



## THE SNOW SCENE

No, you are not dreaming and this is not spam! It's the LA Council *Snow Scene* back for your reading pleasure. And we do have some news to impart to all our member clubs.

### **MEETINGS**

**Monday, April 6** – 7pm, The Grinder in Westchester (Sepulveda & Manchester)

One special guest will be Michael Green from Mammoth to tell us all about the upcoming Skier Appreciation Weekend (April 24-26) as well as the benefits Mammoth is renewing and extending to all skiers.

Second special guest will be Flora Taub, Chairman of the Relay for Life Cancer Walk, who will bring information on the event to be held in Culver City May 16-17. This 24-hour event has had excellent participation by CCSC and some by Single Ski Club, but we need other clubs to respond to the challenge set forth by these two. It involves walking (or running if you want to really get some exercise) around a high school track and the objective is to have someone from your club on the track at all times for the 24-hour period. CCSC did so last year; LAC Secretary Cindy Krupp even completed her 20-mile training run, in spite of the heat. So start lining up your teams and Flora will tell you how to register. If you don't have a team but want to contribute to this wonderful cause, contact Judith Miller (818 841-4192) or Dave Felker (310 508-4432) and supplement their fundraising.

And finally, we will hold elections for council offices. Right now we do have someone running for President, Treasurer, VP Programs, VP Communications and Marketing. We need someone for Secretary. (In order to accommodate club officers from the vast area encompassing the council, we are going to try a new system: We will hold the monthly Board meetings immediately following the General Meetings. It will make a somewhat long day, but at least it will be only one trip a month instead of two.)

### **PROGRAMS**

SAVE THE DATE! **November 7, 2009**. That when the Snow Gala will be returning to a venue not used in over 20 years – THE QUEEN MARY! Yes, folks, this will be a truly regal event. There will be a sit-down dinner, music and dancing, and even rooms available to rent for those coming from great distances. We have reserved five rooms at a special rate. Oops! Just got word one of those rooms is taken, so that leaves four at the special rate of \$139. Reservations can be made at (562) 432-6964. (Check-in time is 4p; check-out is 12noon.)

As for the Gala itself, the flyer is being prepared and should be available very soon. The price will be \$65 and there will be a charge for parking, so plan to carpool. As soon as our new VP of Programs is installed, you will be receiving information on the Man and Woman of the Year contest and we look forward to having all clubs enter contestants. We've said it before and we'll say it again: There are too many worker bees out there who need to be recognized but are hiding because of misconceptions about how the contest is run. Each club may enter a judge, even if no contestant, so it is your fellow skiers who will be judging. And the winner gets a LAC-paid trip to the convention (next year in Palm Springs).

## **TRAVEL**

Plans for the 2010 LAC Ski Week are being worked out as this goes to press. Travel VP Dave Felker will be attending the Mountain Travel Symposium in Keystone and he hopes to finalize plans there. Right now he has narrowed it down to Whistler and Sun Valley. Dave also plans to offer a 4-day Utah trip and is open to any other suggestions as well as volunteers offering to lead a short trip.

## **COMPETITION**

LA Council is again holding the summer 6-man (with at least 2 women) volleyball tournament. Stu Guttenplan of Beach Cities Ski Club will be running the events. The dates are June 14, July 2, August 9 and the finals on September 13. Contact Stu ([stuguttenplan@aol.com](mailto:stuguttenplan@aol.com)) if you want to enter a team. We are open to all member clubs of LA Council or other FWSA recognized councils.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

Don't forget the Far West Convention coming up in June at the Peppermill Casino in Reno. It's a fairly easy drive for SoCal club members. Invariably we are outshone and, therefore, outvoted by the Bay Area clubs. If we want to have a voice in how that organization is run, we must put forth candidates for office and then have the numbers to vote them in. You can have a lot of fun at a Convention: there is a "pub crawl," which in the past has been one of the most attended activities; there are special excursions such as to Virginia City this year (a really interesting trip); a golf tournament; the Silent Auction where great bargains are offered by the resorts; the banquet and dance. But there is a serious side with the reintroduced seminars on various topics such as how to form a club and manage the risks in doing so, and how to run a ski trip of any length. The Sunday eye-opener is a great opportunity to meet and talk to members of other clubs and share experiences. Hey, you might meet the man/woman of your dreams! After all, you have one major interest in common – skiing!

## **CLUB NEWS**

CCSC is running a bus trip to Mammoth for Skier Appreciation Weekend and there are still openings. Contact Aaron Algazy at (818) 980-5177. The trip leaves at 6:00p from the Federal Building in Westwood and 7:00p from the Golden Valley park-and-ride off Highway 14. The club is staying at the Mammoth Mountain Inn and plans to participate in all the weekend activities.

## **SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS**

Both SkiNet in Studio City (11378 Ventura Boulevard) and Doc's Ski Haus in Santa Monica (3101 Santa Monica Boulevard) are having end-of-season ski sales. Some really good deals can be had at either place, so check it out and support these two businesses that have been so wonderful in supporting LA Council.