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California Ski Association—

The organization of skisport in California was to a large extent the result of an effort to attract the 1932 Winter Olympics. In spite of losing the Olympic bid in Yosemite, the National Ski Association (NSA) gave the sanction to the California State Chamber of Commerce to organize the California Ski Association (CSA).

October 7, 1930, “Hall of Famer” **Wendell Robie** of the Auburn Ski Club, organized strong club support to form the California Ski Association. At the NSA convention in Chicago, December 14, 1930, CSA was accepted as an affiliated division, and California was awarded the 1932 National Ski tournament. The first sanctioned divisional meet was held by CSA in 1931.

January 18, 1931, CSA orchestrated a “traffic jam” demonstration that resulted in the authorization by the State of California for snow removal equipment on the roads that accessed California’s emerging ski resorts. Skiing was a new sport and thousands traveled to the snow in the winter. Ski Jumping was the daredevil sport of the period and ski clubs hosted huge spectator events. The ski industry began to develop from small club-operated hills to larger ski areas.

In 1946, the Area Development Committee was formed to concentrate on getting two ski areas approved — San Geronio and Mineral King.

At the Convention in 1948, CSA changed its name to the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) to have a name more representative of the geographical area it encompassed — California, Nevada and Hawaii.

From the end of World War II to about 1958, nordic and alpine competition expanded very slowly. The growth curve for recreational skiing tilted upward subsequent to the 1960 Olympic Games at Squaw Valley.

Far West Ski Association—

In 1962, the National Ski Association emerged as the United States Ski Association (USSA) and FWSA became its Far West Division.

From the beginning, the focus of FWSA was on its race programs. In the early 60s, the orientation began to shift towards recreational skiing. The Far West



Wendell T. Robie
1895 - 1984

Charter Flight Program, spearheaded by **Sutter Kunkel** of Grindelwald Ski Club, took the Association from 3,000 mostly competition skiers to 10,000 mostly recreational skiers in just two years! There was also an upsurge in recreational skiing following the 1964 Olympics at Squaw Valley. But it was the blockage of the development of skiing at San Geronio and Mineral King by the Sierra Club that once again ignited the energies of FWSA.

By the mid 70s, FWSA expanded to the point where recreational skiers outnumbered the competitive skier. It wasn’t until 1976 that FWSA was divided into two operating divisions, one concentrating on the recreational and political aspects of skiing and the other directing the operation of sanctioned race programs that developed the youth of America for the US Ski Teams. The Far West Ski Competition, Inc., official sanctioning body for junior racers, was founded.

FWSA continued to develop programs for the recreational skier that included a Membership Benefit Book, Ski Theft Insurance, Ski Weeks, Flight Charters to Europe and within the US, Public Affairs and Intramural Racing. In return, the clubs sponsored events that raised money for junior racers.

The 80s brought considerable turmoil between FWSA and USSA, primarily over money and which programs should benefit from the dues being collected from the recreational skiers — recreation or racing. In 1980, USSA followed FWSA’s lead and organized into two divisions — Competition and Sports. FWSA was absorbed into USSA Sports Division under **Dean Lawrence**, the first president.



Hjalmar Hvam, Roff Wigaard, Roy Mikkelsen, Johnny Elvrum, Jim, Norge — Champions at a Far West jumping meet in the 1930s.

On November 6, 1984, an Executive Committee of FWSA met to decide on the direction FWSA should take. This committee proposed a non-political, non-controversial set of by-laws that were approved at the 53rd Annual FWSA Convention held at the Oakland Airport Hilton, May 17-19, 1985. FWSA ties to USSA were severed and FWSA was reactivated as an all volunteer organization. To encourage clubs to rejoin FWSA, dues were waived and are not required by clubs as long as they belong to a Council.

The 90s saw the rebuilding of the travel and public affairs programs. Arizona and the Northwest Councils were reactivated. Sierra Council built a strong race program. In 2000 New Mexico Council joined the Association and FWSA became one of the founding members of the National Ski Council Federation (NSCF). ●

Term	President	Milestones of Note
2000-03	Steve Coxen	Public Affairs program was reactivated & strengthened.
1996-00	Harry Davis	New Mexico Council joins FWSA. FWSA becomes one of the founding members of National Ski Council Federation (NSCF).
1993-96	Norm Cullen	FWSA took 500 skiers to Cortina, Italy. Adoption of the "Voice of Western Skier" added to FWSA logo.
1991-93	Paul Arrigo	Ski Week bidding moved to the Convention. First Golf Tournament held at Convention. Northwest Council (formerly Portland) joins FWSA.
1988-91	Mike Favia	First <i>Skier's Guide</i> since early 80s replaces <i>Ski Bug's Almanac</i> . First Leadership Seminar with instructional books at Convention. Initiation of Travel Carousel lift tickets. Mogul Mike's <i>Ski Sense & Safety</i> program debuts. Pilot "Learn to Ski" Program launched.
1987-88	Howard Wickersham	First <i>Far West Skier's News</i> . Travel Carousel returns to Convention.
1985-87	Janie "Frankie" Hansen	FWSA approves new by-laws, severs ties with USSA, and becomes autonomous with no national affiliations and totally volunteer. First Silent Auction. Fall Forums moved to Convention. First Annual Joe Ross Memorial Race held at FWSA Ski Week.
1981-85	Jane Wyckoff	FWRA founded. FWSA sues USSA and settles out of court. FWSA charter flight program ends.
1976-81	Ed Gehle	FWSA divided into two divisions (race & sports). USSA divided into two divisions. FWSA turns over staff & programs to Sports Division. First Sportsfest.
1973-76	Dick Croft	Skisport Defense Fund resurfaces as Far West Ski Foundation. First Travel Carousel. Far West Ski Competition Inc., official sanctioning body for Junior racers, was formed. Nordic skiing seen as fastest growing winter sport.
1971-73	John Watson	Southern (Los Angeles), Orange, Inland Councils incorporate. FWSA serves as amicus curiae all the way to the Supreme Court in Mineral King suit.
1969-71	Richard Goetzman	Domestic charters added to FWSA Flight Program. First Sno Queen contest held at Fall Forums. First Far West Ski Week to Bear Valley. <i>Far West News</i> debuts, replacing <i>Western Ski Time</i> . First <i>Councilman</i> published. Lido Travel named official FWSA Travel Agent.
1968-69	Carl F. Grover	All major FWSA races were electronically timed.

Term	President	Milestones of Note
1966-68	Stanley V. Walton, Jr.	Ski Instructors' Proficiency Tests developed by FWSA adapted by all divisions of USSA.
1963-66	Leonard Speicher	FWSA fights inclusion of San Geronio into Wilderness Preservation System. Skisport Defense Fund incorporated to support US Ski Team, Nordic development, ski safety & research. First FWSA Race Leagues (Southeast & Rokka) founded. "Ski Western America" takes over FWSA charter flights.
1962-63	Sutter E. Kunkel	NSA changes name to USSA. FWSA revitalizes Uniform Ski Tests becoming the USSA standard.
1959-62	Byron Nishkian	European Flight Charter Program launched. First Fasching Party to send off FWSA charters benefits US Ski Team & Far West Junior Racers.
1957-59	Edward J. Johnson	The office of VP of Recreational Skiing established.
1955-57	Wesley B. Hadden	Avalanche Training held in prep for 1960 Olympics.
1954-55	Robert J. Schenck	NAT program continues under great opposition.
1952-54	Paul H. Smith	
1951-52	Frank Ferguson	Far West Instructors holds its first free, dry-land LA Junior Chamber Ski School.
1950-51	Arthur H. Van De Kamp	Far West hosts Summer Jumping Championships at LA County Fair in Pomona, CA.
1949-50	B.M. Zimmerman	Nickel-A-Ticket (NAT) program splits funds of 5¢ from all-day lift tickets among NSP, FWSA, NSA.
1948-49	Cortlandt T. Hill	CSA changes name to Far West Ski Association, becomes Far West region of NSA and is designated sanctioning authority for competitive events in Far West region. Southern Council of FWSA formed.
1945-48	Albert E. Sigal	FWSA opened membership to individuals. Area Development Committee formed to make San Geronio and Mineral King into ski areas.
1941-45	Frank Howard	During the war years, NSP was performing search & rescue for the Air Force in the California mountains.
1938-41	James Connel	CSA incorporated. World Championships, hosted by Auburn Ski Club, are sanctioned by CSA and NSA. CSA standardized ski teaching with establishment of committee to work out a "Plan for Certification of Ski Instructors."
1935-38	Arnold Weber	Ski jumping held at Berkeley's Strawberry Hill.
1932-35	Cecil Edmunds	1932 National Championships hosted by CSA.
1930-32	Wendell Robie	Orchestrated a demonstration that resulted in snow removal on roads to ski tows.

