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85th Annual
Far West Ski Association Convention
June 7-11, 2017
Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho*

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Steve Coxen, President

Greetings,

I hope you are enjoying another awesome ski season out West. El Niño has been very good to us with early snow two years in a row and this year plenty of it. California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia ski areas have been setting snowfall records.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Nancy Ellis and her travel staff for a terrific FWSA Ski Week in Breckenridge, Colorado for 288 participants. We arrived at Breckenridge after a cold spell and plenty of snow. We experienced sunny skies and bluebird days with a day of fresh snow at mid-week. Our 2017 Mini Ski Week was led by Gloria Raminha and held at Sun Peaks, Canada in late March.

The 2018 FWSA Ski Week will be held at Banff, Canada, a beautiful city in Alberta with three nearby ski resorts to choose from – ***Sunshine, Norquay, and Lake Louise***. Dates are February 3-10, 2018. Book your spot with your council early.

We had 47 participants on the 2017 FWSA International Ski Week to St. Anton, Austria and post-trip extension to Vienna and Budapest. Debbie and George Stewart have worked with our tour operators to create our excellent International Travel Program. Our annual scuba dive trip will be to Roatan September 23-30, 2017. Looking ahead to 2018 our international ski week will be in ***Les Trois Vallees, Brides-les-Baines***, France and we are considering a summer ski and adventure trip to Valle Nevado, Chile.

Our Athletic Scholarship Program continues to grow under the excellent leadership of David Krupp. With the generosity of our industry partners, ***Whitefish Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge and Karbon Skiwear*** we were able to award \$13,750 in scholarships to 14 deserving junior racers.

Our 85th Convention will be hosted by the Intermountain Ski Council and Bogus Basin Ski Club at ***The Grove Hotel*** and ***Boise Centre*** in Boise, Idaho, June 7-11, 2017. This will be our first Convention in Boise. You will be surprised at all the things to do in the Boise area. Paul Markowitz, Intermountain Council President, Michael Bouton, Host Council Convention Coordinator, and Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chair have some very exciting activities planned for us.

Optional activities will begin a day earlier than previous years with ***"A Taste of Idaho"*** Wednesday afternoon and evening. Thursday's optional activities include ***Rafting on the Payette River*** and the ***Wine Wobble & Pub Crawl*** in the evening. Friday's activities include the ***11th Annual Michael German Golf Tournament***, a day trip to ***Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area***, a bike tour of the ***Boise Greenbelt and Nature Center***, and an afternoon ***Fountain Party at The Grove Plaza***.

We will hold our annual Silent Auction Friday evening. Saturday events include the Travel Industry Expo, three modules of our Snowsports Leadership Academy, two public affairs panel sessions, and some very special guest speakers.

Check our website www.fwsa.org for complete information on the FWSA Convention activities and to download registration materials. Book your hotel room by May 16 to take advantage of the discount.

To all of you, I extend a heartfelt thank you for your contributions to the success of your clubs, councils and Far West Ski Association. If you are looking to get more involved in Far West please contact any member of the FWSA board and our committee chairs. I look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Convention.

Steve Coxen, President, Far West Ski Association



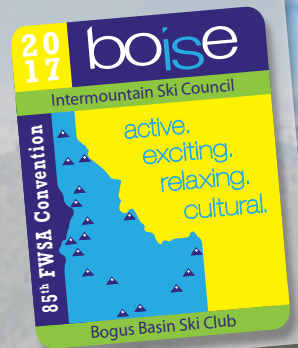
85th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention

June 7-11, 2017

BOISE CENTRE
850 W. Front St., Boise, ID 83702
208-336-8900 • www.boisecentre.com

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*Bogus Basin Ski Club &
Intermountain Ski Council*

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THE GROVE HOTEL — DOWNTOWN BOISE

245 S. Capitol Blvd., Boise, ID 83702

www.grovehotelboise.com

Reservations call **888-961-5000** or **208-489-2222** Option 1

Group Name **Far West Ski Association**

Reservations Online at <http://bit.ly/FWSA2017-lodging>

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy — **\$134**

Room Registration Deadline May 16, 2017

HOTEL FEATURES

- The Grove Fitness Center and Spa
- Emilio's Restaurant & The Bar
- NO resort fees, FREE Wi-Fi in guest rooms
- Self-Parking \$10; Valet \$16; Garages nearby
- Rates are available 3 days pre and post Convention
- Walking distance to shops, restaurants, museums, theaters & more

TRANSPORTATION

- Air Transportation is via Boise Airport (BOI), located 10 minutes from Boise Centre.
- The Grove Hotel offers free airport shuttle service. Call 208-333-8000 when you arrive. Ask for the Front Desk for ground transportation.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Wednesday**
 - "A Taste of Idaho"
(Hot Springs & Dutch Oven Dinner)
- **Thursday**
 - Rafting on Payette River
 - Wine Wobble & Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
 - 11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 - A Day on the Mountain, Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area
 - Boise Greenbelt & Nature Center Biking
 - Fountain Party (The Grove Plaza)

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A PORTION OF THE SILENT AUCTION PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE COLLEGE OF IDAHO SKI TEAM.

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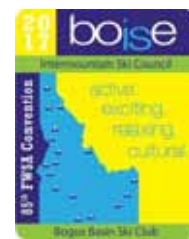


85th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The Grove Hotel & Boise Centre, Boise, ID

June 7-11, 2017

WELCOME LETTER



Dear FWSA Club Presidents and Convention Delegates:

Welcome to the Far West Ski Association's 85th Annual Convention – to be held for the first time in the fabulous city of Boise, Idaho, hosted by the Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council. This year we feature 3 Snowsports Leadership Academies, a change in the Travel Expo format, and a community supported Fountain Party on The Grove Plaza. This Convention is not to be missed!

Enclosed you will find the registration materials for the **Far West Ski Association's Convention**, Wednesday through Sunday, **June 7-11, 2017** at The Grove Hotel and Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho.

Deadlines:

- ☐ **May 8, 2017 is the deadline** for early registration of \$159, a savings of \$16. The price goes up to \$175 on May 9.
- ☐ **May 8, 2017 is the deadline** for submission of ALL event fees. These include Wednesday's A Taste of Idaho, Thursday's Rafting on the Payette River and a Wine Wobble & Pub Crawl and Friday's 11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, A Day on the Mountain, and Boise Greenbelt & Nature Center Biking.
- ☐ **May 22, 2017 is the deadline for fees at \$175.** Fees go up to \$190 beginning May 23.
- ☐ Submit all forms and payments to: **FWSA Registrar, c/o Karen James, 1812 Vickers Drive, Glendale, CA 91208.**

Economic Relief Program:

FWSA offers an "economic relief" program to provide a ski club the opportunity to send more delegates to the Convention. For every six (6) delegates that have paid the full registration package by the registration deadline of May 8, the club will receive a rebate of one (1) paid registration after the Convention (limit of one rebate per club).

Make Your Hotel Reservations NOW!:

Lodging at our group rate (double occupancy) is available at The Grove Hotel. Per our contract, we have **NO RESORT FEES** and **FREE IN-ROOM WI-FI**. Refer to the enclosed flyer for the FWSA contracted room rates for our group. The Grove Hotel is located at 245 S. Capitol Blvd, Boise, ID 83702, www.grovehotelboise.com. Make your reservations by calling 888-961-5000 or 208-489-2222, Option 1, and give them our Group Name: **Far West Ski Association**. You can also book your room reservations on-line at our special FWSA site at: <http://bit.ly/FWSA2017-lodging>. Make your room reservations before **May 16**, when the room block is released. **Once our room block is released, The Grove Hotel WILL NOT be holding our group rate. We cannot guarantee you will be able to book a room after the room block is released, and you will not get the group rate.**

Transportation Information:

Flights should be booked in and out of Boise Airport (BOI) located just 10 minutes from the hotel. The Grove Hotel provides complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport. When arriving at the airport call 208-333-8000 and ask for the Front Desk. The Boise Express will pick you up. It runs every half hour to the airport, but if you call they know they have a pick up.

Theme – "BOisE (Boise Is)":

This year's Convention theme is *BOisE (Boise Is)* and features the Thursday evening Wine Wobble & Pub Crawl and Friday evening Fountain Party. The Saturday Awards Banquet theme is *BOisE Magic*.

Contact Information:

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If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate person above. Welcome to the 85th Annual FWSA Convention!

Sincerely,

Jane Wyckoff, Michael Bouton, Karen James



85th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention - boISe by Michael Bouton

My plans and desire to host the Far West Ski Association annual convention started in 2012. It was a perfect storm situation. Jane Wyckoff's son was graduating from Boise State University. I reached out to her and encouraged her to meet me at **The Grove Hotel** in Downtown Boise. We did a quick tour of the hotel and then I took her over to the **Boise Centre**. Jane was quick to see the possibilities. It all started to come together when the **Boise CVB** invited Randy Lew and others from FWSA for a FAM trip to Boise.

Since that summer of 2012 much has changed in our little city. The **Boise Centre Convention** area has doubled, three new hotels have been built and **JUMP (Jack's Urban Meeting Place)** has opened. The city has grown up and just in time for all of you to come and experience it. You can check any travel magazine and find articles about Boise, Idaho.

The 85th Annual Convention will be conducted June 7-11, 2017, hosted by Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council. BoISe or "Boise IS" is the theme of the convention. One can make "IS" whatever you want, from fine dining establishments and shopping galore to the numerous recreational activities Boise offers. Every day we will make you feel at home with fun and exciting things to see and do.

From a thriving metropolitan city with the down home small town feel, to the beautiful Boise River and foothills that rise up to 7,682 feet, we are a recreational community. We love our laid back culture and very social environment. We are anxious to have you to visit and see for yourself.

We are kicking off Convention activities on Wednesday this year, with "*A Taste of Idaho*," a hot springs soak in the mountains and a Dutch oven dinner at the Penthouse. On Thursday you will be rafting on the world famous Payette River. The Wine Wobble and Pub Crawl will follow your river adventure to famous local hot spots, all within walking distance from your hotel.

It will be hard to choose which optional event activity to participate in on Friday. The 11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at **Quail Hollow**, nestled in the foothills. "*A Day on the Mountain*" at **Bogus Basin**, will feature mountain activities, including riding down a flow trail on a mountain bike, hiking or riding the chair. Or, you can take a leisurely bike ride along the Boise River visiting wine tasting rooms, walking on the famous "*Blue Turf*" at **Albertson Stadium**, and visiting a nature center that will open your eyes to our wildlife.

