



December 2024

# Hi Rise Venture

Hi Rise Ski & Sports Club



Indoor meetings

**Meetings are held at the American Legion Hall**

570 East 328<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Willowick, OH 44095



## Calendar of Upcoming Events.

➤ <b>Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Note date change</b>	7:30 p.m.
➤ DOM Red Wine & Brew	<b>Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Note date change	6:30 p.m.
➤ Meeting	Wednesday December 18 <sup>th</sup>	- Christmas Party	7:30 p. m.
➤ Meeting	Wednesday, January 8		7:30 p.m.
➤ Meeting	Wednesday, January 22		7:30 p.m.
➤ DOM Chinese New Years	Wednesday, Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>		TBA
➤ Jackson Hole Ski Trip	Sat., Feb.15 to Sat., Feb. 22		TBA
➤ Steamboat Ski Trip	Sat., March 15 – Sat., March 22		TBA
➤ Aspen Snowmass	January 24 – 31, 2026		TBA
➤ Annual Banquet	Friday, May 2		TBA

## Beer Tasting and The Christmas Party Highlight our December Meeting Schedule

Fat Head's Brewery visits Hi Rise. What can be better than that! Yes, Indeed, the **December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting** features beer from Fat Head's Brewery! Brian Rosa, son of Carol and Dennis is a brewmaster at Fat Head's Brewery. He will introduce us to Fat Head beer and discuss how it's made. It is truly a scientific process. We'll taste several kinds of beer.



Fat Head's Brewery opened in 1992 in Pittsburgh just as craft beer breweries came onto the scene. In 2009 they opened a brewery in North Olmstead. Today they are recognized on the world beer scene. If you want to learn more and... more importantly taste some great beer, join us at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting! Beer tastings are \$5.



We'll celebrate Christmas at our annual Holiday Party on **December 18<sup>th</sup>** with great food, cookies, and tasty treats! You are encouraged to bring some of your holiday treats. The dinner is included in your admission fee and this party is always a good time. Don't miss it! There is no extra charge for the dinner.

# Updates from Your Board



- **The Jackson Hole trip is sold out. There are still spots on the Steamboat trip.**
- Your annual Hi Rise dues were due at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you have not renewed, you will be charged the non-member fee. You may renew at the meeting and will be charged the member's meeting fee.
- To read the Cleveland Metro Ski Council's **Sitzmark newsletter** click [here](#).
- The December Dinner of the Month at Red Wine, and Brew will be **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**.
- **BEWARE** Hi Rise logo merchandise had been promoted online. Do not purchase anything through these sites. They are a scam, and you will lose your money.
- Nate will be distributing paper copies of the Hi Rise Membership. Be sure to get yours.
- We are always looking for social ideas. What would you like to do? If you have an idea, please share it with one of the board members – even if you don't want to run the event. We will find a way to make it happen. This is your club! Better yet, volunteer to be our social chairman!

## Upcoming Meeting Themes

December 4  
December 18

Beer tasting  
Our Annual Christmas Party

## Your 2024-2025 Hi Rise Ski & Sports Club Board

Bob Akamine - Board Chairman  
Bob Maclauchlan – President  
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Jessie Anderson – Treasurer  
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Arnie Rodriguez    Dennis Rosa  
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# Upcoming Events

## December Dinner of the Month



Get ready for the holidays at Red, Wine & Brew on **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Denise Crookshanks will be you hostess. Please note that this date is not our usual Dinner of the Month day. See page 8 for details. There will not be a Dinner of the Month in January. See page 13 for more details.



## Skiing in DECEMBER!!!!!!!!!!

Okay, so when was the last time you expected good skiing conditions in our area in DECEMBER???? I really don't recall December skiing in a long time. It seems that this is the year! As usual, the Northeast snow belt is hammered but places in Geauga County were spared. And our local areas got just a portion of the 40+ inches that Ashtabula received. I did see on the Boston Mills and Alpine Valley web cams that their snowmaking guns are at full blast. Western New York areas seem to have a lot of natural snow! If you are itching, to get out and ski here are the opening dates for Ohio and Western New York areas below. Be sure to check the area's webpage for current operating times and to purchase tickets

### Ohio

- Mad River Mountain  
December 06, 2024
- Alpine Valley  
December 07, 2024
- Brandywine  
December 07, 2024
- Boston Mills  
December 27, 2024

### New York & PA

- Peek 'N Peak  
December 14
- Holiday Valley  
December 5
- Seven Springs  
December 6



Boston Mills Webcam  
December 2, at 1:30 p.m.

