

SPUTLIGHT

Steve Soukup, Editor

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Special 40th Anniv. Edition

Conejo Ski & Sports Club Newsletter

President's Corner



Thanks, Sandy and Charlie for all of your hard work in putting everything together! Food was yummy, tables were lovely, everyone looked so nice, and the band played some great music! If you weren't there you missed a very fun time.

Thanks to Jim Robertson, Kay Maronde, and Tom Stanford for some great speeches and fun anecdotes. Thanks, Bill Welte, for working with me on a slide show with pictures from the 80s, 90s and 2000s. We weren't successful in running the slide show at the party but we may be able to get it up on the website & (SEE ALSO PAGES 15-25)

Snowmass only has a few spots left, so if you're thinking about it sign up ASAP. Lauren and Annick will be taking Mammoth signups at the next meeting so check your calendar and get out your checkbook.







PAST NEWSLETTER MASTHEADS



Visit our Website & Facebook Page www.conejoskiclub.org Facebook: Conejo Ski & Sports Club Email photos to: photos@conejoskiclub.org Or post to Facebook Page Club Meetings are held Bi-Monthly
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the Month
7:00 - 7:30 pm Social time
7:30 - 8:30 pm Meeting
PALM GARDEN HOTEL
495 N. Ventu Park Rd. Newbury Park

From the Editor:

Please enjoy this Special Edition of The Spotlight, the Newsletter of the Conejo Ski and Sports Club, in commemoration of our 40th Anniversary Celebration. Herein is a complete recap of the festivities and all the preparation that required so many volunteer hours.

As V.P. of Internal Communications, my contribution these past 6 years is the monthly Newsletter - and during the evening I was struck that both of our quest speakers mentioned the importance of our

Thank you to Jo Schuler, our volunteer photographer, for all the photographs that went into this publication. I included everyone whose picture was submitted and I apologize to anyone we may have left out—it was not our intention.

Newsletter in the history of our Club.

Conejo Ski and Sports Club has flourished since 1982, with the help of many volunteer officers, trip leaders and activity leaders. Please consider volunteering your time and skills so we can again gather and celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2032. Thank you,,,





Conejo Ski And Sports Club

40th Anniversary

August 20, 2022 5:00-10:00 p.m. Westlake Yacht Club Westlake Village, CA





Some of the CSSC members who joined in the 1980s and are still active in the 2020s

CSSC Past Presidents

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1999 Lord Thompson
1999 Scott Wooden
2000 Mark Gastmeier
2001 John Perkins

Evening Agenda

5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00-7:00 p.m. 7:00-7:30 p.m. Sign in and Happy Hour
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Dinner by Boccacolos
Presentations — Margaret Barnett,
Jim Robertson, and Tom Stanford
Dessert, Start Music, and Dance to
London 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Anniversary Planning Committee Margaret Barnett, Charlie Bornhauser, and Sandy Palmer 2022-2023 Board of Directors

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PRESENTATION BY JIM ROBERTSON





Hi everyone. My name is Tom Stanford. Most of you don't know me, but I am a member. I'm just not local. I live in The Las Vegas area (Henderson).

So, let me ask you - Does the name "Eileen MacEnery" ring a bell with anyone? Just a few of you.

In 1982 I lived in Thousand Oaks and I was renting a room to Eileen MacEnery. One day she comes up to me and says, "Tom, I'm going to start a ski club - do you want to be in it?" I said, "Yes, of course, I'll be in your ski club." So, $7\frac{1}{2}$ seconds after the inception of the ski club, I became the 2^{nd} member. And thru living 20 years in Orlando, Florida and then 5 more years in the Las Vegas area, I remained a member and am the longest continuing member in the Conejo Ski and Sports Club.

