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**The UPSKI, Newsletter of the Oakland Ski Club, October 2009**

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Weekend  
& Food Lift**



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# OAKLAND SKI CLUB

September 2009

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Details/Contact
October 14	OSC Board Meeting	7 p.m.	Ruen Pair Restaurant 1045 San Pablo Ave, Albany
October 17 - 18	New and Prospective Members Weekend, 		Register on the OSC website  Info: Vicki Luibrand, vicki.luibrand@gmail.com
	Food Lift, Sugar Bowl Ski Team orientation		
November 2	<i>Upski</i> deadline	5 p.m.	maryjean@maryjeanhaley.com
November 3	BAC discount lift ticket order deadline		Robert Eagan rseagan@yahoo.com or www.skibac.org
November 7 - 8	BAC 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual San Francisco Snowbomb Ski & Snowboard Festival  Fort Mason Festival Pavilion	10 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days	www.skibac.org

# The Oakland Ski Club

## UPSKI

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### *President's Message*

## Pool Party Meeting

By Dorian Parkinson

The morning of the OSC annual Pool Party was cold and damp, but the sun came out just long enough to get me (and one other adult, **Constance Callahan**) into the pool with the OSC kids. Thanks again **Matt Eccles** for getting us pool privileges for a third year in a row. It is the perfect venue. We had an excellent turnout, with many prospective members in attendance! **Leslie Blaney** did an awesome job getting it organized, and **Vicki Luibrand** made the newcomers feel welcome.

### **New Lodging Rates**

After swimming and getting a hotdog grilled to perfection by Chef **Andrew Weber**, I called our meeting to order. The budget for the season was approved unanimously. We have increased lodging rates by just under 4% over last year, rounding the numbers down, and created a new category for Teens and Teen Guests to make it more affordable for them to use the club. The regular and new teen rates are on page 5 and will also be in the *Downski*. There will no longer be a fee for using the wireless internet at the lodge.

Our Summer VP **Jakub Calouseque** was not present, however, he received huge accolades for his efforts this summer, and we hope he does it again next year. After a



*Wesley Eccles gets ready to test the amazing walking-on-water shoes while his friend Whitman steadies him and other OSC kids supervise.*

Photo: Wayne Nelson

few more items are checked off of his list the lodge will be ready for the Winter Season. If you haven't fulfilled your work party obligation, this is your last chance to help Jakub knock those last items off of his list. It is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We have raised the Work Party Assessment to \$150 for the next year's round of dues.

**Ewa Sobilo** is ready to take on her third Season as Winter VP. If anyone is interested in this board position for 2010 – 11, please get in touch with her directly and she can tell you all about it. Ewa has her plans for the food lift ready to go, and those of us who are helping her are ready to fill our SUVs with winter provisions.

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## New Membership Category

Earlier this year, longtime member **Marsha Black** contacted the Board with a proposal for a new membership category. We discussed it and came up with guidelines to present to the membership. The new category was approved almost unanimously. It is called the **Non-Skier Senior Member** category. To qualify you have to have been an active member of the OSC for at least five years, and be 65 years of age or older. These members would pay reduced fees (of 50%) for their dues and work party assessment. They do not get assessed for snow removal, however, if they stay at the lodge during the winter season they must pay the \$10/night parking fee that a guest would pay. Normal nightly rates remain the same. This is an excellent category as some of our longtime members still enjoy coming to the work parties, are still active hikers and bikers, and want to be able to vote.

## Snow Removal in the Works

We are once again negotiating with Norm Saylor for snow removal. Due diligence has been done, and he is still our best, most cost effective resource. The good news is that he has not raised the fee from last year, so the cost for snow removal (including the Alpeeneers areas) will once again be \$11,500. After voting it was agreed that once again this will be assessed by family rather than by member. The Alpeeneers have yet to come to the table, however, they had their board meeting this past September 17<sup>th</sup> so I expect them to contact us and sign with us on the contract. As soon as the contract has been signed we will send notification to OSC members.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Ruen Pair. If any member or interested person would like to meet with us, please feel free contact me at [dorian.parkinson@gmail.com](mailto:dorian.parkinson@gmail.com) for time and directions.

