

## President's Message



Hello fellow MSC members,

What's the saying, *April showers bring May flowers?* Well April definitely did not bring as much rain and snow as we needed. However, her final storm, blasting through right before the lodge clean up weekend, brought unexpected snow to Truckee and wreaked havoc with those who attended clean up weekend with plans of cycling. I'm smiling though as our club members are quite resourceful and know how to have fun no matter what Mother Nature may bring our way!

I am looking forward to another exciting year of activities and fun with the Modesto Ski Club. One of our activities will be the celebration of our lodge's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary! (Wow! 40 years!) For more information on that and much more, please be sure to read through the newsletter. It is packed with information on our upcoming meetings, activities, news on the lodge and much more.

Also, I would be remiss if I did not congratulate our newest Lodge Trustee, Bob Gibson, voted in at our annual meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a close race and we sincerely appreciate Richard Ulm and Chris Hutton for their willingness to run for the position and to serve our club. The board members for this year are: Bryan Sparks - 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Ron Allen - 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Veronica Shaver - Secretary, Jim Ambrosavage - Treasurer, and I will continue as President.

I will always remember what Cliff Waggoner told us last year. *"This club was built on the spirit of volunteerism"* and it is that spirit that will keep us going on well into the future. So, onward and upward for the Modesto Ski Club! I look forward to seeing you all at the next general meeting.

Sincerely,

Pam Shelton  
President





## MODESTO SKI CLUB LODGE NEWS

Greetings! Wow “Members and Guests” rocked Work Weekend April 25–27 this year. We had some exciting weather too; yep, new snow... which made the members that skied on Sunday very, very happy.

I want to thank the following people for all there spectacular help with the chores and cleaning that took place on Saturday & Sunday morning.

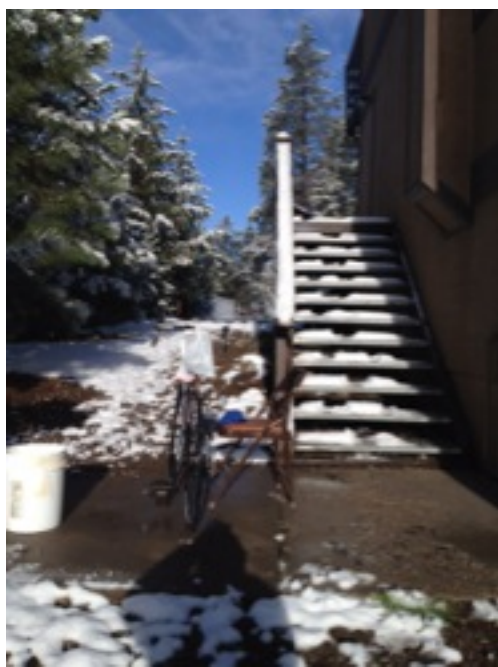
Here is the list: Roy Nightengale, Doug Ball, Chuck Hennings, Tammie & Victor Vandenburg, Noah Vandenburg, Seth Westland, Maarten Vandermeer, Emily Gahn, Marci Boucher, William Silveira, Veronica & Don Shaver, Tim Hutton, Chris Hutton, Bob Gibson, Kathy Gibson, Jim Ambrosavage, Richard Ulm, & Me!!! THANK YOU ALL!!!

The Lodge looks great, now...lets keep it that way. Please let me know if anything needs attention when you stay at the Lodge, and remember to leave it clean when you leave after your stay, you could just be the next one back and would want to be greeted by a CLEAN LODGE.

Michelle Nightengale  
Lodge Director  
209-571-8125  
[mnighte@aol.com](mailto:mnighte@aol.com)



# April 2014 MSC Lodge Clean-Up





**MODESTO SKI CLUB “BOWLING NIGHT AND POTLUCK”**

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ McHenry Bowl 6:00 PM  
3700 Standiford Avenue- Modesto**

**Bowling will start at 7:00**

**POTLUCK IN THE BACK ROOM. PLEASE BRING ONE OF THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS: MAIN DISH, SALAD, DESSERT OR NON-  
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS (Bar Service available).**

**For Potluck, RSVP to Bryan Sparks @ [bryan@sparksrei.com](mailto:bryan@sparksrei.com) and let  
me know what you are bringing**

**For Bowling, RSVP to Jack McDermott at [uconnjack69@hotmail.com](mailto:uconnjack69@hotmail.com)  
Bowling is \$9.00 per person for 2 games with shoes. Please confirm you  
are bowling with Jack and your average score. Under 12 will be bowling  
on another lane.**

**SEE YOU ALL BOWLING NIGHT!**

**Bryan Sparks- 1<sup>st</sup> V.P. (209)604-8343**





# 2014 MSC Spring-Summer Activities

It's that time again and summer is quickly approaching. We have some very fun events planned this season and hope club members and friends can come and share in the fun!