Before I tell you about the earliest days of the ski club, I just want to point a few things out. The name was changed from Conejo Ski Club to Conejo Ski and Sports Club, but in the early days, the board toyed with naming the club Conejo Valley Ski Club. The name was never that, but some of the early newsletters reflect that name. Before leaving for Florida, 15 years into club membership, I left every newsletter (except the first 2, which I couldn't find) with someone in the club. If you can find any of the earliest newsletters, you will fine them very interesting.

Now, the one thing that didn't change was the website. It has always been and continues to be conejoskiclub.org. However, in 1982, there was no internet. We would type up the newsletter on a typewriter and send it to a printer (Sir Speedy was the 1st one we used). The newsletters were then distributed at club meetings. That is one reason why meeting attendance was so high. If you didn't go to the meeting, you didn't get the newsletter and thus didn't know what was going on. When PC's became more prevalent, we were able to print out labels, but putting them in bulk mail requirements order was a daunting task. The bigger the club got, the more daunting that task became. Eventually, I was able to program the labels to print in bulk mail requirements order, which eased the burden considerably. Then, of course, the internet and the emailing of newsletters.

So, in the beginning! Eileen MacEnery could have been the president of a large corporation. Because all of the qualities those people have - Eileen had. She was dedicated - hard working - determined - organized - driven. Well, 2 people doesn't quite make a ski club, so Eileen put an ad in the paper. The very 1st meeting of any kind, was 7 people - in a booth - at the Alamo - in Newbury Park. There were 2 men, myself and, I believe, a guy named Carl Reynolds - and 5 women, 2 of whom I don't recall, Eileen, Carol Van Horn, and a ditzy blond. I do not mean that detrimentally - she was fun, the life of any party.

The 1st real club meeting was held at the small back room of the Alamo, on Nov 21, 1982 and 43 people filled out forms. The 2nd meeting was Dec 7, 1982 and over 70 people attended. Now I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, this guy couldn't have dementia,



look at him spit out facts from 40 yrs ago. In reality, I didn't remember any of those facts, but when preparing for tonight, I found the first 2 newsletters the club ever produced. All of that info is in there.

The club grew rapidly. One of the biggest issues we had, and maybe the biggest, was in finding a venue to house all the club members that came to the meetings. We quickly outgrew the Alamo and every other place we went, and finally wound up at the Westlake Inn. When I say Eileen was determined, how many Mammoth trips do you have planned this year - 3 right? In the 1st year we were a club, Eileen had 8 Mammoth trips planned - 2 in Jan, 2 in Feb, 2 in Mar, 1 in Apr and 1 in May if there was enough snow during the Memorial Day Holiday.

Eileen was aggressive, very aggressive - - maybe too aggressive. All was not candy and roses. There grew a divide between Eileen and the other 9 members of the board. She wanted to do a big ski trip (perhaps out of state) that would have required, virtually, all of the money in the checking account, right up front. If her plan failed, the club would be bankrupt and the club would probably cease to exist. The other board members thought the risk was just too high for such a young club. The divide became a cavern, when the other 9 board members voted down Eileen's proposal.

But, this is Eileen - driven! She is the founder. This is her baby - her vision. She'll decide on the direction of the club. All she needed to do was get the check book and write a check. Well, it just so happened that I was the 1st Treasurer of the club. Only 2 people had signature authority on the checks, Eileen and I. However, it only required one of our signatures, not both. Remember, Eileen is renting a room from me, she lives in my house. After her proposal got voted down, I'm in my bedroom. Eileen comes storming into my bedroom, gives me this awful look, grabs the check book on my dresser and storms out. And, I did nothing. It just so happened, that I belonged to another club (the Ventura County Chapter of the Society of American Magicians). It just so happened, that I was the treasurer of that club, and it just so happened that it was that check book that she grabbed. I knew she couldn't write checks on that one. I had hidden the Conejo Ski Club check book in the trunk of my car!! She never found it and I never told her where it was. Since she couldn't get the check book, she couldn't write a check and her very risky plan failed. So, was the Conejo Ski Club saved by hiding the check book in the trunk of a car? I don't think we will ever know the answer to that question.

