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THE COUNCILMAN



*Far West Ski Association
82nd Annual Convention
Bend, Oregon
June 12-15, 2014*



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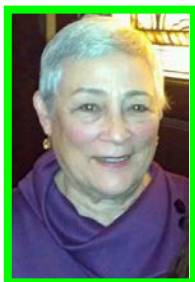
River's Edge Golf Course, Bend, Oregon. Photo courtesy of The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center.

Smith Rock State Park, located in Redmond, Oregon, is about a 20 minute drive from Bend. In addition to its beauty, the park is known as a great place for hiking and climbing. Photo courtesy of Mike Putnam, a local landscape photographer.

Mount Jefferson is the second highest peak in Oregon and part of the Cascade Range. Jefferson is a likely extinct stratovolcano that last erupted about 40,000 to 50,000 years ago. The mountain was named for President Thomas Jefferson by the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Photo courtesy of Mike Putnam, a local landscape photographer.

Lodestar by Roger Berry, located at Bond & Reed Market roundabout, is one of 20 sculptures adorning the traffic circles in Bend, Oregon as part of the city's new Roundabout Art Route. This sculpture, titled "Lodestar," is located in Bend's Old Mill District. Photo courtesy of Peter Alport, a local area photographer.

The Old Mill District, an area formerly occupied by two lumber mills in Bend, Oregon. Encompassing approximately 270 acres along the Deschutes River, the Old Mill District was developed in the 1990s and is now a mixed-use area known for its shops, galleries and restaurants. Photo courtesy of John Melton, a local area photographer.



Connie Burdette
Editor, *The Councilman*

President

by Linda Scott

FWSA SUPPORTS WOMEN'S SKI JUMPING, PROVIDES ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS, HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL SKI WEEK, AND MAKES PLANS FOR OUR 82ND ANNUAL CONVENTION IN BEND, OREGON

Far West Ski Association is a fun and exciting group. It gives me great pleasure to tell you about all the positive steps we have taken, and events we have held, during the last year. And, more exciting plans are in our future! I would like to begin by telling you about our donation to the Women's Ski Jumping USA.

During December, our Board of Directors joined with Directors from our Far West Ski Foundation and voted to donate funds to support Woman's Ski Jumping USA. The funds were needed for the team to compete at the Sochi Olympic Games. Working together, our organizations were able to donate a total of \$5,000.00. We are all very proud of this contribution to the team, and the funds were greatly appreciated.

In addition to supporting the Women's Ski Jumping USA Team, FWSA provides support to young ski racers. Dick Shawkey has been the leader of our Athletic Scholarship Program for many successful years, building a program that is an example to others. Now, as Dick steps aside and passes the torch to his successor David Krupp, we want to thank Dick for all he has accomplished on behalf of FWSA. This year, with Dick's hard work and the work of his team, we were able to support 19 young athletes. Of course all this work relies on the generous support of our industry partners including **Whitefish Mountain Resort**, **Grouse Mountain Lodge**, and **Karbon Skiwear**. It gives us great pleasure to support these worthy causes.

During the last week in January we held our annual Far West Ski Association Ski Week in Beaver Creek, Colorado. The Ski Week, lead by Vice President of North American Travel, Nancy Ellis, was an outstanding event, and we all had so much fun we just can not wait until next year. We held our Mini Ski Week in February at Snowbasin Ski Resort. Our International Ski Week, lead by Vice President of International Travel, Debbie Stewart, was held in March where we visited Zermatt, Switzerland with an additional week in Spain. On the drawing board is a dive trip to Mexico, and we have begun taking registrations for our African Safari trip in October. Join us on one of our travel adventures.

This year, for the first time, you can register to sign-up for the convention and our dive and South Africa trips on our website at www.fwsa.org. We have worked hard to make online registration a reality, and thanks go to our Vice President of Communications, Jim Nachbar, and our webmaster, Catherine Ohl, for making this goal a reality.

Our 82nd Convention, entitled "**Volcanic Paradise**" is right around the corner. This year it will be hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council, and will be held in Bend, Oregon, from June 12-15, 2014. Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chairman, working with Mary Olhausen, Host Council Convention Coordinator and President of the Northwest Ski Club Council, along with many volunteers from the Council, have great things planned for us.

