



# The Track

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## From the President

by Dan Morris

Dear Members,

What a great summer. As always, I am enthused. Even more so this year! I had the pleasure of meeting so many great members this summer via work parties. Don Arndt did a fabulous job stepping up and making things happen in making the lodge critter proof and various improvements (see all the pics we have in this issue). My favorite part of this job is recognizing the fantastic efforts put forth by so many people. Dan Brennan (President Emeritus) and I discussed skillsaw awards. It was perhaps one of the most daunting decisions I had to make on behalf of the Lodge. For those of you that do not know, the skillsaw award goes to the best individual contributor for the year at the Lodge. I had eight folks I wanted to award. Dan B was not having any of that! We compromised on two folks: Bill Cohen and Ingela Orlove. They have done so much in the past year. My rule going forward is they will never have to pay

for a drink in my presence (good thing neither one drinks). Thanks guys and your names will now be forever memorialized on the PSC Wall of Fame. So, a quick step back from my first term as your President to the present. I am sure all of you have framed and hung in your home our Track publication from last September. The initiatives we have had in place last year are as follows:

1. Identity Change: It was my goal to morph us from being a ski club to an outdoor recreational YEAR ROUND club. It is happening. Attendance during the off months is going up. We still need to do more. Raul has stepped up as social chair and will focus on driving attendance in the off months. I encourage you to bring groups up during these periods as well to spike revenues. For instance, I have the Brownies/Daisies from Lodi invading in October. Be forewarned!

2. The Digital Lodge: OK, mixed results but at the end of the day we are doing more online with fewer resources. James Rosen and Alan Walls developed online surveys to simplify the election process (nicely done gents). We were successful at the biggest challenge and in big part to Kevin Corbett: a complete online reservation system. The bennies from

this have been evident with convenience, less staff time chasing dollars and increasing our cash flows. Track is widely circulated on the web and via email. As a note, we will be putting this publication back in hardcopy as Dan Brennan will be our post master general and print services to ensure everyone stays informed.

3. Finances: Thanks to the diligent and amazing efforts of Ingela Orlove, we are out of the Accounts Receivables business. Amazing work with the augmentation of the online reservation system! Costs are still a challenge but we hope to get some of the major expenses down this year. Of course, we need folks to spend more time at the Lodge!

4. Volunteerism: Focus for this year. We need to groom people to help facilitate our self-sustaining/self-supportive Lodge. If you have not done a Chair/Committee/Director position yet, we will find you! It is a bit time consuming but this is needed, its fun and vital to our growth as a Lodge.

The four pillars of my administration are still in effect. All four have been somewhat impactful but we have a ways to go. My objectives this year:  
A. More digital  
payments/transactions: Locker

Renewals, Membership Renewals, Work Party Buyouts  
B. Enhance the Website: Chad has done an amazing job! We want to add more content for members this year and provide useful services (Discounts, Cool Places to Ski, Hike, Etc.)  
C. Streamline Processes: Bill Cohen has lead the way on modifying the membership induction process. We want to continue to discover and refine processes that make sense and preserve the character and integrity of the PSC.  
D. Volunteer, Volunteer and yes, volunteer. We will be flipping officers this upcoming year and need to start grooming folks for a smooth transition.

I want to thank all of you for your vote of confidence in this administration. Hopefully my "lame duck" term will be anything but lame. Pray for snow!!!



## New PSC Board Members

The PSC is pleased to announce this year's board members.

Dan Morris	President
Jack Orlove	Vice President
Ingela Orlove	Treasurer
David Mahal	Secretary

### Board Members at Large

Paul Pospisil  
Don Postle  
Mark Cormier  
Dan Brennan  
Lora Bate  
Don Arndt  
Steve Heidger  
Bill Cohen



# Work Parties 2014

By Don Arndt

I want to express my gratitude and acknowledge the amazing work group we had in July! Absolutely a great group that tackled everything on the list and more with expediency and sense of fun and laughs (especially the 'musical' refrigerator moves). We did not have an assigned cooking team, but the Heidi/Joel and Mitch family jumped in to take care of that! It is such an important position and immediately lifted the moral of the whole group when they volunteered to take on the food!

The next work-group is the 4TH weekend (this year) in August - the 23rd/24th. Please, if you are due this year, sign up now so I can see who is coming. Again, the best job :o) is the chef/cook and gives you a lot of open time to relax between meals (Breakfast, lunch, dinner on Sat.; Breakfast and light lunch on Sunday). Let me know who would like this responsibility. If you are due, but can't make this last one, please contact me!

