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Castro Valley, CA 94546

CVSC SkiZette

August, 2009
Celebrating our 25th year!!



Special Events:

Vin et Cuisine
Home of Marsha & Fred
Rubis
August 1

CVSC Ski & Sightsee
Argentina
August 21-Sept 2

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EVENTS CALENDAR

(f) = flyer in this issue

AUGUST

- 1 Vin et Cuisine at the home of Marsha & Fred Rubis (f)
- 12 CVSC board meeting at Rindie's
- 19 CVSC general meeting bbq at the home of Allen Ward & Becky Cox
- 21-9/2 CVSC Ski & Sightsee Argentina

SEPTEMBER

- TBD Wayne's Bike Ride
- 9 CVSC board meeting at Claudia's
- 16 CVSC general meeting at Don Jose's
- 26 CVSC Sonoma Wine Tour

OCTOBER

- 14 CVSC board meeting at Pat's
- 10/18-25 CVSC Cruise to Caribbean on Carnival Victory (f)

UPCOMING

- 2010:
- 1/30-2/6 FWSA Ski Week at Keystone, CO (f)
- Trip to Turkey in October (more info to come)

Alan Ward	1	Jack Nixon	15
John Houseman	2	Jerry Svensson	16
Igor Goulaevsky	2	Barbara Myers	16
Karen Kimball	4	Jackie Imhoff	16
Craig Tangen	6	Jerry Caveglia	17
Lawrence Nunnally	9	Marsha Rubis	20
Inge Terpening	10	Cindy Mendoza	23
Don Payne	11	Lisa Weil	27
Ruanne Mikkelsen	12	Robin Georgeff	27
Kathy Hoffmann	12	Pam Quinn	29
Wayne Stolfus	14		

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



The Company Store

The following Castro Valley Ski Club promotional items, with logo, are available to members :

- Black Ball Caps \$10**
- Gold Key Rings \$5**
- Logo Luggage Tags \$1.50; 4/\$5**
- Logo Fanny Packs \$20**
- Club Patches \$1**
- Club ski pole flags \$5**

SEE DEAN OR JOLENE MICHAEL TO PURCHASE ANY OF THESE GREAT ITEMS

SkiZette Policy

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: 28th of the month

Articles submitted by this date will be included in the following month's newsletter - space permitting.

Submit articles to:

Dennie Warren, 16606 Selby Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578

Phone (510) 759-3415; Fax (510) 276-2444

Email: dennieluu@comcast.net

Didn't get your newsletter? - Change of Address? - PLEASE Contact Karen Wehrman, VP Membership at (510)538-2872; email: kwehrman@comcast.net



~~MARKETPLACE~~

Ocean Front Maui Condo available for Rent

Two bedroom, two bathroom condo, with spacious lanais, fully-equipped kitchen and washer/dryer. Pool, Jacuzzi and BBQ just steps outside. Unit is located in North Lahaina with panoramic ocean view including islands of Lanai and Molokai. Available November 19 to 25, 2009 for \$900.00, cleaning included.

For more details and photos, contact Pam & Steve Nicholson at 310-545-0462 home, 310-874-4188 cell or Pam90266@aol.com.

Room for Rent – Furnished - \$550.00/mo including utilities

Good Neighborhood in South Livermore (Arroyo & Concannon)
3 bedroom house, single story
1 indoor/outdoor Cat

- Furnished - \$550/mo includes utilities
Room w/lrg closet organizer, ceiling fan w/remote
Full use of guest Bathroom, Kitchen & Laundry

Must be non-smoker & drug free.

Will require first and last month plus deposit of \$200.00 upfront. Total \$1300.00
Contract will be month to month. Room Ready – rent can be prorated

References required.
Employment
Previous Rental
Friend

Pictures available on request.
Please call
925-373-0460 eve
510-723-3221 day

Gregg and Debbie Phelps

Anyone for apples?? We have an apple tree in our yard that's getting pretty fruity.... I will bring bags of apples to meetings if anyone would like (they're great for applesauce and pies!) so please let me know if you're an apple fan ~ [your editor]

Ergonomic computer or desk Chair - black, sturdy - used only short while during back pain problems - has a back also, which many don't have, so you can also sit back if needed. \$190 new - will sell for \$30

Two heavy duty aluminum clothes racks that fold flat - \$60 new - will sell for \$25 each Astra at 925-449-8034

