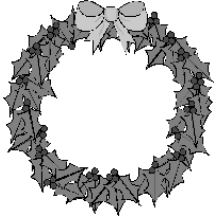


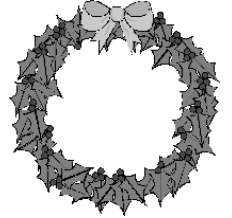
SNOW NEWS

The FaGowee International, Sacramento Chapter

November 2004



Christmas Party



December 11, 2004

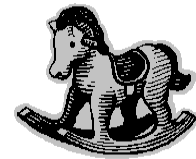
Wear your party fancies and joins us at:
Buggy Whip (2737 Fulton, between El Camino and Marconi)

Cost: \$35 per person

No later than November 29th with your selection for dinner.

We must turn in the final count that week.

*You will receive one free raffle ticket for attending.
Bring one or more unwrapped toy for **Toys for Tots**
and receive another ticket per toy brought.
Raffle prizes include lift tickets and Sherri's Berries.*



Evenings Events:

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm ~~ Cocktails

7:30 pm to 8:30 pm ~~ Dinner with your choice of:

Prime Rib, Salmon, or Teriyaki Chicken

8:30 pm to ??????? ~~ Dancing to "Walkin' the Dawg"



Contact Meredith at 920-1502 or Karen Benedict at 985-8523
for more details and information

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The Prez Says

November brings our first taste of winter. With the few storms that past through here last month, snow is dusting the Sierra. Hopefully we will have enough snow so our favorite resorts will be open by Thanksgiving.

With our membership drive in full force, I would like to quote an article from the Washington D.C. club newsletter:

" The FaGowees (Fuh-GOW-eez) ski club was established, in Washington D.C., in 1966 with the intent of offering ski trips and year round activities for its members at low cost group rates but with a high level of quality and fun. Over the years, other branches were created currently in Cleveland, Denver, and Sacramento. Each club is a little different, but we try to all gather annually for a weeklong trip to enjoy each other and wherever life takes us. Our reputation is that we are a little wild. We certainly strive to enjoy ourselves when we are together. While we call ourselves a ski club we plan activities year round, in fact some of our summer events are larger than our ski trips."

If this sounds good to you, it's easy to join the party--just fill out the enclosed application in this newsletter and mail it in with your check!

JOIN THE FUN! SIGN UP TODAY!

Your Prez, Eric

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MAKE SURE YOUR E-MAIL IS UP-TO-DATE!!

Beginning January 1, 2005, you will receive the newsletter via e-mail in web page format. Please let a Board Member know if you would like to continue with the paper newsletter in addition to the e-mail. Also contact a Board Member if you don't want to receive the newsletter by e-mail. Those without e-mail will continue to receive the newsletter by mail. Thanks!!!



Ski and Snowboard Show



November 20-21, 2004

Saturday 11 am to 8 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm.

California Exposition Center, 1600 Exposition Blvd, Hall A, Sacramento

Cost: \$12.00 per adult, which includes a free adult lift ticket to Northstar or Sierra at Tahoe (\$59 value good only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays).

Several entrance tickets may be bought to get more than one lift ticket.

Events: Indoor teaching ski school ramp, climbing wall, a huge giant sale & swap & giveaways.

Information is available at: www.sacsnow.com or if you have any questions, please feel free to email Marilyn Miller at mmdale41@sbcglobal.net

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Special Announcements

Welcome to our newest members

Jan McKissick & Jerry Lyerly

Welcome Back to returning members

Ken Howarth & Gregg Holman

We hope to see them all soon (and a lot) at our upcoming social events!



November Birthdays

2	Margaret Norville	12	Miriam Ely
3	Don Girard	13	Tom Parks
4	Tia Gemmell	14	Art Kirby
9	Marty Donahoe	21	Mark Berscheid
9	Jan Slomp	24	Lynne Taylor
11	Mike Singleton	25	Dick Taylor



Membership deadline

This is the last month to renew
your membership!!

If you need a form contact
Karen at 916-635 7199

**IF YOU ARE A FAGOWEE,
YOU ARE AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER OF THE SIERRA LEAGUE!!
CHECK OUT THE ADVANTAGES!!**

Attached to this newsletter is your new Far West Ski Association Membership card. **Save it.** It entitles you to lots of ski discounts including 15% off at Copeland's, 50% off ski and snowboard rentals and at Sports Exchange in Truckee. All you have to do is present it.

Check www.FWSA.org for other discounts!