For our Friday "*boISe Fun Day*", we have planned an exciting new dimension to the FWSA Convention. Instead of a traditional pool party, we are having a "*Fountain Party*" on our **Grove Plaza** which is right in front of the **Boise Centre**. There will be music, beer and wine tasting, games and surprises. It is open to the public so there will be many of our local ski enthusiasts in attendance. We will all go inside for the Silent Auction and dance party to follow.

Many of the ingredients and planned segments are indigenous to Idaho, such as, our Payette Beer and Proletariat Wines. I want you to leave Boise with memories of good times and good people.

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Saturday will feature our Travel Expo, Snowsports Leadership Academy and Public Affairs Panels with Forest Service personnel and celebrity guests. Many of our presenters in the Snowsports Leadership Academy are local and have been part of our skiing community all of their lives. You will be amazed by their stories. Special guests to date include: Natalie Hurst, News Anchor KBOI-TV (CBS); Billy Kidd, Olympic Medalist; Eve Chandler, Ski Resort Historian; Stephaney Kerley, Boise National Forest District Ranger and, Dave Ludwig, founder of Hope on the Slopes.

Following the Luncheon will be a presentation by our Keynote Speaker, Charlie Linville. Charlie, a Boise native, became the first military amputee to summit Mount Everest. Saturday evening will be amazing, enjoying dinner and dancing with FWSA friends and industry partners. A brief service awards and recognition program will honor volunteers and industry partners, followed by dancing by one of Boise's most popular bands, "Winewood".

Sunday's agenda is FWSA's annual business meeting with election of officers, by-laws and resolutions. The Outstanding Club & Council Awards, Club and Council Communication Awards, Charities Awards and Club History Awards will be presented during the brunch.

Please make your reservations early for lodging at the Official Hotel of the Convention, **The Grove Hotel**, Downtown Boise, www.grovehotelboise.com. Make your reservations by calling 888-961-5000 and mention our group name Far West Ski Association. You can also make your reservations on-line at the FWSA site at <http://bit.ly/FWSA2017-lodging>. The hotel is a 4 dia-

mond AAA rated property with plenty of amenities like the indoor pool, fitness center and spa. The room rate for the convention is only \$134.00 per room per night. It is normally over \$200.00 per night. Once our room block is released on May 16, the group rate is not guaranteed.

I hope to see many new FWSA members at this convention as well as the familiar ones. This is one convention not to be missed. I promise that you will not be disappointed. Check out the line-up on the following pages in this issue of *The Councilman* and at the FWSA.org website at www.fwsa.org.

The Grove Hotel, Downtown Boise



"Blue Turf" at Albertson Stadium



Payette River

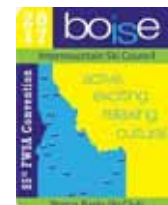




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Wednesday, June 7, 2017

12:45 pm - 7:00 pm	A Taste of Idaho (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Salt Lake Crystal Inn Hotels & Suites</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
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Thursday, June 8, 2017

7:30 am - 4:30 pm	Rafting on the Payette River (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Brian Head Resort</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration - Delegate Bags <i>Sponsored by Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites</i> , Neck Wallets - <i>Sponsored by Ski Dazzle</i> , Delegate Book - <i>Sponsored by Holidaze Ski Tours</i>	Meadow
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration	Meadow
5:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Wine Wobble and Pub Crawl (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i>	Meadow

Friday, June 9, 2017

6:30 am - 2:30 pm	11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at Quail Hollow, Boise (Optional Event), Shotgun Start at 8:00 am - <i>Sponsored by Dennis Dillon Auto Group</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Silent Auction Set Up	Falcon/Hawk
8:30 am - 3:00 pm	A Day on the Mountain (Optional Event)	Meet in Hotel Lobby
9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Boise Greenbelt and Nature Center BikeTour (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Limelight Hotel in Ketchum</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
3:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Meadow
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Registration and Set-Up	Falcon/Hawk
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Far West Ski Foundation Meeting (Invitation Only)	Cottonwoods
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Convention 101 Meeting for New Convention Delegates	TBD
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Fountain Party – Featuring the Boise Rock Band - <i>Sponsored by Bogus Basin Mountain Recreation Area, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort & Commercial Tire</i>	The Grove Plaza
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Meeting	Falcon/Hawk
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Meeting (Invitation Only)	FWSA Terrace Suite #408
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Silent Auction Welcome Party - <i>Sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company / Snowmass Tourism</i> , Beer <i>Donated by Payette Brewing Company</i> , Beer Service <i>TBD</i> , Wine by <i>Proletariat Wine Company</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by Telluride Ski Resort</i>	Falcon/Hawk
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm	32nd Annual Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show - Musical Entertainment by VCI Audio Entertainment - <i>Sponsored by Bogus Basin Ski Club</i>	Falcon/Hawk
10:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Exhibitor Booth Breakdown	Falcon/Hawk

Saturday, June 10, 2017

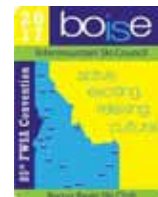
7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Meadow
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast - <i>Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area</i>	Falcon/Hawk
8:00 am - 8:30 am	FWSA General Meeting - Opening Session	Falcon/Hawk
8:45 am - 10:25 am	Travel Expo - Grand Prize - Far West Ski Week - <i>Sponsored by FWSA</i>	Eagle
8:45 am - 10:15 am	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - "How to Build and Maintain a Successful Ski Club"	Salmon/Snake
8:45 am - 12:15 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging (Invitation Only) - Awards <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i>	Perch
10:30 am - 12:15 pm	Bid Presentations – 2019 FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)	Pines
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - "Making Love to your Members – Building and Bridging Relationships for the Long Term"	Salmon/Snake
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Cottonwoods/Firs
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon & Awards Presentation - Luncheon <i>Sponsored by Vail Resorts</i> , Wine by <i>Proletariat Wine Company</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by TBD</i> , Beer <i>Donated by Payette Brewing Company</i> , Beer Service <i>Sponsored by Big Sky Resort and Sports America</i> , Western Ski Heritage Award <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i> , Safety Person of the Year Award <i>Sponsored by Telluride & Mountain Lodge Telluride</i> , Environment Award <i>Sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company</i>	Falcon/Hawk

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Saturday, June 10, 2017 (Cont'd)

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Keynote Speaker - Charlie Linville - <i>Sponsored by Bike Tours</i>	Falcon/Hawk
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - "How to Keep your Skis in Tip Top Shape" & "What Goes into a Great Boot Fitting"	Salmon/Snake
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Trip Leader Educational Seminar	Pines
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Cottonwoods/Firs
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucus - Intermountain / Northwest / Direct Members BAC / Central / Sierra LAC / Orange / San Diego / Arizona	Willows/Pines Salmon/Snake Cottonwoods/Firs
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (No Host)	Falcon/Hawk
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Awards Banquet & Dance "Boise is Magic" - <i>Sponsored by Idaho Ski Area Association</i> , Wine by <i>Proletariat Wine Company</i> , Wine Hosted by <i>Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Fairmont Banff Springs & SkiGroup.Net</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by TBD</i> , Councils' Man & Woman of the Year <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i> , Musical Entertainment by <i>Winewood - Sponsored by Idaho Ski Area Association</i>	Falcon/Hawk

Sunday, June 11, 2017

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Eye Opener - <i>Sponsored by FWSA & Hosted by Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council</i>	FWSA Terrace Suite #408
8:30 am - 10:30 am	FWSA General Meeting - Elections	Falcon
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Delegate Brunch - <i>Sponsored by Brundage Mountain Resort</i> , Outstanding Club & Council Awards, Club & Council Communication Awards, Charities Awards, Club History Award, Door Prize Giveaway	Falcon
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	FWSA General Meeting Continued	Falcon
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	FWSA Board of Trustees and Board of Directors Meetings	Cottonwoods/Firs

Delegates are welcome to attend all events unless otherwise indicated. Participation in Travel Expo is encouraged for all club trip planners and board members. A Travel Expo Prize will be awarded only among those who participate. Other prizes will be awarded among all registered Convention delegates.



Boise Centre

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85th Annual FWSA Convention 2017

June 7-11, 2017, The Grove Hotel—Downtown Boise & Boise Centre

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Street/Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Mobile Phone _____

Ski Club _____ Council _____

Delegate Status ☐ Voting ☐ Non Voting ☐ Alternate
☐ Guest ☐ FWSA Direct Member

Dietary Requirements ☐ Vegan ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Gluten Free

Except for your email address, which is not released, the information above will be provided to industry sponsors and donors to the Silent Auction. You may exclude your information from this list by checking this box. ☐

☐ This is my first FWSA Convention.

Convention Packages (Fri: June 9 — Sun: June 11)

Full Package if paid by May 8, 2017 \$159 _____
 – \$175 after 5/8, \$190 after 5/22

Meetings Only (No meals or parties) \$50 _____

Saturday Travel Expo, Meetings & Lunch \$50 _____

Awards Luncheon Only (Must be purchased in advance) \$35 _____

Awards Dinner & Dance Only (boise Magic) \$65 _____
 – Must be purchased in advance.

Extras

Full Delegate Book (All Reports) \$10 _____
 – Electronic copy available on fwsa.org

Convention Eddie Bauer Plaid Button Down Shirt \$45 _____
☐ XS ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL
☐ Male ☐ Female

Optional Activities Priority given to Registered Delegates/Industry.

A Taste of Idaho (Wed: June 7) \$65 _____

Rafting Payette River (Thurs: June 8) \$105 _____

Wine Wobble & Pub Crawl (Thurs: June 8) \$66 _____

Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament (Fri: June 9) \$85 _____
 – Specify Handicap _____ OR Novice ☐
 OR Last 3 Scores _____
 – ☐ Need Transportation to the Golf Course
 – Club Rental ☐ Left or ☐ Right Handed

A Day on the Mountain (Fri: June 9) \$37 _____
 – Bike Rental (Optional) \$5 _____

Boise Greenbelt Nature Center Biking (Fri: June 9) \$35 _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

You can pay & register online at fwsa.org.



