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CVSC SkiZette

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue

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FEBRUARY

- 10 CVSC Board meeting TBD
General Meeting TBD

MARCH

- 10 CVSC Board meeting at Dennie's
General Meeting TBD

APRIL

- 14 CVSC Board meeting TBD
General Meeting TBD

UPCOMING

- 7/19-31 CVSC Russia River Cruise (f) pg 6
8/21-28 CVSC Italy Bike & Barge (f) pg 7

2022:

- 1-22-29 CVSC Aspen Snowmass Ski Week, Snowmass, CO (f) pg 10
5/15-26 CVSC Bali trip (f) pg 9

BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: skibac.org

Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org

- 21-26 FWSA Mini Ski Trip to Zermatt, UT (f) pg 11
6/10-13 FWSA 88th Convention in San Diego, CA (f) pg 5

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

George Kish	3
Bruce Anderson	15
Bonnie Thompson	23
Elsa Wholey	27



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SkiZette Policy NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: 1st of the month

Articles submitted by this date will be included in the following month's newsletter.

Submit articles to:
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*Didn't get your newsletter? - Change of Address? -
PLEASE Contact Maggie Jong, VP Membership
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SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

I am looking for club members that might be brave enough to join me in South Lake Tahoe to ski at Heavenly and stay in my guest room.

If you are interested please call or text me at 530-417-3636

Laura Kelley

GREENHOUSE MARKET-PLACE

Do you do lots of canning (fruit — jams/jellies/preserves) and would like members to know about it — let me know & the word will go here!!!!

Are you blessed with culinary expertise (make pies, special desserts, etc) and would like to share?? Also, let me know!!!!

President's Message

Happy snow days everyone!!
Happy Valentine's Day!!
We have snow and we have sun so hope you all are doing what makes you the happiest and safest .. Super Bowl is here and it's Presidents' Day month as well, a busy month.



Claudia Fernandes
President

I again want to thank everyone that contributed to our fundraising drive. We collected over \$1800.00 for our charities and club so thank you again for your generosity..

We are looking forward to a better year ahead. I've heard from some of you that have been skiing, quite a new experience. But at least you have the opportunity if you choose to. Most European ski resorts are closed this year.

Travel we will see what is possible this year but we have hope and optimism, time, however will tell and we will keep you posted.

I want to let you know that we lost Jerry Svensson this year and I was told we also lost Norma Nixon last year. Our hearts go out to Sherna and Jack for their loss as we remember our fellow friends and skiers.

May the days ahead bring you joy as you stay connected with family and friends.

Stay safe and well...

Claudia



Things are looking up for travel in 2021 we are feeling really confident about the second half of this year. I'm sure there will be a lot of changes month by month now with the vaccines out.

WHAT'S NEW? SNOWMASS 2022: We have put together a ski trip to Snowmass in 2022. This will be a Castro Valley Ski Club Trip. We are going at the same time as the Sitzmarker's Ski Club, which is Wayne & Cindy's other club, lots of whom many of you know. With around 68 of us... should be a fun time. Lots being planned.

Look over the flyer and let me know if you have any questions. We only have 32 spots so if you're sending in your deposit email us and let us know.

Russia 2021: Things are looking good for our upcoming July Russian River Cruise. Regarding the Russian visas, I have been advised that this info will be sent around 90 days prior to our trip. (sometime in April). Because of how the visa works, our ground operator has to get invitations for the visas and then set up the process for you to be able to obtain them.

BIKE & BARGE 2021: Cycle along the River PO in Northern Italy, visiting celebrated cities of art, a prime nature reserve and charming rural hamlets. Relax at night on your private barge, enjoying the scenery. Your tour comes with all meals, guided tours of Venice and Mantua, a bike and helmet, and much more.

We have chartered the whole boat. One night in Venice before we board the boat has been set up. If you are interested in this trip please get in touch with us. We may have a cabin available.

BALI 2022: We are still taking signups for Bali in 2022, May 15-26. We already have 32 with deposits in so we MAY have room for a couple more.



Happy Skiing & Travels.....Tucker & Kathy

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Driving on Snow and Ice: Safety Tips

by Mac Demere, Contributor

The best tip for winter driving: Sometimes it's best to stay home, or at least remain where you are until snow plows and sanding crews have done their work.

