

79th Annual Convention
Far West Ski Association

81 Years of Snowsports

June 9-12, 2011



Dave McCoy, founder Mammoth



Norbert Olberz, founder Sport Chalet



Martha Perez, co-founder Sport Tours

Pacific Palms Resort, Industry Hills, CA

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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-



Snowshoe Thompson

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.

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.

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.



Longboard Races

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.

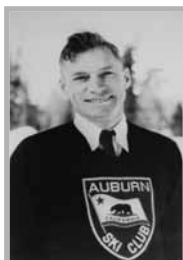
While USSA's primary focus was competition, Far West was attracting more recreational skiers. In 1979, Far West determined that USSA competitive programs were no longer a benefit to its mostly recreational membership and withdrew from USSA.

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. "Criss" 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. ❁

Doug Pfeiffer

Doug Pfeiffer has made an indelible contribution to snowsports as an integrator and innovator over the past six decades.

Early on, he wanted nothing more than to be a ski instructor and his teaching career dates back to 1946 in his native Canada. He emigrated in 1951 to Squaw Valley to instruct under Emile

Allais and then he came to Tommi Tyndall at Snow Summit in 1953. His relationship with Snow Summit continues today.

Doug had several careers sequentially as well as concurrently. From 1962 to the late 1970s, he published several ski-related magazines. In 1963, Doug became National Editor of Skiing Magazine. In 1966, as Editor-in-Chief, he led it and its several associated ski publications through a decade of innovative journalism, pioneering in graphic presentations of new developments in ski technique. He and his staff were one of the main forces in raising ski journalism to a polished professional level in the 1960s and 1970s. ❁



Doug Pfeiffer
Editor Skiing Magazine

Hans Georg ...



Hans Georg
1911 - 1968

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

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.

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. ❁

Snowsports Builders Awardees

- 2010 **Doug Pfeiffer**, PSIA, Editor-in-Chief "Skiing" magazine
- 2009 **Deedee Corradini**, President Women's Jumping USA
- 2008 **Jerry Simon & Harry Leonard** Developers of the "Ski Show"



Doug and Virginia Pfeiffer

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

Hans Georg Awardees

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2010 Sigrid Noack | 1991 Mike Favia | 1977 Russ Read |
| 2009 Georgene Bihlman | 1990 Martha Perez | 1976 <i>no award</i> |
| 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 | | 1972 Willy Schaeffler |
| 2004 Steve Coxen | 1987 Alan Christian | 1971 Charles Fink |
| 2003 Tucker Hoffmann | 1986 Richard Goetzman | 1970 Billy Kidd |
| 2002 Gene Fulkerson | 1985 Jimmie Heuga | 1969 William Nagle, Jr. |
| 2001 Harry Davis | 1985 Ed Gehle | 1968 Ben Cole |
| 2000 George Eachus | 1984 John James | 1967 Walt Disney |
| 1999 Randy Lew | 1983 Bill Berry | 1966 W. S. "Slim" Davis |
| 1998 Nic Fiore | 1982 Joe Harris | |
| 1997 Norm Cullen | 1981 Bruce Bell | |
| 1996 Fay Mumbauer | 1980 Jane Wyckoff | |
| 1995 Woody Hogan | 1980 Don Simpson | |
| 1994 Fred "Andy" Andrews | 1979 Chuck Morse | |
| 1993 Dennis Agee | 1978 John Watson | |
| 1992 Pat Nangle | 1978 Fraser West | |

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. ❄



Courtesy Fay Mumbauer

"Schatzi" Wood
1897 - Sept 3, 1964

J. Stanley Mullin ...



Courtesy Ingrid Wicken

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, 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 **Corty 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

2010	Gloria Raminha	1992	Susie Vetter	1974	Gloria Slate
2009	Barbara Bryant	1991	Karen Kimball	1973	Jane Wyckoff
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		

J. Stanley Mullin Awardees

2010	Richard Shawkey	1991	Woody Hogan	1973	Edgar "Gar" Bering III
2009	Richard Lubin	1990	Paul Arrigo	1972	Carl Grover
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		

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 - Feb 8, 2010

Jordan-Reily ...



