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# CVSC SkiZette

December, 2022



## EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue



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### DECEMBER

- 7 CVSC Christmas Trolley  
16 CVSC Board Christmas dinner

### JANUARY, 2023

- 11 CVSC Board meeting at Anne's  
18 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant  
21-28 BAC/FWSA Annual Ski & Snowboard Week, Jackson Hole, WY (f) pg 7

### FEBRUARY

- 8 CVSC Board meeting at Dennie's  
12-17 BAC Mini Ski Week to Sun Peaks, BC, Canada (f) pg 6  
25-3/2 FWSA Mini Ski Week to Taos (f) pg 8  
25-3/4 FWSA Int'l Ski Trip to Zermatt, Switzerland (f) pg 9

### UPCOMING

- 2023:  
5/21-6/1 CVSC Bali trip (f) pg 10  
12/2-13 CVSC Christmas Markets Along the Rhine (f) pg 11

### BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

**BAC Web site: [skibac.org](http://skibac.org)**

**Far West Ski Assoc: [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org)**

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dan Green	5
Wendell Jeong	5
Laura Kelley	7
Lisa Statti	9
Dennie Warren	13
Larry Wenner	19
Carol Johnson	19
Jim Nicholls	21
Steve Tadevich	30



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## SkiZette Policy NEWSLETTER

### 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: dennieluuul@gmail.com



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

## SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

Got any sporting equipment (i.e. skis, snowboards) and/or clothing that you no longer can use, don't want, etc..... let me know & I'll put it here!!!!

OR.... If you need the above let me know as well!!!

This also goes for winter/ski cabins that you'd like to offer for rent or are looking for same.... Let me know!!!!

## 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 holidays and Merry Christmas everyone!! The snow has arrived we will look forward to it continuing!!

I want thank you all for the charity contributions you have been sending in it's been a wonderful response to our annual fundraiser... we couldn't do it without you - thank you!



Claudia Fernandes  
President

This month is our Christmas trolley event and we are looking forward to friends, food, fun and wine. It has always been a great start to the holidays. Many thanks to Pat for setting this up each year.. it's such a great event

However you celebrate your holidays, may they be happy and filled with friends and family.

Stay safe and healthy this month and enjoy the weather as it has been long in coming. We need the rain and snow.

Take care and we will get together in the New Year!!

Cheers  
Claudia





**BALI 2023:** *May 21-June 1, 2023.* Trip is full with 34 members.

**Christmas Market Cruise:** *Dec 2 - Dec 13, 2023*

Trip is full with 35 signed up.

**FWSA Ski Week Jackson Hole:** *January 21 - 28, 2023*

Lots of info in this newsletter on how to sign up with Gail Burns, the BAC travel director, for the FWSA Jackson Hole trip.

**FWSA Ski Week Steamboat:** *January 27 - February 3, 2024*

Tucker & I will be going on this trip. We will need to block out condos in early 2023. Please send me an email if you want to go with us. I'll have to block condos through BAC.

**Portugal River Cruise:** *October 9-19, 2024*

This trip is in the works as I write this. I should have more info, and pricing by next week. I already have 21 on the interest list. We have 32 spots. We will be going with Mayflower Cruises and Tours with 2 days in Lisbon beforehand. Our boat will be the Emerald Radiance; the boat holds 112 people. Portugal is **VERY** popular right now. Air out of LAX or SFO. Prices will vary depending on your choice of cabin, between \$5500 to \$6500. Deposit will be \$400 per person and it's **NON-REFUNDABLE**. Stay tuned for more.....

Happy Travels..... Tucker & Kathy

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Our November meeting....

A small but **MIGHTY** group!!!!



# 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.

- 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.

(submitted by Sandy Beecher, Safety Chair)





***Bay Area Snow Sports Council Mini-Ski Week  
Sun Peaks Ski Resort, British Columbia, Canada  
February 12-17th, 2023***

Sun Peaks Resort has excellent annual snowfall & powder and has the Second Most Skiable Acreage in all of Canada. The BAC Council group has ski-in/ski out hotel rooms at the **Sun Peaks Lodge** located in the heart of the quaint & friendly town of Sun Peaks. Enjoy our Lodge's hot tub, sauna and steam room in their wellness area. Great après ski venues! BAC Club Merit Direct BAC membership required. Only 30 spots available!