All the fun kicks off Thursday night with a Pub Crawl where you will meet and mingle with resort representatives and industry personnel, as well renew friendships and make new ones with club and council folks. On Friday we offer fun optional activities including golf, hiking, shopping and wine tasting followed by a sponsored pool party. The grand finale of the eventing is a Silent Auction, where you can find tremendous bargains, so bring your cards or checkbook and take advantage of great ski packages while meeting ski resort representatives.

On Saturday we get down to business with a Travel Expo, panels and program meetings, and our Snowsports Leadership Academy. Our Awards Luncheon this year will feature a presentation by Jess McMillan, reigning Freeskiing World Tour Champion. You are going to love her presentation. Other invited guests include Billy Kidd, a descendant of the infamous Billy the Kid and 1964 Olympic Silver Medalist in slalom skiing.

All this fun is followed by a Saturday night cocktail party and an Awards Dinner & Dance. Then on Sunday, our business continues with elections, club and council awards and a special brunch where we will announce our plans for our 83rd Annual FWSA Convention.

Far West Ski Association is an all volunteer organization, and we need you! If you would like to become more involved with FWSA, please notify me or another of our officers. We are always seeking dedicated and talented folks, so let us hear from you. See you in Bend!



Linda Scott
FWSA President

Far West Ski Association

82nd Annual Convention

Volcanic Paradise



June 12-15, 2014

The Riverhouse Resort, Hotel & Convention Center



3075 North Business 97, Bend, Oregon 97701

800-547-3928 or 541-389-3111

www.riverhouse.com

Hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council



Bend is world famous for both its outdoor pursuits and pristine beauty. The historic downtown mixes cosmo with homegrown friendliness. Now it's your turn to experience Mt. Bachelor and Bend Oregon!

The Riverhouse Resort, Hotel & Convention Center

Reservations call 800-547-3928 or 541-389-3111

Group Name Far West Ski Association 2014

Room Rates per night plus tax single or double occupancy

River Views \$129

Non-River Views \$119

Hotel Features

- 2 restaurants, bar & lounge, spacious rooms, indoor and outdoor heated pools, spas, saunas and exercise room, walking distance to Bend River Promenade Shopping Mall and Family Fun Center
- NO Resort Fees, FREE In-room Wi-Fi, FREE Parking
- Rates available 3 days pre and post Convention

Transportation

- Air transportation is via Redmond Municipal Airport (RDM), located 15 minutes from The Riverhouse.
- Rental cars and shuttle service are available at the airport.

Convention Highlights

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

Optional Activities

- Thursday Activities
 - Mt. Bachelor Tour, Lunch & Activities
 - Pub Crawling Bend Style
- Friday Activities
 - Michael German Golf Tournament
 - Smith Rock Geologic Wonderland Tour
 - Old Mill District Shop-Dine-Wine
 - Pool Party

Information

www.fwsa.org

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• Mary Olhausen

Silent Auction / Travel Expo Chair / Convention Coordinator

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WELCOME LETTER

February 2014

Dear FWSA Club Presidents and Convention Delegates:

Enclosed you will find the registration materials for the **Far West Ski Association's 82nd Annual Convention**, to be held Thursday through Sunday, **June 12 – 15, 2014**, at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center, hosted by the Northwest Ski Club Council. We are pleased to be conducting our annual Convention in Bend, and are receiving great support for our event from the local Bend community and snowsports industries. Please read all the materials enclosed in this registration packet carefully.

Deadlines:

- **May 9, 2014 is the deadline** for early registration of \$154, a savings of \$21. The price goes up to \$175 on May 10.
- **May 9, 2014 is the deadline** for submission of ALL event fees. These include Thursday's Pub Crawling Bend Style, Friday's 8th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, Smith Rock Geologic Wonderland Tour and Old Mill District Shop-Dine-Wine. For Thursday's Mt. Bachelor Tour, Lunch & Activities contact Mt. Bachelor directly for deadlines and sign-up.
- **May 23, 2014 is the deadline for fees at \$175.** Fees go up to \$190 beginning May 24.
- Please submit all forms and payments to:

FWSA Registrar, c/o Karen James, 1812 Vickers Drive, Glendale, CA 91208.

Economic Relief Program):

FWSA is again offering 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, the club will receive a rebate of one (1) paid registration after the Convention.

