

Far West News *Flash*

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Far West Ski Association

WHO & WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

National Ski Safety Month: January is [National Safety Month](#) at ski resorts across America, and Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) member resorts are hosting safety-related programs across the state. Every year, Colorado's ski resorts hold safety demonstrations and programming to educate guests about best safety practices and remind skiers and riders, whether they are new to the sport or long-time veterans, that each skier or rider is responsible for ensuring they stay safe on the slopes. This includes taking the time to work out before hitting the slopes to make sure you are in good, physical shape. It means having the proper gear, including goggles, helmets, and warm clothing to keep your body warm and dry in the snow to prevent frostbite and hypothermia. Using a boot fitter will help make sure your boots fit snugly on your feet.

At *Arapahoe Basin*, a discounted Flex 4 pack is being offered to get kids and adults to take affordable and flexible lessons with the whole family or group of friends together. *Loveland Ski Area* will offer its 3-Class Pass for children 6-14 and first timer adults. Participants in the 3-Class Pass program that complete three full lesson packages, are rewarded with a free season pass. Visit: www.skiloveland.com for more information. *Purgatory* offers free lessons for first time skiers and snowboarders. A 4-hour group lesson for the price of a lift ticket for \$60 (kids), \$70 (teens), and \$89 for adults. And, *Steamboat* offers a two-day lesson package for adult first time skiers only and can be booked daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Package includes 2 full consecutive days of instructions, rentals and two-day beginner lift ticket. Check www.steamboat.com for further information.

USARC Volunteers: For the past 30 years, USARC Volunteers have helped thousands of people with disabilities through the doors, onto the chairlifts and down the slopes of Bear Mountain. USARC has helped people throughout Southern California, across the USA, and across the globe. If you would like to be one of these extraordinary volunteers, give them a call, or send an email to find out more. No teaching experience is required, but you must be an intermediate skier, 16 years of age+, and be able to teach six mid-week days between January 14-March 22, 2019. Each new volunteer must attend a four-day training clinic offered by seasoned professionals in the field of adaptive recreation. There is no charge for the expert training volunteers receive, but for each day that a volunteer teaches, he or she earns a complimentary lift ticket for another day of skiing at Bear or June Mountains. Call Sara Rosell at (905) 584-0269, or visit www.usarc.org.

Far West Member Benefits: Each ski season, our list of Member Benefits is updated on the *Member's Corner* page of our website. We have two new lodging properties this year, which are *Vail Resort* properties in the South Lake Tahoe area...*Lakeland Village*, and *Zalanta Resort at the Village*. We have several rental companies to rent those skis, instead of having to schlep them to your next destination, or you can ship them with *Ship Skis*. Once you figure out where you want to go, check out the choices of lodging we have available, and if you're going to *Park City*, or *Steamboat*, give the shuttle companies, *The Transportation Network*, in Park City, or *Go Alpine*, in Steamboat a call for a discounted shuttle ride to your hotel or condo.

FAR WEST CONVENTION

The Countdown is On: We are five months from the 87th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention. This year, we will be in beautiful Indian Wells, California, June 13-16th. The Orange Council of Ski Clubs will be our hosts, with LA Council of Ski Clubs assisting. We will be staying at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, next door to the Indian Wells Golf Club. There are two fun events planned for the day on Thursday: a trip to the *Palm Springs Air Museum* and a *Celebrity Homes Tour* before heading out on the *Pub Crawl* on Thursday evening. Friday will bring the *13th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament*, a *Spa Day*, and a trip to the *San Jacinto Tram*. Registration packets will be sent in mid-February to all member clubs and councils. In the meantime, check out the website's Convention Page for further information: www.fwsa.org/convention.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

Far West 2019 International Trip: *AVAILABILITY FOR MAIN TRIP TO HAKUBA...* March 9-16, 2019 will be the dates for the next international trip, which will take you to *Hakuba Valley Ski Resort*, in Japan. This is the home of the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympics. A Pre-Trip is being offered to Niseko, on the island of Hokkaido (with a limited number of participants) from March 4-8. The Pre-Trip, which will depart the U.S. on March 3rd, **is now sold out**. There will also be an EXTENSION trip, or Stand-Alone-trip, from March 16-23, traveling by motor coach and train to Kanazawa, Kyoto, and Tokyo (it too is now sold out). While in Tokyo, an optional day-tour will be offered to Mt. Fuji. Final details are still in the making. Contact Debbie Stewart: fwsaintltrlv@prodigy.net to add your name to the list.

