

FEBRUARY INSIDE EDGE

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Modesto Ski Club



Welcome

Thank you to all our members who joined us for the zoom general meeting on January 12. We had a total of 32 members as well as prospective members. The meeting was fun because we were able to chat with many friends. It was great to see everyone. **We will have another zoom meeting on February 9 at 7:00.** Allan and Pat will be sending out the access code to all of you. Please try to attend, I promise you will have fun.

As you know the term for the Board of Directors is coming to a close. The current slate will stay the same except for Secretary. If anyone is interested in helping, or if you know someone interested in accepting that position, please call Judy Hamre. Judy is our Nominating Chairperson this year. Allan and Pat Ramsey will be retiring this year and Ellen Rinney will be handling our Membership as of April 13, 2021.

As we welcome new members who have met the membership requirements, we have had some that have not. Many of our members have called and emailed me asking to stay within our current SOPs. Which state in the exclusions "Be a resident of Stanislaus County or live within an approximate 15-mile geographical radius of Modesto". Those members have felt very strongly that we keep to the membership requirements. I have presented your concerns to the Board but to no avail, the vote was 9 to 1 to allow 2 members who live outside our 15-mile radius to membership in our Club. I would hope that we will soon return to the intent of our founders and again respect to all members. I am sorry I have failed to follow your directions.

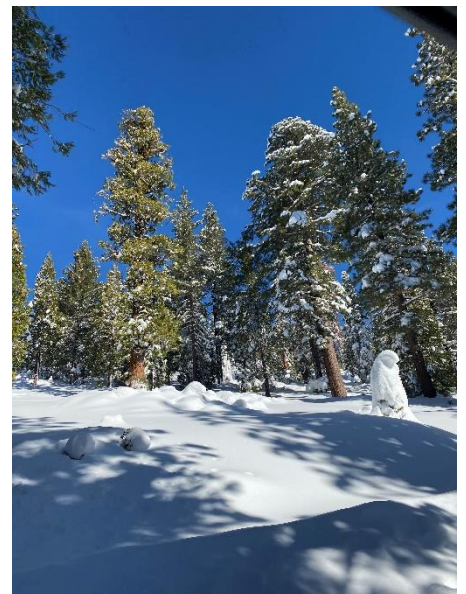
I hope all of you are practicing social distancing and wearing your masks in public. Since the COVID19 vaccine has arrived in Stanislaus County, if you are comfortable, please get your vaccination. It should help slow the spread of the virus and help us get back to our new normal. Here is something to brighten your day:

JOKE OF THE MONTH

*Why did the nurse need a red pen at work?
In case she needed to draw blood.*

Your Prez,

Sharon





MSC Lodge News

Modesto Ski Club



Greetings! Snow has finally started to fall in the Sierras. What a welcome change in the weather. I have to admit we sure did get a lot of rain down here in the valley the past few days. Feeling a little soggy for sure. Looking forward to some sun to dry the area out a little.

The Lodge has been getting some use which is great. The biggest challenge has been trying to get there. The storms have caused road closures and delays. Be sure if your original plans change for your LODGE reservation and you arrive and depart other than what was originally requested you MUST SEND ME AN EMAIL with those changes. I have to keep accurate Lodge Accountability Reports. Please help me with having the correct data. If you decide to leave early from an original reservation or decide to not go and you do not tell me, I am supposed to charge you a nightly fee if you are a key holder.

