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# CVSC SkiZette

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue

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### JANUARY, 2013

- 9 CVSC board meeting at Ralph's
- 16 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's\*(f)
- 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

### MARCH

- 13 CVSC board meeting at Dennie's
- 20 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's
- 17-19 Mammoth Ski Trip (f)

### UPCOMING

- 9/18-10/3 Borneo Adventure

\*Special guest speaker—DON'T MISS IT!!!

### BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dean Schlax	4	Jacky Poulsen	17
Richard Warren	7	Lester Schwabe	18
Connie Wolzinger	8	Sheron Bealer	18
Robert Petersman	8	Ron Zelizer	19
Carol Wulff	9	Cheyl Niese	20
Shirley Thompson	10	Marcia Wood	20
Jolene Michael	11	David Towar	22
Peggy Valley	11	Barbara Johnson	23
Linda Melliush	13	Deborah Walton	24
David Silva	14	Alan Ward	24
Ethel May Shaw	16	Jan Tadevich	29
Jenny Miedema	17	Suzanne White	29



**SkiZette Policy**

**NEWSLETTER**

**DEADLINE: last week 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@att.net



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

Jan. 16th general meeting will feature:



**KIM GRANDFIELD, Owner**

**SUNRISE MOUNTAIN SPORTS  
LIVERMORE, CA**

Topic will be:

**“40 YEARS OF EARNING MY TURNS, CHAIRLIFT FREE SKIING”**



# Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter

## President's Message

Hi All,

As we leave 2012 behind, there comes to mind many good memories of the year - all the wonderful parties, the ski trips (especially Snowmass/Aspen), the trips to the Amazon River, Australia and New Zealand, and generally all the great camaraderie with other ski club members. The ski season, in general, was not the best, but we have great hopes for this year (it is snowing as I write this message).



Karen Wehrman  
President

I hope you were able to attend our annual Christmas party at Crow Canyon Country Club. Thanks to Pat Green, it was a really nice, elegant party. We really got the season off to a great start with such a nice event. Thank you, Pat!

I would like to thank every member of the Board of Directors for all their contributions to make Castro Valley Ski Club the dynamic and fun club that it is. It is in large part due to the work of these dedicated members that makes everything happen, and their gift of time and energy (both mental and physical) is greatly appreciated.

We lost two very special members this year, Rindie Chase and Astra Gabriel, and memories of the good times we had with them through the years will stay with us forever. We wish their families a peaceful new year!

I am looking forward to the new year, 2013, with great anticipation of having great times skiing and hanging out with new and old friends doing whatever fun things come up, and there are always lots of those. At the end of this month many of us will head off to Crested Butte. The out-of-state ski trips are always fantastic, and if you haven't yet come along on one, I hope you will consider doing that soon.

So, I hope to see you in Crested Butte and also Mammoth in March - and don't quit "THINKING SNOW".

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY 2013!!

Karen

## A Word from our VP

Well, Club members, we've finally had a good launch into the ski season. Tons of snow up here at Truckee, as I gaze through the window, and look forward to my first ski day tomorrow. Other Northern Sierra places are looking good too. If you've been waiting for reasons out of your control, as I have, now is the time.



Ron White  
Vice President

The first races of the year are this coming weekend at Alpine, so if you've signed up, as many of us have, it's time to get going. Remember, there are many classes, and you can always show up to do a single race for just \$20. In fact, you can do this several times before exceeding the season fee.

Time is also running out for the reduced rates at Mammoth for our Club members' trip in March. Mammoth has great snow too, and as I've mentioned before, it's a great area.

This is about the point in the narrative where I'm always tempted to put in a paragraph excerpted from *War and Peace*, to see if anyone notices. I have resisted, for fear of finding out the truth.

I also hope you're planning on attending the FWSA annual convention, sponsored by our very own Bay Area Council, close by this year in Reno. The silent auctions for ski trips are particularly valuable, typically going for about half value. I've done these and I'm not sorry.

Think more-snow-than-last-year,

Ron

## RACING NEWS.....

Our first race is next Saturday, January 5 at Alpine Meadows. 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 (see website for prices).



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 slightly fewer racers.
- There are more race classes, 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 549-1715 (C).

Included is the schedule for the upcoming race season. It is also on CVSC's website. Watch the Open League website for the latest information - [www.olrc.org](http://www.olrc.org). (Note that this website will direct you to the new website on google – just click on the link.)

We have over 120" of snow base at Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley. I figure that is not worth skiing or boarding until the resort claims at least 36" of base. The base is usually inflated, especially this time of year. Less than 36" usually means you will damage your skis or boards by hitting rocks. Sometimes 36" is not enough; 60" is safe.

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 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.

It is not too late to join the Castro Valley race team since we have not had a race. There is plenty of the racing-season left. Call me; email me ([keithwilson108@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keithwilson108@sbcglobal.net)) whatever. Just do it at least one week before the next race so it will count. Otherwise, show up on registration day by 8:00 AM and I will get you on the course as a "courtesy racer".

January events also include races at Squaw Valley January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Helmets are required for all races.

Websites: [www.skialpine.com](http://www.skialpine.com). Check the Open League Race Committee website for latest news and results: [www.OLRC.org](http://www.OLRC.org).

Keith



**Fellow CVSC Travelers:**

2012 was a fantastic travel year for the club. We started out the year with a trip to Snowmass, with some of the best snow of the season. Following that we departed on an Amazon River Cruise with side trips to Lake Titicaca & Machu Picchu. We ended the year in New Zealand & Australia arriving home on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all of you for supporting this program, we have such a wonderful group of loyal travelers. Our travel family...