John McClintic 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

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

2010	Linda Whittle, <i>Can Do MS</i>	2001	Billy Kidd, <i>Steamboat Springs</i>	1991	Linda Fryback, <i>Unrecables</i>
2009	Will Niccolls & Ed Bronsdon, <i>Outdoors for All Foundation</i>	2000	Mark Wellman	1990	Sallie Pritchard, <i>Founder, California Handicapped Ski School at Bear Mtn.</i>
2008	Tom Peirce, <i>Director US Adaptive Recreation Center</i>	1999	Norm Cox	1989	Douglas Pringle, <i>Tahoe Adaptive School</i>
2007	Larry 'Chad' Chadwick, <i>Oregon Cancer Ski Out</i>	1998	Candice Cable	1989	Lynne Haile, <i>Pierce College Handicapped Program</i>
2006	Sigrid Noack	1997	Rick Van Aken, <i>Bear Valley Adaptive Program</i>	1988	Steve Kanaly, <i>March of Dimes</i>
2005	Muffy Davis	1996	Jim Ortiz	1987	James Stacey
2004	Ben Velasquez	1995	Sara Tully		
2003	Chris Klug, <i>US Olympian</i>	1994	Kelle Malkewitz, <i>Director US Adaptive Recreation Center</i>		
2002	Gordon Cardona, <i>Unrecables</i>	1993	Tahoe Adaptive Ski School, <i>Alpine Mdws</i>		
		1992	Hal O'Leary, <i>Founder, National Sports Center for the Disabled at Winter Park</i>		

Jordan-Reily Awardees

2010	John Wentworth, <i>Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation</i>	1999	<i>no award</i>	1991	John Watson
2009	Auden Schendler, <i>Aspen Snowmass</i>	1998	Catherine Ohl		
2008	Rich Marriott, <i>King5</i>	1998	Linda McGavin		
2007	Geraldine Link, <i>NSAA</i>	1997	Wayne Poulsen		
2006	Scott Kaden, <i>PNSAA</i>	1996	<i>no award</i>		
2005	Mark Udall, <i>US Senator</i>	1995	Karen Kimball		
2004	Ethan Chickering	1994	Lee Olson		
2003	Steve Coxen	1993	<i>National Ski Patrol, Southern California Region's Mountaineering Section—</i>		
2002	Denny Bschor, <i>USFS</i>		Dave Tollakson		
2001	Steve Reneker		Jerry Lambert		
2000	Mike Sanford		Steve Reneker		
			Ron Anderson		
		1992	Kermit Wagner		

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

2010 Mammoth Mountain	1992 Mammoth Race Dept.	1975 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley
2009 Big Sky	1991 Bear Mountain	1974 Kirkwood Meadows
2008 Vail Resorts	1990 Mt. Bachelor	1973 Yosemite Mountain-eering School
2007 Aspen Snowmass	1989 Vail / Beaver Creek	1972 Boreal Ridge
2006 Big White Ski Resort	1988 Steamboat	1971 Mammoth Mountain Dave McCoy
2005 Breckenridge Ski Resort	1987 Crested Butte Mtn. Resort	1970 Mt. Rose
2004 Ogden / Weber CVB	1986 Mammoth Mountain	1969 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley
2003 Big Mountain	1985 Mt. Reba / Bear Valley	1968 no award
2002 Salt Lake CVB	1984 Snow Forest	1967 Mammoth Mountain
2001 Silver Star Mtn. Resort	1983 Mountain High	1966 Alpine Meadows
2000 Park City Mtn. Resort	1982 Mammoth Ski Touring Center	
1999 Ski New Mexico	1981 Mt. Rose	
1998 Aspen Skiing Company	1980 Alpine Meadows Nick Badami	
1997 Lake Louise Ski Area	1979 Boreal Ridge	
1996 Salt Lake 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	