On October 7, 1930 at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, three meetings were held in succession that led to the founding of the California Ski Association. The first meeting was a Special Meeting of the Statewide Winter Sports Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce call by Chairman **Don Civitello** of Sacramento, California.

Wilbur Maynard, of Truckee, moved that a committee be appointed to organize a California Ski Association. The motion was passed unanimously.

Winter Sports Committee of California State Chamber of Commerce To Organize A California Ski Association

Wendell T. Robie, Auburn, Chairman
F. H. Deuprey, San Francisco, Secretary.

2:35 **Mr. Wendell Robie**, as Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:35 and outlined the purpose of the meeting. Those In attendance were:

Allen, Scotty	Soda Springs	Goss, P. B.	Auburn
Butler, E. C.	San Francisco	Jones, J. O.	Soda Springs
Cassidy, Bert A.	Auburn	Maynard, W.	Truckee
Civitello, Don	Sacramento	Pischell, D. K.	San Francisco
Des Baillelts, E.	Yosemite	Plummer, K. V.	San Francisco
F. H. Deuprey	San Francisco	Robie, Wendell T.	Auburn
Durfer, W. F., Dr.	Auburn	Tresidder, Don	Yosemite
Edmunds, E.	Truckee		

2:40 **Wilbur Maynard** offered the following resolution which was unanimously passed: That it be the sense of this meeting, to give full appreciation to the valuable work of the Winter Sports Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce in promoting winter sports throughout California in general and in particular, making it possible on this day for the formation of a California Ski Association.

2:45 The next order of business asked for by **Chairman Robie** was that of determining the number of officials and directors of the proposed Ski Association. Following a discussion, it was moved by **Don Tresidder**, seconded by **B. A. Cassidy**, that there be a president, four vice-presidents, two from the northern part of the State and two from the southern part of the State, a secretary, a treasurer and eight directors, two to be appointed from each of the four existing California Ski Clubs, making a total directorate of fifteen.

3:00 The next order of the business was the election of the president. The name of **Wendell Robie** was proposed by **Senator Cassidy**. Motion made by **Mr. Maynard**, seconded by **Mr. Des Baillelts**, that the nominations be closed. Mr. Robie was then unanimously elected by acclaim, President of the California Ski Association. Others elected were **Frank Deuprey** of the California State Chamber of Commerce, Secretary; **W. A. Wadsworth** of Los Angeles, Treasurer; Vice Presidents: **Don Tresidder**, Yosemite; **Herbert Fleishhacker, Jr.**, San Francisco, for the northern part of the State; **Geo. L. Eastman** and **J. B. Hanson** of the Viking Club, also of Los Angeles, for the southern part of the State. The election of the directors was left to the

four Ski Clubs, they to name two from their organizations. These Clubs are: **Truckee Ski Club**, the **Auburn Ski Club**, the **Yosemite Ski Club** and the **Viking Ski Club of Los Angeles**.

3:30 **Chairman Robie** then declared the State Chamber of Commerce Special Committee meeting to organize a California Ski Association adjourned, with the proviso that the Officers and Directors of the newly declared California Ski Association immediately convene as a Board of Directors of the California Ski Association.

First Official Meeting of the California Ski Association

Wendell T. Robie, Auburn, Chairman
F. H. Deuprey, San Francisco, Secretary

Cassidy, Bert A.	Auburn	Owens, R. O.	Auburn
Civitello, Don	Sacramento	Maynard, W.	Truckee
Des Baillelts, E.	Yosemite	Tresidder, Don	Yosemite
Durfer, W. F., Dr.	Auburn	Edmunds, E.	Truckee

3:35 **President Wendell Robie** declared the meeting in session. **Chairman Robie** declared recognition to **Mr. Maynard** of Truckee, **Don Tresidder** of Yosemite, **Durfer** of Auburn, **Edmunds** of Truckee, **Des Baillelts** of Yosemite, **Cassidy** of Auburn, and **Owens** of Auburn as temporary directors representing their respective clubs at this meeting.

Upon motion by **R. O. Owens**, seconded by **Des Baillelts**, a resolution was passed asking that there be an entrance fee of \$20 for each of the clubs desiring to affiliate with the California Ski Association. *Passed.*

Motion by **Wilbur Maynard**, seconded by **Mr. Edmunds** that **President Robie** make contact with organized clubs of California asking for immediate action for the appointments of direct representation on the Board of the California Ski Association and to inform them that the application for membership of their club in the California Ski Association is now in order. *Passed.*

Motion by **Mr. Des Baillelts**, seconded by **Mr. Maynard**, that it be the consensus of opinion of all present that the California Ski Association affiliate with the National Ski Association. *Passed.*

Moved by **Mr. Edmunds**, seconded by **Mr. Cassidy**, that **President Robie** immediately communicate with officials of the National Ski Association asking for recognition and admittance for the California Ski Association into that organization. *Passed.*

3:45 Following a discussion of the necessity of securing the various dates of events in the four regions, **President Robie** asked the Secretary to contact with these regions and especially with Tahoe, asking them their dates for the proposed Olympic tryouts, this data then to be passed on to the other regions, so that a coordination could be effected as to dates and events.

5:50 A constitution and by-laws committee was then appointed by **President Robie**. The Committee named is as follows: **Maynard** of Truckee, **Des Baillelts** of Yosemite, **Otis Owen** of Auburn and **J. G. Hanson** of the Viking Club, Los Angeles, **President Robie** to make the fifth member of the committee. ●

FWSA is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization acting as the “Voice of the Western Skier” with emphasis on skier safety, area development, clubs and communication. Established programs include Annual Convention, Leadership Seminars, Silent Auction, Travel Carousel, Annual North American Ski Week, Annual International Ski Week, Public Affairs Programs, Safety Programs, Intramural Programs, Periodic Publications, Industry Partnerships, Recognition Programs, and Award Programs. ●

FWSA 2002/2003 Board of Directors—

President	Steve Coxen
Past President	Harry Davis
Secretary	Candee Hendricks
Treasurer	Nancy Kelly
VP Communications	Karen Davis
VP Councils	Linda Westlund
VP Development	Debbie Kor
VP Membership	Sheri Parshall
VP Public Affairs	Mike Sanford
VP Travel	Susie Vetter
Trustees	Randy Lew, Chairman, Ken Calkins, Tucker Hoffman, Joe Loader
Council Presidents	Linda Westlund, Arizona Linda Yamaguchi, Bay Area Lauren Nagel, Central George “Bud” Allie, Inland Ed Knott, Los Angeles Diane Arnett Stearley, New Mexico Sheri Parshall, Northwest Nancy Sanford, Orange Michael German, San Diego Barbara Bryant, Sierra

Affiliate Organizations—

- Far West Racing Association (FWRA)
- National Ski Patrol (NSP)
- National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)
- National Ski Areas Association (NSAA)

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Hans Georg
- 1968

Hans Georg came from St. Moritz, Switzerland, to the U.S. during the mid-thirties to become a pioneer ski tracker, rope tow operator and ski instructor. In 1938, Hans was instructing at Soda Springs when he was talked into becoming the head of the Eastern Sierra Ski Club School at the “Ski Ranch” near the McGee Creek Lodge.

