

Dear Friends,

It was worth the wait... summer. The word "spectacular" for wildflowers doesn't touch the breathtaking beauty and bounty of color that appeared this year. The aspens, so lush and bright green, just revealed in the late spring snows and early June rains. What a performance by Mother Nature! Hard to believe summer has gone so fast... willows already turning gold... and fall is on the way.

Ahhh, but we're here to talk about winter, too... that quiet season. As the air subtly shifts in temperature and the sun dips to the south, we know the next seasons are coming... the deep richness of fall, and the season of "white water" - snow. In this new look of a newsletter, we invite you to stay with us at Sorensen's Resort, our Hope Valley home of nearly 30 years. A corner of the world that so many of you call "home" throughout the year, as well. So take a moment to reflect upon the turning of the seasons and the full meaning of John Muir's words that truly fit his Sierra, and ours - "Take a course in good water and air; and in the eternal youth of Nature you may renew your own."

See you in the mountains!

Warmly,

John & Patty



SORENSEN'S CAFÉ AND GIFT SHOP



We're open 7 days a week serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner from 7:30am - 9pm. Be sure to stop in and check out our array of clothes, mugs, books, and art! Gift certificates available. 800.423.9949
Nov 25th - Thanksgiving Feast! 4:30 and 7:30pm
Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Specials (closed for food service on Christmas Day)

STAY AT SORENSEN'S - PLAY AT KIRKWOOD

Save time and money! All Sorensen's guests can purchase discounted lift tickets to Kirkwood Mountain Resort, just 14 miles west on HWY 88. Inquire at our front desk or call for details.



KIRKWOOD X-COUNTRY SKI CENTER

Pay a visit to our good neighbors at Kirkwood's beautiful cross-country center. Enjoy swooshing through the snow on groomed trails and skating lanes, or try snowshoeing. Our guests receive a \$6 discount on trail passes. Check out these special events! For more info call 209.258.7248, email crosscountry@kirkwood.com, or visit kirkwood.com

- 12/5.....10K X-C Race
- 12/18, 1/15, 1/16, 2/13.....Full Moon Snowshoe Treks
- 12/19, 1/23, 2/20, 3/13.....Sierra Crest Snowshoe Treks
- 1/2.....Ski/Skate Clinic
- 1/8.....Winter trails Day
- 2/26.....Sunset Snowshoe Trek

EXPLORE BY SNOWSHOE!

While a guest at Sorensen's you have free access to our fleet of easy-to-use snowshoes. Just strap them on to your sturdy boots and take off through our woods and meadows. First come, first serve for guests only. Inquire at the front desk.



MUSH WITH HUSKIES

Glide over the snow behind a team of lively huskies for a thrill of a lifetime adventure to explore Hope Valley. Husky Express owners, Dottie Dennis and Dave Beck lead their team of raring-to-go sled dogs while you sit back and enjoy the ride. Bundle up - it's winter! Afterwards, head back to Sorensen's for a mug of hot cocoa or a bowl of our famous Beef Burgundy Stew! Call Husky Express: 775.782.3047

SORENSEN'S + PACIFIC CREST TRAIL = LOVE



With the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) running through our back yard at nearby Carson Pass, it's only natural that we are the first resort in the world to participate in supporting the PCT Association through a small \$1/day surcharge to our guests' lodging bills. To all those guests who add even more—thank you! pcta.org

CARSON VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL 2010-2011 CONCERT SERIES

Want to tap into the local music scene? A schedule of winter concerts can be found at sorensensresort.com. Visit cvartscouncil.com for details.

HOPE VALLEY CAFÉ AND MARKET

Just down the road from Sorensen's, this cute little diner and store offers breakfast, lunch, baked goods, coffee drinks and beer. Stop in for supplies, groceries or car chains.

PREHISTORIC MOUNTAIN SPRING WATER



Fill up your Nalgene or Sigg bottles and take a bit of our "prehistoric" water home with you! The water we enjoy here at Sorensen's is true mountain spring water from deep below the Alps of California; it doesn't see the light of day until it hits your glass!

SO FRESH AND SO CLEAN!

Sorensen's is proud to be participating in the Clean the World program! The organization collects used soaps and shampoos from the hospitality industry and redistributes them to impoverished people worldwide, helping to prevent millions of hygiene-related deaths and illnesses every day. cleantheworld.org

BEEKIND TO YOUR SKIN AND THE EARTH

Sorensen's is pleased to offer the BeeKind Collection of soaps and shampoos from Gilchrist & Soames. The collection offers an ideal combination of environmentally responsible packaging and an all-organic, skin friendly formula. Proceeds of net sales go to support honeybee and sustainable pollination research at UC Davis. We hope you enjoy our new additions! gilchristsoames.com

LAY-AWAY TO PLAY-AWAY

It's like a credit card in reverse! Remember the days when you could put that favorite car or sofa on lay-away? Plan your vacation with us well in advance and we'll structure a lay-away plan just for you so you can have all the play-away time you need! Just give us a call: 800.423.9949.



SEND A FRIEND!

