Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter



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FEBRUARY

26-3/5	No General meeting FWSA Solden Ski Week in Austria (f) pg 12
	MARCH
9	Board meeting at Phylis'
16	General meeting TBD
20-25	FWSA Mini Ski Trip to Zermatt, UT (f) pg 6

Board meeting at Ray & Maggie's

APRIL

13 Board meeting at Anne's 20 General meeting TBD

UPCOMING

7/11-23 CVSC Russia River Cruise (f) pg 10

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5/21-6/1 CVSC Bali trip (f) pg 11

BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: skibac.org Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org

8/20-27 BAC Bike & Barge in Venice to Mantua, Italy (f) pg 13

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

George Kish	3
Howard Brunnings	4
Bruce Anderson	15
Bonnie Thompson	23
Steven James	27
Elsa Wholey	27



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Ski*Zette* Policy

DEADLINE: 5th of the month

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

Dennie Warren, Editor email: dennieluuu1@gmail.com

Didn't get your newsletter? - Change of Address? PLEASE Contact Maggie Jong, VP Membership
email: mozoro25@gmail.com



SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

I am clearing out my storage locker and would like to give away the following items – <u>ALL FREE</u>:

Assorted winter gloves/hats

Ski tuning vices (pair) and metal scraper

Men's Silver Giro ski helmet, size XL. It has extra pads for adjustments

Silver and black one-piece men's ski suit by Coulor, Size Large Pair of The Royal Shaft ski poles measuring 46" from top of handle to tip of poles. They have adjustable Velcro straps

Please contact me if you are interested in any of these items at: 510-908-9592 (cell) or at: d.steven.james@comcast .net

Steve James

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!!!!!

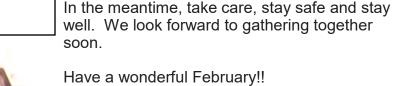
President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day everyone and hope your winter is bringing you many days of skiing and enjoying the snow.

We had a wonderful trip to Aspen Snowmass. Beautiful days overall cold and

crisp. Some snow, friends and fun... Experiences and surprises. Looking forward to more ski days ahead. Thank you, Kathy and Tucker, for putting this together.

We will start our general meetings in March hopefully. So stay tuned. Pat is also planning some spring get- togethers you will be hearing more in the next month or so.









We just got back from the CVSC Snowmass Trip. Skiing was great and we were able to gather for a few events in our condo. Covid restrictions were in place.

Well here we go again. We have had to postpone our Bali trip until May of 2023. I have notified everyone and they all are disappointed but all agree with the decision.

BALI 2023: TBD

Russia 2022: July 11-23

Russia is still a go for now. Most of the major cruise line will start their Russia cruises in May.

Christmas Market Cruise: Dec 2 - Dec 13, 2023

Just got the dates as I was writing this. These are fantastic dates! We already have 32 signed up for this trip. Don't delay if you're thinking about this river cruise.

FWSA Ski Week Jackson Hole: Jan 28, 2023– Feb 5, 2023 You will be able to sign up directly with Gail Burns, BAC Travel Director. More info as we get it.

FWSA Mini Ski & Snowboard Week: March 2023, Stay tuned... Big White, BC Canada



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

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Snowmass 2022











We had a great time, snow was fabulous!

Winter driving preparations is very important for staying safe in cold weather emergencies.

Items to put into your winter driving safety kit

- 1. Sturdy ice scraper and snow brush. This is one of the most crucial things to keep in your car during winter. Put an ice scraper and snow brush in your car as soon as the cold weather hits.
- **2. Shovel.** Buy a small or collapsible shovel to keep in your trunk. It will be useful if your car is stuck in snow or if you have to clear a path to drive.
- **3.** Gloves and other winter clothing. You have the snow brush and shovel, but now you need to actually use them. Wearing gloves and other warm clothing will make the task of clearing your car easier. Always be ready to bundle up to prevent frostbite! You'll do a better job of clearing your car when you're warm.
- **4. Blanket.** If you get stranded or get into a crash, it'll get cold fast, especially if your car won't turn on. You can't always rely on your car's heater, so keep warm with a blanket.
- **5. Emergency flares or reflectors.** Snow storms reduce visibility whether it's daytime or nighttime. Reflectors will help other cars and emergency vehicles see you if you are stopped on the side of the road.
- **6. Rock salt, sand, or kitty litter.** These coarse materials will help your tires gain traction if your vehicle is stuck in the snow.
- **7. First aid kit.** A first aid kit is crucial if someone is injured in a car crash. Although it's essential year-round, this is one of the most important things to keep in your car during winter because emergency vehicle response time may be slow if it's snowing.
- **8. Extra windshield washer fluid.** Make sure your windshield washer fluid has antifreeze components to prevent it from freezing. Clearing your windshield with fluid will improve visibility in a winter storm.
- **9. Flashlight.** It gets dark early in the winter. If you stall or get stranded at night, use the flashlight to find out what's wrong. It can also make you more visible to others on the road.
- **10. Rope or chain.** A tow chain is a great tool to get your car out of snow.
- 11. Small tool kit. You can fix minor vehicle problems with basic tools.
- **12. Cell phone charger.** Try to keep your phone charged before hitting the road, but always keep a cell phone charger in your car as well.
- **13.** Water and non-perishable snacks. If you get stranded, you may have to wait for assistance. The wait could be long if road conditions are bad. Storing water and snacks in

