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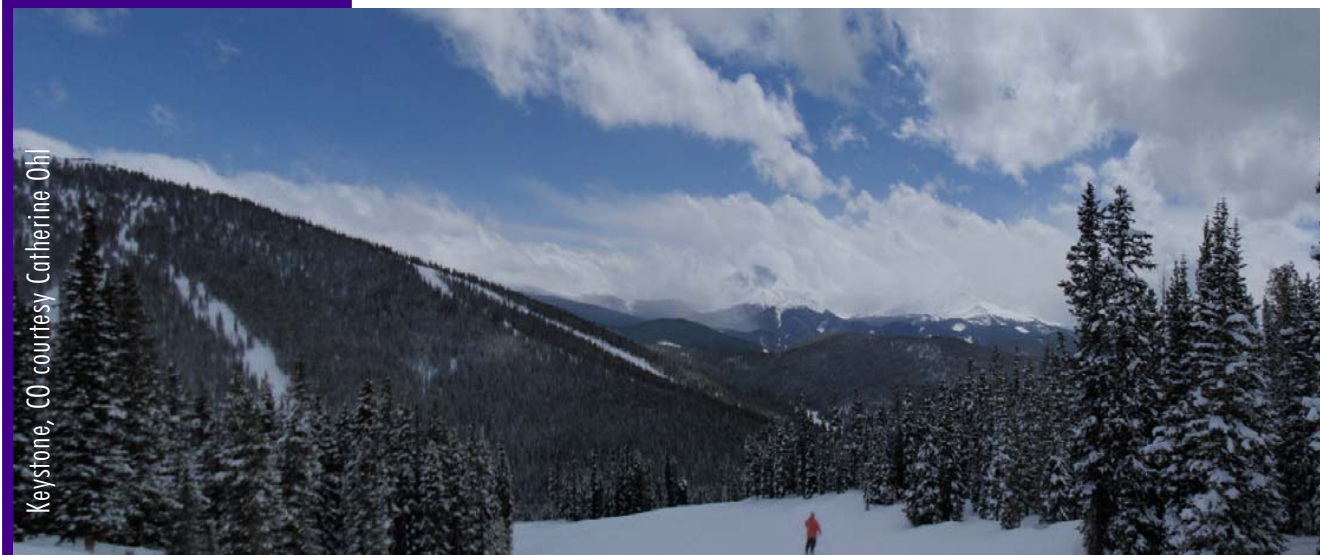
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Far West Ski Association

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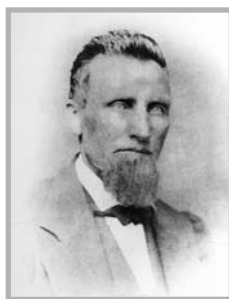
Skiing in California

Skis were introduced to the US in the late 1830s by Scandinavian immigrants who settled in the upper Midwest states. The California Gold Rush of 1849 lured many of them to the gold camps in the High Sierra, where the long boards, snowshoes as the Norwegians called them, were adopted for travel over snow.

One of the most famous skiers of that era was **Snowshoe Thompson** who carried the mail from 1856 for 20 years from Placerville to Carson Valley, a distance of 90 miles, with a mail sack as heavy as 100 pounds on his back.


It wasn't long before California miners were challenging each other to spur-of-

the-moment downhill races when the snow kept them from their work. The rivalry easily spread to other camps and a racing circuit was established. Each camp had its "aces" who rode the 12 foot boards all out for the honor of their camp.



Snowshoe Thompson

Recipes for "doping" [waxing] were highly guarded secrets and often determined who would win or lose. Prizes of silver belt buckles and cash were common. Betting was intense; spirits were high; and après ski revelry could last through the night. These early California competitions took place 15 years before the first European tournament.


The mining camps organized into various clubs with rules of conduct for race events. The Alturas Snowshoe Club of La Porte claims to be the oldest competition ski club in the world, 


California Ski Association

The California Ski Association [CSA] came into being as a direct result of losing the 1932 Winter Olympic Games to Lake Placid, NY.

Both Yosemite and Big Pine made a bid for the Olympics but the world saw California as the "Land of Sunshine and Flowers" and couldn't believe there was any snow in the state. In addition, many in California didn't want the world to know they had snow because they thought it would hurt tourism.

But skiers in the state wanted an opportunity to secure a sanctioned meet and invite the world to experience what California had to offer. To do this, California needed a statewide organization affiliated with the National Ski Association.

A special meeting of the Winter Sports Committee of the California State 

 since the world's first downhill races were held on their Lexington Hill in 1866.

By 1910, Truckee, California had a jump, toboggan chutes and a ski hill. As a means of making money, the Southern Pacific Railroad established Truckee as a destination.



Longboard Races

Visitors from San Francisco and Oakland arrived by train and stayed in Pullmans which were parked on a side track. The trains were equipped with special baggage cars converted into a ski shop or stripped for dancing. These "Snowball Specials" rolled until the start of World War II.

The Beginning of Skiing

The oldest sports have their roots in man's struggle to survive. These sports were practiced out of necessity long before someone figured out how to turn them into ones of pleasure. These activities include running, horseback riding, boating and, naturally, skiing.

Skiing has a rich and colorful past. It is difficult for many of us to imagine a time when there were no on-mountain facilities or trails, skis lacked metal edges, bindings didn't release and the only way to ski was to "earn your turns" by hiking to the top.

The first evidence of skiing comes from Stone Age rock carvings discovered around the Arctic rim, many showing ski-shod

hunters in hot pursuit of game in lands recently uncovered by the retreat of continental glaciers. The time frame is the same as that of Egyptian pyramid-building.

The oldest equipment find was two-thirds of a ski uncovered at Hoting, Sweden in 1921 estimated to be 4,500 years old. Stone-Age skiing, obviously, was not anything like the good times we have sliding down the hills. The first evidence of skiing other than as utility is a mere thousand years ago. ❄



Cave drawing from Eastern Russia dating from 7000 to 5000 BC

National Ski Association

The national skiing organization began in Ishpeming, Michigan in the 1870s with a number of clubs formed by Scandinavian immigrants.

On February 21, 1904, **Carl Tellefson** of Ishpeming brought these clubs together and organized them as the National Ski Association [NSA]. The first sanctioned meet was held the next day.

In the 1920s, regional divisions began to affiliate themselves with NSA — the Eastern Amateur Ski Association in 1925, the Western US Ski Association [the Rockies] in 1926, and the California Ski Association and the Pacific Northwest Ski Association in 1930.

In 1962, NSA emerged as the United States

Ski Association [USSA] and FWSA became its Far West Division.

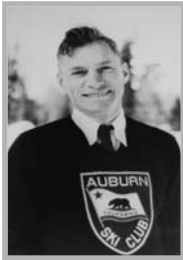
While USSA's primary focus was competition, Far West was attracting more recreational skiers. In 1979, Far West determined that USSA competitive programs were no longer a benefit to its mostly recreational membership and withdrew from USSA.

In 1980, USSA organized into two divisions— competition and sports. Far West voted to merge into USSA and lead the sports division on condition recreation programs would have an equal voice with competition programs.

The new national organization didn't work out as planned and in 1983, Far West withdrew from USSA for the last time. ❄

Far West History ...

☞ Chamber of Commerce was held on Tuesday, October 7, 1930 at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. **Wendell Robie** of Auburn Ski Club was elected president of the newly formed California Ski Association.



Wendell Robie

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; **George L. Eastman** and **J. B. Hanson** of the Viking Club, both of Los Angeles, for the southern part of the State.

The election of the directors was left to

the four originating ski clubs— Truckee Ski Club, Auburn Ski Club, Yosemite Winter Club and Viking Ski Club of Los Angeles— to name two each from their respective clubs. A resolution was passed asking that there be an entrance fee of \$20 for each club desiring to affiliate with CSA. California was admitted into the National Ski Association at the annual convention held on December 14, 1930.

