinas (male), devils etc. in overdrive to get downtown to join the serious runners. Erika covered the distance in three hours while the winner of the race made it in 34 minutes.

The sun did come out on Tuesday when Erika went up the tower of the new De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park to take a 360 degree peek of S.F. from the observatory, outfitted with 10-foot-high glass walls.

The food was great in North Beach, especially at the Mafia-frequented restaurants, reports Erika. Next event: Third Sunday in May 2011. See you there!



Erika, having fun.

## Ski bookings slightly up for 2009-10 season

DENVER, Colo. (May 21, 2010) - The final numbers for destination travelers to more than a dozen western mountain resort destinations have been tallied for the 2009-10 ski season, with year-over-year occupancy for the ski season up 1.4 percent and the average nightly rate down 5.8 percent.

The Mountain Travel Research Program (MTRiP) released their final winter season Mountain Market Briefing this week and their data revealed that January occupancy was up 1 percent, February was up 3 percent, and March was up 8 percent. April was flat compared to last year's business.

The group's data is derived from a sample of 265 property management companies in 15 mountain destination communities, representing 24,000 rooms across Colorado, Utah, California, and Oregon. It also measures transactions on the books for the upcoming six months, and MTRiP reported that advance bookings have improved considerably in the past 30 days, with year-over-year occupancy up nearly one percent and rate up 3.4 percent. The booking pace in April for arrivals in April through September is up 32.2 percent compared to last year.

"Although the occupancy increase remains quite small, we're seeing the first rate increases in some time," noted Ralf Garrison of MTRiP. "However, we saw a few hiccups in the upward climb to recovery due to low season 'softness' in both April and May and that serves as a reminder that recovery from the recession is weaker and more hesitant than hoped."

## Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Aug. 1-7

### Central Council's first adventure trip

Come for a day or two or the entire week! Enjoy a different activity each day, or you can skip the activity and enjoy your own adventure.

Getting there:

Transportation to Glenwood Springs will be on your own. Drive, fly or take the train!

Accommodations:

We will be staying at the Glenwood Canyon Resort, about a mile out of Glenwood Springs. The resort is on the Colorado River and there is a biking/walking trail into town.

You will be making and paying for your own reservations by contacting Glenwood Canyon Resort, 1-800-970-6737. You will need to tell them you are with Central Council and that you want to be with the group, near Fran Long. Visit their website, [glenwoodcanyonresort.net](http://glenwoodcanyonresort.net) to view the types of accommodations they have available.

#### Lodging choices include:

- Tent sites for \$26/night for up to four people.
- RV sites, full hookups for \$50/night.
- Camp cabins for \$65/night, sleeps four.
- Luxury cabins for \$229-\$249/night, sleeps 4-6.
- All rates are plus taxes.

Make reservations ASAP as sites fill fast for August.

#### Scheduled activities:

- Sunday, arrive and set up camp, etc.
- Monday: Bike the Colorado River Trail, Welcome Party later.
- Tuesday, Raft the Colorado River
- Wednesday: Adventure Park and Cave Tour
- Thursday: Organized hike
- Friday: Hot springs pool/visit downtown, farewell BBQ
- Saturday: Depart.

#### Required fee:

Adults: \$40, children 12 & under: \$25 (to cover parties & insurance)

Optional activities fees:

\* Half-day rafting trip – Adults, \$50, 15 & under, \$40

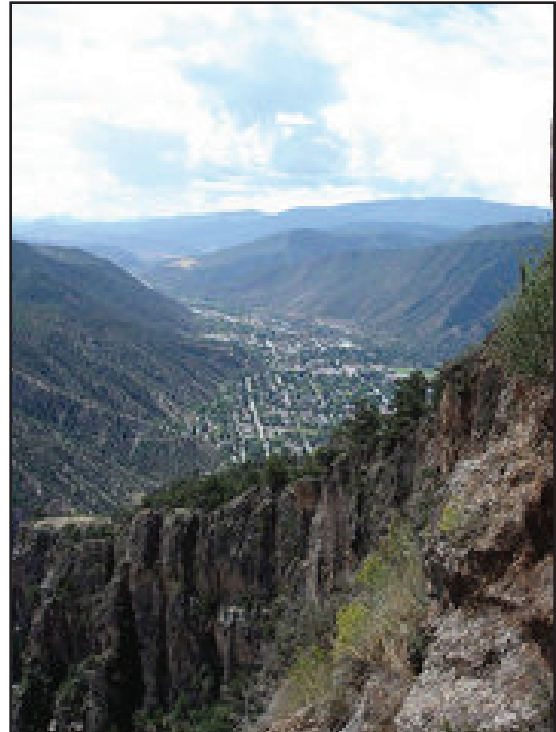
\*Adventure Park/Cave Tour – Adults, \$22, 12 & under, \$18