- ~ We kick off summer with our annual Pine Crest Lake camping trip. It is scheduled for the weekend of May 30 – June 2. Bryan Sparks is leading this year's trip and has indicated there are only two spots left. So if you are interested.... *hurry hurry hurry!*



- ~ June 28: We (Ron and Pam) are planning a rafting trip down the Stanislaus River. We will meet at the Oakdale Recreation Area where Sunshine Rafting will pick us up in a "luxurious" bus and take us to the Orange Blossom launch area. The fee is \$22.00 per rafter. Following the rafting, we will meet at our home in Oakdale for a BBQ and swimming. Sign up by emailing me to confirm you would like to attend and the side dish you'd like to share. The deadline to confirm your spot (and get your payments in) is June 14 to get the discounted group rate. Bring the entire family and friends, as this will be a spectacular family event. Tri-Tip will be provided. Remember to bring your own beverage and/or alternative meat if you don't prefer Tri-Tip. See flyer for more details.

- ~ Roy and Michelle have again agreed to host our July event. On July 26 we will meet at Modesto Reservoir and enjoy the hot sun, waterskiing and a potluck lunch. Please contact Michelle with questions.

- ~ August 23: Norm Azevedo is hosting the annual A's Baseball outing. There will be tailgating fun and the night will end with a wonderful fireworks display. See flyer for more information. We want this trip to be a success so please reserve your A's ticket soon. If you decide to attend the Tailgate Party after you book the seat, that's ok. Norm will accept payment for tailgaters anytime between now and the game. Also, advanced parking tickets are \$16 and at the gate it's \$20. A's Baseball parking is still the cheapest in the league. AND remember to bring a chair for the tailgate party. I recommend that baseball goers carpool to the game and not use Bart as you may miss the fireworks.



- ~ September 13: MSC will be celebrating 40 years of success and honoring two of our founding members, Cliff and Myrtle Wagoner. If you would like to attend this celebration, please contact Michelle for room reservation. (It is important to note that founding members will take reservation priority.) We will commemorate the event with a plaque followed by a potluck BBQ. More details to follow.

- ~ October 11: We will be having our annual Lodi Wine and Bike Ride. Please e-mail me if you plan on attending. More details to follow.



- ~ And Lastly... November. It's Chili Cook-off time at the "Man Cave"! (Randy and Denise Cook's home) More details to follow.

Please feel free to email me at: [fotodad04@gmail.com](mailto:fotodad04@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Thanks everyone!

Ron Allen

2nd VP



# Modesto Ski Club ~ Pinecrest Camping Trip

May 30 through June 2, 2014

Come Join In The Fun  
\$63.00 Per Site (each site is reserved for 3 nights)



Maximum of 6 people per site strictly enforced. Maximum of 3 tents or 1 RV/Trailer per site. Maximum of 2 vehicles per site (RV's included) as long as they fit on the parking pad. No guarantee that two vehicles will fit, especially if there is a trailer as well. Free overflow parking available.

If you have any Questions Bryan Sparks @ (209) 604-8343 or email @: [bryan@sparksrei.com](mailto:bryan@sparksrei.com)  
Mail \$63.00 checks to Debra Clover, 3282 Bradley Ave, Turlock 95382

Dogs are allowed in the campground but not in the day use area. Dogs must be on a leash and attended at all times



Boat rentals are available. The lake does not allow water skiing or jet skis so it is always quite tranquil, which we like.

