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CVSC SkiZette

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY, 2015

- 7 CVSC board meeting at Dennie's for Eva
- 21 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's
- 1/31- CVSC Ski Week at Steamboat Springs, CO
- 2/7

FEBRUARY

- 11 CVSC board meeting (tbd)
- 18 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's

MARCH

- 11 CVSC board meeting (tbd)
- 18 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's
- 3/30- FWSA Mini Ski Trip, Whitefish Mt Resort, MT (f)
- 4/4

UPCOMING

- 8/10-20 CVSC Alaska Cruise (f)
- 10/28-11/13 CVSC trip to Burma (f)

BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

Dean Schlax	4	Jenny Miedema	17
Richard Warren	7	Sheron Bealer	18
Connie Wolzinger	8	Ron Zelizer	19
Robert Petersman	8	Cheryl Niese	20
Carol Wulff	9	Marcia Wood	20
Shirley Thompson	10	Barbara Johnson	23
Peggy Valley	11	Deborah Walton	24
Linda Melliush	13	Jan Tadevich	29
David Silva	14	Suzanne White	29
Karen Dubois	16	Carol Jensen-Latta	30
James Spaustat	16		



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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
email: mozoro25@gmail.com***

SPORTING GOODS EXCHANGE

I have a used snowboard to give away that I got from my brother. It needs a tuneup. The edges are a bit rusty. The base is in good shape. The bindings are also in good shape. The size is a 161. My home phone is 510-538-3813.

- Wendell Jeong



Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter

President's Message

Hi All,

Well, the hustle and bustle of the holiday season has come and gone, and we are ready to ski ~ optimism is the word of the day as we have seen some serious winter storms drop more of the white stuff than last year at this point, so keep praying for more snow to fall and that all the ski areas will be able to operate with 100% trail and lift availability.



Karen Wehrman
President

We certainly had a fun year last year, even if the snow conditions were less than great ~ so many activities and fun events with other members. I want to thank everyone who volunteered to make it such a great and active year. Our VP of Club Activities, Pat Green, is responsible for so many of those events and just recently our annual Christmas party at Crow Canyon Country Club. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner, some festive music and lots of social time with those who attended. Thank you, Pat, for once again organizing a fun party!

Keith Wilson, our Race Director for one more year, has posted the race schedule this month, so if you have been thinking about racing and just haven't tried it yet, now is your chance. Contact Keith and get going on earning some medals and lots of acclaim from fellow members.

We have two ski trips coming up ~ one with Far West to Whistler Ski Resort and the other to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Both trips should be fantastic and there will be many tales to tell when everyone returns home.

Our regular meeting will be held back at Don Jose's Restaurant in Castro Valley on January 21, so I hope you will attend and share stories about the skiing you have done already and about your holiday times.

Come, enjoy, share and be a part of the fun ~ you won't regret it.

See you soon in the New Year ~ and best wishes for that new year to be full of adventure and fun, fun, fun!

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015!!!

Karen

A Word from our VP



Ron White
Vice President

This month I want again to continue on a few thoughts about handling risk in activities that include it, skiing and riding in particular. I suggested that prioritizing risks is a cornerstone of so-called 'Steep Life Protocols', a terrain management system that increases a skier's safety. Four key backcountry protocols to help us prioritize risk that I covered in the two last months were 1) Be physically and mentally ready, 2) Monitor weather, 3) Travel with a team mentality, and 4) Select practical equipment. Here are some more.

5) Evaluate surface snow conditions: How far and steep are you willing to go with difficult surface snow conditions (including firm snow) that could cause a slide-for-life onto objects below? Is it worth the risk?
6) Assess snow stability: Today's snow conditions help predict avalanches during future snow accumulation later in the season. Does the snow pack consistently support your weight? Does the snow feel like graphite when rubbed between your gloves? New snow doesn't usually adhere well to faceted snow, sun-crust, or hard snow. Upside down powder (soft snow under a wind-affected surface) generally has a high-risk fracture propagation potential. Identify aspects and elevations with recent avalanche activity. If activity is present only on certain elevations and aspects, then select a route or zone with copious apex routes and safe zones. If avalanche activity is widespread, don't go.

More next time, on identifying terrain hazards and the like.

Ron



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL YOU CVSC TRAVELERS:

2015 has some exciting CVSC trips on the agenda.