# Sunday Day Trips to Holiday Valley with Chagrin Valley Ski Club

If you'd like to ski Holiday Valley but not drive yourself, here is your chance.



## Chagrin Valley Ski Club Bus Trips 2025 SIGN UP is NOW OPEN for ALL 4 Trips Bus Trip Dates: January 19, February 2 & 23, March 9 (Tentative - Weather Permitting)



The bus LEAVES the Solon Marcs parking lot (SR 91 North of SR 43 and South of Solon Road) at 6:00 AM sharp. A second stop is made at the Willoughby Hills BP Gas Station (SR 91 north of I-90) at 6:20-6:30 AM.

Park in front of the Texas Roadhouse.

- The bus leaves Holiday Valley at 4:00 PM.
- Bring your own dinner/beverage.
- Adult member **\$115\*** Adult Guest **\$120\***  
(Same price as 2024)\*
- Junior member **\$101** Junior Guest **\$106**
- CVSC member pay \$47 (Bus only)
- Guests pay \$52 (Bus only)
- Adult lift ticket price \$68                      Rentals - \$40
- Junior lift ticket price \$54
- Guests get same discount on lift tickets
- The Club will provide the Bus Driver Tip
  - Accepting payment forms;
  - Cash, (Bring exact amount),
  - PayPal ([daverock46@yahoo.com](mailto:daverock46@yahoo.com)),
  - Check (made out to CVSC)
  - Venmo or Zelle



Pick Up Point GPS Address:

Marcs (Solon) 6231 S.O.M. Center Road, Solon, OH

BP Gas Station (Willoughby): 2481 S.O.M. Center Road, Willoughby, OH

### CVSC - Drive Up Discount Deal

Drive yourself to HV and get the same discount on lift tickets – This Deal goes all season long  
Weekends/Holidays \$70/\$54 adult/Jr. Weekday: \$52/\$42 adult/Jr 2 day: \$124 weekend, \$88 weekday  
Join the [CVSC Facebook group](#), to learn more, and to find other members to ski with and to car pool with.

Join your fellow CVSC members for laughs, bus movies, shared meals, some libation and of course fun on the slopes!

Signup here → <https://chagrinskiclub.org/ski-snow-trips/day-trips-to-holiday-valley/>

## HI RISE RACER NEWS – 2025

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**CO RACE CHAIRS-** Guy Nerren & Rick Gzesh

**MEMBERSHIP-** You must be a member of Hi Rise to race for our team

**RACE SCHEDULE-** Available at meetings, on our Web Site, in the Newsletter.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION-** Forms available at meetings, on Web Site, in Newsletter.

Hi Rise will pay race fees for racers who advance register and start 5 or more races. Some races will be advance register only. To register yourself on race day will cost you at least \$22.00. See page 12 for race registration form.

**COMBINED RACE WEEKENDS-** Skier Combined is at Bristol; Snowboard Combined at Swain II. BOTH ARE ADVANCE REGISTER ONLY. Skier Combined requires that yourself have two races started before hand. Snowboard Combined, one.

**WORK ASSIGNMENTS-** For each race we must supply a certain number of race workers.

Assignments are posted in the bib pick up area and it is your responsibility to check the list. If you are assigned to work, show up at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the race. If you prefer to either work at or not work a particular race, let Guy or Rick know at least a week prior to the race. Racers who fail to show for a work assignment will be DQ'D.

