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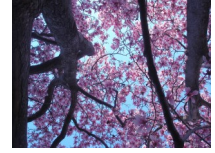
# CVSC SkiZette

March, 2024



## EVENTS CALENDAR

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### MARCH

- 3-9 BAC Ski Week at Whitefish, MT
- 13 CVSC Board meeting at Dennie's
- 17-22 FWSA Mini Ski Week to Copper Mt, CO
- 20 CVSC General Meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm

### APRIL

- 10 CVSC Board meeting at Pat's
- 17 CVSC General Meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm

### MAY

- 8 CVSC Board meeting at Maggie's
- 15 CVSC General meeting at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant @ 6pm

### UPCOMING

- 7/13 CVSC Mexican Fiesta at Jim Silva's house (f) pg 3
- 10/9-19 CVSC Portugal & the Douro River Cruise (f) pg 7
- 12/5 CVSC Christmas Trolley

2025:

- 10/3-15 CVSC Paris, Normandy & Seine River Cruise (f) pg 10

### BAC/FWSA TRIPS

Please visit websites for detailed information.

**BAC Web site: skibac.org**

**Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org**

2025:

- 1/25-2/1 FWSA Ski Week Banff, Canada
- 5/8-15 BAC Bike & Barge Bruges to Amsterdam (f) pg 6

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Paula Kinahon	20
Terry Starker	31



Visit our Website at [www.cvsclub.org](http://www.cvsclub.org)

## Castro Valley Ski Club Newsletter

### President's Message

Happy St Patrick's day everyone and we are having beautiful snow this month..amazing how quickly the weather can change from inches to feet. Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the month of March!



Claudia Fernandes  
President

We had a nice turnout at our last general meeting so nice to see you all and catch up on all that we are doing, skiing, bike riding, traveling, etc. It was food and friends. Hope to see many of you this month at Don Jose's..

We heard from Pat about our upcoming events, the Mexican Fiesta in July and the Christmas Trolley at the end of the year. Save the Dates! Also looking into concerts in the park and other get togethers. Stay tuned.

Kathy and Tucker are giving us updates on Portugal this year and Normandy next year. They are looking into Costa Rica and some other trips so keep in touch with the club for more info. There is some room still available but slim so contact Kathy if any questions.

Convention in Reno for Far West in June, let me know if interested in attending as a delegate. May not have many conventions in the future.

Well, enjoy the snow, be safe in these weather conditions it can be treacherous!! Take care everyone and also have a Happy



Easter it's early this year..

Best wishes always,

Claudia

### 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: dennieluuu1@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!!!!

(Dennie—your editor — dennieluuu1@gmail.com)

### 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!!!!



**CVSC MEXICAN FIESTA PARTY !**

**Saturday, July 13, 2024**

**Hosted by the CVSC at Jim Silva's home  
4235 Krolop Rd, Castro Valley**

Cost: \$25 for members      \$55 for non-members

Margaritas and Appetizers start at 4 PM. Dinner will be served at 6 PM.

The dinner menu: Fajitas, Enchiladas, Beans, Rice, Taco Salad & Dessert  
Drinks include Margaritas, Beer & Water

**Make checks payable to CVSC and send to Pat Green**

at

4655 Cope Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566  
Any questions? Call Pat at 925-846-7250

**Please RSVP no later than July 6<sup>th</sup>!**

We hope you will join us!



CVSC February General Meeting



"The Voice of the Western Skier"



91<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Far West Ski Association  
Convention  
June 6 - 9, 2024  
at the



FWRA & FWSA



**Atlantis**  
CASINO RESORT SPA • RENO

Hosted by *Bay Area Snow Sports Council*  
and *Sierra League & Council*

### Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

3800 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502

Reservations <https://reservations.travelclick.com/98418?groupID=2016540>

or call 800-723-6500, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**  
**Room Rates per night plus tax** single or double occupancy —  
\$119 (Wed - Thurs) \$179 (Fri & Sat) + \$17.50 daily resort fee  
**Room Registration Deadline - May 16, 2024**

### Hotel Features

- World Class Casino
- Forbes 4-Star Spa Atlantis
- Indoor & Outdoor Pools & Outdoor Whirlpool Spa
- 8 Award Winning Restaurants; 10 Bars & Lounges
- Atlantis Family Entertainment Fun Center
- FREE Wi-Fi in guest rooms, FREE Parking
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention

### Transportation

- Air transportation is via Reno-Tahoe International Airport, located just 15 minutes from the Atlantis
- The Atlantis offers free airport shuttle service (4:30 am - 12:15 am)

### Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction & Trade Show
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

### Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
  - Bike Ride along Tahoe River
  - 27th Annual Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
  - 17th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
  - Pool Party
  - Club Happy Hour

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit "Achieve Tahoe".

