



WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2017

Lindsay Vonn Sets Record at World Ski Championships: *Lindsay Vonn* finished 0.45 of a second this past weekend at the World Ski Championships in St. Moritz, winning a bronze medal, but she landed in the record books as the oldest female to medal at this prestigious event. Vonn said that it has been a battle coming back from her injuries, but it was very rewarding to fight the odds to earn a medal. It was her seventh World Championship medal. Not only did Lindsay medal, but 3 other Americans placed in the top 15 of the downhill event: *Laurenne Ross* (Bend, OR) placed 5th, *Jackie Wiles* (Aurora, OR), tied for 12th, and *Breezy Johnson* (Victor, ID), finished 15th.

Banff, Alberta – The Gateway to 3 Beautiful Resorts: Located in Banff, Alberta, you will find 3 wonderfully beautiful ski resorts to choose from to take up that one, two, or even three days of skiing or snowboarding, or just enjoying the snow. Sunshine Village, which is known for its' extreme terrain, and the need for fat skis, provides a great day on the slopes. Little Banff, or Mt. Norquay, actually offers skiing by the hour. It is a ski racer's haven, with plenty of fast, slick groomers. And Lake Louise is just an all-round great place to spend a day on the slopes. Join Far West on their Ski Week 2018 to ***Banff***.

NSAA Director, Michael Berry To Retire: During January's National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) board meeting in Denver at the SIA Snow Show, NSAA president *Michael Berry* informed the board that he is retiring at the end of this calendar year. Berry has been president of NSAA since January 1993. He has been instrumental in turning NSAA into the strong organization it has become. Under his watch, NSAA developed the Model for Growth, a major research endeavour, designed to help attract and keep new participants. The project has guided many of NSAA's programs for more than a decade, including Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month/Bring a Friend. In addition, he frequents Washington, D.C., to monitor legislation that affects the ski and snowboard industry, and works directly with the U.S. Forest Service on matters involving the several ski areas that operate on public lands. The NSAA board plans to detail the process for finding Berry's successor, and post the position description and the type of experience candidates will need to possess.

Skiing Magazine Calling It A Day: After 70 years of publication, *Skiing Magazine* has put their last issue to bed. The 2017 Winter issue was the final issue, giving way to the more popular, more profitable, and more widely-read ***Ski Magazine***. Thank you for your years of instruction, discussion on new gear, and a listing of great places to ski.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

Far West's 85th Annual Convention: The 85th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention will be held June 7-11, 2017, in beautiful Boise, Idaho, at the *Grove Hotel and Boise Centre*. The theme is "**BOisE IS...**" with the event being co-hosted by *Bogus Basin Ski Club & Intermountain Ski Council*. Their Convention Committee has been hard at work planning activities and events to keep everyone busy for the four days we will be there. The resort is located minutes from the airport, in the heart of downtown Boise, so there will be plenty to do, whether you are doing a Far West activity, or just want to take some free time to shop and see the town. For room reservations, call the *Grove Hotel* at **888-961-5000** and refer to our group name: "**Far West Ski Association**". You can also register on-line at the FWSA room reservation site located at: <http://bit.ly/FWSA2017-lodging>. For additional information, visit the FWSA website (www.fwsa.org). Further information will be posted as it becomes available. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to attend our *FIRST-EVER* Convention in Boise. Come early - stay late and enjoy all that Boise and its' surrounding area has to offer.

Charities and Community Service Recognition Program: FWSA encourages all clubs and councils to get involved with charities and community service. The *Charities and Community Service Recognition* Program has been recognizing member clubs for their charitable work at each convention for the past ten years. We now have the *Diamond* and *Double Diamond* award for our clubs. Any Club that has won first place in a past year, will apply in the Double Diamond category, while all other Clubs will be in the Diamond category. The two separate levels give groups an added incentive to apply, and then to apply again. Each Club category will have a first and second place winner. The Council category will recognize a first-place winner. As in past years, FWSA is awarding the winning club in each category \$200 and the second place with a \$50 donation to the club's favorite charity. The winning council will receive a \$100 check for their favorite charity. The top two Clubs in each category and the winning Council will be invited to display a picture board at Convention. All groups that apply will be recognized at Convention. **Application deadline is in March 26, 2017.** Information and applications can be obtained on the Far West website: www.fwsa.org regarding this wonderful program, and how easy it is to apply for this recognition. For any Charity & Community Service questions, contact Sigrid Noack at skisig@gmail.com.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

2017 Breckenridge Ski Week: 300 people enjoyed a great week of skiing, checking out the many Breckenridge restaurants and shops, and hunting for clues on the scavenger hunt, racing, and dancing at this year's ski week in Breckenridge, CO. Great weather and plenty of snow made it a fun time! The winner of the raffle for this year's **Karbon** suit was *Savita Geuther* from San Diego Council. Proceeds from the raffle go to the Athletic Scholarship program, which awards scholarships to junior USSA racers throughout the western United States. Thank you, **Shure Sports**, for your generous donation of the Karbon suit!

