

NEWSCHASER

Official Newsletter of the Snowchasers Ski and Snowboard Club

October 2009

President's Message

In a couple of months we will be able to start skiing if we get snow in the mountains. Since California really needs the rain and snow, lets pray the weather cooperates and we get a big dump to kick off the ski season.

Before we start ski season, we have our Snowchasers' Annual Ski Season Kick-Off on November 18th at The Big C Athletic Club in Concord. We will have a great buffet dinner like we had last year. We will also have free lift tickets, signing up for ski racing, and planning your skiing/snowboarding season. Please look at the enclosed flyer for details of the Annual Ski Season Kick-Off. Contact Rosie Rhodes, Membership Director, to sign up for the buffet dinner or ask any questions. Rosie Rhodes is at 925-228-8145 or rosalierhodes@mindspring.com

Chick Chickering, our Vice President, will start having interesting guest speakers at our meetings. Chick is also heading up star gazing events. Please check out the newsletter or web site for details.

On December 23, 2009 we will have our annual Snowchasers' Christmas party at Marie Calendars. This has always been a very successful and enjoyable evening. We hope to see you at this event. Please look at the enclosed flyer for details. You can contact Loni Kawecki at 707-748-1249 or send an email to 2kawecki@comcast.net if you have any questions.

Our October Snowchasers' social meetings will be held on October 7th and October 21st at the Sizzlers Restaurant on Willow Pass Rd in Concord, starting at 7:30 p.m. I look forward to you joining us for dinner and socializing with friends.

DISCOUNT LIFT TICKET ORDERS are DUE NOV 1 TO JEFF GERMAN, BAC rep. The order form will be distributed by email as soon as it is received. Does Snowchasers have your email address? If not, contact a Board member.

Walter Kawecki

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Happy October Birthdays!!



Bob Wood Oct 7
Sarah Nunnink Oct 9
Liz LaManna Oct 18
Karol Dondero Oct 20
Shelbie Tieman Oct 20
Rosalie Rhodes Oct 25

Snowchasers Membership Information

Single \$50./year Family \$65./year

Renewals Single \$40.; Family \$55

October Renewals -

Barbara Anson & Dave Schopeck
Lionel Digal & Janet Mardirosian
Jim & Carol Everett
Chris & Carol Lambert

Karen Morliengo
Keith & Rita Oatney
Donald & Carol Pawlowski
George & Sally Peterson

Bill & Debi Phelps

Bring toys to be donated to kids this year. When? Dec 2 Snowchasers meeting. They will be delivered to "I Found the Answer Ministries" in Pittsburg, as happened last year. Contact Harry with any questions.



The Snowchasers are invited by the
Mt. Diablo Astronomical Association to attend

The MDAS 2009 Public Astronomy Nights

Allow at least 30 minutes for the drive up from the North Gate entrance.

Mt. Diablo Summit, Lower Parking Lot. October 24

SKI CROSSWORD - Hey, Snowchasers, there is a new feature in this newsletter issue, the Ski Crossword. From time to time one will appear in the Newschaser with the answers to be printed in the following issue. Using a puzzle maker called "Eclipse," I am able to take words with their clues and have this program magically create a crossword puzzle.

Perhaps you would like to try your hand at a crossword. Just send me a list of ski related words (20-30 or more if you want) and their clues and I'll make one for the newsletter with your name on it. If you'd like to create a non-skiing one, that's OK too. Just email me your words with their clues. I'll give you full credit!

Chick - elchick447@comast.net




FWSA Ski Week January 30 - February 6, 2010

Rita Oatney is accepting Snowchasers deposits for Keystone 2010 Week. Deposit \$200 per person.