**The Lodging/Amenities package at \$665 per person includes:**

- \*5 nights hotel rooms: double occupancy: 2 queens or King rooms-Singles supplement available
- \*Daily full buffet breakfast
- \*Welcome Reception & Group Event on Wednesday night

Optional: Alaska Group Air from SFO to Kelowna: \$623 per person  
from Kelowna Airport w/grocery stop-\$118 pp  
registration with Sports America. [http://bac\\_sunpeaks23.sat.tours](http://bac_sunpeaks23.sat.tours)

Ground Transfers  
Lift Tickets & ONLINE

Send in your Initial \$200 Deposit check made out to: Bay Area Snow Sports Council to hold your spot. Mail to: Gail Burns, BAC Travel Director 123 Phillips Lane Woodside, CA 94062  
[gailb3098@gmail.com](mailto:gailb3098@gmail.com) 650 255-7883 BAC CST#205 00870  
2<sup>nd</sup> Payment due 10/31 \$300 & Final Payments 12/1 : ONLINE Link with Sports America



**FWSA Ski Week to  
Jackson Hole  
Wyoming  
January 21-28, 2023**



<p><b>Package includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 7 nights lodging</li> <li>▪ Welcome Reception</li> <li>▪ Council Dinner</li> <li>▪ Giant Slalom Race</li> <li>▪ Mountain Picnic</li> <li>▪ Banquet, Awards and Dancing</li> </ul> <p><b>Lift Tickets &amp; Air options:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ IKON tickets purchased from <a href="http://skigroup.net">skigroup.net</a> to receive a \$50 credit link: <a href="https://go.tripstorm.app/#!/22ikonfwsa">https://go.tripstorm.app/#!/22ikonfwsa</a></li> <li>▪ 4-6 Day Group Lift tickets to Jackson Hole</li> <li>▪ 1-6 Day Group Lift tickets to Snow King</li> <li>▪ BAC Group Air to Jackson Hole from SFO</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lodging Options:</b></p> <p><i><b>Elk Country Inn (downtown)</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hotel rooms with 2 Queen beds</li> <li>▪ Indoor/outdoor pool, 2 hot tubs, workout facility</li> <li>▪ Includes roundtrip shuttle to Teton Village / Jackson Hole Ski Resort</li> <li>▪ Hot breakfast buffet</li> <li>▪ \$980 per person, \$540 single supplement</li> </ul> <p><i><b>Snow King Resort (ski week events held here)</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pool, hot tubs, workout facility</li> <li>▪ \$6 for roundtrip to Teton Village / Jackson Hole Ski Resort</li> <li>▪ Two 3 bdrm condos \$1415/per person, \$1005 single supplement</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hotel rooms with 2 queen beds or 1 king bed, \$1280 per person,</li> <li>▪ \$870 Single Supplement</li> </ul>
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To reserve your accommodations fill out the BAC Trip Preference & FWSA Registration forms found on link: [skibac.org](http://skibac.org).

Mail them along with the **\$250 initial deposit** check made out to BAC Travel to Janet Spencer 112 Hardy Circle, Pleasant Hill CA 94523.

FWSA CST #20500870-40. BAC CST #20500870

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## **Far West Ski Association's**

### **2023 Mini Ski Trip**

February 25—March 2, 2023

## ***Taos Ski Valley***

**TRIP PACKAGE PRICE STARTING AT**

# **\$1,258**

*Based on double occupancy. Single supplement pricing is available  
Price does NOT include air or lift tickets.*

*Sign up by October 1<sup>st</sup> and you will get a discount on your trip price.  
Early Bird discount expires October 2, 2022*

*Trip Insurance is highly recommended to protect your trip costs*

Snake Dance Condos are steps from lift 1. Spacious units with fully equipped kitchens. King/Split Kings each bedroom. Après ski, food shopping & restaurants nearby.

110 Trails—24% Beginner; 25% Intermediate; 51% Advanced/Expert

Historic Town of Taos has many spas, an historic district, museums, and Taos Pueblo, a multi-story adobe structure home to numerous artisans.

**Contacts:** Marilyn Sigler—503-504-3663 – [marski@teleport.com](mailto:marski@teleport.com)  
Nancy Ellis – 530-582-0566 – [fwsatravelnancy@abcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@abcglobal.net)

**Information & Online Signup:** <http://fwsamini.net/tours>

**FWSA CST 0283083-40**

### **Included:**

Five night's lodging

- Snake Dance Condos
- Ski in/Ski out
- 2bdrm condo—split King
- 1bdrm condo—split King

Welcome Reception

Farewell Dinner

Souvenir Ski Vest

Shuttle Albuquerque Airport

*(must arrive between 10am—2pm)*

### **Optional for Purchase:**

3-day Adult Lift Ticket—\$444

4-day Adult Lift Ticket—\$578

3-day Senior Lift Ticket—\$267

4-day Senior Lift Ticket—\$464

Discounted Equipment Rental

**Taos is on the IKON Pass**  
*(must reserve your ski days with IKON)*

### **Optional Activities:**

- Snowmobile Tours
- Spa Services
- Sledding
- Ice Skating
- Art & History Museums
- Taos Pueblo—World Heritage Site



# **FWSA 2023 Int'l Ski Trip to Zermatt, Switzerland**

**BASIC Ski Week – Zermatt, Switzerland February 25–March 4, 2023**

*(Depart US Feb. 24 and return from Zurich on Mar. 5, 2023)*

**Opt. Extension Trip: Costa del Sol, So. Spain & Mallorca March 4–12, 2023**

*(Depart US Feb. 24 and return from Zurich on Mar. 13, 2023)*



**2 Lodging properties to choose from!**

**HOLIDAY SKI TRIP**

**Approx. hotel costs \$2025.00pp - \$3459.00pp (dbl. occ.) based on lodging choice [air not incl.]**  
**Single Supplements are available.**