\*Hot springs pool/day – Adults, \$17, 12 & under, \$11.

Bike rentals are available at Canyon Bikes: [www.canyonbikes.com](http://www.canyonbikes.com) to make your own reservation. Priced by the hour, half-hour or full day.

Make checks payable to Central Council of California

Mail to Fran Long, 2561 Alameda Dr., Paso Robles, CA 93446



Glenwood Canyon

Questions? Need more info?

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

## Cache Creek River Rafting – Aug. 6-8

Don't miss out on this chance to join fellow SLO Skiers on a rafting trip on Cache Creek with Whitewater Adventures. The last day to sign up is June 3.

The trip includes two exciting days of rafting on two-person rafts (though a few four-person rafts are available), plus some great meals and entertainment. Cache Creek, out of Vacaville, is a Level 2-3 river flowing out of Clear Lake. Again this year, due to travel distance, we will have the advantage of using the camp's grounds the day before to set up our campsite.

Cost is \$149 for the rafting trip, plus \$15 for the Friday night camping. If you have questions, call or email me – quickly! – at 545-9657 or marvlus@sbcglobal.net.

Your captain, Marv Gross



## Central Council Annual Float Trip New location! (Good-bye Kelly's Beach!) June 24-27

Arrive Thursday, float on Friday (bring your own floater)

Bike Ride on Saturday (bring your own bike)

This year's float trip will be on the beautiful Truckee River in Tahoe City on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe. You can count on good friends and plenty of fun on this trip.

The cost of the trip will be just \$25, plus camping costs, and includes:

- Wine, beer and appetizer party Friday night
- Float transportation to and from the river
- Central Council required insurance

On your own:

- Bring a dish to share, something to BBQ, and your own drinks for Saturday night's potluck dinner.
- Bring your bike, float and camping gear
- Transportation and cost of camping NOT included
- 

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\* Campout trip with hotel lodging available upon request

\* Contact William Kent Campground to make your own camp reservation: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov), click, on camping, enter William Kent in "park or facility name", select dates, enter site choice (near site 89) and make your reservation!

Questions: Fran Long, [fancat2007@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fancat2007@sbcglobal.net), 805-712-5781

## Wildflowers amazing on hike

The SLO Skiers didn't exactly stampede to Montana de Oro State Park for the May 22nd hike. But Bobbi Binder joined Pete Sarafian for a brisk trip up the slopes to the top of Valencia Peak, the highest point in the park.

At over 1,350 ft. elevation, the views of the Pacific coastline were fabulous on this beautiful, sunny day. The exceptional display of wildflowers lit up the sides of the mountain in a shade of gold that must be why the park got its name. After a quick stop for



Pete Sarafian and Bobbi Binder at the top of Valencia Peak on May 22.

refreshments at the top and a picture, we departed for home.

The increasing wind chill proved too much for a long rest on the sum-

mit. However, the challenge and the scenery made the whole trip very worthwhile. You folks are missing a fabulous wildflower season this year if you aren't out hiking.

## 'Pray for Snow' really worked this year!

Roberta Guidry and her helpers did a VERY good job during last October's "Pray for Snow" dance. Not only did everyone have fun, but she apparently single-handedly extended the season! Read this report out of Utah late in May:

SNOWBIRD, UT - Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort confirmed May 21<sup>st</sup> that the Utah ski area will continue to offer lift-served skiing and riding through June 20 this year.

