



The Track

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From the President

By Dan Morris

THANKFUL FOR YOU!!!

I look at what has become of our burgeoning family and pleased to say this Lodge just keeps getting better! Even in an otherwise disastrous year snow-wise we seem to be staying afloat. Other Lodges are having membership and financial challenges...NOT US! And I humbly submit before you that YOU have made the difference. In my last quarter as your President for 2013-2014, I want to throw some shout outs to the difference makers:

- Nathan Hartwig did AMAZING feats with work-parties and the beautiful deck we can

now enjoy. A great legacy to the Lodge Nathan!

- Kevin Corbett was instrumental at putting us in the black financially with his diligent efforts updating the electronic reservation system...and no kidding the super rapid responses to fixing bugs that all web portals encumber.
- Ingela Orlove not only did amazing work with eliminating the majority of Receivables forever, she found a # of creative ways to generate and/or save dollars!!! No task

was more important in this horrid year of virtually no snowfall.

- Bill Cohen/Steve Heidger were nothing short of spectacular in recruiting QUALITY new members and streamlining the intake process. No small feat gentlemen!!!
- Duane Smrha has been key in our efforts to secure relationships and communication with the Bay Area Council
- Alan Walls, although afar playing sailor in the desert, was grand orchestrator and kept

the fires stoking with
PSC spirit

- Jack Orlove picked up a great deal of your wayward President's absences and covered meetings and tasks in a timely manner
- Dan Brennan, your long term President and instigator of fun has proven to be a phenomenal mentor and friend during my first year.
- Marc Cormier lead the meetings diligently and doubled as our social chair. Thank you sir!!
- Chad Berryman did a spectacular job re-architecting our dated website to a clean crisp reflection of our Lodge
- Evan Todd kept us in line with alcohol
- Lara Berryman kept us superbly afloat with all the crazy logistical requests (yay on quality coffee).
- The ever busy James Rosen along with Alan Walls on the upcoming elections (NOT an easy job I assure you but James has put in a great process to make this easier going forward).
- Deborah Hadeen has done a spectacular job playing super travel agent with our PSC trips. One of these days I am going to take advantage of this PSC

Super Perk and really appreciate the planning that goes into coordinating and negotiating these trips!

- And last but not least...you would not be able to enjoy this high quality publication without the true and dogged efforts of Heather Stecca!!!

The list goes on and I am just overwhelmed with the great team we have assembled at the PSC. I ask of you now, if you are not on a committee or Chair, take the initiative. It can be a bit time consuming but the efforts are well worth it. You deserve a say and influence the future of our awesome Lodge. We deserve your time and talents to make a great Lodge even better!!! I look forward to seeing many of you at the work parties this summer!!!!

Daniel Morris
Your Servant-President

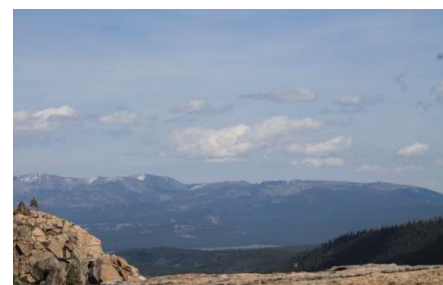
PSC Out of State Trip

By Debora Hadeen

2015 PSC Out of State Ski Trip -
January 24 - Jan 31, The Lodge at
Steamboat Springs, CO

Our group is returning to the champagne powder of Steamboat Springs, CO - 40 spaces have been reserved. Sign-ups are being accepted now. Cost of the trip is \$1300. The cost includes airfare from SFO to DEN, lodging, bus transfer to Steamboat Springs, 5 of 6 days of ski lifts and 1 lift ticket for night skiing. First night orientation, Tuesday Spaghetti Dinner, drinks, tips, and ski storage are also included.

For more information, please contact Debora Hadeen, trip leader, at drhadeen@gmail.com.



Work Party Weekends!

If you did not sign up and work a weekend last year, please sign up for one of these weekends this Summer. Of course, anyone who did put their work last year is welcome too as there sure were a lot of talented people I'd like back if you have the time!

If you are due, but cannot make one of these weekends - you can always buy your way out - please contact the President or the Secretary to arrange for your payment.



Summer at PSC

Don't forget, PSC is a year round activity lodge. There are plenty of summer getaways in the greater Truckee/Donner area. West End Beach is just a few miles down the road. There is a beach with kayak and SUP rentals, picnic areas, a snack bar, a playground, and plenty of fun for the family. Admission is just \$4/adult and \$4/child.

2014 Work Party Dates are out. Please contact Donald Arndt to help! djeffarndt@gmail.com

Each work party gets free weekend reservations (2 nights - Friday for this and Saturday - be sure to put in your reservations!) and fed 4 meals (Saturday - Lunch and Dinner) and Sunday (Breakfast and Lunch)

Please sign up as a Work Party Lead Cook or the Work Crew Lead or a Worker Crew Bee for one of these weekends:

June 21/22, 2014 A Cook, a WC Leader or part of the WC?

July 19/20, 2014 A Cook, a WC Leader or part of the WC?
Aug 16/17, 2014 A Cook, a WC Leader or part of the WC?

For each Work Crew (WC) weekend, I will be there to supervise and assist.

I will also have a long list of tasks that you're free to choose from based on your expertise or wish to try to tackle.

Thank you in advance

Interested in Disc Golf? Truckee River Regional Park has an 18 hole Disc Golf course off of HWY 267. There are other courses in the area near Squaw Valley and North Tahoe. For more information go to

<http://www.dgcoursereview.com>

There are plenty of hiking trails around PSC to take advantage of. You can choose from a challenging hike at Castle Peak or a more leisurely hike around Donner State Park. For more hiking information go to

http://www.arounddonnersummit.com/activities/day_hiking.html

The Truckee Donner Park Recreation District has a lot of activities planned this summer if you are looking for some things to do. Here is a sample of some upcoming activities. Check out

www.tdrpd.com for more information.

Are you looking for other volunteer opportunities? The Sierra Club Hut Work Parties is looking for volunteers to help. We are scheduling early wood cutting weekends so we can use chain saws at the huts before fire season settles in. Dates listed below are subject to change if access and cutting conditions are not suitable; default is to slip each scheduled date by one week. We're looking for 4-6 people for each work party. Owners of chain saws or people familiar with their operation are especially desired; but spotters and other helpers are also needed. Plan to backpack to and camp overnight at the hut. See <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/lodges/huts/work/> for general information about work parties, including logistics.

7-8 June at Ludlow. Contact Jason McLachlan (propwash@pacbell.net, 530-913-8619).

14-15 June at Benson. Contact Jim Gannon (jgannon99@sbcglobal.net or 707-525-1052)

14-15 June at Peter Grubb. Contact Dick Simpson at hut.coord@yahoo.com or 650-494-9272). We can also use a couple people who will carry in an extension ladder and replace the cap on the main stove pipe.

September-October work party schedule is being developed; there will be a separate announcement

when that is ready. The schedule posted on the web site is for 2013; the schedule for 2014 is likely to be very similar.

There will be other work parties for Peter Grubb. We successfully completed the rafter and joist repair late in 2014 and were able to reopen the hut for this past winter season. Seismic upgrades will be scheduled for summer 2014; but we need input from our structural engineer before we understand the scope of the work and can plan the work parties. Financial contributions are still needed. If you can donate, please visit <http://savepetergrubbhut.org>; contributions are tax deductible and are being matched by the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation (up to a total of \$5000).