Make Your Hotel Reservations NOW!

Lodging at our group rate (double occupancy) is available at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center. Per our contract, we have **NO RESORT FEES, FREE IN-ROOM WI-FI, and PARKING IS COMPLIMENTARY**. Refer to the enclosed flyer for the FWSA contracted room rates for our group. The Riverhouse is located at 3075 North Business 97, Bend, Oregon 97701. Make your reservations by calling 800-547-3928 or 541-389-3111 and give them our Group Name: Far West Ski Association 2014. Make your room reservations before **May 9**, when the room block is released. We cannot guarantee you will be able to book a room after the room block is released. For information regarding RV space, go to www.fwsa.org.

Transportation Information:

Flights should be booked in and out of the Redmond Municipal Airport, located 15 minutes from Bend. Rental car and ground transportation options can be found on www.fwsa.org.

Theme – "Volcanic Paradise":

This year's Convention theme is **"Volcanic Paradise"**. Experience Volcanic Paradise, nestled along the Deschutes River just minutes from historic downtown Bend. The Saturday Awards Banquet is Black Tie / Shorts optional, with some good old rock 'n roll music.

Contact Information:

Jane Wyckoff - FWSA Convention Chairperson - janewyckoff1@cox.net - 949-933-9607

Mary Olhausen - Host Council Convention Coordinator - omary52@comcast.net - 503-880-7383

Karen James - Convention Registrar - kjames48@sbcglobal.net - 818-249-5982

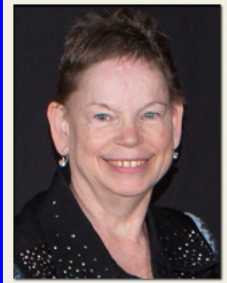
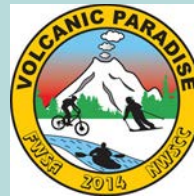
If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate person above. Welcome to the 82nd Annual FWSA Convention!

Sincerely,

Jane Wyckoff, Mary Olhausen, Karen James

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION

CONVENTION 2014!



*Mary Olhausen
2014 Convention
Host Council
Coordinator*

Have You Made Plans To Attend The Volcanic Paradise Convention???

The 82nd Annual Far West Ski Association Convention, June 12-15, 2014, in Bend, Oregon is closer than you think!! FIRST—make your lodging reservations at our host hotel, The Riverhouse and Convention Center. Call them at **800.547.3928 or 541-389-3111**. Group Name: Far West Ski Association 2014. Hotel rates honored three days pre and post-Convention. They offer spacious rooms, indoor and outdoor heated pools, spas, saunas, exercise room, complimentary parking, no resort fees, and free in-room Wi-Fi. Check out their website at www.riverhouse.com. Traveling in your RV? Reserve space now! Scandia RV Park www.scandiarv.com Crown Villa RV Resort www.crownvillaresort.com.

How About That FWSA 6-Pack Program—Save On Registration Fees???

Clubs and Delegates--- Take advantage of the FWSA 6-Pack Program. This is a super deal. For every six (6) delegates that have paid the full registration package, from same club, the club will receive a rebate of one (1) paid registration after the convention (voting & non-voting delegates qualify). You get 6 delegates for the price of 5. That's a savings not to be overlooked!

Need Some R&R Before Or After The Convention???

Do not forget---The Riverhouse offers convention rates 3 days prior and 3 days post. There is SO much to do in Central Oregon—this is the place to relax, unwind, or take advantage of all those outdoor activities that abound in the Bend area (here are a few – fishing, rafting, hiking, biking, stand-up paddle boarding, golfing, rock climbing, desert cave tours, canoeing, kayaking, volcano tours, shopping). And, after all that quench your thirst on the Bend Ale Trail. See Visit Bend at www.visitbend.com or Central Oregon Visitors Association at www.visitcentraloregon.com for all the information you need to plan your extended stay in Central Oregon! Did we mention 300 days of sunshine per year? Be sure to arrive before Thursday so you can take advantage of the Mt. Bachelor Tour, Lunch and Activities. That evening enjoy the infamous Pub Crawl at Deschutes Brewery, McMenamins Old St. Francis Hotel. Visit the numerous micro-breweries and lounges in downtown Bend, get discounted beverages, and win prizes.