Previously scheduled to close Memorial Day, May 31, this announcement marks the second extension to the resort's ski season this year. If not extended further, this will make for 199 days of skiing and riding for the 2009-10 season at Snowbird, two days short of the resort's record 2004-05 season when the resort stayed open for 201 days until July 4. Snowbird's mid-mountain base currently stands at 117 inches with forecasts calling for flurries throughout the weekend.

"For the third year in a row, Snowbird has surpassed its annual average in snowfall with some incredible spring storms," said resort president Bob Bonar. "The coverage on the mountain is remarkable for this time of year, and we're thrilled to be able to offer high-quality skiing and riding well into June."



## First Barbeque!

The first SLO Skiers Barbeque of the season was a great success! Many SLO Skiers gathered at Tidelands Park in Morro Bay on May 19 for some food, fun and friendship.

Everyone brought wonderful food to share and the weather cooperated to make for a great gathering. The highlight of the day occurred when a seagull swooped down and grabbed Steve Seybold's wiener! (Hey! The one that was cooking on the grill – get your mind out of the gutter!)

Come out to the next barbeque on Wednesday, June 16 at Spy-glass Park in Pismo Beach.

## Helmets becoming mandatory on the slopes

According to a news report out of the Aspen Times, the trend is heading toward required use of helmets in ski resorts – at least for resort workers. The trend may spread. Here's the report:

ASPEN, COLO. -- Salaried employees at the Aspen Skiing Co. will be required to wear helmets while working on the slopes next season, company officials have decided.

The decision will affect more than 500 workers, from desk jockey types in the public relations department to mountain managers and ski-school directors, said Skico spokesman Jeff Hanle.

Many workers already voluntarily wear helmets while on the job on the slopes, he noted. Now it will be mandatory.

The Skico also expanded the rules for helmet use for ski-school students. Any student 17 years old and younger must wear a helmet. The previous policy required helmet use for anyone 13 and younger. Students of any age in a terrain park or halfpipe must also wear a helmet.

Starting next season, any instructor teaching an individual or a class that must abide by the helmet rule must also wear a helmet.

The decisions by the ski-area operators come at a time when helmet use is soaring among skiers and riders, both locally and nationally.

Last season, 57 percent of skiers and riders were wearing helmets while hitting the slopes of U.S.

ski areas, according to the latest annual survey undertaken for the National Ski Areas Association or NSAA, a Denver-based trade group. That was up from 48 percent the prior season and from 43 percent in 2007-08, according to the NSAA National Demographic Study. The study is compiled from interviews with about 130,000 skiers and riders over the course of the season.

Only one in four skiers and riders wore a helmet in 2002-03, according to NSAA.

The preliminary findings of the demographic study showed that 87 percent of children 9 and younger wore helmets while on the slopes last season as well as 75 percent of kids between ages 10 and 14.

On the other end of the spectrum, 70 percent of adults over the age of 65 wore a lid, the study showed.



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## Raffle Results from May 5, 2010 Meeting

| WINNER         | PRIZE                   | DONATED BY        |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Sharon Dillard | Samurai Sax CD          | The Gammills      |
| Linda Kinney   | Collapsing chair        | SLO Skiers        |
| Fran Long      | Cable lock              | Peter & June Ward |
| Phil Manor     | Flask                   | Lauren Nagle      |
| John Welbourn  | Wine stoppers & swizzle | Sara Medzyk       |

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.

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# June 2010

| Sun                     | Mon                        | Tues                                       | Wed           | Thurs  | Fri                     | Sat                     |
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| 13<br>FWSA Annual Conv. | 14                         | 15<br>Margaritas & Golf - Sea Pines 5 p.m. | 16            | 17   | 18                      | 19                      |
| 20<br>Father's Day      | 21<br>First day of summer. | 22   | 23            | 24<br>N. Lake Tahoe Forest Ride (Central Council Float Trip Weekend) | 25                      | 26                      |
| 27                      | 28                         | 29   | 30            |  |                         |                         |

# July 2010

| Sun                                       | Mon | Tues                                      | Wed           | Thurs | Fri                                       | Sat                                       |
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## Membership Renewal Form

Please circle the information you do NOT want published.

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

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