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



# FWSA 2024 AFRICA ADVENTURE TRIP TANZANIA & ZANZIBAR



September 28—October 7, 2024

### Lodging Package:

- Double Occupancy \$5865 per person
- Single Supplement \$6585 per person (limited availability)

Note: Group Air pricing will be available.

### Package Includes:

- 1 night stay in the 4.5 Star Arusha Serena Hotel in Arusha
- 2 nights stay in the 4 Star Ngorongoro Serena Lodge in Ngorongoro
- 2 nights stay in 4 Star Serengeti Serena Lodge in Serengeti
- Game drives & private safari experiences—all meals included during the safaris
- All park fees, government taxes and service charges
- Experienced English speaking driver-guides
- Authentic Bush dinner
- Welcome & Farewell events
- Airport transfers for group air arrangements
- 1 night accommodation in the 5 Star Hotel Zanzibar Stone Town
- 2 night accommodation in the 4.5 Star Neptune Pwani Beach Resort
- Stone town tour plus Spice tour with lunch at The Beach House



Ngorongoro Crater

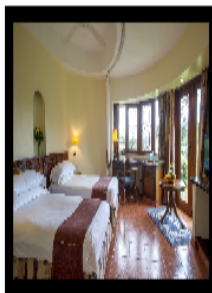
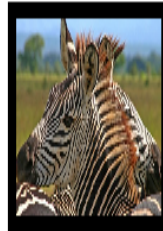
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for an unforgettable  
African experience



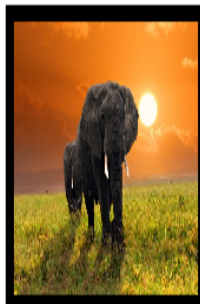
Lake Duluti



Safari Cruiser with Cheetah



Contact: Debbie Stewart  
FWSA VP of Int'l Travel  
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Trip Co-Leader: Gloria Raminha



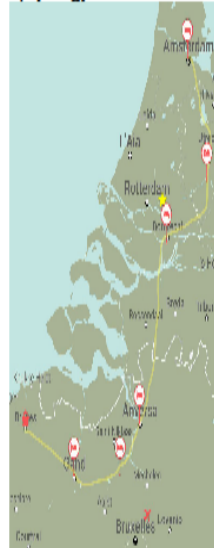
You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn. Affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!

CST #2036983-40



BAC CST# 2050870  
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## BIKE & BARGE BRUGES TO AMSTERDAM MAY 8-15, 2025



### ITINERARY

1. Embarkation in Bruges, the "Pearl of Flanders"
2. From Bruges to Ghent through the beautiful Flemish Countryside
3. Cycling along the Scheldt: from Ghent to St. Amands
4. Pedaling to the city of diamonds: Antwerp!
5. From Belgium to Holland by bike and boat - Antwerp to Dordrecht
6. Cycling through the mills of Kinderdijk to Vianen
7. Among mansions, castles and villages toward Amsterdam
8. End of tour in Amsterdam

### INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR:

- 8 days/7 nights 7 x breakfast 6 x 3-course dinner
- Packed lunches Coffee/Tea/Water on board Welcome drink
- Daily cabin cleaning Climate-controlled cabin Wi-Fi
- Fully guided cycling tours Jacuzzi on Sundeck GPS
- Some short walking tours Use of a helmet Use of Manual bike
- Use of a waterproof pannier bag Fees for ferries
- Entrance Red Star Line Museum in Antwerp
- Tasting Belgium products Canal trip through Ghent

JOIN 34 BAC cyclists for a week-long bike & barge tour in Holland and Belgium: the land of bicycles! The terrain is completely flat, and the bike paths, almost all of which are paved, are always well marked. Some stages include a choice between a short and a longer ride, and if one day you don't feel like cycling, you have the option of staying on board the boat. The only variable to keep an eye on is the weather: a little wind or rain could make your ride more adventurous.

