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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 Pines 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

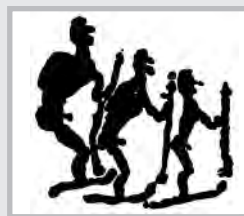
The oldest sports have their roots in man's struggle to survive. These sports were practiced out of necessity long before someone figured out how to turn them into ones of pleasure. These activities include running, horseback riding, boating and, naturally, skiing.

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. ✎

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☞ 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



Far West History ...

☞ the 1932 US team “California Olympic Tryouts.”

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.

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.



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 Wulich** of San Diego Ski Club was named the first woman ski patroller and assigned the number one. ❁



Dorothy McClung

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

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

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5th District was added to cover the Bay Area. District 4 began calling itself the Southern Council of the FWSA in 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

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. ❄️

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meetings and ensure meaningful involvement and activities.

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



Far West History ...

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



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 for those outside Far West's traditional service awards. ❄



Dave McCoy

Dave opened Mammoth on Thanksgiving 1955. He also coached 19 team members of US Olympic Ski Team.



Norbert Olberz

Sport Chalet was founded in 1959 by Norbert and his wife Irene, who bought a ski and tennis shop in La Cañada, CA.



Martha Perez

Before Martha helped to co-found Sport Tours, she was Far West's Travel Program administrator.

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 cam-

paign.

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

Snowsports Builder Awardees

- 2011 **Dave McCoy**, Founder Mammoth Mountain, CA
- Norbert Olberz**, Founder Sport Chalet
- Martha Perez**, Co-founder Sport Tours
- 2010 **Doug Pfeiffer**, PSIA, Editor-in-Chief "Skiing" magazine
- 2009 **Deedee Corradini**, President Women's Ski Jumping USA
- 2008 **Jerry Simon & Harry Leonard** Developers of the "Ski Show"



Beatrice, Eric Olberz (Nobert's son), John Watson, Martha Perez, Gene Fulkerson, Jane Wyckoff

Long Term Contributions to Skiing ...

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| Before the Hans Georg Award, Far West awarded Long Term Contributions to Skiing with the Miller High Life Award. ❄ | 1962 Byron Nishkian | 1957 Wesley B. Hadden |
| | 1961 no award | 1956 Gene Williams |
| | 1960 Dave McCoy | 1955 Edward J. Johnson |
| | 1959 Robert J. Reed | 1954 Richard W. Cronon |
| | 1958 Edward J. Johnson | |

Hans Georg Awardees

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| 2011 Lynnell Calkins | 1992 Pat Nangle | 1978 Fraser West |
| 2010 Sigrid Noack | 1991 Mike Favia | 1977 Russ Read |
| 2009 Georgene Bihlman | 1990 Martha Perez | 1976 no award |
| 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 | |

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



"Schatzi" Wood
1897 - Sept 3, 1964

J. Stanley Mullin ...



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 Cheeswright** 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

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|------|-----------------|------|--------------------|------|------------------|
| 2011 | Sheri Parshall | 1993 | no award | 1975 | Kathy Downer |
| 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 | 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 | | |

J. Stanley Mullin Awardees

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|------|-----------------|------|-------------------|------|------------------------|
| 2011 | Dennis Heffley | 1992 | Louis Buhler | 1974 | Rolf Fromm |
| 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 Wetzel |
| 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 | | |

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

Jimmie Heuga Awardees

| | | | | | |
|------|--|------|---|------|---|
| 2011 | Dianna Digandomenico, <i>The Unrecables</i> | 2002 | Gordon Cardona, <i>Unrecables</i> | 1992 | Hal O'Leary, <i>Founder, National Sports Center for the Disabled at Winter Park</i> |
| 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> | | |
| | | 1993 | Tahoe Adaptive Ski School, <i>Alpine Mdws</i> | | |

Jordan-Reily Awardees

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|------|---|------|--|------|---------------|
| 2011 | Christina Thomure, <i>Grand Targhee</i> | 2000 | Mike Sanford | 1992 | Kermit Wagner |
| 2010 | John Wentworth, <i>Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation</i> | 1999 | no award | 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 | no award | | |
| 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> | | | | |
| 2001 | Steve Reneker | | | | |
| | | | Dave Tollakson | | |
| | | | Jerry Lambert | | |
| | | | Steve Reneker | | |
| | | | Ron Anderson | | |

