



# The Track

A quarterly newsletter  
for the Peninsula Ski  
Club

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT BY DAN MORRIS

As many of us are getting over our thanksgiving food hangovers and excitedly dusting off the skis for this season, I can't help but think of the great memories PSC provided my family and the future memories that will be created. The PSC is not just a place to crash and get booted up in the morning, it is a place to meet new friends, a place steeped rich in history and a place of positive experiences. Many of us watched our children blossom over the years on the slopes and at the Lodge. Three Thanksgivings ago I had the privilege of sharing Thanksgiving at the Lodge with some amazing folks (and phenomenal cooks like Propane Dan). It was among the best Thanksgivings ever (not to mention the thick layer of Utah caliber snow the following day). Some new cool and sad memories that come to mind: Connie and Skip Gast celebrated their 50th Year wedding anniversary this past month at the Lodge...yep, you heard me...50 years! Congrats guys and what a monumental achievement! On a sad note, we also said goodbye to one of the most colorful and delightful members of the Lodge, Mike Bronk. I want to wish all of you a belated Thanksgiving and look forward to sharing many more positive memories.

So now on to business! We accomplished a great deal this quarter and we are VERY fortunate to have the great volunteers making all this happen. I want to highlight some key initiatives and folks that have added significant contributions to our Lodge:

1. The Deck: What else can I say...Nate and crew put in a beautiful new deck and rails that truly add value to the Lodge. Thank You Lodge crew for making this happen!!!

2. Receivables: Ingela Orlove has been working diligently around the clock to clean up receivables. She identified almost \$6000 in receivables still due for collection. Folks, most of you have been paying (thank you), some were confused and a very small minority do not appear to be paying at all. Thank you, Ingela, for securing the financial future of our Lodge and correcting this concern. In addition to our collections effort we are going to prevent these outrageous balances by...

3. Digital Lodge Initiative: My personal passion, we are making great headway as well as identified some gaps in this approach. First and foremost, the new reservation system is near live and I really appreciate the efforts Kevin Corbett put in to make this happen along with Chad Berryman. You will be receiving instructions (enclosed within the Track) on how the new reservations system will work. Essentially, the new PSC system will work similar to a hotel reservation. You will need to buy credits in advance (never expire) to assure we do not have future Receivables issues. If you do not pay in advance you will not be able to stay at the Lodge. We will make exceptions based upon circumstances. On other fronts with the Digital Lodge Initiative, we have had mixed results in tying all the members into the meetings via the 800#. We are going to revisit the Membership

## MAKING MEMORIES

meetings to be held at Tony Roma's and a Sacramento location. Mark Cormier will provide details. The important message here is wider representation and involvement which we have effectively done.

4. Membership: Steve Heidger and Bill Cohen have done an incredible job deciphering all the membership database and status concerns. Thank you guys. We are now prepared to review and welcome new members accordingly.

We are work in progress but thanks to the great coaching from folks like Dan Brennan, we are moving forward and continue as a team to make a great Lodge better! Some initiatives for next quarter:

1. Continue to obtain receivables
2. Solidify our web reservations site (there are always bugs and they are getting worked out)
3. The RACE! We should have info shortly on the big race this year
4. Make More FANTASTIC memories!

Cheers & Pray for Snow!!!

Dan Morris

## Buying Credits at the PSC reservation site

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to put the graphics in our newsletter. But this tutorial should help your with your PSC credits.

Click the link below to follow directions as to how to buy credits at the PSC reservation site. Below are step by step directions without graphics.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=233674475a&view=att&th=1422bae50d766e2c&attid=0.1&disp=inline&safe=1&zw>

Ⓞ Step 1 – login at the site. I'm assuming you got this far without help.

Ⓞ Next, select the Buy Credits option on the menu on the left. Now you indicate how many credits you want to purchase, and then select "Continue".

After you select Continue as above, you need to select the Pay With Card button.

If you've gotten through the steps above, you should see the following:

1. The token shown here is what we use to identify the transaction. All the rest of the information you enter here gets sent directly from your browser to Stripe.com. An interesting fact about Stripe is that one of the founders and investors is Elon Musk, the same person who is behind the Tesla Car company.