Sign Up Now For Convention Optional Activities!!!

Friday is optional activity day with the 8th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at River's Edge Golf Course; Hike and sightsee at the world-famous Smith Rock State Park; or Shop-Dine-Wine at Old Mill District. The Pool Party later Friday afternoon will cool you off before the annual FWSA Silent Auction on Friday night.

Get Ready For Silent Auction And Travel Expo!!!

The Silent Auction is open to all FWSA delegates and guests. Ski representatives will be on hand to answer questions about their resorts and products. An opportunity to bid on more than \$100,000 worth of ski, sport and adventure packages, and enjoy a complimentary drink and a Taste of Bend. Silent Auction is open to the general public (FREE admission!) and we encourage our Bend and Redmond communities to take part in this event. Saturday brings Travel Expo where industry and delegates meet to talk about club travel. Saturday afternoon is our annual Multi-Media Presentation with our keynote speaker, Public Affairs and Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions, featuring ski equipment and safety.

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Saturday Night Dancing To Thrillride!!!

Saturday night erupts for the real *Volcanic Paradise*. We will have a live band this year and Northwest Ski Club Council guarantees you will dance your flip-flops off to the sounds of Thrillride. Did we say flip-flops? Yes, break out those flip-flops---the attire for Saturday night is black tie and shorts.

Sunday Morning – Good Eats, Good Meetings!!!

On Sunday morning, delegates participate in the FWSA business meeting which includes election of officers, by-laws and resolutions – all while enjoying a tasty Sunday Brunch.

Come Meet Featured Guests!!!

Snowsport celebrities will be featured at convention. We are excited to have confirmed Jess McMillan (professional big mountain free skier) and Billy Kidd (Olympian skier) as special guests.

Need More Information???

We are here to help - for more information, please contact Host Council Convention Coordinator Mary Olhausen at omary52@comcast.net.



Milky Way
Devin Laurence Field, Artist



Evolution
by Troy Pillow, Artist



Earth Song
Bruce West, Artist

Roundabout Art - Bend Oregon

“Art in Public Places has been placing art in our community since 1973. The members of Art in Public Places believe art enhances the cultural environment and quality of life for the citizens of Bend and will encourage visitors to our area.” For more information see:

<http://artinpublicplaces.org>



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“Volcanic Paradise” – Draft Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 12, 2014

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration - Delegate Bags <i>Sponsored by Nancy Greene's Cahilly Lodge</i> Delegate Neck Wallets <i>Sponsored by Ski Dazzle</i>	Cascade Convention Ctr Lobby
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration	Cascade Convention Ctr Lobby
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	<i>Mt. Bachelor Tour, Lunch & Activities (Optional Event)</i>	Meet at Crossings Restaurant
5:00 pm - 9:45 pm	Pub Crawling Bend Style (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i>	Meet at Crossings Restaurant

Friday, June 13, 2014

6:30 am - 3:00 pm	8th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at River's Edge Golf Course (Optional Event) Shotgun Start at 8:00 am	Meet at Crossings Restaurant
8:00 am - 2:30 pm	Smith Rock Geologic Wonderland Tour (Optional Event)	Meet at Crossings Restaurant
8:00 am - 3:00 pm	Old Mill District Shop-Dine-Wine (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company & Snowmass Tourism</i>	Meet at Crossings Restaurant
9:30 am - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration & Set Up	Cascade Convention Ctr
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Pool Party - <i>Sponsored by Copper Mountain & Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, Hosted by Central Council</i>	Shilo Inn Suites Hotel Pool
3:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Delegate Registration	Cascade Convention Ctr Lobby
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Far West Ski Foundation Meeting (Invitation Only)	Deschutes B
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Industry Exhibitor Meeting	Cascade Convention Ctr
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	FWSA History Committee Meeting	Deschutes B
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Meeting (Invitation Only)	FWSA Suite
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Convention 101 Meeting for New Convention Delegates	Cascade Convention Ctr Lobby
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Ski Club Social (No Host)	Cascade Convention Ctr Lobby
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Silent Auction Welcome Party - Beer <i>Hosted by Oregon Adaptive Sports & GoodLife Brewing Company</i>	Cascade Convention Ctr
6:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Silent Auction & Taste of Bend - <i>Sponsored by Whistler Blackcomb, Tourism Whistler, The Tantalus Lodge, Lodging Ovations, Crystal Lodge, Mt. Hood Meadows</i>	Cascade Convention Ctr
10:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Exhibitor Booth Breakdown	Cascade Convention Ctr