## Think Snow!



*Engineers: The boys built the floating shoes from swim rings, crocs, boards and twine*



*Sometimes they worked.*



*Sometimes they didn't.*

Photos this page: Mary Jean Haley



*Andrew Weber ably served as grillmaster at the Pool Party. Andrew and his wife Muriel Paul and their daughters Chiara (11) and Bianca (7) are prospective members.*

## Another Great Pool Party

By Leslie Blaney

**W**ell, we managed to squeeze the OSC Pool Party into a small window of opportunity between two Bay Area storms on Sunday, the 13th. I was shopping in the rain on Saturday and listening to rolling thunder that night thinking that this might be the first time we wouldn't get a spectacularly nice day for the party.

I was still a bit worried as I drove from cold, foggy Oakland through the cold-to-hot Tunnel on Sunday, but sure enough, the sun was shining on the other side. I arrived early and was greeted at the pool gates by **Wayne Nelson, Bob Eagan** and prospective members **Muriel Paul** and **Andrew Weber**, who are being sponsored by **Dot** and **Terry Edwards**. Everyone pitched in to haul the supplies. Andrew grabbed the charcoal and then cheerfully accepted the duties of Master of the Grill. Wayne "I Don't Barbecue But Have All the Stuff" Nelson brought out a snazzy apron and full set of grilling tools to get him started. Andrew gamely hung on for several hours and just when he thought it was over, the

swimmers got out of the pool with big appetites and lined up.

We had a surprisingly good turnout considering the odd weather, with about 25 adults and 20 kids – 14 of us were prospective members – enjoying the delicious spread of food and drink brought by all the attendees. There was even a rare **Thom Hearne** sighting as we were winding down the meeting portion of the party. I was back at home in Oakland at 5:00 pm when the sky darkened and it began to rain. Of course it might still have been sunny over in Stepford, I mean Lafayette!

Thanks to everyone who jumped in and helped out– with a special thanks to **Matt Eccles** for making the reservation for us using his pool membership and Bob Eagan who signed everyone in and collected fees. I wanted to also thank the entertainment committee that we had for the day – **Wesley Eccles** and his friend Whitman, who worked to fasten shoes on floats so that they could "walk on water." A good time was had by all!

*The recipe for Leslie's Blueberry and White Chocolate Cheese pie, which was very popular at the party, is on page 5.*



## New Members Weekend October 17 & 18

By Vicki Luibrand

**N**ew and prospective members will find themselves enjoying autumn in the Sierra at the OSC Lodge with Food Lift volunteers, ski team families, and their hosts. A full but relaxed weekend has been planned to showcase our community at the lodge. Activities will include storing wood for winter, hiking, sitting around the fire swapping stories and waking up to one of Todd's tasty breakfasts.

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This is the one weekend a year that the club hosts new and prospective members at the lodge. Meal costs will be shared and there is no bunk charge. Each prospective member is asked to attend EITHER one winter weekend requiring a hike in PLUS any two other OSC events (meeting, social event, work party, or New Members Weekend) OR two winter visits to the lodge with a winter hike in to the lodge.

Won't you come? Please consider joining us to welcome and encourage a prospective member to attend. Bring overnight gear, a warm jacket, house slippers, hiking boots and a flashlight. Reserve a bunk today at [www.oaklandskiclub.com](http://www.oaklandskiclub.com). For information, call Vicki Luibrand at 510-482-5805 or [Vicki.luibrand@gmail.com](mailto:Vicki.luibrand@gmail.com).

### **New and Prospective Members**

**Larry and Tracy Bosche** and their children, **Annie and Parker** were voted in as new members at the last board meeting.