1. **Get a grip.** To have adequate snow traction, a tire requires at least 6/32-inch deep tread, according to The Tire Rack. (New passenger-car tires usually have 10/32-inch of tread.) Ultrahigh-performance "summer" tires have little or no grip in snow. Even "all-season" tires don't necessarily have great snow traction: Some do, some don't.
2. **Make sure you can see.** Replace windshield wiper blades. Clean the inside of your windows thoroughly. Apply a water-shedding material (such as Rain-X) to the outside of all windows, including the mirrors. Make sure your windshield washer system works and is full of an anti-icing fluid. Drain older fluid by running the washers until new fluid appears: Switching fluid colors makes this easy.
3. **Run the air-conditioner.** In order to remove condensation and frost from the interior of windows, engage your air-conditioner and select the fresh air option: It's fine to set the temperature on "hot." Many cars automatically do this when you choose the defrost setting.
4. **Check your lights.** Use your headlights so that others will see you and, we hope, not pull out in front of you. Make sure your headlights and taillights are clear of snow. If you have an older car with sand-pitted headlights, get a new set of lenses. To prevent future pitting, cover the new lens with a clear tape like that used to protect the leading edge of helicopter rotor blades and racecar wings. It's available from auto-racing supply sites.
5. **Give yourself a brake.** Learn how to get maximum efficiency from your brakes before an emergency. It's easy to properly use antilock brakes: Stomp, stay and steer. Stomp on the pedal as if you were trying to snap it off. Stay hard on the pedal. Steer around the obstacle. (A warning: A little bit of steering goes a very long way in an emergency. See Tip 8.) If you drive on icy roads or roads that are covered with snow, modify your ABS technique: After you "Stomp" and the ABS begins cycling — you will feel pulses in the pedal or hear the system working — ease up slightly on the pedal until the pulsing happens only once a second.

For vehicles without ABS, you'll have to rely on the old-fashioned system: You. For non-ABS on a mixed-surface road, push the brake pedal hard until the wheels stop rolling, then immediately release the brake enough to allow the wheels to begin turning again. Repeat this sequence rapidly. This is *not* the same as "pumping the brake." Your goal is to have the tires producing maximum grip regardless of whether the surface is snow, ice or damp pavement.

6. **Watch carefully for "black ice."** If the road looks slick, it probably is. This is especially true with one of winter's worst hazards: "black ice." Also called "glare ice," this is nearly transparent ice that often looks like a harmless puddle or is overlooked entirely. Test the traction with a smooth brake application or slight turn of the wheel.
7. **Remember the tough spots.** Race drivers must memorize the nuances of every track, so they can alter their path for changing track conditions. You must remember where icy roads tend to occur. Bridges and intersections are common places. Also: wherever water runs across the road.
8. **Too much steering is bad.** If a slick section in a turn causes your front tires to lose grip, the common — but incorrect — reaction is to continue turning the steering wheel. That's like writing checks on an overdrawn account: It won't improve the situation and may make things worse. If the icy conditions end and the front tires regain grip, your car will dart whichever way the wheels are pointed. That may be into oncoming traffic or a telephone pole. Something very similar happens if you steer too much while braking with ABS.
9. **Avoid rear-tire slides.** First, choose a car with electronic stability control. Fortunately, ESC will be mandatory on all 2012 models. Next, make sure your rear tires have at least as much tread as your front tires. Finally, if you buy winter tires, get four.
10. **Technology offers no miracles.** All-wheel drive and electronic stability control can get you into trouble by offering a false sense of security. AWD can only help a vehicle accelerate or keep moving: It can't help you go around a snow-covered turn, much less stop at an icy intersection. ESC can prevent a spinout, but it can't clear ice from the roads or give your tires more traction. Don't let this lull you into overestimating the available traction.

Sandy Beecher, Safety Chair

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



88th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention

October 7 - 10, 2021

at the
San Diego Marriott Mission Valley

Hosted by the *San Diego Council of Ski Clubs*



San Diego Marriott Mission Valley

8757 Rio San Diego Dr, San Diego, CA 92108

Reservations www.marriott.com/sanmv or

call 800-228-9290, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association.**

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy —
\$159 per night

Room Registration Deadline September 13, 2021

Hotel Features

- Located a block from the San Diego River, near I-8 and I-805
- Stunning views and private balconies
- Heated outdoor Pool and whirlpool spa
- Private pool cabanas, a full bar and restaurant
- Restaurant & Lounge • Extensive concierge services
- Full-service business center, and notary public
- Fitness Center and jogging trail

Transportation

- Fly into San Diego International Airport (SAN)
- 8 miles to Hotel by taxi, bus, or Express Shuttle Service
- The hotel doesn't provide a shuttle service.

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction & Trade Show
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Public Affairs Panels
- Celebrity Speakers
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

• Thursday

- ° Sail around the San Diego Harbor
- ° Taste of San Diego Pub Crawl
- ° Aqua Adventures

• Friday

- ° 14th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at Riverwalk Golf Course
- ° Trolley tour La Jolla /Mt. Soledad Memorial
- ° Bike Ride by the Beach

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the US Adaptive Recreation Center Big Bear Co.

