



## WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2016

**Stein Ericksen Honored at New Museum:** The Alf Engen Ski Museum, located inside the Utah Olympic Park in Park City, has unveiled an exhibit filled with artifacts loaned by Stein Eriksen's son Bjorn Eriksen, honoring the life of late ski legend. "*Stein Eriksen* has been synonymous with skiing style and elegance for more than half a century," said David Vandehei, chairman of the Ski Museum board of directors. "The first alpine skier to win triple gold at a world championship, an Olympic Gold Medalist and ambassador and father of freestyle skiing, *Eriksen* parlayed all that he knew and loved about the sport into an incredible career that spanned almost six decades and changed the face of alpine skiing worldwide.

**End Coming Near for K2, Marmot, and Other Skis:** Newell Brands has announced the company's intention to sell or abandon its entire collection of winter sports brands by January 1, 2017, including *K2, Vökl, Marker, Full-Tilt, Marmot, Line Skis and Ride Snowboards*. The company has given itself only a few months to sell its portfolio of Winter Sports businesses within its Outdoor Solutions Segment, including brands such as *Coleman, AeroBed* and *Abu Garcia*, which Newell will retain. If *K2* or *Marmot* is one of your favorite brands, you'd better buy them now while you still can!

**Snowmass Base Village Sold:** *East West Partners*, a partner of ***Aspen Skiing Company*** (ASC), announced that they have formed a joint venture to acquire the Snowmass Base Village project. The acquisition includes all remaining development parcels, all commercial spaces in Base Village, the Snowmass Hospitality property management company and the Viceroy Hotel, including the unsold condominium units within the hotel. ASC will purchase the Limelight Hotel and 4 Mountain Sports space when they are complete, and are committed to operating both. The transaction is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

**Epic Pass Adds Ski Resorts in France, Italy, Switzerland and Austria.** *Vail Resorts* has added *Les 3 Vallées, Paradiski and Tignes-Val d'Isere* in France, *Skirama Dolomiti Adamello Brenta* in Italy, *4 Vallees* in Switzerland, and *Arlberg* in Austria to the 2016-2017 lineup of the Epic Pass. This pass offers unlimited, unrestricted skiing access at the company's 13 ski resorts in the U.S. and Australia.

## 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.

**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 COUNCILS

**L.A. Council Events Coming Up:** 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 just \$20 per ticket. The Pass includes: no black out dates, fully transferable to family/friends, and skiing 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). The *Unrecables* have their weekend trips set for Mammoth: November 18-20, December 9-11, January 20-22, February 10-12, March 17-19, April 21-23, and May 5-7, 2017. LAC also has a new club...welcome to *Inland Empire Ski and Sports Club*, from Riverside, CA.

**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 of fun and discount shopping at *Columbia Sportswear's* Flagship Store in Portland on December 14, 2016. *Bergfreunde Ski Club* just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, holding a 50<sup>th</sup> Club Reunion which was well-attended by current and past members. Congratulations Bergfreunde!

**Intermountain Ski Council:** Members of *Intermountain Ski Council* are planning a number of trips this coming season, including a trip to Sun Valley January 8-15, 2017. It's a rendezvous-style trip... pick your days come for a few or the full week. If anyone wants to join us, contact Paul Markowitz: [pmarkowitz@cableone.net](mailto:pmarkowitz@cableone.net).

## FAR WEST MEMBER BENEFITS

**Member Benefits Pages Updated for 2017:** The *Far West Member Benefits Pages* have been updated on the **FWSA** website for the coming year. Check out all of our lodging partners, equipment, service, and adventure partners to see what's new for 2017.

When you're planning a ski trip or just a fun one with friends or family, click on the site to see all of the deals at your disposal on your lodging. You may decide you don't want to schlep skis with you, so check out the equipment site for ski rentals....some of them right at your doorstep, like

our long-time partner *Black Tie Ski Rentals*. Or, you can use *Ship Skis*, and ship them to your final destination. We have a luggage company, *Oregami Luggage*, to pack all your gear for your trip. This year, we have two new equipment partners: *Premier Skis*, from the Boise and Seattle area, and *DeBooter*, out of Bend, Oregon. *DeBooter* is an easy-off ski boot jack. Just unbuckle, step your boot into the heel cup, and slide your foot out of your boot. It's as easy as that. *Premier Skis* provides members access to the finest ski products, clothing, ski travel opportunities and accessories available in the marketplace, but not just your typical gear! They are offering FWSA members a 20% discount on product, and a points program that lets you gain even more savings. They also have a demo program to test their unique collection of skis before you buy.