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

2010 Brian Flickinger, Vail Resorts	1995 Brent Boblitt, Northstar-at-Tahoe	1982 Ueli Luthi, Mammoth Race Dept.
2009 Mary Manning, Aspen Snowmass	1994 Brad Wilson, Bear Mtn. Ski Resort	1981 Mitch Vlad, Canadian Office of Tourism
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, Vail/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		
1996 Steve Orchin, Canadian Pacific Hotels		

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 Awardees Print Awards— Featured Article

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|------|---|------|---|------|----------------------------------|
| 2010 | Mckay Jenkins,
"The Last Ridge" | 2002 | Chaco Mohler,
Freelance Writer &
Photographer | 1992 | Robert Frohlich,
Tahoe World |
| 2009 | Jennifer Woodlief,
"A Wall of White" | 2001 | no award | 1991 | Glen Putman,
Freelance Writer |
| 2008 | Chris Davenport,
"Ski the 14ers" | 2000 | Leigh Gieringer,
Skier's Guide | | |
| 2007 | Charles J. Sanders,
"The Boys of Winter" | 1999 | Gregory Dennis,
Freelance Writer | | |
| 2006 | April Darrow,
Journalist | 1998 | Ken Castle, <i>Ski Magazine</i> | | |
| 2006 | Jimmy Petterson
"Skiing Around the World" | 1997 | Luanne Pfeifer,
"Gretchen's Gold" | | |
| 2005 | Richard Kun, "The Snow Summit Story, 1952-2002" | 1996 | Diane Slezak Scholfield,
San Diego Union Tribune | | |
| 2004 | Leigh Gieringer,
Skier's Guide | 1995 | no award | | |
| 2003 | Christopher Solomon,
Ski/Skiing Magazines | 1994 | Glen Putman,
Freelance Writer | | |
| | | 1993 | no award | | |



Frank Ferguson, California Ski Association with Burt Sims, LA Times, 6-time winner of Bill Berry Award. 1948

Bill Berry Awardees

Print Awards— Hard News

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|------|--|------|---|------|--|
| 2010 | Sylas Wright,
Sports Editor
"Sierra Sun" | 2000 | Walter Roessing,
Contra Costa Times | 1991 | Garry Niver,
San Mateo Times |
| 2009 | Walter Roessing | 1999 | Rodney Angove,
Sierra Ski Times | 1990 | Susan Vreeland,
Freelance |
| 2008 | Walter Roessing | 1998 | Sam Bauman,
Sierra Ski Times | | Burt Sims,
Skiing Magazine |
| 2007 | Bob Wilbanks,
National Ski Club
Newsletter | 1997 | Al Auger | 1989 | Wendell Benedetti,
Los Angeles Daily News |
| 2006 | April Darrow,
Journalist | 1996 | Bob Cox,
Daily Breeze | 1988 | Mary Wendt,
Herald Examiner |
| 2005 | Walter Roessing | 1995 | Burt Sims,
LA Herald Examiner | 1987 | Garry Niver,
San Mateo Times |
| 2004 | Brian Clark | 1994 | Bob Cox, Daily Breeze | 1986 | Clint Swift,
Sacramento Bee |
| 2003 | Walter Roessing | 1993 | Diane Slezak Scholfield,
San Diego Union Tribune | 1985 | Walter Roessing,
Contra Costa Times |
| 2002 | Katherine Cole,
Freelance | 1992 | Walter Roessing,
Contra Costa Times | | |
| 2001 | no award | | | | |

