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Inskiers, we are starting off to a fantastic race season with 22 racers competing for points and winning points and medals in all classes. We have one of our best teams in years. Come out and race with us, or come cheer us on. This is where the real fun begins...



Pink bands flashing Lisa Burgess, Jan Shriner, and Jessica Disney get ready for the Slalom to begin on 'Martins' at Homewood January 28. Fresh snow made for perfect conditions.

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President's Corner:

A note from our President, who is also moonlighting as a Zagat Restaurant Guide.

Inskiers,

Winter Season is well underway. We've had some great skiing and racing with plenty more to come. Part of enjoying our Tahoe trips is getting together for some great meals. On the Double Homewood weekend we got together at Zano's in Truckee on Friday night for dinner. Joining me were Allen Brumm, Lisa Burgess, Karen Albrecht, Mike Dwyer, Super Striker Bill Dwyer, Jan "Princessa" Shriner, Betsy Couch, Emil Germanov, Denise Guaraglia and her guest Ron, The Music Master! (As I found out later, even if you remember songs like Strawberry Alarm Clock's "Incense and Peppermints" don't think you're going to stump Ron.)

After skiing on Friday and getting the Race Boards ready for Saturday Morning, Allen and I stopped by the Inskier Cabin to corral any last minute arrivals and when we arrived at Zano's a few minutes late Lisa, Karen, and Jan were waiting for us at the bar. Within a few minutes most of the crew had arrived and we had a large table in the back.

Zano's serves up Italian Continental, Pasta, and Pizza in what was the Truckee River Brewing Company in between Java Sushi and Wild Cherries. They did a major remodel

and did a nice job decorating the place with Old Photos of the family Mafia. The Menu is a notch up from the Pasta/Pizzeria in the Albertson's shopping center. After Dinner salads pretty much all around, the main plates arrived. Across from me Jan had a fancy pasta I can't pronounce (Orichette?). I had pasta with Mushrooms, Pesto, Sundried Tomatoes, and some other stuff. I was too busy enjoying mine to see what everybody else had. I tried some of the Pizza at Denise and Ron's end of the table and it was quite good. Next time I might venture on to the other side of the menu for a change from pasta/pizza .

The best part was, as you would expect, the great company.

Here's the restaurant review part: Noise level was 3 bells and after two bottles of Merlot our table quickly escalated to 4 bells and drowned out the kids arcade around the corner. Table placement could be critical if you're looking for a quiet evening. Some of the tables in the main dining area are near the bar, much like the Bar of America in downtown Truckee. If you plan ahead you can request one of the tables they have sequestered in several alcoves which should be much quieter than the rest of the tables which are generally in open areas. The average tab including a generous tip came in at a little less than \$25 including some wine which seems to be the right price all things considered. If you ventured toward the high end meals and split a bottle

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of wine between you, you could push that up, but not unreasonably so. Overall the consensus was thumbs up and everybody had more than enough to eat.

I hope you can join us for the next adventures in dining in Tahoe and whatever you do, don't miss the upcoming Racey Affair on Saturday March 4th !

Cheers,
-Bill
"El Presidente"

The Inskier cabin is located at:

13177 Davos Drive
Tahoe Donner

Cabin

Join us at the Inskier cabin for a fun weekend with many of your friends. Inskier spirit always make these fun weekends with something or someone to be celebrated.

| Dates available are: | Race Location |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Feb 10 & 11 | Sugarbowl |
| Feb 24 and 25 | Social |
| Mar 3 & 4 | Alpine * |
| Mar 10 & 11 | Social |
| Mar 31 & Apr 1 | Norcals |

* Racey Affair Cal Neva

Do you know arrangements have been made for you to stay at the Snow Drifters cabin mid-week and non-race weekends. Rates will be provided at reservation time. Inskier Cabin Rates - \$30 for members and \$35 for guests.

For Reservations email
InskierCabin@AOL.com



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Social

Inskiers were keeping very busy in January. Enjoy these pics made available to you courtesy of the editor's personal paparazzi extraordinaire.

