



HELLO FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS: Have you ever dreamed of holding public office? Getting out and shaking hands and listening to voters' concerns; running a tough but fair campaign and triumphing against all odds? Do you want to make a difference in your community, change the world, make it a better place for humanity? Well, YOU - yes, YOU, now have a unique opportunity to do just that, but you have to act fast (or should that be "fastly"? I can never remember the rule on adverbs). April is election month, and if you are one of the lucky few who is actually reading this article before the final nominations at the regular meeting on April 10, you still have a chance to nominate yourself or an unsuspecting friend for one of Ski Club offices. While any member can run for any office, we especially need candidates for the open seats for

Secretary and 2nd Vice President, which will not have an incumbent running. (Contrary to popular belief, the 2nd Vice President is NOT in the President in charge of Vice, but rather, organizing the social events.)

If you are interested, you can either contact the Nominations committee (Chuck Hennings, Jim Sylvia, or Cheryl Harvey) or just make your nomination at the meeting. If you are elected to the Board, you will not only have the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to World Peace and Harmony, but will also be richly rewarded with the fellowship, camaraderie and mostly edible hors d'oeuvres served at the Board meetings. On the other hand, if you are one of the multitude reading this article AFTER the April 10 meeting, its hard cheese for you, buddy. Thats what you get for not reading the newsletter in detail immediately when it comes out!

However, if you are still interested in being on the Board even though you missed the elections, here are a few new appointed positions that the Board is considering creating which you might be interested in:

3rd Vice President In Charge Of Excuses: Ever been in that embarrassing situation where you can't think of any excuses for not doing whatever you were supposed to that you haven't already used? Or worse, you develop a perfect iron clad excuse, only to find out that someone else is using the *exact same excuse*? How mortifying! Thats where the 3rd Vice President ICOE comes in. All excuses must first be cleared in advance with him/her. If you can't come up with one, he/she will assist you in creating a suitable one. As the old saying goes, "The only substitute for success is a good excuse."

1st Underling Responsible For Being Responsible: As any good corporate executive knows, one of the most important tasks for any project is blame assessment. "The job is never done until the blame is suitably apportioned." Well, with the 1st Underling RFBR, this will no longer be necessary. This person's job is to be available to accept responsibility for any screw ups, big or small, thus eliminating the need to spend time looking for someone to blame.

Designated Adjournment Lackey: We've all been there: You need to pay your bill and get home, but all you can think is "Won't this guy ever quit talking??" The DAL may have one of the most solemn responsibilities of any board member. As soon as the second hand lands precisely at 8:00, regardless of what is happening at the meeting, he/she must immediately pop up and loudly declare "I move the meeting be ADJOURNED!" This will start a landslide of Seconds, and everybody will be able to escape without feeling like they are walking out on the meeting.

So how 'bout it? One of these jobs look good for you? Its time to get involved! See you at the Special Election Annual meeting on April 24! This is your big chance!

Yours in skiing,

Don Shaver, President

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MODESTO SKI CLUB

LODGE NEWS



Greetings! Well we now have some snow and summer is around the corner. Get up to ski before the TRUE spring skiing starts. The lodge WORK WEEKEND is April 27-29, 2018. I currently have about 6 members signed up. I need approximately 20-22 members. Please contact me ASAP if you are planning on helping with the work weekend later this month.

I want to share some LODGE RULES and go over some of the procedures in this month's newsletter. Let's start with the FIRE PLACE. Please be sure to re-stock the wood you have burned. It was brought to my attention on the last race weekend the race team arrived to a pretty much EMPTY Wood Storage Closet. Please re-stock the wood if you have used some to build a fire. It's the right thing to do. When using the fire place Do CLOSE the GLASS DOORS. The trustees have noticed the carpet has burn marks as this is from the embers that pop out when the doors are left open when a fire is burning. TURN LIGHTS OFF!!! I have members tell me almost every weekend that they come back to the Lodge and find lights left on all day while people are out skiing. Please help keep the utility bills lower for the CLUB by TURNING OFF THE LIGHTS!!!

Winter Season Keys are due back to me by April 30, 2018. You can extend a Winter Season key for \$75.00. Please contact me if you are a current Winter Season Key Holder and want to extend to include the Summer.