Hard News Print Awards Continued

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|------|---|------|--|------|--|
| 1984 | Burt Sims,
LA Herald Examiner | 1976 | Hal Roberts, <i>Skiers Almanac</i> | 1968 | Lee Klein,
Western Skier |
| 1983 | Luanne Pfeifer,
Freelance | 1975 | Burt Sims,
LA Herald Examiner | 1967 | Luanne Pfeifer,
Santa Monica Evening
Outlook |
| 1982 | Bob Lochner, LA Times | 1974 | Warren Miller,
Warren Miller
Productions | 1966 | Burt Sims,
LA Herald Examiner |
| 1981 | Larry Christensen,
US Ski News | 1973 | Joan Sweeney,
LA Times | | |
| | Harry Kaiser,
Skiing Mag. | 1972 | Chap Wentworth,
Sacramento Bee | | |
| 1980 | Glen Kramon,
San Francisco Examiner | 1971 | Russ Tiffany,
Far West Ski News | | |
| 1979 | Hal Roberts,
Skiers Almanac | 1970 | Bob Lochner,
San Francisco Chronicle | | |
| 1978 | Burt Sims,
LA Herald Examiner | 1969 | John Hamilton,
KPAT, San Francisco | | |
| 1977 | Ethel Van DeGrift,
Christian Science
Monitor & LA Times | | | | |

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 ...



Jim & Helen

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 1976 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 the contest was too sexist. The contest reappeared the following year as "Council's Man and Woman of the Year" in the format utilized today. ❁

Warren Miller Awardees

[formerly Bill Berry Modern Media]

2010 **Darin Talbot & Robert**

Frohlich, "Around Tahoe— Skiing & Snowboarding Tour Guide"

2009 **Jimmy Petterson & Ari Heinilla, "Raider of the Lost Snow"**

2008 **Documentary Group / Sony Pictures**

2007 **Abbie Kealy, "The Last Ridge"**

2006 **Steve Porino, NBC / OLN Broadcaster**

2005 **Joe Jay Jalbert, Jalbert Productions**

2004 **Tammie Thompson**

2003 **Josh Murphy, Unparalleled Productions**

2002 **Al Noraker, America's Outdoor Journal**

2002 **Russ Cameron, Outdoor Media Group**

2002 **A.J. Kitt, Outdoor Life Network**

2001 **Jerry Hoffman, Freelance Radio**

2000 **Don Fontana, KJAY Reno**

1999 *no award*

1998 **John Jay, Lifetime Achievement**

1997 **Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video**

1996 **Chaco Mohler, Freelance Video**

1995

1994 **Kurt Miller & Peter Speck, Warren Miller Entertainment**

1993

1992 **Warren Miller, "Born to Ski"**

1991 **AMI News Service [Radio]**

1990 **Bob Beattie, "Subaru Ski World"**

1989 *no award*

1988 **Gemini Productions, "Ski Scene"**

1987 *no award*

1986 **Suzy Chaffee, Video Producer**

1985 **Cecil Charles, "The Skier" Photographer**

1984 **Warren Miller, Warren Miller Productions**

1983 **John Hamilton, KPAT, San Francisco**

1982 **Ken Nelson, KABC-TV**

Women of the Year

2010	Helen Harris	San Diego
2009	Lennia Machen	Intermountain
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	<i>not held</i>	
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

Jim Sommer	Sierra
Don Anderson	Intermountain
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
<i>not held</i>	
Howard Wickersham	Los Angeles
Leo Stytle	Los Angeles
Dennis Eggert	Los Angeles

³ Named "Miss USSA"



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
2010 <i>no award</i>	North Island	Mountain High	
2009 <i>no award</i>	<i>no award</i>	North Island	Bergfreunde
2008 <i>no award</i>	<i>no award</i>	Mountain High	Après
2007 Unrecables	Don Diego	Mountain High	Conejo
2006 Skiyente [tie] Unrecables [tie]	Mountain High	Pacific Rim	North Island
2005 <i>no award</i>	Mountain High	Pacific Rim	Bergfreunde
2004 <i>no award</i>	<i>no award</i>	<i>no award</i>	Après
2003 <i>no award</i>	<i>no award</i>	<i>no award</i>	Après
2002 Bota Baggers	Singles	Bergfreunde	
2001 <i>no award</i>	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	<i>no award</i>	Balboa	
1990 Snow Drifters	Singles	Balboa	
1989 Inskiers	Singles	Balboa	