PRIVATE CHARTER VIA GIROLIBERO CYCLING HOLIDAYS

**\$2,425\*** per person - double occupancy

### NOT INCLUDED:

- Airfare 1-dinner (Antwerp or Bruges)
- Bottled/Alcoholic Drinks
- Trip Insurance
- Entrance fees not mentioned above
- Transfers to/from the dock

E-bike \$300 (very limited availability)

Deposit: \$500 - to secure your spot  
\$1,000 Due AUG 1, 2024 Balance Due FEB 1, 2025

Checks payable to: Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs  
Mail to: Karen Albrecht, 712 Matsonia Dr., Foster City CA 94404

\*Trip cost is based on 2024 currency conversion rates. Any major change in currency conversion rates that impact trip cost will be passed on to participants.

## 2024 Castro Valley Ski Club

# Portugal & the Douro River Cruise

October 9-19<sup>th</sup>, 2024



**\$5490 to \$6199** (depending on cabin choice)

Experience the unique sites and culture of Portugal with a taste of Spain on this combination land and river cruise Main trip. We start our journey by flying into Lisbon and we stay there for two nights in a four-star hotel. We then travel to Fatima and sightsee in Coimbra and then board the *MS Emerald Radiance* for our seven-night river cruise along the Douro River. We also venture to Rodrigo, Vega Terron, and Salamanca Spain. We end the trip in the home of Port wine, Porto, and fly back to the US.

### Your tour includes:

- RT air from LAX or SFO
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Lisbon, Portugal before cruising
- 7 night Duoro River Cruise on the Emerald Radiance
- 23 Meals (8 dinners, 6 lunches, and 9 breakfasts)
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided
- Included shore excursions escorted by local, English-speaking guides in Salamanca, Pocinho, Lamego and Porto
- All onboard meals feature local and international specialties
- All onboard lunches and dinners are four courses and served with complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks
- All gratuities included
- Complimentary WiFi onboard

Send \$400 per person **non-refundable** deposit to:

Tucker Hoffmann - CVSC Travel Director  
2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550  
510-329-4242 [tkhoffmann@icloud.com](mailto:tkhoffmann@icloud.com)

**Note: due to the popularity of this trip please send us an email to let us know if you're sending a deposit. We already have quite a few already signed up.**

CVSC CST # 2081040

# Portugal and the Douro River Cruise



Experience the cosmopolitan charm of Lisbon, Portugal



Feel the rhythm of the city in the Plaza Mayor, Salamanca, Spain

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal.

**DAY 2 Lisbon, Portugal:** Upon arrival, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore Lisbon. This evening, join your Mayflower staff and fellow travelers for an included dinner. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 Lisbon:** After breakfast, an included tour highlights the famous sites of the city. During a panoramic coach tour, see 'Monument to the Discoveries,' and Belem Tower, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Jerónimos Monastery and discover the unique architecture and history. Enjoy a free afternoon to shop, dine and experience this cosmopolitan city on your own. **Meal: B**

**DAY 4 Fátima – Coimbra – Porto:** Depart Lisbon by coach and journey to the ship in Porto. Enroute, visit Fátima, home to the Sanctuary of Fátima, an important Catholic pilgrimage site. The city's fame originates from the apparitions of Our Lady of the Rosary that appeared to three shepherd children in the nearby fields. Continue to Coimbra and its famous university before arriving in Porto to embark the *MS Emerald Radiance*, home for the next seven nights. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 5 Porto – Pinhão:** Today is a day of sailing through the twists and turns of the Douro Valley. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, this area is sparsely populated by quaint villages, sun-drenched vineyards and small farms. Later today, arrive in the village of Pinhão, perfectly situated on a river bend surrounded by terraced hillsides that produce some of the world's best Port wine. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception and dinner. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** A Portuguese cooking demonstration onboard

**DAY 6 Pinhão – Vega de Terrón:** Begin the day with a visit to the beautiful 18th-century estate of Quinta do Tedo Vineyard with spectacular views of the Douro Valley. Learn about wine production, its importance to the culture and economy, and enjoy a tasting of the local vintage. This afternoon, the ship sails for Vega de Terrón, gateway to Spain. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE\*:** A guided walk through the vineyards

**EmeraldACTIVE\*:** Kayak experience in Pinhão

\*The included tour and both ACTIVE tours all operate simultaneously. Only one can be selected.