~~ SPORTS EXCHANGE ~~

Skis: 193 Rossignol 7S Course w/M54 Turbo SC
Marker racer bindings - \$75

Skis: 190 K2 Unlimited w/M36 Marker bindings - \$35

Skis: 205 Rossignol 7S w/M44 Marker bindings - \$50

Ski Helmet - Large - \$5

Electric boot/shoe dryer - \$5

Thule trunk type bike rack for two bikes - \$20

RhodeGear 3-bike trunk type bike rack - \$25

Bicycle Helmet - \$4

Two Dacor short (50's) dive tanks - \$20 each

Decoys - 3 geese with removable head/neck and 5 weighted ducks - Geese at \$6 each (or 3 for \$15) - Ducks at \$4 each (or 5 for \$15)
EP GX3 Turboglas Graphite/Kevlar Water Ski with it's own zippered case. - slight delamination in one area, but should be fixable - \$30

Astra at 925-449-8034



President's Message



It has been almost three months since we celebrated our 25th anniversary and to this point the news of that event has not appeared in the Skizette. There are many CVSC members, who were not able to be at the event. Here is what you missed. For those who were fortunate to attend, sit back with the absentees and enjoy reading and re-living that wonderfully memorable evening. As always, the Sequoyah Country Club provided an elegant and fitting venue for the celebration. Great food too. This was

a time to recognize and learn about those who had a vision in 1984 and turned it into reality. Quite simply, three guys got together over pizza and beer at a local Castro Valley hangout and decided to form a ski club. Kathy and Tucker and others were able to locate these guys and were able to get them to the banquet. Founders Bill Parker, Dan Gross and Ralph Smith were our special guests and along with Tucker recalled many memorable moments from those days at a younger age when guys do what guys do. J The threesome was honored with commemorative wine glasses in appreciation of their foresight and without whom this club might never have been formed. Next in line all past club presidents were asked to come forward for a group photo, lined up in the order of their years in office they were:

Bill Parker-1984-86, Dan Gross-86-87, Tucker Hoffmann-87-92, Kathy Hoffmann-92-97, Dave Silva-97-2000, Jim Korn-2000-2001, Walt Johnson-2001-2007, Ralph Sherman-2007 to present.

These club leaders have been responsible for continuing to maintain a strong and very active membership. Each was awarded a bottle of premium wine selected by Sandy Beecher, our club wine aficionado.

After the social hour, 68 members joined in a toast to the wonderful past of this organization and hopes for the future as well. Our DJ kindly ordered up a musical background with the song "We are Family", so true of this bunch. Your president refrained from singing a song he had written but rather than waste it.....

"Castro Valley Ski Club is the place to be, with 25 years of history. Since nineteen hundred and eighty four, when a group of friends opened the door, To down-hill adventure in the snowy white cold, for a multi-age group who were pretty darned bold. And to travelling the world both hither and yon, with parties galore from evening to dawn"

Up next, Kathy and Tucker Hoffmann who have been very much major players and a huge part of the exceptional success of this organization, almost from the very beginning, 23 years ago. Kathy and Tucker were presented with several gifts and awards from The Board and also from membership. They were then asked to share with us some recollections of the early days of CVSC. Needless to say, there were some humorous moments.

T and K had the honor of presenting an award to Norm Prickett, a member who attended the first meeting in 1984 and is still active in the club. Applause, applause, applause!!!

The fabulous foursome who were responsible for planning and arranging for the Banquet were Pat Green, Diana Gartland, Jim Korn and Paula Kinahon. Wow! More awards for a superb effort and its obvious success.

Between the salad and the entrée the BAC Man and Woman of the year were recognized. Karen Wehrman and Ralph Sherman gratefully accepted the honors. This was followed by recognition awards for the years' event sponsors and volunteers. A belated thanks to these guys and gals for planning those events.

Not to be forgotten, sometimes the best is saved for last. Throughout the entire evening there was a steady stream of "lookers" at the tables lining the wall. Displayed there was a mind boggling photographic and printed history

of CVSC, collected and organized by our Historian Diana Gartland. It gave us all the opportunity to walk back into our ski club years, to recall friends who we have lost track of, to realize we were slimmer, had more hair and it was a different color, checked out the ski racing trophies, trips to other corners of the world, club events, and on and on. All in all it was a reminder of how blessed we have been as a minority of folks who are very fortunate to have the desire and the means to ski, travel, dream and enjoy the social activities that come with CVSC membership.

The evening continued with music and dancing, enjoying the moment and looking forward to the years ahead with our CVSC family of friends and our 30th anniversary.