Tollakson Outstanding Club Awards Continued

	Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
1988	Irvine	Singles	Balboa
1987	Inskiers	Snowchasers	Balboa
1986	San Francisco	Snowchasers	Balboa
1985	San Francisco	Sundance	Balboa
1984	Rusty Bindings	<i>no award</i>	Balboa
1983	<i>no award</i>	Singles	<i>no award</i>
1982	Wailers	Singles	Après
1981	Wailers	Singles	<i>no award</i>
1980	Wailers	Singles	<i>no award</i>
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

2010 Skiyente, NW	2008 Arizona Council, AZ
2009 Monterey Ski & Social, BAC	2007 Skiyente, NW

History for Club or Council ...

Launched in 2008, Far West initiated a program to capture club, council, and league history. Judging is done by knowledgeable snowsports historians. ❄️

History Awardees

2010 Fresno, Central	2008 North Island Snowdrifters, SD
2009 Skiyente, NW	

Wentworth Outstanding Club Publication ...

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
2010 <i>Gordon Cardona</i> Unrecables	<i>Barry Cole,</i> North Island	<i>Emilio Trampuz</i> Mountain High	
2009 <i>Gordon Cardona</i> Unrecables	<i>Karl Cikste,</i> Don Diego	<i>Lynn Wilbur</i> Reno	<i>Paul Tidball</i> Bergfreunde
2008 <i>Gordon Cardona</i> Unrecables	<i>Karl Cikste,</i> Don Diego	<i>Emilio Trampuz</i> Mountain High	<i>Connie Burdette</i> Après
2007 <i>Gordon Cardona</i> Unrecables	<i>Don Hamm & Karl</i> <i>Cikste, Don Diego</i>	<i>Catherine Ohl</i> Pacific Rim	<i>Liz Dauw</i> Bergfreunde
2006 <i>Gordon Cardona</i> Unrecables	<i>Don Hamm</i> Don Diego	<i>Catherine Ohl</i> Pacific Rim	<i>Don Violette</i> North Island
2005 <i>Gordon Cardona</i> Unrecables	<i>Emilio Trampuz</i> Mountain High	Orange County	<i>Don Violette</i> North Island
2004 <i>Karen Reber</i> Capital	<i>Don Hamm</i> Don Diego	<i>Judith Miller</i> Singles	<i>Dorothy Pantel</i> Après
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	

Wentworth Outstanding Club Publication Awards Continued

Class A	Class AA	Class AAA
1995 <i>Bonnie West</i> Tri Valley [tie] Inskiers [tie]	<i>Susan Greenman</i> Santa Barbara	<i>Jeanie Schultz</i> Après
1994 <i>Ann Culbertson</i> Powderhounds	<i>Susan Greenman</i> Santa Barbara	<i>Laura Roth</i> Balboa
1993 <i>Rick Webb</i> 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 <i>Irvine</i>	Century City	<i>Rita Dwyer</i> Balboa
1987 <i>San Francisco</i>	<i>Arlene Madsen</i> Singles	<i>Rusty Etzel</i> Torrey Pines
1986 <i>Camber</i>	Hump Jumpers	<i>Rita Dwyer</i> Balboa
1985 <i>Century City</i>	<i>Norm Gallager</i> Singles	<i>Rita Dwyer</i> Balboa
1984 <i>Rusty Bindings</i>	<i>Arlene Madsen</i> Singles	<i>Rusty Etzel</i> Torrey Pines
1983 <i>Steve Angelo</i> Powderhounds ⁵	<i>Pam Bailey & Millie</i> Honeycutt, Singles	<i>Karl Ponath</i> Torrey Pines
1982 <i>Diana Beggs</i> Wailers	<i>Wally Manning &</i> <i>Bob Hirsh, Singles</i>	<i>Jeanie Schultz</i> Après
1981 <i>Naomi Altman</i> Wailers	<i>Ann-Marie Mercon</i> Westwood	<i>Norma Benthien</i> Torrey Pines
1980 <i>Larry Singer</i> Powderhounds	<i>Betty MacMurray</i> Auslich	<i>Dick Bardell</i> Torrey Pines
1979 <i>San Francisco</i>	<i>Donna Holtz</i> Auslich	Après
1978 <i>Carily Mullen</i> Wailers	<i>John Rosenkranz</i> Westwood	Après
1977 <i>Snow Drifters</i>	Westwood	
1976 <i>Joy Melton</i> Wailers ⁵	Westwood	
1975 <i>Russ Tiffany</i> Wailers	Après ⁵	
1974 <i>Rosemary Moschel</i> Wailers ⁵	<i>Rachel Martin</i> Santa Barbara	
1973 <i>Don Marshall</i> Orange County	<i>Lori & Patti Spann</i> Fresno	
1972 <i>Linda Kaderli</i> Singles	<i>Judy Fjeld &</i> <i>Angie McArthur</i> Fresno ⁵	
1971 <i>Steve Emanuel &</i> <i>Laurel Rohrer</i> Singles	<i>Paula Turcotte</i> Hughes	
1970 <i>Sylvia Carlson</i> Wailers ⁵	<i>Nancy Chadwick</i> Fresno	