In 1931, **Wilbur Maynard**, representing CSA, went east and was successful in securing the NSA Championships in Jumping and Langlauf [cross-country] for 1932. CSA organized its first annual championships on February 21-23, 1931 at the Olympic Hill of the Lake Tahoe Ski Club. This event was sanctioned by NSA and used as the 1932 US team “California Olympic Tryouts.” ☞

Far West Ski Patrol

In the winter of 1936, the Auburn Ski Club instituted the first ski patrol unit in California after a skier froze to death on Mt. Lincoln above Donner Pass. The patrol was formed as an embryo organization within the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department.

The five members of the patrol— **Harry Rosenberry**, **Roy Sands**, **Al Bequette**, **Herb Clegg, Jr.**, and **George Gianni**— completed advanced first aid and instructor courses at their own expense in Sacramento.

The City of Auburn purchased a resuscitator and other aid equipment for the patrol. They helped fallen or lost skiers and checked trails for people and obstacles.

In 1938, the NSA formed the National Ski Patrol System [NSPS] and the Auburn Ski Club became affiliated with the organization. Far West patrols developed a rescue toboggan equipped with first aid supplies that was later adopted by NSPS and other ski associations throughout the US.

Don Tresidder of Yosemite was the first Far West patroller inducted into NSPS and was assigned number 14 in 1938. In 1941, **Dorothy McClung Wullich** of San Diego Ski Club was named the first woman ski patroller and assigned the number one. ❄



Dorothy McClung

☞ Post War Growth

After the war, California's ski history has been largely a story of area development. There was a glut of inexpensive “surplus” ski equipment available for the masses. Many of those that served in the Army's famed 10th Mountain Division came home to build their mountain.

In October 1946, at the CSA convention in Santa Cruz, the constitution was changed and the bylaws revised creating a competition committee. CSA established the formation of six districts within the state that would meet monthly.

An Area Development committee was formed in the hopes of securing the opening of the San Geronio Area for skiing. Three years later, the US Forest Service released their prospectus outlining a proposal for the initial development of Mineral King. ☞

World War II

At the CSA Convention at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, California on October 18, 1942, the board, led by President **Dr. Frank Howard**, voted to freeze all offices, even if the officer was serving in the war. CSA asked that there be no tournaments.

There would be no sanctioned events, no conventions, and no travel until the war was over. In addition, CSA paid club dues to NSA for clubs unable to do so.



Albert Sigal

In California, NSPS Division Chairman **Albert Sigal** was bent on building the Ski Patrol into a top-notch

Prior to the war, CSA had established a committee to work out a “Plan for Certification of Ski Instructors” and to standardize teaching. In 1947, the first professional ski instructor organization in the US was the California Ski Instructor's Association organized at Donner Summit.

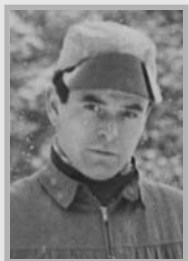
Far West Ski Association

At the CSA convention on October 29, 1948, the association officially changed its name to Far West Ski Association to conform with the designations of the other divisions of NSA and to have a name more representative of the geographical area it encompassed— California, Nevada and Hawaii. The annual convention was also changed from fall to spring.

The primary function of Far West was sanctioning tournaments to be held within the Far West region. This involved scheduling dates, selecting the ☞

search and rescue unit and offered their services to a nearby Air Force base.

Late February 1942, a bomber crashed due to heavy snowfall in the San Bernardino Mountains outside of Los Angeles. When the Air Force was unable to locate the plane, the California Ski Patrol, led by **Cortlandt T. Hill**, spent 2,113 man hours on the search.



“Corty” Hill

This success led to the formation of “Operation M'Aidez” [May Day], the code name for coordinating 24 NSPS patrols from San Diego to Seattle in search and rescue missions for the 4th Air Force. This partnership continued for many years. ❄

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judges, and regulating the events. Another important function of Far West was raising funds for Winter Olympics and FIS [Fédération Internationale de Ski] to help finance USA teams who participated in ski and jump events.

By 1960, FWSA had grown to 80 affiliated clubs, with approximately 4,500 members of whom 1,250 were competitive skiers. The emphasis of the association was moving more toward recreation. Two things contributed greatly to the growth of skiing in the Far West during the early 60's— the Far West Flight Charter Program and the televised coverage of the VIII Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley.

Thousands of new California skiers joined the ranks and in 1966 FWSA implemented bylaw changes at its Las Vegas Convention, enabling the organization to expand its

professional staff and develop a broad spectrum of programs attractive to recreational skiers.

Far West developed a marketing approach, which proved successful in attracting more members. These benefits included dry land training, club and league racing, membership benefits, a newspaper, public affairs programs, insurance, and travel vacation ski weeks.



Dry Land Training in So. California

The Beginning of Councils

In the beginning the Association was divided into districts. In 1941, the 5th District was added to cover the Bay Area. District 4 began calling itself the Southern Council of the FWSA in

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the 40s. In 1947, the Bay Area Ski Federation was organized “for the welfare of Bay Area skiers” but they didn't vote to join Far West as the Bay Area Council of FWSA until 1961. Far West recognized Central and San Diego Councils in the 1960s.

The council development program of the 70s, headed by **John Watson**, hoped to bring the purposes of the councils and the association into alignment within Far West. This process began in 1969 with the Southern Council which regarded itself as a district arm of the association and promoted the programs of the Far West, even creating council positions mirroring the program positions at the regional level. This resulted in a synergistic benefit to both council and Far West.

The program also concentrated on encouraging the smaller councils to

become more active in the Far West programs and solicited nonaffiliated councils to join. Strenuous but ultimately unsuccessful attempts were made to bring in councils such as Arizona, Sacramento, and Tahoe-Reno [later as the Sierra Nevada Council].

As a result of this emphasis on smaller councils, there was a spinoff from Southern Council of the Inland and Orange Councils in 1971. Southern was a huge council, including over 60 clubs meeting as far east as San Bernardino, south to cover Orange County, and north to Santa Barbara and even Mammoth Mountain!

The realignment of Southern Council [later renamed Los Angeles Council] made it far easier for club representatives to make it to meetings and ensure meaningful involvement and activities.

1960 Olympics

The fact that Squaw Valley was awarded the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley was an amazing feat.



Andy Hauk

Andrew Hauk served as Vice Chairman of the California Olympic Commission which supervised the spending of \$8,990,000 appropriated by the State of California for acquiring and constructing all of the major facilities required for the staging of the games.

Far West leaders **J. Stanley Mullin**, **Walt Disney**, **Roy Mikkelsen**, **Albert Sigal**, and **Harry Rosenberry** were members of the

Olympic Organizing Committee.

Gene Williams, Far West Chairman of the National Ski Patrol System, proposed that NSPS patrol these winter Olympics. Backed by Far West, this Olympics was the first time the games were covered by a volunteer ski patrol. The Olympic Ski Patrol [OSP] was made up of 48 men and 3 women.



Olympic Patrol

The volunteers were led by **Emil “Chris” Christensen** of Pasadena, California. **Bud Mills**, who founded the Far West Avalanche Program, was patrol leader of the OSP avalanche detail. ❄

Far West Flight Program

The story of the highly successful Far West Charter flights goes back a few years before the first Far West Charter in 1958. The very first attempt to charter flights within the Far West region began with the Grindelwald Ski Club in Los Angeles.

Spearheaded by **Sutter Kunkel**, it took just a couple of years to get the Charter Flight Program off the ground.

The Far West Flight Charter Program began with one flight from Los Angeles to Zurich and Paris in 1958. By 1964, Far West had ten charters leaving from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Switzerland, Germany and France.

In 1962, Far West used the proceeds from



1960 Far West Charter Flight

previous flights to send seven junior racers, with their coach **Dave McCoy**, to Europe on one of the charter flights, allowing these young racers to ski in Europe and get a taste of international racing.

The program grew as flights were added to South America and New Zealand in the summer and domestic flights in the winter. This program continued until the early 80s. ❄

Far West Programs

Throughout the 60s and 70s, Far West 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 and US Olympians.

By the mid 70s, Far West expanded to the point where recreational skiers far outnumbered competitive skiers. This was a dramatic contrast to USSA and the other ski associations, where competitive skiing continued to dominate. A conflict began to develop between USSA and Far West because only 20% of members club elected to affiliate with Far West, and hence USSA. While clubs were the life line of Far West and provided the volunteers

needed to run the Far West programs and raise money for the US Ski Team, the discord continued.



