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# CVSC SkiZette

December, 2017



## EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 3-20 CVSC Andes to So America cruise (f)pg15  
13 CVSC Christmas Trolley/Lights (f)pg3  
15 CVSC board Christmas party at Claudia's

### JANUARY, 2018

- 10 CVSC board meeting at Anne's  
17 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's

### FEBRUARY

- 3-10 FWSA Annual Ski Week Banff, Alberta, Canada (f)pg13  
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### UPCOMING

- 2018:  
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7/31-8/9 CVSC Iceland (f)pg10

### 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)**

- 2018:  
6/7-10 FWSA 86th Annual Convention in Reno, NV

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wendell Jeong	5
Dan Green	5
Jay McLaughlin	6
Christine Noutsios	11
Dennie Warren	13
Pamela Nicholson	23
Alice Hsiao	28
Steve Tadevich	30



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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:

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*

## President's Message

Happy Holidays Everyone

The weather is getting cold and crisp. However we have a lot of sun. That snow must be in our future and hopefully soon.

I want to thank everyone that provided auction items for our Annual Auction event last month, it was a wonderful success and we had a lot of fun, food and bidding going on.....Many thanks to Dave Silva and Diana Gartland for all their hard work, the evening went so well and it was so well organized. They again did a job which contributed to the auction's success.



Claudia Fernandes  
President

A big thank you also to our members who have sent in checks in support of our club and its charities. Your contributions have added to the success of the auction which will continue to provide support to Achieve Tahoe, the food bank, ski scholarships and more. Thank you! **You made a difference!!!**

Our December Christmas Trolley Evening is coming up soon, December 13. This is one of the highlights of our club get togethers. We hope you can join us for the fun, food and friends. Please contact Pat Green asap if you are interested, the seating for this is limited. Pat always plans a fantastic time....

**Our next general meeting will be resumed in January at Don Jose's, so hope to see you all next year.** Best wishes to you all this holiday season!! Be safe and Enjoy!! Let it Snow!!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**

**Claudia**



## **CHRISTMAS TROLLEY DECEMBER 13th @ 5:00pm**

CONCANNON WINERY  
4590 TESLA RD LIVERMORE

\$40.00 PER PERSON  
SPACE LIMITED TO 35 PEOPLE.

Come and enjoy a festive and fun night with good friends. Evening starts with food and wine tasting in our private room, then aboard the private trolley to see all the great Christmas lights in the Livermore Valley. **YOU MAY LEAVE YOUR CAR AT CONCANNON.**

Send check no later than December 6th to  
Pat Green  
4655 Cope Ct  
Pleasanton, CA 94566

Any questions call Pat at 925-846-7250 also to find out if spaces filled if sending in check at last minute.





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## *Announcing the Bay Area Snow Sports Council 2018 Man and Woman of the Year Contest*

Nominate your outstanding club members for your club's and BAC's highest honor!  
The BAC Man or Woman of the Year will have the opportunity to represent BAC at the FWSA convention in June.

Big White Ski Resort in BC, Canada is the sponsor of this annual program

Entries must be submitted by January 26, 2018. The entry form is on the FWSA website and your input should be based on activities from 2013-2018 (the past 5 years). Nominees will need to complete most of the form themselves. Nominee interviews will be on Feb 22 in Castro Valley.

Please give this matter a high priority in order to get your nominations submitted on time. Please email completed forms to Harry Davis (BAC 2018 Man/Woman of the Year Contest Chairperson) at [harrykaren@comcast.net](mailto:harrykaren@comcast.net)

### **Contest Time-Line:**

December 2017	Forms for club nominations are available on the FWSA website and will be sent electronically to registered BAC representatives
January 2018	Nominations are due to BAC (Harry Davis), either by email (preferred), snail mail or FAX.
February 22, 2018	A panel of BAC judges will personally interview the club Nominees.
March 12, 2018	BAC Man and Woman of the Year will be announced at the BAC General meeting.
June 7-10, 2018	BAC Man and Woman of the Year will compete for the FWSA Councils' Man and Woman of the Year at the 86 <sup>th</sup> Annual Far West Convention in Reno NV

For further details, please contact:  
Harry Davis, 925-768-4903 cell, or email at [harrykaren@comcast.net](mailto:harrykaren@comcast.net)



## CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB HOLA FROM CUBA!!!!



Hola Cuba!