⁵ Awarded USSA Outstanding Publication

Web Site Outstanding Club Award ...

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
2010 <i>Bonnie West Singles</i>	<i>Don Cheshire North Island</i>	<i>Ed Martin Après</i>	
2009 <i>Cathy Wilson Inskiers</i>	<i>Crissy Marie King Fresno</i>	<i>Emillo Trampuz Mountain High</i>	<i>Paul Tidball Bergfreunde</i>
2008 <i>Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim</i>	<i>Crissy Marie King Fresno</i>	<i>Emillo Trampuz Mountain High</i>	<i>Paul Tidball Bergfreunde</i>
2007 <i>Cathy Wilson Inskiers</i>	<i>Karl Cikste Don Diego</i>	<i>Crissy Marie King Fresno</i>	<i>Paul Tidball Bergfreunde</i>
2006 <i>Georgina Hackett Unrecables</i>	<i>Emillo Trampuz Mountain High</i>	<i>Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim</i>	<i>Liz Dauw Bergfreunde</i>
2005 <i>no award</i>	<i>Emillo Trampuz Mountain High</i>	<i>Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim</i>	<i>Liz Dauw Bergfreunde</i>
2004 <i>Bonnie West Tri Valley</i>	<i>Cheryl Hasegawa Asian</i>	<i>Laura Meldrum Torrey Pines</i>	<i>Jeanie Schultz Après</i>
2003 <i>Georgina Hackett Unrecables</i>	<i>Cheryl Hasegawa Asian</i>	<i>Wes Hopper Phoenix</i>	<i>Len Humbird Bergfreunde</i>
2002 <i>Bonnie West Tri Valley</i>	<i>Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim</i>	<i>Bill Kellett Scottsdale</i>	
2001 <i>Kay Cofield Auslich</i>	<i>Larry Davis Century City</i>	<i>Steve Olson Balboa</i>	

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
2010 <i>Linda McGavin, Northwest</i>	<i>John Jessen, Northwest</i>
2009 <i>Nancy Ellis, Sierra</i>	<i>Lennia Machen, Intermountain</i>
2008 <i>Sig Kalties, Bay Area</i>	<i>Steve Coxen, Northwest</i>
2007 <i>Sig Kalties, Bay Area</i>	<i>Steve Coxen, Northwest</i>
2006 <i>Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles</i>	<i>Steve Coxen, Northwest</i>
2005 <i>Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles</i>	<i>Steve Coxen, Northwest</i>
2004 <i>Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles</i>	<i>Laura Meldrum, San Diego</i>
2003 <i>Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles</i>	<i>Chris Miller, Northwest</i>

