



## WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2016

**U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame:** The US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame enshrined seven new legends to the Hall of Fame - Class of 2015 – on Friday, September 16, 2016, in **Ishpeming, Michigan**. A reception announcing this newest group of Honored Members was held at the Limelight Hotel in **Aspen** last October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Those inducted are: freestyle skiing world champions *Genia Fuller* and *Bob Salerno*; longtime ski industry leader *David Ingemie*, veteran magazine publisher *Henry Kaiser*, Olympic snowboarding medalist *Chris Klug*; adaptive skiing innovator *Jim Martinson*, and the late *Edgar Stern* who developed Deer Valley Resort. Prior to the enshrinement, a new statue, honoring ski jumpers, was unveiled. The statue is duly named “*Passion to Fly*”. Stop to take a look when you find yourself in Ishpeming.

**Ski Train Returns to Colorado:** The Ski Train is back! After an 8-year absence, the *Colorado Ski Train* will run once again. Beginning January 7, 2017, Amtrak will be leaving Denver’s Union Station each weekend morning at 7 am, and arriving at **Winter Park Mountain Resort** at 9 am. You’ll have a full day to ski/board and have fun on the slopes. Check Amtrak for fares.

**Summit County’s 50+ Winter Games:** Summit County Colorado’s 50+ Winter Games will be held February 12-14, 2017. An opening day dinner and silent auction will be on Sunday, February 12, at the **Summit County Senior Center**. Skating and Alpine events will take place at **Keystone** on February 13, and Nordic events will be at the **Frisco Nordic Center** on February 14, followed by an awards ceremony that evening at the Senior Center.

**World Cup Races Coming to Squaw Valley:** **Squaw Valley** will be hosting the Audi FIS World Cup Women’s Slalom and Giant Slalom races on the FIS Mens Red Dog course March 9 – 12, 2017. You will be able to see *Mikaela Shiffrin*, *Resi Steigler*, Squaw Valley’s own *Julia Mancuso*, and FWSA Athletic Scholarship recipient *Lila Lipanja*! The grandstand tickets at \$30 per day sold out in the first 3 hours of ticket sales and the Club Level \$1,400 3 day tickets were 85% sold by the end of the first day of ticket sales. You can join me as a volunteer by registering online at <http://squawalpine.com/worldcup/?tab=ui-id-5>.

**National Ski Council Federation Meeting:** Thirty four delegates and committee chairs from twenty two ski clubs, along with 18 ski area representative from across the country, met in **South Lake Tahoe**, August 24-28, 2016. Hosted by **Vail Resorts**, this annual meeting provides the opportunity for ski council leaders and members of the ski industry to come together to discuss issues of mutual interest that affects us all. Some of the topics at the breakout sessions this year included marketing trips, improving websites, marketing to new members and other trip-related topics. The 2017 Annual National Ski Council Federation Meeting will be September 6-10, 2017 in **Sun Peaks, British Columbia**.

## FAR WEST TRAVEL

**Far West Annual Ski Week 2017:** January 28th-February 4, 2017 are the dates set for the next FWSA Ski Week to **Breckenridge, Colorado**. Ski Week staff and the folks at **Breck** will have some great things planned for everyone, including a Mountain Picnic, 5-6 day lift tickets, racing, and lots of socializing. Join us to get in on all the fun. Check with your council's Trip Leader to make your reservations for this fantastic week. More details to come.

**Far West Mini Ski Week 2017:** Signups are being taken for the 2017 mini ski week trip to **Sun Peaks, British Columbia** trip March 21—26, 2017. Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites will be our hosts. There will be lots of FWSA activities and optional local activities available. We have on-line registration and credit card payment available. Go to [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) and click on the travel tab for more information, or contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, at [Garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:Garski2011@gmail.com) or (661)800-8229 (cell). Don't miss this fun trip!

**Far West International Trip 2017:** The international ski trip for 2017 will be to **Austria and Hungary**. Ski week is set for March 12-19 in *St. Anton*, with an extension trip from March 19-26, to **Vienna and Budapest**. The extension trip is also being offered as a Stand Alone trip for those interested. Participants will be staying in one hotel for the week in *St. Anton* - The Schwarzer Adler Hotel, and will be getting one lift pass, which allows skiing in 5 areas. You'll experience a Welcome/Orientation, a mid-week day tour, mid-week après party and a Farewell party. We have 24 people signed up for ski week thus far. If you want to add your name to this growing list of participants, contact Debbie Stewart at: [FWSAintltrlv@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAintltrlv@prodigy.net).

## FAR WEST CONVENTION

**SAVE THE DATE, 2017:** The 85th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention is all set for next June 7-11, 2017, in beautiful Boise, Idaho, at the **Grove Hotel and Boise Centre**. Michael Bouton, host council Convention Coordinator says "We are only 10 months away from one of the most 'unconventional' FWSA conventions that you will ever be a part of." "BOisE", or Boise IS ready to host. The plans are coming together for a fun-filled and educational time with skiers and boarders from all over.

The Optional Activities include: white water rafting, a Natural Hot Springs experience, mountain biking, hiking, leisure biking and wine tasting, along with our famous Pub Crawl. Don't forget the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, as well. Plan on coming early and staying late for some great experiences in Idaho. "Boise IS *anxious* to see you.

Early reservations can now be made by calling the **Grove Hotel** at 888-961-5500. Mention that you are with the Far West Ski Association for the group rate. Or, you can book on-line at <http://bit.ly/FWSA2017-lodging>.

## FAR WEST COUNCILS

**L.A. Council Events Coming Up:** The *Beach Cities Ski Club* will be holding their annual Clambake October 14-16 at Lake Cachuma, in Santa Barbara. Contact

[www.bcskiclubs.org/clambake](http://www.bcskiclubs.org/clambake) 2016 for more information. And, the Annual Snow Gala will be held on Saturday, October 22 at the Embassy Suites, in El Segundo. The theme this year is "Movie Memories". Once again, through the generosity of the California Ski Industry Association, a *California Gold Pass* will be raffled off. For only \$20, you may purchase a chance to win this fabulous prize. The Pass includes: no black out dates, fully transferable to family/friends, ski 50 days at each of the 28+ participating ski areas throughout California and Nevada. RSVP to Karen James at: [kjames48@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kjames48@sbcglobal.net).

**Northwest Ski Club Council:** The *Northwest Ski Club Council* is co-hosting the Portland Ski Fever & Snowboard Show, November 4-6, 2016, in Portland, Oregon. Each of the Northwest clubs have been offered booth space this year to display and showcase their club, register new members, and help kick off the coming season. The council has an evening set up on October 13 for a visit to *EVO Sporting Goods*, one of the local sports shops, and another night of fun and discount shopping at *Columbia Sportswear's* Flagship Store in Portland on December 14, 2016.