2019 Mini Ski Week: The Mini Trip to *Winter Park* is set for March 24-29, 2019. Registration information is on the website, and we have space available. Winter Park is on the Ikon Pass so people can go on this trip and add a trip to Steamboat, Copper Mtn., or Aspen/Snowmass before or after the trip. Clubs and Councils can bring a group of 12 or more and earn compensation for each person they bring. A great way to raise money for your club or council. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, to sign up for the trip or for information on the Club/Council Incentives program. Gloria can be reached at garski2011@gmail.com; (661) 800-8229.

2019 Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip: *We Need YOU! We still have room for YOU!* The 2019 Island Windjammer Sailboat Adventure Trip is on, and we will be sailing on the *NEW* sailing vessel *Vela*. The ship departs Tortola and will sail May 19-26, 2019. Extended stay on the island of Tortola will be available. Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com or visit <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/Cruise/2T019-FWSA-Windjammer> for more information.

Far West 2019 Dive Trip: This will be an exciting trip to *Puerta Galera in the Philippines*. We will be staying at the beautiful *Marco Vincent Resort*. In addition, we will also be offering stays at the Azure Resort in Dumaguete, on the east coast of Negros. The dates of this trip are September 28-October 12, 2019. Sign up today by contacting Randy Lew at: fwsa13randy@telis.org.

2020 North American Ski Week: We'll be going to *Big Sky, Montana*, for 2020 North American Ski Week. Big Sky is BIG with four mountains giving access to more skiing than anywhere else in the United States. The Big Sky lift ticket or IKON pass gives skiers/boarders access to 5,800 skiable acres. Runs up to six miles long and glades and bowls covered in 400+ inches of annual snowfall give every age and level of skier and boarder something different. Check with your council trip leader or the

FWSA.org website for more details beginning this Spring.

2020 Mini Ski Week: *Big White* is the destination for the 2020 Mini Ski Trip. Big White is home to the best snow in British Columbia and the longest season in the Okanagan Valley. Big White is Canada's largest totally ski-in, ski-out village. It has 18 on-mountain restaurants cafes delis, pubs, and night clubs. Stay tuned for further information.

Future Far West International Trips: Far West will be offering a trip to *Davos, Switzerland*, with an extension to *Portugal* for 2020, and a Ski Week trip to *Solden, Austria* in 2021. Add those dates on your calendar now! Also, in 2020, An Adventure Trip to *Croatia* is under creation.

FAR WEST FOUNDATION

Far West Ski Association Turning 90: John Watson, Foundation Chairman, has suggested that FWSA and its' clubs and council's, set a "**Founders Day**", to celebrate the founding of our particular clubs and councils. Far West is turning 90, on October 7, 2020. October 10, 2020 has been chosen as the date to celebrate our 90th birthday. An invitation is extended to one and all to join us in San Francisco, at the *Palace Hotel* for that celebration. More info will be posted as it is made available. However, we will be celebrating our birthday at the 2020 Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon May 28-31, 2020.

Other Foundation News: FWSA Heroes. The Foundation would like to create a standard display for the History Table at Convention to display YOUR Far West hero's picture and a short description of what he and she has done to receive the honor. For more information, contact John Watson at: fwsa.watson@gmail.com.

California Ski Library. The California Ski Library holds all sorts of memorabilia related to skiing worldwide, but with a special focus on Southern California. Ingrid Wicken, Far West "Western Ski Heritage" award two-time recipient, is planning to expand that space. Club and Council involvement is needed, as well as donations. As a devoted skier or snowboarder, you may make contributions to a number of funds that support our Foundation missions in 2019. You may use PayPal, at no cost to you or the Foundation, for gifts to the Far West Ski Foundation...or send a check to our Treasurer at: John O. Reinhardt, 6105 SW Sheridan St., Portland, OR 97225, or to any FWSF Trustee.