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FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES BOB GREENWOOD AND NANCY INGALSBEE WITH SNOWSPORTS BUILDER AWARDS



BOISE, IDAHO: The Far West Ski Association conducted its 85th Annual Convention and Meeting June 7-11, 2017 at The Grove Hotel and Boise Centre, hosted by the Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council. The Far West Ski Association, founded in 1930, is a volunteer, non-profit organization representing 150 affiliated ski clubs located throughout nine regional councils in the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, South Dakota, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. The Association conducts active programs in public affairs, skier safety, ski heritage, racing, communications, travel, council development, ski industry and community outreach. In addition to the 141 ski club delegates attending the annual meeting, approximately 50 guests and 75 ski and sports industry representatives participated in the weekend's events.

Special guests included Charlie Linville (Keynote Speaker), Billy Kidd (1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist), Sarah Hendrickson (Women's Ski Jumping 2013 World Champion), Laura Sankey (President of Women's Ski Jumping USA), Alan Alborn (Coach of Women's Ski Jumping USA), Bob Looper (President of Idaho Ski Areas Association and Brundage Mountain), Ron Abramovich (Snowpack Analyst for the USDA), Natalie Hurst (KBOI-TV 2 News Anchor), Stephanie Kerley (District Ranger for the Boise National Forest), Dave Ludwig (Founder of Hope On The Slopes and Ski & Ride For A Cure), Eve Chandler (ski historian and author), and Amanda Wiebush (Executive Director of Squaw Valley Ski Museum Foundation).

The 32nd Annual Silent Auction on Friday evening raised over \$29,000 to support FWSA programs. The highest bidders purchased ski trips, bicycle trips, diving trips, and tour packages. Saturday morning's Travel Expo enabled industry representatives to meet with travel decision makers from the Association's clubs and councils.

Saturday afternoon was dedicated to a presentation by Charlie Linville. Charlie is a Boise native who enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2006 and specialized in explosive ordinance disposal, disarming IED's. He served in Iraq and then Afghanistan. On January 20, 2011 Charlie sustained multiple injuries when a tertiary device exploded in Helmand Province. After multiple surgeries to save his foot, Charlie made the decision to amputate his right foot below the knee. In 2014 Charlie joined The Heroes Project with the goal of climbing Mt. Everest. The climb was halted in April 2014 when an avalanche killed 16 Sherpas and again in April 2015 after the earthquake in Nepal. On May 19, 2016 Charlie completed the last of The Seven Summits and became the first combat-wounded US veteran to climb to the summit of Mt. Everest. Charlie is an inspirational speaker who continues to be involved in The Heroes Project and causes to support our wounded veterans.

Bids were presented to the FWSA Travel Committee for selection of the 2019 FWSA Ski & Snowboard Week with the result to be announced later in the summer. The 2018 FWSA Ski & Snowboard Week will be held in Banff, Canada, February 3-10. A Mini Ski & Snowboard Week will be held at Alyeska and Anchorage, Alaska, February 25 - March 4, 2018. The 2018 FWSA International Ski & Snowboard Week will be held in Les Trois Vallees – Brides les Bains, France, March 4-18.

Three FWSA Snowsport Leadership Academy classes were held on Saturday, two morning sessions “How to Build and Maintain a Successful Ski Club” and “Making Love to your Members – Building and Bridging Relationships for the Long Term.” plus an afternoon session “How to Keep your Skis in Tip Top Shape” & “What Goes into a Great Boot Fitting.”

Mike Sanford, VP of Public Affairs, moderated morning and afternoon panels on issues related to ski area development, ski related legislation, environment, ski history and ski safety.

FWSA Snowsports Builder Awards were presented to: Bob Greenwood a Boise ski pioneer and Nancy Ingalsbee, a skier’s voice in Washington, DC. Bob Greenwood arrived in Boise in 1950 working in ski shops and as an instructor at Bogus Basin Ski School. In 1957 Bob opened his tiny store, Greenwood’s Ski Haus, which he owned until 1985. The store is still in operation today. Bob taught skiing at Bogus Basin for 25 years. He was also part of a team of traveling PNSIA examiners. In 1985 Bob founded the Prime Timers, a group of skiers 50 and over. At 91, Bob is still skiing with the Prime Timers. Nancy Ingalsbee was actively involved in the litigation of the Disney proposal to develop a ski resort at Mineral King. In 1978, Nancy opened a Washington, DC office for FWSA and a new USSA/Sports Government Relations office on Pennsylvania Avenue in 1981. She served as the principal Washington voice for skiers’ interests for ten years. Nancy became the go-to expert in Washington on skiing matters for many agencies and political figures.