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July 19-31st, 2021- SOLD OUT



Price from \$5464

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- 32 Meals (11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 11 dinners)
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- Selection of complimentary drinks to accompany meals
- Variety of onboard entertainment
- All port charges included

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel Insurance
- Russian Visa

Make Checks payable to Castro Valley Ski Club (CVSC) Send payments to:

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CVSC BIKE & BARGE VENICE to MANTUA, ITALY



AUGUST 21-29, 2021

\$1,625 PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

INCLUDED:

- 8 day - 7 nights
- Unisex Citybike Bike & Helmet
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Coffee/Tea
- Guided visit in Venice and Mantua
- Visit a cheese factory w/ tasting of Grana Padano
- Visit Carousel & Street Entertainment Museum
- Boat Excursion in Mincio Park Nature Reserve

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare & Ground Transportation
- Tips
- eBikes available for \$100
- Beverages on board (alcohol, soda, etc.)



\$400 deposit per person made out to CVSC to get on waiting list

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FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION

ALASKA CRUISE—CORAL PRINCESS

June 23—30, 2021 ANCHORAGE/WHITTIER PORT TO VANCOUVER, BC

Per Person Rates:

\$1,274.00 INSIDE ROOM (2)	Category IB (Decks 5, 10, 11, 12)	\$799 3rd or 4th Person
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\$2,599.00 MINI SUITE (2)	Category MB (Decks 9, 12)	\$999 3rd or 4th Person
\$260.00 PORT FEES & TAXES PER PERSON		

INCLUDES:

- Welcome Cocktail Party
- \$25 per cabin credit (\$12.50/person)

www.princess.com to view staterooms

Sign up and book room and get the following FREE

—>Premium Beverage Package —>Wi-Fi —>Gratuities

APPROXIMATE VALUE: \$900 (based on stateroom) Sign up soon before the special ends

Princess Cruise lines has not announced when the Special will end

SHIP DEPOSITS: \$250 PER PERSON TO BOOK ROOM NUMBER

Check payable to "FWSA"

Send check to: Nancy Ellis, P.O. Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162

NO PENALTY TO CANCEL PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2021

CANCELTION PENALTIES BEGINNING MARCH 2, 2021

**Trip information: Contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net
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\$2999

May 15-26, 2022

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- TIPS & More.....



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- 2 nights in Ubud
- 2 nights in Candidasa
- 2 nights in Munduk
- 3 nights in Sanur
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Tanah Lot Temple at sunset
- Participate in a traditional Balinese purification ceremony in holy spring water (Sebatu Village)
- Traditional Balinese cooking class with a professional chef
- Visit to Bali Aga, home of Bali's original inhabitants
- Besakih Temple (the Mother Temple)
- Goddess of the Lake Temple (Ulun Danu)
- Waterfalls at Munduk



WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DEPOSITS

Travel insurance will be available on this trip;

- Basic plan \$179 per person
 - Upgraded plan CFAR \$329 per person (Cancel For Any Reason)
- Insurance premium is non-refundable.

Send your refundable \$300 deposit to:
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Castro Valley Ski Club
Presents



Ski 4 Mountains! Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk

2022 CVSC Ski Week Snowmass, CO
Jan. 22-29, 2022
\$1255

CV Package Includes:

- 7 Nights Lodging (dbl. occ.) at Top of the Village 2bd/2b **Deluxe** Condos
- Welcome Wine & Cheese Party
- Catered BBQ dinner
- Catered Mexican dinner
- 4 Day Senior lift ticket – 65 and older

Note: Aspen/Snowmass is on the Ikon Pass. If you have an Ikon Pass and don't need a lift ticket deduct \$212. If you are not a senior price of 4-day lift ticket is \$262. You can also upgrade to 5 or 6 day ticket.

Accommodations: We are staying at the Top of The Village Condos. These are true ski in and ski out condos, spacious, comfortable, well-appointed and beautiful! We stayed there on our last trip to Snowmass, and everyone loved the place.



note: air/transfers not included in this price

Send \$200 deposit to:
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"The Voice of the Western Skier"



Far West Ski Association's 2022 Mini Ski Trip March 20—25, 2022

Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa



TRIP PACKAGE PRICE STARTING AT

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Included:

Five night's lodging

- 2 Queen Alpine Room or
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Welcome Reception

Farewell Party

Happy Hours

Optional for Purchase:

- 1 or 2- day lift tickets Deer Valley & Park City Ski Resorts
- 1-day lift ticket Sundance Resort
- IKON Pass

Optional Activities:

- Crater Hot Springs
- Spa Services
- Hot Tubs
- Sleigh Rides
- Ice Skating
- Tubing





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Singles league racing:
slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm

Open league racing: olrc.org

Weather: nws.mbay.net/home.html

Best weather website for snow: Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com

Far West Racing Assoc: fwra.com

Web cams on the slopes: magnifyeye.com

Road conditions: 1-800-427-7623

Info on all ski areas: onthesnow.com

Take a bus to the slopes: nacski.com & tahoekitrips.com

Sierra webcam: sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/

SKIZETTE FOR FEBRUARY, 2021



No General meeting in February.

SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES

First With Safety Awareness Slogan award sponsored by:



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