Are you ready for the 2009/2010 season? Time to sharpen up those edges, wax 'em and check out the lift ticket bargains. Paula is ready for your order.

Looking forward to seeing you on August 19 at our annual BBQ meeting at the home of Alan and Becky in beautiful Danville.

Ralph

Consider this....

Greetings! It was great fun seeing so many CVSC members at the BBQ 'meeting' last month. **Karen Wehrman and Jim Silva** were terrific hosts of this ever popular and fun social evening. Please join me in thanking them for sharing their lovely home and garden with us.



Many thanks to **Diana Gartland** for contributing the two wonderful photographs featured in the SkiZette article on **Sandy Beecher, FWSA Safety Award winner**. I love the shot of Sandy with **Billy Kidd**. It so perfectly captures the jubilant mood that followed her throughout convention weekend and beyond.

Bay Area Snow Sports Council News

Council President, **Dennis Heffley** has accepted the nomination for V.P. of **National Ski Council Federation**. Made up of ski councils and clubs throughout the United States, the Federation's mission is strengthening the relationship among member organizations and the snow sports industry through improved communication, education, and benefits. Dennis no doubt will be a fine addition to the Federation. Please join me in wishing him the best of luck in his pursuit of the Vice President position.

The **BAC Directory** publication for 2009/2010 is in the works. I encourage the amateur photographers among us to look through the many photos you took on the hill this year and submit one or two for the Directory Cover Competition coming around again this fall. The winner receives a pair of lift tickets to a North Tahoe resort.

The **August BBQ meeting** is coming up on the 19th. Hum...what tasty treat shall I bring to share, that is the question. Meanwhile, hope you are enjoying the dog days of summer and are having fun.

Best regards,

Paula Kinahon

VP & BAC Representative

415 983-7145 (day)

510 357-6127 (evening/weekend)

Pkinahon@gmail.com

END OF SEASON BANQUET

"Thanks for the memories....."



All the club's presidents



Good eats & good times!!



Man & Woman of the Year Awards



Dancin' the night away!!



Appreciating the club's rich history
(good work Diana!!)

Sandra Beecher FWSA Safety Award Winner

By Paula Kinahon

Ten years ago, Sandy Beecher and I met in the parking lot as I was going to our usual Wednesday meeting. She asked if I knew where the Castro Valley Ski Club meetings were held. I remember introducing myself, and saying to Sandy, "I'm with CVSC, follow me." We entered the meeting together and by night's end, Sandy not only joined the club, she signed up for several FWSA trips. A year later she was on the CVSC Board of Directors as VP of Weekend Trips. Sandy has been on many CVSC ski trips since those days and is one of the most cheerful and well-liked members in our club. She has brought unique ski safety experience to our club from her extensive background on the National Ski Patrol that has led to her selection as our Club's Safety Chairperson. Now, each month Sandy brings to club members' at-



Billy Kidd Congratulates Sandy for her achievement

tention an important aspect of skiing and everyday safely.

Excerpts from the Far West Ski Association 77th Annual Convention 2009 Delegate Book:

Sandy has been a member of the National Ski Patrol for the past 27 years serving on the Homewood Mountain Resort since 1987 to the present. In 2003, Sandy received the Leadership Commendation Appointment from the National Ski Patrol. This award is presented to an individual having exceptional ski patrolling ability, a genuine desire to serve the skiing public, and who has demonstrated extraordinary service to the NSP. Prior to receiving this recognition, Sandy attained Senior Level Outdoor Emergency Training, Avalanche and Mountain Travel and Rescue Training; and has enhanced Instructor Development in all classes attempted. Sandy chose these particular courses to specifically expand her patrolling knowledge and

skills to better assist the skiing and boarding public. Significantly, she has been invited to contribute to the 4th edition of the OEC manual published for the National Ski Patrol. Sandy supported the publication through editing and writing commentary on several chapters.

During her tenure at Homewood Sandy also served as a member of the Tahoe Ski Bowl Volunteer Ski Patrols from 1983 through 1987. She has been an Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) technician on the hill, an OEC instructor, and an OEC instructor trainer. As Homewood's instructor trainer, Sandy organizes the annual OEC refresher for Homewood, coordinating instructors and patrollers in a medical refresher course with skill stations and scenarios. She has also worked with the Ski Patrol Candidate Groups both on and off the hill. In 2009, Sandy received the 2009 Instructor of the Year Award from Homewood Mountain Resort.