You can also submit this form with your payment by May 8, 2017 to:

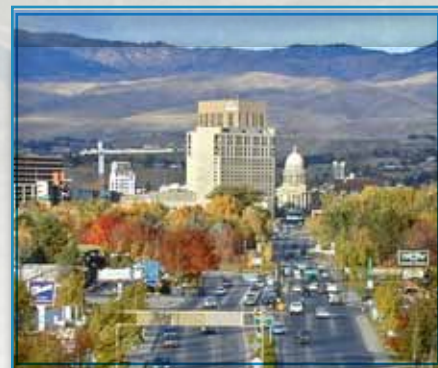
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 Glendale, CA 91208.
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 818-249-5982

For additional information visit fwsa.org. **No refunds after May 8, 2017 deadline.**

Full Package Includes—

All FWSA business meetings, elections and panel sessions, convention pin, convention delegate book, hosted parties, 4 meals, complimentary beverages and activities.

- **Friday** – Fountain Party, Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show
- **Saturday** – Continental Breakfast, General Meeting, Travel Expo, Awards Luncheon, Keynote Speaker Presentation, Snowsports Leadership Academy, Public Affairs Panel, Cocktail Reception, Awards Banquet and Dance
- **Sunday** – Eye Opener, Buffet Brunch, FWSA Business Meeting & Elections





2017 FWSA Officer Elections

By Gloria Raminha, 2017 Nominations Chair

Elections of FWSA officers will occur at the FWSA Annual Meeting and Convention on Sunday, June 11, 2017 in Boise, Idaho. Delegates attending the convention will elect their President, Secretary and Treasurer to one-year terms and (2) Trustee positions for two-year terms. In addition, the VP of Council Services, VP of North American Travel and VP of Public Affairs will be elected for two-year terms.

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of the above positions, please contact Gloria Raminha, Nominating Committee Chair by email at garski2011@gmail.com. Qualified nominees for any of the open positions will be accepted up to the date and time of the elections.

FWSA Qualifications for Positions as approved by the Board of Directors are:

PRESIDENT:

1. Held a voting position on the FWSA Board for a minimum of four (4) years.
2. Attended at least three (3) FWSA conventions within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.
3. Attended at least one (1) North American Ski Week within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.

TREASURER:

1. Understanding of cost center accounting and GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).
2. Working knowledge of MS Excel and QuickBooks or the current FWSA accounting software.
3. Held the Treasurer position in a FWSA ski club or council or has demonstrated equivalent job experience as an accountant who has done financial preparation and analysis.

TRUSTEE:

1. Held a voting position on the FWSA Board a minimum of three (3) years.
2. Strong business, financial, and leadership skills.
3. Attended at least three (3) FWSA Conventions within the five (5) years prior to the current convention.

VP OF NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL AND VP OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:

1. Assisted as a volunteer on at least two (2) FWSA trips to run for office of VP of North American Travel for VP of International Travel with one (1) of the FWSA trips being related to the VP Travel office running for.

FWSA By-Laws, job descriptions and the Operations Manual are available on the FWSA website at www.fwsa.org. To find the link, click on the "About" tab, then click on the "Governance" tab.

Declared candidates at the date of this publication are:

President - Steve Coxen, Incumbent
Secretary - Sheri Parshall, Incumbent
Treasurer - Randy Lew, Incumbent
VP of Councils - Jo Simpson, Incumbent
VP North American Travel - Nancy Ellis, Incumbent
VP of Public Affairs
Trustee - Tom Bundgard, Incumbent, Norbert Knapp
Trustee - Jane Wycoff



Boise State Capital

Cindy Krupp, VP Communications

We have a great team of dedicated volunteers that all contribute to keeping you informed and engaged in Far West Ski Association activities!

Connie Burdette publishes *The Councilman* twice per year, and we have changed to an electronic format. Leigh Gieringer published another beautiful *Far West Skier's Guide* this year, and Debbi Kor puts together and sends out the *Far West News Flash* every month. If you want to be kept up on what FWSA is doing, sign up at <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Publications/NewsFlash/NewsFlash.html> and enter your email address. You can also see current and past issues on that page.

George Stewart continues to produce more multimedia programs, which are posted at <https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc>.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us post on *Facebook* and *Twitter*. If you are willing to help us connect with our members, let us know!

Catherine Ohl is managing the website <http://www.fwsa.org> which is updated frequently. If you have any questions or comments about the website, please direct them to me cindy.krupp@gmail.com.

We are also working on improving our *PayPal* features to include payment options for more trips, services, etc. As a reminder, *FWSA Connect*, Far West's interactive portal located at <https://connect.fwsa.org> continues to include not only Far West trips and online payment options, but also Council and Club trips are posted there, too. All of the Councils and Clubs hosting trips they want to advertise are encouraged to post them. To post trips, leaders will need to create an account on FWSA Connect and then let me know to add them to the list of members authorized to post trips – probably the most reliable way to contact me is to send an email to cindy.krupp@gmail.com with the subject "FWSA Connect Help Needed". Once authorized, you can post, update, and remove your trips. You can upload fliers and brochures, as well as links to websites with more information. We look forward to seeing your trips on FWSA Connect!

If you have any other questions, comments, or feedback, please let me know!



Payette River

Jo Simpson, VP Council Services

Council Presidents Launch Simplified Club and Council Communications Awards Applications

After disappointing numbers of submissions, the council presidents launched a simplified application process for the Club and Council Communication and Outstanding Club Awards. The Communication Awards are for club and council newsletters and websites. We are hopeful that simplifying the applications will result in more entries.

We formed a committee at our December meeting to design and implement the changes. The committee includes Maxine Hanlon, Orange Council; Cindy Krupp, VP Communications; Paul Vlasveld, Bay Area Council President and Jo Simpson, VP Council Services and Sierra Council President.

We will review the submissions numbers for those awards at our April 7 meeting in Sacramento and assign them to judges. We will also look at the numbers of submissions for the Charity and Our Community Awards and the Man and Woman of the Year nominations from the councils.

Our awards programs would not be possible without our hardworking committee chairs. Gene Fulkerson continues to do a great job with the Councils Man and Woman of the Year program. Sigrid Novak works tirelessly to encourage clubs and councils to support charities and community service. I am grateful to those named above who stepped up to revamp and carry out the Communications Awards for 2017.

I am grateful to my fellow council presidents for their support and dedication to their jobs. They represent their clubs' interests on the FWSA Board of Directors and promote FWSA programs to their clubs. We represent the grassroots of the organization on the Board of Directors.



Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing and Sponsorship

What An Awesome Season

What an incredible ski season this has been. There is still plenty of snow on the mountains, which looks like our current season is going to be a long one! What a coup to have two great seasons in a row! As we look back to the many places we have skied this year, we have found that our members have visited such places as: **Mammoth, Whitewater Resort, Schweitzer Mountain, Aspen, Vail, Park City, Telluride, and Powder Mountain**, just to name a few places. We have skied and boarded, and enjoyed various other winter activities. Thank you to all our industry partners who provided us with an awesome time, and incredible snow!

Ski Week 2017, which took place in Breckenridge, Colorado was fantastic! The Gang from **Vail Resorts**: Andrew Kwang, Danielle O'Grady, and David Bessett, along with Mike Hibbard, of **Sports America Tours** did a phenomenal job in making sure our group had a super time while they were in town. Our incredible Far West Travel Staff kept everyone busy and having fun in whatever they were doing. Thank you, as well, to the many local businesses in Breckenridge who generously provided the many door prizes for the Welcome Party including: **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.**

David Krupp, along with a little help from other council members, sold raffle tickets for the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program. The prize was a **Karbon** ski outfit, which the winner will choose from a catalog of next season's designs. A total of \$1,700 was raised for the Scholarship Fund throughout the week, culminating in the give-away on Friday night at the Farewell Reception and Awards Presentation. Congratulations to this year's winner, Savita Geuther, of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs. A very big thank you to **Schure Sports** for their continued support and generous donations to Far West Ski Association.

Typically, we all start turning our thoughts to warm weather activities about this time, but with the crazy weather we have been experiencing, this year, we may be skiing until the Fourth of July in some areas. However, do plan on taking some time out to join us in Boise, Idaho, June 7-11 for our 85th Annual Far West Convention. This will be the first time that Far West has held a convention in Idaho. The event will be hosted by **Bogus Basin Ski Club** and the **Intermountain Ski Council**. Michael Bouton and his Convention Committee have been planning this event for the past few years and are ready and waiting for everyone to join them for a good time.

We will be looking forward to an early-bird **Taste of Idaho** on Wednesday afternoon and evening, with a fun-filled Thursday night **Wine Wobble & Pub Crawl**. On Friday, we will be holding the **11th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament**, along with a **Greenbelt Bike Tour, A Day on the Mountain**, hosted by **Bogus Basin Recreation Area**, and a fun **Fountain Party** on the Plaza of the **Grove Hotel and Boise Centre**. We will have many of our industry partners joining us in the Silent Auction and Trade Show on Friday night and the Travel Expo on Saturday morning, ensuring that our major fund raiser, continues to be the huge success that it always is. Come join us in beautiful Boise, Idaho and see what the town has to offer!



Jane Gutierrez, VP of Membership

One of my favorite tasks as a leader in Far West Ski Association is providing an innovative, interesting and useful leadership session during the Far West Ski Association Convention. I am excited to bring an expanded cadre of sessions throughout the day, and will continue to orient new delegates. My job is just a small section of what the weekend has in store for you, and I am hoping that what is presented is thoroughly enjoyable for you, which much information to take back to your clubs and councils!

One of the most important reasons to attend this convention is networking. I thoroughly encourage you to come on the first day, Wednesday, June 7th for *A Taste of Idaho*. It is a great way to see the city, meet new people, and begin to talk about everyone's ideas and goals for their groups while having fun! It's also a way to meet lifelong friends and confidants. Once you enjoy Wednesday, it is time to have more fun with white water rafting on Thursday and meeting more new friends.

The education begins on Friday, June 9th at 3:30 PM with Convention 101 orientation. This session is brief but full of information about the weekend and I will be available for questions during this time.

On Saturday, June 10th, I will be coordinating one of the anticipated highlights of the weekend, the Snowsports Leadership Academy where topics related to interests of the clubs and councils are presented with time for questions afterward. The first session is "How to Build and Maintain a Successful Ski Club" a dire interest for many of you! Several leaders of the *Idaho Falls Ski Club* will bring out their box of secrets to fill you in on what makes them a popular ski organization. The second session is from 10:45 PM until 12:15 PM and brought back by popular demand is Todd Hood, a leader from the National Brotherhood of Skiers. Todd will be presenting "Making Love to your Members – Building and Bridging Relationships for the Long Term".