Far West Ski Competition

It wasn't until 1976 that Far West was finally divided into two separate operating organizations, one concentrating on the recreational and political aspects of skiing and the other directing the operation of the sanctioned race programs that developed the youth of America for the US Ski Teams. Far West Ski Competition, the official sanctioning body for junior racers, was founded.

Today, Far West Skiing, a division of USSA, is the body that develop young athletes from all clubs in the Far West with the objective of placing elite competitors onto the US Ski Team. [fwskiing.org]



Far West Rebuilt

The conflict between USSA and Far West came to a head in the 80s. Following the 1983 USSA convention in Boston [referred to by some as the Boston Tea Party], USSA voted to de-emphasize their recreational programs and concentrate on supporting the US Ski Teams.

The Amateur Athletic Act of 1978 was used to create a national governing body which required a focus on the national competitive effort. The United States Recreational Ski Association [USRSA] was founded as the national recreational organization and Far West withdrew from USSA to began rebuilding the association. Clubs were left to determine which association(s) they wanted to affiliate with – USSA, USRSA, and/or Far West.

Meanwhile, the race leagues of Far West formed an independent nonprofit

corporation, named the Far West Racing Association [FWRA], to focus on their specialized programs. FWRA continued to generate operating funds through sponsorship, the Los Angeles Ski Dazzle ski swap, and race fees. The president of FWRA currently serves as a member of the Far West Board of Directors.



On November 6, 1984, the Executive Committee of Far West met to decide on the direction the association should take. This committee proposed a new set of bylaws that were approved at the 53rd Annual Far West Convention held at the Oakland Airport Hilton, May 17-19, 1985. Far West was restored as an all-volunteer organization with **Janie "Frankie" Hansen** as president. To encourage clubs to stay with Far West, dues were waived and are not required by clubs as long as they belong to a member Council. ❁



Far West Fight for Ski Areas

In 1947, only a handful of skiers showed up at the first hearing proposing San Gorgonio as a ski area. It was evident that a national voice was needed. The West faces different problems from the rest of the nation in that most of their ski areas are on public lands and hence dictated to by the Forest Service and the public.

In 1964, the **San Gorgonio Fund** was established by Southern Council to get "San G" developed as a ski area. Although the fight continued for many years, the Wilderness Act of 1964 put an end to the hopes of ever developing San Gorgonio.

In 1965, the Forest Service issued a second prospectus for developing Mineral King Game Refuge as a ski area and accepted the Disney bid. The Sierra Club sued and in 1969, the San Francisco District Court issued

a preliminary injunction.

The **Save Our Skiing Fund** was created by **Jerry Garrett**, Single Ski Club, in November 5, 1969 in the battle over Mineral King. Far West served as amicus curiae all the way to the Supreme Court only to have Congress move the area into the Sequoia National Park, thus preventing further development.

Far West convened a **Public Lands Advisory Board [PLAB]** to search of suitable ski sites in California. Among the 20-plus sites identified by **Royall Brown** were Moses-Maggie, Trail Peak, Independence Lake, Sherwin Bowl, and Peppermint Mountain.

The **Skisport Defense Fund** was incorporated January 8, 1974 to raise funds to support the advocacy of these areas, notably led by **Chuck Morse**. It is highly unlikely that these areas will ever be developed. ❁

Far West Presidents

Throughout the years Far West Presidents have molded and directed the organization.

- 2006- Randy Lew
- 2003-06 Mike Sanford
- 2000-03 Steve Coxen
- 1996-00 Harry Davis
- 1993-96 Norm Cullen
- 1991-93 Paul Arrigo
- 1988-91 Mike Favia
- 1987-88 Howard Wickersham
- 1985-87 Janie "Frankie" Hansen
- 1981-85 Jane Wyckoff
- 1976-81 Ed Gehle
- 1973-76 Dick Croft
- 1971-73 John Watson
- 1969-71 Richard Goetzman
- 1968-69 Carl F. Grover
- 1966-68 Stanley V. Walton, Jr.

- 1963-66 Leonard Speicher
- 1962-63 Sutter E. Kunkel
- 1959-62 Byron Nishkian
- 1957-59 Edward J. Johnson
- 1955-57 Wesley B. Hadden
- 1954-55 Robert J. Schenck²
- 1952-54 Paul H. Smith
- 1951-52 Frank Ferguson
- 1950-51 Arthur H. Van De Kamp
- 1949-50 B.M. "Milt" Zimmerman
- 1948-49 Cortlandt T. Hill
- 1947-48 J.C. "Cris" Schwarzenbach
- 1945-47 Albert E. Sigal
- 1941-45 Frank H. Howard
- 1937-41 James F. Connell
- 1934-37 Arnold Weber
- 1932-34 Cecil Edmunds
- 1930-32 Wendell Robie

² It is not clear if Robert Schenck, elected in 1954, served out his term.

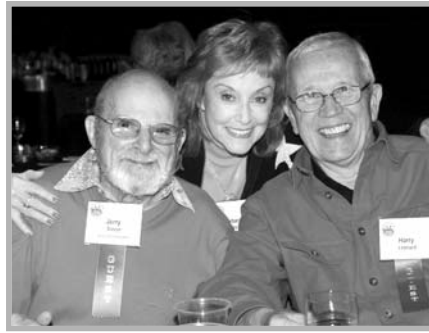
Snowsports Builder ○○○

In 2008 Far West added a Snowsports Builder Award to expand its suite of awards. The award recognizes an individual, teams or an organization that has made a contribution to benefit the sport, a contribution that has made an indelible impact on the sport and that may not have been fully recognized.

Such contributions may not be limited to any particular sector of industry, society, or the sport. Their background could include manufacturing, athletics, travel, journalism, electronic or print media, government, academia, teaching and safety. The Builders Award is intended to be to those outside Far West's traditional service awards and may be made annually by the Trustees. ❄

Snowsports Builders Awardees

2008 Jerry Simon & Harry Leonard
Developers of the "Ski Show"



**Jerry Simon, Barbara Alley Simon,
Harry Leonard**

**Ski Show
promotion
with Harry
and Jerry
from the
early days.**



For the first Snowsports Builder award Far West honored two ambassadors of skiing and the team that invented, developed and evolved the Ski Shows to their full potential.

The visionary who thought up the ski shows got his start in 1958 when Chicago Metro Ski Council asked him to arrange their annual preseason cocktail party.

That man is **Harry Leonard**. He was joined by another impresario, **Jerry Simon**, who in 1962 brought new and innovative expansions of the shows. He introduced a "girl he

met in a bar" in 1968 to Harry and the ski fashion shows resulted from this addition to the team, **Barbara Alley**.

The ski shows brought the mountain and its après ski excitement to the city. They brought entertainment, celebrities, travel reps, racers, freestylers, movies and seminars on equipment to the people.

The ski shows pioneered the use of the ski deck, the moving carpet and ramps to provide for aerials by freestylers upon its introduction to skisport.

Then there were the fashion shows led by Barbara, the beer garden, lectures and seminars, mechanics and ski shop workshops, and ski swaps. Skiers could come and meet the superstars of skiing's Golden Age.

They sold skiing to the nation at a time when television was rather ignoring our sport. The ski shows became a preseason necessity for the sport.

At one time they were producing shows in nine cities and on several college campuses. ❄

Hans Georg ○○○



Hans Georg
1911 - 1968

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 along 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 a ski instructor and leader in the Italian campaign.

Hans Georg came from the St. Moritz Ski School in Switzerland to the US in 1937 to become a pioneer ski tracker, rope tow operator and ski instructor. In 1939, Hans became the head of the Eastern Sierra

In 1945, **Dave McCoy** installed two 600' tows at McGee Creek that Hans used for his ski school. In 1948, Hans installed three tows in Mammoth—in the vicinity of where Chair 15 is today. Although the tows remained until 1957, when the lifts began to experience mechanical problems, Hans abandoned them and taught skiing at Dave's lifts.

Hans taught thousands to ski, using the best of 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 wrote many books on skiing, including "Modern Ski Systems," "Reverse Shoulder Technique," "Simplified Skiing."