Please contact me if the Lodge is in need of anything or is needing supplies. Best to email me at mnighte@aol.com or call the home phone where you may leave a message 209-571-8125.

Michelle Nightengale, Lodge Chairperson





2018 MSC MEETINGS

Modesto Ski Club



Greetings fellow MSC members. I hope you all had a chance to take advantage of the March Miracle and get up to the lodge for some time on the slopes. Most resorts saw at least 4 ft. of new snow and this should be enough to get in some nice spring skiing this year.

Please make an effort to make it to the April 10th meeting as elections nominations will be taken at this time. As we all know the more active the members are in a club the more fun it is to be in the club. You can be a part of the fun by running for office. Get involved, participate, be “on the board” and help shape the future of MSC !

Speaking of the future we presently have 18 members signed up for the May Bowling / Pot Luck meeting at Modesto Bowl. Since this is a Pot Luck meeting I will have the sign-up sheet at the next two meetings. You don't have to be a bowler but sign up for the Pot Luck and come watch the rest of us try to keep look like professional bowlers . At least we will have the right shoes on to look the part...

Last but not least is the Summer BBQ sign ups. At this point we have only ONE date taken(July 10th) by Sharon Wolinski. If you have never hosted a BBQ we can get you help! If you have hosted and would like to host again we can get you help! Several people have asked how they can help host because they don't have the space to handle a club BBQ. There is only 2 months before the first BBQ in June and I would like to have all the hosts in place before summer starts. Please call me, text me email mail me or sent a smoke signal if you are interested in being a host this summer. Participation is the key to a health club.

Happy trails,

Ed Ciszek, 1st VP

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Tuesday April 10, 2018
General Meeting at Fuzios
Meeting starts at 7pm, Dinner at 6:30



MSC ACTIVITIES 2018



Greeting MSC Friends

Some of you are wondering, why are there always April Showers? Any competent meteorologist could explain that: "It is the amount of rainfall that the Western Region of the United States experiences which is directly proportional to the amount of tears from the MSC skiers or SNOWBOARDERS (have to be politically correct nowadays and be sure to include everyone!) who did not experience more than 3 pristine Bluebird days in relation to Bill Silveira's 103 days per season (on the average). There are several International weather services that base their information on this exact model!

But, fret not, because we have some events coming up that will dry up those tears and put a bigger smile on your face than if you had just won a life time EPIC PASS!

1) GoCart Racing, Monday, April 16th, we start off at 5:30pm- at Round Table Pizza in Century Center or if you are not eating, be at MB2 raceway, Century Center, Modesto no later than 6:45pm, cost is \$40.50 per person which includes 2 (14 lap races)/per person. This event is hosted by Bill Hamre, checks should be written out to Bill Hamre and Waiver forms if not already signed must be signed and returned to me or Bill by the end of the next meeting this coming Tuesday April 10th at Fuzios. NOW, FOR AN EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT, all men will be given a 4 lap handicap due to the high number of female drivers who will be participating. LETS FACE IT!, how many men can drive while putting on their makeup, talk or text on their cellphone, clean out their purse, review their Macy's and Costco list, steer with their right knee (or left if left-sided prone), all at the same time, while avoiding the multitude of threatening automobiles rapidly approaching them from all sides. We men can not multitask as efficiently as women can! Maybe we should make it a 6 lap handicap, just to make it fair!!

Also, a bit of Trivia: the word ROADRAGE is derived from the latin words: "LeFemme-etu-runnen-ah-lateh-getta-outa-e-me-way". Incredible how much of our everyday language is historically rooted!!

2)"Million Dollar Quartet" musical and play Saturday May 5th, 2pm, Fallon House Theatre, Columbia, Natalie and I will be hosting this event, (ie. we will be the ones you contact if you are arrested and need to arrange bail from the local jail, they are tough on tourists, they don't receive a whole lot of state aid and 90% of their revenue comes from parking tickets.) Think of it like going to Mexico, on the lighter side, we have 33 members who will be attending this event followed by a lavish no-host dinner at the Columbia Restaurant (off the menu), which will be followed by a "wild night of carousing and tearing up the town" and for those of us who can not obtain the Uber ride back to Modesto or surrounding areas, we have the Columbia Hotel booked solid for just MSC members. (at the time of this writing, we have the whole hostel, sorry hotel booked. NOTE: anyone who snores will be SHOT!, we are in a western town.) For you ladies and maybe some of you men, Columbia will be hosting the Annual Firemans Muster the same day.