After lunch and our keynote speaker, we have another exciting session in store for you! From 2:40 PM until 4:00 PM, two experts in the Snowsports business will be discussing "How to Keep your Skis in Tip Top Shape" and "What Goes into a Great Boot Fitting". The academy is full of great topics on Saturday, so please do not be late and do not miss out!

Looking forward to interacting with all of you in June!



Breckenridge, Colorado



Nancy Ellis, VP of North American Travel

2017 BRECKENRIDGE SKI WEEK, COLORADO

300 people enjoyed a great week of skiing, checking out the many Breckenridge restaurants and shops, hunting for clues on the scavenger hunt, racing, and dancing at this year's ski week in Breckenridge, CO. Savita Geuther, San Diego Council, won the grand drawing for the Karbon suit. Proceeds from the raffle go to the Athletic Scholarship program which awards scholarships to junior USSA racers throughout the western United States. We appreciate *Shure Sports* for their generous donation of the Karbon suit.

Many people made this a successful ski week: Andrew Kwang and David Bessette, *Vail Resorts*; Danielle O'Grady, Debra Goodman, Elaine Prellwitz, *Breckenridge Resort*; Kevin and Catherine Kornegay, Steve Broski, and Mike Hibbard, *Sports America Tours*; Roger Markel, *Beaver Run Resort*; and Donna Horii and Brie Barto, *Breckenridge Tourism*. Thank you to our Council Trip Leaders and Ski Week Staff for all their work throughout the year to prepare for the ski week: Dodi Bailey and Linda Westlund, *Arizona Ski Council*; Gail Burns, *Bay Area Sonow Sports Council (BAC)*; Fran Long, *Central Council*; Sandy Blackwell, *Los Angeles Council (LAC)*; Rod Robinson, *Northwest Ski Club Council*; Jess Gorman, *Orange Council*; Alan Godwin, *San Diego Council of Ski Clubs*; Debbie Stewart, *Sierra Ski Club Council*; Marilyn Sigler, Events; Ken Calkins, P photographer; Bob Ellis, Racing; Lynnell Calkins, Lodging; Mary Alexander, Registration and; Gloria Raminha, Transportation.

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

We will be having bid presentations at the Boise Convention for 2019 Ski Week. Two representatives from each FWSA Council and FWSA board members will be invited to these bid presentations and will bring the information back to councils for their review and selection where the ski week should be held. The FWSA Board of Directors will make the final decision and announce the location following the July FWSA Board of Directors meeting.

2017 MINI SKI TRIP—NANCY GREENE'S CAHILTY HOTEL & SUITES, CANADA (pictured at right)

We are off to Sun Peaks, Canada March 21—26th to enjoy skiing/boarding three mountains that have a variety of terrain for everyone! We will be staying at *Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites* and enjoying these amenities:

- Outdoor Hot Tub; Indoor Hot Tub; Sauna Rooms
- Fitness Room
- Slope-side secured Ski Storage
- Free Wi-Fi



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Banff Springs Hotel, Canada



Alyeska Resort, Alaska

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- Heated Underground Parking
- Dining, spas, grocery stores, and shopping close by

There are many activities for us to experience: snow shoe tours; dog sled rides; snowmobiling; horse drawn sleigh rides; ice skating; tube parks, Cat Trax groomer rides; and shopping. The mini trips offer a small group trip experience with time to get to know people from many FWSA clubs.

2018 BANFF, CANADA SKI WEEK

FWSA Council Trip Leaders went on a site inspection to Banff, Canada, January 7—10 to preview the lodging and area in preparation for our 2018 Ski Week, February 3—10, 2018. Banff is the gateway to the Canadian Rockies and Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The area is known for its exceptional natural beauty, wildlife, and abundant landforms. We will be staying in the **Banff Springs Hotel** and **Banff Park Lodge**, **Bow View Lodge**, and **Ptarmigan Lodge** in town. Contact your council trip leader to sign up for the trip:

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Orange	Jess Gorman	(714) 743-6521	ejessgorman@gmail.com
San Diego	Alan Godwin	(619) 663-6626	alan@skiclub.us
Sierra	Debbie Stewart	(559) 737-0882	gwstewart@prodigy.net

Thanks to Steve Pampel, **SkiTheBig3**, Sandy Gaudette, **Skigroup.net**, **Banff Springs Hotel**, **Banff Park Lodge**, **Caribou Lodge**, **Lake Louise Resort**, **Sunshine Resort**, and **Ski Hub** for their generous sponsorships and hosting us on our site inspection.

2018 ADVENTURE/SKI TRIP--ALYESKA RESORT & IDITARODS

We are taking signups for the **Alyeska Resort** and Iditarods Ski Adventure Trip scheduled for February 25—March 4, 2018. ALYESKA RESORT is located 40 miles southeast of Anchorage. The **Hotel Alyeska** is a luxury ski in/ski out hotel set within the Chugach Mountain wilderness. Relax after a day on the slopes in the saltwater whirlpool. From the resort you can spot wildlife, the tides of the Turnagain Arm, and seven hanging glaciers.

ANCHORAGE is the site for the ceremonial start of the Iditarod dog sled races. We will stay at the **Hotel Captain Cook** located in downtown Anchorage and within walking distance to the opening activities and the Fur Rendezvous. Many optional activities are available which enable one to enjoy the beauty of the area as well as see the wildlife in their natural setting: wildlife tour; dog sledding; glacier walk; glacier cruise; heli-ski/cat skiing; sleigh rides; Anchorage museum; flightseeing tours; and more. Go to the Far West Ski Association website, www.fwsa.org and visit the North American Travel section to get information about this trip and to sign up. Payments can be made on-line after initial registration and deposit have been received. (see flyer on p.35)

Looking forward to seeing you on one of the Far West North American ski trips! Contact Nancy Ellis at fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or www.fwsa.org for updates on the FWSA North American Travel Program.



*Wanda Ross and Debbie Stewart at
Schunbrunn Palace, Hapsburg's Summer Palace*

DEBBIE STEWART, VP INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

The joy of travel is enhanced when discoveries are shared. There are countless reasons for traveling internationally. It is sustainably eco-friendly, great for your body, high in feel-good factor and gives you that carefree attitude but it also lets you discover the world unrushed, just as you should. The FWSA International Travel Team strives to inspire those who travel the world seeking a well-managed trip experience so you can revel in new freedoms, have the challenges answered and produce the finest trip experience of all times!

2017 International Ski and Adventure trip to Austria and Hungary

Oh... the Ahhh... in Austria! What is it that makes Austria unique and special? It is the scenery, the gracious people, the culinary delights, the arts and culture or all of the above and more? There's just something special while traveling in Austria and 43 FWSA members experienced this while skiing in St. Anton am Arlberg March 11-19, 2017.

Our members enjoyed the beautiful country of Austria, offering amazing array of sights, sounds and tastes that pleased both skiers and non-skiers alike. St. Anton am Arlberg is considered one of the world's top ski resorts and après-ski destinations. We stayed at the beautiful 4-Star Schwarzer Adler Hotel which offered a full-service luxury property complete with Jacuzzis, pool and spa services. It is in the charming pedestrian zone and offered convenient ski storage at the base of the gondola.



Our ski pass provided skiing at multiple resorts including: St. Anton, St. Christoph and Stuben, Lech, Zurs and more.

This area is considered one of the "Best of the Alps" ski resorts and was appreciated by all.

We invited another ski group from Michigan, who also was working with Holidaze Ski Tours to meet us for an Après Social at the Hotel Schwarzer Adler and to join us on our day tour to Vaduz, Liechtenstein. This was great fun to get to connect with fellow skiers, share stories and tell tales.

We were excited to take 26 people to Vaduz, Liechtenstein since that was a new destination for FWSA. Liechtenstein is the 4th smallest country in Europe, yet the Prince is the richest monarch in Europe. We learned from our guide, Meli that Vaduz is the capital with a population of 5,600 and the entire country has only 37,000 inhabitants. Vaduz has its own parliament in which the Prince is the head and has the power to sanction all new laws. They are not a part of the European Union. The country borders the Swiss mountains and which 18 miles are along the Rhine River. They have a good relationship with Switzerland and still use the Swiss Franc today.

It is a small country with enormous wealth, primarily from the financial business world, which means the way of life has changed from the simple life of farming as in years past. It was fascinating to learn that the Prince is self-supporting. He has farm land in the US, an enormous art collection and does not get money from the government. The most interesting fact is that women finally got the right to vote *in 1984!*

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Wednesday evening we enjoyed a free ski and fireworks show put on by St. Anton. The show was very impressive and attended by hundreds of snow sports enthusiasts.

Our farewell party was held at the Murrmel, just across the street from our hotel. We enjoyed wonderful appetizers, refreshing beverages and we were forced to get everyone on their feet to dance to celebrate an exceptional ski week in St. Anton am Arlberg!

Our extension and stand-alone trip was to Vienna and Budapest. Twenty-nine participants enjoyed these two interesting cities. Vienna is considered "The Paris of Eastern Europe" with extensive art, music and culture. Our half-day city walking and bus tour gave us an overview of the city, a tour of the Hapsburg's summer palace known as the Schunbrunn Palace and then many were off to explore the many museums, enjoy the Vienna Philharmonic performance in the Musikverein Golden Hall, attend the ballet and much more. Vienna is such an interesting city, we found incredible beauty in its architecture, sculptures, interestingly painted building and even watch the famous Lipizzaner horse training session before touring the Schunbrunn Palace. Nighttime was just as stunning as seeing everything in the daylight. One afternoon we met our guide, Helga who was full of energy, great humor and had excellent English which added to our wine tasting/tour experience in Baden.

We said our goodbyes to Vienna, promising to return, and off to Budapest we went. The city tour was delightful providing us blues skies and temperatures in the 60's. Budapest is often referred to as "The Pearl of the Danube" with its rich history, the 2nd largest parliament building in the world, a city with incredible diversity all which awards them as being a world Enesco city. The Jewish town has the 2nd largest temple/synagogue and the Heroes Square included the tomb of the unknown soldier from WWI. Budapest is divided by the Danube, where you have the Buda and the Pest sides. We stayed in the Pest side, which is where the

blue-collar workers live and the Buda side is a more affluent white-collar living. There are 155 thermal baths which offers therapeutic healing waters for those who enjoy them. 25% of their economy comes from tourism and we can see why this is such a unique and popular travel destination.