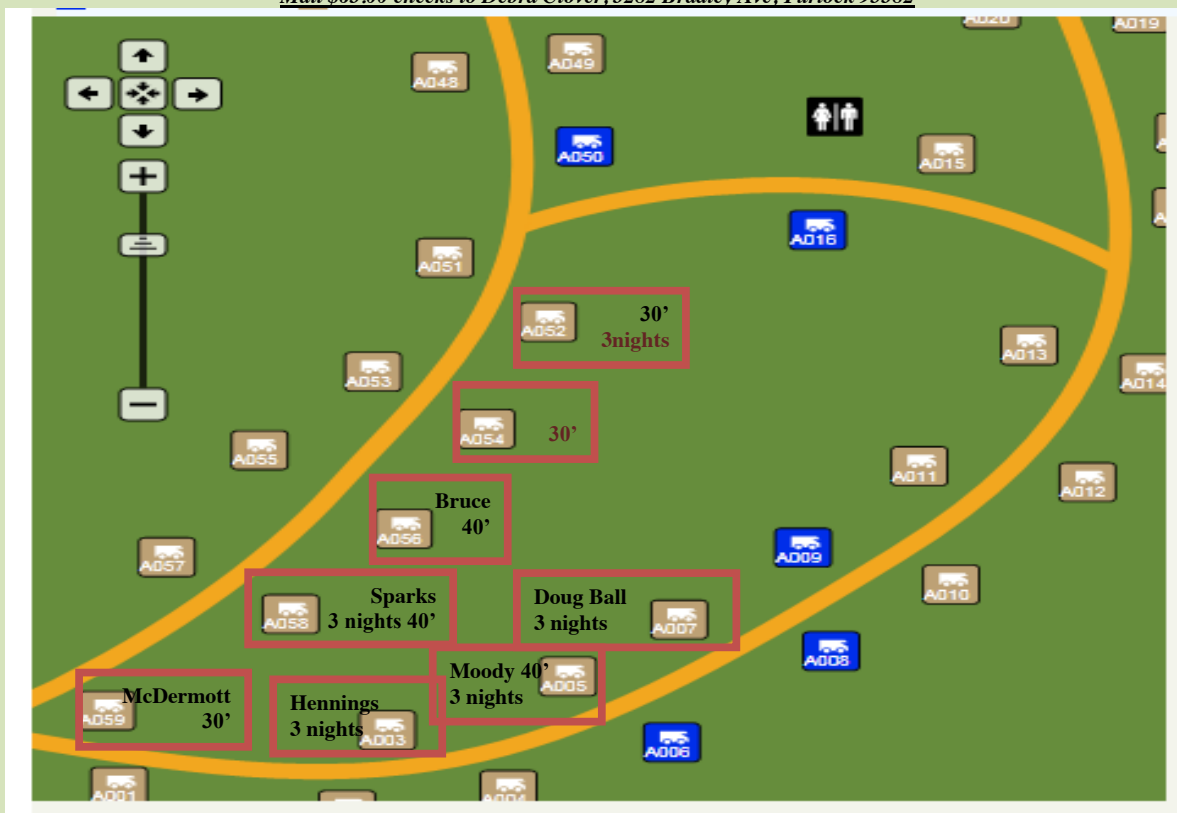
Community Dinner Will Be Saturday May 31. Bring Your Own Cooked Meat, and a Side dish.



Amphitheater	Fish Cleaning Station	Picnic Tables
Beach	Fishing	Public Marina
Bike Trail	Fishing Supplies	Rent Bicycles
Bird Watching	Flush Toilet	Restaurant
Boat Launch Ramp	Gas And Propane	Showers
Boating	Hiking Trail	Swimming
Campground Store	Horseback Riding	Telephone
Canoeing	Interpretive Programs	Visitor Center
Convenience Stores	Kayaking	Water Drinking
Dock	Mountain Biking	Water Faucets
Dump Station	Nature Trails	Wireless Internet
Fire Rings	Pack Station	
Firewood	Parking	

Pinecrest May 30 Out On June 2, 2014 \$63.00 Per Campsite

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52 Open  
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56 Bruce Velothon

58 Bryan Sparks (Host)  
59: Jeannie McDermott  
03 Hennings, chuck and Linda

05 Ed Moody and Bill Silveira  
07 Doug Ball



## **Raft the Stanislaus River and BBQ June 28, 2014**

**What:** Meet with your Ski Club friends at the Oakdale Recreation Area. Once our group is checked in, we will board a “luxurious” shuttle bus that will take us to the trip starting area at Orange Blossom Park. We’ll pick up our paddles and life jackets and listen to a captivating safety speech by one of the Sunshine Rafting experts. Our boats will take off from Orange Blossom and we will spend 2.5-4 hours on the water. This trip is a great way to avoid the crowds that show up on the Knights Ferry to Orange Blossom section! (It is a more relaxing and secluded trip.) When we finish our rafting trip, we will head over to Ron & Pam’s home in Oakdale for a barbecue and social time by the pool. Ron and Pam will provide the tri tip. You will bring your own beverages and a side dish to share.