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. ❄

Hans Georg Awardees

2008	Donn Bryant	1990	Mary Lou Bearden	1975	Wayne Poulsen
2007	Michael Sanford	1989	Sutter Kunkel	1974	Dave McCoy
2006	Ken Calkins	1988	Janie "Frankie" Hansen	1973	J. Stanley Mullin
2005	Nancy Kelly	1987	Alan Christian	1972	Willy Schaeffler
2004	Steve Coxen	1986	Richard Goetzman	1971	Charles Fink
2003	Tucker Hoffmann	1985	Jimmie Heuga	1970	Billy Kidd
2002	Gene Fulkerson	1985	Ed Gehle	1969	William Nagle, Jr.
2001	Harry Davis	1984	John James	1968	Ben Cole
2000	George Eachus	1983	Bill Berry	1967	Walt Disney
1999	Randy Lew	1982	Joe Harris	1966	W. S. "Slim" Davis
1998	Nic Fiore	1981	Bruce Bell		
1997	Norm Cullen	1980	Jane Wyckoff		
1996	Fay Mumbauer	1980	Don Simpson		
1995	Woody Hogan	1979	Chuck Morse		
1994	Fred "Andy" Andrews	1978	John Watson		
1993	Dennis Agee	1978	Fraser West		
1992	Pat Nangle	1977	Russ Read		
1991	Mike Favia	1976	no award		
1990	Martha Perez				

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood ◦◦◦

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 patrolwoman. Schatzi devoted 15 years of service, developing ways to make her sport better and safer, mapping areas, and applying first aid.

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, a long-time member of Grindelwald Ski Club, 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 two years or in a prior year. ❄



"Schatzi" Wood
1897 - Sept 3, 1964

Courtesy Fay Mumbauer

J. Stanley Mullin ◦◦◦



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

Courtesy Ingrid Wicken

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, US Ski Association [USSA], and Federation of International Skiing [FIS].

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 chapter of the California Yacht Club.

In 1939, Stan founded Southern Skis with Carty Hill, Morgan Adams Jr., A. Andrew Hauk, Otto Steiner, Paulette Goddard and others. Stan served as Far West secretary for two years following WWII before being elected Vice-President of NSA. In 1952, Stan joined Morgan Adams Jr., Bob Crary, 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 that 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 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 two years or in a prior year. ❄

Schatzi Wood Awardees

2008	Mary Olhausen	1990	Pat Nangle	1972	Judy Fjeld
2007	Fran Long	1989	Lauren Nagle	1971	Thelma West
2006	Debbi Kor-Lew	1988	Fay Mumbauer	1970	Sally Neidlinger
2005	Helen Harris	1987	Margo Thomas		Hudson
2004	Marilyn Sigler	1986	Karyn Tablada	1969	Gladys (Sandy)
2003	Linda Westlund	1985	Sallie Pritchard		Poulsen
2002	Nancy Kelly	1984	Janie "Frankie"	1968	no award
2001	Nancy Sanford		Hansen	1967	Mary Lou Bearden
2000	Lynnell Calkins	1983	Anita Omsby	1966	Madeline Walton
1999	no award	1982	Jessica Freeman		
1998	Bonnie West	1981	Billie Joy Wilson		
1997	Catherine Ohl	1980	Madeline Hunter		
1997	Karen Davis	1979	Jan Wright		
1996	Connie Smith	1978	Nancy Ingalsbee		
1995	Maxine Hanlon	1977	Marlene Steinmeyer		
1994	Kathy Hoffmann	1976	no award		
1993	no award	1975	Kathy Downer		
1992	Susie Vetter	1974	Gloria Slate		
1991	Karen Kimball	1973	Jane Wyckoff		

J. Stanley Mullin Awardees

2008	Arleigh Meiners	1989	Chuck Morse	1971	Russ Tiffany
2007	Ray Craig	1988	John James	1970	John Watson
2006	Robb Margrave	1987	Howard Wickersham	1969	Richard Goetzman
2005	Donn Bryant	1986	Cloyde Howard	1968	Stanley V. Walton, Jr.
2004	Michael German	1985	Mike Favia	1967	Jerry Wetzell
2003	Joe Loader	1984	Glen Adkins	1966	Byron Nishkian
2002	Steve Coxen	1983	Alan Christian		
2001	Ken Calkins	1982	John Rosenfeld		
2000	Jim Ortiz	1981	Steve Williams		
1999	Tucker Hoffmann	1980	John Rosenkranz		
1998	Mike Sanford	1980	Bob Clinco		
1997	Sutter Kunkel	1979	Ed McArthur		
1996	Ron Anderson	1978	Ed Gehle		
1995	Gene Fulkerson	1977	Dick Croft		
1994	Randy Lew	1976	Bruce Bell		
1993	Norm Cullen	1975	Russ Read		
1992	Louis Buhler	1974	Rolf Fromm		
1991	Woody Hogan	1973	Edgar "Gar" Bering III		
1990	Paul Arrigo	1972	Carl Grover		

Jimmie Heuga ○○○

Jimmie Heuga exemplifies the best of the Far West Ski Association. A product of the Far West Junior Racing Program and the Lake Tahoe Ski Club, he started skiing at age three with his father at Squaw Valley. Participating in many Sacramento Bee races, he ultimately joined the US Ski Team. Jimmie won a Bronze in slalom at the 1964 Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. A week later, Jimmie won the combined at the prestigious Arlberg-Kandahar in Garmisch, Germany, so far, the only American to do so.

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. ❁



Jimmie Heuga
Sept 22, 1943 -

Jordan - Reily ○○○

The Jordan-Reily 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



John McClintic Reily

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 John's vantage point, he 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 Far West'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. ❁

Jimmie Heuga Awardees

2008 Tom Peirce, Director US Adaptive Recreation Center	1997 Rick Van Aken, Bear Valley Adaptive Program	1989 Douglas Pringle, Tahoe Adaptive School
2007 Larry 'Chad' Chadwick, Oregon Cancer Ski Out	1996 Jim Ortiz	1989 Lynne Haile, Pierce College Handicapped Program
2006 Sigrid Noack	1995 Sara Tully	1988 Steve Kanaly, March of Dimes
2005 Muffy Davis	1994 KelLe Malkewitz, Director US Adaptive Recreation Center	1987 James Stacey
2004 Ben Velasquez	1993 Tahoe Adaptive Ski School, Alpine Mdws	
2003 Chris Klug, US Olympian	1992 Hal O'Leary, Founder, National Sports Center for the Disabled at Winter Park	
2002 Gordon Cardona, Unrecables	1991 Linda Fryback, Unrecables	
2001 Billy Kidd, Steamboat Springs	1990 Sallie Pritchard, Founder, California Handicapped Ski School at Bear Mtn.	
2000 Mark Wellman		
1999 Norm Cox		
1998 Candice Cable		

Jordan-Reily Awardees

2008 Rich Marriott, King5	1994 Lee Olson
2007 Geraldine Link, NSAA	1993 National Ski Patrol, Southern California Region's Mountaineering Section—
2006 Scott Kaden, PNSAA	Dave Tollakson
2005 Mark Udall, US Senator	Jerry Lambert
2004 Ethan Chickering	Steve Reneker
2003 Steve Coxen	Ron Anderson
2002 Denny Bschor, USFS	
2001 Steve Reneker	1992 Kermit Wagner
2000 Mike Sanford	1991 John Watson
1999 no award	
1998 Catherine Ohl	
1998 Linda McGavin	
1997 Wayne Poulsen	
1996 no award	
1995 Karen Kimball	

Tommi Tyndall ◦◦◦

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 members 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. ❄