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

| | | | | | |
|------|-------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|---------------------------------|
| 2011 | Alpine Meadows | 1993 | Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1976 | Heavenly Valley |
| 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 | | |

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

| | | | | | |
|------|--|------|--|------|---|
| 2011 | Bob Salerno, Virtual Snow | | Northstar-at-Tahoe | | Salomon On-Campus Learn-to-Ski Program |
| 2010 | Brian Flickinger, Vail Resorts | 1996 | Steve Orchin, Canadian Pacific Hotels | 1982 | Jim Catlin, Mammoth Ski Tour Ctr. |
| 2009 | Mary Manning, Aspen Snowmass | 1995 | Brent Boblitt, Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1982 | Ueli Luthi, Mammoth Race Dept. |
| 2008 | Cyd Heatherly, Snowbasin | 1994 | Brad Wilson, Bear Mtn. Ski Resort | 1981 | Mitch Vlad, Canadian Office of Tourism |
| 2007 | Patrick Rothe, ski.com | 1993 | Julie Maurer & Mike Blide, Northstar-at-Tahoe | 1980 | Harry Leonard, Ski Show Company |
| 2006 | Kris McKinnon, Aspen | 1992 | Elise Waddell, Mammoth Race Dept. | 1979 | Bob Bergstrom, Sports, Ltd. |
| 2005 | Mark Thoreson, Sun Valley | 1991 | Jerry Simon, SkiGroup | 1978 | Chuck Morse, Mountain High |
| 2004 | Karen Schneider, Steamboat | 1990 | Jim Mott, Squaw Valley | 1977 | Chuck Morse, Mountain High |
| 2003 | Tammie Anstedt, Vaill/Heavenly | 1989 | Marilyn Branch, Coonskin Inn | 1977 | Jack Hardy, Tahoe Hyatt Hotel |
| 2002 | Jim Loyd, Big White Ski Resort | 1988 | Mark Phillips, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley | 1976 | Bill Boardman, Squaw Valley USA |
| 2001 | John Frasca, Central Holidays | 1987 | John Armstrong, Mammoth Mtn. | 1975 | Dick Parent, High Sierra Reservations |
| 2000 | Don Beaulieu, Sunshine Village | 1986 | Bob Settineri and Ron Roesch, "Mogul Mike" Sierra Productions | 1974 | Knut Waarli, Cal-Nordic Institute |
| 1999 | Jean Louis Villiot, Mammoth Mtn. | 1985 | Randy Fahrbach, Purgatory Ski Resort | 1973 | Peter Brinkman, Mt. Reba/Bear Valley |
| 1999 | Sandy Best, Lake Louise | 1984 | Nick Hudson, Heavenly Valley | 1972 | John Garner, Mammoth Ski Patrol |
| 1998 | Mary Evans, Aspen | 1983 | Chuck Morse, | | |
| 1997 | Joe Pettit, | | | | |

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.

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



William Banks Berry
Apr 7, 1903 - Jan 1999



Snowshoe Flat 1952

Bill Berry Awardees Print Awards— Featured Article

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| 2011 Wendolyn Holland, "Sun Valley: An Extra - ordinary History" | 2003 Christopher Solomon, Ski/Skiing Magazines | 1994 Glen Putman, Freelance Writer |
| 2010 Mckay Jenkins, "The Last Ridge" | 2002 Chaco Mohler, Freelance Writer & Photographer | 1993 no award |
| 2009 Jennifer Woodlief, "A Wall of White" | 2001 no award | 1992 Robert Frohlich, Tahoe World |
| 2008 Chris Davenport, "Ski the 14ers" | 2000 Leigh Gieringer, Skier's Guide | 1991 Glen Putman, Freelance Writer |
| 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 | |