**Katie Brackenridge** of Oakland is a prospective member. Katie is a manager with Bay Area Partnership, a non-profit. Her husband, Rick Moss, and she have two children, Isabel (9) and Simon (6). They heard about OSC from **Dirk ten Grotenhuis**.

**Jennifer Krebs** and her son, **Adin Krebs-Oppenheimer**, are prospective members. Jennifer is Planner with the Association of Bay Area Governments. They live in Berkeley.

## **Membership Renewals & 2009-2010 Downski**

By Leslie Blaney

**M**embership renewals are now closed, and our final tally is 90 Active Members, 54 Inactive Members, and 56 kids. There are 74 Active Families, which is the number we will be using to calculate the plowing fee. As soon as we have the plowing contract finalized we will be sending that bill out.

### **Downski on Its Way**

Closing out membership renewals means that the *Downski* is ready to be printed. I will be sending out a draft if you'd like to review your listing. If you know that my information is outdated, feel free to send me any new information that you would like to use. Thanks everyone!

### **In Memory**



## **John C. Kerby-Miller**

**J**ohn Kerby-Miller of Kent Woodlands and Carmel, a passionate and accomplished vintage car racer, skier and pilot, died September 20, 2009 at the age of 79.

Mr. Kerby-Miller began skiing when he was 6 years old and was one of the stalwart Marin Ski Club members who built their lodge near Sugar Bowl. He and his wife Bonnie averaged skiing 60 days a year, worked as volunteers at the 2002 Olympics, and skied 86 ski areas. In the 2007-08 season, he skied 90 days at Sugar Bowl while he was getting weekly chemotherapy. He was a good friend to many at OSC and will be missed.

## **Next UPSKI Deadline November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**T**he next *Upski* deadline is November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 p.m. E-mail contributions to [maryjean@maryjeanhaley.com](mailto:maryjean@maryjeanhaley.com).

# Leslie's Blueberry and White Chocolate Cheese Pie

## Crust:

1 ½ cups roasted, ground hazelnuts (\* see notes)  
¾ cup packed brown sugar  
6 tablespoons melted butter

## Filling:

6 oz white chocolate, finely grated  
12 oz cream cheese, softened  
½ cup sour cream

## Berry Topping:

2 cups blueberries (or any fresh berries) (\* see notes)

## Garnish:

Zest of 1 lemon  
White chocolate shavings

Lightly spray pie pan with Pam, set aside.

Crust: mix together all crust ingredients and press into bottom and up sides of prepared pan. Chill.

Filling: melt grated white chocolate in microwave – checking and stirring often.

In small bowl whip cream cheese 3 minutes. Add melted white chocolate and beat another minute. Add sour cream and beat until very smooth. Pour into crust and chill until firm.

Rinse berries and arrange on top. I like to make concentric rings of different types of berries (blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, strawberries) or you can just heap them on top.

\* Note – after I roast the **hazelnuts** I roll them in my hands to remove as much of the brown papery skin as I can before I grind them.

\* Note - the original recipe calls for sweetening the **berries** with ¼ cup of sugar but I never do that, the pie filling is already very sweet.

# OSC Winter Rates 2009-2010

## Sunday – Friday

Adult Member	\$23
Adult Guest	\$35
Teen Member	\$15
Teen Guest	\$20
Junior Member	\$12
Junior Guest	\$18

## Saturday

Adult Member	\$37
Adult Guest	\$48
Teen Member	\$25
Teen Guest	\$30
Junior Member	\$19
Junior Guest	\$25

Holiday Rates (Christmas and holidays when caretaker cooks every day)

Adult Member	\$40
Adult Guest	\$52
Teen Member	\$25
Teen Guest	\$30
Junior Member	\$21
Junior Guest	\$30

- Dinner/Breakfast charges are included in all categories whether or not you eat those meals at the lodge.
- Breakfast food will be available Sunday-Friday with members/guests cooking for themselves.
- Lunches will be included in the price. Lunch meat will not be available but PBJ, fruit, snacks and leftovers are.

Winter Nightly Parking Fee at the Lodge for Guests is \$10.