We started January with an **Open House at Any Mountain** on Tuesday, 1/10. "Bring a Friend" was the theme, and pizzas, beers, wines and sodas were served in the back room. Lots of cool ski goodies were bought by Inskier's and friends.

Some 30+ Inskiers and guests were at Any Mountain in Redwood City, for the Inskier Open House. We had 7 guests, three of which were very interested in joining the club. We also had 4 renewals that night! We enjoyed pizza (thank you Brenda Cash, for ordering) and drinks (thank you Denise Guaraglia) on the tab of the Inskiers. Any Mountain was great and offered us a 20% discount on any single item in the store. Not quite sure, but it is rumored that Mike Dwyer bought a pair of skis that night! Thank you to all who attended and contributed to a fun evening. Thanks also to Mark Wilson, Paul Larson and Allen Brumm for helping w/the clean-up.

- article by Angie Imura, Membership and Denice Guaralia (Social)



Stay tuned for our Valentine Potluck coming up 2/14. Our theme is chocolate and roses! YUMM! Mike Dwyer has volunteered to open his home in San Mateo and if the weather is good, we can go hot-tubbing too! Look for the flyer in your email. Cheers - Denise G.

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Adventures in Dining @ Creola's,

A festive Mardi Gras atmosphere prevailed as eighteen Inskiers dined on Creole and Cajun cuisine at Creola (www.creolabistro.com) in San Carlos on Thursday - January 17. Chef Simmons remembered the Inskiers from the last time we frequented this festive restaurant and gave us the best tables in the house! (We must have behaved.) We will be coming back here soon. The etouffee here is to die for.

Come join us for the next Adventures in Dining.

- Anonymous article contribution



February 14 Valentines Day Potluck - Everyone is welcome to this wonderful traditional party. Chocolates, red wine are the theme at Mike Myers house. Bring your swimsuit (or not)... the hot tub will be warm and waiting for you.

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AFC title game party at Club House Bistro

We had a great turn-out Sunday, January 22nd for the AFC title game, Steelers vs. Broncos, at the Club House Bistro in the Crowne Plaza - Foster City. Some 13 people came out to watch the game, play some pool and of course eat, drink and socialize. Forgive me if I missed anyone, but wanted to acknowledge Vonnie Walker, Ron, Denise Guaraglia, Paul (Ron's friend), Don McCurry, Paul Larson, Rose Blackburn, Mike Dwyer, Brenda Luebke, Sue Gray, Bob Burke, and Joe Malin from the Snowdrifters, for coming out and making the event a fun one. The Steelers crushed Denver, earning the AFC spot in the Super Bowl. This year's Super Bowl will be Sunday February 5th, in Detroit. Anyone willing to organize and host a Super Bowl party, can contact me, or your Social committee, Denise Guaraglia and Mary Ann Nielsen.

- article contributed by Angie Imura

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94002

Birthdays

Fun was had at the Inskier cabin celebrating a resident Kiwi's birthday. Cakes, chocolates, copious amounts of wine and of course Angie Imura's original kiwi fruit birthday cake.

The celebration was enjoyed by Rose, Emil, Mike and Bill Myer, El Presidente, Allen, Denice, Ron, Angie, Brian, and Bob.

Remember to recognize your other club members and let them know you think they are special. A card, a cake, flowers, or a simple phone call will always bring a smile into their life.

See Inskier photos at:
www.smugmug.com/inskiers



February (Aquarius/Pisces)

| | |
|-------------------|--------|
| Angie Imura | Feb 3 |
| Patrice Hansen | Feb 6 |
| Morten Green | Feb 7 |
| Joan Kent | Feb 7 |
| Phil Alfonso | Feb 8 |
| Michael J Haddock | Feb 12 |
| Rose Blackburn | Feb 12 |
| Marian Mcgregor | Feb 17 |
| Edwin Elliott | Feb 19 |
| Marci Lyzun | Feb 20 |
| Bill Craig | Feb 21 |
| Vonnie Walker | Feb 22 |
| Maurice Magnant | Feb 23 |
| Jamison Kilbride | Feb 27 |
| Pat Sheehan | Feb 27 |
| Keith Nolop | Feb 27 |
| Sonia Jiminez | Feb 28 |