On Friday evening, we had a delightful dinner cruise down the Danube. We had the entire boat to ourselves with a delicious spread of food. We had to stop and pinch ourselves from time to time, realizing that we were there, taking in the spectacular views of the building lit up at night. We all agreed, our farewell dinner cruise was the highlight of our trip experience in Budapest!

FWSA's 8th Annual Scuba Dive trip to Roatan, Honduras

Our scuba dive trips are becoming more popular for both the scuba diver and the non-divers who want to have an outstanding vacation experience. This year we are excited to offer an incredible price at the Mayan Princess Beach Resort in Roatan, Honduras September 23-30, 2017. This all-inclusive resort will include 7 nights lodging, all meals, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, 5 days of 3 tank dives plus 1 night dive, PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Dive operation and much more. Non-divers are encouraged to join us at this beautiful resort for a special getaway vacation experience.

As FWSA VP of International Travel, I realize that your vacation days are precious. The best ones are those that leave you feeling recharged, feeling inspired and feeling that your explorations are worthwhile. Ones that your most cherished souvenirs are those that can bring you the grandest memories. We have expanded our FWSA international team with some wonderfully talented and passionate folks, and we will be able to serve you better than ever!

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What's Ahead...A lot! Mark your calendars now!

2018 International Ski Week - Les Trois Vallees/Brides les Bain, France March 4-11, 2018
with an optional extension or stand-alone trip to Lyon, Beaune and Paris March 11-18, 2018

2018 Summer Ski and Adventure trip - Valle Nevado, Chile

2019 India Adventure trip

If international travel is the best form of education...let's all join in on the "Master Class"! For updates or information on FWSA International Travel Program:

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Website: www.fwsa.org

FWSA Travel Videos: <http://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc/videos>



Group in Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein with flag



Lipizzan Stallions coming from the stables to training



Far West Group at the Budapest Liberty Statue on the Gellert Hill

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Liechtenstein



Group with our guide in the Castle District of Budapest



Wine Tasting in Baden



St. Patrick's Day skiers in St. Antone



The Wine Tasters

FWSA 8th Annual Scuba Dive Trip - Roatan, Honduras

September 23 – 30, 2017

Mayan Princess Beach Resort



Diver Land Package = \$899.00 Deluxe Hotel Room - Double Occupancy

Non-Diver Land Package = \$849.00 Deluxe Hotel Room – Double Occupancy

Single Supplement Deluxe Hotel Room Add = \$759.00

Lodging Upgrades Available – contact Randy Lew for details

(air transportation not included in above pricing)

Price Includes:

- 7 nights at Mayan Princess Beach Resort – Dbl. Occupancy with all meals daily
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- 19% hotel taxes (tips not included)
- 5 days of 3-tank boat dives plus 1 night dive
- PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Dive Resort
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Resort Amenities
- Welcome Party and Farewell Dinner



Create New Memories
with Friends,
Old and New!



Experience Honduran
Culture & Entertainment

Enjoy a Beautiful Resort



Kayak, snorkel, spa
services and more...



Contact:

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*You must be a Member of a Far West Ski Assn.
affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member!*

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FWSA ROATAN SCUBA DIVE TRIP



September 23 – 30, 2017

Mayan Princess Beach Resort

Basic Cost excluding air travel:

7 Day (16 boat dives) Dive Package *	\$ 899 pp. Dbl. Occupancy
Non-Dive Package	\$ 849 pp. Dbl. Occupancy
Single Supplement (Deluxe Hotel)	\$ 759 additional

Price Includes:

7 nights at Mayan Princess Beach Resort – based on 2 per room in a Deluxe Hotel Room

3 meals daily

Unlimited premium liquors

Use of kayaks and paddle boards

Airport transfers from Roatan Airport to resort

Complimentary Wi-Fi

Resort taxes (tips not included)

* 5 days 3-tank boat dives plus 1 night dive

Room Upgrades Available:

1 Bedroom Garden Villa	\$117 pp. Dbl. Occupancy
1 Bedroom Tower Villa	\$178 pp. Dbl. Occupancy
1 Bedroom Oceanfront Villa	\$218 pp. Dbl. Occupancy

Payment Schedule – Land:

Initial deposit	Immediately	\$ 400 per person
2 nd payment	May 1, 2017	\$ 300 per person
Final payment	June 30, 2017	\$ balance

Cancellation Penalties:

Prior to May 31, 2017	No penalty
June 1, 2017 – July 23, 2017	\$ 100 per person
July 24, 2017 – August 8, 2017	\$ 324 – \$349 per person
August 9, 2017 – departure date	no refunds

Travel on this FWSA trip to Roatan requires a valid Passport. Your Passport must be valid until March 30, 2018 (six months after your return). It is your responsibility to ensure your required travel documents are in order and with you.

FWSA highly recommends that you purchase travel insurance. Roatan Charters offers trip insurance on their website at <https://www.travelsafe.com/index.php?ref=ROAFL02>

Additional travel insurance vendors can be found on FWSA website at <http://www.fwsa.org/Travel/insurance.html>. In addition, all scuba divers will be required to have diving accident insurance through Divers Alert Network (DAN), the premier dive insurance. You can get their insurance info at <http://www.diversalertnetwork.org/>



Downtown Boise at Night



Mike Sanford, VP Public Affairs

I have been preaching- I hope you have been paying attention!!!!

Awards, awards, awards.

As you read this I hope all the Councils have been beating the drum to submit candidates for our fabo Public Affairs awards. We will see – “the proof will be in the pudding” as my Mom would say.

I drug up some interesting factoids for your enjoyment:

10th Mountain Division

<http://www.10thmtndivassoc.org/>

As you may remember in our more distant past there was talk about a group of California citizens that formed a committee to build a monument honoring the sacrifice and service of the soldiers of the 10th Mountain Division (contributors to the invigoration of FWSA after WWII). It was to be created by the Fort Drum civilian workforce to commemorate the anniversary of the reactivation of the division in 1985 and the anniversary of the Allies victory in WWII in which the 10th Mountain Division played a significant part through its

campaign in Italy in 1945. The City of Watertown, NY had graciously donated the city’s premier location to erect this monument: Tower Square in Thompson Park. The intention was to restore Tower Square to its former glory and make it the crown jewel and centerpiece of the park. This monument would be a fitting tribute to the men and women of the 10th Mountain Division who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms.

The 10th Mountain Monument was designed, built and unveiled on July 1, 2016 by the North Country Community (NY) as an enduring statement of the community’s gratitude for the sacrifice and service of the 10th Mountain Division’s soldiers, their family members and the Fort Drum civilian work force. **It may surprise you that since its reactivation at Fort Drum in 1985, the 10th Mountain Division has been the most deployed unit in the US Army.** The monument stands as a lasting tribute to the Division’s history and legacy for generations to come.

Unfortunately, we were not on top of this process to buy a paver

but all the info you need to purchase <http://www.honorthemountain.com/> (we could still check in to it). You can also view the monument real-time through their live “Monument Cam”. The Association exists to preserve and enhance the legacy of the 10th Mountain Division (and by extension its progeny, FWSA) for future generations.



Here is a note; the world’s largest ski and snow board lesson organizers estimated total population it needed for a Guinness Book of World Records recognition.

On Friday January 8 of this year, the entire U.S. ski industry (unfortunately without us) came together in an attempt to set a new record for a coordinated participation in a Learn to Ski or Snowboard lesson. Organizers for the “World’s Largest Lesson”

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have determined that an estimated 6,000 lessons were taught across the country from the East coast to Alaska.

“One of our goals was to motivate first timers to learn how to ski or snowboard by taking a lesson and engaging with fellow participants,” said Mary Jo Tarallo, spokesperson for the National Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month. “January is National Learn to Ski and Snowboard Month and we thought a fun event like this would serve as an ideal kick off and a way for us to get everyone talking about ways to stay active during the winter months” Tarallo added.

While weather decreased participation at some ski areas throughout the Midwestern and Eastern parts of the country, nearly 150 of the original 164 locations were able to offer 10 a.m. lessons in their local time zones. Resorts could participate in this event with some getting very creative in their promotion and participation. Ski Utah partnered with the U.S. Forest Service to bring nearly 500 school children out to local resorts for a free first-time lesson, while Sunlight Mountain Ski Resort (Glenwood Springs, CO) organized another

youth-oriented program that also involved the Forest Service. Burton Snowboards brought the mountain to the people by giving nearly 100 elementary school children their first snowboard lessons at Kings Beach Elementary School in North Lake Tahoe.

“So far we’ve seen individual resort participation numbers ranging from just a few people to over 250 people,” said Hugh Reynolds of SNOW Operating and one of the organizers of the event. “We are thrilled with the overall response and positive feedback we’ve received from the resorts, as well as the abundance of media coverage from around the nation. This is the first year of the initiative, and to walk away with a new world record makes this all the more successful.”

2016 Hall of Fame Nominations Currently Being Accepted

The Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame has been accepting nominations for their Class of 2016. Each year, the Hall of Fame elects up to four new members, along with selecting a Pioneer Hall of Fame member.

Hall of Fame candidates must be nominated under the criteria of the Athlete, Sport Builder, Inspiration or Pioneer category. The Nomination Committee will evaluate the merit of each nomination in order to ensure the candidate meets the standards established by the Hall of Fame. Complete nomination application forms were required to be received by mid-February.

The Hall of Fame Class of 2016 will be announced in April, with the Hall of Fame Induction Gala scheduled for October. We should think about this for future opportunities.

Justin Koski is the new Executive Director of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

Here is the web site to “BECOME A PATRON” and to join online if you like;

http://www.skihall.com/index.php?a=document&doc_id=7&PHPSESSID=dca6608ff35763941c2d2fce2b358a5a

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By joining you get the International Skiing History Associations' bi-monthly journal, ***Skiing History Magazine*** (which I do) and you become a patron of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. Also, you will have access to heavy discounts on hundreds of brands and quarterly give- aways. Annual subscription to International Skiing History Associations' *Skiing History Magazine* is \$49 (and all of you should already be a subscriber).

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Colorado Ski & Snowboard Museum (CSM) Sustainability Commitment

Here is a note from the CSSM:
The Colorado Ski & Snowboard Museum (CSSM) is committed to sustainability of the Vail Valley and surrounding mountain environment. CSSM values the historical, ecological, economic, and cultural health of all mountain communities. CSSM strives to engage visitors, members and employees in environmental stewardship and sustainability. CSSM also encourages visitors, members, volunteers and staff to participate in local cultural and educational opportunities that enrich our community's sense of well-being. The CSSM has established a Green Team to oversee sustainability efforts and maintains a Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) to set goals and guide progress. Their Green Team is responsible for creating an annual

sustainability report to document and share yearly sustainability accomplishments.