2. In this case, I decided to purchase \$250 worth of credits.

3. When you click on this button, your credit card will be charged.

The example below shows a filled out form, with the credit card ready to be charged. For anyone thinking they can get rich using this number, it is a special number Stripe uses for testing purposes. It won't really buy anything.

Once more, when you hit the blue button at the bottom of the form, your card will be charged.

After you select the blue Pay button, if you entered everything correctly, you will see this message banner appear on the top right of your browser window, indicating the credits you purchased and the fee Stripe charges for PSC members to use their service. For the curious, the

fees are 2.9% of the purchase plus a \$0.30 transaction fee.

On the same screen, you will also see the total credits you have in your PSC account. As you can see, I've been testing the process for a while.

### Other items:

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## PSC Lodge Policies By Nate Hartwig

The PSC policies document can be found under the FILES Lodging is more comfortable than PSC.policiesfor members pdf

Here is a short excerpt from that file. All members please read and review...it's easy to stray from our set of expected actions dealing with the lodge. Also see note at the end.

Lodging is more comfortable and friendly when members follow the reservation procedure correctly. The most common errors members make with reservations are:

- i) Trying to reserve more than 14 days in advance
- ii) Thinking they have a confirmed reservation but do not, because they didn't finish going through all the continuation and confirmation pages in the reservation process
- iii) Not entering the number of non-member guests in their reservation. Anyone who is not a member, including spouses of "Regular" members, must pay the \$5 per day extra charge.
- iv) Changing beds in the lodge to others that look empty, without going on-line to reserve those beds. You never know if someone has already reserved them and will be arriving to take their space.
- v) Instead of making a reservation on-line, writing it on the sign-in sheet at the lodge. That makes the reservation and accounting people have to cross-check paper with the computer reservation system. Simplify the accounting please by only making electronic reservations. Besides, having

all reservations in a database allows us to analyze lodge use.

vi) Parking at Viking without a reservation. There are only 6 spaces for PSC. If you park there without a reservation, there could be trouble with snowplowing and with the Viking Club and your vehicle is subject to towing.

vii) Changing numbers of days in the reservation or canceling without making those changes online.

viii) Not making a reservation for a work party weekend, this makes it difficult to determine who participated. There is no charge to stay at the lodge for a work party, but we need a record of your attendance. A computer reservation is the most reliable one. Registering on the sign-in sheet is not sufficient.

### Lodging charges

- i) Winter: regular bed \$10, Suite \$30 for two people and \$10 for each additional person, parking at Viking \$5.
- ii) Summer: regular bed \$5, Suite \$20 for two people and \$10 for each additional person, parking at Viking \$5.
- iii) The extra daily charge for each nonmember on your reservation is \$5 winter and summer. Children of Regular and Family memberships who are 18 years old and younger are charged the normal member rate. Spouses of Regular members pay the extra nonmember charge. All other friends and family and Associate members must pay the nonmember charge.

Hosting groups over 10 people: Members must adhere to the following procedure:

- i) Groups are generally welcome during non-peak times, such as mid-week, or Friday nights during the

November through Feb. peak season, or preferably in March and April, or spring, summer and fall. Saturday nights during peak season and the holiday weekends are unlikely to be approved for large groups. The member should contact the Reservations Officer or Board at least two months in advance to discuss your proposal. If it seems possible to accommodate the group, the proposal must be forwarded by the member to the Board and to the entire membership with a message to [pscmembers@yahoogroups.com](mailto:pscmembers@yahoogroups.com) Final approval depends on the Board and Reservations Officer.

ii) Group reservations usually include no members mainly. Reservations for the no members are to be made no sooner than 10 days in advance. Once the reservations are made, The PSC member sponsoring the group must pre-pay the reservation at that time. There is no refund for cancellation of groups.

iii) The PSC member is responsible in all ways for their group while at the lodge including maintaining appropriate behavior, keeping the Lodge neat and clean, cleaning and shutting down the utilities upon departure, and paying for damage.

iv) The PSC members must sign in each of their group members, and escort them to their assigned bed, explaining how they cannot take any except the assigned bed.