CHRISTMAS "CABIN" RENTAL

Who: Freestylers Ski Club

Where: Tahoe City

When: December 20-28, 2004 (or any part)

Cost: \$250 per person (Guest fees extra)

Contact: Wally Baumgartner
(916) 537-9037

This is a wonderful ski resort home in its
29th year of operation.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER & DANCE AT NORTHSTAR

December 11, 2004

Cost: \$50

includes a Fabulous Buffet &
a FREE Northstar/Sierra-At-Tahoe lift ticket
Sign up by Sunday, 12/5/04

Send your check, payable to Sierra League to
Amur Rutz, PPB 111092, Truckee CA 96162.
Call 530-587-5814 for details or
Andrea Woelfle at 487-9052.

Trip, Trips and more Trips

Jan 29-Feb 5, 2005	Far West Ski Week, Aspen, Colorado	Shirley Schmitt 916-782-3158
Feb 19-27, 2005	FWSA trip to Japan	Kathy Hoffman 510-278-5900
Mar 12-19, 2005	FWSA Ski to St. Moritz, Switzerland	Kathy Hoffman 510-278-5900
Mar 26-April 3, 2005	FaGowee Bash at Park City Utah hosted by FaGowee Cleveland Branch	Shirley Schmitt 916-782-3158

Shirley Schmitt, Trips!

Best way to end a ski season?

BASH

March 26 to April 2

Park City, Utah

Ground Only price \$820 (members, double occupancy)

Price Includes:

7 nights lodging at Park Station Condos
Lift tickets:
2-days at Park City, 1-day each at The Canyons,
Deer Valley, Snowbird/Alta
(full lift package value \$221)
Welcome Reception
BBQ lunch on the mountain
Party
Banquet

Payment schedule:

\$285 by **10/19**
\$285 by **11/16**
\$250 by **12/21**
Remaining balances
due **1/18/05**

Contact Tony Tomsic @ 440-937-6489 for more details.
Mail your deposit check made payable to
FaGowees before 10/19 to:
Tony Tomsic—113 Shakespeare Lane—Avon, OH 44011

FaGOWEE EVENT / TRIP REFUND POLICY

Revised, Approved and Adopted at the Executive Board Meeting, October 8, 2003

1. The following Refund Policy applies to any Club event for which a fee is charged.
2. You will automatically receive a 100% refund for any trip or event cancelled by the Club.
3. If you cancel and someone takes your place from the waiting list, you will receive a refund of the amount you paid, less a cancellation fee. The cancellation fee will be \$10.00 or 10% of the event/trip fee- whichever is more, unless a specific cancellation fee is advertised for the event/trip.
4. If you cancel and there is no waiting list, or no one on the list takes your place, you will receive a refund of the amount you paid less a cancellation fee and less any expenses that the Club incurs due to your cancellation.
5. If you arrange for someone not on the waiting list to take your place, you will be responsible for full payment to the Club plus any transfer fees or costs the Club incurs because of the change. Other money transactions are between you and your replacement. You must provide that replacement with a note for the trip leader or you must confirm the replacement directly with the trip leader prior to the event/trip. The person who submits payment must request all refunds from the Executive Board in writing within 60 days after the completion of the event/trip. The Executive Board will review the final financial report from the event/trip and may approve refunds in accordance with this refund policy.
6. Any member may appeal to the Executive Board for refunds greater than provided by this policy if special circumstances warrant.
7. There will be no refund for events that are designated as "Fund Raisers" unless they are cancelled or rescheduled by the Club.

ENTERTAINMENT 2005 BOOKS

Entertainment books are still available. Start realizing the savings immediately and get yours now! They make fantastic Christmas presents; think about all the people you know that would like one. Everybody loves saving money. Also, you can sell them at work or to your friends. Same price as last year **\$40**, and you'll be helping to support the FaGowees race team! They are available at meetings and at some FaGowee events until the Christmas Party December 11, 2004 or can be delivered if you call Andrea at **487-9052**.

Over \$10,500 in local savings:

Grocery: Ralph's Supermarket

Dining: both formal and casual: e.g., Mace's, Scott's Seafood, Slocum House, Bella Italian Bistro and Wine Bar, Steve's Place Pizza, as well as Subway, McDonald's and Cold Stone Creamery, etc. etc.

Travel: save up to 70% on hotels as well as savings at Hertz, Avis, and Carnival Cruises

Fun: e.g. Cherry Island and Woodcreek Golf Courses, Granite Arch Climbing Center, Crocker Museum, Diamond Peak Ski Resort, Movie Theaters, etc.



SKI AND RACE CLINICS

Sponsored by Sierra League

Northstar-Saturday and Sunday, December 4th and 5th (You can attend one or both days)

Cost: **\$35** per clinic, 3 hours each, (not including lift ticket)

MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE (This is a great deal!!)