JAN. 2015: We start the New Year by going to Steamboat. This trip is sold out and Karen Wehrman will be the trip leader. It will be a smaller group this year but we are joining the Sitzmarker Ski Club on some of the events. Lots of fun group gatherings included!

AUGUST 2015: Join us on a 10 day cruise out of SFO on the Golden Princess. We already have a great group signed up. Dates are **Aug 10-20th**. You don't have to worry about booking air or your luggage being over weight. Who's going so far ...

Tucker & Kathy Hoffmann

Karen Wherman & Jim Silva

Steve & Jan Tadevich

Valerie & Jerry Caveglia

Bob Petersman & Cherri Gurney

Wayne Ainsworth & Elizabeth Yagle

OCTOBER 2015: We will be departing on an exciting Adventure Trip to Myanmar, formerly Burma, on Oct. 28th. Myanmar, is a hot destination for two reasons: firstly, the door has been opened on a piece of Asia that has been isolated from the pressures of development (and, indeed, tourism) for five decades; and secondly, it offers so much to the traveler it is hard to know where to begin. We will be on a DELUXE Riverboat for 10 days.



So far we have 48 signed up for this trip and may be able to add one more cabin. Don't delay if this trip interests you.

SEE ATTACHED FLYERS FOR THESE TRIPS.....

In 2016 FWSA will be going to Telluride. This will be a popular trip. Watch for more info.



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CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB

10-DAY ALASKA on the GOLDEN PRINCESS

Aug 10-20th, 2015

Cruise is out of San Francisco; don't worry about booking air or luggage being overweight

ITINERARY:

Ports: San Francisco, California; Juneau, Alaska; Skagway, Alaska; Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska; Ketchikan, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia; San Francisco, California

CABIN PRICING: per person double occupancy

INTERIOR	OCEANVIEW	BALCONY	MINI-SUITE	SUITE
\$1,349.00	\$2,049.00	\$2,299.00	\$2,599.00	\$3,599.00

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes, Fees & Port Expenses additional: \$225.00 USD

DEPOSITS:

\$200.00 PER PERSON DUE NOW
MAY 1st, 2015 FINAL PAYMENT DUE

CANCELLATION POLICY:

NO PENALTY TO CANCEL
PRIOR MAY 1st, 2015

EX MILITARY: \$100.00 ON BOARD

CREDIT I will send the form if needed



**DEPOSIT MAY BE MADE BY CREDIT CARD OR CHECK,
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A DAY AT THE RACES.....

Our **first races** are on Saturday and Sunday, **January 3 and 4 at Alpine Meadows**. The base snow depth at Alpine Meadows is currently 43" (on 1/2/15 – not too bad!) This should be OK for conditions. Please **Sign-In** by **8:30am** each morning. Sign-in will be by the fireplace upstairs in the Main Lodge. Alpine will be selling **discount tickets** at a special kiosk near our Sign-in location.



Keith Wilson
Race Director

Some of us know how racing has changed over the years. It used to be that racing took up most of the day on the mountain, but not anymore. The competition has become streamlined. There are reasons for this:

- Open League racing is organized by a highly experienced group.
- The ski resorts are much more experienced at putting on a race.
- There are fewer racers.
- Race classes are increased, making it easier to balance the groups that race together.

Those of us that have been racing for 10 or more years have seen this. Racing has improved in many ways:

- The race courses are longer than they used to be.
- The race courses are better groomed with fewer ruts.
- Even the intermediate racers get two runs sometimes.

For anyone who would like to **try racing**, come on up for a weekend. Anyone can try the racecourse for a small fee that can be applied to league registration. Just be there by 8AM. Or call me for more information at 925-828-8265 (H) or 925-549-1715 (C).

Other January races are at Squaw Valley, Jan 10 & 11 and January 24 and 25 at Alpine Meadows then Squaw Valley.

Included is the schedule for the upcoming race season. It is also on the website for **Open League**. Watch the Open League website for the latest information – see website below

Check Caltrans road conditions if we get a storm within 24 hours of your trip (1-800-427-7623). The roads are usually cleared 12 hours after the storm ends. Sometimes it just rains on the roads.

Races usually start at 9:30 AM or 10 AM. Early in the season, the league starts the 8-10's first, then the 5-7's (intermediates), then the 0-4's (advanced). Later in the ski season the starting-order changes.

