

MONTHLY MEETING

Monthly Meetings will be held at Fuddruckers at 3848 McHenry Ave., Modesto on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the banquet room. Next one is March 12th, dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm. A raffle for a free dinner will be held at the end of each meeting.

Richard Lea, President
M.V.W.S.C.

MVWSC EVENT DATES

March 8-9	Work Day*
June 21-22	Eat, Meet and Grill
July 2	Tournament Series Starts
July 22-26	Regionals
Aug 2	PAL Ski Day
Aug 8-9	Disabled Clinic
Sept. 6	Disabled Clinic

OFF TO A GOOD START

Last fall, the newly elected Mid-Valley Board of Directors met and set a list of goals to accomplish in '08. Thanks to some very dedicated and hardworking people, several of these goals have already been met!

For example, thanks to the leadership of the Chairperson Alicia James, and the help of many others, Polar Bear Day was a success!

Although it is paperless, we have re-established the monthly newsletter. Then we changed the meeting place to the banquet room of Fuddruckers Restaurant and made the meetings more fun and informative. The increase in attendance makes it obvious that, again we were successful!

TOUGHEST GOAL OF '08

Just ahead, March 8, is without a doubt going to be the most difficult of all goals for '08!

That is the rebuilding of one damaged, neglected and downright dangerous ski site!

The weather must improve so we can gain access into our ski site. An assessment of what needs to be accomplished must be done, then the supplies purchased. On march 8 and 9th, it is going to take the handiwork of a lot of people!

Please, please, please, everyone's help is needed!

Vice President Kurtis Nelson, a handyman by trade will provide the leadership to repair our site, but ultimately, Team Work by everyone will get it done!

Our site has been repaired and assembled, then the fun will begin using it and hosting our many activities.

'08 A VERY ACTIVE AND EXCITING YEAR AHEAD!

Treasurer Tina Glow has been working hard behind the scenes to get Mid-Valley finances ready. Secretary Linda Semo has been busy creating new letterhead for fundraisers. Promotions and JDT Director, Nick Martin has not only been directing our Jr. Development Team into their '08 schedule, but working with the society for the handicapped on their winter ski program!

I will meet with the Society Director, Tom Truat on March 8 for re-structure of our disabled ski program! As you know, we need

more volunteers at the clinics! Most of our time will be spent discussing incentives for volunteers. Having just attended my 1st fundraiser ski-a-thon at Dodge Ridge, working with the disabled skiers was a learning experience! We made some great contacts!

Mid-Valley Water Ski Club was very well represented at this huge event by Kurtis and Kay Nelson, Connie Chipponeri, Nick and Eric Martin, Brian Smith and myself!

GATHERING MOMENTUM!

As spring arrives, so does the opportunity to have a new and exciting Mid-Valley Fundraiser!

The "Tri-Tip Dinner Fundraiser" tickets are on sale now! Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 10, as the Mid-Valley Water Ski Club and the Deputy Sheriffs Association "team-up" to host this HUGE event!

Good food, raffle prizes and a whole lot more are in store for this fundraiser.

All proceeds will go into Mid-Valley Water Ski Club's treasury! The list is endless on ways we need those funds to finance the future of our active and growing organization! A few ideas:

- 1) Ski site repair
- 2) Free park admission, shirts and good food for volunteers at disabled clinics
- 3) Travel vouchers for our Jr. Development Team members and our Regional and National USA skier qualifiers
- 4) A new club trailer and the list goes on

MARCH ACTIVITY DATES

March 3, meet with the Society Director Tom Truax and Secretary Carol to plan improvements for our disabled ski program.

March 8 and 9th – Ski club site work party

March 12 – Ski Club meets 7:00 pm at Fuddruckers.

March 14 – JDT Parents and Coaches meeting to set dates and discuss summer program.

JDT MEETING

Parents, coaches, kids and MVWSC members interested in participating in the 2008 JDT program – we will be having our JDT meeting on March 14

Location: James' House
5607 Lily Ct
Riverbank, CA
863-0860

Time: 7:00 pm

Potluck: Please bring your favorite snack and beverage

ALSO – Please bring USA Waterski identification numbers, checkbook, pen, calendar and excitement for the upcoming season.