Even if you don't race, you will learn so much at these clinics including techniques that will improve your recreational and race skiing (since they are, basically, the same) and you will also have fun running practice race courses.

Sierra League Race Schedule 2004-2005

Contact

Andrea at 487-9052
andreajoew@sbcglobal.net
for more information

NON- RACERS: Show up at registration (between 7:30 am and 8:30 am) on the morning of any race and buy a lift ticket to the resort at a nice discount, usually around \$10 - \$12!



Sat Dec 4, 2004	Clinic	Northstar
Sun Dec 5, 2004	Clinic	Northstar
Sat Dec 11, 2004	Race 1 - G.S. Christmas Party	Northstar
Sun Dec 12, 2004	Race 2 - Slalom	Northstar
Sat Jan 22, 2005	Race 3 - Slalom	Homewood
Sun Jan 23, 2005	Race 4 - G.S.	Homewood
Sat Jan 29 - Feb 5, 2005	SKI WEEK	ASPEN
Sat Feb 12, 2005	Super G Clinic	Northstar
Sun Feb 13, 2005	Race 5 - Super G	Northstar
Sat Feb 26, 2005	Make-up Race	TBA
Sat Feb 19-27, 2005	SKI WEEK	Nagano JAPAN
Sun Feb 27, 2005	Race 6 - Slalom	Diamond Peak
Sat Mar 12, 2005	Race 7 - G.S.	Northstar
Sun Mar 13, 2005	Race 8 - Slalom	Northstar
Fri Mar 18-20, 2005	Championships	Heavenly
Fri Apr 1-3, 2005	NorCals	Alpine Meadows



Discount Tickets

The pre-order deadline for Northstar, Squaw Valley, and Sugar Bowl has come and gone. However, there are still a limited number of tickets to these areas still available.

Pre-orders for Alpine Meadows and Homewood and are due **November 20th, 2004**. These tickets are up to **\$12 off the regular price** and may be turned in at the end of the season for a credit (return deadline is May 1st, 2005).

Discount tickets are available for five major North Tahoe ski areas:

Alpine Meadows - Discount price: **\$39** (same as regular price but can be used even on days when the ski area sells out). During holidays (XMAS, Martin Luther King weekend, and Presidents Day weekend): \$59 (discount ticket plus \$20 extra)

Homewood - Have not received final pricing, probably be \$34 (regular price \$44 or more)

Northstar - Discount price: **\$49** (\$12 off regular price). The discount ticket vouchers are the same as a lift ticket so there is no waiting in the ticket line. You can also use your Northstar ticket at **Sierra-at-Tahoe** and get a \$9 food and beverage voucher.

Squaw Valley - Discount price: **\$51** (\$11 off the regular \$62 price).

Sugar Bowl - Discount price: **\$45** (Regular prices at least \$56-weekends & \$41-weekdays).

Order forms are available on the web site at: www.ricero.com/fagowee/tickets.htm, or you may contact me and I'll send you a form. Ticket will also be available at meetings and some social events.

Robert Rice 916-996-9842 rob@ricero.com

RACE CORNER

It's time now to get ready for race season! Start those squats and crunches now!

If you want a race pass, you will need to get your Sierra League registration in NOW if you want a **FAGAOWEE DISCOUNTED RACE PASS!** The FaGowees subsidize the pass by **\$25. This makes your club membership practically free!** The pass is good for all 8 regular season races. The form is in this newsletter and can also be accessed at the Sierra League website: www.sierraleague.com.

The form, waiver and check (made out to the FaGowees) must be received by **11/30/04**.

Send it to:
 Andrea Woelfle
 4002 Hillcrest Lane
 Sacramento, CA 95821
 (916) 487-9052
andrea joe2@yahoo.com.

You must include a check for \$95.
 This covers the \$75 race pass fee plus
 the \$20 **refundable** gate-keeping fee.

If you don't want a pass, you can sign up at registration on race mornings.

First time racers are **FREE!** Subsequent races are \$20 each.

After the first race, you will also need to pay \$20 for the refundable gatekeepers fee.

Everyone who races 3 or more times will get a wonderful gift at the end of the season from the FaGowees.

In the past, the gifts have included fanny packs, sweatshirts, boot bags, ski bags, T-shirts, hats, etc.

Social Corner

Meredith Meschini

Looks like winter decided to arrive early and ski resorts are already opening. YEA!!!! There are many social actives already planned through February 2005. Please mark your calendars now for the following dates. There is always room for more. If you have an event you would like to host, please either e-mail me or call me so we can make sure no other event is being planned on that date. I am always here to help with any event and get it advertised on the social calendar.

