

The Track

Sept-Dec 2013

A Message from the President

By Dan Morris

Welcome to The Track!

Welcome to our September-December 2013 editions of the Track. This is our quarterly newsletter for the Peninsula Ski Club. This summer has been filled with busy work parties. There has also been a lot of work preparing for our new deck to enjoy this winter. Thank you to all of the members who have put in a lot of extra hours to build this beautiful deck. Look for pictures at the end of this newsletter. Inside this edition you will find a letter from our current and outgoing presidents. Also, look for winter ski information, a new recipe to try in the microwave and a letter from our own overseas member, Alan Walls. I hope you enjoy this edition of The Track.

Heather Stecca

The next Lodge Meeting is September 28th at the Lodge at 7PM...conf call # to follow....it is also PSC Ski Patroller Appreciation Night. Free beer for Patrollers!



I AM GOING TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Few productive outcomes are yielded from a midnight bar conversation. Many of you can attest to this precept first hand. It was about seven years ago. Jack Orlove and I met for a drink or two after a business seminar. Jack, after several adult libations, queried me whether I was a skier. I conveyed with some frustration that I was a highly infrequent knuckledragger whom craved with great zeal the après board bum lifestyle. I further whimpered that I was a slave to my mortgage, family commitments and bills and could not afford the envious lifestyle of the leisure class. With a hearty grin and strong conviction, Jack exalted with jubilation "I am going to change your life!" And indeed Jack changed my life (for the better I might add). All of the sudden I became a member of a fabulous Ski Lodge (Recreational Lodge for our new label), walking access to wonderful ski resorts and a proud member of one of the local ski patrols. Seven years ago, I would not imagine any of these dreams being fulfilled. Truly, the PSC has been the vehicle for this great lifestyle. I have to say though, these wondrous gifts pale in comparison to my new lifelong friends and indelible memories! So, as my life has transformed, it is my passion to help transform the PSC Lodge. Per my last messaging, I want to reiterate a couple of major initiatives we are getting under wraps:

1. Identity Change: We need to view us as a Recreational Lodge, not just Ski Club. No one, given this current economic crunch, can have exclusivity over an activity or region. We need to fill beds in the summer months and continue to grow our footprint (smartly mind you).
2. The Digital Lodge: No more paper! Bad for the environment and bad for our budget. By 2015, I want to see all transactions (reservations, renewals, communications) digital. Our Chairs are here to help get us there and need everyone involved.
3. Finances: We are looking for the one two punch: streamline costs and increase revenues. Bring friends in the summer months!!! Great place to hike, kayak, trail run, canoe, bike and so forth :)
4. Volunteerism: We are seeing a lot of GREAT volunteerism continue to build our value in the PSC. Let's keep it up!!! As you know, this is your Lodge...only you can make it better!



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Winter Ski Information

Are you ready for some snow? Do you still need to get your season passes? Are you looking for new terrain to cover? Here are some links to help you choose the slopes that are right for you.

- www.donniskiranch.com
- www.sugarbowl.com
- www.skisodasprings.com
- www.skilaketahoe.com

Not up for downhill skiing? How about cross country? Royal Gorge is just down the street from PSC.

- www.royalgorge.com

Summer/Fall Activities

Winter is not here yet! There are plenty of activities and things to do here while the weather is warm. You can hike the Mt. Judah trail at Sugar Bowl or explore the train tunnels across the street. Not up for a hike? Head to the West End Beach for a day of swimming and fun. You can rent a kayak or stand up paddleboard. Bring a picnic basket or purchase food from the snack bar.

- www.tdrpd.com/west_end.html

Or, go a bit further to Donner State Park Campground. You can visit the Donner museum and take a short hike.

- http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25185

PSC is a great place to come during the summer and get away from the heat of the valley or the traffic of the bay area.

A Message from the Outgoing President

Dear PSCers,

As your outgoing president I have many concerns. Will the club continue to grow in a positive manor? Can the finances stabilize after 2 bad weather years? Is the treasury in good hands? Will the newbies damage the gains that have been made or dramatically change the club or misunderstanding the delicate balance that has made us successful? Will they be able to navigate the perils of the new season? Will my "good thing" disappear? These things are so valuable that it kept me up at night several times.

Let me assure you that the answers to all my concerns have been met and I am at ease. Duane is a class act and hard to follow but with Ingela Orlove there is nothing to worry about, we are very lucky that she has taken the treasury from Duane. As for the weather "pray". But good or bad weather you members have filled the gaps with steady bunk reservation, so keep it up. Dan Morris has surprised me. His big picture view has been right on; by not trying to be-all and do-all he has assembled a strong crew this year. His corporate back ground and his interest to keep traditions is the unique combo I was looking for. I am confident that he is leading us in the right direction. Thanks Nate and crew for your hard work it has all been a bonus for us. As President I oversee and vote at board meetings for the reasons that I mentioned above. As fate had it, my insolvent is very little. This summer I purchased a new residence and moved. I couldn't have participated if I wanted to. The whole lot has done a fantastic job and as I review the goings on, I am relieved to see things going perfectly. So I thank you for the time I served and trust in the new Crew.