Either way, the divide was too great, and Eileen left the club. The board literally begged her to stay.

After all she is a great person and she was a great president. I don't think the club members ever knew why she left, and I think most of the board members thought she left because her proposal got voted down. The real reason she left was because she couldn't find the check book to write that check! Eileen felt betrayed and she left the club.



Eileen left the club, but she is still renting a room from. She still lives in my house. To say there was tension is a huge understatement. It was easy for everyone else. You would hear, "I heard Eileen left the club. I wonder why. Does anyone know why? She was really a good president and such a nice person. Very sad." But, for me, it was different. Eileen felt betrayed, and who betrayed her any more than I did the guy that hid the check book in the trunk of his car! I know Eileen would never hurt anyone, but in my pea brain way of thinking, I didn't know what was going to happen.

In no way was I trying to badmouth, belittle or besmirch Eileen in any way. She is a wonderful person and was a great leader. And she is the reason - and I don't mean maybe she is the reason, or she could be the reason, or perhaps she is the reason - she is the reason, the sole reason, why we are all here tonight, 40 years later, celebrating this great club.

For all of you board members, and those of you who will become board members in the future, I have to tell you that the board voted that, if Eileen MacEnery ever came back to the club as member, she would not have to pay dues. She would get free membership!

Obviously, the club was very successful. In the mid/late 80's or early 90's, we were a few people shy of 1200 members! That was 3 or 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 times larger than any ski club in the area. I believe our success was because of 2 reasons:

Diversification - we quickly went from a ski club to an anything and everything club. So, even if you were not a snow skier there were many other things to do, and you could join, meet some fantastic people, make friends for life and have a blast.

Orientation - we started doing orientations. I would tell newcomers a little of the history of the club and then tell them they had 2 choices. First, they could come in, sit at a table, do nothing but watch everyone else talking to each other, think this was just a big click, leave and never come back, having missed out on one of the biggest opportunities of their life, had they made the second choice. The second choice is to GET INVOLVED. They were told that if you get involved, you will meet fantastic people, make friends for life, have a great time and you will be one of those people talking to all the others at the meeting.

I know about making a friend for life. One of the beautiful ladies I gave an orientation to, became my wife! I didn't feel I was in her league, so I started writing her poetry and all other kinds of poetry as well. So, to conclude, if you will raise your glasses, I would love to offer you a toast.

May all of the cares and concerns in your life
Disappear in the mist and cause you no strife
May your mind stay keen and your health be strong
May naught come between a life that is long
May family and friends keep you happy and sound
May your heart be at peace and successes abound!
Thank you very much, everyone! I really appreciate you!













"Conejo Ski and Sports Club," That name is not quite true...

There are so many other things that we just love to do!

They wanted me to write a poem so that all of you could hear

The reasons for our great success...in this our 40^{th} year!

There are Parties, Picnics, Trips and Tours and Holiday Dinner Dances

And like a bunch of teenagers, of course we have Romances!!!

We have Volleyball and Tennis, Bridge and Train and Pickleball

Just go online to join the fun, the newsletter says it all!

For forty years Marc Forman's planned a lot of great Vacations

Around the world the club has traveled to many distant nations.

Like Mexico, Costa Rica, Mazatlan and Brazil Where Tequila's flowing freely, that alone gives me a thrill!

Then there's Cabo, Argentina, Guatamala and Belize... Plus Canada, Norway, Iceland...if you want to freeze,

Tanzania, Croatia, China and Peru Greece and Guatamala, just to name a few

Besides Mammoth and Whistler for those who love to Ski Try Chaminox or Cortina or Moena Italy!

So many Trip Leaders devote their time and expertise To guarantee the best of times, when you put on your Skis!

One problem if you're flying, hope you can sleep on a plane. But the memories make up for it, so I tried not to complain.