In 1940, **Lloyd Nicoll** built a tow at Observation Point, on the east side of Mammoth on the road to Twin Lakes. The next year, he sold it to **Nyle Smith** who then sold it to Hans in 1946 after Hans returned from serving in the 10th Mountain Division during WWII. Hans would move his tow near the old Mammoth Tavern when the road to Observation Point was snowed in.

After WWII, the only two operators in the Mammoth area were **Dave McCoy** and Hans. In 1948, Hans installed three tows in Mammoth— one from Mammoth Creek to his cabin near the Valentine reserve, another from his cabin to the Lake Mary Road, and the third where Chair 15 is today. Although the tows remained until 1957, as they began to experience mechanical problems, Hans started teaching skiing at Dave’s lifts.

Hans taught thousands to ski, using the Arlberg technique. In 1940 and 1946, Hans attempted to develop a summer ski school at the 12,500-foot level eastern side of Mt. Whitney. He also wrote two books on skiing — *Reverse Shoulder Technique* and *Modern Ski Systems*.

The Hans Georg Award is given for distinguished Accomplishment and Long-Term Contribution to Skiing. This award is given to an individual who has contributed significant achievements to skiing, not necessarily organized skiing. It reflects a long-term contribution over the years. ●

2002 Gene Fulkerson	1987 Alan Christian	1974 Dave McCoy,
2001 Harry Davis	1986 Richard Goetzman	Mammoth Mountain
2000 George Eachus	1985 Jimmie Heuga	1973 J. Stanley Mullin
1999 Randy Lew	1985 Ed Gehle	1972 Willy Schaeffler,
1998 Nic Fiore	1984 John James	U.S. Ski Team
1997 Norm Cullen	1983 Bill Berry	1971 Charles Fink
1996 Fay Mumbauer	1982 Joe Harris	1970 Billy Kidd
1995 Woody Hogan	1981 Bruce Bell	1969 William Nagle, Jr.
1994 Fred “Andy” Andrews	1980 Jane Wyckoff	1968 Ben Cole
1993 Dennis Agee	1980 Don Simpson	1967 Walt Disney,
1992 Pat Nangle	1979 Chuck Morse	W.D. Productions
1991 Mike Favia	1978 John Watson	1966 W. S. “Slim” Davis,
1990 Martha Perez	1978 Fraser West	USFS
1990 Mary Lou Bearden Reese	1977 Russ Read	
1989 Sutter Kunkel	1976 <i>no award</i>	
1988 Janie “Frankie” Hansen	1975 Wayne Poulsen	

FWSA

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award



Courtesy Fay Mumbauer

"Schatzi" Wood
1897 - Sept 3, 1964

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood is one of the most recognized women skiers in the history of recreational skiing and the National Ski Patrol System. Born in the Bavarian Alps, she arrived in the US in 1920 as a governess to the children of the Miller family of Milwaukee.

A few years later she met her husband **Ernest Wood** while ice skating. She began skiing to be with her husband but only mastered the Sitzmark. Then in the 30s, when **Hans Georg** started to teach at McGee, Schatzi learned the modern ski technique.

In 1942, Schatzi was only the sixteenth woman to be named to the National Ski Patrol (NSP). In 1950, she was appointed section chief of the NSP at Big Pines. In 1951, she was awarded the National Ski Patrol's Yellow Merit Star for her work as an outstanding patrol-woman. Schatzi devoted 15 years of service, developing ways to make her sport better and safer, mapping her areas, applying first aid and conducting searches for crashed planes.

Schatzi was one of the leading women skiers during the formation of the California Ski Association. She was well known by skiers throughout Southern California as a strong skier who could outski most anyone, male or female. Her love for skiing continued to the day of her death at a grand old age of 67. While on a ski trip to Switzerland, Schatzi suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, and two days later, she passed away in her sleep.

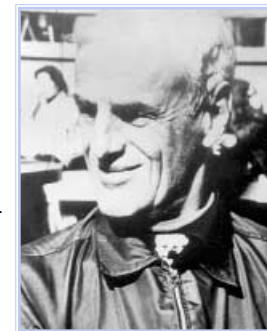
Schatzi was a long-time member of Grindelwald Ski Club. She was loved and admired by everyone. Hence, the nickname "Schatzi", which means "sweetheart" in German.

The Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award is given to the Far West woman who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year. ●

2002 Nancy Kelly	1989 Lauren Nagle	1975 Kathy Downer
2001 Nancy Sanford	1988 Fay Mumbauer	1974 Gloria Slate
2000 Lynnell Calkins	1987 Margo Thomas	1973 Jane Wyckoff
1999 <i>no award</i>	1986 Karyn Tablada	1972 Judy Fjeld
1998 Bonnie West	1985 Sallie Pritchard	1971 Thelma "Teddy" West
1997 Catherine Ohl	1984 Janie "Frankie" Hansen	1970 Sally Neidlinger Hudson
1997 Karen Davis	1983 Anita Omsby	1969 Gladys (Sandy) Poulsen
1996 Connie Smith	1982 Jessica Freeman	1968 <i>no award</i>
1995 Maxine Hanlon	1981 Billie Joy Wilson	1967 Mary Lou Bearden Reese
1994 Kathy Hoffmann	1980 Madeline Hunter	1966 Madeline Walton
1993 <i>no award</i>	1979 Jan Wright	
1992 Susie Vetter	1978 Nancy Ingalsbee	
1991 Karen Kimball	1977 Marlene Steinmeyer	
1990 Pat Nangle	1976 <i>no award</i>	

FWSA

J. Stanley Mullin Award



J. Stanley Mullin
July 14, 1907 - July 24, 2000

J. Stanley Mullin, a Los Angeles attorney, was a pioneer Far West skier. As an avid competitive skier, he hiked up California's snow-covered mountains in the 1930s before the advent of ski lifts. He remained a strong supporter of the Far West Ski Association, USSA, and FIS (Federation of International Skiing).

Stan was an indefatigable sportsman, mastering horseback riding, skiing, sports car racing and rowing. He competed in the trials for equestrian jumping for the 1932 Olympic games. He was the first president of the California Sports Car Club and founded the rowing section of the California Yacht Club.

In 1939, Stan founded Southern Skis with **Corty Hill, Morgan Adams Jr., Otto Steiner, A. Andrew Hauk, Paulette Goddard** and others. Stan served as FWSA secretary for two years following WWII before being elected Vice-President of NSA. In 1952, Stan joined **Morgan Adams Jr., Bob Cray, Bob Cheesewright** and others in financing the Mount Baldy Ski Lifts.

Stan had a long association with the Olympics, serving on the Organizing Committee for the 1960 Winter Games at Squaw Valley and was a principal contributor to the Squaw Valley Olympic Committee, which brought the 1960 games to California.

In 1962, Stan was awarded the Blegen Award, USSA's highest award for service to the sport of skiing. He was a Vice-President of the FIS and represented USSA at FIS congresses from 1951 through 1967. He was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1973.

The J. Stanley Mullin Award is given to the Far West man who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year. ●

2002 Steve Coxen	1988 John James	1975 Russ Read
2001 Ken Calkins	1987 Howard Wickersham	1974 Rolf Fromm
2000 Jim Ortiz	1986 Cloyde Howard	1973 Edgar "Gar" Bering III
1999 Tucker Hoffmann	1985 Mike Favia	1972 Carl Grover
1998 Mike Sanford	1984 Glen Adkins	1971 Russ Tiffany
1997 Sutter Kunkel	1983 Alan Christian	1970 John Watson
1996 Ron Anderson	1982 John Rosenfeld	1969 Richard Goetzman
1995 Gene Fulkerson	1981 Steve Williams	1968 Stanley V. Walton, Jr.
1994 Randy Lewis	1980 John Rosenkranz	1967 Jerry Wetzel
1993 Norm Cullen	1980 Bob Clinco	1966 Byron Nishkian
1992 Louis Buhler	1979 Ed McArthur	
1991 Woody Hogan	1978 Ed Gehle	
1990 Paul Arrigo	1977 Dick Croft	
1989 Chuck Morse	1976 Bruce Bell	

Jimmie Heuga Award



Jimmie Heuga

Sept 22, 1943 -

In 1966, Jimmie finished fourth in the combined at the World Championships in Portillo, Chile. The following year he skied to a third place overall in World Cup giant slalom. He had two top-ten finishes at the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France. His ten years on the US Ski Team ended in 1968. Jimmie was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1976.