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

2010 <i>Richard Rizk, NW</i>	2004 <i>Bob Ellis, BAC</i>	2000 <i>Denise Vance, SD</i>
2009 <i>Sandy Beecher, BAC</i>	2003 <i>Elaine Cobos, AC</i>	1999 <i>Catherine Ohl, LA/SD</i>
2008 <i>Randy Salzman, BAC</i>	2002 <i>Richard Lubin, BAC</i>	1998 <i>Jo Henry, SD</i>
2007 <i>Emilio Trampuz, NW</i>	2001 <i>Richard Lubin, BAC</i>	
2006 <i>Catherine Ohl, LA/SD</i>		
2005 <i>T.J. Barnes, SD</i>		

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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.

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

2010 <i>Jane Jackson Northern Arizona Ski Heritage</i>	2005 <i>Ingrid Wicken California Ski Library</i>	2001 <i>Chris Miller Cascade Ski Club History Restoration</i>
2009 <i>Marianne O'Connor Robin Morning Western Ski Heritage</i>	2004 <i>Martin Forstenzer Book: "Mammoth: Sierra Legend"</i>	2000 <i>Sutter Kunkel Far West Charter Flight Portfolio</i>
2008 <i>Robin Morning Book: "Tracks of Passion"</i>	2003 <i>Catherine Ohl Ski History Web Site</i>	
2007 <i>Catherine Ohl Far West 75th Ski History Celebration</i>	2002 <i>Ingrid Wicken Book: "Pray for Snow: The History of Skiing in Southern California"</i>	
2006 <i>Robin Morning Mammoth Museum</i>		



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

2010	Jane Wyckoff Lindsay Vonn, <i>US Ski Team</i>	2000	Jane Wyckoff Karen Davis
2009	Nancy Ellis Dylan Murtha	1999	Phil Mahre, <i>US Olympian</i>
2008	Robb Margrave Joe Coles <i>US Alpine Ski Team</i>	1998	Leigh Gieringer Jonny Moseley, <i>US Olympian</i>
2007	Debbi Kor-Lew Mary Olhausen	1997	Barbara Razo
2006	Michael German Steve Coxen Kathy Hoffmann	1996	Harry Davis & Jane Wyckoff
2005	Catherine Ohl Tammie Anstedt, <i>Vail Resorts</i>	1995	Kyle Rasmussen, <i>US Ski Team</i> Jane Wyckoff
2004	Billy Kidd, <i>US Olympian</i> Michael German	1994	Randy Lew
2003	Sigrid Noack	1993	Judith Miller
2002	Catherine Ohl Bill Johnson, <i>US Olympian</i>	1992	Jeff Hamilton, <i>US Ski Team Speed Skiing</i>
2001	Daron Rahlves, <i>US Ski Team</i>	1991	Alan Christian Paul Arrigo
		1990	John Watson Janie "Frankie" Hansen
		1989	Tamara McKinney, <i>US Ski Team</i> Jane Wyckoff

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

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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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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. ✪