CSSM Sustainability Goals:

Engage in sustainable workplace practices.

Employee Engagement: Introduce and educate staff on sustainability efforts

Supply Chain Management: Look for eco-friendly alternatives

Minimize Negative Community and Ecosystem Impacts

Educate all Museum users on Sustainable Practices



The Broncos are the pride of BSU. They play their home games at Albertsons Stadium, which is best known for its bright blue turf. Commonly referred to as the "Smurf Turf," it was the first non-green field in American football.

There is a common belief that the NCAA banned the use of non-green football fields after BSU installed its famous Smurf Turf. But it's nothing more than a bogus rumor. There is no such rule and there are a few other schools around the country that now have non-green football fields.

However, after teams complained that the Broncos were getting an unfair advantage by wearing their uniforms against the blue turf, the Mountain West Conference banned the team from wearing their all-blue uniforms during home games.

Source: <http://www.movoto.com/blog/opinions/boise-facts/>



Skiing at Sun Valley

Bob Ellis, VP Racing

Ski Resorts in the Western US have had record snow this year, and this has caused several race cancellations in both Northern California and Southern California. In the North, we were able to reschedule and get all the races completed, and in the South, they ran 4 Giant Slaloms in one day to get their races completed. Needless to say, it has been very challenging trying to get our events in.

Road closures, power outages, fallen trees on houses and power lines, and even cars, are all part of the incredible winter we have endured this year.

The first weekend in April, we put on the FWRA Championships at Mammoth Mountain in California. Friday we had two race clinics and Saturday, we ran the slalom events and the Silent Auction, and on Sunday we finished off the weekend with the Giant Slalom. The conditions were pretty good and the sun came out for a great weekend of skiing and racing.

Next year, in 2018, we will have the FWRA Championships at Mammoth Mountain again on April 6-8. 2018. We look forward to seeing you there in 2018.



***Friendship Bridge, Downtown Boise, Idaho
Connects Boise State University with Julie Davis Park***



Kris Westman, FWSA Scholarship recipient, skis for the Stevens Pass Alpine Club and lives in Seattle, Washington.

David Krupp, Athletic Scholarship, Chair

FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program 2017 By David Krupp, Athletic Scholarship Chair

The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program has been a very successful program since its inception and continues to evolve as a resource of funding for junior USSA racers throughout the western United States.

This season, Far West sponsored 14 racers throughout the west who were awarded scholarships that totaled \$13,750. We are looking to exceed that next year. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, competitive ranking, academics, and community service.

The 2017-2018 fundraising campaign began in January this year at Far West Ski Week in Breckenridge, CO, with \$1,700 raised from the Karbon raffle where the winner is awarded a new ski jacket and pants from the Karbon catalogue. Savita Geuther from San Diego Council was the lucky winner. We will be looking forward to seeing Savita on the slopes in her new apparel next season.

Notification for next season's applications will be sent out to ski clubs affiliated with the United States Ski and Snowboard Association's (USSA) Far West, Pacific Northwest, and Intermountain Divisions this month. These three divisions make up all the USSA junior racers in states with affiliated councils in Far West.

Junior racers need to raise approximately \$20,000 per season; a formidable financial challenge. That need will no doubt increase. With the help of individuals, ski clubs, and our industry sponsors, we look forward to another successful year for the scholarship program. For more information on the scholarship program, please visit our website at www.fwsa.org.



BSU Honor Society Students Give back to their Community

Sigrid Noack, Charities & Our Community, Chair

Charity & Community Service Recognition 2017 by Sigrid Noack

The 11th annual FWSA “*Charity & Community Service Recognition*” is well under way. A great big thank you to the clubs and councils, that took time out of their busy schedules to share their wonderful charitable activities with the rest of our FWSA family. It continues to amaze me just how caring the members in our FWSA clubs are.

This is our third year with two separate recognition groups *for Clubs!* And last year we changed the names. So, those clubs, that have previously won first place in our Charity Recognition program applied in the ***Double Diamond Class***, all other clubs applied in the ***Diamond Class***. The two separate levels give all groups an added incentive to apply, and then to apply again in future years. The first prize in each club category is \$200 and for second place \$50 to be donated to the club’s favorite charity. The top two clubs in each category are invited to display a picture board at convention.

For our ***Councils*** recognition, there is only one class. The first place council receives \$100 to be donated to a favorite charity, and the winner will be invited to display a picture board at convention.

The application procedure was the same as in previous years. Application forms were available on our www.fwsa.org website with more specific information given about this special recognition.

All awards will again be presented at the FWSA Convention this June in Boise, Idaho. All clubs and councils that applied will be recognized at the convention. Our delegates, industry friends and other convention guests are always very impressed by the amazing dedication to charitable work within our FWSA family.

Six years ago we started another program to further encourage “giving back” to our communities. The “*Community Service Awareness Program*” is all about getting more of our FWSA family involved with charitable activities. Our nine FWSA councils have again been presented with this challenge: To try to have all of the clubs in their council be involved with at least ONE charity program by the next convention. We actually have done quite well in past years and are hoping to improve every year.

FWSA is aiming for charitable involvement within all our member clubs!



Arleigh Meiners, President, Arizona Ski Council

Arizona Ski Council (ASC) totals about 600 members, representing two ski clubs, a hiking club, a corporate club, and a Meet Up sailing/social club, primarily in the Phoenix – Scottsdale metro-area, with membership open to non-profit ski clubs in the state of Arizona. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders, hikers, bikers and social members. The Arizona Ski Council had 25 skiers on their FWSA ski week trip to Breckenridge, Colorado the first week of March. ASC is having a bicycle Poker Ride on April 22nd. Because the Phoenix Ski Club and Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club run so many ski trips and other events, the Arizona Ski Council doesn't run any trips or events, except participate in the FWSA North American Ski Week. The Arizona Ski Council website is www.arizonaskicouncil.org.

The Phoenix Ski Club, (PSC), is busy wrapping up their ski season now. PSC did their annual ski trip to Wolf Creek, Colorado in February. PSC also did their annual "Arizona Days" ski trip to Telluride, Colorado in January. This is a joint trip of Scottsdale Ski Club members and Phoenix Ski Club members. PSC went to Purgatory, at Durango, Colorado for a 2017 New Year's trip. This was a family ski trip. The end of January, first part of February, PSC went to Winter Park, Colorado for a wonderful ski trip. In March, 2017, PSC will be in Panorama, British

Columbia Canada. PSC will end their ski season with their annual "Surf The Rockies" ski trip to Telluride, Colorado April 1– 2, 2017. This is another joint ski trip with the Scottsdale Ski Club members and Phoenix Ski Club members. In May of 2017, PSC will be doing a trip to Costa Rica. A tour of the Kitt Peak Observatory in southern Arizona is also planned for May of 2017. A Casablanca cruise is also on the PSC agenda for October of 2017. Please go to www.phxskiclub.org for more information about the Phoenix Ski Club.

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, (AzOTC) which is mostly a hiking club, continues to have hikes all year long. They have an exercise hike every week in the Phoenix area. In the summer time AzOTC will have at least one hike that will be a week trip in the cool mountains of Arizona. AzOTC is doing a bicycle, barge trip on the Danube River in Europe. That trip will take place September 15th – September 23rd. There will be a post trip to Berlin for 4 days, for sightseeing right after the bicycle, barge trip. AzOTC sends out a weekly e-mail to their members telling them about the hikes and other activities happening during the week. Go to www.azotc.com for more information on these and other exciting trips.

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Beautiful Boise River

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Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, (SS&SC), is an adult ski and social club. SS&SC is kicking off the summer with happy hours every Friday evening. SS&SC did a ski trip to Powder Mountain and Snowbasin in February. SS&SC also takes part in the annual two ski trips to Telluride, Colorado. The SS&SC did a bicycle, barge trip on the Danube River in Germany, in September of 2016. They took in Oktoberfest in Munich after the bike barge trip. SS&SC also did a sailing trip to Catalina Island in October of 2016. In May of 2017 SS&SC will be doing an adventure trip to Ireland. SS&SC is doing a Cruise to Alaska in September of 2017 and will be joining the PSC on their Cruise to Casablanca in October of 2017. Some of the other activities planned are, wine and cheese partys, campouts, pub crawls, and many more events. For more information go to www.scottsdale-skiclub.com.

Sailing Adventure Club, (SAC), which is a member of the Arizona Ski Council, is a sailing/social club based in Phoenix, Arizona. Due to challenges finding someone to maintain the website and newsletter, the SAC is now a Meet Up group. In doing so, they have attracted about 50 new members. The SAC did a 10 day Canal

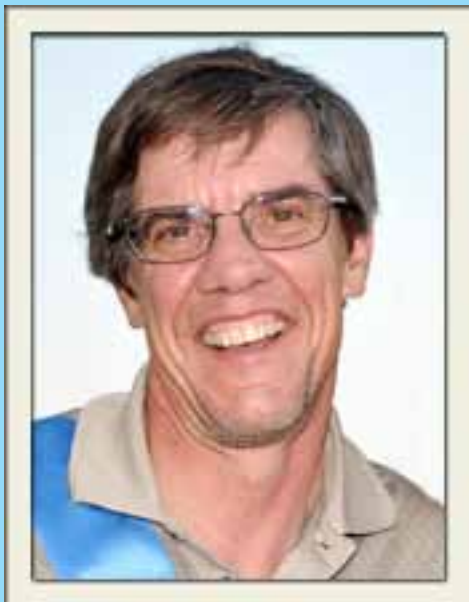
Boat Trip in France in September of 2016. SAC is no longer charging dues, so anyone can join via *Meetup*.

Boeing Employee Adventure Club is a Corporate Company of the Arizona Ski Council and continues their social schedule and family events around town. Employees may contact www.boeing.com for more information about recreation activities that are planned!

Partytime Sports, (PTS), is an adult ski, boating, and social club that plans boating trips to get them through the summer heat. During the winter they do a ski trip to Telluride, Colorado during Arizona Days. For more information, contact them at gg4@qwest.net.

Feel free to check out any of the clubs activities through Facebook or links for the council website www.arizonaskicouncil.org.

Submitted by,
Arleigh Meiners
President ASC



Mountain Biking at Bogus Basin

Paul Vlasveld, President Bay Area Snow Sports Council

You will always hear how proud we are of the volunteers within the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC)!