Jimmie's greatest challenge commenced with disturbing health indications in 1967 and a final diagnosis in 1970 as having Multiple Sclerosis (MS). After a period of indecision as to his course of action, he started a three-year personal program of rehabilitation in 1976. He created a program of cardiovascular endurance, stretching and strengthening exercises. He moved back to the mountains and resumed skiing. After this period, he started his own outreach program for persons with MS, founding the Jimmie Heuga Center in 1984. The center in Avon, Colorado is dedicated to "reanimating the physically challenged" to regain a quality of life. The center also supports scientific research.

The Jimmie Heuga Award is given to the individual who, like Jimmie, has demonstrated courage and skill in three arenas – the ski slope, the human body, and the courageous heart. ●

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| 2002 Gordon Cardona, Unrecables | 1991 Linda Fryback, Unrecables |
| 2001 Billy Kidd, Steamboat Springs | 1990 Sallie Pritchard, Founder
California Handicapped Ski School |
| 2000 Mike Wellman | 1989 Douglas Pringle,
Tahoe Adaptive Ski School |
| 1999 Norm Cox | 1989 Lynne Haile, Pierce College
Handicapped Program |
| 1998 Candace Cable | 1988 Steve Kanaly, March of Dimes |
| 1997 Rick Van Aken,
Bear Valley Adaptive Ski Program | 1987 James Stacey |
| 1996 Jim Ortiz | |
| 1995 Sara Tully | |
| 1994 KelLe Malkewitz, Director
US Adaptive Recreation Center | |
| 1993 Tahoe Adaptive Ski School | |
| 1992 Hal O'Leary, Founder National
Sports Center for the Disabled at
Winter Park | |

Jordan-Reily Award



John McClintic Reily

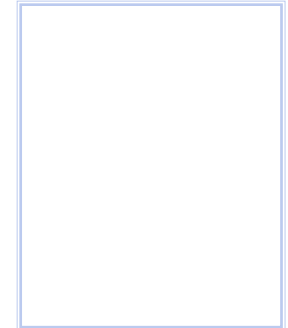
The award is named posthumously for two pioneers in the Association's Public Affairs program, **Bob Jordan** and **John Reily**.

Bob Jordan, a Guadalcanal veteran, trained as a journalist and was employed for many years in the forest products industry. Bob became FWSA's first paid Director of Public Affairs in 1975 and stayed on for nearly three years before returning to industry. His professional skills greatly enhanced the sophistication of the Association's activities and formed a foundation that has lasted to this day.

In the mid-50s, **John Reily**, treasurer for the Carnation Company and chairman of the LA Chamber of Commerce, built a cabin in Squaw Valley. Two years later, he acquired Southern Pacific's land at the top of Squaw's KT-22 lift and built a day lodge called the "Cornice." From this vantage point, John saw the potential for a new ski area, Alpine Meadows, and became the founder and developer. John was a strong advocate for integrating environmental, financial, and skier demand into area development plans.

The Jordan-Reily Award recognizes a one or two year activity and achievement in the Association's Public Affairs programs – area development, skier safety, liability protections, governmental affairs, taxation, and transportation. This award may also be given to an individual in government or the ski industry. ●

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| 2002 Denny Bschor, USFS |
| 2001 Steve Reneker |
| 2000 Mike Sanford |
| 1999 no award |
| 1998 Catherine Ohl |
| 1998 Linda McGavin |
| 1997 Wayne Poulsen |
| 1996 no award |
| 1995 Karen Kimball |
| 1994 Lee Olson |
| 1993 National Ski Patrol,
Southern California Region |
| 1992 Kermit Wagner |
| 1991 John Watson |



Robert L. Jordan



**Mike Sanford
Denny Bschor**



Tommi Tyndall
Nov. 1910 - Dec. 27, 1964

FWSA

Tommi Tyndall Award

Tommi Tyndall was a prominent force in the promotion of winter sports in the Big Bear area during the late 40s, the 50s and early 60s. He was a one-man whirlwind where skiing was concerned.

Tommi came to the US from Dresden, Germany, in 1939 to demonstrate his father's machinery at the NY World's Fair. With the outbreak of WWII, he stayed in the US and joined the Navy. His first paying job in the US was teaching skiing at Sun Valley. He became an American citizen in 1949.

In 1946, he was among the first member of the California Ski Instructors Association. He developed and supervised a group of instructors who formed the Big Bear Ski School. In 1949, he founded the Big Bear Winter Club and hosted Big Bear's first Winter Carnival. In 1952, Tommi opened Snow Summit with a mile-long double chair, two major ski runs and several rope tows. In 1961, after a few draught years, Tommi undertook the construction of a major snow making system at Snow Summit, which would be the largest in Southern California upon its completion in 1964.

At age 54, Tommi died in a tractor accident while grooming his beloved mountain.

The Tommi Tyndall Award is given to the ski area or ski area operator who has made a distinguished contribution to skiing in the past year or in prior years. ●

2002 Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau	1984 Snow Forest
2001 Silver Star Mountain Resort	1983 Mountain High
2000 Park City Mountain Resort	1982 Mammoth Ski Touring Center
1999 Ski New Mexico	1981 Mt. Rose
1998 Aspen Skiing Company	1980 Alpine Meadows / Nick Badami
1997 Lake Louise Ski Area	1979 Boreal Ridge
1996 Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau	1978 Snow Summit / Jo Tyndall Alexander
1995 Boreal Ski Company	1977 Mountain High
1994 Park City Ski Area	1976 Heavenly Valley
1993 Northstar-at-Tahoe	1975 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley
1992 Mammoth Race Department	1974 Kirkwood Meadows
1991 Bear Mountain Ski Resort	1973 Yosemite Mountaineering School
1990 Mt. Bachelor Ski & Summer Resort	1972 Boreal Ridge
1989 Vail / Beaver Creek	1971 Mammoth Mountain / Dave McCoy
1988 Steamboat	1970 Mt. Rose
1987 Crested Butte Mountain Resort	1969 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley
1986 Mammoth Mountain	1968 <i>no award</i>
1985 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley	1967 Mammoth Mountain
	1966 Alpine Meadows

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Bill Mackey Award

Bill Mackey's interest and love of the mountains manifested itself early in his youth, exploring the High Sierra trails. In the summer, he expanded his knowledge of geology and nature. With the first snow cover, however, Bill was ready to head for the ski slopes. As an experienced skier, his interest was divided between competitive racing, ski instruction and professional patrolling.

In the spring of 1970, he experienced the thrill of racing during a Lange Ski Race Camp at Mammoth conducted by **Jimmie Heuga**. He turned 21 soon afterward, making him old enough to start work as a full-time professional ski patrolman at Mammoth under the capable direction of **John Garner**.

In the autumn of 1970, his enthusiasm mounted as his skill in skiing and rescue work developed rapidly. A few weeks later, however, he met with a tragic non-skiing accident that brought his career to an abrupt end.