Remember to take pictures, "Camera Ready" when you land. You'll always see Sig Askvik with his Camera in his hand.

When going through security, quite a rub-down you might get...
The agents get quite friendly...after...smoke a cigarette!



For years there was the "Delta," to Water Ski and Drink...

About 50 in 3 houseboats, kind of crowded, you would think.

But it was always so much fun, I'm sure we all admit... Especially when you played a part in a creative Skit!

We were all dressed up in Costumes, just like a fancy cruise...

And our acting was pretty good...if you had enough booze!

There were trips to the Colorado, on Cathy's gorgeous boat,

Some would water-ski or air-chair, but us chickens would just float...

Down the Colorado, tied our innertubes together, Like a parade of sunburned lobsters, in 100 degree weather!

For many years "Cachuma" has been a great summer event Whether in a motorhome, or just a two-man tent.

We have a private campground, for our hundred plus crowd... With costume parties, dancing, drinking, we get pretty loud!

So if you have a "Bucket List," a place you'd like to go... With sunny beaches, water sports or even ice or snow...

Attend a meeting Wednesday night so you can make a plan To join in our activities, that's how our club began!

Our thanks to all the organizers, for parties, trips and such For your hard work and planning, we thank you all so much.

If I forgot to mention an event, I'm really sorry!
But I think this poems long enough, it's like an endless story.

"Conejo Ski and Sports Club" Forty years doing it right! A group the makes, and keeps good friends! Thank you and Good Night



Kay Maronde 8/20/22





CONEJO SKI AND SPORTS CLUB Through the Years 1982-2022

Some of the CSSC members who joined in the 1980s and are still participating in the 2020s

- Dick Barnes
 Sue Benvenuto
- Phil Caso
 Denise Cleveland
- Marc Forman
- Helena Gratland
- Roger Houston
- Cathy Kaufman • Jack Kern
- Bill Kitchen
- Bill Kitchen
 Lori Mendolla
 Gaylen Rebbe
 Patricia Rebbe
 John Shutt
 David Smith
- Tom Stanford
 Mike Walsh
- Mindy Walsh
 Nellie West

CSSC Past Presidents

1983	Pete Chambliss	1993	Ray Elmore	2003	Roz Hart	2013	Richard Murray
1984	Pete Chambliss	1994	Ray Elmore	2004	Roz Hart	2014	Richard Murray
1985	Ray Craig	1995	Tom Stanford	2005	Paul Walker	2015	Sharon Schnell
1986	Ray Craig	1996	Larry Martineau	2006	Paul Walker	2016	Richard Murray
1987	Jessie Boden	1997	Larry Martineau	2007	John Perkins	2017	Richard Murray
1988	Mike Perea	1998	Linda Thompson	2008	Lou Patalano	2018	Jim Robertson
1989	Mike Perea	1999	Scott Wooden	2009	Jim Robertson	2019	Jim Robertson
1990	Ray Craig	2000	Mark Glasmeler	2010	Jim Robertson	2020	Margaret Barnett
1991	Gary Stouffer	2001	Mark Glasmeier	2011	Jim Robertson	2021	Margaret Barnett
1992	Gary Stouffer	2002	John Ferkins	2012	Richard Murray		

A SLIDE SHOW COMPILED BY BILL WELTE AND MARGARET BARNETT

Progressive Dinner – October 1997







Hualtuco, Mexico – October 1998





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Mammoth-1996



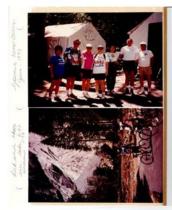


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Yosemite -1997







Past President John Perkins and Pam Vine. Past President Lou Patalano.