What a great time we had!

Our adventure began in Havana where we saw and rode in some fantastic vintage cars – 1940s and 1950s Fords, Chevys, Pontiacs, Oldsmobiles, Buicks, Plymouths, and on and on. Some were in pristine condition and several painted “Pepto Bismo” pink...they say that’s for the “ladies who love pink”. If a Cuban owns a vintage car, he/she is doing well economically, as the government pays the Cuban people approximately \$25 per month. Doctors earn double, \$60 per month. Cubans can now supplement their income by driving taxis be it their own vintage car, horse cart, or bicycle cart and musicians who play for guests in restaurants. Some operate their own restaurants, known as paladars, run out of their homes. Other restaurants are government-owned. We ate mostly at paladars and the food, mostly fish, shrimp, and chicken, was delish! Vegetables were not so great, but they were fresh.

We then visited a cigar factory where we saw a few hundred Cubans hard at work. The meticulous care that goes into a good Cuban cigar is amazing. A good cigar costs about \$20.

Pictures of Fidel Castro but mostly of Che Guevara, are seen throughout the countryside. Interestingly, there are not as many pictures of Fidel as there are of Che, because he did not want a cult-following or his family accused nepotism. In fact, we visited a paladar/gallery where a filmmaker/artist hosted our lunch and displayed his wonderful photography. He spoke to our group and showed us a film-short he recently directed and produced. It wasn’t until after we left, we learned his name was Alex Castro, son of Fidel.

We then moved onto Cienfuegos where we visited the Bay of Pigs museum and where Fidel Castro fought the US CIA invasion in 1961.

Our next stop was Trinidad where sugar cane is the primary crop. The mojitos were excellent made with fresh sugar cane and lime.

Camaguey was a beautiful old town where we enjoyed Cuba’s world-renowned ballet company. There, we also visited a professional family who specialized in making clay pots and another artist, Martha Jimenez, who feminist art has gained recognition across the world.

Our last stop was at an all-inclusive resort on the ocean. We rested to get ready for our long trip home. Our flight was delayed (because of rain) for 4-1/2 hours! All in all, it was a great trip.

Thank you, Kathy and Tucker for another successful and interesting trip!



One of the few forms of “public” transportation..... “Madame, your carriage is waiting”.....



The “Streets ....”



Let’s not forget the entertainment at the Tropicana which most of the group went to see.....



The natives are so friendly!!!!

..... AND industrious!!



A big thank you to the following people: Cathy Simmons—article submission; Ray Jong, Tom & Suzanne White & Ken & Lynnell Calkins—all photos!!

# **Safety Tips for a Wonderful Holiday Season**

## **Holiday Lighting**

- Holiday decorations, whenever possible, should be made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant and non-combustible materials.
- Keep candles away from decorations and other flammable materials.
- Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings. Replace damaged items before plugging lights in.
- When decorating outdoors, check labels on lights to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- Make sure all the bulbs light up and that there are no frayed wires, broken sockets or loose connections.
- Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground-fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house.

## **Decorations**

- Use non-combustible and flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel and artificial icicles of plastic and non-leaded metals.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree. Place candles where they will not be knocked over.
- In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp and, and keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children.
- Avoid trimmings that resemble candy and food that may tempt a young child to put them in his mouth.

## **Trees**

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "fire-resistant."
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches, and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption and will help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.
- Be sure to keep the stand filled with water, because heated rooms can dry live trees out rapidly.
- Make sure the base is steady so the tree won't tip over easily.

## **Fireplaces**

- Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that the flue is open.
- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

## **Children and Pets**

- Poinsettias are known to be poisonous to humans and animals, so keep them well out of reach, or avoid having them.
- Avoid using tinsel. It can fall on the floor and a curious child or pet may eat it. This can cause anything from mild distress to death.
- Inspect wrapped gifts for small decorations, such as candy canes, gingerbread men, and mistletoe berries, all of which are choking hazards.

## **Security**

- Use your home burglar alarm system.
- If you plan to travel for the holidays, don't discuss your plans with strangers.
- Have a trusted friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your home.