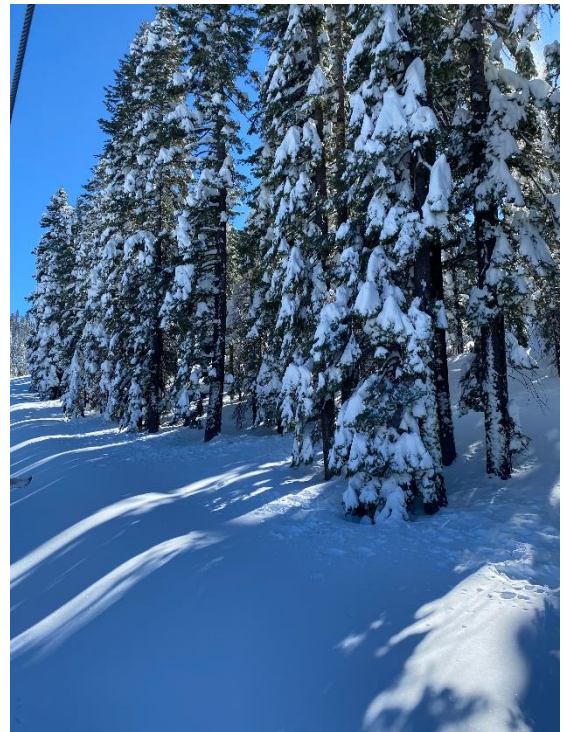
I have received several complaints from members when they arrive to the Lodge that it is not clean. It is everyone's responsibility to clean the Lodge when they visit. Here is a list of what I am being told. The bathrooms are dirty. Toilets are not clean. Sink and vanity area is dirty and mirror is also dirty with spots and smudges. I have also been told that the trash was left in the compactor...a fair amount and that food was left out and also in the refrigerator. Do not leave food out or any perishable. No member should have to clean the lodge when they arrive for a visit. Please start cleaning and be sure to initial your name next to the chores on the list by the sign in book.

To make a reservation please email me at mnighte@aol.com or you may call and leave a message on the home phone. 209 571 8125. I prefer that you DO NOT text me a reservation. Email is absolutely the best way. Please give me 24 hours to respond to a request.

If you see anything at the Lodge that needs attention please let me know.

I will then inform the trustees and president if anything needs to be repaired.

Michelle Nightengale, Lodge Chairperson





2021 MSC MEETINGS

Modesto Ski Club



General Meeting

General meeting in February will be held on Zoom.
Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00pm.

Rich Ulm- *1st VP*

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

The Modesto Ski Club is happy to welcome Kenji Breitenbucher, Kyle Gahn, Gordon Kost, Monroe Tyler and Rachel Vandenburg as our newest members. When our activities return to normal let's make them feel very welcome but in the meantime we hope to see them at our Zoom Meeting. Our Membership drive is over for the year except for New Member Applications of course. As of now, our Membership is down from approximately 206 to 175 Members. Hopefully, this will increase as times return to normal.

It was great to see friends at the last General Membership Zoom meeting in January and we are looking forward to our next meeting on February 9 at 7:00 pm. You will be receiving a link to that meeting closer to the date. We hope to see you there!

Pat and Allan Ramsay
Membership



MSC Activities 2021



Modesto Ski Club

Ski Club Activities 2021 (All activities subject to cancellation due to COVID)

10 days prior to event, cancellation will be sent to members via email if necessary

Until further notice, all general membership meetings will be held by Zoom hosted by Sharon Wolinski- President

February 2021: Bear Valley ski day Feb. 11th (Thurs.) (Maarten Vandermeer). STATUS **Tentative**

March 2021: Mar. 8th (Mon.) Kirkwood ski day (Rich Ulm)

April 2021: MSC work weekend at the lodge Apr. 23-25 (Fri.-Sun.)
Golf at Del Rio (Bernie Fairfield) date TBA

May 2021: May 22nd (Sat.) Hike- Calaveras Big Trees State Park Hike and Murphy's Wine Tasting (John and Alison Peltier)

June 2021: June 8th (Tues.) Summer meeting, "Cluck n' Fun" at Bernie Fairfield and Sharon Wolinski's home
Bike ride /music fest at the lodge June 26-27 (Rob Orr-music/Peltiers bike ride)

July 2021: July Luau CANCELLED

July 13th (Tues.) Summer meeting at home of Dave Garcez.

August 2021: Aug. 10th (Tues.) Summer "Brew and BBQ" at Alison and John Peltier's home.

Aug. 21 (Sat.) Wine Tasting -organizers Bernie Fairfield and Sharon Wolinski.