I am still looking for someone to host the Thanksgiving Orphans Dinner (Nov. 25)

- November 9th** Board Meeting at Jim Van Riper's house ~ 916-721-0892
7550 Blackthorne Way Citrus Heights Ca
- November 21st** Warren Miller Movie Event – IMPACT at the Crest Theater in Sacramento @ 5:00 pm
SEE INFOMATION BELOW
- November 23rd** Social Meeting at El Toritos at Howe and Hurley.
Contact Karen Fontaine at 916-985-8523
- December 11th** Christmas Party at the Buggy Whip, please see article on front page. Dinner selection and money
MUST be in by Nov 29th. Contact Meredith Meschini at 916-920-1502
- December 14th** Board Meeting at Karen and Norm Benedict's house ~ 985-8523
1021 Mallard Circle Folsom Ca
- December 19th** Holiday Open House at Danielle Woods house ~ 916-939-0580
2050 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA
Please bring an appetizer And what ever you want to drink.
It will start at 4:00 pm and go until?????
- December 25th** Orphan's Christmas Potluck Dinner at Sally Green's house ~ Sally (965-6763) or Meredith (920-1502)
Please let Sally know if you are coming. 7740 Uplands Way, Citrus Heights, CA
Remember Christmas is on a Saturday this year.
4:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share and what ever you are drinking.
- January 8th** Ski Day at Alpine ~ Meredith Meschini ~ 920-1502
We will ski Alpine & then dinner in Tahoe City. You can buy \$39 lift tickets from the club now. We will meet that morning and I will make reservations for dinner. Please let me know if you will be joining us by Jan. 3rd.
- January 9th** Snowshoe Day ~ Meredith Meschini 920-1502
We will be doing a ½ day moderate hike. It is Donner Pass Lakes and Boreal Ridge Loop. Get off on the Castle Peak exit from I-80 and park in the Sno-Park at the east end of the frontage road south of the freeway. You will need a parking pass and must have it before you come there. We will meet at 10:30 am and please pack a lunch.
- February 6th** Super Bowl Party at Danielle Woods house ~ 916-939-0580
2050 Sheffield Drive, El Dorado Hills, CA
There will be a Turkey and a Ham furnished and served at half time. Please bring an appetizer or a dish to serve at half time. Please also bring whatever you want to drink.

Warren Miller Ski Movie Where: Crest Theater (downtown Sacramento)

IMPACT

When: November 21 (Sunday)

Time: At 5:00 pm arrive: 4/4:30 for good seats



These events always put one in the mood for skiing.

You can win great prizes by attending plus you get a free lift ticket to Heavenly & a \$25 coupon off on your next REI purchase of \$100 or more.

Trips and ski equipment is given away during intermission.

I have purchased 8 tickets at a discounted price of \$17.00. Out of the 8 tickets four of them are already gone, but I can purchase more. If you would like to attend this fun filled event please call

Meredith at 916-920-1502. Tickets are sold on a 1st come 1st served basis.

November 2004

November Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Ski Show
21 IMPACT Ski Show	22	23 Social Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

- **11/9** Board Meeting
Jim Van Riper's house ~ 721-0892
- **11/20-11/21** Ski & Snowboard Show
www.sacsnow.com
Marilyn Miller ~ 965-0513
- **11/21** IMPACT-Warren Miller Movie
Meredith Meschini ~ 920-1502
- **11/23** Social Meeting
El Toritos at Howe & Hurley.
Karen Fontaine ~ 985-8523

December 2004

December Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 S.L. Clinic
5 S.L. Clinic	6	7	8	9	10	11 S.L. Race 1 Christmas Party
12 S.L. Race 2	13	14 Board Meeting	15	16	17	18
19 Holiday Open House	20	21	22	23	24	25 Orphan's Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- **12/4-12/5** Sierra League Clinic @ Northstar
Andrea ~ 487-9052
- **12/11** Sierra League Race 1 G.S. & Christmas Party
Andrea~ 487-9052
- **12/11** Christmas Party at the Buggy Whip
Meredith Meschini ~ 920-1502
- **12/12** Sierra League Race 2 Slalom
Andrea ~ 487-9052
- **12/14** Board Meeting
Karen and Norm Benedict's house
1021 Mallard Circle Folsom
985-8523
- **12/19** Holiday Open House
Danielle Woods' house ~ 939-0580
- **12/25** Orphan's Christmas Potluck Dinner
Sally Green's house ~ 965-6763

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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Christmas Party

December 11, 2004

Dinner selection and money
due **November 29, 2004**

See **front page** for more details!!!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Last month for Membership renewal!!!

The renewal application is this months newsletter!

Many thanks from the editor to all the contributing editors:

Andrea Woelfle, President Eric Schmitt, Meredith Meschini, Shirley Schmitt and Robert Rice