RSVP to Nick Martin at nicksc1@prodigy.net or call 209-529-9419

2008 JDT DATES – REVISED

The dates for the Junior Development Days for 2008 are as follows:

June 23, 25, 30

July 2, 9, 16, 21, 23, 29, 30

JDT COMPETITION DATES

The following are the dates set for the our JDT competitions. These dates are tentative:

June 15-17	Delta Rats Camp
June 18	Diablo Shores Kids Camp Tourney (2 Slalom/Trick)
June 28-29	Winchester
July 2	INT Wakeboard and Slalom (Redding, CA)
July 12-13	Grand American (Lakeside) (2 Slalom/2 Slalom)
July 21-26	Western Regionals Washington
Aug 12-16	National West Palm Beach, FL



**MVWSC MINUTES
FROM
MEETING
FEBRUARY 13th, 2007**

Minutes called to order at 7:15 pm

Attendees: Richard Lea, Nick Martin, Kurtis and Kay Nelson, Alicia and Jason James, Melinda McQueary, Brian Smith, Tina Glow, Terry Lewis, Linda Semo, Jason James, Sarah James, Jarrett Semo

- 1) No new members present
- 2) Minutes from the January meeting read
- 3) Treasurer's Report given by Tina Glow
This year is looking really well so far, profit as of this day \$3,259.11.
Still need check from NorCal Mastercraft – not paid.
- 4) 2008 Members (so far), Adneys, Chris McKenzie, David Lewis, James Family, Brian Smith, Eric Swanson, Richard Lea, Nick Martin, Kuris and Kay Nelson, Semo Family, Glow Family, Connie Chipponeri
- 5) Connie Chipponeri did a great job in getting us phenomenal sponsors, She had well over \$500 donated to the club. She still wants to be involved in the club. Connie does many things for the club. So as a good will gesture, Nick motioned that we give her a honorary membership to the club for all she does.
All voted in favor.
- 6) Background with the Society for the Handicapped. For any person wanting to help in the club or joining the club, they will go through a background check. This will be performed by the Society for the Handicapped. They will not be an official member until they are cleared. There is no cost to MVWSC for this.
- 7) Fund Raiser update:
 - a) *Tri Tip Dinner*
The Tri-tip dinner started out to be a JDT fund, but we made it a MVWSC fundraiser—all members to help out in order to get any benefits.
Refundable deposit sent to Sheriffs Department.
Tickets to be made and given to members to sell -- \$300 tickets.
Sheriff's Department to do the cooking, MVWSC to setup, serve and tear down.
Times are from 4pm to 8pm. On Saturday May 10.
People can eat in or take out.
Supplies need for food – Nick's sister can get us paper goods as well as to go containers.
We want to get as much as possible donated.
Oakdale Saddle Club is nice, good center, tables are on wheels and fold out
Raffle – every 30 minutes – for a total of 8 to 10 raffle prizes. We need donations.
People have to be there for the raffle to win.
There is a good chance we can make a couple of thousand dollars.
The funds may be used to pay for entry fees and transportation to regionals and nationals.
Everyone pays the same price -- \$15 each ticket.
We need to presell the tickets so we know how much food to purchase.
 - b) *Avon fund raiser*
We are going to do this one in March, maybe March 26.
This way people can bring the people their Avon purchases and ask them to purchase tickets for the tri tip dinner.
There are several types of packages available to sell (not selling from complete catalog) – so far people are in favor of the bug guard and sunscreen packages
If 10 people w. 10 customers at \$15 each -- \$1500 (club would make \$600)
Terry Lewis is the Avon person

- 8) Spring Site clean up. Vice President Kurtis will be in charge of the site maintenance.
Work dates set for March 8/9 or 3/15 due to inclement weather.
There is lots of work to do.
Starting time will be 10 am.
- 9) Nick has good idea for all members to have MVWSC shirts. Give shirt sizes to Nick.
It takes 3-4 weeks for delivery of the shirts.
Art designed by person at Hughson High.
- 10) Dates have been mentioned and some dates have changed – see main newsletter for dates.
- 11) Nick, Kurtis and Richard went to the Disabled event at Dodge Ridge. The Disabled clinic has some great ideas for volunteer incentives. They have a kickoff night (free dinner and wine) at Skewers. There people fill out forms to volunteer and get fingerprinted. They can then decide (depending on the number of volunteers) how many people can attend a function
Can they do that for the waterski program? – Answer, yes they need to talk to them in detail, and the Society would pick up the tab for the dinner. They were excited to find out about the waterski event.
Another incentive for volunteers would be for the volunteers to be able to ski 2 hrs before the event.
- 12) Raffle for Fuddrucker's gift certificate won by Kurtis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next Meeting scheduled for March 12, 2008.