Here are the attendees and the tasks and chores they accomplished: Results of the July 2014 PSC Work Party Weekend: Jay Wright--Discussed scope of work for weekend and aided in organizing various projects and associated material needed including roofing maintenance repair, electrical runs, GFI troubleshooting, storm doors removal, tract lighting, painting/coatings etc.- Discussed/learned work party protocol and procedures- Formulated/ condensed material list-Made material run to hardware store in Truckee-Repaired hole in coffee table, re- stained it-Remove old bar ice maker.-Help to change



out bar refrigerator. Remove old icemaker and stand. Disconnect and reconnect water supply line to ice maker. Install refer shelving and bins. Install lock on new refridge - Restock refer with beverages. Purge and monitor new ice maker.- Prep and paint stairwell trim, base trim at top of stairs and interior wall touch up. Clean up and vacuum area.-Final clean up and stow away unused materials and PSC tools. Heidi Queen/Joel Dresign & Mitch M--Shopping for groceries-Cleaned fridge, microwaves and kitchen-some roof work (worn screws and re-seat to reseal-hardware store run, and vacuuming-In charge of Lunch-SAT/SUN, Dinner-SAT and Breakfast on Sunday. Dick/Shawn McClay (Amaz father/son team) --Roof screws tighten to seal, men's BR lights, Test&replace outlets, men's bathroom exhaust repair, worked on women's BR exhaust (need to fix/replace this fan), add outlets to men's bedroom-travel for hardware-refrigerator install. Chkd tightened all plumbing, replace lamp ballast in locker room, changed furnace filters, ckd fire extinguishers, worked on and fixed exhaust fans, fixed men's stair light, replaced a toilet fill valve in women's BR, added 2 more power receptacles in men's area, main muscle in fridge move team!

Coleen & John Hausler--cleaned: fireplace inside and out, fire tools and floor-swept/disinfected mouse stuff :-( in closet and floor, washed/dried dishes, help clean microwave-took out garbage; change light bulbs, restock BRs, install 6 outlets, swept upstairs fire-scape, dust trophies and ceiling, clean up bar fridge area, help move fridges, cleanup of mouse archival closet.

Paul & Nancy Meijer--Clean up all dinner dishes; clear vegetation & brush outside PSC, take out trash, clean/dust, install outlets, vacuumed women's and men's carpets, staircases, women's BR, all carpeting, wiped down all window sills, door knobs, light switches, computer, printer, clean microwaves, wiped down kit cabinets.

Steve Heideger & Dan Brennan--deliver and help install two new refrigerators (haul back out the old ones). One in bar area with ice maker and replace the other in locker room (no need for the old leaky ice maker (also found another mouse under old maker).

Craig and Emily Collon--Picked up all trash around grounds (found lots of plastic eggs :-), cleared weeds, checked rodent defer on roof, cleaned all pine needles and cones perimeter of PSC, cleaned standing water out of old bar fridge, cleaned

new bar fridge, swept out wood storage area (get ready for August metal/concrete animal barriers with Raul), helped clean both men's/women's areas.

Tony Snapes--Fridge moving team, clean up outside, dish washing, vacuuming, BR cleaning. For the next newsletter, I have some pictures to share :o)

For August (start

list):Repair/replace BR exhaust fan, outside light repair/replace, Continue closet cleaning and put back archives, Window screws for Winter, replace/repair vacuum cleaners, alarm lights repairs, rodent barriers, prepare for Winter, move/lift all beds to get all carpets deep cleaned

Wow! It sure is wonderful when people show up and then form themselves into teams that get things done - top notch!

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Due to the dates we had to use in August, it looks like a few got left out so we will have another this month (September) the 20/21st weekend. Let me know for sure that you are planning on coming up and the skills you'd like to share.

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OK, here is the breakdown of those in the August WP and their/our accomplishments:

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Arthur/Christine Kubogamell family took on the food and meal challenge and succeeded with rave reviews! The meals were excellent and they surely kept up the moral and good time to further socialize. Christine made an Excel spreadsheet to manage the food buying and prep for future meal teams! I'll get this into a folder on our yahoo group site.

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Brad Rentfrow also came to the rescue to clean the BBQ grill, helped then grill burgers and repaired/refitted the lodge vacuums.

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Ted Punge- outside flood light repair, re-stock firewood, tightened/replaced roof screws, lodge perimeter cleanup and help grading

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Afsheen Mostofi-New drainage and grading worked on woodpile and cleaned up the very dirty furnace room.

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Vladimir Merhsbovsky-Organized storage area sorted and rehung tools, etc. along with paints, caulks in sky prep area as well as the upstairs storage area. Along with Stas Grozdilov and Maria Antonova they also cleaned vacs, mirrors, women's BR, cabinets, hall and extensive vacuuming.