AND, Keystone Finals, January 27-29, 2010 keystonenationals@sbcglobal.net

OCTOBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 ○ Full Moon	5	6	 FUN! 7:30 Sizzlers	8	9	10
11 ● Last Quarter	12 Columbus Day (observed) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	13	14  FUN! 7:30 Sizzlers	15	16 National Bases Day	17
18 ● New Moon	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 ● First Quarter	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Oct 7 - Snowchasers Fun Time at Sizzlers Restaurant
- Oct 21 - Snowchasers Fun Time at Sizzlers Restaurant **SPEAKER** - Karrel Nunnink
- Oct 24 - *Discovering New Worlds... outside our solar system* - Mt Diablo State Park
- Nov 2 - Snowchasers Board Meeting at The Big C
- Nov 18 - Snowchasers Season KickOff and Buffet
- Nov 21 - BAC Singles League 35th Annual Snowball, San Mateo Marriott
- Dec 2 - Snowchasers Fun Time at Sizzlers Restaurant - **BRING HOLIDAY TOYS** to Mtg
- Dec 23 - Snowchasers Annual Christmas Party, Marie Callenders Restaurant
- Jan 27-29, 2010 - Keystone Nationals
- Jan 30 - Feb 6, 2010 - FWSA Ski Week to Keystone CO
- Feb 27 - Mar 7, 2010 - FWSA International Ski Week to Cortina, Italy
- April 9-11, 2010 - FWRA Finals at Mammoth Mountain CA
- June 10-11, 2010 - FWSA 80th Anniversary Convention - Indian Wells CA



Oct 17 – 5th Annual Icer Air/Icer Air Village; AT&T Park, 801 3rd St, San Francisco CA; Sat 12pm – 9pm (The Village – in Parking Lot A area south of AT&T Park on opposite side of McCovey Cove between 3rd St and Terry Francois Blvd); &28 general admission/\$48 VIP. Action sports, music & lifestyle event featuring the world's best Olympic and X Games skiers/snowboarders. Also freestyle motocross, skate, BMX, headliner music acts, interactive exhibits, and a beer garden with beer pong tournament. www.icerair.com

Oct 24 – 45th Annual North Tahoe Ski Swap; North Tahoe Middle & High School Gyms, 2945 Polaris Rd, Tahoe City CA; Sat 9am – 3pm, PYI &1/adults/50c children 6-12. 530-581-7050 X4344 d2driller@hotmail.com www.trumba.com/events-calendar/pacific-time/ss

Oct 25 – 44rd Annual Sac State Ski Swap; CSUS (Cal State University Sacramento) Student Union Ballroom, 6000 J St, Sacramento CA; Sun 9am – 3:30pm; \$20 early bird admission at 9am; \$10 adults at 10:00am. www.sacstateskiswap.com



Bay Area Ski Council's Singles League

Presents

***35th Annual Snowball
Dinner Dance***

November 21, 2009

(Weekend before Thanksgiving)

5:00-6:00 p.m. Reception/Silent Auction/Raffle tickets

6:00-7:00 Reception continues/Registration/parking validation

7:00 p.m. Dinner served * Convene Banquet Room

8:00 Mercy Beach Band/Dancing

11:45 Hospitality Suite

San Mateo Marriott

1770 South Amphlett Blvd. * San Mateo, CA 94402

650-653-6000

Dinner Entrees: Beef Medallions, Sonoma Chicken or Vegetarian

Dancing to Mercy Beach * Black Tie Optional * No Host Bar

Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction * Man and Woman of the Year Awards

Grand Prize Drawing for all attendees

\$60 through Nov. 17

Contact: Julia Sandelman

sandelmanj@yahoo.com

or 408-656-6219 (cell)

Proceeds benefit:

****Singles League Racing***

****Disabled Sports USA***

No tickets Sold at the Door!

***\$89 (+ tax) San Mateo Marriott Room Rate available on a space available
basis only. Reserve under Singles League 800-228-9290.***

JANUARY 2010 SKIING with SNOWCHASERS and BAC FRIENDS



Ski with friends from Snowchasers and BAC clubs at any or all of the resorts listed below. This is an interactive week, and lets you choose the resorts and dates, or the whole week, you would like to meet up with everyone. Lodging details for both areas will be published in November. Each participant will get own lift tickets, make own hotel reservations, and arrange own transportation. We will all meet about 8:00 a.m. each morning in the main lodge of the ski area. Further details will be advertised. To be sure you hear updates, register with Harry Davis, 925-686-3774 or harrykaren@comcast.net

Sunday, **January 24, 2010** - travel to Tahoe South Shore

Monday, **January 25** - Ski Heavenly

Tuesday, **January 26** - Ski Heavenly

Wednesday, **January 27** - Ski Sierra-at-Tahoe and travel to Tahoe North Shore

Thursday, **January 28** - Ski Squaw Valley

Friday, **January 29** - Ski Alpine Meadows



Please note – printed info in the September 09 newsletter (info re Winter Park, Sun Valley, and India) was found in the National Ski Club Newsletter and the local newspaper.