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Weather and Road Condition

Truckee weathercam:

<http://www.magnifeye.com/>

Road conditions:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo/i80>

Northwoods and Donner Pass weather cam: <http://www.communityink.com/cam/index.cfm>

Northstar Weather Cam:

<http://www.rsn.com/cams/north>

Alpine Meadows:

<http://www.skialpine.com/#>

Racing Scene



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Singles League Racing 2006 Race

Singles League Racing



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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 2/11/2006 | Saturday | SL | Sugarbowl |
| 2/12/2006 | Sunday | GS | Sugarbowl (Mac T, Long GS) |
| 3/4/2006 | Saturday | GS | Alpine Meadows |
| 3/4/2006 | Saturday | Racey Affair | Cal Neva, Stateline Nevada |

FarWest Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| 3/17/2006 | Friday | Pacesetter | Kirkwood (tentative) |
| 3/18/2006 | Saturday | SL | Kirkwood |
| 3/19/2006 | Sunday | GS | Kirkwood |

NorCals Schedule

| | | | |
|-----------|----------|------------|--|
| 3/31/2006 | Friday | Pacesetter | |
| 4/01/2006 | Saturday | SL | |
| 4/02/2006 | Sunday | GS | |

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Hello racers and skiers.

This is a follow up to the message from our consonantly alliterative Presidente. We had quite an exciting race weekend on Saturday and Sunday, January 28-29. On Saturday, Inskiers had 19 racers on the hill. The weather on Saturday was snowy, and drizzly, with flat light conditions, so that kept a few racers off of the hill. On Sunday, we had 22 powerful Peninsulans perusing poles on packed powder.

If you are not already signed up to race, don't despair, you can still sign up for the remaining four races at the discounted price of \$40. Contact your friendly race director for details.

We have some excitement in a couple of classes:

- **Craig Faitel** was "fastest" man on Saturday.
- **Lisa B** and **Karen A** are dueling it out in the S6 open women. Looks like Lisa has an "edge" for now, because rumor has it that Karen decided to stop for a cup of tea on the way down the hill. I expect a strong comeback from Karen though.
- **David Baird** and I (**Alan Brumm**) are neck to neck in the S5 open men, riding the ruts on the experts' course. They are usually within a half second of each other. Also, both David and I got strikes in the GS on Sunday. That was a fun, fast course!
- **Bill Dwyer** got strikes on both Saturday and Sunday in the S6 class and will join David and myself in the S5's. I think we are in trouble, this "kid" is fast! Word is he just got some new Dynastar skis. Also, I've heard rumors that the "old man", Mike Dwyer (Bill's father, racing as an S10) might have to spring for a speed suit for his son. I'm sure the singles league women would appreciate that! Welcome to the ruts Bill!
- **Angie Imura** got a strike on Saturday on the slalom course. Angie is now an S9! Be sure to congratulate her.
- **El Presidente** and **Paul Bortorff** are trading positions in the S7's.
- **Sonia Martinez** got two second places in the S7VW class. Posting a better time than many of the other S7's. Go red rocket!

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- **John Baker** and **Mike Dwyer** are tearing up the S10 course.
- On the beginner course, **Cathy Baird** and **Rose Blackburn** are competing. Each getting a first place: Cathy in the slalom on Saturday, Rose in the GS on Sunday. I'm sure if Wendy Thompson had been there, she would have cleaned up.
- Rumor also has it that many of the 8OW beat the 7 O and V women's time. Is it true??? Look out 7's, you might have company soon.

January 28-29 Result Summary:

Thanks to all of the racers who participated on our second race weekend. The racing at Homewood was superlative.