Websites: www.squawalpine.com. Check the Open League Race Committee website for latest news (like race cancellation) and results – <https://sites.google.com/site/openleagueracing>.

Open League Race Schedule 2014 – 2015 (As of October 26, 2014)*

Date	Day	Location	Event
Jan 3, 2015	Sat	Alpine Meadows	Clinic
Jan 4, 2015	Sun	Alpine Meadows	Race 1 – GS
Jan 10, 2015	Sat	Squaw Valley	Race 2 – GS**
Jan 11, 2015	Sun	Squaw Valley	Race 3 – SL**
Jan 17 –19, 2015	Sat – Mon	No Open League Races	MLK Weekend
Jan 24, 2015	Sat	Alpine Meadows	Race 4 – GS**
Jan 25, 2015	Sun	Sugar Bowl	Race 5 – SL**
Jan 31-Feb 7	Sat-Sat	Steamboat, CO	CVSC Ski Trip
Jan 31-Feb 7	Sat-Sat	Whistler/Blackcomb, BC	Far West Ski Trip
Feb 14, 2015	Sat	Boreal	Clinic w/ Sierra League
Feb 15, 2015	Sun	Boreal	Clinic w/ Sierra League
Feb 14 – 17	Sat –Mon	No Open League Races	President's Weekend
Feb 28, 2015	Sat	Northstar ***	Super G Clinic (Sierra Lg)
Mar 1, 2015	Sun	Northstar ***	Super G (Sierra League)
Mar 14, 2015	Sat	Northstar	Race 6 – SL**
Mar 15, 2015	Sun	Northstar	Race 7 – GS**
Mar 21, 2015	Sat	Alpine Meadows	Race 8 GS or SL, TBD
Mar 22, 2015	Sat	Alpine Meadows	Make-up Race, maybe
Mar 28-29	Sat/Sun	Mammoth Mt.	Far West Champs
Mar 3 – Apr 4		Whitefish/Montana	FWSA Mini Ski Week

* For Updates, Open League Website - <https://sites.google.com/site/openleaguering>

** Combined w/ all leagues

*** Sponsored by Sierra League, Check their website for more information (www.sierraleague.com). Also, hold this date for make-up races.

Now that Colorado has legalized pot you can walk in, buy weed, and inhale it at your leisure. A potential problem with this new law has yet to be determined, but there's one place where it's still illegal to smoke it—at ski resorts.

If you get caught by authorities toking while skiing or snowboarding, you **WILL** get busted! Nearly all of the 21 ski resorts in Colorado are on Federal land. Weed is still an illegal drug, according to Federal law. Plus, it's still illegal to smoke in public in Colorado. Federal law of course trumps state law. But in 'legal' states, it's no longer a state crime to possess pot. The Feds can still close down dispensaries if they wish, or bust anyone for driving across state lines where marijuana is still illegal. But the gradual trend is definitely in the direction of national legalization.

Colorado snow sport enthusiasts certainly favor legalization. In resort towns like Aspen and Vail, nearly 75 percent of voters voted to legalize recreational pot. Even though it's against the law to smoke on resort property, that law is ignored by many. It's just too easy to slip into the trees at the sides of runs and have a smoke. As long as snow sport enthusiasts are being discrete, there's very little chance of getting caught.

Legalizing marijuana in Colorado maybe a real problem for the ski resorts in straight-laced Utah, which is in a constant rivalry with Colorado for resort customers. Will Utah lose some of their lucrative share of the multi-billion annual resort business to those who prefer to visit a state where they can legally purchase pot and discretely smoke it while on the slopes?

Even more to the point, how much revenue will Utah earn by posting more police at the state line to bust—and fine—those they think are flying or driving into Utah while concealing legally purchased pot that suddenly becomes illegal when leaving Colorado?

Don't toké when you hit the slopes! Or if you do, be careful!