Tahoe City Ski Lease \$165 – couples only ski lease. Super well located house near Tahoe City with HOT TUB. Surrounded by open space and a cross country trail to Paige Meadows and Alpine Meadows beyond. Very close to Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, Granlibakken, Homewood, and Northstar. Three, high quality queen beds and ample parking. \$165/ person/ month plus expenses for a six month lease beginning Dec 1. Ski every other weekend! Photos are at www.planet9.com/tahoe/ Please email me with your interest. Thanks.... David Colleen (dcolleen@planet9.com)



Warren Miller's Dynasty — Sixty years ago, an adventurous man with a pair of wooden boards strapped to his feet and an 8mm-movie camera in his hand changed the way we thought about snow. Today, Warren Miller is the most recognized name in the ski industry, and Warren Miller Entertainment® (WME) hosts the largest action sports film tour on the planet. This winter, we celebrate 60 years of filmmaking with the release of **Warren Miller's Dynasty**. Fresh cinematography and immeasurable talent explodes from **Dynasty**, showcasing the experience, the influence, and the originality that has grown from the action sports filmmaking institution that is Warren Miller Entertainment.

Tuesday, November 3, 2009 - 8:00pm Wednesday, November 4, 2009 - 6:00pm and 9:00 p.m.



At · Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Dr, Walnut Creek CA

For more information check out <http://www.skinet.com/warrenmiller/>



FWSA with HOLIDAZE SKI TOURS® & HURTIGRUTEN

CRUISE TO ANTARCTICA with NEW YEAR'S IN BUENOS AIRES

December 29, 2010-January 12, 2011



15 Days, From: \$5,463. p.p. Double (Based on Cat I Cabin)

PROGRAM INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Air transportation between JFK or LAX and Buenos Aires via LAN Airlines.
- Add-on \$75.00 RT flight from SFO.
- Transfer between Buenos Aires Airport and Hotel via motor coach with guide.
- 3 night's accommodations in Buenos Aires at the Deluxe Melia Buenos Aires.
- Breakfast buffet daily at the hotel with ½ day guided city tour of Buenos Aires.
- Optional New Year's Eve Dinner and party.
- Transfer to domestic airport for the flight to Ushuaia on LAN Airlines.
- Transfer between the airport in Ushuaia and the port for embarkation on the MS Fram.
- Step aboard the MS Fram for your 10-day Antarctica Cruise through the Antarctic Peninsula. Embark on an exploration filled with guided Antarctica tours, lectures, and PolarCirkel boat landings.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included on all full days during the Cruise.
- An informative evening welcome meeting will be held once on board.
- Numerous lectures on Antarctica along your 2 day transition of the Drake Passage.
- During the next 5 days in the "White Continent" there will be a number of unmatched experiences including:
 - Sail through the narrow, glacier-lined Lemaire Channel,
 - View Humpback and Killer whales, various penguins, and Elephant seals
 - Share the breathtaking beauty of Neumayer Channel, with its majestic cliffs.
 - In addition during this amazing Antarctica tour PolarCirkel boats will visit various locations (weather permitting) including:
 - Whaler's Bay with its warm springs and black volcanic sand.
 - Half Moon Island is a rookery for Chinstrap penguins, and home to Kelp gulls, terns, skuas and sheathbills.
 - Yankee Harbor, home to seals and some 4,000 Gentoo penguin pairs.
 - Almirante Brown in Paradise Harbor has views of snowy peaks, ice cliffs, and sculpted bergs.
 - Port Lockroy. At this British base, postcards postmarked "Antarctica" can be purchased.
 - Neko Harbor's water has a fine mirror finish, flecked with bits of berg.
 - Petermann Island, inhabited by the southernmost colony of Gentoo penguins.
 - Cuverville Island boasts the largest known colony of Gentoo penguins in the Antarctic Peninsula.
 - Wilhelmina Bay, a feeding ground for whales and seals.
 - Antarctic Sound where huge mile-long tabular icebergs can be seen.
 - Brown Bluff where Weddell seals are regular visitors.
- Continuing discussions on the Antarctica adventure on the route back through the Drake Passage.
- Transfer from the port to your hotel in Ushuaia, reckoned to be the most southerly city in the world. 1 night accommodations in Ushuaia. breakfast buffet included at the hotel.
- Transfer to Ushuaia Airport
- Return flight to SFO/LAX add-on see above, JFK or LAX via Buenos Aires on LAN Airlines.