*These are all essential things to keep in your car during winter, but before you even hit the road, make sure you have gas and good wiper blades. Always keep a half-full tank of gas in your car during winter months and check that your wiper blades are in working order. You may also want to look into getting snow tires.

Contributions by Kane and Silverman

(article submitted by Sandy Beecher, Safety Chair)

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



FOUNDED 1930

Far West Ski Association's

2022 Mini Ski Trip

March 20-25, 2022

Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa



TRIP PACKAGE PRICE STARTING AT

\$550

Price does NOT include air or ground transportation

\$25 discount if you book by September 30, 2021

Included:

Five night's lodging

- 2 Queen Alpine Room or
- Queen Deluxe Alpine
 Room or
- 2-bedroom Villa

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



4-Star hotel and villa property with a full- service spa and wellness center, indoor/outdoor pool, hot tubs, 2 restaurants, a bar, and bakery, all on site. Resort is 45 minutes from Salt lake int'l airport; 11 minutes from deer valley ski resort, and 18 minutes from Park city mountain, sundance resort skiing is just 20 minutes away.

ENJOY A SOAK IN A 10,000- YEAR OLD CRATER HOT SPRINGS!

Contact: Gloria Raminha 661-800-8229 or 661-829-5996

Garski2011@gmail.com Nancy Ellis - 530-582-0566 or 530-414-8261

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Christmas Markets Along the Rhine Dec 2 - Dec 13, 2023

Pricing should be coming by the end of the month

Note: Beginning with 4/1/22 departures, you must be fully vaccinated—including a Booster Shot—against COVID-19 at least 14 days prior to your departure.

Switzerland: Basel

France: Kaysersberg, Riquewihr, Strasbourg

Germany: Baden-Baden, Speyer, Mainz, Koblenz, Cologne

The Netherlands: Nijmegen, Amsterdam

COUNTRIES: 4 CITIES: 11 DAYS: 12

10 NIGHTS ABOARD THE RIVER HARMONY

note: The pre-& post trip extensions may be switched depending on which way boat is traveling

PRE-TRIP EXTENSION:

Basel, Switzerland

POST-TRIP EXTENSION:

Brussels & Bruges, Belgium

What's Included:

Round Trip Air and transfers

Accommodations for 10 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access now in all common areas and cabins

ALL meals: 10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 10 dinners—plus all onboard house beer & wine, (all day) as well as soft drinks, coffee, tea & water.

7 included tours with personal headsets, up to 7 Christmas markets, and 4 Exclusive Discovery Series events—Home-Hosted Kaffeeklatsch • German Christmas Traditions conversation • Stollen baking demonstration • Operation Market Garden conversation

Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive: These dedicated experts are with you and your group of travelers from beginning to end to provide insider's knowledge and a local perspective

Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers

Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

All port charges

Dec 2 – Dec 13, 2023 departure. Everyone wanting to do this cruise in 2023 will want our departure date. The earlier date is before Thanksgiving and the later date is probably too late for many travelers especially groups, so we expect this date to sell out...

Below are instructions so you can pre-reserve for 2023.

Maybe it's the sight of medieval landscapes glittering with colorful lights, or the familiar, heartwarming melodies of "Silent Night" and "O Christmas Tree" sung in their original German. Or maybe it's the excitement of the traditional *Christkindlmarkt* (Christmas market), brimming with handmade toys and ornaments, and filled with the delicious aromas of freshly baked cookies and warm mulled wine. For many, visiting the Christmas markets along the Rhine River is simply the most satisfying way to experience the holidays. This festive Grand Circle River Cruise is a wonderful gift to yourself that will remain a treasured holiday memory for years to come.

Here's how you can pre-register for this cruise:

- -Call Grand Circle Cruise Lines Reservations (1-800-221-2610)
- -Mention you'd like to pre-reserve for *Christmas Markets Along the Rhine* (2023) with the Castro Valley Ski Club.
- -Mention Group Code G3-25848
- -Deposit is \$500 per person: This deposit is 100% refundable until prices are finalized.

100% *Refundable Deposit*: Deposits are fully refundable until a pre-reservation is confirmed to a live reservation on the departure date that the group has selected.