Year Recipient

2010-11	Linnea Baysinger, <i>Snoqualmie, OR</i> Forrest Ferguson, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Haley Hanseler, <i>Mt. Hood, OR</i> Nahanni Lukes, <i>Mt. Ashland, OR</i> Nicolo Monforte, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Dylan Murtha, <i>Sugar Bowl, CA</i> Jordan Schweitzer, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i> Cai Yamamoto, <i>Mission Ridge, WA</i>	Tenaya Driller, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Johanna Gur, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Lila Lapanja, <i>Diamond Peak, CA</i> Keith Moffat, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Morganne Murphy, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Brianna Piper, <i>Snow Summit, CA</i> Alexa Wehsener, <i>Mammoth, CA</i>
2009-10	Julia Bjorkman, <i>Diamond Peak, CA</i> Ali Gunesch, <i>Mt. Hood, OR</i> Allene Kennedy, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Nicolo Monforte, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Dylan Murtha, <i>Sugar Bowl, CA</i> Jetta Rackleff, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i> Kenneth Wilson, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i>	Dylan Brooks, <i>Sugar Bow, CA</i> Haley Hanseler, <i>Mt. Hood, OR</i> Lila Lapanja, <i>Diamond Peak, CA</i> Morganne Murphy, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Jake Perkins, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i> Jordan Schweitzer, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i>
2008-09	Anton Hilts, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i> Macaulay Lyon, <i>WA</i> Carl Noges, <i>Crystal Mountain, WA</i> Jordan Schweitzer, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i>	Madison Gumerman, <i>Flagstaff, AZ</i> Dylan Murtha, <i>Sugar Bowl, CA</i> Jake Perkins, <i>Squaw Valley, CA</i>
2007-08	Jake Baker, <i>Sugar Bowl, CA</i> Anton Hilts, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i> Jetta Rackleff, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i>	Mark Engle, <i>Sugar Bowl, CA</i> Riker McClaskey, <i>Sugar Bowl, CA</i> Shannon Hartmann, <i>Auburn, CA</i>
2006-07	Kaylee Ann Cortopassi, <i>Mammoth, CA</i> Anton Hilts, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i> Andrea Wallace, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i>	Geordie Lonza, <i>Mammoth, CA</i> Jetta Rackleff, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i>
2005-06	Anton Hilts, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i> Andee Wallace, <i>Mt. Bachelor, OR</i>	Chris Hinkley, <i>Sugar Bowl, CA</i>
2004-05	Brandy Barba, <i>Sugar Bowl, CA</i>	Martin Harris, <i>Heavenly, CA</i>

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. ✪



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.

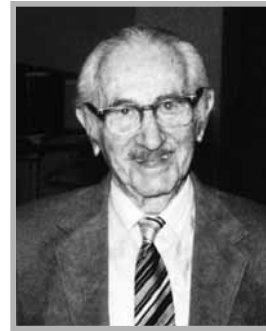
Terry died in a tragic accident while operating an earth moving machine at the top of Chair 3 at Mammoth in the summer of 1975. In his memory, the Race Stadium Run in the Blue Ox area was named Terry's Run.

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 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-

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.

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

2010	no award	1991	Carol Weaver	Sierra
2009	Scott Peer	1990	Ralph Lehotsky	Los Angeles
2008	Craig Faitel	1989	John Ulrich	Bay Area
2007	Beat Hupfer	1988	John Armstrong	Mammoth
2006	Jim Sommer	1987	George Eachus	Los Angeles
2005	Barbara Bryant	1986	John Catozzi	Los Angeles
2004	Dan Jeffrey	1985	Alan Christian	Bay Area
2003	Richard Shawkey	1984	Ellen Loe	Los Angeles
2002	Dotti Gallagher	1983	Jessica Freeman	Los Angeles
2002	Joe Loader	1982	Dennis Agee	Mammoth
2001	Robb Margrave	1981	Karyn Tablada	Los Angeles
2000	Mark Hanlon	1980	Ueli Lufhi	Mammoth
1999	Marty Purmort	1979	Joe Harris	San Diego
1998	Lynnell Calkins	1978	John Rosenkranz	Los Angeles
1997	Bob Bernard	1977	John James	Los Angeles
1996	Ken Calkins	1976	Bruce Bell	Los Angeles
1995	no award			
1994	Bob & Debbie Warzynski			Inland
1993	Herb Schraibman			Los Angeles
1992	Bob Ellis			Bay Area

Joe Ross Awardees

2011	Balboa	Sun Valley, ID	1993	Century City	Aspen, CO
2010	Modesto	Keystone, CO	1992	Century City	Vail, CO
2009	Modesto	Big Sky, MT	1991	SLO Skiers	Breckenridge, CO
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 [tie]	Big Mountain, MT			
2003	Code 3 [tie]	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			

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.

Thanks to the following contributors: Jane Wyckoff, John Watson, Mike Sanford, Jane “Frankie” Hansen, Gene Fulkerson. ❄

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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