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CVSC SkiZette

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue

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MARCH

- 9-14 CVSC Ski trip to Mammoth
- 19 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's

APRIL

- 9 CVSC board meeting at Ron's
- 16 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's

MAY

- 3 CVSC End of Season Banquet (f)
- 14 CVSC board meeting at Claudia's

UPCOMING

- 8/22-9/6 CVSC Ireland & Scotland (w/optional London 3 day ext.)
- 10/29-11/8 CVSC Tahiti Pacific Princess Cruise (f)

BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

BAC Web site: skibac.org

Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Ron White	1	Paula Kinahon	20
Rosa Lee	1	Ginny Danelek	26
Bob Kahn	5	Agnes Johnson	27
Kenn Wulff	9	Linda Sabraw	30
Richard Ableser	11	Dennis Sorensen	30
Young Kang	12	Catherine Ratto	31
Annemiek Storm	18		



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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 .

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*

Castro Valley Ski Club Web Site

The CVSC web site is up and available and is currently up to date with information on the latest club news, club travel opportunities, and upcoming events. To view the site, point your web browser at the following URL: <http://www.cvskiclub.org>

We would like to add more pictures of club activities and club ski trips. We are actively soliciting members to submit their favorite pictures from these events. If you have any pictures you would like to submit for the web site, please email them to skibuff@comcast.net. High resolution pictures in jpg format are preferred.

Ray

A DAY AT THE RACES.....

Races so far have been two **GS races** at **Alpine Meadows** and two **SL races** at **NorthStar**. **Brian Taylor** placed **2nd** at the first GS and **1st** at the second. In the SL race at NorthStar, Brian unfortunately DQ'ed and did not start in the second race at NorthStar. It has been a difficult season for racing, so far, with the snow level at minimum. Perhaps our **late-February storms** will change all that.

There are a number of possibilities for race **clinics** in March, depending on the snow level. Late **March races** are at **Homewood, March 22nd and 23rd**. This should be **fun**. I attended these races last season and they were excellent.



Keith Wilson
Race Director

If you have not skied Homewood, try it. The skiing is good, and there are some breathtaking views of Lake Tahoe.

The **Open League party is scheduled for March 22nd**, after the Homewood race. Location TBD.

Far West Championships are at **Mammoth Mountain, April 4-6**.

Websites: www.skialpine.com and www.skihomewood.com. Check the Open League Race Committee website for latest news and results: www.olrc.org.

Keith

President's Message

Hi All,

Well, first of all, if you didn't make it to the Far West Ski Association Ski Week in Beaver Creek this year, you missed out. What a great week - thanks to our wonderful Travel Directors, Tucker and Kathy Hoffmann, we scored fantastic ski-in-ski-out lodgings, and I'm pretty sure they arranged the great snow conditions too. Considering the state of the snow conditions in California at that point, I think we all felt very blessed to be there and enjoying the occasional dumps of fresh snow on top of all the parties, dancing and festivities that were included. It was truly a good time had by all who attended. The extension to Breckenridge was also a real treat - a great mountain, a wonderful town, and the highest lift in North America (just under 13,000 feet), which some of us were lucky enough to experience. To my mind, Colorado skiing is just about as good as it gets, and we all felt lucky to be there. Thanks, also to Tucker and Kathy, we all enjoyed a great group dinner at a local Breckenridge Mexican restaurant - good food, great margaritas, and great camaraderie. Wow - it was hard to go home!!

We, as usual, have many fun things coming up this Spring. I hope you all will come to the End of Season Banquet that Pat Green is planning for us on May 3. We will have some good music for dancing, a wonderful meal, and lots of fun with fellow members and friends. Thank you, Pat, for all your hard work organizing another great party!

And, remember, the Far West Ski Association annual Convention is coming up soon—June 12 – 15, in Bend, Oregon. The venue is The River House, right on the river, and is reputed to be very beautiful. The Convention is a great opportunity to learn more about the ski industry, hang out with friends from CVSC, and enjoy the events that are planned for attendees. For those of you who attended the Convention in Reno last year, rest assured that you will be able to sleep in on Sunday morning instead of getting up at an ungodly hour to chop fruit, make Bloody Marys and prepare for the Eye-Opener. You can just come and relax and have fun - not that the Eye-Opener last year wasn't fun! Just saying

For those of you who were flexible enough to change venues and attend the regular meeting last week, I appreciate it. Don Jose's had a conflict, and we needed to hold the meeting elsewhere, so we met at The Brass Door in San Ramon, and I think everyone seemed to have a good time, if the noise level and rowdiness was any indication. I think the ample wine served might have had something to do with that, too. Thank you so much to Dennie Warren, our hard working, creative and dedicated Skizette Editor for getting the word out, twice, so as many members were aware of the change as possible.

So, again, I hope to see you at one or all of the above mentioned events - having fun!!

Karen



Karen Wehrman
President

A Word from our VP

This month I want to continue with elaborating on the several special awards made by the Far West Ski Association, that are given in addition to the Man and Woman of the Year awards. These four are:

Safety Person of the Year
Western Ski Heritage
Club Historical Recognition
Charity and Community Service



Ron White
Vice President

and the deadline for submission this year is March 20.

This month I will discuss the second, the Western Ski Heritage. This award recognizes the best effort made to find, preserve, document and share the history of snow sports in the Western States. The purpose of the Far West Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of snow sports participants and non-participants alike of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of snow sports – competitive as well as that of outdoor winter recreation and fitness activities. The award is open to an individual, group or team. Candidates can self nominate or be nominated by a club or club member. The Western Ski Heritage Award is a crystal trophy and typically a 5-night ski package for two donated by Steamboat Springs with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, and more.