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Saturday, June 14, 2014

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Cascade Convention Ctr Lobby
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast - <i>Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain</i>	Cascade Convention Ctr A-B,G-J
8:00 am - 8:30 am	FWSA General Meeting - Opening Session	Cascade Convention Ctr A-B,G-J
8:45 am - 10:40 am	Travel Expo – <i>Grand Prize - Far West Ski Week Sponsored by FWSA</i>	Cascade Convention Ctr C-F
9:00 am - 12:15 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging (Invitation Only) - Awards <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i>	FWSA Suite
10:00 am - 12:15 pm	Bid Presentations – FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)	Three Sisters A,B,C
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - “ <i>Get the Latest on Snowsports Equipment</i> ”	Deschutes C
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Deschutes B
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Far West Racing Association (Invitation Only)	TBD
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon & Awards Presentation – Luncheon <i>Sponsored by Vail Resorts</i> , Beer <i>Hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council</i> , Beer Service <i>Sponsored by Sun Valley</i> , Western Ski Heritage Award <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i> , FWSA Safety Person of the Year Award <i>Sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass, The Crestwood & The Gant</i>	Cascade Convention Ctr A-B,G-J
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	FWSA Snowsports Multi-Media Presentation - <i>Sponsored by Mt. Bachelor & Sunriver Resort</i>	Cascade Convention Ctr A-B,G-J
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - “ <i>Avalanche Safety – Are You Prepared?</i> ”	Deschutes C
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	2015 FWSA Ski Week Staff Meeting (Invitation Only)	Three Sisters A,B,C
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Deschutes B
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucus - Northwest / Direct Members LAC / San Diego / Orange / Arizona / New Mexico BAC / Inland / Central / Intermountain / Sierra	Cascade Convention Ctr C,D Cascade Convention Ctr E Cascade Convention Ctr F
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (No Host)	Cascade Convention Ctr A-B,G-J
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Awards Banquet & Dance “ <i>Volcanic Paradise</i> ” - Wine <i>Sponsored by SkiGroup.net and Ski.com</i> , Musical Entertainment by “ <i>Thrillride</i> ” <i>Sponsored by Telluride Ski Resort & Mountain Lodge Telluride</i>	Cascade Convention Ctr A-B,G-J

Sunday, June 15, 2014

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Eye Opener Party - <i>Sponsored by Northwest Ski Club Council</i>	FWSA Suite
8:30 am - 10:30 am	FWSA General Meeting – Elections	Cascade Convention Ctr A-B,G-J
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Delegate Brunch - <i>Sponsored by Taos Ski Valley Resort</i> , Outstanding Club & Council Awards, Club & Council Communication Awards, Charities Award, Club History Award, Door Prize Giveaway	Cascade Convention Ctr A-B,G-J
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	FWSA General Meeting Continued	Cascade Convention Ctr A-B,G-J
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	FWSA Board of Directors and Board of Trustees Meetings	Deschutes B,C

Delegates are welcome to attend all events unless otherwise indicated. Participation in Travel Expo is especially encouraged and the Grand Prize will be awarded only among those who participate. Delegates with mandatory assignments to other meetings during Travel Expo will receive instructions from their Meeting Chairperson.



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June 12-15, 2014, The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center, Bend, OR

REGISTRATION FORM



Name _____

Street/Apt. # _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Mobile Phone _____

Ski Club _____ Council _____

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

Dietary Restrictions _____

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. ☐

Convention Packages (Fri, June 13 — Sun, June 15)

Full Package if paid by May 9, 2014 \$154 _____
 – \$175 after 5/9, \$190 after 5/23

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

Saturday Expo, Meetings & Lunch \$50 _____

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

Awards Dinner & Dance Only (Black-Tie /Shorts Optional) \$65 _____
 – Must be purchased in advance. Priority given to delegates

Extras

Delegate Book Hard Copy \$10 _____
 – Electronic DVD copy included in Full Package

