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FRESNO SKI CLUB OFFICAL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016

Gabe Escalera

Tahoe

Pub Crawl

Yosemite Hike



ON THE COVER

Gabe Escalera

March 28, 1943—

October 20, 2016

We have had to cancel the Ski Swap this year. We hope to have it again next year

Upcoming Events

November 16 Hump Day Colton's Social House

December 2 General Meeting

January 7 Crab Feed

January 14-21 Steamboat

MEMBERSHIP

The Fresno Ski Club's Membership Year is from May 1 to April 30. Our membership drive begins at the first general meeting in September. Some of you may have received an email about your membership. Please be assured that if you paid your dues after May 1, 2016, you are still a member in good standing and no further dues are due for the 2016-17 ski season. We will still have our big membership drive as usual in September. An individual membership is \$45.00 and a family membership (including children under age 23) is \$75. Membership applications and renewal forms are available online at our website —fresnoskiclub.com— or at general meetings and Hump Days. You may also contact Cherry Reitz, Director of Membership at creitz@communitymedical.org

Remember: A \$25.00 voucher will be issued to all new, never-before-members which is good for any 2016-17 FSC trip or event



November 16, 2016
Colton's Social House
1150 Shaw Ave
Clovis

In memory of Gabe Escalera

By Kim Riehl

In 2013 I was lucky enough to spend some time getting to know Gabe Escalera a little better. We talked for hours at a Fun Day, at China Peak. Gabe's eyes just lit up when he talked about his life. He was a very proud father. He was also proud of the time he spent in education. The story below is just as it was written in 2013.

Gabe joined the Fresno Ski Club in 2007 with the urging of his mortgage broker, our very own Helen Bullard, and has been enjoying himself with us ever since. He really enjoys the Tahoe trips. Gabe being one of the biggest Green Bay Packer fans, made the mistake of falling asleep on the bus heading for Tahoe with San Francisco 49er fans. The 49er fans were not so nice to Gabe. While he so innocently slept they replaced his Green Bay hat with a 49er hat. And they have the pictures to prove it. I'm sure Gabe will be joining us on the next bus trip but will be a little more careful about who he falls asleep around.

Gabe grew up in the Imperial Valley. He attended San Diego State where he played football. He played offensive line and defensive tackle. You may recognize the names of a few of his coaches. Don Coryell, who went on to coach the San Diego Chargers and his defensive coordinator, John Madden. As head football coach of Victor Valley High School, when the banquet came around for his team, Gabe asked his coaches to come and speak to his team. Both Don Coryell and John Madden came and gave motivational speeches at different times.

After college Gabe became a teacher. He taught Spanish and coached football. After five years of teaching he went into administration. As principal Gabe would take 50 kids to Mammoth Mountain skiing for spring break. He really enjoyed taking the kids on this trip. Mammoth has always been one of Gabe's favorite places to ski. Growing up in Southern California it was only three hours away. He spent many years skiing Mammoth Mountain until moving to Clovis. Gabe is looking forward to returning to his favorite mountain next year with the ski club.



Gabe has two daughters and a son. His oldest daughter has blessed him with a granddaughter and grandson. He enjoys spending time with his family.

Gabe was principal in Clovis unified for 16 years. As principal he would always play the villain in the melodrama.

After 41 years in education, Gabe decided to retire. Although he is still an educational consultant for two school districts, Taft and Exeter. He also farms two acres; pomegranate, table grapes and citrus trees.



FRESNO SKI CLUB

PRESENTS

Steamboat



January 14-21, 2017

\$1,479.00

YOUR STEAMBOAT TRIP INCLUDES:

7 Nights at the La Casa Condominiums near Steamboat Village

Lift Ticket for 5 of the 6 days at Steamboat

Round-trip air travel from Fresno to Hayden, Colorado

Ground transfers to and from the airport

Reception party

3 Apré's ski parties

\$50.00 food credit at the Ski Resort

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please contact Kim Shephard

559-905-4644

E-mail kisfun@aol.com

PAYMENTS:

