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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.



Wendell T. Robie
1895 - 1984

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. The Sierra Club was militant in its opposition to the development of any new ski areas. But it wasn’t until the 1964 Wilderness Act was passed, that the push to develop San Geronio or Mineral King was over.

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 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 1960 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). ●

Long Term Contributions to Skiing

Before the Hans Georg Award, FWSA honored these and others for their Long Term Contributions to Skiing. ●

1962	Byron Nishkian	1959	Robert J. Reed	1956	Gene Williams
1961	<i>no award</i>	1958	Edward J. Johnson	1955	Edward J. Johnson
1960	Dave McCoy	1957	Wesley B. Hadden	1954	Richard W. Cronon

Term	President	Milestones of Note
2003-04	Mike Sanford	
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. USSA dropped recreation program. 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	Far West certifies Ski Mountaineering.
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. "Milt" 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.
1947-48	Chris Schwarzenbach	FWSA opened membership to individuals.
1945-47	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 H. Howard	During the war years, NSP was performing search & rescue for the Air Force in the California mountains.
1937-41	James F. Connell	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."
1935-37	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.

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. ●

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- National Ski Patrol (NSP)
- National Ski Council Federation (NSCF)
- National Ski Areas Association (NSAA)

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Hans Georg came from the St. Moritz Ski School in Switzerland to the U.S. in 1937 to become a pioneer ski tracker, rope tow operator and ski instructor. In 1938, Hans became the head of the Eastern Sierra Ski Club School at the “Ski Ranch” near the McGee Creek Lodge.



Hans Georg
- 1968

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 as an instructor and in the Italian campaign.

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, when they began to experience mechanical problems, Hans taught skiing at Dave’s lifts.

Hans taught thousands to ski, using the Reverse Shoulder, Arlberg and French techniques. In 1940 and 1946, Hans attempted to develop a summer ski school at the 12,500-foot level eastern side of Mt. Whitney. Often, Hans was called to Hollywood to direct ski sequences. 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. ●

2003	Tucker Hoffmann	1988	Janie “Frankie” Hansen	1975	Wayne Poulsen
2002	Gene Fulkerson	1987	Alan Christian	1974	Dave McCoy
2001	Harry Davis	1986	Richard Goetzman	1973	J. Stanley Mullin
2000	George Eachus	1985	Jimmie Heuga	1972	Willy Schaeffler
1999	Randy Lew	1985	Ed Gehle	1971	Charles Fink
1998	Nic Fiore	1984	John James	1970	Billy Kidd
1997	Norm Cullen	1983	Bill Berry	1969	William Nagle, Jr.
1996	Fay Mumbauer	1982	Joe Harris	1968	Ben Cole
1995	Woody Hogan	1981	Bruce Bell	1967	Walt Disney
1994	Fred “Andy” Andrews	1980	Jane Wyckoff	1966	W. S. “Slim” Davis
1993	Dennis Agee	1980	Don Simpson		
1992	Pat Nangle	1979	Chuck Morse		
1991	Mike Favia	1978	John Watson		
1990	Martha Perez	1978	Fraser West		
1990	Mary Lou Bearden Reese	1977	Russ Read		
1989	Sutter Kunkel	1976	no award		

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.

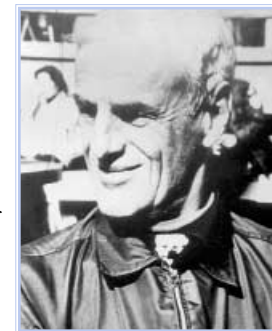
Schatzi was a long-time member of Grindelwald Ski Club. She was loved and admired by everyone. Hence, the nickname "Schatzi", which means "sweetheart" in German.

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. ●

2003 Linda Westlund	1990 Pat Nangle	1976 no award
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 no award	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 no award
1995 Maxine Hanlon	1981 Billie Joy Wilson	1967 Mary Lou Bearden Reese
1994 Kathy Hoffmann	1980 Madeline Hunter	1966 Madeline Walton
1993 no award	1979 Jan Wright	
1992 Susie Vetter	1978 Nancy Ingalsbee	
1991 Karen Kimball	1977 Marlene Steinmeyer	

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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.