Refer a friend to Sorensen's and we'll thank YOU with a free night's stay.*

*Offer valid Mon-Thur, non-holiday (other restrictions may apply)

TROPICAL GETAWAY

Need a good dose of vitamin D? Want to trade your beanie for a bikini? Then head south to our Mexican cabaña by the sea in Sayulita, just north of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The beachfront bungalow sleeps up to 6, has a full kitchen, an infinity soaking pool by the terrace overlooking the blue Pacific, and 2 additional swimming pools in the complex. Cabaña is just a short walk from the center of town. Call Sorensen's for reservations: 800.423.9949 • sayulitalosdelfines.com



Kind words from our guests...

"Staying at your charming resort made for a unique, very special birthday this year. It was apparent that your staff truly understands and exemplifies the hospitality industry at its finest. The food was fabulous, the recreation options abundant and every part of my stay was enjoyable. I discovered Sorensen's at Galen Rowell's Mountain Light gallery in Bishop. Thanks to all of you! I'll be back again and again!"

—Piñon Guest

"Amazing set up; truly breathtaking everyday."

—Dougfir Guest

"It's your incredible combo of architecture and landscape that impressed us. Not the over planned architecture of the city, but the natural, rustic qualities of what is native—what is necessary—and a lack of what isn't needed. Perfect place to go...we are tempted to keep it to ourselves."

—Snowshoe Thompson Guest

"Loved the overall appearance and charm of the resort. Staff is friendly, helpful with strong esprit de corps! It was charming, delightful and fabulous."

—Dancehall Guest

"It's always easy to cultivate a grateful heart at Sorensen's."

—Dougfir Guest

"Cabins are private, very clean, well equipped, cozy. Employees are very friendly and capable. Peace and quiet in a nice log cabin. Hope Valley has so much beauty and activities. Outstanding!"

—Creekside Guest

BOOK 3 OR 4 NIGHTS & GET 1 FREE!*

Reserve now and save! Stay 4 nights for the price of 3 (Sun-Thurs) or 3 nights for the price of 2 (Mon-Thurs). Rates apply from:

Oct 24th - Dec 16th 2010

Jan 2nd - Feb 10th 2011

Feb 28th - Jun 9th 2011

*Offer good only during non-holiday periods. Cannot be combined with other Sorensen's programs or specials. Mention this ad when making reservations. Regular weekend rates charged on Sunday when using 4-for-3 special.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For detailed workshop descriptions
please visit our website

www.sorensensresort.com

Sept 20-24

Hope Valley Watercolor
Retreat w/ Lady Jill Mueller
9am - 1pm daily
\$325 guests/\$395 non-guests
ladyjill.com

Sept 20/Oct 4

Exploring the Emigrant Trail
w/ historian Frank Tortorich
8:30am - 3pm
\$50 guests/\$75 non-guests/\$25 under
age 13 (includes lunch)

Sept 25

Landscape Photography
Workshop w/ Terry Nathan
9am - 2pm
\$50 guests/\$75 non-guests
terrynathanphoto.com

Oct 2

Searching for Aspen Gold
w/ naturalist William Tweed
8:30am - 12pm
\$50 guests/\$75 non-guests (includes
lunch)

Oct 2-3

Markleeville Artists
Open Studios
11am - 4pm
Guide and map available at Sorensen's
markleevilleartists.com

Oct 8

Fall Color Hike
w/ Karen Wiese
9am - 3pm
\$50 guests/\$75 non-guests

Dec 6-9

New! Plein Air Painting
w/ Joan Hoffman
Agenda available
\$175 guests/\$225 non-guests
joanhoffman.com

Dec 11

Winter Survival Workshop
w/ the Tahoe Nordic Search
and Rescue Team
2 hours, call for times
Donation: \$25 guest, \$50 non-guest (tax
deductible, to benefit TNSAR rescue
efforts, matched by Sorensen's)
tahoenordicsar.com

Dec 11-12

Holiday Wreath Making
w/ Diane Campell
10am - 2pm both days
\$50/day guests \$75/day non-guests

Feb 13

Sketching in the Sierra
w/ John Muir Laws
9am - 1pm
\$50 guests/\$75 non-guests
johnmuirlaws.com

Spring Sneakpeek...

TBA
Spring Starwatch
call for details

Apr 30

First Day of Fishing!



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Information and Reservations

800.423.9949 or 530.694.2203



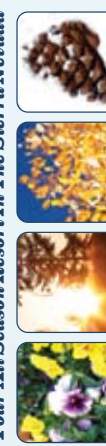
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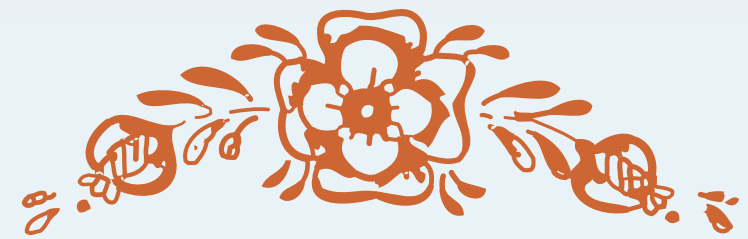
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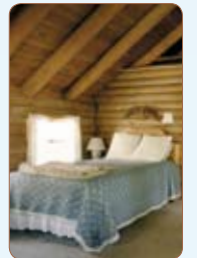
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Hope Valley, California

Fall/Winter 2010-2011



Eat * Stay * Play * Explore