Rates do not include airline fuel and taxes of \$250. or cruise gratuities of \$9. per day.

Cabin categories and prices, per person:

	I	N/H	U	QJ	Q	M	MG
DOUBLE:	\$5463.	\$6212.	\$6579.	\$7176.	\$7749.	\$8548.	\$9348.
SINGLE:	\$8645.	\$9956.	\$10600.	\$11644.	\$12645.	\$14045.	\$15446.

Please note that the above prices include a "Early Booking" discount and are applicable only for deposits received prior to September 30th, 2009.

For a description of the cabins, please go to fwsa.org.

For bookings and information, please contact:

CST#2036983-40

HOLIDAZE SKI TOURS® Toll Free: 1-800-526-2827 Fax: 1-732-681-3578 E-mail: sales@holidayze.com

Or FWSA, Norm or Mary Azevedo Phone: 925-944-9816 E-mail: fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net

For more detailed information & itinerary, visit www.fwsa.org (Travel Section)

2009 – 2010 Season Races – Open League Schedule*

Sunday, Dec 13	Clinic	Northstar
Sunday, Dec 20	Clinic	Northstar
Saturday, Jan 9	GS	Northstar
Sunday, Jan 10	GS	Northstar
Saturday, Jan 23	TBD	TBD
Saturday, Jan 24	SL	Alpine Meadows
Friday, Feb 19	Clinic	Bear Valley
Saturday, Feb 20	SL	Bear Valley
Sunday, Feb 21	GS	Bear Valley
Saturday, March 6	SL	Sugar Bowl
Sunday, March 7	GS	Sugar Bowl
Saturday, March 13 GS	(Singles, Open welcome)	Squaw Valley
Sunday, March 14	TBD	Squaw Valley
Friday, March 26	NorCals	TBD
Saturday, March 27	NorCals	TBD
Sunday, March 28	NorCals	TBD
April 9 – 11	FWRA Finals	Mammoth



(gofastdebi@yahoo.com) for all clinics **schedule subject to change

Link Race League Website - www.olrc.org through Snowchasers website

See Keith Oatney, Race Director, with any questions

~ Join In For Another Fun ~

Ski & Snowboarding Season Kick-Off Celebration

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

**The Big C Athletic Club
1381 Galaxy Way, Concord**



Drawings for Lift tickets & Raffle Prizes !

6:30 ~ Buffet Dinner (sign-up & pre-payment required)

7:30 - 8:30 ~ Dessert, Coffee & Raffle Drawings

Snowchasers Presents.....

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

Marie Callender's
2090 Diamond Blvd.
Concord, CA

6:00 – 7:00: *Social Hour (no-host bar)*
7:00: *Dinner*

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Your holiday meal includes entrée, salad, corn bread, one glass of wine and a non-alcoholic beverage and dessert

- Please bring a gift for the gift exchange/swap (lot's of fun!). \$20.00 maximum

Please select from the three menu choices below and include with your check made payable to *Snowchasers*. MAIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 19.

