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CVSC SkiZette

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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DECEMBER

- 5 CVSC Christmas Dinner at Crow Canyon Country Club
12 CVSC board Christmas party at Jim & Karen's

JANUARY, 2013

- 9 CVSC board meeting at Ralph's
16 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's
26-2/2 CVSC Ski Week at Crested Butte, CO

FEBRUARY

- 13 CVSC board meeting at Dave's
20 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's

UPCOMING

- 3/17-19 Mammoth Ski Trip (f)
9/18-10/3 Borneo Adventure

BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: skibac.org

Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wendell Jeong	5
Dan Green	5
Christine Noutsios	11
Dennie Warren	13
William Sunnergren	20
Jimmy Nicholls	21
Pamela Nicholson	23
Kristi Shehan	23
Eva Lanphear	27
Daniel Brown	28
Steve Tadevich	30



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SkiZette Policy NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: last week of the month

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

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***Didn't get your newsletter? - Change of Address? -
PLEASE Contact Dave Silva, VP Membership
email: silvadave@yahoo.com***

Racers,

Weather is coming in and the snow is starting to fall. So, what is it going to be? In the winter of 2010-2011 we had too much snow. The winter of 2011-2012 brought too little snow. If this evens out, the winter of 2012-2013 will be the “**Goldilocks Winter**” with just the right amount of snow...so says **Dennis Hefley**, BAC president. Well, I hope Dennis is right. **It is late November, and weather is coming in with a vengeance!**



Keith Wilson
Race Director

So, what does this have to do with Open League, racing. The first event is a clinic at **Northstar on Sunday, December 16th**. Some of the racers already know. If you are planning to sign up, this could be news. The first race weekend is at **Alpine Meadows January 5th and 6th**. Then another race weekend **January 12th and 13th at Squaw Valley**. This is followed by **Race 3 and 4 at Northstar, January 26th and 27th**. Look out January, here we come!

Check out the new Open League Race Committee website at (<https://sites.google/site/openleagueracing>). It has been redone, and is a great source of league information.

Racing is fun. Anyone can participate. There are three age groups for men and woman, and 10 experience levels in each age group. Classes 1-5 are advanced. Classes 6-10 are intermediates. Three race courses are set up for each race: advanced, intermediate, and low intermediate. There is a beginner course, too. If you are thinking about racing, come up for one of the race weekends. For \$20 you can race. If you like it, the \$20 goes against your sign-up fee.

And, remember, **Members that are interested in joining the Castro Valley Ski Race Team are eligible for a Free Membership for the following year. All you need to do is participate in 75% of the team races. See you on the mountain!**

Keith

Websites of interest: <https://sites.google/site/openleagueracing> For resort info: www.skinorthstar.com and www.skialpine.com and www.squaw.com/. Check out the road conditions at 1-800-427-7623 (Caltrans).

President's Message

A Word from our VP

Hello All,

I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday - living in California, in the Bay Area and being a member of Castro Valley Ski Club gives us all a lot to be grateful for. Now what we would all like to be thankful for is a big, big dump of snow in the Sierras (and the Rockies, too, for that matter). The skis are tuned (thanks, Dan) and the ski clothes have been brought out of the closet, quite a few members have purchased season tickets to their favorite ski areas, we're all doing lots of squats and leg exercises - WE'RE READY!!!



Karen Wehrman
President

Until then, though, we must celebrate the upcoming Christmas holidays - and I know a terrific way to do just that. Pat Green has planned a lovely, elegant Christmas party for us on Wednesday, December 5, so I hope you will be attending and I'll see you there.

For everyone who attended the annual Auction Night, your participation was greatly appreciated. There were many wonderful items auctioned off and it was a very fun evening. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated a great item and Thank You, too, to all who bid on the items. A portion of the proceeds will be used to purchase a new piece of adaptive equipment for Disabled Sports USA, so every donation is important and going to a very good cause. One thing that I always bring away from this annual event is just how talented and generous our members are. It is a wonderful thing!!!

Arrangements can still be made for the Mammoth Mountain trip next March, so let Jim Silva know if you would like to go, and he will get all the information you need to you so you can join lots of other members for a great three days of skiing.