Tommi Tyndall
Nov. 1910 - Dec. 27, 1964

Tommi Tyndall Awardees

2008 Vail Resorts	1989 Vail / Beaver Creek	1972 Boreal Ridge
2007 Aspen Snowmass	1988 Steamboat	1971 Mammoth Mountain
2006 Big White Ski Resort	1987 Crested Butte Mtn. Resort	Dave McCoy
2005 Breckenridge Ski Resort	1986 Mammoth Mountain	1970 Mt. Rose
2004 Ogden / Weber CVB	1985 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley	1969 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley
2003 Big Mountain	1984 Snow Forest	1968 no award
2002 Salt Lake CVB	1983 Mountain High	1967 Mammoth Mountain
2001 Silver Star Mtn. Resort	1982 Mammoth Ski Touring Center	1966 Alpine Meadows
2000 Park City Mtn. Resort	1981 Mt. Rose	
1999 Ski New Mexico	1980 Alpine Meadows	
1998 Aspen Skiing Company	Nick Badami	
1997 Lake Louise Ski Area	1979 Boreal Ridge	
1996 Salt Lake CVB	1978 Snow Summit	
1995 Boreal Ski Company	Jo Tyndall Alexander	
1994 Park City Ski Area	1977 Mountain High	
1993 Northstar-at-Tahoe	1976 Heavenly Valley	
1992 Mammoth Race Dept.	1975 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley	
1991 Bear Mountain	1974 Kirkwood Meadows	
1990 Mt. Bachelor	1973 Yosemite Mountaineering School	

Bill Mackey ◦◦◦

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, mak-

ing 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. In January 1971, 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. ❄

Bill Mackey Awardees

2008 Cyd Heatherly, Snowbasin	1993 Julie Maurer & Mike Blide, Northstar-at-Tahoe	1980 Harry Leonard, Ski Show Company
2007 Patrick Rothe, ski.com	1992 Elise Waddell, Mammoth Race Dept.	1979 Bob Bergstrom, Sports, Ltd.
2006 Kris McKinnon, Aspen	1991 Jerry Simon, SkiGroup	1978 Chuck Morse, Mountain High
2005 Mark Thoreson, Sun Valley	1990 Jim Mott, Squaw Valley	1977 Chuck Morse, Mountain High
2004 Karen Schneider, Steamboat	1989 Marilyn Branch, Coonskin Inn	1977 Jack Hardy, Tahoe Hyatt Hotel
2003 Tammie Anstedt, Vaill/Heavenly	1988 Mark Phillips, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley	1976 Bill Boardman, Squaw Valley USA
2002 Jim Loyd, Big White Ski Resort	1987 John Armstrong, Mammoth Mtn.	1975 Dick Parent, High Sierra Reservations
2001 John Frasca, Central Holidays	1986 Bob Settineri and Ron Roesch, "Mogul Mike" Sierra Productions	1974 Knut Waarli, Cal-Nordic Institute
2000 Don Beaulieu, Sunshine Village	1985 Randy Fahrbach, Purgatory Ski Resort	1973 Peter Brinkman, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley
1999 Jean Louis Villiot, Mammoth Mtn.	1984 Nick Hudson, Heavenly Valley	1972 John Garner, Mammoth Ski Patrol
1999 Sandy Best, Lake Louise	1983 Chuck Morse, Salomon On-Campus Learn-to-Ski Program	
1998 Mary Evans, Aspen	1982 Jim Catlin, Mammoth Ski Tour Ctr.	
1997 Joe Pettit, Northstar-at-Tahoe	1982 Ueli Luthi, Mammoth Race Dept.	
1996 Steve Orchin, Canadian Pacific Hotels	1981 Mitch Vlad, Canadian Office of Tourism	
1995 Brent Boblitt, Northstar-at-Tahoe		
1994 Brad Wilson, Bear Mtn. Ski Resort		

Bill Berry ○○○

Bill Berry reported winter sport news since the winter of 1916. He wrote on more ski tournaments, 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 *The Sacramento Bee*, *Reno Journal*, *The New York Daily News*, *The Sacramento Union*, 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.



Snowshoe Flat 1952

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 Print Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing and is presented to writers for either a featured article or hard news. ❁



William Banks Berry
Apr 7, 1903 - Jan 1999

Bill Berry ○○○

Bill Berry Awardees

Print Awards— Featured Article

- 2008 Chris Davenport, "Ski the 14ers"
- 2007 Charles J. Sanders, "The Boys of Winter"
- 2006 April Darrow, *Journalist*
- 2006 Jimmy Petterson "Skiing Around the World"
- 2005 Richard Kun, "The Snow Summit Story, 1952-2002"
- 2004 Leigh Gieringer, *Freelance Writer*
- 2003 Christopher Solomon, *Ski/Skiing Magazines*
- 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*



Frank Ferguson, California Ski Association, **Burt Sims**, LA Times, 6-time winner of Bill Berry Award, **Arthur H. Van de Kamp**, Far West President 1950-51. 1948

Bill Berry Awardees

Print Awards— Hard News

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| 2008 Walter Roessing | 1997 Al Auger | 1988 Mary Wendt, <i>Herald Examiner</i> |
| 2007 Bob Wilbanks, <i>National Ski Club Newsletter</i> | 1996 Bob Cox, <i>Daily Breeze</i> | 1987 Garry Niver, <i>San Mateo Times</i> |
| 2006 April Darrow, <i>Journalist</i> | 1995 Burt Sims, <i>LA Herald Examiner</i> | 1986 Clint Swift, <i>Sacramento Bee</i> |
| 2005 Walter Roessing | 1994 Bob Cox, <i>Daily Breeze</i> | 1985 Walter Roessing, <i>Contra Costa Times</i> |
| 2004 Brian Clark | 1993 Diane Slezak Scholfield, <i>San Diego Union Tribune</i> | 1984 Burt Sims, <i>LA Herald Examiner</i> |
| 2003 Walter Roessing | 1992 Walter Roessing, <i>Contra Costa Times</i> | 1983 Luanne Pfeifer, <i>Freelance</i> |
| 2002 Katherine Cole, <i>Freelance</i> | 1991 Garry Niver, <i>San Mateo Times</i> | 1982 Bob Lochner, <i>LA Times</i> |
| 2001 no award | 1990 Susan Vreeland, <i>Freelance</i> | 1981 Larry Christensen, <i>US Ski News</i> |
| 2000 Walter Roessing, <i>Contra Costa Times</i> | Burt Sims, <i>Skiing Magazine</i> | Harry Kaiser, <i>Skiing Mag.</i> |
| 1999 Rodney Angove, <i>Sierra Ski Times</i> | 1989 Wendell Benedetti, <i>Los Angeles Daily News</i> | 1980 Glen Kramon, <i>San Francisco Examiner</i> |
| 1998 Sam Bauman, <i>Sierra Ski Times</i> | | |

- 1979 Hal Roberts, *Skiers Almanac*
- 1978 Burt Sims, *LA Herald Examiner*
- 1977 Ethel Van DeGrift, *Christian Science Monitor & LA Times*
- 1976 Hal Roberts, *Skiers Almanac*
- 1975 Burt Sims, *LA Herald Examiner*
- 1974 Warren Miller, *Warren Miller Productions*
- 1973 Joan Sweeney, *LA Times*
- 1972 Chap Wentworth, *Sacramento Bee*
- 1971 Russ Tiffany, *Far West Ski News*
- 1970 Bob Lochner, *San Francisco Chronicle*
- 1969 John Hamilton, *KPAT, San Francisco*
- 1968 Lee Klein, *Western Skier*
- 1967 Luanne Pfeifer, *Santa Monica Evening Outlook*
- 1966 Burt Sims, *LA Herald Examiner*

Special Award

- 1992 John Rosenfeld, *Research*

Warren Miller ○○○

Warren Miller is world famous for his annual ski movies. He is also a self-professed ski bum. But in our eyes, he is so much more—a legendary skier, author, cartoonist, cinematographer, humorist, columnist, entrepreneur, humanitarian, and a constant inspiration to all. His is the one most associated with modern media in the ski industry. More importantly, Warren has set the standard for those in the industry who assert themselves in the areas of cinematography, photography, movie and television editing and production, musical choreography and script writing.

Warren was born and raised in Hollywood, California during the Depression. In 1933, he purchased his first still camera for 35 cents, which started a career that has continued into our new century. In 1938 he purchased a pair of pine skis with toe straps in a garage sale. That provided the fuel for his life-long search and filming of exciting activities, sharing with the world his vision of freedom.