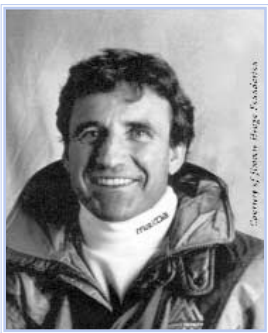
Stan had a long association with the Olympics, serving on the Organizing Committee for the 1960 Winter Games at Squaw Valley and was a principal contributor to the Squaw Valley Olympic Committee, which brought the 1960 games to California.

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. ●

2003 Joe Loader	1989 Chuck Morse	1976 Bruce Bell
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 Lew	1980 John Rosenkranz	1967 Jerry Wetzal
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	

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.

- 2003 Chris Klug, US Olympian
- 2002 Gordon Cardona, Unrecables
- 2001 Billy Kidd, Steamboat Springs
- 2000 Mark Wellman
- 1999 Norm Cox
- 1998 Candice Cable
- 1997 Rick Van Aken,
Bear Valley Adaptive Ski Program
- 1996 Jim Ortiz
- 1995 Sara Tully
- 1994 KelLe Malkewitz, Director
US Adaptive Recreation Center
- 1993 Tahoe Adaptive Ski School,
Alpine Meadows
- 1992 Hal O'Leary, Founder, National
Sports Center for the Disabled at
Winter Park



Norm, Jim, Jimmie, Chris, KelLe, Sara, Billy

- 1991 Linda Fryback, Unrecables
- 1990 Sallie Pritchard, Founder,
California Handicapped Ski School
- 1989 Douglas Pringle,
Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
- 1989 Lynne Haile, Pierce College
Handicapped Program
- 1988 Steve Kanaly, March of Dimes
- 1987 James Stacey

Jordan-Reily Award

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

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.

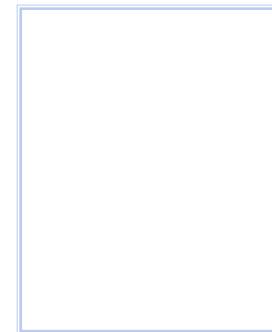
Bob Jordan, a Guadalcanal veteran, trained as a journalist and was employed for many years in the forest products industry. Bob became FWSA's first paid Director of Public Affairs in 1975 and stayed on for nearly three years before returning to industry. His professional skills greatly enhanced the sophistication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

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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| 2003 Steve Coxen | 1993 Dave Tollakson, |
| 2002 Denny Bschor,
USFS | Jerry Lambert,
Steve Reneker, |
| 2001 Steve Reneker | Ron Anderson,
National Ski Patrol,
Southern |
| 2000 Mike Sanford | California Region's
Montaineering
Section |
| 1999 no award | 1992 Kermit Wagner |
| 1998 Catherine Ohl | 1991 John Watson |
| 1998 Linda McGavin | |
| 1997 Wayne Poulsen | |
| 1996 no award | |
| 1995 Karen Kimball | |
| 1994 Lee Olson | |



John McClintic Reily



Robert L. Jordan



**Steve Coxen
Mike Sanford**



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. ●

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| 2003 Big Mountain, MT | 1984 Snow Forest |
| 2002 Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau | 1983 Mountain High |
| 2001 Silver Star Mountain Resort | 1982 Mammoth Ski Touring Center |
| 2000 Park City Mountain Resort | 1981 Mt. Rose |
| 1999 Ski New Mexico | 1980 Alpine Meadows / Nick Badami |
| 1998 Aspen Skiing Company | 1979 Boreal Ridge |
| 1997 Lake Louise Ski Area | 1978 Snow Summit / Jo Tyndall Alexander |
| 1996 Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau | 1977 Mountain High |
| 1995 Boreal Ski Company | 1976 Heavenly Valley |
| 1994 Park City Ski Area | 1975 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley |
| 1993 Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1974 Kirkwood Meadows |
| 1992 Mammoth Race Department | 1973 Yosemite Mountaineering School |
| 1991 Bear Mountain Ski Resort | 1972 Boreal Ridge |
| 1990 Mt. Bachelor Ski & Summer Resort | 1971 Mammoth Mountain / Dave McCoy |
| 1989 Vail / Beaver Creek | 1970 Mt. Rose |
| 1988 Steamboat | 1969 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley |
| 1987 Crested Butte Mountain Resort | 1968 no award |
| 1986 Mammoth Mountain | 1967 Mammoth Mountain |
| 1985 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley | 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. ●