So, I hope I will see you at the Christmas party on the 5th, so I can wish you a very Merry Christmas in person. If you can't make it to the party, I will wish you the same right here - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

I hope your holidays are filled with warm and happy times, much merriment with friends and family, and lots and lots and lots of SNOW!! Do your part and THINK SNOW!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Karen

Hot stuff for Dec Skizette

Well, I hate to watch a grown man beg, so I'll step in here a bit on behalf of our race director, Keith. He took up the job right after joining our club, an avid racer himself. He has been very forthcoming with information regarding the next Open League racing season, and reminding us that in past years CVSC has been a real force, sometimes dominating, in league racing. We used to have more participating even since I've been in the club.



Ron White
Vice President

Things do change in racing interest. Many of our current members raced a lot in past years, but either tired of not advancing in ability, or tired of the delays in having a go. Many showed to be a lot more skilled than I in the occasional FWRA trip races, so I know a lot of ability is out there.

I'd just like to point out some obvious issues that you may not have considered. One, there are many classes of skill, eleven in fact these days, from 0 through 10. So class racing can be pretty close, and therefore more fun. And of course there are age classes, and mature grownups can opt for the "Veteran" classes or not in Open League (a must in Sierra League if you qualify). Sometimes "vets" are faster!

Though I have heard old horror stories of long delays and wasted time, in recent years (the last six I have raced) this has not been common. And racers get special prices on day tickets. Plus, you DON'T have to make every race, unless you're VERY competitive about winning season medals. You can go out when the weather and conditions are nice, and when you feel like it. Keith is not going to badger you. The emphasis, from everyone on the course, is to have fun. Why else?

Regards,

Ron

Open League Race Schedule 2012 – 2013 (As of September 25, 2012)*

Date	Day	Location	Event
Dec 6, 2012	Thurs	Northstar	Carving Cup
Dec 16, 2012	Sun	Northstar	Clinic*
Jan 5, 2013	Sat	Alpine Meadows	Race 1 –GS
Jan 6, 2013	Sun	Alpine Meadows	Race 2 – TBD
Jan 12, 2013	Sat	Squaw Valley	GS (Sierra/Singles League) **
Jan 13, 2013	Sun	Squaw Valley	TBD(Sierra/Singles League) **
Jan 19 –21, 2013	Sat – Mon	No Open League Races (Clinics at Boreal)	MLK Weekend/ Clinics by Sierra League
Jan 26, 2013	Sat	Northstar	Race 3 – SL
Jan 27, 2013	Sun	Northstar	Race 4 –GS
Jan 26-Feb 2	Sat-Sat	Crested Butte, CO	CVSC Ski Trip
Feb 2-9, 2013	Sat-Sat	Aspen/Snowmass, CO	Far West Ski Week
Feb 16 – 18	Sat –Mon	No Open League Races	President's Weekend
Feb 23, 2013	Sat	Northstar ***	Super G Clinic (Sierra Lg)
Feb 24, 2013	Sun	Northstar ***	Super G (Sierra League)
Mar 9, 2013	Sat	Alpine Meadows	Race 5 – SL
Mar 10, 2013	Sun	Alpine Meadows	Race 6 – GS
Mar 16-17	Sat-Sun	TBD	Clinics*
Mar 23, 2013	Sat	Northstar	Race 7 – GS
Mar 23, 2013	Sat	Location TBD	Open League Awards Party
Mar 24, 2013	Sun	Location TBD	Race 8 – Possible Make- Up
Apr 5	Fri	Alpine Meadows	Pacesetters/Clinic
Apr 6	Sat	Alpine Meadows	Far West Champs
Apr 7	Sun	Alpine Meadows	Far West Champs

* Check Open League Website for updates/clinics
(<https://sites.google/site/openleagueracing>)

** Check the Singles League Website for more information

*** Sponsored by Sierra League, Check their website for more information

CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB
PRESENTS...
MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN
MARCH 17TH, 18TH, AND 19TH.



CVSC IS GOING TO MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN.
WE WILL BE ARRIVING SUNDAY MARCH 17TH, AND STAYING THRU
TUESDAY NIGHT MARCH 19TH, DEPARTING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES LODGING AT THE MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN INN, AT
THE FOOT OF THE SLOPES, AND TWO DAYS LIFT TICKETS.