Saturday, January 28: Slalom

Total number of racers on the course: 104

Total Inskier racers on the course: 19

Inskier first place finishers:

| Class | Name | Pts |
|-------|--------------|-------------|
| S0 | Craig Faitel | 25 |
| S6OW | Lisa Burgess | 25 |
| S6OM | Bill Dwyer | 25 (strike) |
| S10OW | Angie Imura | 25 (bump!) |
| BEGW | Cathy Baird | 25 |

Inskier second place finishers:

| Class | Name | Pts |
|-------|------------------|-----|
| S4VM | Dave Button | 17 |
| S4OW | Betsy Couch | 15 |
| S6OW | Karen Albrecht | 17 |
| S7VW | Sonia Martinez | 1 |
| S7OW | Jan Lynn Shriner | 1 |
| S7OM | Paul Bortorff | 20 |

Inskier third place finishers:

| Class | Name | Pts |
|-------|----------------|-----|
| S5OM | Allen Brumm | 15 |
| S8OW | Jessica Disney | 15 |
| BEGW | Rose Blackburn | 17 |

Sunday, January 29: GS

Total number of racers on the course: 103

On Saturday, we took second place in the points per racer category (behind SF). On Sunday, we took second again in the points per racer category (behind the Mind Drifters).

Overall, we are in second in the points per racer category (behind the Rusted out Bindings).

Total Inskier racers on the course: 22
(alright!)

Inskier first place finishers:

| Class | Name | Pts |
|-------|----------------|-------------|
| S0 | Craig Faitel | 20 |
| S4VM | Dave Button | 25 |
| S5OM | David Baird | 25 (strike) |
| S6VW | Debra Summers | 20 |
| S6OW | Lisa Burgess | 25 |
| S6OM | Bill Dwyer | 25 (bump!) |
| S10VM | John Baker | 20 |
| BEGW | Rose Blackburn | 25 |

Inskier second place finishers:

| Class | Name | Pts |
|-------|------------------|-------------|
| S4OW | Betsy Couch | 17 |
| S5OM | Allen Brumm | 20 (strike) |
| S6OW | Karen Albrecht | 20 |
| S7VW | Sonia Martinez | 17 |
| S7OW | Jan Lynn Shriner | 15 |
| S7OM | Bill Moller | 20 |
| S9OW | Angie Imura | 15 |
| BEGW | Cathy Baird | 20 |

Inskier third place finishers:

| Class | Name | Pts |
|-------|----------------|-----|
| S7OM | Paul Bortorff | 17 |
| S8OW | Jessica Disney | 17 |

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In the total points category for the season, we are in a strong third.

Total points per Club for the season (races 1-4):

1923 Rusty Bindings with 115 racers
1602 Snow Drifters with 99 racers
1336 Inskiers with 81 racers
910 San Francisco with 57 racers
514 Bota Baggers with 37 racers

Total Points Per Racer for the season (races 1-4):

16.72 Rusty Bindings with 115 racers
16.49 Inskiers with 81 racers
16.18 Snow Drifters with 99 racers
15.96 San Francisco with 57 racers
13.89 Bota Baggers with 37 racers

Thank you all for participating. Keep up the great placings! Also, thanks to everyone who helped out with timing, race boards, gate keeping, etc.

Angie Imura starter, gate keeper
Karen Albrecht: gate keeper

Lisa Burgess: gate keeper
Mike & Bill Dwyer: race boards, timing

Sorry if I forgot to mention anyone. Your help is appreciated!

Ski fast and stay on the edge of control,
Allen & Bill
Your Dedicated Race Directors

Side Note by Allen Brumm

1. They shoot horses don't they?
2. Clowns to the left of me, Jokers to the right..., direct quotes uttered by ex-Inskier Jill Murray while seated between Bill and myself on the chair lift at Homewood a few weeks ago.

I'm not telling which side I was on.

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Singles League News

Hello Inskiers,

The Board voted to make donations of the profit we made at the Snowball. Singles League presented a check to Tahoe Adaptive at Alpine Meadows for \$1000.00. They had a hands on weekend at their facility for those who may be interested in volunteering some time to help with the program. Some of the clubs had people who actually got to experience what it is like to ski with only one limb. They said it was very difficult. We take so much for granted!