**HELMETS-** Are required for every race.

**NO BYOB-** Please do not bring your own booze onto the ski area premises.

**LIFT TICKETS-** Some areas may offer discounts for racers.

**DQ & RESULT SHEETS-** Are usually posted in the bib pick up area about an hour after the last race of the day. It's your job to check and verify times and / or a DQ. If you dispute either, you have a half hour from the posting time to file a protest.

**START TIMES-** For most races will be 10:00 AM for the first GROUP of the day.

**RACE ORDER-** For most races : GROUP I- Super SR Vet, Open Elite, AAW, AAM, AW, AM, BBM, A Qualifiers. GROUP II- SR VET, BBW, BBM, BW, BM, CCW, CCM, CM., C Qualifiers. Then, All Snowboarders. Always check start order in bib pick up area.

**CLASS CHANGES-** If you want to change your racer class, you must do so through Guy or Rick at least a week before the next race.

**QUALIFICATION-** For both skiers and boarders, if you have never raced in a CMSC race before, or have not for some time, you and qualify at any race by registering as a QUALIFER and making two runs on the race course, after which you will be assigned to a race class that matches your ability level.

GUY NERREN 1 216 577 3552 skilaw@sbcglobal.net

RICK GZESH 1 412 491 4511 rickgz@aol.com

Please note: Race fees are reduced for this year. Advanced registration fee is \$19, and day of purchase price is \$22. The combined race fee is different and will be announced at a later date.

## Race Schedule for 2025

JAN. 11 & 12	HOLIDAY VALLEY
JAN 18 & 19	SWAIN I
FEB. 9	PEAK n PEEK
FEB 15 & 16	BRISTOL (skier combined)
MAR 1 & 2	SWAIN II (boarder combined)



# Upcoming Events

## There is Still Room on the Steamboat Trip!

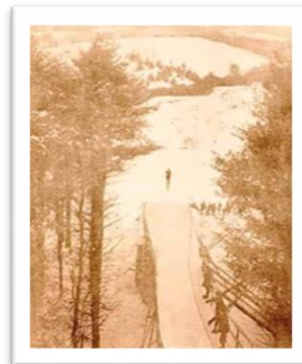
If you missed out on the Jackson Hole trip, there is space on the Steamboat Trip! But hurry time is running out and space is limited. BTW... Colorado was dumped on this week with record snow fall!



The **Steamboat trip is from Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**. Call or text Bob Mac at (440) 662-1283 with questions.

Steamboat has a fascinating history. The town of Steamboat Springs originated from the hunting grounds of Native Americans to a French fur trappers. The first settler, James Crawford and his family arrived. With his encouragement businessmen came to the area to start a sawmill and the town began to grow.

Carl Howelsen arrived in 1914 who brought skiing to the areas in the form of ski jumping and a winter carnival. By the 1950's a ski area was established called Storm Mountain, now Mount Werner named after a former Olympian skier from the area. To learn more, click [here](#).



According to Google Steamboat "The summit of Steamboat Mountain in Steamboat Springs, Colorado is 10,568 feet (3,221 meters) high. The base elevation of the ski resort is 6,900 feet (2,103 meters). Steamboat Mountain has 169 named trails, 18 lifts, and over 4.6 square miles of skiable terrain. The trail system is divided into 14% beginner, 42% intermediate, and 44% advanced trails. The longest run is over 3 miles long." And Steamboat covers six mountains including Mount Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak, Mahogany Ridge, and Christie Peak. We

are staying in town at the Holiday Inn. See page 11.

Steamboat as well as Jackson Hole is part of the Ikon pass.

## Snowmass in 2026

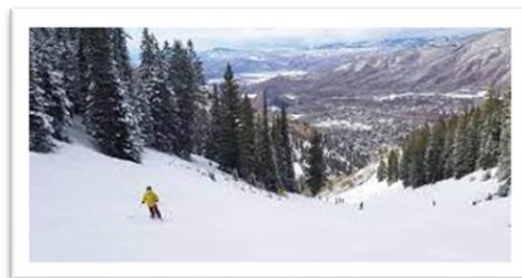


Planning for 2026? Bob has booked Aspen Snowmass for January 24-31, 2026. This is earlier than in the past since many accommodations are already booked. We are staying at the same place we stayed in 2019 –

nice facilities and easy access to the slopes via shuttles.