Halloween Fun

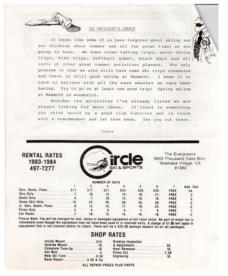


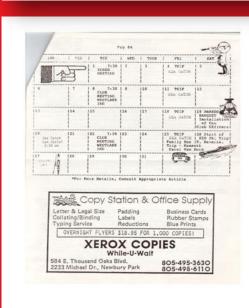


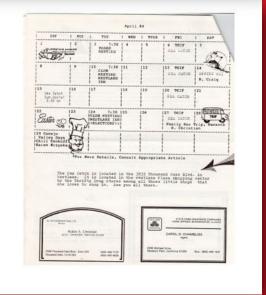


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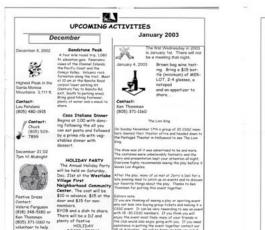






VICE PRESIDENT OF SKIING

TRUP	DATE	COST	PAYMENTS	CANCELLATION	NCLUDES
UTAH	12/27/02 9km 1/1/03			Deadline is 11/15/02 \$75 for replacement	Air, transfers, 5 rights lodging in Salt Lake City at Marrioti Hotel with break- fast, 5 day lift pass, Snowbird, Alta, Canyons, Deer Valley, welcome party.
VAIL / BEAVER CREEK	1/17/03 thru 1/21/03		5229 2nd pay 10/15/02 5230 Final 12/1/02	\$100 tee to 12/1/02 Deadline is 12/1/02	Air, transfers, 4 regnos todging in 3BR- 3B condo in Beaver Creek, 3 cut of 4 day lift pass for Vall & Beaver Creek, 2 days shuttle to Vall.
WINTER PARK COLORADO	2/1/03 8/ry 2/8/03	\$1,059	Final pay due 11/15/02	\$100 fee to 11/15/02 Deadline is 11/15/02 \$100 for replacement	Air, transfers, 7 nights lodging in Hotel. 3 89-38 condo, or 289-29 condo, 8 out of 6 day lift pass, welcome recept- ion, mountain pionic, 2 Naester races, farewell banquet, souvenir.
VAL d'ISERE FRANCE MALLORCA S BARCELONA SPAIN	3/1/03 999 3/15/03		\$1100 Final 12/15/02	\$200 fee to 12/15/02 Deadline is 12/15/02 \$200 for replacement	Air, transfers, 7 nights todging at Club Med in Val of learn with breakfast, bunch, dinner, beer, wine, 6 day lift pess, group ski instructors, evening entertainment. 3 nights todging in Malfonta at a 4-star hotel with breakfast, 3 nights oodging in Blanstone in the heart of the La Flamba with breakfast.
BANFF CANADA	3/29/03 froi 4/5/03	\$789	\$200 Deposit at signup \$294 2nd pay 11/1/02 \$295 Final 1/15/03	\$100 fee to 1/15/03 Deadline is 1/15/03 \$100 for replacement	Air, transfers, 7 rights lodging at the Bard International Hotel, 5 day IR pass interchangeable for Bardf Mount Norque, Lake Louise, and Sunstine Village, Ski Blus shullines to resorts.











Kern River Rafting

























Whistler 1998











- The Village at Big White Ski Resort

 1 Sams Sun Hostel
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 2 Timber Ridge
 3 Tree Rogs
 4 White Conder Ridge
 3 Tree Rogs
 4 White Corpal Inn
 5 Solara Ridge
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 6 Fire Hal
 19 Da Hofbrushuau
 12 Ridge Corpal
 13 Timber Ridge
 13 Billacksmith Lodge
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 16 Ridge Resort
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Big White Ski Resort British Columbia 2002



1989 Delta "Fiesta Party"



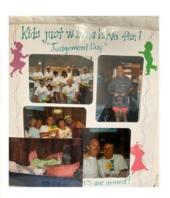






















•Skiing at Mammoth



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Members are invited to attend Board meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Call one of your Board Members for the location of

the Board meeting