Two FWSA Industry Awards were presented: the FWSA Tommi Tyndall Award for Outstanding Ski Industry Contribution, to Sports America Tours and the FWSA Bill Mackey Award for Outstanding Ski Industry Employee, to John Douglas of Nancy Greene’s Cahilty Hotel & Suites. Three FWSA Media Awards were presented: the Bill Berry Awards for Featured Article, to Lindsey Vonn for her book “*Strong is the New Beautiful*”, to Chadd Cripe, writer for the “*Idaho Statesman – Outdoor and Urban Recreation*.” The FWSA Warren Miller Modern Media Award was presented to Travis Rice and Brain Farm Digital Cinema for their movie “*The Fourth Phase*.”

Arleigh Meiners, Arizona Ski Council (Phoenix, AZ) received the FWSA Hans Georg Award for long-term service to organized skiing. Other individuals receiving recognition awards included: the FWSA Elizabeth “Schatzi” Wood Award for a decisive contribution to skiing to Cindy Krupp, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs (Cottonwood, CA); the FWSA J. Stanley Mullin Award for a decisive contribution to skiing to George Stewart, Sierra League and Council (Visalia, CA); the FWSA Jordan-Reily Award for Outstanding Contribution to Public Affairs, to Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra and the Terry Smith Award for greatly contributing to the advancement of intramural skiing to Laura Priess, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs. The FWSA Jimmie Heuga Award for Outstanding Humanitarian was presented to Kate Togneri, Can Do MS. The FWSA Councils’ Man & Woman of the Year program, sponsored by Big White Ski Resort, recognized Jane Gutierrez of Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs and Mark Barnard of Intermountain Ski Council. The FWSA Presidents Award was given to

Mike Sanford, a FWSA Past President, retiring VP of Public Affairs, and member of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs, and to Todd Hood, Awards Banquet MC, Snowsport Leadership Academy presenter, and member of Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs.

The Tollakson Award for the Outstanding Ski Club was presented to Reno Ski & Recreation (Masters Class). The Wentworth Award for the Outstanding Publication was presented to Pacific Rim Alliance (Masters Class) and Don Diego Ski Club (Novice Class). The Outstanding Website Awards were given to: The Unrecables (Masters Class) and Mountain High Snowport Club (Novice Class). Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs received the Outstanding Council Website Award. The FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition Awards were presented to Pacific Rim Alliance (Double Diamond Class), and Four Seasons West (Diamond Class).

Special presentations were made to Emilio Trampuz, a member of Northwest Ski Club Council, for the FWSA Safety Person of the Year Award, sponsored by Telluride Ski Resort and Mountain Lodge Telluride (CO). The FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award, sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation, was presented to Eve Chandler, ski historian and author of *"Building Bogus Basin."*

The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program raised \$5,370 during the Convention through a raffle, silent auction and oral auction of two trips sponsored by Whitefish Mountain Resort and Grouse Mountain Lodge. The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program, which began in 2004, has awarded 104 scholarships for a total of over \$113,000 to deserving USSA racers throughout the western United States.

Elections were held at Sunday's General Session. FWSA Officers for 2017–2018 are: President, Stephen Coxen (Ridgefield, WA); Secretary, Sheri Parshall (Fairview, OR); Treasurer, Randy Lew (Truckee, CA); Chairperson Board of Trustees, Gloria Raminha (Bakersfield, CA); VP Communications, Cindy Krupp (Cottonwood, CA); VP Council Services, Jo Simpson (Reno, NV); VP Marketing, Debbi Kor (Vancouver, WA); VP Membership, Jane Gutierrez (Hawthorne, CA); VP Public Affairs, Paula Hazzard (Manhattan Beach, CA); VP North American Travel, Nancy Ellis (Truckee, CA); VP International Travel, Debbie Stewart (Visalia, CA); VP Racing, Bob Ellis (Truckee CA); Trustees, Tom Bundgard (San Diego, CA); Fran Long (Pasa Robles, CA); and Jane Wyckoff (Irvine, CA).

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The 86th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention is scheduled for June 7-10, 2018 at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, NV hosted by Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Sierra League & Council. For additional information regarding the Far West Ski Association, please visit our website at www.fwsa.org.

Photographs are available upon request.