The Bill Mackey Award is given for outstanding Service to the skiing public by a ski industry or ski area employee. ●

2002 Jim Loyd, Big White Ski Resort	1984 Nick Hudson, Heavenly Valley
2001 John Frasca, Central Holidays/ A Far & Wide Company	1983 Chuck Morse, Salomon On-Campus Learn-to-Ski Program
2000 Don Beaulieu, Sunshine Village	1982 Jim Catlin, Mammoth Ski Tour Ctr. Ueli Luthi, Mammoth Race Dept.
1999 Jean Louis Villiot, Mammoth Mtn.	1981 Mitch Vlad, Canadian Gov't Office of Tourism
1999 Sandy Best, Lake Louise	1980 Harry Leonard, Ski Show Company
1998 Mary Evans, Aspen Skiing Company	1979 Bob Bergstrom, Sports, Ltd.
1997 Joe Pettit, Northstar-at-Tahoe	1978 Chuck Morse, Mountain High
1996 Steve Orchin, Canadian Pacific Hotels	1977 Chuck Morse, Mountain High
1995 Brent Boblitt, Northstar-at-Tahoe	1977 Jack Hardy, Tahoe Hyatt Hotel
1994 Brad Wilson, Bear Mtn. Ski Resort	1976 Bill Boardman, Squaw Valley USA
1993 Julie Maurer and Mike Blide, Northstar-at-Tahoe	1975 Dick Parent, High Sierra Reservations
1992 Elise Waddell, Mammoth Race Dept.	1974 Knut Waarli, Cal-Nordic Institute
1991 Jerry Simon, Ski Group	1973 Peter Brinkman, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley
1990 Jim Mott, Squaw Valley USA	1972 John Garner, Mammoth Ski Patrol
1989 Marilyn Branch, Coonskin Inn	
1988 Mark Phillips, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley	
1987 John Armstrong, Mammoth Mtn.	
1986 Bob Settineri & Ron Roesch, Sierra Productions South	
1985 Randy Fahrback, Purgatory Ski Resort	



Bill Mackey
1949 - Jan 1971



William Banks Berry
Apr 7, 1903 - Jan 1999
Snowshoe Flat, 1952

Bill Berry has reported winter sport news since the winter of 1916. He reported on more ski tours, both Alpine and Nordic, than any other reporter in the nation. Bill's career in the Sierra saw him on the slopes of Truckee and Lake Tahoe in 1926, covering events of the old National Ski Association.

Bill reported skiing for such papers as the *Reno Journal*, *The Sacramento Bee*, *The Sacramento Union*, *The New York Daily News*, and all the major wire services. He reported the skiing events for the 1960 Olympics and the FIS Championships in 1950 through 1964. In his last year of reporting, he covered over 100 Far West high school and intercollegiate races on the spot, a record that may never be equaled by any ski writer.

Bill was the Historian for Auburn Ski Club's Western America SkiSport Museum at Boreal Ridge, and was Historian Emeritus for the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ispeming, Michigan. In 1969, he was the recipient of the Blegen Award, the highest award given by USSA. He was inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame in the Bicentennial year, 1976. He passed away in January 1999, active to the end.

The Bill Berry Award is for Media and Print Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing by the media, including cinematographers, photographers, radio or television broadcasters, and writers for the printed media. ●

Modern Media Awards—

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| 2002 Al Noraker, America's Outdoor Journal | 1990 Bob Beattie, "Subaru Ski World" |
| Russ Cameron, Outdoor Media Group | 1989 <i>no award</i> |
| A.J. Kitt, Outdoor Life Network | 1988 Gemini Productions, "Ski Scene" |
| 2001 Jerry Hoffman, Freelance Radio | 1987 <i>no award</i> |
| 2000 Don Fontana, KJAY, Reno | 1986 Suzy Chaffee, Video Producer |
| 1999 <i>no award</i> | 1985 Cecil Charles, |
| 1998 John Jay, Lifetime Achievement | "The Skier" Photographer |
| 1997 Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video | 1984 Warren Miller, |
| 1996 Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video | Warren Miller Productions |
| 1995 | 1983 John Hamilton, |
| 1994 Warren Miller Enterprises | KPAT, San Francisco |
| 1993 | 1982 Ken Nelson, KABC-TV |
| 1992 Warren Miller, "Born to Ski" | |
| 1991 AMI News Service (Radio) | |



Bill Berry
at FWSA Convention
in Santa Clara, CA
June 2, 1996

Print Awards— *Featured Article*

- 2002 Chaco Mohler, Freelance Writer & Photographer
- 2001 *no award*
- 2000 Leigh Gieringer, Skier's Guide
- 1999 Gregory Dennis, Freelance Writer
- 1998 Ken Castle, Ski Magazine
- 1997 Luanne Pfeifer, "Gretchen's Gold"
- 1996 Diane Slezak Scholfield, San Diego Union Tribune
- 1995 *no award*
- 1994 Glen Putman, Freelance Writer
- 1993 *no award*
- 1992 Robert Frohlich, Tahoe World
- 1991 Glen Putman, Freelance Writer

Print Awards— *Hard News*

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| 2002 Katherine Cole, Freelance Writer | 1980 Glen Kramon, |
| 2001 <i>no award</i> | San Francisco Examiner |
| 2000 Walter Roessing, Contra Costa Times | 1979 Hal Roberts, Skiers Almanac |
| 1999 Rodney Angove, Sierra Ski Times | 1978 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner |
| 1998 Sam Bauman, Sierra Ski Times | 1977 Ethel Van DeGrift, LA Times & Christian Science Monitor |
| 1997 Al Auger | 1976 Hal Roberts, Skiers Almanac |
| 1996 Bob Cox, Daily Breeze | 1975 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner |
| 1995 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner | 1974 Warren Miller, |
| 1994 Bob Cox, Daily Breeze | Warren Miller Productions |
| 1993 Diane Slezak Scholfield, | 1973 Joan Sweeney, Los Angeles Times |
| San Diego Union Tribune | 1972 Chap Wentworth, Sacramento Bee |
| 1992 Walter Roessing, Contra Costa Times | 1971 Russ Tiffany, Far West Ski News |
| 1991 Garry Niver, San Mateo Times | 1970 Bob Lochner, |
| 1990 Susan Vreeland, Freelance Writer | Burt Sims, Skiing |
| Burt Sims, Skiing | 1969 John Hamilton, KPAT, San Francisco |
| 1989 Wendell Benedetti, | 1968 Lee Klein, Western Skier |
| Los Angeles Daily News | 1967 Luanne Pfeifer, |
| 1988 Mary Wendt, Herald Examiner | Santa Monica Evening Outlook |
| 1987 Garry Niver, San Mateo Times | 1966 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner |
| 1986 Clint Swift, Sacramento Bee | |
| 1985 Walter Roessing, Contra Costa Times | |
| 1984 Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner | |
| 1983 Luanne Pfeifer, Freelance Writer | |
| 1982 Bob Lochner, Los Angeles Times | |
| 1981 Larry Christensen, US Skio News | |
| Harry Kaiser, Skiing Magazine | |

Special Award

- 1992 John Rosenfeld, Research

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Man & Woman of the Year



Maxine & Bob

FWSA recognizes its best volunteers. *The FWSA Council Man and Woman of the Year are chosen by their peers based on contributions to organized skiing.*

In the beginning, the contest was purely a beauty pageant for the women where the contestants modeled ski apparel. There were rounds of cocktail parties, publicity photographs followed by a hectic day of interviews, tours and parties. In 1975, the Bay Area entered a man in the pageant, **Don Drury**, and he was proclaimed King. The following year

FWSA opened the competition to the men. In those early days, the "Snow Queen & King" were chosen by noteworthy & impartial judges. In 1982, the contest was not held because FWSA thought that the contest was too sexist. The contest reappeared the following year as the "Council Man and Woman of the Year" in the format we use today. ●