The Snowball profit was only possible with the support of all of you who support Singles League events. So, don't forget our Racey Affair on the weekend of March 4-5. I encourage all to participate, even if you don't ski, it is always a fun party. Cal-Neva has special rates for the ski season for us. You can book a room for the weekend rate of \$79.00 per night. When making your reservation, reference that you are requesting the Far West Ski Assoc. discount. 800-225-6382.

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Save these upcoming dates for some Singles League fun:

March 4 Racey Affair Cal-Neva Hotel

May 4-5 Rusty Bindings Dive and Dine

May 13 SnowDrifters Fundraiser

June 24 Rusty Bindings Fundraiser

Inskiers board voted to match donations that club members make to DSUSA up to \$500.00. *I am collecting checks from you all and will present them to Tahoe Adaptive Ski School at the Ski For All on April 1. Your checks are tax deductible. Please find it in your hearts to make a donation to such a wonderful organization!* To those of you who have already sent your checks to me, Thank-you!! Know that you are part of bringing smiles to faces of those with disabilities.

Send checks to:

Kathy Silver

80 Cedar Pointe Loop #1405

san Ramon, Ca 94583

Looking forward till we meet again,

Kathy Silver S.L. Rep

Tahoe Adaptive Ski School/Disabled Sports Program needs your help. The accept used ski clothes, hats, gloves, socks, fleece jackets, helmets, goggles, sunglasses. For more details and drop off location, please contact Sandy Kiyomura, communities@skibac.org

Abbreviated Board Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2006

President Bill Moller called the meeting to order at Chevy's following the general meeting, with the following officers present: Bill, Angie Imura, Kathy Silver, Bob Burke, Denise Guaraglia, Rel Kempf, Allen Brumm, Dave Button, and Brenda Cash.

Cabin (David): Cabin is available and almost full rented this race weekend. The combination (which will be changed every weekend for which we have the cabin reserved) and bed assignments will be sent to those signed up. Angie will bring waivers to the cabin to be signed by those who have not already done so.

Treasurer's Report: Rel reported on balance. Angie has received 51 renewal applications and signed waivers. Some have paid without filling out forms. Bill asked Angie and Rel to square that away. Angie sent a list of signed waivers to Bill, cabin, and Allen. Rel is having another key made for the club mail box. Allen asked Rel for a record of who has paid for racing.

Discussion on who is to be included on Yahoo distribution list. TABLED.

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A motion was MSP to approve Minutes of last Board meeting.

Racing (Allen): Races next weekend. List of racers will be supplemented by new racers added tonight. Over 20 racers.

Membership (Angie): Open House is 10th at Any Mountain in Redwood City, starting at 6:30 p.m. Angie and Denise will provide supplies, beverages, etc; Brenda will order pizza.

BAC (Bob): Will distribute flyers. Will have more info. next month re. Ski-For-All fund raiser for handicapped skiers to be held in March at Alpine Meadows. He has distributed all BAC discount lift tickets.

Singles League (Kathy): Snow Ball was a financial success, with proceeds going to charitable causes, such as handicapped skiers, etc.

Kathy made a motion which was seconded and passed that Inskiers donate up to \$500 to disabled skiers to match members' individual donations made by March 31st. These donations are separate from the Ski-For-All pledges.

Newsletter: Get information to Jessica asap.

Respectfully submitted,
S/ Brenda Cash
INSKIERS Secretary

BAC News

Incumbent Dennis Heffley was nominated by unanimous acclaim to the BAC presidency for the 2006-2007 term. You may know Dennis on the hill as the Singles League race starter with the Big smile and warm welcome. Congratulations Dennis! Dennis, we all know the real reason you volunteer to start the races, but we also love the hugs! Keep up your good luck, good lovin, feelings.