THE PRICES LISTED BELOW ARE **PER PERSON - DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**.

THREE NIGHTS ROOM & 2 DAYS LIFT TICKETS PER PERSON - DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	REGULAR	SENIOR
STANDARD QUEEN (ONE QUEEN BED) TWO PEOPLE	310	290
STANDARD DOUBLE (TWO DOUBLE BEDS) TWO PEOPLE	310	290
SUPERIOR QUEEN (TWO QUEEN BEDS) TWO PEOPLE	355	335
DELUXE KING (ONE KING BED) TWO PEOPLE	405	385
DELUXE LOFT (ONE KING - ONE QUEEN IN LOFT) FOUR PEOPLE	295	275

IF YOU WANT A ROOM TO YOURSELF, DOUBLE THE PRICE ABOVE AND
SUBTRACT \$141 FOR A REGULAR OR \$120 FOR A SENIOR. (THE PRICE OF A
TWO DAY GROUP LIFT TICKET).

IF YOU WANT TO ADD A DAY TO YOUR LIFT TICKET YOU CAN DO THAT
WHEN YOU BOOK YOUR PACKAGE. ADULT (19-64) ADD \$45, SENIOR (65-79)
ADD \$38

WE HAVE NEGOTIATED THIS GROUP PRICE AND NEED AN IDEA OF HOW
MANY PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN THIS TRIP TO LOCK THESE PRICES IN.

THE SOONER WE RESERVE THE ROOMS, THE BETTER CHANCE OF GETTING
THE ROOM THAT YOU WANT. SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN GOING, AND WHICH ROOM YOU WOULD LIKE.
WE WILL RESERVE A SPOT FOR YOU, AND FORWARD YOU THE CONTACT
INFO, SO YOU CAN BOOK YOUR PACKAGE DIRECTLY WITH THE RESORT.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SKI WITH OUR SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA MEMBERS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE
ON THIS TRIP.

Jim Silva, V.P. of weekend trips email: jpsilvaconstruction@yahoo.com

Travels to New Zealand/Australia
CVSC 16 Oct. thru 5 Nov., 2012

G'don ya mates!

We departed LAX at 1145PM for a 14 hour flight to Brisbane & then turned around 2 hours later for a flight to Auckland, NZ. We arrive ~ 430 their time for cocktails & dinner. Our tour bus driver recommended The Occidental for their delicacy, green lipped mussels. About 25 of us descended there for dinner! (Not all tried the mussels).

Friday; Auckland is preparing to host an International triathlon meet this weekend & our hotel was crowded with very buff athletes from around the world. We had a bus tour of the city, visited a Maori museum with entertainment & learned their salutation (Kia ora) & saw the war dance, The Haka! We were free to tour the city that PM & Tracy, Debbie, Sharon & I found an Irish pub that sold "pint & a pie" for \$20!!! (a real bargain). Some of us later toured the maritime museum that housed the NZ winning Americas cup yacht in 2000. That eve we had a hosted dinner at the hotel. Many of us were also introduced to "flat white", a coffee similar to cappuccino, but less bitter.

Saturday we left Auckland in a small quaint village on Lake Waikaremoana. About a Spreight tavern, their local beer, food. There was a Jazz Fest in there was music, including a ga-joyed the city since our all day poned due to a road slip



drizzle & flew to Queenstown, a katipu, & surrounded by The Re-dozen of us had lunch at a nearby watched rugby & enjoyed delicious zebo at the park. That PM we en-trip to Milford sound was post-(landslide)..

Sunday, we crowded into the 42 Church & sang at their gospel ride or did a 4-wheel drive into Skippers canyon. About a dozen of us toured the nearby park, leaned about lawn bowling from some very congenial Kiwis, & TJ & Barbara brought up to a picnic table some wine & nibbles to be enjoyed by us & several new local friends. The spring flowers were just beginning so Steve was constantly busy, chased by Dave & Dean, & others for some great photos. That evening we boarded a coal fired 1920's boat & had dinner at Walter Peak sheep station, once a 2000 acre paddock (ranch). We watched sheep shearing & learned that belly fur from a bushy tailed possum is used in combination with merino wool to make some very warm sweaters, ask Olga who bought one! On the way back to Queenstown they had a piano on board along with a booklet of songs, & Christina happened to have her own music to begin us off.