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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|---|---|--|
| 2011 Tom Stienstra, <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> | 2001 no award | 1992 Walter Roessing, <i>Contra Costa Times</i> |
| 2010 Sylas Wright, Sports Editor "Sierra Sun" | 2000 Walter Roessing, <i>Contra Costa Times</i> | 1991 Garry Niver, <i>San Mateo Times</i> |
| 2009 Walter Roessing | 1999 Rodney Angove, <i>Sierra Ski Times</i> | 1990 Susan Vreeland, Freelance |
| 2008 Walter Roessing | 1998 Sam Bauman, <i>Sierra Ski Times</i> | Burt Sims, <i>Skiing Magazine</i> |
| 2007 Bob Wilbanks, <i>National Ski Club Newsletter</i> | 1997 Al Auger | 1989 Wendell Benedetti, <i>Los Angeles Daily News</i> |
| 2006 April Darrow, Journalist | 1996 Bob Cox, <i>Daily Breeze</i> | 1988 Mary Wendt, <i>Herald Examiner</i> |
| 2005 Walter Roessing | 1995 Burt Sims, <i>LA Herald Examiner</i> | 1987 Garry Niver, <i>San Mateo Times</i> |
| 2004 Brian Clark | 1994 Bob Cox, <i>Daily Breeze</i> | 1986 Clint Swift, <i>Sacramento Bee</i> |
| 2003 Walter Roessing | 1993 Diane Slezak Scholfield, <i>San Diego Union Tribune</i> | |
| 2002 Katherine Cole | | |

Hard News Print Awards Continued

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|--|--|---|
| 1985 Walter Roessing, <i>Contra Costa Times</i> | 1977 Ethel Van DeGrift, <i>Christian Science Monitor & LA Times</i> | 1969 John Hamilton, <i>KPAT, San Francisco</i> |
| 1984 Burt Sims, <i>LA Herald Examiner</i> | 1976 Hal Roberts, <i>Skiers Almanac</i> | 1968 Lee Klein, <i>Western Skier</i> |
| 1983 Luanne Pfeifer, Freelance | 1975 Burt Sims, <i>LA Herald Examiner</i> | 1967 Luanne Pfeifer, <i>Santa Monica Evening Outlook</i> |
| 1982 Bob Lochner, <i>LA Times</i> | 1974 Warren Miller, <i>Warren Miller Productions</i> | 1966 Burt Sims, <i>LA Herald Examiner</i> |
| 1981 Larry Christensen, <i>US Ski News</i> | 1973 Joan Sweeney, <i>LA Times</i> | |
| Harry Kaiser, <i>Skiing Mag.</i> | 1972 Chap Wentworth, <i>Sacramento Bee</i> | Special Award |
| 1980 Glen Kramon, <i>San Francisco Examiner</i> | 1971 Russ Tiffany, <i>Far West Ski News</i> | 1992 John Rosenfeld, <i>Research</i> |
| 1979 Hal Roberts, <i>Skiers Almanac</i> | 1970 Bob Lochner, <i>San Francisco Chronicle</i> | |
| 1978 Burt Sims, <i>LA Herald Examiner</i> | | |

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, cinema-tographer, 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 ...



Gary & Debbie

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

Warren Miller Awardees

[formerly Bill Berry Modern Media]

2011 Steve Bellamy, "The Story" (Ski Channel)

2010 Darin Talbot & Robert Frohlich, "Around Tahoe— Skiing & Snow - boarding 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 kidzNsnow.com

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

1994 Kurt Miller & Peter Speck, Warren Miller Entertainment

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

| | | |
|------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| 2011 | Debbie Stewart | Sierra |
| 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 |
| 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

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Gary Gunderson | Northwest |
| 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 |
| not held | |
| 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 |
|------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2011 | Pacific Rim | Fresno | <i>no award</i> | |
| 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 | |



Tollakson Outstanding Club Awards Continued

| | Class A | Class AA | Class AAA |
|------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1989 | Inskiers | Singles | Balboa |
| 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 volun-

teerism. A deserving club or council receives a \$100 donation for their charity of choice. ❄️