March 15 is the deadline for nomination for "BAC Man and Woman of the Year." If you feel someone in Inskiers has made a significant contribution to the club, please let El Presidente and the board members know as we will be submitting our nominations to the Public Affairs Rep in the BAC. Winners will be announced in April. Rumor has it that El Presidente himself is the best candidate for Man of the Year. If you agree, please cast your vote.

Check out the events we have coming up. Don't forget to make your reservation and don't miss out on the fun.

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Coming Activities:

Feb 11 Snow Drifters Ski Party after the Sugarbowl race in Tahoe,
Contact: Bill Henley singles_league@snowdrifters.org

Mar 6-12 BAC Singles League Ski Week - Jackson Hole, \$995 (includes air) or \$807 non skier, 6 nights lodging (double occupancy) Best Western, 4 of 5 day lifts, Mon night welcome reception, Tu afternoon party, Wed night sleigh ride dinner, Contact: Dennis Heffley president@skibac.org telephone 925-825-3262.

Ciao,
Roberto, BAC Rep

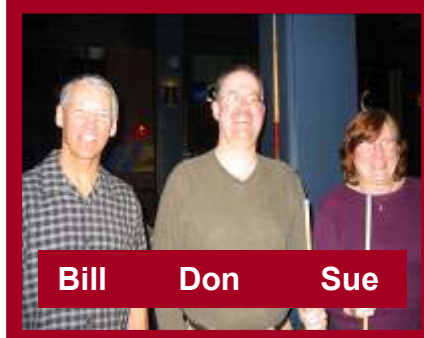
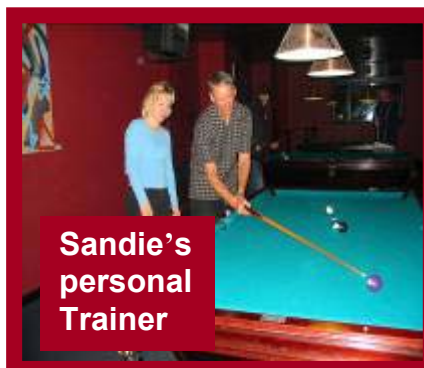
BAC and FWSA Travel Update

The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) and the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) are organizing some Great adventures to far off lands this year an it is not too early to start planning for them. Take a look at some of the offerings below: BAC and Far West offer trips for ski clubs and any member can participate.

FWSA 2006 European Ski Week Zermatt

Cost will be \$2,195-\$2,250 including airfare. Optional extensions, pre-trip to Davos and post trip Nile Rive cruise. A few spots remaining. Send your \$200 deposit now to Tucker Hoffman.

If you are interested or need more information, go to: <http://www.skibac.org>



Racey Affair 2006



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| WHO? | Racers, Non-racers, Dance lovers |
| WHAT? | Racey Affair 2006 |
| WHEN? | Saturday March 4, 2006 6pm 'TIL MIDNIGHT |
| WHERE? | Cal Neva Resort-Spa-Casino Stateline, Nevada |
| WHY? | Dinner, (cocktails) Awards, & Dancing |
| Cost? | \$60 per person |
| Value? | Priceless (of course) |

**Celebrate with your friends and your competitors, acknowledge the sponsors
and dance to the tunes of DJ .**

RSVP to your Race Director

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See you at Stateline

 **CAL NEVA**

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RACE PREPARATION CLINICS
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All clinics are for new and experienced racers and attendees are grouped according to skill level. All clinics are taught by experienced PSIA instructors who have a race background. Classes are from 8 to 10 people. There must be at least 8 snowboarders in order to offer a special snowboard group.

Feb. 11 Northstar 9:00 to 12:00 or 1:00 to 4:00

To register, or for more information, please contact:
Debi Phelps, OLRC Past Chair, PSIA Instructor

gofastdebi@yahoo.com 707-342-0595

Space is very limited, so register early.



**Inskiers, give a big
welcome to our new
members Patrizia Azzellini
and Elizabeth Anton**

The editor apologizes for any oversights, misspellings, or incorrect rumors that may have been heard. Please contact anyone who will listen to your complaints, but don't call the editor.