

# *Snoball 2017 Summary*



A FESTIVE BALLROOM greeted 81 49ERS and guests on Friday, December 8. Red poinsettias were everywhere: on the ticket table, the bar, the tables displaying the drawing gifts, and on each table, seated on a bed of live greenery festooned with twinkle lights. **Marggi** and **Frances** helped obtain and trim the greenery, then set it with the



poinsettias, Friday night.

On the stage, to the side of Disc Jockey **Jim**, was a ten foot tree resplendent with lights and decorations. (The tree was provided by the Carmichael Elks Club.) The ballroom was partitioned to not much longer than the end of the wooden dance floor. The room size was thus

cozier than sometimes... yet not crowded.

All was done with a goal of showing good taste, including the playing of soft instrumental music during the meal, enabling conversation.

The meals were served efficiently, thanks in part to the place cards printed by **Bob**, with each guest's name and choice of entrée clearly printed. Guests honored the request sent out before the event, that they bring some cards or other means of





saving seats at their chosen tables. The couple handling ticket sales, **Myra** and **Fred**, were thus able to enforce Chair **Marley** announced procedure ("Do not give out place cards to anyone other than the guest whose name is on the card"). Following this guideline meant far fewer mishaps and confusion at this SnoBall than has in the past sometimes occurred.

About twenty drawing prizes were donated by 49ers, mostly bottles of wine; but there were other items, such as a car license plate holder emblazoned "49er Ski Club". Instead of using numbered tickets, **Myra**

and **Fred** had prepared slips of folded paper with each guest having his/her name on one. This meant no lengthy reading and rereading of numbers for **Frances**, who, as **Marley's** Assistant, handled the drawing...which went exceptionally smoothly.

**Maggie**, retired social event photographer for Sacramento Magazine, set up a photo corner in front of the Christmas tree. Throughout the evening our partygoers' pictures were displayed on a TV screen on the stage, adding a new perk to this SnoBall. **Photos can be enjoyed and/or purchased**, Contact me (Marley) at [loconk@aol.com](mailto:loconk@aol.com) for further info.



**Annmarie** brought Christmas stickers she had bought. Before most guests had begun to arrive, **Annmarie** put a sticker on the bottom on one chair at each table...to identify which person at each table got to take home the poinsettia plant.

Dancing ended at 9:50 p.m.

**Marley**