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| 2003 Tammie Anstedt, Vail/Heavenly | 1984 Nick Hudson, Heavenly Valley |
| 2002 Jim Loyd, Big White Ski Resort | 1983 Chuck Morse, Salomon On-Campus Learn-to-Ski Program |
| 2001 John Frasca, Central Holidays/ A Far & Wide Company | 1982 Jim Catlin, Mammoth Ski Tour Ctr. Ueli Luthi, Mammoth Race Dept. |
| 2000 Don Beaulieu, Sunshine Village | 1981 Mitch Vlad, Canadian Gov't Office of Tourism |
| 1999 Jean Louis Villiot, Mammoth Mtn. | 1980 Harry Leonard, Ski Show Company |
| 1999 Sandy Best, Lake Louise | 1979 Bob Bergstrom, Sports, Ltd. |
| 1998 Mary Evans, Aspen Skiing Company | 1978 Chuck Morse, Mountain High |
| 1997 Joe Pettit, Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1977 Chuck Morse, Mountain High |
| 1996 Steve Orchin, Canadian Pacific Hotels | 1977 Jack Hardy, Tahoe Hyatt Hotel |
| 1995 Brent Boblitt, Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1976 Bill Boardman, Squaw Valley USA |
| 1994 Brad Wilson, Bear Mtn. Ski Resort | 1975 Dick Parent, High Sierra Reservations |
| 1993 Julie Maurer and Mike Blide, Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1974 Knut Waarli, Cal-Nordic Institute |
| 1992 Elise Waddell, Mammoth Race Dept. | 1973 Peter Brinkman, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley |
| 1991 Jerry Simon, SkiGroup | 1972 John Garner, Mammoth Ski Patrol |
| 1990 Jim Mott, Squaw Valley USA | |
| 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 "Mogul Mike" | |
| 1985 Randy Fahrback, Purgatory Ski Resort | |



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—

2003	Josh Murphy, Unparalleled Productions	1992	Warren Miller, "Born to Ski"
2002	Al Noraker, America's Outdoor Journal	1991	AMI News Service (Radio)
	Russ Cameron, Outdoor Media Group	1990	Bob Beattie, "Subaru Ski World"
	A.J. Kitt, Outdoor Life Network	1989	<i>no award</i>
2001	Jerry Hoffman, Freelance Radio	1988	Gemini Productions, "Ski Scene"
2000	Don Fontana, KJAY, Reno	1987	<i>no award</i>
1999	<i>no award</i>	1986	Suzy Chaffee, Video Producer
1998	John Jay, Lifetime Achievement	1985	Cecil Charles, "The Skier" Photographer
1997	Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video	1984	Warren Miller, Warren Miller Productions
1996	Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video	1983	John Hamilton, KPAT, San Francisco
1995	<i>no award</i>	1982	Ken Nelson, KABC-TV
1994	Kurt Miller & Peter Speck, Warren Miller Entertainment		
1993			



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

Print Awards— *Featured Article*

2003	Christopher Solomon, Ski/Skiing Magazines
2002	Chaco Mohler, Freelance Writer & Photographer
2001	<i>no award</i>
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	<i>no award</i>
1994	Glen Putman, Freelance Writer
1993	<i>no award</i>
1992	Robert Frohlich, Tahoe World
1991	Glen Putman, Freelance Writer