3) Junes Napa River Cruise has been cancelled, maybe next year when the region starts recovering from the fires.

4) July-December Events (please see enclosed Calendar of Events

With that said, This will be my last newsletter as I am not running for another term as 2nd V.P., I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the Board Of Directors, the many members on the Activities Committee who have been encouraging and a tremendous help in planning the many activities for you this past year and especially you the members of the Modesto Ski Club for your continued participation in this great club. I strongly encourage you to be an integral part of your MSC's future by running for this or any other position on the Board of Directors. Remember, this is your club and its continued existence depends on you. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve, Take Care, Stay healthy and hope to see you soon.

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Activities 2018



APRIL 16th: G2 GO KART RACING CENTURY CENTER

Hosted by Bill Hamre

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MAY 4-6th: Million Dollar Quartet Play and Dinner 2:00 pm

Hosted by Jim Sylvia and Natalie Frisk

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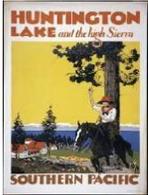
JUNE 22nd: Cancelled



JULY 21st: MODESTO SKI CLUB LUAU OAKDALE

Hosted by Rob Orr and Ron & Pam Allen

robtorr@sbcglobal.net (209) 402-1956



AUG 15-19: CAMPING HUNTINGTON LAKE Near Fresno

Hosted by Bill & Judy Hamre

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SEPTEMBER 7-9th: CARMEL BIKE TRIP CARMEL

Hosted by Cheryl & Pat Kelly

ckelly@pmz.com (209) 204-3816



OCT TBA: MSC NEW MEMBERSHIP MIXER MAN CAVE

Hosted by Randy & Denise Cook

drjenkins56@yahoo.com (209) 988-8044



NOV 3rd: INDIGENY RESERVE HIKE/BBQ SONORA

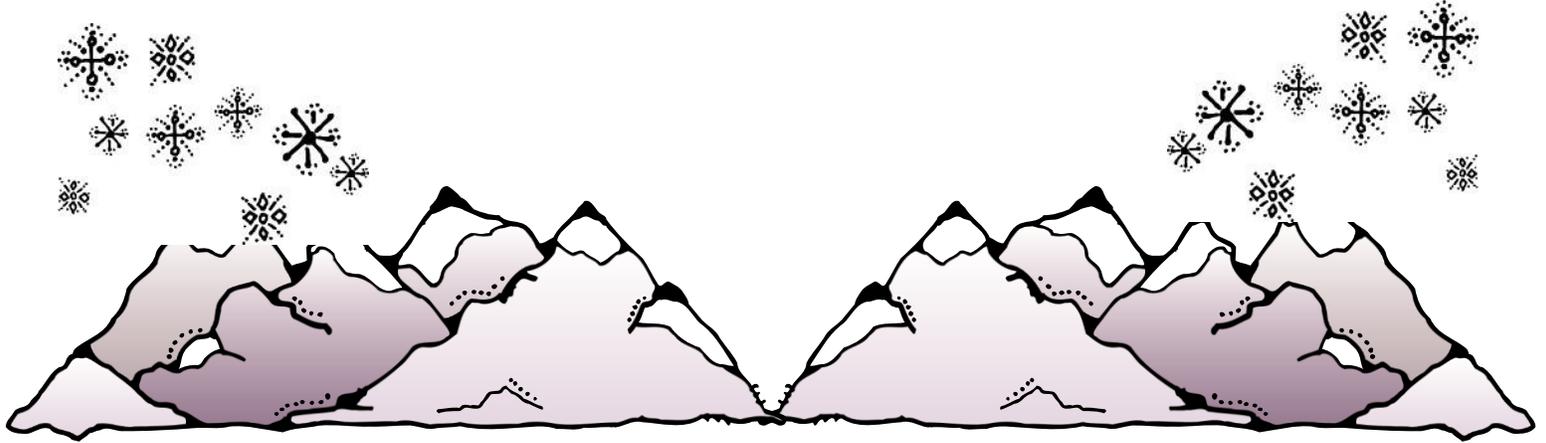
Hosted by Rachel Sparks

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DEC 12th: MSC XMAS DINNER/DANCE Vintage Gardens