Known worldwide for his incredible filming exploits, Warren has awed the skiing public for 55 years with his entertaining movies, recording the adventures of skiing. A Warren

Miller movie has plenty of powder, radical skiing, and Warren's trademark brand of humor mixed with his opinions of a world skiing slightly off-piste.

Warren has raised a great deal of money for abused children's causes, adaptive groups, institutions of higher learning as well as medical research, libraries, museums and even a skateboard park. Warren recently established the Warren Miller Freedom Foundation, benefiting young people by creating programs and activities that will challenge, educate and train teens to open their own business.

The Warren Miller Award is for Modern Media Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing by cinematographers, photographers, radio or television broadcasters. ❄



Warren Miller

1924 -

Council's man & woman of the year ○○○



Dennis & Sheri

Far West 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, this contest was mostly a beauty pageant for the ladies where the contestants modeled ski apparel. There were rounds of cocktail parties, publicity photographs followed by a hectic day of interviews, tours and parties. The winner was crowned Queen. In 1975, the Bay Area entered a man in the pageant, **Don Drury**, and he was proclaimed King. The following year Far West opened the competition to the men. In those early days, the "Snow Queen & King" were chosen by noteworthy & impartial judges. In 1981, the contest was not held because Far West thought that the contest was too sexist. The contest reappeared the following year as the "Council Man and Woman of the Year," the format utilized today. ❄

Women of the Year

2008	Sheri Parshall	Northwest
2007	Jessica Freeman	Los Angeles
2006	Mary Beth Fitchlee	Arizona
2005	Barbara Bryant	Sierra
2004	Marge Fons	Arizona
2003	Elaine Cobos	Arizona
2002	Maxine Hanlon	Orange
2001	Dotti Loader	Sierra
2000	Catherine Ohl	Los Angeles
1999	Diane Hicks	Northwest
1998	Karen Davis	Bay Area
1997	Kathy Hoffmann	Bay Area
1996	Connie Smith	San Diego
1995	Linda Keller	Orange
1994	Marge Fons	Arizona
1993	Judy Sobel	Los Angeles
1992	Susie Vetter	San Diego
1991	Debi Le Vine	Los Angeles
1990	Julia Guifford	Central
1989	Pat Nangle	Orange
1988	Lauren Nagle	Central
1987	Judy Purdom	Bay Area
1986	Terry Mayle	Orange
1985		
1984	Linda Walker	San Diego
1983		
1982	Kay Raabe-Coefield	Los Angeles
1981	not held	
1980		
1979		
1978		
1977		
1976	Pam Fontius	San Diego
1975	Connie Cox	Inland
1974	Pamela Kay Anderson ³	Los Angeles
1973	Faye Halden ³	Central
1972	Tyoni Busch ³	Central
1971	Lori Spann	Central
1970	Sharon Reece ³	Southern

Men of the Year

Dennis Heffley	Bay Area
Bob Ellis	Sierra
Jeff Peebles	Arizona
Steve Coxen	Northwest
Emilio Trampuz	Northwest
Andreas Vogel	Los Angeles
Bob March	San Diego
Donn Bryant	Sierra
Dan Halcomb	Sierra
Joe Loader	Sierra
Ethan Chickering	Bay Area
Mark Hanlon	Orange
Mike Sanford	San Diego
Hal Richey	Los Angeles
Tucker Hoffmann	Bay Area
Steve Ziomek	Arizona
Randy Lew	Bay Area
Steve Smith	Los Angeles
Norm Cullen	San Diego
Woody Hogan	Central
Dennis Doty	Inland
Bill Silliman	Orange
Cloyde Howard	Orange
Robert Jimenez	Inland
Alan Christian	Bay Area
John Davidson	Los Angeles
not held	
Howard Wickersham	Los Angeles
Leo Style	Los Angeles

Dennis Eggert Los Angeles

³ Named "Miss USSA"

Warren Miller Awardees

[formerly Bill Berry Modern Media]

2008	Documentary Group / Sony Pictures	2001	Jerry Hoffman, Freelance Radio	1990	Bob Beattie, "Subaru Ski World"
2007	Abbie Kealy, "The Last Ridge"	2000	Don Fontana, KJAY Reno	1989	no award
2006	Steve Porino, NBC / OLN Broadcaster	1999	no award	1988	Gemini Productions, "Ski Scene"
2005	Joe Jay Jalbert, Jalbert Productions	1998	John Jay, Lifetime Achievement	1987	no award
2004	Tammie Thompson	1997	Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video	1986	Suzu Chaffee, Video Producer
2003	Josh Murphy, Unparalleled Productions	1996	Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video	1985	Cecil Charles, "The Skier" Photographer
2002	Al Noraker, America's Outdoor Journal	1995		1984	Warren Miller, Warren Miller Productions
	Russ Cameron, Outdoor Media Group	1994	Kurt Miller & Peter Speck, Warren Miller Entertainment	1983	John Hamilton, KPAT, San Francisco
	A.J. Kitt, Outdoor Life Network	1993		1982	Ken Nelson, KABC-TV
		1992	Warren Miller, "Born to Ski"		
		1991	AMI News Service [Radio]		



Tollakson outstanding Club ○○○

Tollakson Award— Outstanding Club

Chester David Tollakson's activities in club leadership, racing and committees mark him as the finest that organized skiing can produce. Dave's involvement in Far West 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 Far West 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, Far West awarded the first outstanding ski club in 1963. The criteria used then was based on the percentage of members who belonged to Far West, amount of money donated to Far West, number of members holding Far West 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. ❄



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

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA	Class AAAA
2008 no award	no award	Mountain High	Après
2007 Unrecables	Don Diego	Mountain High	Conejo
2006 Skiyente [tie] Unrecables [tie]	Mountain High	Pacific Rim	North Island
2005 no award	Mountain High	Pacific Rim	Bergfreunde
2004 no award	no award	no award	Après
2003 no award	no award	no award	Après
2002 Bota Baggers	Singles	Bergfreunde	
2001 no award	North Island	Bergfreunde	
2000 Skiyente	Singles	Bergfreunde	
1999 Rusty Bindings	Century City	Bergfreunde	
1998 Skiyente	Singles	Bergfreunde	
1997 Bota Baggers	Century City	Après	
1996 Tri Valley	Century City	Bergfreunde	
1995 Inskiers	Century City	Après	
1994 Inskiers	Singles	Balboa	
1993 Inskiers	Century City	Balboa	
1992 Rusty Bindings	Snowchasers	Balboa	
1991 Snowchasers	no award	Balboa	
1990 Snow Drifters	Singles	Balboa	
1989 Inskiers	Singles	Balboa	
1988 Irvine	Singles	Balboa	
1987 Inskiers	Snowchasers	Balboa	



Tollakson outstanding Club ○○○

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
1986 San Francisco	Snowchasers	Balboa
1985 San Francisco	Sundance	Balboa
1984 Rusty Bindings	no award	Balboa
1983 no award	Singles	no award
1982 Wailers	Singles	Après
1981 Wailers	Singles	no award
1980 Wailers	Singles	no award
1979 Wailers	Singles	Après
1978 Wailers	Westwood	Après
1977 Wailers	Singles	Après
1976 Wailers ⁴	Singles ⁴	Hughes
1975 Wailers ⁴	Singles ⁴	
1974 Wailers ⁴	Westwood	
1973 Vand Bakke	Westwood ⁴	
1972 Singles ⁴	Westwood ⁴	
1971 Singles ⁴	Westwood	
1970 Singles ⁴	Fresno ⁴	
1969 Wailers ⁴		
1968 Edelweiss		
1967 Buddy's Angels		
1966 Buddy's Angels		
1965		
1964		
1963 Grindelwald	⁴ Awarded USSA Outstanding Club	

Charity for Club or Council ○○○

Far West, councils and clubs are committed to supporting charitable giving and volunteerism. A deserving club or council receives a \$100 donation for their charity of choice. ❄

Charity Awardees

- 2008 Arizona Council, AZ
- 2007 Skiyente, NW

History for Club or Council ○○○

Launched in 2008, Far West initiated a program to capture club, council, and league history. Applicants will submit a digital presentation of their history according to a set of weighted criteria. Judging will be done by knowledgeable snowsports historians. ❄