2002	Maxine Hanlon	Orange	Bob March	San Diego
2001	Dotti Loader	Sierra	Donn Bryant	Sierra
2000	Catherine Ohl	Los Angeles	Dan Halcomb	Sierra
1999	Diane Hicks	Northwest	Joe Loader	Sierra
1998	Karen Davis	Bay Area	Ethan Chickering	Bay Area
1997	Kathy Hoffmann	Bay Area	Mark Hanlon	Orange
1996	Connie Smith	San Diego	Mike Sanford	San Diego
1995	Linda Keller	Orange	Hal Richey	Los Angeles
1994	Marge Fons	Arizona	Tucker Hoffmann	Bay Area
1993	Judy Sobel	Los Angeles	Steve Ziomek	Arizona
1992	Susie Vetter	San Diego	Randy Lew	Bay Area
1991	Debi Le Vine	Los Angeles	Steve Smith	Los Angeles
1990	Julia Guifford	Central	Norm Cullen	San Diego
1989	Pat Nangle	Orange	Woody Hogan	Central
1988	Lauren Nagle	Central	Dennis Doty	Inland
1987	Judy Purdom	Bay Area	Bill Silliman	Orange
1986	Terry Mayle	Orange	Cloyde Howard	Orange
1985				
1984	Linda Walker	San Diego	Robert Jimenez	Inland
1983			Alan Christian	Bay Area
1982	<i>not held</i>		<i>not held</i>	
1981			John Davidson	Los Angeles
1980				
1979			Howard Wickersham	Los Angeles
1978			Leo Stytle	Los Angeles
1977				
1976	Pam Pontius	San Diego	Dennis Eggert	Los Angeles
1975	Connie Cox	Inland		
1974	Pamela Kay Anderson**	Los Angeles		
1973	Faye Halden**	Central		
1972	Tyoni Busch**	Central		
1971	Lori Spann	Central		
1970	Sharon Reece**	Southern	** Named "Miss USSA"	

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Outstanding Club Awards

Tollakson Award— Outstanding Club

Dave Tollakson's activities in club leadership, racing and committees mark him as the finest that organized skiing can produce. Dave's involvement in FWSA started in the mid-60s with the Rokka League. He trained, skied, took lessons and practiced.

Concurrently, he took up patrolling with the National Ski Patrol (NSP) at Goldmine and trained in first aid, evacuation and winter survival. He was a major force in the development of search & rescue and ski mountaineering with the Southern Region NSP. Dave's climbing was related to this activity and the climb on which he met his death on Mt. San Jacinto was in training with **Steve Reneker** for a 1995 assault on Everest. Steve completed the climb and carried the FWSA banner and Dave's ashes to the top. In 1995, the Outstanding Club Award was named in honor of Dave.

In an effort to recognize the recreational skier, FWSA awarded the first outstanding ski club in 1963. The criteria used then was based on the percentage of members who belonged to FWSA, amount of money donated to FWSA, number of members holding FWSA offices, and number of members passing the Uniform Ski Test. *Today, the Tollakson Award is presented to an outstanding club based on an evaluation of their structure, organization, skiing, sports, social events, and giving to the community.* ●

Wentworth Award— Outstanding Club Publication

Chapman "Chappie" Wentworth contributed to FWSA for over 50 years. Chap undertook committee responsibilities for the Association in the 1950s and served as Secretary of FWSA when the numbers of officers were far fewer. He was an editor of several Tahoe area newspapers and edited Bill Berry's book *Lost Sierra: Gold, Ghosts & Skis*.

A native of Boston, Chap graduated from Dartmouth, having skied on the varsity team. Chap was scheduled to participate in the canceled 1940 Olympics and was Southern California's Downhill Champion for 1941.

Chap and his wife **Janet** were always ready to lend support in the Bay Area or Tahoe raising funds for ski causes and the US Ski Team.

The Wentworth Award is given to the club whose newsletters are judged best based on layout, content, and club size. It was fitting that Chap be remembered for his dedication to FWSA by giving his name to the Outstanding Club Publication. ●



C. David Tollakson
Mar 30, 1935 - Apr 9, 1994



Chapman Wentworth
1918 - Dec 10, 1993

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
2002 Bota Baggers	Single	Bergfreunde
2001 <i>no award</i>	North Island	Bergfreunde
2000 Skiyente	Single	Bergfreunde
1999 Rusty Bindings	Century City	Bergfreunde
1998 Skiyente	Single	Bergfreunde
1997 Bota Baggers	Century City	Après
1996 Tri Valley	Century City	Bergfreunde
1995 Inskiers	Century City	Après
1994 Inskiers	Single	Balboa
1993 Inskiers	Century City	Balboa
1992 Rusty Bindings	Snowchasers	Balboa
1991 Snowchasers	<i>no award</i>	Balboa
1990 Snow Drifters	Single	Balboa
1989 Inskiers	Single	Balboa
1988 Irvine	Single	Balboa
1987 Inskiers	Snowchasers	Balboa
1986 San Francisco	Snowchasers	Balboa
1985 San Francisco	Sundance	Balboa
1984 Rusty Bindings	<i>no award</i>	Balboa
1983 <i>no award</i>	Single	<i>no award</i>
1982 Wailers	Single	Après
1981 Wailers	Single	<i>no award</i>
1980 Wailers	Single	<i>no award</i>
1979 Wailers	Single	Après
1978 Wailers	Westwood	Après
1977 Wailers	Single	Après
1976 Wailers **	Single **	Hughes
1975 Wailers **	Single **	
1974 Wailers **	Westwood	
1973 Vand Bakke	Westwood **	
1972 Single **	Westwood **	
1971 Single **	Westwood	
1970 Single **	Fresno **	
1969 Wailers **		
1968 Edelweiss		
1967 Buddy's Angels		
1966 Buddy's Angels		
1965		
1964		
1963 Grindelwald		

** Awarded USSA Outstanding Club



Irv Jacob & Laura Vahl (*Single*)
Glenna Nickerson (*Bota Baggers*)
Marilyn Sigler (*Bergfreunde*)

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
2002 <i>Bonnie West</i> , Auslich	<i>Catherine Ohl</i> , Century City	<i>Dorothy Pantel</i> , Après
2001 <i>Bonnie West</i> , Auslich	<i>Catherine Ohl</i> , Pacific Rim	<i>Kathy Boyer</i> , Après
2000 <i>Mary Costigan</i> , Grindelwald	<i>Catherine Ohl</i> , Pacific Rim	<i>Dorothy Pantel</i> , Après
1999 <i>Mary Costigan</i> , Grindelwald	<i>Jennifer Beaver</i> , Century City	<i>Ron Mitchell</i> , Bergfreunde
1998 <i>Hal Richey</i> , Wailers	<i>Mary Costigan</i> , Grindelwald	<i>Donna Harvey</i> , Balboa
1997 <i>Barbara Betlem</i> , Wailers	<i>Kiyomi Stineman</i> , S. Barbara	<i>Dorothy Pantel</i> , Après
1996 <i>Betty Ward</i> , Tri Valley	<i>Kiyomi Stineman</i> , S. Barbara	<i>Ron Mitchell</i> , Bergfreunde
1995 <i>Bonnie West</i> , Tri Valley	<i>Susan Greenman</i> , S. Barbara	<i>Jeanie Schultz</i> , Après
	Inskiers	
1994 Powderhounds	<i>Susan Greenman</i> , S. Barbara	<i>Laura Roth</i> , Balboa
1993 Powderhounds	<i>Susan Greenman</i> , S. Barbara	<i>Reba Amish</i> , Balboa
1992 <i>Jackie Veats</i> , Schi Laufers	<i>Susan Greenman</i> , S. Barbara	<i>Reba Amish</i> , Balboa
1991 <i>Jackie Rose</i> , Schi Laufers	<i>Judy Earle</i> , Don Diego	<i>Jeanie Schultz</i> , Après
1990 <i>Hal Day</i> , Wailers	<i>Stan Tschernenko</i> , Auslich	<i>Maureen Bivins</i> , Balboa
1989 <i>Nora Smith</i> , Wailers	<i>Eileen Tschernenko</i> , Auslich	<i>Maureen Bivins</i> , Balboa
1988 Irvine	Century City	<i>Rita Dwyer</i> , Balboa
1987 San Francisco	<i>Arlene Madsen</i> , Single	<i>Rusty Etzel</i> , Torrey Pines
1986 Camber	Hump Jumpers	<i>Rita Dwyer</i> , Balboa
1985 Century City	<i>Norm Gallagher</i> , Single	<i>Rita Dwyer</i> , Balboa
1984 Rusty Bindings	<i>Arlene Madsen</i> , Single	<i>Rusty Etzel</i> , Torrey Pines
1983 Powderhounds	<i>Pam Bailey &</i>	<i>Karl Ponath</i> , Torrey Pines
	<i>Millie Honeycutt</i> , Single	
1982 <i>Diana Beggs</i> , Wailers	<i>Bob Hirsch & Wally Manning</i> , Single	<i>Jeanie Schultz</i> , Après
1981 <i>Norri Altman</i> , Wailers	<i>Ann-Marie Mercon</i> , Westwood	<i>Norma Benthien</i> , Torrey Pines
1980 Powderhounds	<i>Betty MacMurray</i> , Auslich	<i>Dick Bardell</i> , Torrey Pines
1979 San Francisco	<i>Donna Holtz</i> , Auslich	Après
1978 <i>Carily Mullen</i> , Wailers	<i>John Rosenkrantz</i> , Westwood	Après
1977 Snow Drifters	Westwood	
1976 <i>Joy Melton</i> , Wailers **	Westwood	
1975 <i>Russ Tiffany</i> , Wailers	Après **	
1974 <i>Rosemary Moschel</i> , Wailers **	<i>Rachel Martin</i> , Santa Barbara	
1973 <i>Don Marshall</i> , Orange Cty.	<i>Lori & Patti Spann</i> , Fresno	
1972 <i>Linda Kaderli</i> , Single	<i>Judy Fjeld & Angie McArthur</i> , Fresno **	
1971 <i>Steve Emanuel &</i>	<i>Paula Turcotte</i> , Hughes	
	<i>Laurel Robrer</i> , Single	
1970 <i>Sylvia Carlson</i> , Wailers **	<i>Nancy Chadwick</i> , Fresno	