**DAY 7 Salamanca, Spain:** Today's excursion takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Salamanca, Spain. During the guided walking tour, see amazingly detailed and intricately carved buildings of the university and the House of Shells. Regal splendor abounds in the Plaza Mayor, the heartbeat of the city. Visit the market and taste the local products including cheese, olives and bread. You'll have free time for lunch and to explore independently before returning to the ship in Portugal. **Meals: B, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** Entertainment by a Tuna music band in Salamanca

**DiscoverMORE:** Tour of Castelo Rodrigo (instead of city tour to Spain – additional expense)

**DAY 8 Pocinho / Régua, Portugal:** Arrive in Pocinho and disembark for a morning tour to the Cõa Valley Museum. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, the museum's concrete structure houses prehistoric stone carvings made by the early inhabitants of the Douro which were uncovered during construction of a nearby dam project. Return to the ship for lunch and relax on deck as the ship sails through idyllic surroundings on the way to Régua. This evening, enjoy an off-ship dinner at a traditional vineyard estate. **Meals: B, L, D**

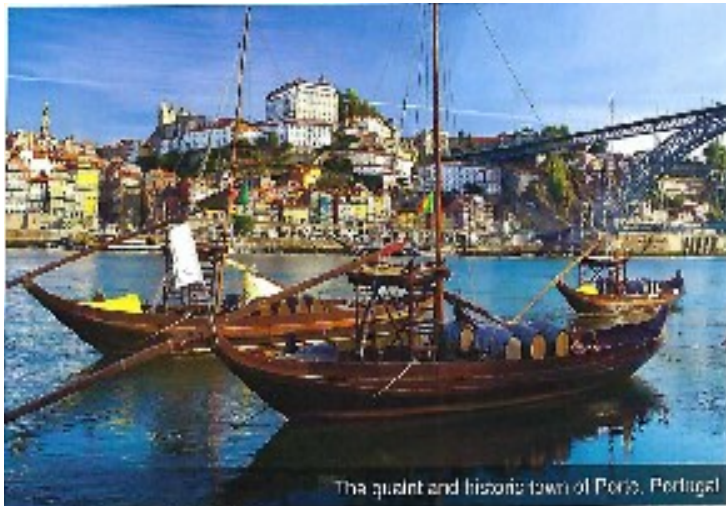
**DiscoverMORE:** Archaeological 4x4 Tour at Cõa Museum (additional expense)

The included tour and DiscoverMORE operate at the same time.

**EmeraldPLUS:** Port wine cocktail lesson onboard

**EmeraldPLUS:** Dinner at a vineyard estate





The quiet and historic town of Porto, Portugal

**DAY 9 Régua – Lamego:** From Régua, journey to the marvelous baroque village of Lamego, home to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Remedies - one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Portugal. Visit the Sanctuary perched atop the hill, with its iconic 686-step granite staircase, decorated with the traditional Portuguese blue and white 'azulejos' tiles. During a guided walk through the village, learn about the importance of wine production to the local area. Return to the ship in Régua after the excursion. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Walk down the stairs of the Sanctuary

**DiscoverMORE:** Visit to Matias Manor House (additional expense)

This tour operates at the same time as the included visit of Lamego.

**EmeraldPLUS:** Mosaic tile painting lesson onboard

**DAY 10 Porto:** Having traversed the Douro River, the ship returns to Porto – a city with an eclectic mix of modern and ancient architecture. An included tour highlights the sights from its scenic beauty to the historic landmarks of the Castelo da Foz and Castelo do Queijo. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure in Porto. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** A guided walking tour of Porto (instead of included tour)

**DiscoverMORE:** Guided bike tour to the Atlantic Ocean (additional expense)

**DiscoverMORE:** Visit to Quinta do Avellanca with Vinha Verde tasting (additional expense)

**EmeraldPLUS:** Evening cruise through Porto's enchanting waters  
\* The DiscoverMORE's operate at the same time; only one can be selected.

**DAY 11 Porto / USA:** This morning, disembark the *MS Emerald Radiance* and bid a fond farewell to Portugal, filled with memories of this remarkable cruise along the 'River of Gold.' **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.