History Awardees

- 2008 North Island Snowdrifters, SD

Wentworth Award—
Outstanding Club Publication

Chapman “Chappie” Wentworth contributed to Far West for over 50 years. Chapman undertook committee responsibilities for the Association in the 1950s and served as Secretary of Far West 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 publications are judged best

based on layout, content, and club size. It was fitting that Chap be remembered for his dedication to Far West by giving his name to the Outstanding Club Publication. ❁



Chapman Wentworth
1918 - Dec 10, 1993

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA	Class AAAA
2008 Gordon Cardonat Unrecables	Karl Cikste, Don Diego	Emilio Trampuz Mountain High	Connie Burdette Après
2007 Gordon Cardona Unrecables	Don Hamm & Karl Cikste, Don Diego	Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim	Liz Daww Bergfreunde
2006 Gordon Cardona Unrecables	Don Hamm Don Diego	Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim	Don Violette North Island
2005 Gordon Cardona Unrecables	Emilio Trampuz Mountain High	Orange County	Don Violette North Island
2004 Karen Reber Capital	Don Hamm Don Diego	Judith Miller Singles	Dorothy Pantel Après
2003 Karen Reber Capital	Cheryl Hasegawa Asian	Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim	Dorothy Pantel Après
2002 Bonnie West Auslich	Catherine Ohl Century City	Dorothy Pantel Après	
2001 Bonnie West Auslich	Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim	Kathy Boyer Après	
2000 Mary Costigan Grindelwald	Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim	Dorothy Pantel Après	
1999 Mary Costigan Grindelwald	Jennifer Beever Century City	Ron Mitchell Bergfreunde	
1998 Hal Richey Wailers	Mary Costigan Grindelwald	Donna Harvey Balboa	
1997 Barbara Betlem Wailers	Kiyomi Stineman Santa Barbara	Dorothy Pantel Après	
1996 Betty Ward Tri Valley	Kiyomi Stineman Santa Barbara	Ron Mitchell Bergfreunde	
1995 Bonnie West Tri Valley [tie] Inskiers [tie]	Susan Greenman Santa Barbara	Jeanie Schultz Après	



Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
1994 Ann Culbertson Powderhounds	Susan Greenman Santa Barbara	Laura Roth Balboa
1993 Rick Webb Powderhounds	Susan Greenman Santa Barbara	Reba Amish Balboa
1992 Jackie Veats Schi Laufers	Susan Greenman Santa Barbara	Reba Amish Balboa
1991 Jackie Rose Schi Laufers	Judy Earle Convair/ Don Diego	Jeanie Schultz Après
1990 Hal Day Wailers	Stan Tschemenko Auslich	Maureen Bivins Balboa
1989 Nora Smith Wailers	Eileen Tschemenko Auslich	Maureen Bivins Balboa
1988 Irvine	Century City	Rita Dwyer Balboa
1987 San Francisco	Arlene Madsen Singles	Rusty Etzel Torrey Pines
1986 Camber	Hump Jumpers	Rita Dwyer Balboa
1985 Century City	Norm Gallager Singles	Rita Dwyer Balboa
1984 Rusty Bindings	Arlene Madsen Singles	Rusty Etzel Torrey Pines
1983 Steve Angelo Powderhounds ⁵	Pam Bailey & Millie Honeycutt, Singles	Karl Ponath Torrey Pines
1982 Diana Beggs Wailers	Wally Manning & Bob Hirsh, Singles	Jeanie Schultz Après
1981 Naomi Altman Wailers	Ann-Marie Mercon Westwood	Norma Benthien Torrey Pines
1980 Larry Singer Powderhounds	Betty MacMurray Auslich	Dick Bardell Torrey Pines
1979 San Francisco	Donna Holtz Auslich	Après
1978 Carily Mullen Wailers	John Rosenkranz Westwood	Après
1977 Snow Drifters	Westwood	
1976 Joy Melton Wailers ⁵	Westwood	
1975 Russ Tiffany Wailers	Après ⁵	
1974 Rosemary Moschel Wailers ⁵	Rachel Martin Santa Barbara	
1973 Don Marshall Orange County	Lori & Patti Spann Fresno	
1972 Linda Kaderli Singles	Judy Fjeld & Angie McArthur Fresno ⁵	
1971 Steve Emanuel & Laurel Rohrer Singles	Paula Turcotte Hughes	
1970 Sylvia Carlson Wailers ⁵	Nancy Chadwick Fresno	

⁵ Awarded USSA Outstanding Publication

Web site outstanding Club Award ◦◦◦

Over the years clubs have adapted their communication styles to meet the needs of their membership and changes in technology. 2001 marked the inaugural judging of the clubs' 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
2008 Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim	Crissy Marie King Fresno	Emilio Trampuz Mountain High	Paul Tidball Bergfreunde
2007 Cathy Wilson Inskiers	Karl Ckste Don Diego	Crissy Marie King Fresno	Paul Tidball Bergfreunde
2006 Georgina Hackett Unrecables	Emilio Trampuz Mountain High	Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim	Liz Daww Bergfreunde
2005 no award	Emilio Trampuz Mountain High	Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim	Liz Daww Bergfreunde
2004 Bonnie West Tri Valley	Cheryl Hasegawa Asian	Laura Meldrum Torrey Pines	Jeanie Schultz Après
2003 Georgina Hackett Unrecables	Cheryl Hasegawa Asian	Wes Hopper Phoenix	Len Humbird Bergfreunde
2002 Bonnie West Tri Valley	Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim	Bill Kellett Scottsdale	
2001 Kay Cofield Auslich	Larry Davis Century City	Steve Olson Balboa	

Publication & Web site outstanding Council Award ◦◦◦

Over the years councils have established communication styles to meet the needs of their member clubs. 2003 marked the inaugural judging of council publications & web sites.

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

Council Publication Awardees	Council Web Awardees
2008 Sig Kalties, Bay Area	Steve Coxen, Northwest
2007 Sig Kalties, Bay Area	Steve Coxen, Northwest
2006 Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles	Steve Coxen, Northwest
2005 Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles	Steve Coxen, Northwest
2004 Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles	Laura Meldrum, San Diego
2003 Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles	Chris Miller, Northwest

Safety Award ◦◦◦

The Far West Safety Award has been graciously sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company since its inception in 1998.

tag line — a clever safety acronym for FWSA.

The first year, the award was presented to **Jo Henry** who coined the safety phrase below that best articulated the FWSA safety position. **Jim Ortiz** contributed the appropriate

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 six days of skiing in Aspen with airfare, lodging, lift tickets, and rentals. ❄

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First With Safety Awareness

Safety Awardees

2008 Randy Salzman, BAC	2003 Elaine Cobos, AC	1999 Catherine Ohl, LA/SD
2007 Emilio Trampuz, NW	2002 Richard Lubin, BAC	
2006 Catherine Ohl, LA/SD	2001 Richard Lubin, BAC	1998 Jo Henry, SD
2005 T.J. Barnes, SD	2000 Denise Vance, SD	
2004 Bob Ellis, BAC		

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History 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.

the communities in the West.

