



WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2017

NSAA Awards Sustainable Slopes Grants: The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) has chosen four Member ski areas to receive its annual Sustainable Slopes Grants: *Arapahoe Basin, Colo.*, who will use their grant for HR and sustainability by utilizing their existing staff to help achieve sustainability goals. *Copper Mountain Resort, Colo.*, will be installing new snowmaking guns. *Granite Peak, Wis.* will install SnowBright lights; and *Mt. Bachelor, Ore.*, will install an infrared motion sensor control system in the Pine Marten Lodge.

Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows to Host 2018 NASTAR Championships: *Squaw Valley* will host the 2018 Liberty Mutual Insurance NASTAR National Championships. It is the first time since 1981 the event will be held west of the Rocky Mountains. The Championships are scheduled for March 21-25, 2018. Under U.S. Ski & Snowboard, NASTAR continues to bring greater awareness to the sport and motivate participants of all ages to get involved in ski racing.

Skiing in California all Summer Long: Good News! *Mammoth* will be running their lifts through July 4th this year, and possibly longer. *Squaw Valley* plans to be open **all summer long**. The caveat to that is, it will only be open on Saturdays, after July 4th, and only to special season pass holders. You can't beat that for keeping your cool in August.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

The Far West Ski Association conducted its 85th Annual Convention in Boise, Idaho June 7-11, hosted by the Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council. Our hosts assured there was fun for everyone! There were great outdoor activities, including a Taste of Idaho with a Dutch Oven Dinner, Rafting on the Payette River, the 11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, A Day on the Mountain at Bogus Basin, and a Boise Biking Tour.

A highlight on Saturday afternoon was Keynote Speaker, Charlie Linville. Charlie is the first military amputee to summit Mt. Everest. He presented an inspirational and motivational account of what he learned working with the *Hero's Project* in preparations for and eventual success in reaching the summit of Mt. Everest. Celebrity Guests included: *Laura Sankey*, President of Women's Ski Jumping USA; *Sarah Hendrickson*, World Champion Ski Jumper; and *Alan Alborn*, Head Coach of WSJUSA. Three sessions were presented in The Snowsports Leadership Academy with valuable information provided for club and council leaders. Oh Show! Productions recorded the Keynote Speaker and Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions, and copies of the presentations will be available soon to the clubs and councils.

The Silent Auction and Snowsports Trade Show on Friday evening raised close to \$30,000 to support FWSA programs. Awards were presented to volunteers and industry leaders, and election of officers were held on Sunday morning.

For complete details regarding the 85th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention, visit www.fwsa.org.

FAR WEST CHARITIES

Congratulations to all our FWSA Ski Clubs & Ski Councils, who are involved with charitable activities! At the convention, we recognized our outstanding Ski Clubs & Ski Councils for doing so much charitable work.

The top winner in each class receives \$200 and the finalist receives \$50, all to be donated to a charity of their choosing. The top 3 clubs presented beautiful photo display boards showing their wonderful charity work.

Our 2017 Ski Club finalist in the Diamond Class was *Bogus Basin Ski Club* of IMSC. Bogus Basin is donating the \$ 50 to the **Bogus Basin Ski Patrol**.

Our 2017 Ski Club winner in the Diamond Class was *Four Seasons West Ski & Snowboard Club* of LAC –. Four Seasons is donating the \$ 200 to the **Jenesse Center**, a domestic violence prevention & intervention organization.

Our 2017 Ski Club winner in the Double Diamond Class was *Pacific Rim Alliance* of LAC & SDC. Pac Rim is donating the \$ 200 to **Can Do MS** – formerly known as the **Jimmie Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis**, founded by our good friend Jimmie Heuga.

Thank you, and congratulations to all our winners, who spend a huge amount of time supporting so many charitable organizations. The Unrecables of LAC also took the time to apply for this Charity Recognition, in the Diamond Class. Thank you & congratulations Gordon Cardona. Hopefully all of our clubs & councils will continue to support their favorite charities.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West North American Trip 2018: *Banff, Alberta, Canada* is the site for the next Far West North American Ski Week. Scheduled for February 3-10, 2018, we are anticipating a good number of our club members to sign up for this trip. The area is known for its' exceptional natural beauty, wildlife, and abundant landforms. Lodging will be at the *Banff Springs Hotel, Banff Park Lodge, Bow View Lodge, and Ptarmigan Lodge* in town. Contact your regional council trip leader for further information.

Far West Mini-Ski Week, 2018: The 2018 ski adventure trip is scheduled February 25-Mach 4, to *Alyeska Resort*. Located 40 miles southeast of *Anchorage*, we will be staying at the **Hotel Alyeska**. We will be present for the ceremonial start of the **Iditarod** dog sled races, which is held in Anchorage. Other activities, such as wildlife tour, dog sledding, a glacier walk, and much more will be available.

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, 2018. Stay tuned for more info.

Far West Dive Trip 2017: Far West is headed to *Roatan, Honduras* for our 2017 Annual Dive Trip. Scheduled for September 23 – 30, 2017 at the Mayan Princess Beach Resort, the trip

includes 7 nights lodging, 3 meals per day, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and 16 boat dives for the amazing ground package price of \$899 per person double occupancy. The non-diver price is \$849 per person double occupancy. Please contact Randy Lew for more information at 530-304-0802 or fwsa13randy@telis.org.