Risk-Free Booking Policy Extended, when you book a NEW 2022 or 2023 reservation of ANY Grand Circle trip by 3/30/22, you can transfer to another departure date for any reason—up until 24 hours prior to your original departure—and we will waive any change fees.

Grand Circle Reservations is open 6 days/week.

Hours: Monday-Friday: 6am to 4pm PT

Saturday: 6am to 2pm PT

We will monitor all pre-registrations and will be sending out more info on final pricing & air as soon as we get it, probably not until the end of Feb. 2022

We hope you'll be joining us on another fantastic trip!

Tucker & Kathy Castro Valley Skí Club Travel

> Cell 510-329-4242 Email: tkhoffmann@comcast.net

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"The Voice of the Western Skier"



89th Annual

Far West Ski Association Convention

June 9 - 12, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Portland Columbia Riverfront



Hosted by the Northwest Ski Club Council

Holiday Inn Portland - Columbia Riverfront

909 N Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR 97217

Reservations:

Call 1-503-283-4466, Group Name: Far West Ski Association.

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy —

\$154 per night

Room Registration Deadline May 10, 2022

Hotel Features

- · Located on the Columbia River
- Breathtaking views of Mt. Hood & Mt. St. Helens
- · Outdoor Pool and jacuzzi
- Riverside deck for Friday Night Happy Hour
- · Restaurant & Lounge · JB's Night Club
- Business Center
- Fitness Center

Transportation

- · Fly into Portland International Airport
- 12 miles to Hotel via Uber, Cab. Red/Yellow Max Line

Convention Highlights

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

Optional Activities

- Thursday
 - ^o Mt. Hood Adventure
 - ^o Pub Crawl in Downtown Vancouver
- Friday
 - ° 15th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 - ^o Rike Ride
 - Wine Tour
- o Pool Party

Debbi Kor FWSA Convention Chairperson fwsadebbi@comcast.net 503-314-7078 Mary Olhausen Silent Auction/Travel Expo Manager omary52@comcast.net 503-880-7383

Sheri Parshall Host Council Coordinator cougskier@aol.com 503-706-0522

A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

www.fwsa.org

Castro Valley Ski Club

Presents

Russian River Cruise with Emerald Waterways

Moscow • Uglich • Yaroslavl • Goritsy • Kizhi • Mandrogi • St. Petersburg

July 11-23, 2022



Price from \$5464

Includes:

- · RT Air from SFO & LAX
- 32 Meals (11 breakfasts, 10 lunches and 11 dinners)
- · Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Fully escorted by an English-speaking Tour / Cruise Director
- Eleven-night cruise aboard the MS Rossia
- · All gratuities onboard and onshore
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- Personal listening device for excursions
- Visits to many UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- 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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Email: tkhoffmann@comcast.net

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2023 Castro Valley Ski Club presents

Breathtaking Bali

May 21-June 1, 2023



\$2999

Your tour of Bali includes:

- Round-trip international airfare from LAX or SFO
- · Airfare taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- Ground transportation in an air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations at first-class hotels and beach resort
- 15 meals: 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 2 dinners (looking to add more)
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours with admission fees as paritinerary
- Professional, English-speaking Tour Director throughout
- · Refillable water bottle provided at the start of the tour
- Tips & More

Travel Insurance:

- Basic plan \$179 per person
- Upgraded plan to Cancel For Any Reason, \$329 per person, due with or prior to final payment. Insurance premium is non-refundable

Single occupancy supplement is \$499

Send \$300 per person refundable deposit to:

Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director 2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550 925-371-1910 or 510-329-4242 <u>tkhoffmann@comcast.net</u>

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HOLIDAZE SEI TOURS:

FWSA 2022 Solden Ski Week & Black Forest Region Extension



Basic Ski Week: Feb. 26 – Mar. 5, 2022 (depart US Feb 25th)



You will enjoy 34 lifts taking you up 3000 meters. Attention James Bond Fans...be sure to visit the 007 Elements cinematic experience inside the summit of Gaislachkoal mountain! Optional Extension March 5 - 11, 2022

The largest ski resort in the Otztal Valley and the Austrian hospitality is incomparable!





BIG 3 - Think BIG, Think SOLDEN!

Solden is Austria's first resort offering three mountains peaks beyond 10,000 ft.