**Happy Holidays!!!!**

(submitted by Sandy Beecher)



2018 Castro Valley Ski Club presents

# Majestic Morocco

CASABLANCA, MARRAKESH, DADES, ERFOUD, FEZ & RABAT



May 2-14<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
\$3175.00 per person

## Your tour of Morocco includes:

- Round- trip Air from LAX or SFO
- Intra-Morocco ground transportation and transfers
- Accommodations at First Class hotels
- 18 meals: 11 full buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches and 6 dinners
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours including admission fees
- Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride & Authentic Moroccan Dinner
- Experienced English speaking Tour Director throughout
- Tips

## Itinerary at a glance

- 1 night in Casablanca
- 3 nights in Marrakesh
- 1 night in Dades
- 2 nights in Erfoud
- 2 nights in Fez
- 2 nights in Rabat



For more info - Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director  
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2018 Castro Valley Ski Club presents

## Iceland Summer Adventure

REYKJAVIK, VIK, WESTMAN ISLANDS, SELFOSS & BLUE LAGOON



July 31-Aug 9, 2018  
Estimated price \$3600

**Your package includes:**

- Round-trip, non-stop flight on IcelandAir from West Coast
- Airfare taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- Ground transportation
- Accommodations at centrally-located, Scandinavian-style hotels (simple)
- 14 meals: 9 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary
- Experienced, English speaking guides
- Tips

**Itinerary at a glance**

- Overnight flight on Icelandair
- 2 nights in Reykjavik
- 2 nights in Vik
- 2 nights in Selfoss
- 2 nights in Reykjavik
- Return flight on Icelandair



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# Castro Valley Ski Club

*Presents*

Ⓡ *Beaver Creek. Not exactly roughing it.*



**2018 CVSC Ski Week Beaver Creek, CO**

**Feb. 10-17, 2018**

**\$1195**

**Package Includes:**

- 7 Nights Lodging (dbl. occ.) at The Charter
- 5 day Lift Ticket
- Porter Fees
- Wine & Cheese party
- CVSC party

**note: air/transfers not included in this price**

Lift tickets are included in the ski week package;  
If you have an EPIC pass deduct \$430.

Free indoor parking  
Bar & Restaurant on property  
Ski in  
Walk to village



Send \$200 deposit to: (\$50 is non-refundable)  
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## IDITAROD/ALYESKA, ALASKA

February 25<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Optional daily activities and lift tickets can be purchased at:

<https://www.sportsamerica.com/online/fwsaactivities>

### Optional Activity Suggestions:

Ski Alyeska Resort - Lift ticket prices range from \$54.50 per day for adult & \$41 for seniors.

Wildlife Tour		\$99
Winter Dog Sledding	Full Day Trip	\$299
Glacier Walk	Full Day Trip	\$249
Blackstone Glacier Cruise	Full Day Trip	\$350

*Note: Activity prices are subject to change*

### \$1265 - FWSA PACKAGE INCLUDES:

5 NIGHTS AT HOTEL ALYESKA - 2/25 to 3/2, 2018

2 NIGHTS AT THE HOTEL CAPTAIN COOK, ANCHORAGE - 3/2 to 3/4, 2018

ROUND TRIP CHARTER BUS BETWEEN AIRPORT & LODGING LOCATIONS

WELCOME PARTY

FAREWELL PARTY

FOR A SINGLE SUPPLEMENT, ADD \$930.

Prices for children are available on request.

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy; portage is included in the price.

### Check the appropriate price package below:

The package includes five nights lodging at Hotel Alyeska (double occupancy) and two nights lodging at The Hotel Captain Cook (double occupancy and FWSA planned activities).

Make payment to FWSA.      Package Price is: \$1265.00 – Double Occupancy  
\$2195.00 – Single Occupancy

Check Room Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Deluxe King Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Two Double Bed Room

### Provide roommate information:

Have Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

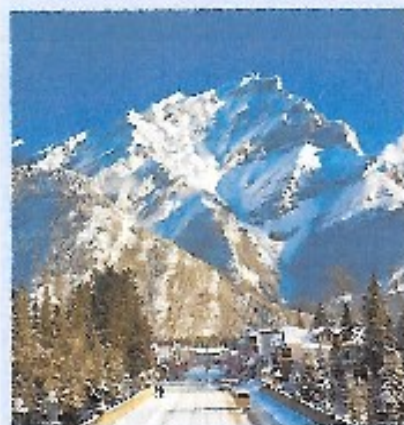
Need Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_ (If a roommate is needed, FWSA will notify you if we have a sign up requesting the need of a roommate. It is also your responsibility to find a roommate. If a roommate is not found, you will be subject to a single supplement payment)