Before Nov. 30 mail to: Loni Kawecki
756 Barton Way
Benicia, CA 94510
707-748-1249

After 12/1: Carol Everett
740 Hidden Lakes Dr.
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 969-1599

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_____ **Top Sirloin Steak**

_____ **Fresh Lemon-Pepper Salmon**

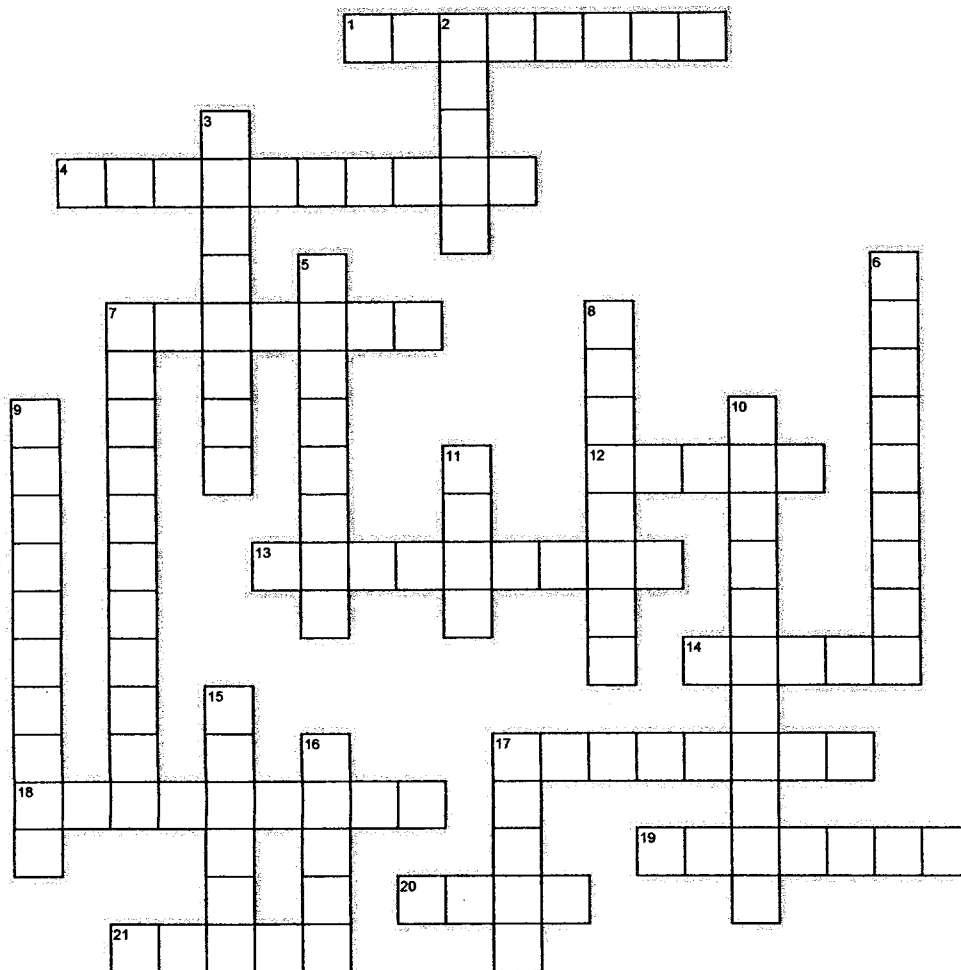
_____ **Artichoke Mushroom Chicken**

Name(s) _____

Contact Information (phone or email) _____

Ski Crossword # 1

Chick Chickering - Snowchasers



EclipseCrossword.com

Across

1. Killebrew's ski area
4. Mt. Reba ski area
7. McCoy's ski area in Cal.
12. Famous French skier of the 60's
13. French for "nightingale"
14. Vermont ski area on Mt. Mansfield
17. Ski area in Little Cottonwood Cyn., Utah
18. Ski area at Norden
19. Ski area at Pinkham Notch, N.H.
20. Ski manufacturer Howard _____
21. First plastic skii boot

3. N.H. ski area founded by Hannes Schneider
5. Ski area on Tahoe's West Shore
6. Olympic Mountain in N.Y. State
7. Proposed Disney ski area near Fresno(2 words)
8. Ski area on Hwy. 89, in California
9. Yosemite ski area
10. 1992 Winter Olympic site
11. Seibert's ski area in
15. Snowboard inventor
16. Ski area in Michigan
17. Cushing's ski area in Cal.

Down

2. Colorado mining town