Sincerely,

Dan Brennan

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5 Minute Microwave Cornbread

Prep Time: 7 minutes

Cook Time: 3 minutes

Yield: 6 servings

Ingredients:

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup cornmeal

2 tablespoons white sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 egg

1/2 cup milk

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Directions:

1. Mix the flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt, egg, milk, and vegetable oil in a microwave-safe glass or ceramic bowl.

2. Heat in the microwave on high, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 3 minutes, rotating the bowl halfway through cooking if the microwave does not have a rotating tray.



Love Letters from Qatar

A note from Alan Walls

Qatar...what's it like? Well, buy some sand and rocks, throw it on a parking lot and stand on it in 115 degree heat and 80% humidity. No hills, nothing green...just flat, rocky and freaking hot.

I was given 2 large bags of uniforms, bug tents, chemical protection gear on a Friday...I was on a plane Sat 0600, landed in Dulles...then Dubai...then Doha, Qatar. I finally got to my room Sunday at 2100. (9pm). Long day. Btw, I was also issued full cold weather gear. Gore-Tex jacket, pants, winter boots, long underwear....I don't think I'll be using any of it.

My first AM wandering on base...hot, sweat was dripping off my pinkies into the sand (I'm in full uniform)...it's 6am now and I have no clue on time. I'm out of whack. Looking around I see Air Force, Army, Marines, UK and Australian forces....and just a few Navy people like me. Turns out there are only about 30 Navy people here (of the 8000).

I have my own room...the AC works well; have a TV, cheap bike so it's pretty comfortable as far as deployments go (much better than ship life).

Everyone seems cool...working with all branches and nations. I'm working the 0000-0800 shift, so I work at night and sleep in the day...like a vampire. What am I doing? Watching Stuff...that's about what I can say about that....and drink lots of coffee.

Deployment is about routine...so I eat, sleep, work...punctuated by gym, trip to the shoppette and an occasional movie (at 0200 on a day off).

I miss you all and looking forward to getting back home.

A Note from Our Athletic Chair

Hello! Ryan Wallace the new Athletic Chair here.

We are looking to schedule a race in mid to late March 2014! Let's beat Viking! Once the date and details are finalized we will need the following information from you for the registration, Name, Race (Ski/Snowboard), Age (Youth (16 or under)/Adult), and Sex. So, keep an eye out for the details in our next track and/or webpage.

Looking forward to a fantastic and long snow season!



Framing the new deck

Dates from the Social Chair

Mark Cormier

September 27, 28,29--Party to celebrate the new deck; also Dan Morris will buy all ski patrollers a free drink.

October---October fest everybody bring favorite beer to share; also a petroglyph hike and tunnel ghost stories look to FB page for details

November--Mad Men cocktail party and ski season kickoff!

December--Holiday fun, Santa hats and pow!

January--Kid's weekend, chili cook off

February--Wine sipping, bring your favorite bottles, also Winter Carnival snow sculpture contest, backwoods snow survival clinic

March--Race weekend

April--Hawaiian shirt snow boarding and skiing, tropical drinks with rum for the adults, pineapple treats for kids

May--Throw back fun, old ski gear and clothes, barbecue ribs and cheap cans of beer

June--Work weekend

July--Work weekend

August--Work weekend

Below is a list of our PSC chair/directors

CHAIR POSITIONS		
	New	Mentor/Previous Post
President	Dan Morris	Dan Brennan
Vice President	Jack Orlove	Dave Korneick
Secretary	Brad Renfrow	Dave Mahal
BAC Rep	duane Smrna	????
Treasurer	Ingela Orlove	Duane Smrna
Elections Chair	VACANT	James Rosen
Finance Chair	Neil Pettigrew	Neil Pettigrew
Presidential Cabinet		
Lodging	Nate Hartwig	Alan Walls
Social Chair	Mark Cormier	None
Historian	Frank Colino?	
Communications	(UNDER BRAD)	Guru, Ben David, James Rosen
Website	Chad Berryman	
Track	Heather Stecca	Marc Musgrove
Yahoo Admin	Andy Newell	Dan Ben David
PO Box	VACANT	Duane Smrna
Lockers	Dave Korneick	Dave Korneick
Bar	Evan Todd	Jack Orlove
Supplies	Lyra Berryman	Junko Walls
Travel	Deborah Hadeen	
Athletic Chair	Ryan	Dan Morris
Memberhsip	Steve Behrenes	Steve Heidger
Kids Club	Musgroves (?)	Monica Donnely
Recruitment	Mike Fyfe	Bill Cohen
Reservation Systems	Kevin Corbett	Kevin Corbett



Mixing concrete



Words of experience to new members



Waiting for snow



fishing in pink

Thank you to all of the members who helped tear down the old deck, move rocks, and build our new, larger deck! Check out these great photos!



View from Donner Pass Road