Print Awards— *Hard News*

2003	Walter Roessing	1981	Larry Christensen, US Skio News
2002	Katherine Cole, Freelance Writer		Harry Kaiser, Skiing Magazine
2001	<i>no award</i>	1980	Glen Kramon, 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, Warren Miller Productions
1994	Bob Cox, Daily Breeze	1973	Joan Sweeney, Los Angeles Times
1993	Diane Slezak Scholfield, 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, San Francisco Chronicle
1990	Susan Vreeland, Freelance Writer	1969	John Hamilton, KPAT, San Francisco
	Burt Sims, Skiing	1968	Lee Klein, Western Skier
1989	Wendell Benedetti, Los Angeles Daily News	1967	Luanne Pfeifer, Santa Monica Evening Outlook
1988	Mary Wendt, Herald Examiner	1966	Burt Sims, LA Herald Examiner
1987	Garry Niver, San Mateo Times		
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		

Special Award

1992	John Rosenfeld, Research
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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. ●

2003	Sigrid Noack	1991	Alan Christian & Paul Arrigo
2002	Catherine Ohl & Bill Johnson, US Olympian	1990	John Watson & Janie "Frankie" Hansen
2001	Daron Rahlves, US Ski Team	1989	Tamara McKinney, US Ski Team
2000	Jane Wyckoff & Karen Davis		Jane Wyckoff
1999	Phil Mahre, US Olympian	1988	Cathy Gentile & Greg Manino, US Handicapped Ski Team
1998	Leigh Gieringer Jonny Moseley, US Olympian	1987	
1997	Barbara Razo	1986	George Eachus
1996	Harry Davis & Jane Wyckoff	1985	Joe Ross
1995	Kyle Rasmussen, US Ski Team Jane Wyckoff	1984	Mike Favia
1994	Randy Lew	1983	Robert Jimenez
1993	Judith Miller	1982	Bobby Moreno
1992	Jeff Hamilton, US Ski Team Speed Skiing	1981	
		1980	
		1979	Don Stimpson

In Loving Memory

Sutter E. Kunkel

Sut began skiing in the late 30's on a pair of pine skis ordered from a Sears Catalog when skiing was just a competition sport.

In 1949, Sut founded and became the first president of Grindelwald Ski Club. Sut was the first FWSA Vice President of Recreation and served in that position for five years. He organized what was to become the Far West's largest and most popular single program — charter flights. The first flight took place in 1959, followed by two in 1960, six in 1961, with eight to ten flights in subsequent years. FWSA grew from 3,000 mostly competition skiers to 10,000 mostly recreational skiers in just the first two years.

In 1963, Sut was elected President of FWSA. During his presidency, he initiated the Proficiency Ski Test Program, a method of measuring a skier's capability of skiing diverse conditions and terrain. The program was adopted by USSA and all its divisions. Sut was also instrumental in developing a system of classifying ski runs with color identification for terrain difficulty. This program was adopted by the National Ski Areas Association and is still used today.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather, friend and skier, Sut will be remembered for his generosity, honor, wit, sense of humor and devotions to his family and the sport of skiing. Donations may be made to the Todd Cancer Institute and Nursing Education at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center Foundation [POB 1428, Long Beach, CA 90801]. ●



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Man & Woman of the Year

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. ●



Elaine & Andreas

2003	Elaine Cobos	Arizona	Andreas Vogel	Los Angeles
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	not held		not held	
1981			John Davidson	Los Angeles
1980				
1979			Howard Wickersham	Los Angeles
1978			Leo Stytle	Los Angeles
1977				
1976	Pam Fontius	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"	



C. David Tollakson

Mar 30, 1935 - Apr 9, 1994

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. ●



Chapman Wentworth

1918 - Dec 10, 1993

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. ●

	Class A	Class AA	Class AAA	Class AAAA
2003	no award	no award	no award	Après
2002	Bota Baggers	Single	Bergfreunde	
2001	no award	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	no award	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	no award	Balboa	
1983	no award	Single	no award	
1982	Wailers	Single	Après	
1981	Wailers	Single	no award	
1980	Wailers	Single	no award	
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