Feb. 3-10, 2018

## BAC 2018 FWSA Ski Week To Banff, Canada



Tri-Area Lift Tickets for  
Sunshine Village, The Lake  
Louise Ski Resort and Mt.  
Norquay

5-Day Adult	\$292
5-Day Senior	\$263
6-Day Adult	\$345
6-Day Senior	\$316

Banff is situated within the wilderness mountain treasure of the Banff National Park. Ski visitors atop any mountain in this Canadian Rockies range will be struck by it's jagged peaks & stunning vistas. Three ski areas are all serviced by a convenient short complimentary shuttle system. Our BAC group will be staying at the first class Historic Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel & the full service in-town Banff Park Lodge in king or queen bedded hotel rooms. The exciting array of activities available include: skating, snowshoeing, dog sledding, ice field exploration, hot springs, and cross country skiing.

Registration Opens on March 13th-\$200 deposit check to:  
BAC Travel. Lodging and Amenities Packages range from  
\$995-\$1445 not including lift tickets & transportation. Optional  
Jasper post-trip from Feb. 10-13th. Group Air also available.

### Amenities include:

- 7 Nights Lodging
- Mountain Tour
- Council Night Dinner
- Farewell Après Party
- Welcome Party
- Racing
- Mountain Picnic
- FWSA Banquet/Dance

Registration and Information Contact: [gailb3098@gmail.com](mailto:gailb3098@gmail.com)  
Gail Burns, BAC Travel Director,  
123 Phillips Lane, Woodside, CA 94062 650 255-7883

Must be a Member of Far West Ski Association or an affiliated ski club  
FWSA CST#4036983 40 /BAC CST#2050870-40



***BAC JASPER***  
***POST EXTENSION TO BANFF SKI WEEK***  
***FEBRUARY 10-13, 2018***

3 nights at Four Star Jasper Lodge Fairmont Hotel

Welcome Party in Jasper

Cabin Farewell Party at the Jasper Fairmont

Bus Transfer from Banff to Jasper via the Ice Fields

Transfers from Jasper to Edmonton Airport

Group Air option available into Calgary and out of Edmonton

Price: **\$525.00** includes transfers, amenities & lodging

Adult Lift Ticket to Marmot Basin: **\$49.00** pre-purchase price

Mailgne Canyon Ice Walk: **\$45.00** to frozen waterfalls

Send your \$100 Deposit check to **BAC Travel**: Gail Burns, 123 Phillips Lane, Woodside, CA. 94062, [gailburns@earthlink.net](mailto:gailburns@earthlink.net);  
Trip Leader: Wanda Ross, [wandaful@gmail.com](mailto:wandaful@gmail.com)



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## 17 DAY ANDES & SOUTH AMERICA LOS ANGELES TO SANTIAGO ON THE EMERALD PRINCESS

**December 3-20, 2017**

*Prices are per person double occupancy:*

\$1699.00 Oceanview  
\$1999.00 Balcony  
\$2299.00 Mini-Suite

\$205.00 PORT FEES & TAXES PER PERSON

**Air & transfers not included**

Group Cocktail Parties Included

Ex Military: \$100.00 onboard credit, I will send the form if needed



**Departing from:** Los Angeles, California

**Ports of Call:** Cabo San Lucas, Mexico • Puntarenas, Costa Rica • Callao (Lima), Peru • General San Martin (Pisco), Peru • Coquimbo (La Serena), Chile • Valparaiso (Santiago), Chile

### Ships Cancellation Policy

FULL REFUND DEPOSIT until Sept. 19, 2017

Sept. 20, 2017 \$100  
October 8, 2017 50% PENALTY  
November 5, 2017 75 % PENALTY  
After Nov. 19, 2017 no refund

**Right now there is a new promotion going on. \$100 deposit.  
Free gratuities and \$150 per person on board spending money.**

Call Tucker Hoffmann to book your cabin. You will need to give him your credit card number  
FINAL PAYMENT DUE September 17, 2017

  
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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)

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)

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

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

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

## ***SKIZETTE FOR DECEMBER, 2017***



December's club event will be  
the Christmas Trolley Dec. 13  
(see flyer)

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



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