*Zermatt, Switzerland's best-known ski resort has the highest concentration of mountains and glacial ice in the Alps and the most magical and romantic car-free village situated at the foot of Switzerland's most famous landmark: the Matterhorn. It is considered by many true mountaineers to be the peak of all peaks.*

*You will find a wide range of possibilities for the experienced skier and many wide-open groomed runs for the intermediate and beginning skier. Ski in Switzerland and Italy in one day when you ski over the peak to Cervinia. Combined with the spectacular natural beauty, Zermatt is a record-holding destination which includes Europe's longest ski run with 25km, the highest-altitude sightseeing platform in the Alps, Europe's highest-altitude aerial cableway to the*

*Matterhorn glacier paradise, Europe's highest-altitude cogwheel railway in the open air (no tunnels), to the Gornergrat at 10,135 feet. Great trip for the non-skier too!*

## **Lodging Package includes:**

- Transfer between Zurich Airport & Tasch via private coach, then train transfer via 2<sup>nd</sup> class rail to Zermatt.
- Round trip luggage transfer of 2 pieces per person between Tasch and Zermatt.
- 7 night's accommodations at the Hotel Alex or Gornergrat Dorf Hotel
- Basic Zermatt - 1 overnight in Zurich, Mar. 4th; Zermatt & Extension – 2 overnights in Zurich, Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> & Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>
- Breakfast daily & 5 nights' dinner at the hotel you are staying at (2 nights to dine out in Zermatt)
- Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival.
- Wi-Fi in lobby or hotel room depending on lodging property [see lodging options sheet]
- **Welcome/Orientation on Feb. 26th at The Hotel Alex**
- Après Ski & Farewell events – details to be provided
- Optional day tour - details to be provided

## **So. Spain – Costa del Sol & Mallorca Extension**

**March 5 to 12, 2023**

*(Overnight in Zurich hotel on Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> and Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> return flight to U.S. on Mar. 13, 2023)*

**Approx. \$1810.00pp (dbl. occ.) or \$2738.00pp Single Supp.**

## **Trip includes:**

- If using FWSA Group Air – price DOES include flight from Zurich to Malaga
  - All airport ground transfers for both weeks
  - 4 nights at the 4 Star Melia Costa del Sol in Torremolinos or similar
  - 3 nights at the 4 Star Melia Palma Bay Hotel in Mallorca or similar
  - English speaking tour escort/manager for entire tour
  - Breakfast daily
  - Day excursions – details to be provided
  - Full city day tours including the Alhambra Palace in Granada, city tour in Ronda, free time, Palma city tour...and more
- **All Prices are based on current exchange rates and subject to change.**
- **Stand Alone So. SPAIN ONLY – NO Zermatt trip is available. Contact Debbie Stewart for details and pricing.**



Make checks out to: **Far West Ski Association (FWSA)**. Please reference "FWSA 2023 Zermatt Int'l Trip" on each check.

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

For more information contact: Debbie Stewart at [FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net) or cell: 559/737-0882  
CST # 2036983-40

**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 per itinerary
- 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 non-refundable deposit to:

Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director  
2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550  
925-371-1910 or 510-329-4242 [tkhoffmann@comcast.net](mailto:tkhoffmann@comcast.net)

CVSC CST # 2081040



# Christmas Markets Along the Rhine

A Pre-Holiday River Cruise from Switzerland to Amsterdam

**\$4545 - \$4445** (depending on cabin choice)

**December 2-13, 2023**

...with optional extensions to Brussels & Bruges, Belgium & Basel, Switzerland



## **IT'S INCLUDED:**

- **International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements**
- **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, as well as soft drinks at all times
- **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 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**



## ***2022/2023 Avid Skiers in Control***

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## **WEBSITES & PHONE NUMBERS**

Singles league racing:  
[slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm](http://slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm)

Open league racing: [olrc.org](http://olrc.org)

Weather: [nws.mbay.net/home.html](http://nws.mbay.net/home.html)

Best weather website for snow: [Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com](http://Tahoeweatherdiscussion.com)

Far West Racing Assoc: [fwra.com](http://fwra.com)

Web cams on the slopes: [magnifeye.com](http://magnifeye.com)

Road conditions: 1-800-427-7623

Info on all ski areas: [onthesnow.com](http://onthesnow.com)

Take a bus to the slopes: [nacski.com](http://nacski.com) & [tahoeskitrrips.com](http://tahoeskitrrips.com)

Sierra webcam: [sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/](http://sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/)

## ***SKIZETTE FOR DECEMBER, 2022***



No General Meeting for December.

**SKI WITH PRIDE, LET IT RIDE, WATCH ALL SIDES**  
*First With Safety Awareness Slogan award sponsored by:*



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