** Awarded USSA Outstanding Publication



Bonnie West (*Auslich*)
Dorothy Pantel (*Après*)
Catherine Ohl (*Century City*)

Outstanding Club Web Site



Catherine Ohl (Pacific Rim)
Linda Westland (Scottsdale)
Bonnie West (Tri Valley)

It became clear over the years that the clubs have adapted their communication styles to meet the needs of their membership and changes in technology. 2001 marked the inaugural judging of the club's web sites.

The Outstanding Web Site Award is given to the club whose web site is judged best based on layout, content, frequency of updates, usefulness, navigation, ease of use, and club size. ●

Class A

2002 **Bonnie West**, Tri Valley
 2001 **Kay Cofield**, Auslich

Class AA

Catherine Ohl, Pacific Rim
Larry Davis, Century City

Class AAA

Bill Kellett, Scottsdale
Steve Olson, Balboa

President's Award

The President's Award is given to the individual who the President of FWSA feels has done the most to advance the immediate goals of the Association during the previous year. ●



Catherine Ohl, Steve Coxen, Bill Johnson

2002 Catherine Ohl & Bill Johnson, US Olympian
 2001 Daron Rahlves, US Ski Team
 2000 Jane Wyckoff & Karen Davis
 1999 Phil Mahre, US Olympian
 1998 Leigh Gieringer
 1997 Barbara Razo
 1996 Harry Davis & Jane Wyckoff
 1995 Kyle Rasmussen, US Ski Team
 1994 Randy Lew
 1993 Judith Miller
 1992 Jeff Hamilton, US Ski Team
 Speed Skating
 1991 Alan Christian & Paul Arrigo
 1990 John Watson & Janie "Frankie" Hansen

1989 Tamara McKinney, US Ski Team
 Jane Wyckoff
 1988 Cathy Gentile & Greg Manino,
 US Handicapped Ski Team
 1987
 1986
 1985 Joe Ross
 1984 Mike Favia
 1983 Robert Jimenez
 1982 Bobby Moreno
 1981
 1980
 1979 Don Stimpson

Terry Smith Award



Terry Smith
 - Sept 5, 1975

Terry Smith's intense love for the mountains first brought him to Mammoth in 1965 to work for **Gus Weber** in the Mammoth Ski School. But an offer to become a ski instructor and race coach stole him off to Big Bear where he became the assistant director.

Terry returned to Mammoth in 1971 to work as a ski instructor until 1974 when he was made assistant head of the Mammoth race department. Throughout his skiing career, Terry was very active with the Far West Ski Instructor's Association. He was an examiner for its certification tests and served on its board of directors.

Terry handled all the public relations for the Mammoth Race Department and worked closely with the Far West Race Leagues. Terry originated and set up the teaching system for the race clinics and was responsible for putting on the village ski championships.

Terry died in a tragic accident while operating an earth moving machine at the top of Chair 3 at Mammoth in the summer of 1975. In his memory, the Race Stadium Run in the Blue Ox area was named Terry's Run.

The Terry Smith Award is bestowed on the outstanding individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of intramural skiing. ●

2002	Dotti & Joe Loader	Sierra
2001	Robb Margrave	Bay Area
2000	Mark Hanlon	Orange
1999	Marty Purmort	Los Angeles
1998	Lynnell Calkins	Los Angeles
1997	Bob Bernard	Sierra
1996	Ken Calkins	Los Angeles
1995	<i>no award</i>	
1994	Bob & Debbie Warzynski	Inland
1993	Herb Schraibman	Los Angeles
1992	Bob Ellis	Bay Area
1991	Carol Weaver	Sierra
1990	Ralph Lehotsky	Los Angeles
1989	John Ulrich	Bay Area
1988	John Armstrong	Mammoth
1987	George Eachus	Los Angeles
1986	John Catozzi	Los Angeles
1985	Alan Christian	Bay Area
1984	Ellen Loe	Los Angeles
1983	Jessica Freeman	Los Angeles



Joe Loader & Robb Margrave

1982	Dennis Agee	Mammoth
1981	Karyn Tablada	Los Angeles
1980	Ueli Lufhi	Mammoth
1979	Joe Harris	San Diego
1978	John Rosenkranz	Los Angeles
1977	John James	Los Angeles
1976	Bruce Bell	Los Angeles



Joe Ross

May 8, 1886 - July 17, 1985

Joe Ross came to the US from Frankfurt, Germany, at the age of 21. He was a very accomplished ice skater and was a member of the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club.

Joe started skiing in 1935 at the young age of 52, when some friends from Austria came to visit and he put on his first pair of skis at Snow Valley. He especially loved Sun Valley and traveled there many times by train. He skied all over Europe, particularly Austria and Switzerland.

Joe belonged to Grindelwald Ski Club, Far World Ski Club and the FWSA for over thirty-five years. His first NASTAR race was at Jackson Hole at the age of 84. He was featured by **Harry Reasoner** at age 88 on national TV when he won his gold NASTAR at Aspen. In his early 90s, he was featured in a **Warren Miller** film. He also appeared in **Ripley's Believe It or Not** for being one of American's most remarkable skiers as the oldest downhill skier in the US.

It was Joe's most earnest goal to ski until the age of 100. However, his goal came to an end at age 97 when he suffered a stroke while skiing at Aspen. Joe died shortly after his 99th birthday.