Charity Awardees

2011 Monterey, BAC
2010 Skiyente, NW

2009 Monterey Ski & Social, BAC
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 his-

tory. Judging is done by knowledgeable snowsports historians. ❄️

History Awardees

2011 Singles, LAC
2010 Fresno, Central

2009 Skiyente, NW
2008 North Island Snowdrifters, SD

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 |
|------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2011 | Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim | Michael Bouton, Bogus Basin | Emilio Trampuz Mountain High | |
| 2010 | Gordon Cardona Unrecables | Barry Cole, North Island | Emilio Trampuz Mountain High | |
| 2009 | Gordon Cardona Unrecables | Karl Cikste, Don Diego | Lynn Wilbur Reno | Paul Tidball Bergfreunde |
| 2008 | Gordon Cardona 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 Dauw 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 | | Don Violette North Island |
| 2004 | Karen Reber Capital | Don Hamm Don Diego | Orange County | Dorothy Pantel Après |
| 2003 | Karen Reber Capital | Cheryl Hasegawa Asian | Judith Miller Singles | Dorothy Pantel Après |
| 2002 | Bonnie West Auslich | Catherine Ohl Century City | Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim | Kathy Boyer Après |
| 2001 | Bonnie West Auslich | Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim | Dorothy Pantel Après | |
| 2000 | Mary Costigan Grindelwald | Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim | Ron Mitchell Bergfreunde | |
| 1999 | Mary Costigan Grindelwald | Jennifer Beever Century City | Donna Harvey Balboa | |
| 1998 | Hal Richey Wailers | Mary Costigan Grindelwald | Dorothy Pantel Après | |
| 1997 | Barbara Betlem Wailers | Kiyomi Stineman Santa Barbara | Ron Mitchell Bergfreunde | |
| 1996 | Betty Ward Tri Valley | Kiyomi Stineman Santa Barbara | | |

Wentworth Outstanding Club Publication Awards Continued

| | Class A | Class AA | Class AAA |
|------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 1995 | Bonnie West Tri Valley [tie] Inskiers [tie] | Susan Greenman Santa Barbara | Jeanie Schultz Après |
| 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 Tschernenko Auslich | Maureen Bivins Balboa |
| 1989 | Nora Smith Wailers | Eileen Tschernenko 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 | Carly 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 ...

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 |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2011 Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim | Crissymarie King Fresno | Bev Novak Idaho Falls | |
| 2010 Bonnie West Singles | Don Cheshire North Island | Ed Martin Après | |
| 2009 Cathy Wilson Inskiers | Crissymarie King Fresno | Emilio Trampuz Mountain High | Paul Tidball Bergfreunde |
| 2008 Catherine Ohl Pacific Rim | Crissymarie 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 |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2011 no award | no award |
| 2010 Linda McGavin, Northwest | John Jessen, Northwest |
| 2009 Nancy Ellis, Sierra | Lennia Machen, Intermountain |
| 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.

appropriate 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 appro-

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 tick-

• Ski With Pride • Watch All Sides • Let It Ride •
First With Safety Awareness



Safety Awardees

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2011 Gordon Cardona, LAC | 2005 T.J. Barnes, SD | 2001 Richard Lubin, BAC |
| 2010 Richard Rizk, NW | 2004 Bob Ellis, BAC | 2000 Denise Vance, SD |
| 2009 Sandy Beecher, BAC | 2003 Elaine Cobos, AC | 1999 Catherine Ohl, LA/SD |
| 2008 Randy Salzman, BAC | 2002 Richard Lubin, BAC | 1998 Jo Henry, SD |
| 2007 Emilio Trampuz, NW | | |
| 2006 Catherine Ohl, LA/SD | | |



Western Ski Heritage Award ...

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

The Western Ski Heritage Award has been sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation 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, lessons and lift tickets for two persons. ❄️

Western Ski Heritage Awardees

| | | |
|--|---|--|
| 2011 Erin Barber San Diego Ski Club History | | 2003 Catherine Ohl Ski History Web Site |
| 2010 Jane Jackson Northern Arizona Ski Heritage | | 2002 Ingrid Wicken Book: "Pray for Snow: The History of Skiing in Southern California" |
| 2009 Marianne O'Connor Robin Morning Western Ski Heritage | 2006 Robin Morning Mammoth Museum | 2001 Chris Miller Cascade Ski Club History Restoration |
| 2008 Robin Morning Book: "Tracks of Passion" | 2005 Ingrid Wicken California Ski Library | 2000 Sutter Kunkel Far West Charter Flight Portfolio |
| 2007 Catherine Ohl Far West 75 th Ski History Celebration | 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