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA	Class AAAA
2003 <i>Karen Reber</i> Capital	<i>Cheryl Hasegawa</i> Asian	<i>Catherine Ohl</i> Pacific Rim	<i>Dorothy Pantel</i> Après
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 Beever</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> Santa Barbara	<i>Dorothy Pantel</i> Après	
1996 <i>Betty Ward</i> Tri Valley	<i>Kiyomi Stineman</i> Santa Barbara	<i>Ron Mitchell</i> , Bergfreunde	
1995 <i>Bonnie West</i> Tri Valley Inskiers	<i>Susan Greenman</i> Santa Barbara	<i>Jeanie Schultz</i> Après	
1994 Powderhounds	<i>Susan Greenman</i> Santa Barbara	<i>Laura Roth</i> Balboa	
1993 Powderhounds	<i>Susan Greenman</i> Santa Barbara	<i>Reba Amish</i> Balboa	
1992 <i>Jackie Veats</i> Schi Laufers	<i>Susan Greenman</i> Santa Barbara	<i>Reba Amish</i> Balboa	
1991 <i>Jackie Rose</i> Schi Laufers	<i>Judy Earle</i> Convair/ 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 Gallager</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 & Millie Honeycutt</i> Single	<i>Karl Ponath</i> Torrey Pines	

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA	Class AAAA
1982 <i>Diana Beggs</i> Wailers	<i>Wally Manning & Bob Hirsh</i> , Single	<i>Jeanie Schultz</i> Après	
1981 <i>Naomi 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 Rosenkranz</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 County	<i>Lori & Patti Spann</i> Fresno		
1972 <i>Linda Kaderli</i> Single	<i>Judy Fjeld & Angie McArthur</i> Fresno **		
1971 <i>Steve Emanuel & Laurel Robrer</i> Single	<i>Paula Turcotte</i> , Hughes		
1970 <i>Sylvia Carlson</i> Wailers **	<i>Nancy Chadwick</i> , Fresno	** Awarded USSA Outstanding Publication	

Outstanding Club Web Site

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	Class AA	Class AAA	Class AAAA
2003 <i>Georgina Hackett</i> Unrecables	<i>Cheryl Hasegawa</i> , Asian	<i>Wes Hopper</i> , Phoenix	<i>Len Humbird</i> Bergreunde
2002 <i>Bonnie West</i> , Tri Valley	<i>Catherine Ohl</i> , Pacific Rim	<i>Bill Kellett</i> , Scottsdale	
2001 <i>Kay Cofield</i> , Auslich	<i>Larry Davis</i> , Century City	<i>Steve Olson</i> , Balboa	

Outstanding Council Awards

The Outstanding Newsletter and Web Site Award is given to the Council based on best based on layout, content, frequency of updates, and usefulness. ●

Newsletter

2003 Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles
2002
2001

Web Site

Chris Miller, Northwest

Safety Award



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. ●

2003 Elaine Cobos, Arizona	2000 Denise Vance, San Diego
2002 Richard Lubin, Bay Area	1999 Catherine Ohl, LA/San Diego
2001 Richard Lubin, Bay Area	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. ●

2003 Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles/San Diego, History Web Site
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 have done much for skiing in the Far West. ●