September 2021: Sept. 7th (Tues). Summer membership meeting -location TBA

MSC work weekend at the lodge Sept. 24-26th

Sept. Lodi wine tasting and train trip (Sarah and Noah Vandenburg/Sharon Wolinski). Weekend Date TBA

October 2021: Membership meeting and Taco Truck Oct. 12th (Tues.) (Randy and Denise Cook)

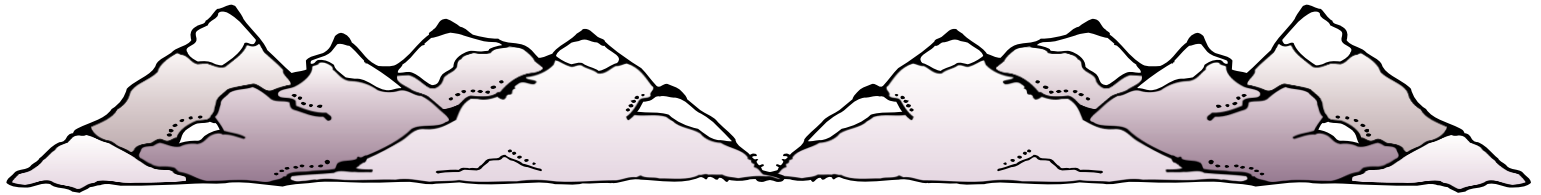
November 2021: Nov. 13th (Sat.) Chili Cook off (Randy and Denise Cook)

Nov. 20 or 21 – Kayak trip /Salmon run (Greg Debree)

December 2021: Christmas party dinner - Skewers restaurant, Modesto, date TBA

Alison Peltier

Second Vice President / Activities



Far West Ski Association & Bay Area Council

Hi skiers,

We finally are getting snow, about six feet so far. Bear Valley and Dodge Ridge got the most, so we will have our local resorts in good shape. There is very little news about the Covid-19 restrictions. All we can do is be careful and try to stay healthy. Some members are getting the vaccine so there is light at the end of the tunnel.



Next winter our US ski trip is going to Aspen-Snowmass from January 22nd-29th, 2022. We have been there before, and I think it is one of our favorite destinations. BAC is staying at The Top of The Village condos. This is a ski in- ski out property. The cost for a two- or three-bedroom condo is \$1375 per person. For members who prefer a hotel room, the Stonebridge boutique hotel is available for \$1425 per person, double occupancy, with one king or two queen beds.

The cost does not include travel expenses.

Can you, please, let me know if you are planning to join us? It is very important for us to have an idea how many people are interested so we can make sure we reserve enough pillows, and whether we want two or three- bedrooms, who you would like to share a condo with, etc.

The European trip is going to Sölden, Austria. We have no details yet, but I will update info in the next newsletter.

Our annual convention is going to be in the San Diego Marriott, Mission Valley, June 10th – 13th, 2021. I will share more details next month.

Our local racing season has been canceled, we might have one race weekend the first week of April at Mammoth Mountain, but I should have an update soon.

Any questions or suggestions send me a text or email.

Maarten Vandermeer

Ski chair. 209-482-2056. mavdmeer@comcast.net.



February 2021

1/31	2/01 National Dark Chocolate Day	2/02 National Hedgehog Day	2/03 Happy Birthday! Anne Camarena	2/04	2/05 Happy Birthday! William Nimocks	2/06
2/07 Superbowl Sunday!	2/08 Happy Birthday! Laurette Neumann	2/09 General Meeting Zoom 7:00 pm Happy Birthday! Debra Budding Coby Doornenbal Noah Vandenburg	2/10	2/11 Bear Valley Ski Day (Tentative) Happy Birthday! Joshua Malcom Cathy Morrow Kathleen Malcom	2/12	2/13
2/14 Happy Valentines Day! Happy Birthday! Garth Jolliff	2/15 President's Day	2/16 Mardi Gras	2/17 Ash Wednesday	2/18 National Drink Wine Day	2/19	2/20 Happy Birthday! Emiley Poisson
2/21 National Sticky Bun Day	2/22 National Margarita Day	2/23	2/24 Happy Birthday! Normal William Azevedo	2/25	2/26	2/27
2/28	3/01	3/02	3/03	3/04	3/05	3/06

Current MSC Board

President – Sharon Wolinski

First Vice President / Programs – Rich Ulm

Second Vice President / Activities – Alison Peltier

Secretary – Kimberly Ruth

Treasurer – Linda Hennings

Lodge Director - Michelle Nightengale

Membership – Allan & Pat Ramsay

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Gibson*

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