Many thanks

Nate lodge chair/bod member

PS. the lodge looks SPECTACULAR ie clean and in order. Thanks to all recent guests.

## Social Calendar

By Mark Cormier

Here are the social activities planned for the rest of 2013 and 2014.

Third weekends are the focus with a few others thrown in. We hope to see you there!

**December 14-15** - Santa con ski kickoff party, wear a Santa hat, grog

**Dec 31** - rice crispy vigil for Mike Bronk , 10 pm

**Jan 17, 18** - Kidz weekend

**Feb 1, 2** - snuggle couples and snuggle singles, bring a bottle of wine and cheese to share...

**Feb 14, 15** - Presidential chili fest, El Presidente beer, rum and tequila shots, powdered wigs a plus

**Mar 8, 9** - stay up all night Daylight savings time party!

**Mar 21, 22** - race weekend????

**April 5, 6** - April fool's, foolish ski garb

**April 18, 19** - Ham and Lamb Easter barbecue

**May 16, 17** - snowboarding surf set, leis, Hawaiian shirts, grass skirts

**June 21, 22** - work weekend

**July 19, 20** - work weekend

**August 23, 24** - work weekend

**Sept 19, 20** - Petroglyphs and cowboy beef barbecue

**Oct 17, 18** - Oktoberfest, bring fun beers to share

**Nov 14, 15** - Madmen cocktail party, martinis and manhattans, snow????

## News from the Desert

By Alan Walls

Hi all, as of today, I am 45% complete with my tour over here....still planning on being home late March. Over the last month the weather turned surprisingly pleasant...high 80's in the day...mid 60's at night...quite comfortable. Occasionally we have Shamal winds that kick up a heavy dust storm....this makes it quite challenging to ride my Singlespeed to work, straight into the wind. I get a lot of strange looks when it's blowing 30 mph. Junko sends me my ski magazines...makes me long to see cold weather and snow. Other than that my day is work, sleep, eat...repeat. Deployment is about routine...over and over, day by day. Happy Skiing!!

## In Memory of Mike Bronk

Mike passed away a few months ago. At the Nov 21 Board of Directors meeting, we agreed it would be great to remember him by sharing your snippet.

Mike said, you don't have a locker??? Well then here's my combo...my locker is your locker.

He is missed by us all. ~Nate, Lodge Chair BOD member

I have no "one" snippet. I fondly recall many a drink and laugh with Mike. He is the only person more wordy than the 3 Dan's. I will miss his generosity, care-free nature and great sense of humor! ~Dan Morris

We spent several days and nights with Mike over the past couple years. He was a Gentleman, a Scholar, and just a Real Good Man. He was willing to go the extra mile for anyone, no matter how long or short he knew them. He would always offer his food to you, and many a story. He could talk your ear off, but was so enthusiastic while he was doing so, you really did not mind. He wanted to be a Ski Patroller and he gave it his all doing so, while enduring difficulties and challenges. When I would arrive late in the evening at The Club, walk in the door on a cold night, it was nice to be greeted by Mike Bronk. He was always there to share a story, a drink, and his wisdom with you. The Abend Family will miss Mike Bronk very much. A loss for the Club, very much so indeed. ~ Propane Dan

Mike, a fellow patroller, was a great representation of what makes a patroller special; he loved to help people and extend a helping hand. He was a patroller at Soda Springs and gave his all as a new candidate and new patroller, I watched as he started his training, in his late 60's, who does that? Well Mike would go over the medical response scenarios and try to get multiple opinions on how to best to act and when he did respond to an incident, to help a child or mom, it gave him such a positive charge - he was such a positive person! People who get their positive energy from helping other people are my kind of people and this world is a little better off from what Mike brought to it; I will miss him. ~ Jack Orlove

Mike was a PSC guy, he was always ready to talk about any subject or help you on the slopes. I have great memories of talking late into the night at the dining room table with Mike and my kids. I was happy for him when he told me about how he was having a second wind on his skiing on the ski patrol. I will be toasting all season to the Bronk with you PSC brothers and sisters. ~Greg Heibert