Special thanks to Pat Green for her help on the Snowmass trip, Dennie Warren for help in compiling an article on the Amazon trip, George Constantine for his article on our New Zealand/Australia trip and Ray Jong for the beautiful collages.

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**CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB 2013**

Crested Butte, Colorado - [www.skicb.com](http://www.skicb.com)

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2, 2013

[call for any last minute cancellations](#)



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**Far West News:**

**FWSA 2013 INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK:**

You will enjoy FWSA Ski Week from March 2 - 10, 2013 in Innsbruck, Austria. You will spend seven nights at the 4-star Hotel Grauer Bar with daily breakfast and dinner included. Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital, hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976. The post extension trip from March 10 - 17 will offer five nights in Garmisch for skiing and adventure, then two nights in Munich, Germany. Both weeks will offer optional tours for both skiers and non-skiers alike.

We still have spots available, so do not delay and sign up today!

**FWSA International Travel Program:**

Debbie Stewart at: [FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net)



**Mt. Bachelor - 2nd Annual Mini North American Ski Trip** Join FWSA members on our 2nd Annual mini ski trip to Mt. Bachelor from March 25 - 30, 2013.

*Gloria Raminha VP of North American Travel*

5 nights and 3 or 4 days of skiing. The trip package also includes a full American breakfast every day, a welcome party, last tracks après ski party, tubing party and a farewell party. The flyer and sign-up details are on the [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) website. Included in the trip package is: This FWSA trip is limited to the first 100 signups. A \$50 refundable (until November 15) deposit will guarantee your spot. **Transportation is not provided by FWSA.** Air reservations should be made into Redmond/Bend Airport. Roundtrip shuttle service from Redmond Airport to The Riverhouse will be provided for free. For more details and sign-up information for this trip, go to [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

## 2013 Malaysia - Borneo Adventure

Kuala Lumpur, Kuching, Batang Ai, Miri, & Kota Kinabalu  
plus Penang Island optional extension

**Castro Valley Ski Club**  
**Malaysia & Borneo Adventure**  
**September 18<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

**\$3600 per person**

Join us on a fascinating journey to the island of Borneo, Malaysia, where a mosaic of indigenous tribes, intriguing history, beautiful, ancient rain forests, rivers and diversified wildlife await. In addition, you'll visit one of the most dynamic and fascinating Asian cities, Kuala Lumpur. Here you'll explore exotic markets, lantern-lit streets, temples and other remnants of Malaysia's unique and colorful heritage tucked among the skyscrapers, shopping malls, restaurants, exciting nightlife and other icons of modern life.

### Includes;

Round-trip airfare from Los Angeles to Kuala Lumpur via China Air including fuel surcharges and airport taxes (*subject to change until ticketed*) **working on getting air from SFO - looks good**

- All tours & transfers via private air-conditioned transportation
- 13 nights hotel accommodation for the main program
- Breakfast daily, 6 lunches and 6 dinners
- English speaking tour guide throughout
- Entrances fees where applicable
- Internal flights as required
- Airport taxes
- Tips
- **And more.....in the works**

**Highlights** Kuching, Mulu, Kuala Lumpur. The Sarawak Cultural Village, Niah National Park & Mt. Kinabalu

Penang Island Post-Tour Extension (waiting on final price, approx. \$625)

Space is very limited



Borneo Adventure itinerary map

Tucker - CVSC Travel Director & Kathy, assistant  
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**CVSC CST # 2081040**



CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB  
PRESENTS...  
**MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN**  
MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>, AND 19<sup>TH</sup>.

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

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 FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK IF YOU  
WISH TO EXTEND YOUR STAY!

THE SOONER YOU RESERVE A ROOMS, THE BETTER CHANCE YOU HAVE OF  
GETTING THE ROOM THAT YOU WANT. SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU  
ARE INTERESTED IN GOING AND I WILL 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](mailto:jpsilvaconstruction@yahoo.com)



**June 6-9, 2013**  
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[www.grandsierraresort.com](http://www.grandsierraresort.com)

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*Mountain Magic Moments*



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- NO Resort Fees, FREE In-room Wi-Fi, FREE Parking
- Rates available 3 days pre and post Convention
- FREE TRANSFER from Reno International Airport
- Room block release date is May 15, 2013

**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**

- Pub Crawl
- Michael German Golf Tournament
- River Run White Water Rafting
- Tahoe Rim Hike
- Grand Sierra Spa Day
- Grand Sierra Fun
- Beach Party

**Information** [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

<p>• <b>Jane Wyckoff</b> FWSA Convention Chair <a href="mailto:janeWyckoff1@cox.net">janeWyckoff1@cox.net</a> or 949-933-9607</p>	<p>• <b>Mary Olhausen</b> Silent Auction/Travel Expo Chair <a href="mailto:omary52@comcast.net">omary52@comcast.net</a> or 503-880-7383</p>	<p>• <b>Linda Indreboe</b> BAC Host Convention Chair 408-248-8426 <a href="mailto:bac.publicaffairs@skitbac.org">bac.publicaffairs@skitbac.org</a></p>
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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: [Tahoweatherdiscussion.com](http://Tahoweatherdiscussion.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/)

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)

### *SKIZETTE FOR JANUARY, 2013*



The next meeting will be  
January 20

Don Jose's Restaurant  
3430 Village Dr.  
Castro Valley, CA  
(meeting starts at 7:30 pm)

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