BASIC TRIP Land Package: The 4* TYROLERHOF Hotel (Not including Air Transp. or Lift Tickets)

- Approximate lodging package costs starting at \$1998.00 per person based on double occupancy
- Pricing is based on exchange rate of 1.20 USD vs. 1.00 Euro subject to change
- Basic land package pricing is based on a min. of 65 people & the Extension pricing is based on a min. of 34 people subject to change if requirements are not met. All local taxes are included
- Single Supplement and Upgraded rooms are available quantities are limited

Land Package Includes:

- > All airport ground transfers with Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival
- > 7 nights' accommodations breakfast and dinner daily at hotel
- > Free Wi-Fi in hotel and Complimentary use of Wellness Center
- > Complimentary 2-hour Mountain Tour 1th day of skiing. (Be sure to select skier level on registration form groups of 12)
- > Welcome/Orientation at the hotel with Tourist office, ski area and ski guide representatives
- > Local guide at the hotel each evening for 1 hour
- > Optional Day Tour, Mid-week Après Ski Party, and Farewell Party with light snacks details to be provided

Air Transportation Information - It is HIGHLY recommended to use FWSA air transportation!

- Group Air SFO & LAX air transportation
- > Stand Alone Trip Air contact Debbie Stewart
- > Alternate airport and/or post trip deviations are available (they are limited)

'Air prices DO include estimated Fuel surcharges, Taxes, and current Exchange Rate – subject to change.

If you are arranging your OWN flights but wish to take the FWSA bus transfers, you MUST coordinate your flight schedule with the FWSA group air schedule. No special alternate pick-up or drop offs by the bus will be permitted.

Make checks out to: Far West Ski Association (FWSA).
Please reference "FWSA 2022 Solden/Black Forest" on each check.

Send to: De

Debbie Stewart FWSA VP of Int'l Travel 430 S. Church St. Visalia, CA 93277

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Extension trip to the Black Forest Region, Germany - March 5 - 11, 2022

Approx. Land Package - Double Occ. = \$1709.00pp & Single Supp. = \$2169.00

A Stand-Alone trip is available! (No Solden)
Discuss the Stand-Alone trip details with Debbie Stewart, VP of Int'l Travel



Experience Local Culture



Create New Memories With Friends, Old and New!



FREE TIME
TO EXPLORE!



Enjoy Regional Cuisine



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The Black Forest Region in Germany is one of Europe's hottest destinations—and for good reason! Beyond the stunning landscapes and bustling cities lies a rich culture just waiting to be explored!

Black Forest Trip includes:

- Transfer between Sölden and Titisee/Neustadt via Lindau on a private coach
- · English speaking guide throughout the tour
- Pricing is based on exchange rate of 1.20USD vs. 1.00 Euro subject to change
- Stay for 5 nights at the 4 Star Hotel Maritim

https://www.maritim.com/en/hotels/germany/titiseehotel-titisee-neustadt/hotel-overview

- · Breakfast buffet daily
- Visit Freiburg & Triberg towns with the tour manager
- Guided city tour of Colmar with local guide and time at leisure in Kayersberg
- · Guided city tour of Heidelberg and entrance to Heidelberg Castle
- Guided city tour of Straßbourg and entrance to Straßbourg Cathedral
- Transfer by motorcoach to Frankfurt with a guided city tour of Frankfurt with overnight at 4 Star NH
 Frankfurt airport Hotel. https://www.nh-hotels.de/hotel/nh-frankfurt-airport
- All local taxes

Make checks out to: Far West Ski Association (FWSA).

Please reference "FWSA 2022 Solden/Black Forest Region Trip" on each check.

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ITINERARY

1-Arrive in Venice. Board after 4.30 PM. Overnight in Venice 2-Guided visit of Venice with a free afternoon. Overnight in Venice 3-Cycle Lido and Pellestrina islands (30 km). Overnight in Chioggia 4-Cycle to Po Delta Nature Reserve (40 km). Overnight in Adria 5-Cycle to Ferrara (35 km by bike + 35 km by bus). Overnight in Zelo 6-Cycle to Bergantino-Governolo (50 km). Overnight in Mantua 7-Cycle Mantua lakes (35 km). Overnight in Mantua 8-Check out by 9.00 AM



August 20-27, 2022

BAC Trip Leader: Karen Albrecht 712 Matsonia Drive, Foster City, CA 94404 650-515-9532 iplaythird@yahoo.com

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
- Visit a historic glass factory on Murano Island

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare & Ground Transportation
- Tips eBikes available for \$120
- Beverages on board (alcohol, soda, etc.)
- Ticket for public transportation in Venice and lagoon (we suggest the ACTV 72h-ticket, 40 €)





2021/2022 Avid Skiers in Control

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WEBSITES & PHONE NUMBERS

Singles league racing:

Siracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm

Open league racing: olrc.org

Weather: nws.mbay.net/home.html

Far West Racing Assoc: fwra.com

Web cams on the slopes: magnifeye.com

Road conditions: 1-800-427-7623

Info on all ski areas: onthesnow.com

Best weather website for snow: Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com

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

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

SKIZETTE FOR FEBRUARY, 2022



There will be 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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