Contact Bob Mac if you are interested. He is starting a list.

The final price is not set so you do not need to put money down now.



# Membership Renewal

## Have you renewed your membership?

**Your annual membership dues are due now.** Please bring your renewal to a meeting, email, or mail it to Nate. See the form on page 10. The final renewal date for membership is October 9<sup>th</sup>. **Members who are not already renewed on October 9<sup>th</sup> will be charged the nonmember entry fee. Please get your renewal in.**



**When you renew, please complete the membership form COMPLETELY.** Please include your current cell phone number. Please, please, please do not simply indicate "same" in place of your email address, home address or phone number. The membership form is found on page 16. Thanks for your cooperation.



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## Meeting Updates

The first December meeting is Wed., December 4<sup>th</sup> not December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### December 4<sup>th</sup> Beer Tasting

Once again, a Rosa family member will lead us in tasting some local beers. This time Brian Rosa, Brewer, from Fat Head Brewery, will introduce us to some special local beers. An extra fee of \$5 is charged for the tasting.

### December 18<sup>th</sup> Our Annual Christmas Party

Hi Rise chefs will treat us to a delicious holiday feast of turkey, ham and all the fixings. This one is free to all members. So, come with an appetite – you will not be disappointed. There is no additional fee for the dinner.

Please note: The usual meeting fee of \$6.00 is applicable for each meeting.

# In Case You Missed It!

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## Reflections on our Sonoma County California Wine Trip – 2024

We utilized Destination Sonoma to book our trip to the Sonoma Wine Country. Mike Hibbard, a former Ski Tour operator, has his license in California for winery destinations. Many Ski Clubs such as Akron and Columbus have traveled before Hi Rise Ski Club. Warren Ski Club is going in 2025. Mike Hibbard and I worked on the itinerary for the 6-day trip. Twenty-Two Hi Risers signed up for the Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> trip. Those



that were not members joined our club. It included non-stop flights to and from San Francisco, various winery tours, local tours, such as the Armstrong Woods Redwood grove, 7-wine pairing with food, cooking class at Sur la table, Olive Oil Tasting, Dairy Farm tour and cheese tasting. We started our tour with a Pure Luxury Tour bus that headed up the Sonoma Coast to Bodega Bay State Park. We picked up our Crab sandwiches (Spud Point Crab) and

chowders to eat for lunch while we enjoyed the beautiful Pacific coastline.

We decided to move our Welcome Party to Monday evening, to rest and relax after our flight and lunch/tour. Each day was varied so we could enjoy the local areas visited and sample various wineries. We had some included lunches and dinners along with the welcome party that Mike Hibbard provided. Mike lightly smoked some Sockeye Salmon, made a trout pate, vegetable tray, cheeses and crackers and various Sonoma County wines to taste. It was a very nice party.

Monday, we traveled to the Dry Creek Valley appellation to taste wines at Dry Creek Valley Vineyards, Saini Vineyards, and Merriam Vineyards. Dry Creek Valley is known for its Zinfandels. We were pleasantly surprised by the excellent wine quality at the wineries. Many of us joined their wine clubs to obtain discounts on the wines. It was the perfect time to visit.

We tasted several kinds of wine and visited the vineyards that produced the grapes for these wines. Many of the vines still had grapes hanging, and we were able to see and taste the grapes that made the wine we drank! –





We did learn that the weather in Healdsburg, Ca. had forty plus degrees of diurnal temperature shifts from 58 degrees in the morning to 90 plus degrees in the afternoon. The grapes like this to help the acidity, but it is uncomfortable in the afternoon for humans! Low humidity though. Ovens are still hot!



Tuesday, we departed our Best Western hotel for the Russian River Valley to take a relaxing hike in the Armstrong Woods Redwood Grove.

Some of the trees were over a thousand years old as you can see. Previous forest fires left burn marks on some of the trees. We toured Korbel Champagne Cellars and had a great taste of their sparkling wines. We stopped at Balletto Vineyards for our last tasting before we called it a day.