Candidates should send their forms directly to John Watson – history@fwsa.org. Web Link to Detailed Information — <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-wsh.html>

In coming newsletters I will describe the two remaining awards. We need to think about our own club and the members who would run strongly in these areas.

Ron



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- Tips

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

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Jump into 
Ireland

SOLD OUT - Call Tucker to get on a wait list if interested. 925-371-1910

TAHITI PACIFIC PRINCESS CRUISE

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 8, 2014 - 10 days

We still have opening on this trip. So far we have 40 CV members signed up. See flyer.



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TAHITI PACIFIC PRINCESS CRUISE

OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 8, 2014 - 10 days

Marquesas & Polynesia

Round trip from Tahiti (Papeete), French Polynesia

These prices are just for the cruise itself. We are working on air (approx. \$1200) and do have optional lodging in Papeete before the cruise and after. It's always fun to go as a group so I hope you'll be joining us.

\$2,499.00 BALCONY BB LEVEL (2)

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\$1,799.00 OBSTUCTED WINDOW

\$1,699/00 INSIDE

\$120.00 PER PERSON PORT FEES

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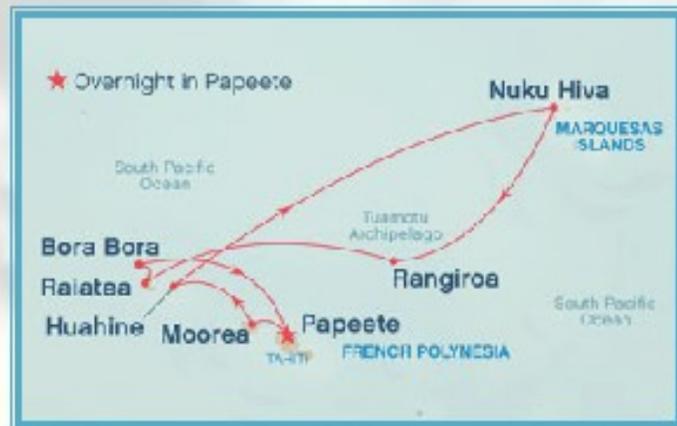
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Driving on Snow and Ice: Safety Tips

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.

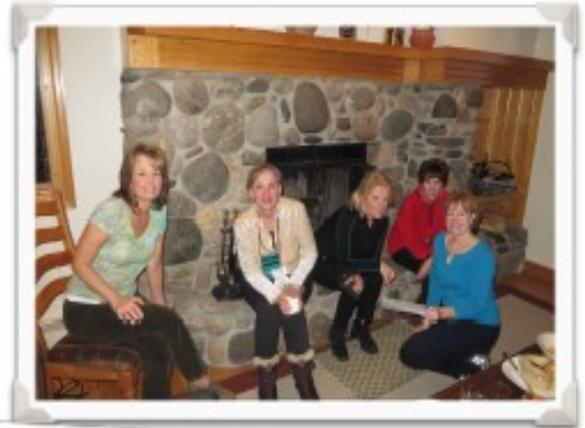
- 1. Get a grip.** To have adequate snow traction, a tire requires at least 6/32-inch deep tread, according to The Tire Rack. (New passenger-car tires usually have 10/32-inch of tread.) Ultrahigh-performance "summer" tires have little or no grip in snow. Even "all-season" tires don't necessarily have 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 these lull you into overestimating the available traction.

Sandy

2014 Ski Week Beaver Creek



A Mountain Tour At Vail

On Tuesday, January 28th, a group of fellow CVSC members headed to ski the renowned Vail Ski resort. We had a wonderful opportunity to do the mountain tour headed by an experienced Vail guide. The ski capabilities of the tour group were in line with experts. Unfortunately the intermediate ski level of your SkiZette editor could not rival the group speed of the other Board members. After several minutes shortly after the tour started from the top of the mountain, the Vail guide expressed that she was too slow for the group, leaving her to struggle in her attempts to get down the mountain. As of this moment in February, we still have not located her. Fearing the worst we are looking for a new SkiZette editor.



HAVING A REALLY
GOOD TIME AT SKI
WEEK.....!!!!!!!



...well.... no comment.

CVSC END OF SEASON BANQUET

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Black tie optional

CROW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB

711 Lake Dr., Danville, CA 94526

EVENING EVENTS

6pm – Hors d'oeuvres/no-host cocktails

7pm – Dinner

Installation of new CVSC Board

Awards for Officers & Members

Door prizes & raffle

Dancing to the music of 'Get Down Productions'

Eston - DJ

to 11:30

MENU CHOICES

CVSC members—\$40; Non-members—\$50

#1 Salmon or #2 Steak

All entrees include salad, seasonal vegetables and chef's choice of potatoes or rice,
bread & butter, coffee, tea, and dessert.

DON'T MISS THIS GALA EVENT!!!

BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

Complete reservation form & mail to Pat Green, 4655 Cope Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566

By Saturday, April 26, 2014

(Enclose check payable to CVSC)

Name(s)	Menu choice #	Member?	Amt enclosed
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_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Phone _____			
Email _____			Total amount enclosed \$ _____



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slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm

Open league racing: olrc.org

Weather: nws.mbay.net/home.html

Best weather website for snow: Tahoweatherdiscussion.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 MARCH, 2014



The next meeting will be
March 19

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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