Castro Valley Ski Club is most fortunate to have such a personable, qualified safety expert as Sandy amongst its members. We extend to Sandy our sincere Congratulations!

I would also like to acknowledge and applaud Aspen Snowmass for their continued support and sponsorship of the FWSA Safety Award program.



Sandy with her award

CASTRO VALLEY SKI CLUB

Presents

Vin et Cuisine

A Celebration of Wine & Food Pairing

Saturday, August 1, 2009

Starting at 3:30 in the Afternoon

At the Home of

Fred & Marsha Rubis;

2465 Bess Avenue, Livermore, CA

You are cordially invited to bring your favorite dish with your paired wine selection and join others in an afternoon of wonderful sampling of taste delights.

Cooking grills and warming facilities will be provided for your food and icing, if required for your wine. The Club will provide disposable dinnerware and a light dessert for the occasion.

Your food and wine selection choice is yours!

Just bring enough tastings for about 10-12 servings and any needed serving utensils.

PARTICIPATE IN THIS CHANCE TO SHOW OFF YOUR CULINARY AND WINE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE!

Send a Check to Pat Green for \$6 PER PERSON at:

4655 Cope Ct, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Phone: (925)846-7250

Email: greendm@comcast.net



***MEETING
and BBQ***

AUGUST 19th

at

***The home of Alan Ward
& Becky Cox ****

**THE CLUB WILL PROVIDE CHARCOAL AND DESSERT,
BYO DRINKS AND MEAT TO COOK.**

- ALSO -

**MEMBERS WITH LAST NAMES STARTING A-K BRING A SIDE DISH
TO SHARE;
THOSE WITH LAST NAMES L-Z BRING A SALAD TO SHARE**

***401 Liverpool St., Danville, CA (925)200-0081
Take 680 N. ; exit Sycamore Valley Rd. East, continue onto Camino
Tassajara East; TR onto Liverpool Street.**

Plan to Arrive ~ 6pm

CARIBBEAN CRUISE

OCTOBER 18-25, 2009



Dear Ski Club Cruisers,

Thank you for your deposit of \$25.00 for the Caribbean Cruise Oct. 18-25, 2009.

You have selected a:

Balcony Room - \$749

(price is per person - 2 in a room)

Please review the following deposit and cancellation policy:

Deposits:

\$25 DEPOSIT PER PERSON

\$100 DUE July 1st, 2008

\$250 DUE APRIL 1st, 2009

FINAL DUE JULY 1st, 2009



Balcony

Cruise Cancellation Policy

AFTER JULY 1st, 2008

\$25 PENALTY PER PERSON

AFTER OCT. 1st, 2008

\$100 PENALTY PER PERSON

AFTER JULY 1st, 2009

\$350 PENALTY PER PERSON

AFTER SEPT. 1st, 2009

\$500 PENALTY WITH PORT CHARGES

AFTER OCT 1st, 2009

NO REFUND

IF YOU CANCEL YOU MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SINGE SUPPLEMENT FOR YOUR ROOMMATE

Travel insurance is advised. It can be obtained thru TRAVELGUARD online at www.travelguard.com.

They offer specific cruise travel insurance. Please note it is the individual travelers responsibility to obtain this insurance if desired. You can expect to pay between 5-7% of cruise price for insurance.



CVSC & BAC
Presents FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
2010 SKI WEEK

January 30 - February 6, 2010

Keystone, Colorado

3,148 acres, 3 Mountains, Base Elevation 9280', Vertical 3128', Longest Run 3.5 miles
Interchangeable Lift Ticket: Keystone-Breckenridge-Vail-Beaver Creek-Arapahoe Basin

Price includes 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) and FWSA amenity package.

Price does NOT include air or ground transportation.

Keystone Resort Lodging for Castro Valley (availability subject to change):

River Run Village	2 BR/2 BA Condo (4/unit)	\$1,105 pp
Lakeside Village	2 BR/2 BA Condo (4/unit)	\$1,040 pp
Keystone Lodge	Hotel Room (2/unit)	\$1,315 pp

See lodging at <http://keystone.snow.com/info/resort.layout.asp>.

NOTE: Children are allowed at the FWSA Ski Week with certain restrictions.

FWSA Amenity package includes:

Registration, Welcome Party, Pub Crawl, Council Night Party, 3 Races, Mountain Picnic, Ski Week Banquet, Après Awards Party, 5 of 7 days Lift Ticket.