Wednesday was an interesting day, in which we headed South to the Petaluma Gap/Chalk Hill region to tour Nicasio Cheese / Dairy farm where we brought our lunch and wines, McEvoy Ranch for Olive Oil tasting, then headed back to prepare for our cooking dinner at Sur la Table in Santa Rosa. The dinner was educational and fun as we all prepared and cooked our dinners. Excellent dinner with our wines. Thursday, we traveled to Alexander Valley (Stuhlmuller Vineyard) which was one of the best tastings. I cannot count the wines they brought out for us. A lot of wine was purchased for shipment home. We crossed the border over into Napa

County to taste wine at the Bennett Lane Winery in Calistoga, Ca., then to downtown Napa for dinner and shopping. Friday was our last day, and we traveled to Kunde Winery, which was one of the larger wineries we visited. They took us on a cave tour and through their demonstration/tasting vineyard, where the grape varieties were planted for visitors to see and taste the different wine grapes. We lunched at Sonoma Square, then had a special 7 course food with wine pairing at the Mayo Reserve Room. It was too warm outside and noisy, but we survived.



Saturday most of us departed for the airport in the morning and four couples stayed in San Francisco for a day or two to tour before returning. Overall, the trip went well, we had good weather, great wines and food, saw many of highlights of Sonoma and had a quick stop in Napa. I would recommend the area for touring and tasting, especially with Destination Sonoma. We are trying to figure out a trip for 2025. Thanks to all that attended and big thanks to Mike Hibbard.

By Dennis Rosa



# In Case You Missed It!

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*November Meeting*

## Yes, More Wine, Please!

We were treated to some great wine at the last meeting. Thanks to Dennis and Carole Rosa for the wine tasting experience and the delicious Italian soup! And thanks to Diane Yohe for the tasty bread!

Of course, thanks to all who participated for sharing some great wine together and for the delightful conversation. See you next time!



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## Open House at Little Mountain Ltd.

On a warm November evening about 30 Hi Risers gathered at the Little Mountain Ltd. ski shop for some great refreshment, wine, and a chance to swap ski stories. Greg offered a discount on items sold and we took advantage of it. I got some needed socks, Doc Bob bought a brand-new ski parka and ski pants, and Joe was seen trying on new boots. It was a good time.

Thanks to Greg for hosting us again this year!



**Hi Rise Race Team  
2025 Advance Race Registration**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Ski (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Snowboard \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

If Racing in both Ski and Snowboard divisions, please fill one Form out for each.

<b>Race Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Race Type</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Sat. Jan 11	Holiday Valley 1	Ski GS & SB GS	_____	_____
Sun. Jan 12	Holiday Valley 1	Ski SL	_____	_____
Sat. Jan 18	Swain 1	Ski GS & SB GS	_____	_____
Sun Jan 19	Swain 1	Ski SL	_____	_____
Sun. Feb 9	Peak n Peak	Ski SL	_____	_____
Sat Feb 15	Bristol Ski Combined	Ski XL GS & GS, SB GS	_____	_____
Sun Feb 16	Bristol Ski Combined	Ski SL	_____	_____
Sat March 1	Swain 2 SB Combined	Ski GS, SB XL GS & GS	_____	_____
Sun March 2	Swain 2 SB Combined	Ski SL, SB SL	_____	_____
Date TBA	Reinecker's	Racer Banquet		

\* In order to participate in the Combined, skiers must have 2 races and snowboarders 1 race.  
The Qualifier or Race Clinic do not count towards Combined.