\$479.00 August 15, 2016

\$400.00 September 15, 2016

\$300.00 October 15, 2016

\$300.00 November 15, 2016

YOSEMITE

SOUTH RIM HIKE

By Brian Haskins



Ten of us had a great fall hike on the south rim of Yosemite Valley. It was a beautiful fall day of bright sunshine with a small chill in the air early in the day. Those who attended included Kristi Wathen, Judy Stewart, Linda Muthwill, Robert Heisdorf, Tom Moock, Ruth Townsend, Cheryl Souza, Steve Mitchell, Kim Shephard and myself. We started at Glacier Point with a great view of the valley although most of the falls were barely running or not at all like Yosemite Falls. A few miles in we reached Sentinel Dome with it's 360 degree view of Yosemite. You could see from El Capitan to the west to Half Dome to the east and the Clark range in the southeast. With these awesome views we lingered here for awhile. We ate a bite and as I was taking a bite of my sandwich I discovered that a meat bee was also sharing it. As I bit down I startled the bee and he stung my lip. Luckily this was the worst thing that happened all day.

From Sentinel Dome we headed back down to the rim trail and traversed along the south rim. We had great majestic views of the valley along the way and made lots of stops for the views and pictures.

Then we arrived at The Fissures. If you like heights this is really a cool area. The way the ledge cuts back underneath you and the fissures that you can peer down into are awesome.



Taft Point was our next stop with a railing so you could really hang out over the edge. Great views of El Capitan and you could even see climbers on its face. I don't know about you but I'm thinking those people are crazy.

On our return trip Kim, Kristi and Cheryl decided to take the short cutback to Glacier Point Road while the rest of us hoofed it back to Glacier Point. They were going to catch a shuttle back due to their resourcefulness and good looks they got a ride and beat all of us back to the cars.

On the way home we stopped at the Wawona Hotel and had a bite to eat and a few adult beverages. It was a great way to end a fantastic day.

This was our last hike for this year as a club. I might put together a few more spur of the moment hikes. If you would be interested let me know and I will include you in announcement.

See you on the trail or the slopes soon.



President's Message

We have had our first snow flakes start to fall. It won't be long till we head off to Steamboat for a wonderful week long ski trip. The trip filled very quickly, and we were able to arrange for another condo. It also sold out. We do have a waiting list. You never know what will happen, so if you would like to go be sure and let Kim Shephard know so she can put your name on the waiting list.

The Tahoe trip is also starting to fill up. Don't get left out, call Linda Wrensing to reserve your spot on this fantastic trip.

We are busy planning our social calendar. If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer to help please let me know.

Sadly we had to say goodbye to one of our members. Gabe Escalera passed away after a bravely fought battle with liver cancer. You will be missed Gabe.



FRESNO SKI CLUB

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TAHOE

February 23-26, 2017



YOUR TAHOE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Three night stay at Silver Legacy
- Round trip bus transportation to and from Fresno/Reno and all ski resorts
- Ski lift ticket to Northstar
- Ski lift ticket to Mt. Rose
- Ski lift ticket to Sugar Bowl
- Apre's ski cocktail party
- Cocktail parties on the bus

\$569.00

Per person

PAYMENTS:

DEPOSIT: \$219 OCTOBER 12

2nd Payment: \$200 November 2

3rd Payment: \$150 December 7

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please contact the Trip Chair:

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First Annual Pub Crawl

Once upon a time in a land far far away there was a pub crawl and we crawled with many friends. We first encountered Brazilian dancers wearing carnival outfits. While they danced for us we enjoyed traditional Brazilian drinks. After enjoying the Brazilian atmosphere the friends crawled to a whole new world. With the bikes lined up out front and the rock n roll music playing inside we encountered a whole new setting. We sat down for a feast and drank some more. We finished our dinner and loaded the bus for the next experience. This time it was the old



west. We enjoyed a beverage and walked to little Italy. We all found a place to sit and enjoyed dessert and a night cap. Then the band began to play. We danced till the last song. What a great night with great friends.

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2016-17 Events

August 17 Hump Day
August 20 CP Mud Run
August 26 Friday In the Pines
September 7 General Meeting
September 10 Morro Bay
September 18 Welcome Back
September 21 Hump Day
October 5 General Meeting
October 9 Yosemite Hike
October 19 Hump Day
October 22 Pub Crawl
November 2 General Meeting
November 11-13 Swap
November 16 Hump Day
December 7 General Meeting
January 4 General Meeting
January 7 Winter Social
January 8 Fun Day
January 14-21 Steamboat
February 1 General Meeting
February 15 Hump Day
February 11 Fun Day
February 23-26 Tahoe
March 1 General Meeting
March 5 Fun Day
March 15 Annual Meeting
March Hike TBA
April 5 General Meeting

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