Hosted by: To Be Announced



Far West Ski Association & Bay Area Council

As you should know the FWSA convention in Reno is June 7-10, so it will be here before we know it. Unlike the past conventions, the BAC will be the lead council along with the Sierra Council and assistance of the other councils will head up the program.

I'm hoping some of the members of MSC will join in the volunteering. I may be doing the early morning eye opener & looking for some help, I'll know more after the BAC meeting April 9th.

Since the FWSA trip will be to Steamboat springs, Feb.2-9 you may want to consider the new IKON pass or the IKON BASE PASS, which includes steamboat, Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows, Mammoth which would make a great Mimi trip for the MSC, not to mention all the other resorts.

Cathy Morrow mentioned that there is a new Truckee Park & Recreational building on Donner Pass Rd. I only check out the aquatic center and its amazing. It also has all the activities that a center would have. It was \$4.00 for seniors & they do have passes. We qualify for residency since we pay property taxes 😊

Almost springtime @ the lodge, the daffodils are starting to push up so I had a chance to feed them, sure there's more to be coming up.

Be sure to checkout the BAC web site for all the up coming events that you might be interested in doing at ski BAC.org

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April 2018

4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7
4/8	4/9	4/10 General Meeting 7:00 Fuzio	4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14
4/15	4/16 GO CART RACING!!! 6:45	4/17	4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21
4/22	4/23	4/24 Special Election Annual Meeting 7:00 Fuzio	4/25	4/26	4/27 Lodge Work Weekend	4/28 Lodge Work Weekend
4/29 Lodge Work Weekend	4/30	5/1	5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5

April Birthdays

Bryan Sparks	4/4	Kate Nyegaard	4/6
Bernie Fairfield	4/9	John Stone	4/11
Virginia White-Scoble	4/13	Roxanna Smith	4/13
Rebecca Ciszek	4/13	Curtis Hennings	4/14
Judy Hamre	4/14	Patrick Kelly	4/16
Randy Lew	4/17	Robert Gibson	4/25
Ted Mills	4/29	Tami Tomaino Velthoen	4/30

STEAMBOAT FWSA WEEK 2019

The FWSA ski week in 2019 is Steamboat Ski Resort in northern Colorado, Feb 2 through Feb 9, 2019. This promises to be another great ski week with lodging, parties, ski racing, and free skiing with our club and friends from all of FWSA. The trip details are being created as I prepare this announcement, thus I do not have all of the details yet. Rest assured that BAC will have good Lodging and amenities for our pleasure. However, our club choices of available lodging can be assured by obtaining an early signup date. If you have an IKON ski pass (Squaw Valley season pass) you can use this pass at Steamboat, thereby saving on lift ticket costs. Alternatively you can buy an IKON PASS (now available at spring pricing) from our trip tour agency Sports America on line at <http://www.sportsamerica.com/ikon-fwsa> This IKON purchase (from Sports America) will facilitate a \$30 or \$50 discount (depending on pass purchased) on this Steamboat trip lodging. Note, Steamboat is located in Northern Colorado at a lower elevation than Summit County resorts that may cause elevation sickness. Also this is a great resort to visit, as is the nearby cowboy town of Steamboat Springs.

I am going to be acting as our MSC trip coordinator for this trip and will act to collect the trip payments which are payable to BAC. With an early signup date we can be assured of getting our Lodging of choice and we can keep our MSC group together. To facilitate this I need your official FWSA/BAC trip reservation form (that is your check for \$200 ea) as soon as possible. This will establish your intent and ensure your priority of lodging choices which we will have later.

Please, sign up soon by giving me your **\$200 (each) check payable to BAC** for documentation of your intent. This deposit is fully refundable until full details of the trip costs are established and published in the next 2 or 3 months.

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