Castro Valley Ski Club is accepting \$200 per participant deposits.

Deposits are fully refundable until July 1, 2009.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CVSC (with Keystone noted in the "for" space)

SEND PAYMENTS TO:

Tucker Hoffmann, CVSC Travel Director
2657 Rivers Bend Circle Livermore, CA 94550

Phone 925-371-1910 E-mail TKHoffmann@aol.com

Must be a member of Castro Valley Ski Club - CVSC CST # 2081040

FWSA 2010 SKI WEEK at KEYSTONE, COLORADO
January 30 to February 6, 2010

CVSC Trip Information Sheet

CVSC Keystone Lodging Allocation from BAC: (prices do NOT include transportation)

River Run Village:	2 bedroom / 2 bath Condos 5 units (w/ queen, queen) x 4/unit = 20 pillows 1 unit (w/ queen, twins) x 4/unit = 4 pillows <i>Walk to gondola, shuttle to Conference Center</i>	\$1,105
Conference Village:	2 bedroom / 2 bath Condos 3 units (w/ queen, twins) x 4/unit = 12 pillows <i>Walk to Conference Center, shuttle to base areas</i>	\$1,040
Keystone 5 star Lodge & Spa:	Hotel Rooms 5 units (w/ 2 queens) x 2/unit = 10 pillows <i>Walk to Conference Center, shuttle to base areas</i>	\$1,215

Details and descriptions of the lodging are online at <http://keystone.snow.com/info/resort.layout.asp>.

Please note the above prices are based on double occupancy. These prices include lodging and the FWSA amenity package.

The FWSA amenity package includes:

- Registration
- Welcome Party
- Pub Crawl
- Council Night Party
- Mountain Picnic
- Races (3)
- Ski Week Banquet
- Apres Awards Party
- 5 of 7 days Lift Ticket

Keystone lift ticket is good at Arapahoe Basin (8.5 mi.), Breckenridge (15 mi.), Vail (38 mi.) and Beaver Creek (47 mi.). Note: 2 days max. at Vail and/or Beaver Creek. Group multi-day lift ticket price includes Seniors and Children 13+ years old. Children 5 to 12 yrs. deduct \$75. Children 4 and under ski for free. Non-skiers may deduct \$285.

Prices of air & ground transportation should be available by mid Summer.

Deposits & Payments to CVSC:

Initial deposit:		\$200
Payment due July 1, 2009:	\$200	
Payment due August 15, 2009:		\$400
Payment due Oct. 15, 2009:		Balance due

Make checks out to Castro Valley Ski Club (CVSC) with Keystone noted. Send checks to:
CVSC Travel, c/o Tucker Hoffmann, 2657 Rivers Bend Cir. Livermore, CA 94550

Cancellation Policy:

- \$50 non-refundable after July 1, 2009
- \$100 non-refundable after Aug. 15, 2009
- \$500 non-refundable after Sept. 15, 2009
- There are no refunds after Oct. 15, 2009

If you cancel and we have to pay for a single supplement for your roommate, you may be charged for the single supplement.

Airline changes made after reservations are confirmed, i.e. name changes or substitutions, can usually be made on airline tickets for a fee.

All cancellations and changes must be sent in writing. NO EXCEPTIONS

Trip Insurance: *Trip insurance is encouraged.* You can go to www.fwsa.org, click on "Travel", scroll down the page and click on "Travel Insurance", which will provide information on a three companies that offer travel insurance. This list is not complete and the listings are not recommendations. Be sure to read the policy details and be fully aware of policy exclusions.

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2009/2010 Avid Skiers in Control

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Websites/Phone numbers

BAC Web site: skibac.org
 Singles league racing:
slracing.tripos.com/schedule.htm
 Open league racing: olrc.org
 Far West Ski Assoc: fwsa.org
 Take a bus to the slopes: nacski.com & bayareaskibus.com
 Sierra webcam: sierravisionsstock.com:80/sierravisions/sierra-nevada-webcams/
 Far West Racing Assoc: fwra.com
 Web cams on the slopes: magnifeye.com
 Road conditions: 1-800-427-7623
 Weather: nws.mbay.net/home.html
 Info on all ski areas: onthesnow.com

SKIZETTE FOR AUGUST, 2009



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The Next Meeting bbq will be
August 19

Alan Ward & Becky Cox
401 Liverpool St.
Danville, CA
(925)200-0081
(plan to arrive ~ 6pm)

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



ASPEN & SNOWMASS