It is amazing that this is already my 3rd year as president of this fantastic organization. By attending the various FWSA board meetings and events, I have learned how BAC can be a force for change in FWSA. In addition, I am learning how to work with my board members to provide the direction for our member clubs.

In this issue, I would like to highlight the activities that some of our member clubs have been involved with.

INSKIERS SKI CLUB

Inskiers Ski and Snowboard Club is a year-round club open to single adults age 21 and over. Based in the San Mateo/Foster City area, Inskiers are associated with five other Bay Area Singles League Ski Clubs. With the other clubs in our league, we share both competitive and social winter snow sports activities. When the snow is not falling, we manage to fill our calendar with a diverse menu of sports activities, group excursions and events such as...biking...rafting...water skiing...hiking...dancing...volleyball...dining...movies...concerts. Some of the many activities held throughout the year include cross-country skiing, fundraisers, Tequila and Tacos, and potluck socials. <http://www.inskiers.com>.

MONTEREY SKI AND SOCIAL CLUB

The year-round award-winning Monterey Ski and Social Club has been active recently. We have been volunteering, partying and donating \$3,300 into our non-profit community. Also, Christmas partying at Quail Lodge Golf Resort, volunteering at the ATT Pebble Beach ProAm, and the holiday dinner for the needy, creating/selling green reusable tote bags, and enjoying

trivia at our Canadian-themed New Year party, readying for the huge Pebble Beach Food and Wine extravaganza next month.

BAC has had another busy and successful year to date. This is in no small part due to the dedicated cadre of volunteers that have the passion and drive to make BAC the fantastic Council that it is and will continue to be.

The next BAC Board of Directors will be elected at our April BAC General Council Meeting. We have many incumbents who are nominated with hopes of continuing their positions. Now, no formal announcements will be made about who our 2017/2018 BAC BOD will be. There might be further nominations the night of our elections!

BAC continues its focus to partner with the member clubs to share why fellow skiers should join the member clubs. As part of this partnership, BAC continues to organize events during the non-ski season in addition to inform the clubs on what our council represents and validate why clubs should be part of us.

We do this by having our 12th Annual BAC Tailgate BBQ/Oakland A's Baseball Game & Fireworks Show benefiting club and BAC charities. This is a highly popular event. It provides an excellent opportunity for clubs to promote their clubs to new members. This year's event is Saturday August 12, 2017 at the Oakland Coliseum. Let us know if you are going to be in town and would like to join us.

Plans are already being made for the Bay Area Snow Sports Councils 9th Annual Winter Fest Celebration Meeting. When we started this event only 3 resorts participated. This event will tentatively take place Monday, November 6, 2017 between the SnowBomb Show in

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Mountain Biking at Bogus Basin - Lupine and Penstemon wildflowers



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San Francisco and San Jose. During this year's FWSA Convention, invitations will be handed out about this event to our industry partners. This way, they can plan on sharing an evening with the BAC.

If things work out with scheduling, the BAC will have our annual Hockey Night with the San Jose Barracudas during the same week between the SnowBomb Shows! Last year we had a fun hockey night in the Spring watching the San Jose Barracudas. They are an exciting minor league team associated with the Sharks. As part of the hockey night a lucky attendee will be able to wear the goalie outfit so that fellow BAC members can try their skill at shooting pucks at the goalie. We will be inviting some of our industry partners to the event.

The FWSA Ski Week in Breckenridge was another big hit! The snow conditions were, to put it mildly, fantastic. Our Travel Director Gail Burns organized a fun-filled BAC Council night during the trip. Thank you also to **Ms. Nancy Ellis (FWSA VP of North American Travel), Bob Ellis (FWSA VP of Racing) and the Entire FWSA Travel Staff** for all their contributions and efforts in making this a successful and fun trip!

The BAC had a highly successful mini-trip to Park City in February. I would like to thank Paula Kinahon for making the trip so much fun. We hope to repeat the success with another trip to Park City or maybe a couple of other locations including Taos or Steamboat.

In addition to the mini-trips, the FWSA Ski Week to Banff Canada is already being promoted and deposits will be accepted starting in April/May. BAC is also working on a few of our own international Council Trips for 2018 including a possible bike and barge trip in Europe.

During our current monthly BAC Council Meetings,

we have been focusing on the upcoming 85th Annual FWSA Convention in Boise Idaho. There have been presentations and handouts provided about the various club and individual recognition awards available at the event. We are encouraging our Clubs to participate both in the awards program and to attend as delegates.

This year we are very proud to be represented by our BAC Man and Woman of the Year. Our BAC Woman of the Year is Kat Severin from our Rusty Bindings Ski Club. Mr. David Baird from Inskiers Ski Club is our BAC Man of the Year. Congratulations to both!

In closing, I have had the honor and privilege of representing The Greatest Council in FWSA. The dynamic and diverse people who have been and currently are members of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Far West Ski Association Board of Directors that continue make BAC a thriving and successful Council.

Respectfully,

***Paul Vlasveld Bay Area Snow Sports Council,
President***

State Flower

• Syringa



State flower
Syringa (also called Lewis's rock orange)



Colors Line the Payette River

Fran Long, President Central Council of California

As a council, we are all about supporting our seven member clubs, building friendships, and supporting our larger organizations, Far West Ski Association and the National Ski Council Federation. Visit our **Meetup** site for council information, and links to our member clubs' information:

<http://www.meetup.com/Central-Council-Ski-Clubs>.

While Central Council is not currently planning any upcoming ski trips, our club members continue to support each other's club ski weeks. Several San Luis Obispo (SLO) skiers opt to travel with the Santa Barbara Ski Club as well as with SLO Skiers, depending on trip locations, and several Avalanche club members join the SLO Skiers on their week long trips. As a small council, this reciprocal agreement works very well for all clubs involved.

As we gear up for the coming year, we have a number of busy activities on tap. We are ready to begin planning for our third Warren Miller film showing in Bakersfield. We are hoping to be even more successful with this fundraising event as we move into our third year. We will again partner with the Bakersfield College leadership club.

We are also ready to go with our advertising for next year's FWSA ski week to Banff. Also, in support of FWSA, we are currently recruiting council members to attend the FWSA convention in Boise, Idaho.

We would like to recognize and congratulate our woman of the year for 2016, Kim Riehl, from Fresno Ski Club. Kim has held many positions in her club, and she currently serving as president of Fresno Ski Club. She is also the creative genius behind the last four FWSA convention pool parties.



Wild Sunflowers and Lupine

ALYESKA--IDITAROD

Far West Ski Association

2018 Alyeska/Iditarod Trip

February 25—March 4, 2018

Package price range \$ 1,130—\$1,410

Air/Ground NOT included

Optional Activities NOT included

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



Alyeska Resort is located 40 miles southeast of Anchorage. The Hotel Alyeska is a luxury ski in/ski out hotel set within the Chugach Mountain wilderness. Optional activities available.

The Hotel Captain Cook is located in downtown Anchorage within walking distance to the Opening activities of the Iditarod. Optional activities available.



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Included:

ALYESKA RESORT :
Welcome Party
Farewell Party
Lift Tickets

ANCHORAGE:
The Northern Lights
Iditarod Events
Fur Rendezvous

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*Must be a Member of a Far West Ski Association
affiliated club or a FWSA Direct Member*



Kathleen Byrnes, President Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



The greatest snowfall in the U.S. happened this year! More than 500 inches fell with much more to come! EPIC barely begins to describe the Mammoth Snowfall this season. Mammoth Mountain and the Town of Mammoth Lakes are re-learning how to handle it all.

Two Clubs just finished the Big White Ski Week and what a wonderful adventure it was for all of the members! Bob and Tara Shepard from the Long Beach Ski Club along with Dave and Lisa Felker from Century City Ski & Board Club co-organized the airfare, buses, room accommodations, tour of the mountain, tubing, welcome ceremony, happy hours, a special Valentines event and a closing ceremony. Unfortunately, there were several ski accidents, however, no serious injuries.

Two race leagues, ULLR and Rokka provided club members an exciting schedule from Rokka Camp which began in November and SoCal Championships in March, and ending with Far West Championships in Mammoth.

Mother Nature did not look kindly upon ULLR League ski races this season. All four races were cancelled due to excessive snow. These races will not be rescheduled. Future races at Mammoth, albeit not ULLR related, are:

Sunday, March 19- Southern California Championships, 2 GS races

Friday March 31- Monday April 2 Far West Championships

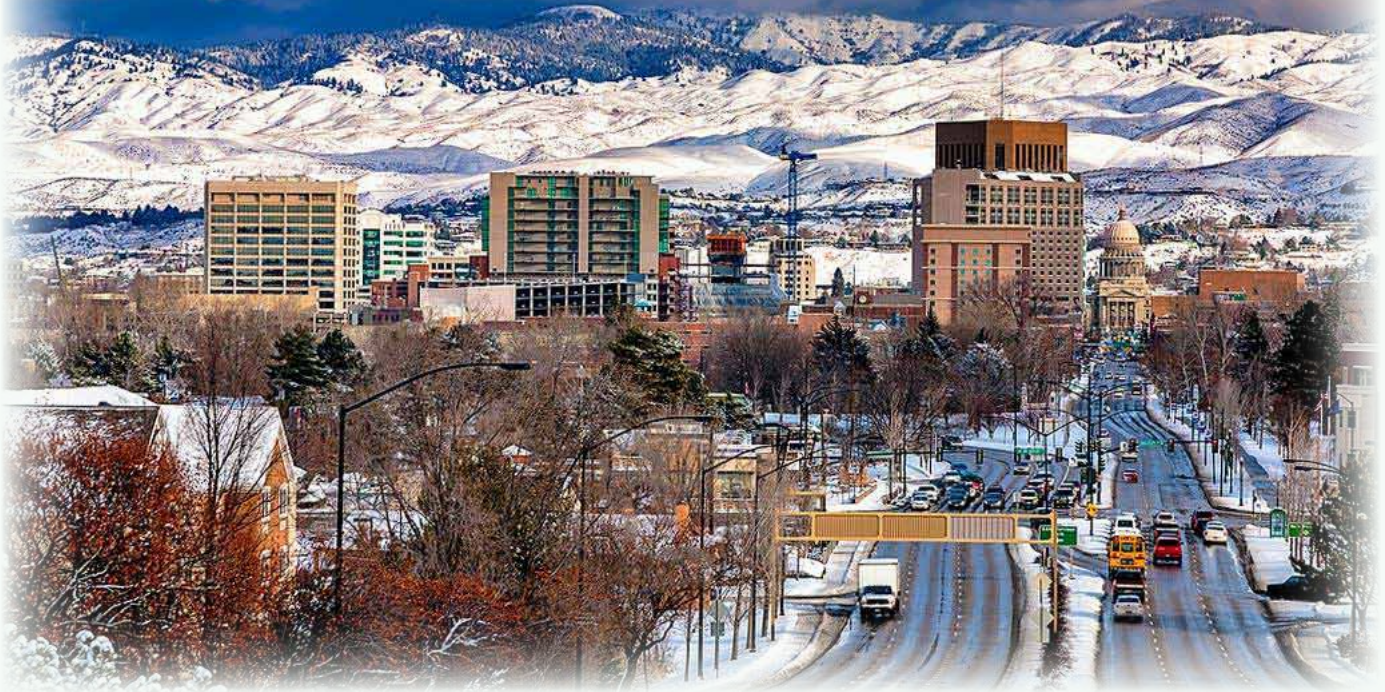
A goal of the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs (LAC) during the 2016-2017 season was to get more involved at a local level. As you know, there has been a challenge with all clubs attracting younger membership. As attrition continues, we need to explore how to attract new blood.