## Exceptional Inclusions

- 22 Meals: 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 8 dinners
- Airport transfers on four dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit two countries
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Lisbon, Portugal before cruising
- Seven-night cruise on the *Emerald Radiance*
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew
- Onboard Activity Manager will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- All gratuities included
- Personal listening device for onboard excursions
- Many meals included onboard with a variety of international cuisine
- Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Variety of onboard evening entertainment

## CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 and 3 – Avani Hotel or similar, Lisbon, Portugal

Days 4 through 10 – Aboard the *MS Emerald Radiance*

## Castro Valley Ski Club

Presents

### Paris, Normandy, and the Seine River Cruise



**October 3-15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**\$3895 to \$4695** depending on cabin choice – plus air \$1400

Delight in the dazzling sights of Paris, explore the charming villages along the Seine, and encounter the sacredness of Normandy

Here is all the info on The Seine: Normandy to Paris River Cruise with Grand Circle Cruise Line in 2025. Below are the details for this cruise along with instructions to make reservations.

The upper deck has a small balcony with a sliding glass door. The lower deck has a large picture window and is slightly larger than the balcony cabins.

Learn more about this cruise online at: [www.gct.com/SEN25](http://www.gct.com/SEN25) you can see deck plans here as well

#### **Here's how you can sign up**

- 1) Call Grand Circle Travel: 1-800-221-2610
- 2) **Mention Group Code: G5-25848**
- 3) Mention you'd like to make a reservation for the The Seine: Normandy to Paris in 2025 with the Castro Valley Ski Club
- 4) Deposit is \$500 per person, but more if including travel protection with the deposit.

I have negotiated a special incentive if you sign up by Jan 30, 2024 you will get an additional \$100 off PRICING, also you can get a Good Buy Discount (GBD): Pay in full from a checking account 15 months prior to departure to save up to 10% on your tour and airfare balance. Learn more about our Good Buy Discount online at: [www.gct.com/GBD](http://www.gct.com/GBD). This adds up!



**Pricing:**

- Alto D Cabin: \$3895 per person
- Alto C Cabin: \$4295 per person
- Soprano B Cabin with balcony: \$4495 per person
- Soprano A Cabin with balcony: \$4695 per person

Optional Pre-Trip extension to Brittany & Mont St. Michel: \$995 per person

Optional Post-Trip extension to Paris: \$895 per person

**Single cabins are limited. If available, the single supplement is \$795**

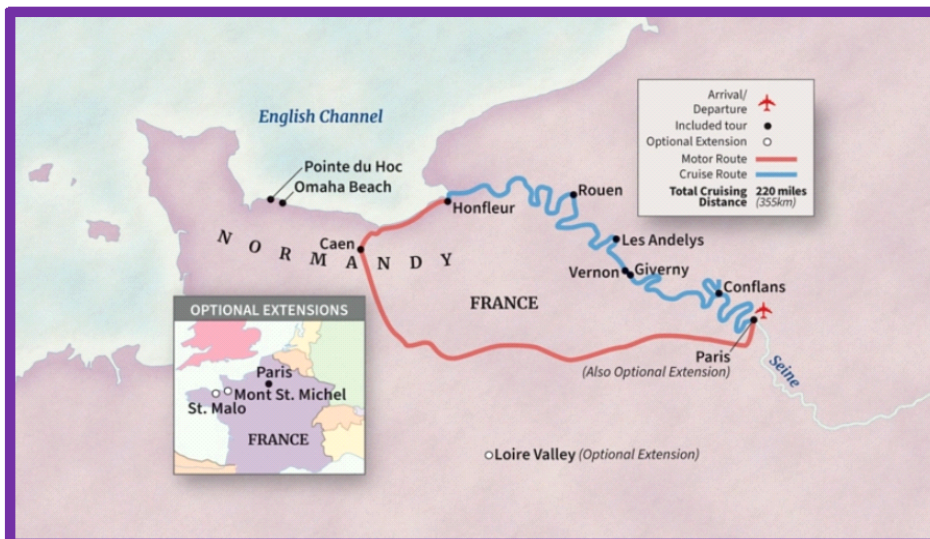
Grand Circle Reservations is open 7 days/week.

Hours: Monday-Friday: 6am-5pm PT

Saturday-Sunday 6am-3pm PT

Tucker & Kathy

Castro Valley Ski Club Travel





## 2023/2024 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)  
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### *SKIZETTE FOR MARCH, 2024*



All monthly general meetings are held  
 at Don Jose's Mexican Restaurant,  
 3430 Village Dr., Castro Valley, CA

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



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