**The Hi Rise Race Team will pay the race fees for any racer who competes in 5 races.**

Please complete this form and return to:

Guy Nerren, Hi Rise Race Chair  
4314 River St  
Willoughby, OH 44094  
Cell 216-577-3552  
skilaw@sbcglobal.net

Co-Race Chair:  
Rick Gzesh  
rickgz@aol.com  
Cell 412-491-4511

DECEMBER DINNER OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER 12, 2024

6:00 pm cocktails / 6:30 pm dinner

## RED, WINE & BREW



9620 Old Johnnycake Ridge Rd  
Mentor, OH

Your Host: Denise Crookshanks

For reservations text Denise at 440-823-6250

Or email: [lcrookshanks@roadrunner.com](mailto:lcrookshanks@roadrunner.com)

RSVP by December 6, 2024



# Hi Rise Ski Club

Presents:

## Jackson Hole, Wyoming

February 15th to February 22, 2025

**From \$1,459 per person**

**(Rooming & lift ticket options, see below)**

- Return Flights from Cleveland to Jackson
- 7 nights at: 49er Inn & Suites (In town, centrally located)
- 2 people per hotel room (studio or larger rooms available\*\*)
- United Airlines return flight through Denver to Jackson
- Transfers and transportation are provided to and from the airport.
- Lift tickets are optional, Do your homework!  
5-day lift tickets, \$760, Seniors, (65+) \$608. 4-day lifts, \$636 and \$509, 6-day \$862 and \$706.

Ikon Pass offers 5 or 7 days depending on pass, if bought through our tour operator you will receive a \$50 discount on rooms for each pass purchased.

\*\*Limited studio rooms available for \$90 per person, larger room \$124 per person

Also included: Hot daily continental breakfast, Free transfers to ski area, Welcome Party, mid-week dinner, farewell party, fun, fun, fun

All taxes included Non-Members add \$25.

All trips subject to Hi Rise Trip Agreement

Air and costs may be subject to surcharges.

\$500 deposit holds your spot.

**Travel insurance is available and recommended**

Contact: Bob Maclauchlan 440-622-1283 [bobmaclauchlan@yahoo.com](mailto:bobmaclauchlan@yahoo.com)

Visit our website: [www.hiriseskiclub.com](http://www.hiriseskiclub.com)

Other helpful websites: <https://www.jacksonhole.com/> <https://www.grandtarghee.com/>

<https://www.townsquareinns.com/hotels/49er-inn-and-suites/>

# HI RISE IS GOING TO STEAMBOAT!

March 15 – 22, 2025

ONLY \$1,873 (USD)

Round Trip Airfare Cleveland to Hayden on United Airlines, Transfers to and from airport

7 Nights at the renovated Holiday Inn in town, free shuttle bus, pool, tubs, restaurant

Pre-Trip (Orientation) Party, Welcome Party, Mid-week dinner, farewell party,

Steamboat is one of the biggest ski mountains in North America, with 165 trails, 3,668 ft. vertical and 2,965 acres of terrain! [www.steamboat.com](http://www.steamboat.com). Part of The Ikon Pass (Save \$50 if pass bought through our tour operator)



Contact Trip Leader Bob Maclauchlan at 440-622-1283 or [Bobmaclauchlan@yahoo.com](mailto:Bobmaclauchlan@yahoo.com).

\$500 due upon sign up

\$600 additional due by November 1

Balance due by January 15

All trips subject to Hi Rise trip agreement. Cost may rise due to surcharges. Travel insurance is available and recommended.

[www.hiriseskiclub.com](http://www.hiriseskiclub.com)

**Hi Rise Standing Committees  
& Chairpersons**

- Trips – Bob Maclauchlan
- Meetings - Arnie Rodriguez
- Social – We need your name here!
- Banquet – Dennis Rosa
- Social media – Greg Schmid
- Webmaster – Nate Diederich
- Database – Nate Diederich
- Membership - Nate Diederich
- CMSC – Larry Crookshanks
- Racing – Guy Nerren
- Newsletter – Ray Patacca
- Summer Activities – open
- Miscellaneous Goods – Arnie Rodriguez
- Marketing – Dennis Rosa
- Advertising – Bob Maclauchlan
- Fundraising – Arnie Rodriguez
- Historian – Trish Carleton

**If you have ideas for social activities, please tell a board member.**



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Thank you to Guy Nerren, and Dennis Rosa for your contributions to this month’s newsletter. And, thanks to Denise Crookshanks for coordinating the Dinner of the Month for December.