Monday we were out of the hotel at 645 for our bus tour to Milford Sound national park. We returned that night at 7:30 but every mile was photo op after photo op. On our return trip, Wayne, our driver, brought along a





DVD of “The fastest Indian”, a 2005 movie, starring Anthony Hopkins. It was about Burt Monro of nearby Invercargill, who broke the land speed record at Bonneville in 1967 on a 47 year old Indian motorcycle!



Tuesday we left Queenstown for a ride to Dunedin via Coronet peak, Arrowtown, an old gold mining town, replete with a Chinese settlement, a bungee jumping bridge, Mrs. Jones’ farm for fresh fruits where she gave me grapes & other goodies since I said a few words to her in Greek. She immigrated 35 years prior.

We arrived in Dunedin in time for dinner, many going to the “Quad”, at city center. Some learned that the best money exchange was at the casino, which was within our hotel. The next morning we had a bus tour of the city, visited Olveston house, a majestic Victorian overlooking the city. Dunedin was founded by Scottish Presbyterians & did itself well with the gold rush monies. The main building at the University of Otago & the elaborate train station were examples of the opulence.

Some took the optional tour of the Otago peninsula & albatross colony, others shopped & I visited the College of Pharmacy where my host is doing research on the bushy tailed possum, trying to find ways to curtail its reproduction as well as its 23 species of cousins!

After breakfast the next day we boarded the bus to Fairlie via Mt. Cook & took many pictures of the “Southern Alps”. We think we saw nearly all of the 35 million sheep that call NZ their home! Some farms have turned to raising dairy cattle for powdered milk production because back in ’98 the EU wouldn’t allow importation of NZ lamb since they were not part of the EU !!! (They have since relented).

That afternoon we arrive to meet our farm host families, all gracious ladies, who prepared a similar meal for all of us, including lamb, roasted kumara (sweet potatoes), a dessert called “Pavlova”---yummy! They also prepared a liquid mint sauce for the lamb, rather than our traditional mint jelly. Tracy & I, along with Olga & Buddy, stayed with the O’Connells on their 200 acre site with a 1920’s built beautiful home & 70 head of red tailed deer, 70 beef cattle, 35 orphan lambs, & more.

Friday we drove from Fairlie, via Geraldine, once a flax producing center until 1991, & arrive in Christchurch, devastated by the Feb. 2011 earthquake. Much of the CBD (central business district) is in the process of being demolished. Many 12 to 14 storey buildings are vacant & cannot be inhabited. They used their resourcefulness to construct a shopping area nearby built of modified cargo containers for shops, banks, & restaurants! That afternoon, we boarded a plane & headed west to Melbourne, flying for 3 hours but arriving there with a one hour time difference!



Saturday we have a great 3 hour bus tour of the city of over 4 million people, visit the impressive War Memorial, visited the Queen Victoria market (a flea market) that was huge. The city is very safe, clean & crowded with weekend tourists from all over the world. We happened upon a wonderful car show, saw Parliament house where the center of gov’t was





before being moved to Canberra. That PM some of the group took the optional tour to Phillip island to see the Fairy (wee) penguins, returning at dusk from their day at sea.



Sunday about 21 of us took the optional Great Ocean road trip, Suzanne being the nose counter this time. We stopped at Apollo bay for lunch & many found a delicious fish called barrundi.

Prior to that we stopped at a local park & saw koala in the wild as well as white cockatoos. The koala will eat only 40 of the over 600 species of gum (eucalyptus) trees. We arrived early PM at the Twelve Apostles national park with many photo ops plus many other tourist buses!



Monday we leave Melbourne for a 3 ½ hour flight to the far north to Cairnes, pronounced Canz. It is a smaller tropical town adjacent to the Great Barrier reef catering to many Asian visitors. Daily flights from Shanghai were beginning the day we left. That eve we visited the Cairnes night zoo for a hosted steak barbie dinner & plenty of beer & wine. Then toured the zoo with flashlights to see crocs, 'roos, wombat, koala & many local reptiles. The full moon greeted us on our return with the local "flying foxes" (bats) roosting in the trees for good Halloween photos!