| | | | |
|------|---|------|---|
| 2011 | Bob Ellis George Stewart | 2001 | Daron Rahlves, <i>US Ski Team</i> |
| 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 US Alpine Ski Team | 1998 | Leigh Gieringer Jonny Moseley, <i>US Olympian</i> |
| 2007 | Debbi Kor 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> |
| | | 1991 | Alan Christian Paul Arrigo |
| | | 1990 | John Watson Janie "Frankie" Hansen |
| | | 1989 | Tamara McKinney, <i>US Ski Team</i> Jane Wyckoff |

| | |
|------|--|
| 1988 | Cathy Gentile & Greg Manino, <i>US Handicapped Ski Team</i> |
| 1987 | |
| 1986 | George Eachus |
| 1985 | Joe Ross |
| 1984 | Mike Favia |
| 1983 | Robert Jimenez |
| 1982 | Bobby Moreno |
| 1979 | Don Simpson |

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 | Recipients | | |
|---------|--|--|---|
| 2011-12 | Linnea Baysinger WA Rose Casten UT Ali Gunesch OR Lila Lapanja NV Foreste Peterson CA Lucas Underkoffler CA | Dylan Brooks CA Scott Cooper CA Haley Hanseler WA Morganne Murphy CA Jordan Schweitzer OR Alexa Wehsener CA | Kirk Carlson CA Garret Driller CA Hanna Johnson CA Dylan Murtha CA Stephan Splitzoser OR Cai Yamamoto WA |
| 2010-11 | Linnea Baysinger WA Johanna Gur CA Nahanni Lukes OR Morganne Murphy CA Jordan Schweitzer OR | Tenaya Driller CA Haley Hanseler WA Keith Moffat CA Dylan Murtha CA Alexa Wehsener CA | Forrest Ferguson CA Lila Lapanja NV Nicolo Monforte CA Brianna Piper CA Cai Yamamoto WA |
| 2009-10 | Julia Bjorkman CA Haley Hanseler OR Nicolo Monforte CA Jake Perkins CA Kenneth Wilson CA | Dylan Brooks CA Allene Kennedy CA Morganne Murphy CA Jetta Rackleff OR | Ali Gunesch OR Lila Lapanja NV Dylan Murtha CA Jordan Schweitzer OR |
| 2008-09 | Anton Hilts OR Dylan Murtha CA Jordan Schweitzer OR | Madison Gumerman AZ Carl Noges WA | Macaulay Lyon WA Jake Perkins CA |
| 2007-08 | Jake Baker CA Riker McClaskey CA | Mark Engle CA Jetta Rackleff OR | Anton Hilts OR Shannon Hartmann CA |
| 2006-07 | Kaylee Ann Cortopassi CA Jetta Rackleff OR | Geordie Lonza CA Andrea Wallace OR | Anton Hilts OR |
| 2005-06 | Anton Hilts OR | Chris Hinkley CA | Andee Wallace OR |
| 2004-05 | Brandy Barba CA | Martin Harris CA | |

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"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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pg 4-6 Ingrid Wicken, California Ski Library

pg 7 Sutter Kunkel

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 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

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

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

Joe was an inspiration to every skier with his vim, vigor, love of life and dedication to the sport of skiing. His spirit will continue forward in the Far West Joe Ross Memorial Race.

*The Joe Ross trophy goes to the ski club at Ski Week with the most total points for Slalom and Giant Slalom. **

Terry Smith Awardees

| | | | | | |
|------|------------------------|-------------|------|-----------------|-------------|
| 2011 | Jo Simposn | Sierra | 1992 | Bob Ellis | Bay Area |
| 2010 | no award | | 1991 | Carol Weaver | Sierra |
| 2009 | Scott Peer | Los Angeles | 1990 | Ralph Lehotsky | Los Angeles |
| 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 | Richard 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 | | | |

Joe Ross Awardees

| | | | | | |
|------|---------------|---------------------|------|---------------|------------------|
| 2012 | Cabernet | Jackson Hole, WY | 1994 | Castro Valley | Banff, Canada |
| 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 | | | |

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

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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