**When & Where:** Meet at the Oakdale Recreation Area at 10:30 am on June 28. Oakdale Recreation Area is at the end of Liberini Ave. in Oakdale (use 100 Liberini Ave. as the address). Continue down Liberini Ave. until the road turns to gravel. Parking will be at the gravel loop. The barbecue afterwards is at Ron and Pam’s, 9994 Fox Borough Drive in Oakdale. (Specific directions to Ron and Pam’s will be provided when we meet that morning.)

**What to bring:** Snacks for rafting trip, drinks (plenty of water), swimsuit, sunscreen, sunglasses with a strap, hat or visor, river sandals or tennis shoes that can get wet (no flip flops), water guns. Dry clothes and towel (stays in car).

**What not to bring:** Styrofoam, anything glass, anything that cannot get wet, pets.

**Cost: Only \$22 per person.** Please make your checks payable to Pam Shelton and remit payment when you sign up. (Do not wait until the day of the event as we have to pre-pay.)

**Sign up now!!!** We have 4 rafts reserved and they will fill up fast. You will need to sign a liability release when we meet the morning of June 28. You can speed up the check in process by printing and signing your release form ahead of time.

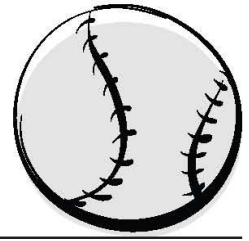
The forms may be found at: <http://raftadventure.com/liabilityrelease.pdf>

**RSVP & Questions to: [fotodad04@gmail.com](mailto:fotodad04@gmail.com), 209-613-7098**





# Oakland Athletics vs. Los Angeles Angels



## Saturday, August 23, 2014

Game time @ 6:05pm.

**\$27 seats, regularly \$30**

Bay Area Snow Sports Council, BAC

Presents its Ninth Annual

FUND RAISER for

Disabled Sports USA Far West

*All proceeds over cost go to DSUSAFW*

*Contributions are greatly appreciated*

### FIREWORKS NIGHT

Section 107R, Field Level, 1st base side

**Deadline for purchasing tickets: Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>**



## BAC Tailgate BBQ for \$12

### Raffle Prizes

### 4:00 to 5:30 pm

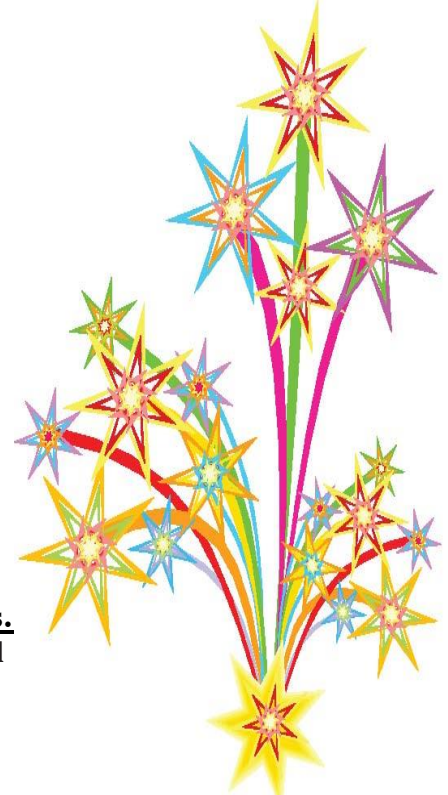
BBQ at the north side of the stadium, parking lot A,

Look for a LARGE BBQ,

Heffley's SUV with the BAC banner in front of it  
and a large crowd having a great time.

**For club group seating, please send one club check for all club members.**

**Make checks payable to Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC). Paypal will be available. Seating assigned based on when money received by BAC.**



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## WHISTLER 2015

JAN 31 -FEB 7, 2015



The FWSA 2015 Ski Week will be in Whistler Canada this coming year. All Modesto Ski Club members are invited to join this trip. Whistler Ski Resort is a huge resort encompassing both Blackcomb and Whistler mountains with skiing in the trees to skiing Blackcomb Glacier (awesome). I do not yet have a workable trip flyer nor estimated cost for this trip, however, I expect cost to be comparable to last year's Beaver Creek trip.