Many people helped make this a successful ski week: *Andrew Kwang* and *David Bessette*, **Vail Resorts**; *Danielle O'Grady*, *Debra Goodman*, and *Elaine Prellwitz*, **Breckenridge Resort**; *Kevin* and *Catherine Kornegay*, *Steve Broski*, and *Mike Hibbard*, **Sports American Tours**; *Roger Markel*, **Beaver Run Resort**; *Donna Horii* and *Brie Barto*, **Breckenridge Tourism**. Your work and support in helping FWSA put on the ski week was much appreciated!

Thank you to the following merchants for their generous donations: *Breckenridge Brewery, Motherloaded Tavern, Breckenridge Recreation Dept., Park Avenue Pub, Burke & Riley Pub, Ready Paint Fire!, Downstairs at Eric's, Simply Massage, Escape Room, Breckenridge, Soothe Spa, Kenosha Steak House, and Traverse Bar & Restaurant.*

Far West Mini Ski Week 2017: The 2017 Far West Ski Association's "**Spring Fling**" Mini Ski Trip will be held at *Sun Peaks Resort / Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel and Suites*, British Columbia, Canada, March 21st to 26th. Sun Peaks Resort offers incredible access to cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and snowboarding. Optional activities during your stay may include: dog sledding, snowmobile tours, snow bikes, tubing, ice skating, snowshoeing, spa day. We are pleased that we now have on-line payments through *PayPal* after your initial deposit has been mailed. To sign-up for this trip, please complete the registration and waiver forms and mail your initial deposit to Gloria Raminha. After that, participants may make payments online at www.fwsa.org using PayPal, or can be mailed to Gloria. If the dates don't fit into your schedule, we can arrange for an earlier or later arrival or departure. **Remember, Sun Peaks is in Canada, so you MUST have a passport. Your passport must be valid for at least six months after our trip dates.**

Far West International Trip 2017: **SPOTS AVAILABLE** on the international ski trip for 2017 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.

Far West International Trip 2018: The 2018 International Trip will be to Les Trois Vallees. The dates are set for March 3rd to 11th, 2018 for the main part of the Ski Week. The optional extension, to Lyon, Beaune, and Paris, will begin March 11, and end March 18. Stay tuned.

FAR WEST SKI COUNCILS

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs on the Move: SDCSC is ever on the go. Skiing in Vail, in Aspen, in Breckenridge. The snow is unbelievable this year! Trip Planner, Eileen Sanford said "I hope you all have had a chance to enjoy a club Mammoth trip. However, in looking towards spring, we are doing a Bike and Chateau trip from April 22-29, 2017. We have chartered two boats and now have a FULL trip. Contact me if you have any questions: Eileen Sanford at 858-695-1442 or esanford660@gmail.com. Thanks for your continued support for these adventure trips."

The second SDCSC trip is Cruising the Adriatic and Dalmatian Coast from September 21-30, 2017. We have 4 rooms available on this luxurious cruise. The cruise includes 10 days and 22 meals. We will be experiencing Croatia on an exclusively chartered MS Karizma small ship. Dinners are complemented with 2 glasses of local wine. We will spend time in Dubrovnik, Split, Omis, Havar, Korcula with an English-speaking local guide at each port. We cruise each morning and stop for a leisurely swim in the crystal-clear Adriatic, then have lunch on the boat and dock for the night about 3:00pm. Our guide takes us on a tour of the ancient walled cities. After a wonderful dinner on the ship, we are free to stroll along the coastal fishing towns and enjoy the ambiance of the area. There is also a pre-trip September 16-21, 2017 by bus, of the Croatia coast, starting in Venice and going to Lake Bled, Slovenia, and then Plitvice National

Park. You must be on the cruise portion of the trip to go on the pre-trip. Hope you can join us for one, or both, of these adventure trips.

FAR WEST SKIER'S GUIDE

Far West Skier's Guide: If you have not seen the *2016-2017 Far West Skier's Guide* yet, you can access the digital version online at the links below. Similar to past years, the Digital Edition also includes a **Digital Only Insert** located between pages 64 and 65. The Insert contains FWSA trip info and reviews plus other ski related information.. **The 29th Annual Far West Skier's Guide** with its digital only insert is available at:

<http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2016-17/>; from the FWSA website: www.fwsa.org; and from the National Ski Council Federation website: www.skifederation.org, plus many FWSA ski council and club sites. If you are interested in being included in the **2017-2018 Far West Skier's Guide**, please contact Leigh Gieringer at fwsg2@cox.net.