On Tuesday we took a large catamaran to Green Island on the edge of the Great Barrier Reef, some left us to go further out to scuba dive off an attached platform, while most of us boarded a glass bottom boat for a scenic tour of tropical fish & corals. We had lunch on the island & walked the beach &/or boardwalk path. Debbie's lunch with Diane & Connie & our guide Lynn was cut short by a very hungry bird alighting on her plate!

Wednesday: The Kuranda village & Sky rail tour kept us travelling again. We rode 70 year old US Army amphibious ducks through the rain forest, saw a short Aboriginal performance of local dances, learned how to throw a boomerang (Karen flunks out!) & then had a didgeridoo lesson. Tucker & Tom were so intrigued they each bought one! After lunch & more shopping at Kuranda village, we boarded the world's longest cable car ride atop the rain forest with two stops for sightseeing. That evening many of us ate along the promenade at many of the very good restaurants, e.g. Raw Prawn, Barnacle Bills or McDonalds!

Around noon on Wednesday we leave nice warm Cairnes for Sydney, found by Captain Cook on one of his three voyages. Later in 1789, a fleet of 11 ships brought the first 700 plus prisoners from England to establish the colony, making it the oldest city in Australia.

On Friday we had a 3 hour bus ride of the city, Bondi beach (Olympic site), the Botanical Gardens, the Opera house & very expensive home sites, with great views of the harbor. The remainder of the day everyone explored on their own either The Rocks area, the esplanade, the



maritime museum, Chinatown, or signed up for optional tours later like an Opera house tour, the bridge climb, etc. Ginny & Jane found an elegant opal shop & were joined later by Tracy & myself to receive a very informative lecture on the 5 different kinds of opals; black, fire, boulder, doublet & triplet.

On Saturday, some took the optional Blue Mtn. & wildlife tour in the rain. We stopped at a wildlife park where most of the animals & birds were rescued. The steep (52 degree) train ride into the rainforest might have been more exciting if we could see our surroundings, thankfully we couldn't. We saw an old coal mine, 20 ft. high tree ferns, & trees whose tops disappeared into the clouds.

For lunch we stopped in a cute provincial village of Leura & returned in time for dinner along the esplanade or one of the many pubs, including "The Hero of Waterloo" or "Lord Nelson's", all early 1800's watering holes.

On Sunday, the hearty souls ventured out on the bridge walk, the more timid like Tracy, Karen, Donna & George one & two, did the Opera house tour at 10 AM. Others did it later, & learned they do over 2000 performances there/year. The symphony hall was magnificent with pure acoustics we were told by those who attended the opera the night before. The pipe organ has over 10000 pipes & only 1.2 second reverberation time in the hall!

The remainder of the day was to the great sights & sounds of a multiracial city. There are over
On Monday we tried to prepare do some last minute shopping, companied me to a 3rd floor entered through two caged or so they said!



Anyway, back onto the bus for back to LAX, exhausted from
ing new friends, beautiful scenery, wonderful history, and exceedingly comfortable lodgings.

Thanks to Tucker & Kathy for everything!

G.H. Constantine
14 Nov. 2012

Misc;
Hokey Pokey ice cream
Tooey's & Carlson beers in Australia
Sprieghts brewery in Dunedin, NZ
QANTAS= Queensland & Northern Territories air service
39 hectares= 100 US acres



ourselves & many took in as many of very cosmopolitan 3 million population 140 nationalities presiding there! for our 1145 departure, many trying to myself included. Ginny & Karen acopal cutters shop that could only be doors! It was worth the 40% discount,

our 3 PM departure for the 14 hours eight cities in 20 days, great food, mak-

CVSC New Zealand Trip – October 16 to 26, 2012



CVSC Australia Trip - October 26 to November 5, 2012





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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: magnifeye.com

Road conditions: 1-800-427-7623

Info on all ski areas: onthesnow.com

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

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

SKIZETTE FOR DECEMBER, 2012



The next meeting will be
December 5

Crow Canyon Country Club
711 Silver Lake Dr
Danville, CA
(meeting starts at 7:00 pm)

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First With Safety Awareness Slogan award sponsored by:



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