Over 30 MSC club members are already signed up and committed to go, having placed a deposit check of \$200 in my hands to enable an early signup date with BAC. (These are the survivors of the FWSA 2014 Beaver Creek trip). I expect this to enable reserving nice condos, conveniently located and grouped for our common enjoyment as a club group within the FWSA group. I expect this trip to be very popular, and FWSA lodging will be spread throughout the Village. Skiers committing to this trip need to be aware that these FWSA trips are not for the weak! Skiing must be done each day, ski racing several days, and then the scheduled parties each night, will tax your endurance. There is the FWSA Welcome Party, Mountain Picnic, Awards Party, and Farewell Banquet to be attended. Also, the BAC Council Night Dinner Party and our own MSC dinner party, plus you will see several great places in the Village to have dinner or spend some spare time. I expect there will also be opportunities for additional activities such as heli-skiing, cross country skiing and perhaps the zip line will be operating. You do not have to ski well, however you do have to enjoy life, and enjoy having fun to join this trip.

I am now accepting your formal BAC signup form (a \$200 check per person, with email address) payable to BAC for deposit on April 14. This deposit is fully refundable until July and more details on the trip and cost are published.

Please send your check to: Chuck Hennings, at 1779 Doak Blvd, Ripon Ca. 95366. My email address is: [chuckhennings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chuckhennings@sbcglobal.net).

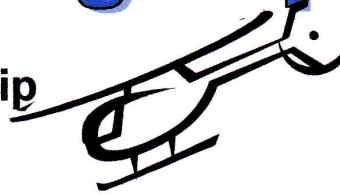


Here is your opportunity to go heli-skiing with an FWSA organized group trip. Chuck



# 2015 Heli-Skiing Trip

Join a Far West Heli-Skiing Trip with CMH Heli-Skiing



**Signature Skiing** 5-day trip to Revelstoke, BC  
March 16—21, 2015

**Price:** \$5,830 (twin occ.—taxes not included) \$6,480 (single occ.—taxes not included)

**Includes:**

- All meals, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages
- All lodge accommodations and use of lodge facilities such as saunas, hot tubs, etc. (lodging located in town of Revelstoke)
- Use of specially designed heli-skis and poles
- Use of radio/shovel/probe/guest pack
- Training in and use of avalanche transceivers
- Provides 71,000 feet of skiing of which 49,700 feet guaranteed

**Schedule:**

- Mar. 15, 2015—Fly to Kelowna, BC and stay overnight (not included in price)
- Mar. 16—CMH Bus takes you to Revelstoke—ski that afternoon (participants may drive directly to Revelstoke—must arrive in time for afternoon ski)
- Mar. 17—20 —Full days of skiing
- Mar. 21—CMH bus takes you back to Kelowna in the morning and you return home

**\$500 non-refundable deposit due when you reserve your spot**

**Sign up directly with CMH Heli-Skiing:**

Fred Noble, [noblecmh@aol.com](mailto:noblecmh@aol.com) -- cc: Julie Noble, [jnoblecmh@msn.com](mailto:jnoblecmh@msn.com)

**Request trip # 15-RE135 March 16-21, 2015  
and identify yourself as a member of Far West Ski Association**

**Spaces go quickly —first come first served—don't miss out!**

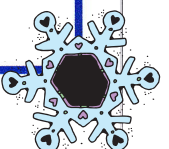


For more information contact:  
Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel  
Far West Ski Association  
[fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net)

530.414.8261 (cell) 530.582.0566 (home)

*Must be a member of a Far West Ski Association affiliated club or FWSA Direct Member*

FWSA CST #2036983-40





# May Birthdays

Moira Doherty	01	Jennie Moiso	04
Donna Lee	06	Tim Hutton	11
John Culver	12	Linda Hennings	12
Anne Synkowicz	12	Richard Ulm	13
Robert Fiore	14	Diane McGinnis	24
Randy Cook	27	Bernice Semore	27
Joe Cruz	28	Christopher Hutton	29



## **Current MSC Board**

***President - Pam Shelton***

***First Vice President / Programs - Bryan Sparks***

***Second Vice President / Activities - Ron Allen***

***Secretary - Veronica Shaver***

***Treasurer - Jim Ambrosavage***

***Lodge Director - Michelle Nightengale***

***Membership - Paula Tucker***

***Newsletter Editor - Marsha Silveira***

***Race Director - Ed Moody***

***Lodge Trustee - Doug Ball***

***Ski Chairperson / BAC Rep - Chuck Hennings***

***Web Master / Public Relations - Murray Breeze***

***Historian - Rob Orr***

***Past President - Debra Clover***



				1 <i>May Day</i>	2	3
4	5 <i>Cinco De Mayo</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13 <i>MSC Bowling Pot Luck See pg 4 for details</i>	14 <i>MSC Board Meeting 6pm Shelton- Allen Home</i>	15	16	17 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Memorial Day</i>	27	28	29	30	

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