1957 Fred H. McNeil	1976 Jimmie Heuga
1958 Andrea Mead Lawrence	1976 Billy Kidd
1959 Charles N. Proctor	1976 Byron Nishkian
1960 Gretchen Kunick Fraser	1977 Sepp Benedikter
1933 Anders Haugen	1977 Halvor Halstad
1964 Roy Mikkelsen	1977 Barbara Kidder-Lee
1964 Wendell T. Robie	1978 Gregory Jones
1966 David Lawrence	1978 Otto Lang
1966 Hannes Schroll	1978 Penny (Barrett) McCoy
1967 Katy Rodolph-Wyatt	1978 Warren A. Miller
1967 Hjalmar Hvam	1979 Montgomery M. Atwater
1967 Jill Kinmont	1980 Wayne Poulsen
1967 Dave McCoy	1981 Phil Mahre
1968 John Elvrum	1981 Ulav Ulland
1969 Dr. Harold C. Bradley	1984 Graham Anderson
1969 Jack Reddish	1984 Debbie Armstrong
1970 Cortlandt T. Hill	1984 Bill Johnson
1970 Richard Movitz	1984 Steve Mahre
1970 L.B. (Barney) MacNab	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	1994 Hal O'Leary
1972 Sigrid Stromstad Laming	1999 Emile Allais
1972 Earle B. Little	2000 Dick Barrymore
1973 Hannah Locke Carter	2001 H. William "Bill" Kirschner
1973 J. Stanley Mullin	2001 Dottie Post Gann
1973 Luggi Goeger	2002 Georgene Bihlman
1974 Richard Buek	2002 Nicole "Nikki" L. Stone
1974 Willy Schaeffler	2003 Jerry Colburn Nunn
1974 A. Andrew Hauk	2003 AJ Kitt
1974 Dr. Merritt H. Stiles	2003 Tommy Moe
1976 William Banks "Bill" Berry	2003 Alex Cushing

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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.

2003	Dick Shawkey	Bay Area
2002	Dotti Gallagher	Sierra
2002	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



Dick Shawkey & Joe Loader

1983	Jessica Freeman	Los Angeles
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

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Joe Ross
May 8, 1886 - July 17, 1985

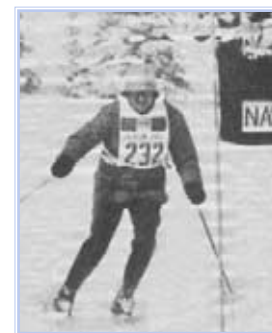
Joe Ross came to the US from Frankfurt, Germany, at the age of 21. He was a very accomplished ice skater and was a member of the Los Angeles Figure Skating Club.

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 America'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.*



Joe Ross
Skiing NASTAR
at age 84 in 1971

2004	Modesto	Lake Louise, Canada	1990	Grindelwald	Telluride, CO
2003	Phoenix	Big Mountain, MT	1989	Sequoia	Banff, Canada
2003	Code3	Big Mountain, MT	1988	Grindelwald	The Summit, CO
2002	Code 3	Copper Mtn., CO	1987	Sequoia	Park City, UT
2001	Code 3	Sun Valley, ID	1986	Edelweiss	Jackson Hole, WY
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			

Year	Hotel	Location	Date	Host Clubs
2005	Westin Long Beach	Long Beach, CA	June 9-12, 2005	Los Angeles
2004	Nugget	Sparks, NV	June 10-13, 2004	Sierra
2003	Marriott Resort & Spa	Rancho Mirage, CA	May 29 - June 1, 2003	San Diego
2002	Portland Marriott	Portland, OR	June 6-9, 2002	Northwest
2001	Peppermill	Reno, NV	June 8-10, 2001	Bay Area
2000	Ritz-Carlton	Phoenix, AZ	June 2-4, 2000	Arizona
1999	Marriott	Manhattan Beach, CA	June 4-6, 1999	Los Angeles
1998	Humphrey's Half Moon Inn	Shelter Island, CA	June 5-7, 1998	San Diego
1997	Red Lion	Jantzen Beach, OR	June 6-8, 1997	Northwest
1996	Westin	Santa Clara, CA	May 31 - June 2, 1996	Bay Area
1995	Newport Marriott	Newport Beach, CA	June 2-4, 1995	Orange
1994	Wyndham Paradise Valley Resort	Scottsdale, AZ	May 20-22, 1994	Arizona
1993	Mission Valley Marriott	San Diego, CA	May 21-23, 1993	San Diego
1992	Resort at Squaw Creek	Squaw Valley, CA	May 29-31, 1992	Bay Area
1991	Long Beach Sheraton	Long Beach, CA	May 31 - June 2, 1991	Los Angeles
1990	Irvine Hilton & Towers	Irvine, CA	June 1-3, 1990	Orange & Schusski
1989	San Francisco Airport Hilton	San Francisco, CA	June 2-4, 1989	Bay Area
1988	Bahia Resort Hotel	San Diego, CA	June 3-5, 1988	San Diego
1987	LA Airport Hilton & Towers	Los Angeles, CA	May 29-31, 1987	Single, Auslich, Grindelwald
1986	Irvine Hilton & Towers	Irvine, CA	May 16-18, 1986	Balboa
1985	Oakland Airport Hilton	Oakland, CA	May 17-19, 1985	San Diego
1984	Hotel Continental	Las Vegas, NV		Los Angeles
1983	Sheraton Airport Hotel	San Diego, CA	May 22-24, 1983	San Diego
1982	Fresno Hilton	Fresno, CA	April 23-25, 1982	San Diego
1981				
1980		Oakland, CA	May 2-4, 1980	Bay Area
1979				
1978				
1977	Bahia by the Bay Hotel	Mission Bay, CA	Apr 29 - May 1, 1977	San Diego
1976	Towne House	San Francisco, CA	Apr 30 - May 2, 1976	Singles League
1975	MGM Grand	Las Vegas, NV	May 9-11, 1975	Las Vegas