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Bill Prahul-repaired balcony snow guards, organized supplies, washed windows (in between too!) and was also part of the big drainage project. Bill Whitney-Foundation repair, and part of the drainage and rodent blocking project team.

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Jim Buckley-stacked wood, repaired wood shed floor, part of the varmint prevention patching and the drainage team, cleanup including attic.

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Charles Ahmann-trenching, and drain line installation, men's area vacuuming.

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Stanislav Grozdilov-locker room cleanup - removed mats to sweep and vacuum along with tool room and ski bench cleanup and repair.

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Cormier Family (Mark, Cathy,Sam&Josephine)- restock firewood, level soil, cleaned under shower floor, women's BR, wall cleaning, kitchen cleaning and dish duty.

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Dan Morris-washed lots of dishes and led us in our monthly meeting Saturday evening along with Ingela and Jack Orlove present.

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Ivan Nenov-Seal vents with Don Postle, trench digging and draining pipe team, helped team get wood back into the repaired wood shed.

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Don Postle-way too numerous to get listed, was all over the lodge. Leader too of the trenching and draining team.

Raul DeAnda-leader of the rodent/varmint concrete patching team and along with Don took on the job of properly getting the West side of the dorm area drained properly as the siding and wood were beginning to deteriorate.

Thank you everyone! We'll see what we can do later this month to prepare for what we hope will be a good winter with lots more snow!

Donald Arndt - Lodge Maintenance

## Trip to Steamboat Springs

by Debora Hadeen

The 2015 PSC Ski Trip is returning to Steamboat Springs, Colorado for more champagne powder!

We will be flying **Southwest Airlines** from SFO. (2 bags free! - Remember skis and boot bag count as one bag!)

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>SFO/DEN</b>	<b>Flt</b>
<b>2772</b>	<b>9:05am/12:40pm</b>	
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>DEN/SFO</b>	<b>Flt</b>
<b>3883</b>	<b>3:40pm/5:20pm</b>	

We will be staying at The Lodge in 2 or 3 bedroom fully furnished units. The Lodge is located at the base of Mt. Werner and is 200 yards from the gondola. There is also a heated pool, outdoor hot tubs, morning coffee and

doughnuts and high-speed internet.

Cost is \$1300 per person.

**Please note -**

The trip is all inclusive - that means airfare, lodging, round-trip bus between Denver airport and The Lodge, with a grocery stop, lift tickets (5 of 6 days and 1 night ski), welcome wine & pizza reception, Tuesday night spaghetti dinner with refreshments, free shuttle services, tips for bus drivers, baggage handlers, shuttle drivers and housekeeping staff.

All you need to do is to sign up - put down a deposit of \$250 to reserve your space; find yourself a roommate and/or ski buddy (someone who can call home for you, if needed).

The trip is currently half-full. So if you've been waiting for this info before signing up, now is the time!

For more information – contact **Debora Hadeen** at [drhadeen@gmail.com](mailto:drhadeen@gmail.com) or 310-963-4042. Think Snow!

## Far West Ski Association trip to France

Greetings!

It is my pleasure to launch the marketing of next year's 2015 Int'l Trip to Paris, Val d'Isere and Provence/French Riviera.

I would like to thank you for your patience in receiving this information. I have been renegotiating via our tour operator to get an acceptable airline transportation schedule and reasonable price. After intense negotiations....mission accomplished!

I have also been able to decrease the trip costs for Paris.

We have come up with an exciting plan to offer our int'l travel members:

1. Initial trip registration will be handled in the traditional method – one will complete the forms and send along with a check payment for their initial registration and payment.
2. Subsequent payment may be made by check, cashier's check, money order OR via our online PayPay & Credit Card Payment process!!! This is very exciting to have the option to pay by credit card while still managing this trip in a professional manner.
3. We are continuing to perfect our online registration program and intend on using it for the 2015 Fiji Dive trip.
4. After reviewing all the detailed information, you will see that it is very complex, yet exciting!
5. There are 5 trip options:
  - a. Paris & Val d'Isere – (Paris won't be sold alone)
  - b. Val d'Isere ski week

c. Paris, Val d'Isere and Provence/French Riviera

d. Val d'Isere and Provence/French Riviera

e. Provence/French Riviera as a Stand Alone trip – we'll be happy to assist with air transportation on a case by case basis.

Please take time to review thoroughly, share with your club and council members and any/all friends and colleagues.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

FYI – I will be traveling with 34 people on the FWSA Africa trip 9/5/12 to 9/20/14.

We look forward to having you travel with us!

All the best,

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