Sandy
Safety Chair

2015

83rd Annual Convention

Far West Ski Association

Salute to San Diego



"The Voice of the Western Skier"



June 4-7, 2015

Town and Country Resort & Convention Center

500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108

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Hosted by San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

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Group Name Far West Ski Association

Online Reservations <http://bit.ly/FWSA-lodging>

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy

(choice of Royal Palm Tower, Regency Tower/Courtyard, Garden Room)

Garden & Tower Rooms **\$145** (Rooms will be released May 10, 2015)

Hotel Features

- 32 lushly-landscaped acres in the heart of Mission Valley, 5 restaurants & 3 lounges, 3 Pools and Whirlpool, 14,000 sq. ft. Bella Tosca Day Spa-Salon-Fitness Center, 27-hole Championship Golf Course, adjacent to Fashion Valley Shopping Mall & Light Rail Trolley Stop
- NO Resort Fees; FREE Wi-Fi
- Parking is \$5 per day
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention



Transportation

- Air transportation is via San Diego International Airport (SAN), located 7 miles from the Town & Country.
- Rental cars and shuttle services are available at the airport.
- The Cloud 9 Super Shuttle is currently \$11 per person one way.

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panel
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Celebrity Multi-Media Presentation
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- Thursday Activities
 - San Diego Tours
 - Dinner on the USS Midway
- Friday Activities
 - Michael German Golf Tournament
 - Kayaking La Jolla Cove
 - Biking Mission Bay
 - San Diego Zoo
 - Pool Party

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CVSC ANNUAL AUCTION

(The results are in!!!!!!)



I WANT THAT!!!!



going.... going.....
SOLD!!!!!!!



Paula Kinahon, Eva Lanphear,
Jim & Diana Gartland were part
of a GREAT crew of volunteers
who helped make the evening a
WHOPPING success!!



All enjoyed a wonderful, fun-
filled evening of bidding wars,
great food & drink and second-to
-none camaraderie!!!



Photos courtesy of
Steve James



Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort Special Lift Ticket Rate for BAC Members

Adult Lift Ticket (23+) \$70

Young Adult Lift Ticket (13-22) \$60

Child Lift Ticket (5-12) \$25

Direct-to-Lift Tickets

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Rates only available through

<https://store.sierraattahoe.com/grplogin.aspx>

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**For More Info:
Ryan Parker
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530-543-3134**

CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB

presents

Burma & the Irrawaddy River - Cruising the Road to Mandalay



Oct. 28 – Nov. 13, 2015

Limited to 48 includes air from LAX or SFO

Pre-trip to Bangkok - \$399

Post-Trip to Inle Lake, Myanmar - \$1099

Myanmar, formally Burma, is a hot destination and for two reasons: firstly, the door has been opened on a piece of Asia that has been isolated from the pressures of development (and, indeed, tourism) for five decades; and secondly, it offers so much to the traveler it is hard to know where to begin. The country has all the beauty of Thailand's coastal and mountain regions but only a fraction of it has been seen by outsiders. Myanmar is truly a "last chance to see" (Malaysia/Thailand 30 years ago, Vietnam 15 years ago, Cambodia 10 years ago - take your pick).

We will be on a DELUXE Riverboat for 10 days.
There are different categories of cabins depending on the deck level.
We have reserved the WHOLE boat for our group.

Here are the prices WITH air from either LAX or SFO

Irrawaddy Suite B2 - 2 cabins - \$5652

Maugham Suite B1 - 8 cabins - \$5852

Orwell Suite - 16 cabins - \$6052



Call for more info.

Send your \$500 (\$300 is non-refundable) deposit to:
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MOUNTAIN RESORT

The Location of

Far West Ski Association's

2015 Mini Ski Trip

March 30th to April 4th, 2015

Adult package prices will range from \$550 to \$605

Price does NOT include air

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Whitefish Mountain Resort is located at The Big Mountain in North-western Montana, located west of Glacier National Park in the Flathead National Forest. FWSA Lodging will be at **Grouse Mountain Lodge** where you will enjoy an authentic Montana experience.



Grouse Mountain Lodge

This trip is limited to 100 participants

Contact Nancy Ellis

530-414-8261 or 530-582-0566

fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net

Must be a Member of a Far West Ski Association affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member

FWSA CST #2036983-40

Included:

Airport Ground
Transfers
4 or 5 Day Lift Tickets
Transfers to Ski Re-
sort
Welcome Party
Farewell Party

More Options:

Snowmobile Tours
Summit Nature Center
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Glacier Park Tours
Dogsled Adventures
Sleigh Rides





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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 JANUARY, 2015



The next meeting will be
January 21

Don Jose's Restaurant
3430 Village Dr.
Castro Valley, CA

(meeting starts @ 7:30p)

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



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