Joe was an inspiration to every skier with his vim, vigor, love of life and dedication to the sport of skiing. His spirit will continue forward in the FWSA Joe Ross Memorial Race. *The Joe Ross winner is the club champion of the "qualifier" GS race at the annual Far West Ski Week.*

2003	Big Mountain, MT
2002	Code 3 Copper Mountain, CO
2001	Code 3 Sun Valley, ID
2000	Castro Valley Whistler, Canada
1999	Castro Valley Lake Louise, Canada
1998	Castro Valley Jackson Hole, WY
1997	Castro Valley Steamboat, CO
1996	Castro Valley Mt. Bachelor, OR
1995	Balboa Whistler, Canada
1994	Castro Valley Banff, Canada
1993	Century City Aspen, CO
1992	Century City Vail, CO
1991	SLO Skiers Breckenridge, CO
1990	Grindelwald Telluride, CO
1989	Sequoia Banff, Canada
1988	Grindelwald The Summit, CO
1987	Sequoia Park City, UT
1986	Edelweiss Jackson Hole, WY



Joe Ross
Skiing NASTAR
at age 84 in 1971

The first Sportsfest was organized in 1979. The first Softball Tournament was held in 1981. Tennis was added to Sportsfest in 1988. Golf made its debut in 1990. Sportsfest has not been held for the past two years.

	Softball	Volleyball	Tennis
2001+	<i>not held</i>	<i>not held</i>	<i>not held</i>
2000			
1999			
1998			
1997			
1996			
1995	A Humpjumpers C JPL	B Humpjumpers D Century City	A Humpjumpers
1994			
1993	A Hughes C Humpjumpers	B Edelweiss II	
1992			
1991	A Edelweiss C JPL	B Sequoia	A BAC
1990	A Tyrolean C JPL	B Beach Cities	A Fresno B Fresno B Edelweiss
1989			
1988	A Sequoia C Auslich	B Wailers	A Camber B Sequoia A Century City
1987	A Wailers	B Fagowees	A Sequoia
1986	A Edelweiss B LA All Star		
1985			
1984			
1983			
1982			
1981			
1980			
1979			

The FWSA Safety Award has been graciously sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company since its inception in 1998. The first year, the award was presented to the person who coined the phrase that would best sum up the FWSA safety position. **Jim Ortiz** contributed the appropriate tag line — a clever safety acronym for FWSA.



• **Ski With Pride • Watch All Sides • Let It Ride •**

First With Safety Awareness

In subsequent years, the Safety Award has been bestowed on the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe skiing and safety programs. The winner is awarded a week of skiing in Aspen with air, lodging, lift tickets, and rentals. ●

- 2002 Richard Lubin, Bay Area
- 2001 Richard Lubin, Bay Area
- 2000 Denise Vance, San Diego
- 1999 Catherine Ohl, San Diego, Los Angeles
- 1998 Jo Henry, San Diego

Western Ski Heritage Award

The purpose of the Association's Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of skiers and non-skiers alike of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of skiing— competitive as well as outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role skiing has had in its contributions to the communities in the West.



The Western Ski Heritage Award has been sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation for the first three years. *The Western Ski Heritage Program will recognize the best effort to find, preserve, document and share the history of skiing in the West.* The winner is awarded a week of skiing in Steamboat with lodging and lift tickets. ●

- 2002 Ingrid Wicken, Book: "Pray for Snow: The History of Skiing in Southern California"
- 2001 Chris Miller, Northwest, Cascade Ski Club History
- 2000 Sutter Kunkel, Los Angeles, FWSA Charter Flight Portfolio

At the 1950 National Ski Convention, a National Museum Corporation was established and land was purchased in a residential area in Ishpeming, MI. The US National Ski Hall of Fame & Museum was dedicated in February 1954.

Journalist **Harold Grinden** of Duluth was named NSA president in 1928 and 1929. Grinden also became the first National Ski Historian. In 1955 Grinden proposed the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame and rules were established for the selection of enshrines. The first enshrines were named in 1956 and each year since men and women have been selected and inducted into the Hall of Fame.

These Hall of Famers represent the Far West. ●

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| 1958 Andrea Mead Lawrence | 1976 Byron Nishkian |
| 1959 Charles N. Proctor | 1977 Sepp Benedikter |
| 1960 Gretchen Fraser | 1977 Halvor Halstad |
| 1933 Anders Haugen | 1977 Barbara Kidder-Lee |
| 1964 Roy Mikkelsen | 1978 Gregory Jones |
| 1964 Wendell T. Robie | 1978 Otto Lang |
| 1966 David Lawrence | 1978 Penny (Barrett) McCoy |
| 1966 Hannes Schroll | 1978 Warren A. Miller |
| 1967 Katy Rodolph-Wyatt | 1979 Montgomery M. Atwater |
| 1967 Hjalmar Hvam | 1980 Wayne Poulsen |
| 1967 Jill Kinmont | 1981 Phil Mahre |
| 1967 Dave McCoy | 1981 Ulav Ulland |
| 1968 John Elvrum | 1984 Graham Anderson |
| 1969 Dr. Harold C. Bradley | 1984 Debbie Armstrong |
| 1969 Jack Reddish | 1984 Bill Johnson |
| 1970 Cortlandt T. Hill | 1984 Steve Mahre |
| 1970 Richard Movitz | 1984 Tamara McKinney |
| 1970 John (Snow-Shoe) Thompson | 1985 Ben Rinaldo |
| 1971 Sally Neidlinger Hudson | 1986 Nelson Bennett |
| 1971 Albert E. Sigal | 1988 Suzy Chaffee |
| 1972 The Bakke Brothers | 1990 Red Carruthers |
| 1972 Sigrid Stromstad Laming | 1994 Hal O'Leary |
| 1972 Earle B. Little | 1988 Suzy Chaffee |
| 1973 Hannah Locke Carter | 1990 Red Carruthers |
| 1973 J. Stanley Mullin | 1994 Hal O'Leary |
| 1973 Luggi Goeger | 2000 Dick Barrymore |
| 1974 Richard Buek | 2001 H. William "Bill" Kirschner |
| 1974 Willy Schaeffler | 2002 Georgene Bihlman |
| 1974 A. Andrew Hauk | 2002 Nicole "Nikki" L. Stone |
| 1974 Dr. Merritt H. Stiles | |
| 1976 William Banks "Bill" Berry | |
| 1976 Jimmie Heuga | |
| 1976 Billy Kidd | missing records 1987-2001 |

Resources—

In 1969, the Auburn Ski Club, working with historian and ski writer **William B. Berry**, developed the *The Western SkiSport Museum* at Boreal Ridge, CA, as an exhibition of the ski history of Western North America. The mission of the Museum is to collect, preserve and exhibit the history of winter ski sports in the western United States. Much of the history of FWSA is preserved here.

Lost Sierra: Gold, Ghosts & Skis by **William B. Berry**.

FWSA Snow West, September 15, 1980, Volume 12, No. 4.

Far West Skier News, editor **Russ Tiffany**, April 1970 - April 15, 1977.

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We Need Your Help—

Every effort has been made to research all aspects of FWSA history. In the process, publications by or about FWSA, USSA, Council & Clubs have been collected & reviewed. Frankly, there's a whole lot more out there. The information in these publications is being used to build a paper & electronic library as well as develop a data base of biographies of FWSA personalities. There is still a tremendous amount of work to do. Some of the history collected is now available at <http://acatmeowz.com/history.html>.

If you have any information or copies of *American Ski Annual, The Skier, United States Ski News, Far West Skier's News, Skier's Guide of the Southern California, Snow West, LA Chatter, Western Ski Times, The Councilman, Bug's Almanac* or any other documents that would reveal more of our history, please contact Catherine. AND, if you have any old FWSA, Council or Club stuff you want to get rid of, please contact Catherine before disposing it. Thanks.

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FWSA 75th Anniversary—

The 75th Anniversary of the Far West Ski Association (originally founded as the California Ski Association) will be celebrated at the 2005 Convention. Be sure to check out John Watson's article in the 2003 Convention Delegate Book to see what you can do to help. For more information, contact John.

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Jean-Claude Killy, Jimmie Heuga and Billy Kidd challenged ski clubs affiliated with FWSA in 1989 to a North versus South competition to see who could ski the fastest and raise the most money for the Jimmie Heuga Center for M.S.

(Balboa Ski Club was the winner).