Hence, LAC decided to advertise not only LAC sponsored events, but other ski clubs events that were attractive to members across different clubs. Having said that, the question was raised about insurance coverage for a non-member participating in a club's trip. After consulting with our insurance agent, Fred Liebel, we defined a process to cover non-members. We sent this process to all club presidents and reps, and encouraged them to adopt it.

During 2016-2017 season, LAC began posting a monthly newsletter and invited our family of clubs to advertise

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Downtown Boise in Snow



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their trips and any other events. We have received positive results and continue as a vehicle in helping clubs fill and take advantage of group rates and recruiting participation in charitable contributions.

Within the ski clubs, off season events are continually offered for biking, hiking, sailing, wine-tasting, kayaking and golfing, as well as every flavor of party that could be imagined. In July of this year, an incredible bike and barge adventure on the Danube River is planned from Passau to Vienna to Budapest and Bratislava on the ***MS Primadonna!***

We also ensured the LAC website became conducive to phone mobility. Another opportunity to attracting the type of customer we need. Obviously, many of the younger generation use their cell phones to access the Internet.

Our VP of Membership, Todd Hood will be presenting at the FWSA Convention Snowsports Leadership Academy in Boise, ID this coming June. With his infamous, ***How to make love to your members.*** This will be an interesting attention getter!

In August, the Council will host club presidents to come together to share challenges and ideas over a catered luncheon, followed by a leadership training session.

Cynthia Carter
VP Communications
Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



Lupine from the Idaho Foothills

Sylvia Kearns, President Northwest Ski Club Council



The Northwest Ski Club Council is wrapping up a successful season. Club members and racers have had multiple events to choose from each week. Commercial members are seeing success that a bountiful supply of snow provides. The Northwest Ski Club

Council (NWSCC) encompasses skiers from a large demographic area creating a challenge in maintaining communication. The new website at www.nwski.org has been hugely beneficial in providing current information to everyone. As club/council events are concluded they are replaced with the newest upcoming events. As our commercial members have had promotions throughout the year we have been able to promote their sales. It has been a learning curve- going from a paper copy with dates fixed far in advance- to updating in a timely manner. With the hard work of board members and others we will be better situated next year for ease of use.

We had 32 people attend the FWSA Ski Week in Breckenridge, Colorado. Rod Robinson worked hard to support this annual trip. Many **Facebook** posts and pictures throughout the week let the rest of us know how much fun we were missing. Longtime NWSCC council member and FWSA Travel Committee participant, Marilyn Sigler, was the sole NWSCC racer this year. This is largely due to so many of our racers being busy with local races. Next year we will need to make an effort to take home medals. Barbara Bousum is already signing folks up for the 2018 FWSA Ski Week in Banff.

Sunday, April 2nd was the final race day for the PACRAT race league. Five races were completed along with one Nastar race. Hosting a Nastar race on Mt. Hood is 2 fold- -it is a support for the community to give everyone a chance to race as well as a money maker to support the season. Three Pacrat racers attended the Nastar Nationals in Steamboat, Colorado. The resort was given high marks for their support of racers and their families. Our very own Alice Jacklet "Super Alice" earned First Place in slalom and Second Place in giant slalom 75-79 year-old division. For more information about this story and more visit www.shredhood.org. Founder Ben Jacklet tells the entire story about his mom and her achievements. Alice's father competed in the 1924 Chamonix Olympics. NWSCC is proud to have Alice as an active ski club member and PACRAT racer. The race league is hosting its annual awards banquet April 14, 2017 at the World of Speed in Wilsonville, Oregon. This car museum promises to be a terrific venue for this years event.

NWSCC has had its share of challenges in learning how to stay active in a business that has gone through huge changes in the past 10 years. Our ability to get and share information has changed radically. At the same time the industry's ability to do direct to consumer sells has also grown. We remain very committed to maintaining a healthy relationship with the ski industry partners and are very grateful for their support at a local level as well as to the snow sports community at large.

We are looking forward to a wonderful convention in Boise, Idaho and appreciate the hard work of Mike Bouton and group hosting it.



Sheila Van Guilder, President Orange Council of Ski Clubs

Orange Council recently held their annual Presidents' Dinner, where all Club presidents, Council Representatives and Trip Chair were treated to a great German dinner at the Jaegerhaus. Along with their partners, Graem Laudenslager, representative of *Club Med*, gave a presentation of what they offer travelers/skiers. Jane Wyckoff was there as well and presented plans for the Boise FWSA convention and future plans.

Fountain Valley Ski Club has recently changed their meeting place. They are meeting the third Wednesday of the month at Round Table Pizza, 11095 Warner Avenue, Fountain Valley. Fountain Valley took their members to Steamboat, Colorado this year. Of course, a wonderful time was had by all.

Snowbounders Ski Club enjoyed the champagne powder on the front side and whipped cream on the backside of White Fish Mountain this year. They also have had several mid-week trips to Mammoth, Montana. For one of the slightly more senior clubs in Orange Council they are very active and ski their "legs off". Also bicycling and hiking regularly. An amazing bunch of people.

We had a great group attending FWSA Ski Week in Breckenridge. We all had a great good time. The snow sculptures were enjoyed by all and the good weather really was appreciated. Baboia Ski and Sports Club, Orange County Ski Club, Snowbounders Ski Club and the Snowfliers were all represented. Fountain Valley took their Skiers to Big Sky, Montana.

Currently FWSA convention sites are being considered in Palm Springs for 2018. Orange Council plans to host this venue along with San Diego and /or LA Councils.



Downtown Boise



Chris Gill, President, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs



The mission of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC) is to support and promote the sport of recreational skiing, racing and snowboarding in Southern California.

Along with skiing, the Council also promotes international travel and adventure trips to bring all club members together throughout the year. We believe diversity of year-round activities helps promote con-

tinuity and growth. We have 9 active clubs enjoying year around activities such as hiking, biking, wine tasting, bowling, golf, museums, Summer Pops and one-day trips.

The San Diego Ski Council started the fall season with a great trip to Ireland, Scotland and Munich Germany for Oktoberfest. The group enjoyed Guinness beer tasting and Irish Dancing in Ireland. In Scotland, we visited Edinburgh and Inverness where the group crashed a Scottish wedding, visited the Culloden battlefields, Loch Ness and, of course, many distilleries for a wee one. The trip ended with a fabulous experience at Oktoberfest. Many a beer flowed and great music was heard.



The San Diego Council had their annual Gala in November and honored the Man & Women of the Year along with the Joe Harris Award. The Man of the year was Nick Cowell of North Island and Woman of the Year was Sabine Alberti of Don Diego. The Joe Harris award went to Eileen Weiner of Don Diego. We were fortunate to have Helen Harris present the award, which was named after her husband.

The San Diego Council then moved onto working Snow Jam again for 3 full days. The members of the council and ski clubs worked the bag check and had a council booth.

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In December the SDCSC and ski clubs started out the ski season with the annual Aspen Ski Trip. The Aspen Ski Trip was lead by Mike and Eileen Sanford. The group was up to 63 people this year. Although the snow was a bit sparse everyone had a great time skiing the different mountains. We also had a council welcome party and the souvenir of the trip. The SDCSC also celebrated 70th birthday in style. Mike Sanford's



To close out the year Council had its annual Hour at Tom Ham's looking the San Diego prizes were given out and the food and drinks.

the San Diego Ski Holiday Happy Lighthouse over harbor. Raffle everyone enjoyed

The 2017 Ski Season has had several clubs incur huge amounts of snow in the Sierra Nevada. Mammoth Mountain has gotten 500 inches. Some ski bus trips ended up with no skiing do due too much snow. Several Clubs are doing flyaway trips this year.

The SDCSC is getting ready for another Bike & Barge Trip to Provence with a Lorie Valley Chateau extension. A Croatia Cruise will be in September 2017. The San Diego Council is working on updating their social media and communications through a new-formed committee.

Have a great Ski Season

Chris Gill, President of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs



The Grove Hotel at Night

Jo Simpson, President, Sierra League & Council

Sierra Members Enjoy the Great Snow Season



Forty-plus Sierra members traveled to Breckenridge for Ski Week 2017. Our Travel VP Debbie Stewart did her usual great job of taking care of our participants in the face of several challenges. Our Mexican fiesta themed dinner was a nice change of pace. Our Sierra Team 1 got second place in the council challenge. Our Cabernet club continued their winning streak with first place in club points.

Our Reno Ski and Recreation Club took a small group to Aspen. The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club went on their annual trip to Ogden to ski Powder Mountain and Snowbasin. They had fall camping trips to Zion and Death Valley. The Sacramento Capital Ski and Sports Club scheduled a club ski weekend to Kirkwood, Heavenly and Northstar.

The Cabernet Ski and Race Club held their annual gathering during ski week at Breckenridge. Nancy Ellis became the new Cabernet president this fall after Donn and Barbara Bryant moved to Boise.

The epic snow this winter has made for great skiing, but caused cancellation of our first race weekend. So far, the others have gone off as scheduled and we were able to schedule a makeup race.

AJ Hurt with the Squaw Valley Ski Team is our Frank App Memorial Scholarship winner for the second year. She is one of only four young women on the 2016-2017 USSA FIS National Training Group.



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Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Idaho

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