A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role skiing has had in its contributions to

The Western Ski Heritage Award has been sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation since its inception in 2000. *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 5 days of skiing in Steamboat with lodging and lift tickets. ❄

Western Ski Heritage Awardees

2008 Robin Morning Book: "Tracks of Passion"	2003 Catherine Ohl Ski History Web Site	2000 Sutter Kunkel Far West Charter Flight Portfolio
2007 Catherine Ohl Far West 75 th Ski History Celebration	2002 Ingrid Wicken Book: "Pray for Snow: The History of Skiing in Southern California"	
2006 Robin Morning Mammoth Museum	2001 Chris Miller Cascade Ski Club History Restoration	
2005 Ingrid Wicken California Ski Library		
2004 Martin Forstenzer Book: "Mammoth: Sierra Legend"		



President's Award ◦◦◦

The President's Award is given to the individual who the President of Far West feels

has done the most to advance the immediate goals of Far West during the previous year. ❁

President's Awards

2008	Robb Margrave Joe Coles US Alpine Ski Team	1998	Leigh Gieringer Jonny Moseley, <i>US Olympian</i>	1987	
2007	Debbi Kor-Lew Mary Olhausen	1997	Barbara Razo	1986	George Eachus
2006	Michael German Steve Coxen Kathy Hoffmann	1996	Harry Davis & Jane Wyckoff	1985	Joe Ross
2005	Catherine Ohl Tammie Anstedt, <i>Vail Resorts</i>	1995	Kyle Rasmussen, <i>US Ski Team</i> Jane Wyckoff	1984	Mike Favia
2004	Billy Kidd, <i>US Olympian</i> Michael German	1994	Randy Lew	1983	Robert Jimenez
2003	Sigrid Noack	1993	Judith Miller	1982	Bobby Moreno
2002	Catherine Ohl Bill Johnson, <i>US Olympian</i>	1992	Jeff Hamilton, <i>US Ski Team Speed Skiing</i>	1979	Don Simpson
2001	Daron Rahlves, <i>US Ski Team</i>	1991	Alan Christian Paul Arrigo		
2000	Jane Wyckoff Karen Davis	1990	John Watson Janie "Frankie" Hansen		
1999	Phil Mahre, <i>US Olympian</i>	1989	Tamara McKinney, <i>US Ski Team</i> Jane Wyckoff		
		1988	Cathy Gentile & Greg Manino, <i>US Handicapped Ski Team</i>		

Athletic Scholarships ◦◦◦

The Far West Ski Association Athletic Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 for the purpose of providing financial assistance to junior alpine ski racers. Funds for the athletic scholarships are provided through generous contributions from several sponsors. **Whitefish Mountain Resort** (formerly Big Mountain) and **Grouse Mountain Lodge, MT**, were our first sponsors of the fund. **Schure Sports, USA**, makers of **Karbon** brand ski clothing, joined the program in 2005. ❁



Year	Winner	Race Team
2008	Jake Baker Mark Engle Anton Hilts Riker McClaskey Jetta Rackleff Shannon Hartmann	Sugar Bowl Race Team Sugar Bowl Race Team Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation Sugar Bowl Race Team Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation Auburn Ski Team
2007	Kaylee Ann Cortopassi Geordie Lonza Anton Hilts Jetta Rackleff Andrea Wallace	Mammoth Lakes Ski Team Mammoth Lakes Ski Team Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation
2006	Anton Hilts Chris Hinkley Andee Wallace	Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation Sugar Bowl Race Team Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation
2005	Brandy Barba Martin Harris	Sugar Bowl Race Team Heavenly Ski Team

Long Term Contributions to Skiing ◦◦◦

Before the Hans Georg Award, Far West honored these and others with the Miller High Life Award for their Long Term Contributions to Skiing. ❁

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

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Founding Minutes of the California Ski Association, October 7, 1930

"The National Ski Patrol: Samaritans of the Snow," by Gretchen R. Besser, 1983

"Challenging The Mountains: The Life and Times of Wendell T. Robie," by Bill G. Wilson, 1998

Numerous CSA and Far West minutes and director reports

"California Winter Sports and the 1960 VIIIth Winter Olympics at Squaw Valley," by J.E. [Jerry] Carpenter, 1958

"Lost Sierra: Gold, Ghosts & Skis," by William B. Berry, 1991

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Terry Smith ○○○

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.

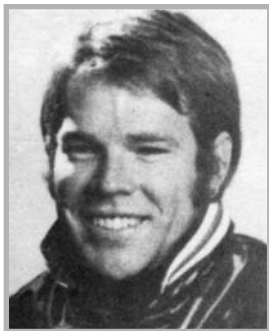
Terry returned to Mammoth in 1971 to work as a ski instructor until 1974 when he was made assistant head of the Mammoth race department. Throughout his skiing career, Terry was very active with the Far West Ski Instructor's Association. He was an examiner for its certification tests and served on its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

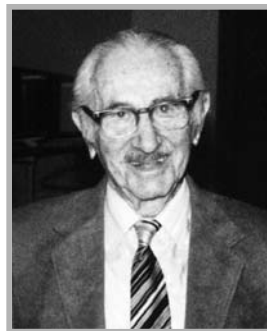
Terry died in a tragic accident while operating an earth moving machine at the top of Chair 3 at Mammoth in the summer of 1975. In his memory, the Race Stadium Run in the Blue Ox area was named Terry's Run.

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



Terry Smith
- Sept 5, 1975

Joe Ross ○○○



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 Far West for over thir-

ty-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 Far West Joe Ross Memorial Race.

The Joe Ross winner is the club champion of the "qualifier" GS race at the annual Far West Ski Week. ❁

Terry Smith Awardees

2008	Craig Faitel	Bay Area	1989	John Ulrich	Bay Area
2007	Beat Hupfer	Mammoth	1988	John Armstrong	Mammoth
2006	Jim Sommer	Sierra	1987	George Eachus	Los Angeles
2005	Barbara Bryant	Sierra	1986	John Catozzi	Los Angeles
2004	Dan Jeffrey	Sierra	1985	Alan Christian	Bay Area
2003	Dick Shawkey	Bay Area	1984	Ellen Loe	Los Angeles
2002	Dotti Gallagher	Sierra	1983	Jessica Freeman	Los Angeles
2002	Joe Loader	Sierra	1982	Dennis Agee	Mammoth
2001	Robb Margrave	Bay Area	1981	Karyn Tablada	Los Angeles
2000	Mark Hanlon	Orange	1980	Ueli Lufhi	Mammoth
1999	Marty Purmort	Los Angeles	1979	Joe Harris	San Diego
1998	Lynnell Calkins	Los Angeles	1978	John Rosenkranz	Los Angeles
1997	Bob Bernard	Sierra	1977	John James	Los Angeles
1996	Ken Calkins	Los Angeles	1976	Bruce Bell	Los Angeles
1995	no award				
1994	Bob & Debbie Warzynski	Inland			
1993	Herb Schraibman	Los Angeles			
1992	Bob Ellis	Bay Area			
1991	Carol Weaver	Sierra			
1990	Ralph Lehotsky	Los Angeles			

Joe Ross Awardees

2008	Modesto	Whistler, BC	1990	Grindelwald	Telluride, CO
2007	Castro Valley	Steamboat, CO	1989	Sequoia	Banff, Canada
2006	Castro Valley	Telluride, CO	1988	Grindelwald	The Summit, CO
2005	Modesto	Aspen/Snowmass, CO	1987	Sequoia	Park City, UT
2004	Modesto	Lake Louise, Canada	1986	Edelweiss	Jackson Hole, WY
2003	Phoenix	Big Mountain, MT			
2003	Code3	Big Mountain, MT			
2002	Code 3	Copper Mtn., 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			

Far West Today ◦◦◦

As an all-volunteer organization without dues paying members, Far West had to figure out a way fund their numerous programs. The annual FWSA convention, hosted by Balboa Ski Club, held at the Irvine Hilton & Towers in Irvine, California on May 16-18, 1986 was historic.

Special programs attracted a record number of delegates. More importantly, the first annual Silent Auction was introduced and managed by **Jane Wyckoff**. The continued success of this fund raiser set the stage for enabling financial support of Far West programs for the future.

The 90s saw the rebuilding of the Far West travel program by **Gene Fulkerson** with both domestic and international trips being offered. The public affairs program under **Mike Sanford** was rejuvenated and has assumed a significant role on the national stage on a wide variety of issues—area development, safety, transportation, insurance, taxation, consumer advocacy and snowsports history.

The council development program has had dramatic successes in the last decade. Arizona Ski Council and Northwest Ski Club Council [then Portland Area Ski Club Council or PASCC] joined Far West in 1991 and 1992, respectively.

Meanwhile Sierra Council built a strong race program and in 1996 once again became actively involved in Far West. In 2000, New Mexico Council joined the association as the tenth council and Far West became one of the founding members of the National Ski Council Federation [NSCF]. The intermountain council, covering Idaho, Utah and Montana joined in 2008.

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Far West Today

Far West is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization representing the “Voice of the Western Skier” with emphasis on skier safety, ski area development, clubs and communication.

Established programs include an annual convention, leadership seminars, Silent Auction, Travel Expo, ski & travel trips, public affairs, periodic publications, industry partnerships and awards. ❄

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