Year	Hotel	Location	Date	Host Clubs
1974	Riviera Hotel	Palm Springs, CA	May 3-5, 1974	Edelweiss & Beach Cities
1973	Queen Mary	Long Beach, CA	May 11-13, 1973	Wailers & Auslich
1972	Del Webb's Towne House	Fresno, CA	May 5-7, 1972	Fresno
1971	Bahia Motor Hotel	San Diego, CA	May 7-9, 1971	Don Diego
1970	Sacramento Inn	Sacramento, CA	May 8-10, 1970	Kandahar
1969	Camelback Inn	Phoenix, AZ	May 9-11, 1969	Phoenix
1968	Newporter Inn	Newport Beach, CA	May 3-5, 1968	Balboa
1967	Sahara Hotel	S. Lake Tahoe, NV	May 5-7, 1965	Heavenly Valley
1966	Flamingo Hotel	Las Vegas, NV	Apr 29 - May 1, 1966	Las Vegas
1965	Cabana Motor Hotel	Palo Alto, CA	May 7-9, 1965	Palo Alto
1964	Miramar Hotel	Santa Monica, CA	May 1-3, 1964	So. Council & Westwood
1963		Yosemite NP, CA	April 27-28, 1963	
1962	Claremont Hotel	Berkeley, CA	May 5-6, 1962	Oakland
1961	Lafayette Hotel & Municipal Auditorium	Long Beach, CA	April 29-30, 1961	So. Council
1960	Riverside Hotel	Reno, NV	May 7-8, 1960	Reno
1959	Tahoe Sands Motel Bijou	Heavenly Valley, CA	May 2-3, 1959	
1958		Fresno, CA	May 3-4, 1958	
1957		San Francisco, CA	April 27-28, 1957	
1956	Huntington - Sheraton Hotel		April 21-22, 1956	
1955				
1954	Huntington Hotel	Pasadena, CA	April 3-4, 1954	Hollywood
1953	Benjamin Franklin Hotel	San Mateo, CA	April	
1952		Squaw Valley, CA	April 26-27, 1952	
1951	Bakersfield Inn	Bakersfield, CA	May 5-6, 1951	Bakersfield
1950		Yosemite, CA	April	
1949		Reno, NV	April 2, 1949	
1948				
1947		Yosemite, CA		
1946		Santa Cruz, CA	Oct 12-13, 1946	Santa Cruz
1945*		Los Angeles, CA	Nov 17-18, 1945	

* First Post War Convention

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**.

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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 of it. Thanks.

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The 75th Anniversary of the Far West Ski Association (originally founded as the California Ski Association) will be celebrated at the 2005 Convention June 9-12, 2005 at the Westin in Long Beach, CA. This will be *A Celebration of the Far West Ski Association's 75th Anniversary and its History of Contributions to the Development of SnowSports*. For more information on the celebration, contact

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