Soft-Sided Cooler with Embroidered Convention Logo \$22 _____

Optional Activities Priority given to Registered Delegates/Industry

Mt. Bachelor Tour, Lunch & Activities (Thursday, June 12) Free *
 Sign up with Mt. Bachelor *Activities extra

Pub Crawling Bend Style (Thursday, June 12) \$64 _____

Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament (Fri, June 13) \$95 _____

– Specify Handicap _____ OR Novice ☐
 OR Last 3 Scores _____

– Will be Using Own Transportation ☐

– Golf Club Rental – Check One ☐ Left or ☐ Right Handed \$35 _____

Smith Rock Geologic Wonderland Tour (Fri, June 13) \$37 _____

Old Mill District Shop-Dine-Wine (Fri, June 13) \$65 _____

Can pay & register online at
fwsa.org.

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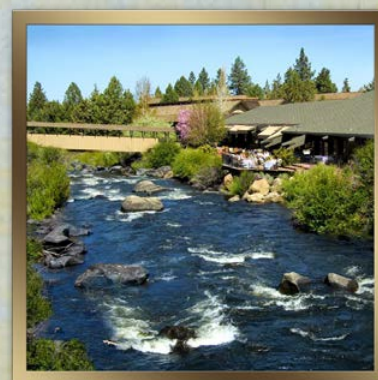
FWSA Convention Registrar,
 Karen James,
 1812 Vickers Drive,
 Glendale, CA 91208.

For additional information
 visit fwsa.org. **No refunds after May 9, 2014 deadline.**

Full Package Includes—

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

- **Friday** - Pool Party, Silent Auction & Taste of Bend
- **Saturday** - Continental Breakfast, Travel Expo, Luncheon, Cocktail Party, Awards Dinner & Dance
- **Sunday** - Eye Opener, Buffet Brunch



ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND

(See Debbie Stewart's report on page 18)



Stockalper Castle in Brig, Switzerland



Left to Right: George Stewart, Brian Burgess, Jim Stewart, Rich Robinson



Left to Right: Alan Christian, Bob Dillow and Gregg Koos.



On the steps of the Toledo Cathedral in Toledo, Spain

VP of Communications

by Jim Nachbar



FWSA's Communications program has had a busy year, building on the strong program of previous years, and adding significant capabilities for two-way communication. We are devoted to facilitating both communications from FWSA to our Councils, Clubs, and Members, and also to facilitating contributions and feedback back to FWSA.

FWSA.ORG is our main website, and Catherine Ohl continues to do an outstanding job of managing the go-to source for what is happening at Far West. In addition to maintaining and updating the site, at the request of members attending the Convention, we are adding a search feature, to make it even easier to find what you are looking for at FWSA.

Connie Burdette has produced *The Councilman* (which you are now reading), and Leigh Gieringer published another *Far West Skier's Guide* this year, with consistent high production quality. We also publish the *Far West News Flash*, *Facebook* and *Twitter* posts, and a number of other communications contributed to by multiple volunteer members. We are always looking for more members on the Communications team, so if you want to contribute, please let us know!

Also this winter, we have debuted our interactive website, *FWSA-Connect*, currently hosted at <https://fwsa-connect.herokuapp.com>, during the 2014 FWSA Ski Week at **Beaver Creek Resort**. This site allows FWSA members (direct members and member-club members) to create their own accounts and sign up for trips, events, and the Convention. You can also upload your FWSA-related photos to contribute them for our slideshows and publications. You can also submit them by texting them to 343434 with keyword "FWSA" (without the quotes).

Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel, was the first board member to host an event on FWSA-Connect, and is currently taking sign-ups and payments for the FWSA South Africa trip on FWSA-Connect. Members are signing up, and making progress payments online as they become due. Being the first, Debbie has been a great resource as we develop this capability.

On March 1, we opened up online sign-ups for the FWSA Convention being held June 12-15 in Bend, Oregon. You can sign-up for your registration, pick your optional events, pay online with your credit card, and get immediate feedback that you are all set!

To start with FWSA-Connect, just go to <https://fwsa-connect.herokuapp.com>, and click on "Sign Up". Fill in your information, be sure to include your valid email address, and click the "Sign Up" button. At the top of the screen, you will see a green message that a confirmation email has been sent to your email address. Go to your email program, find the email, and click on the "Confirm" link to confirm your email address. Then, you can go to FWSA-Connect anytime, login with your username or email and password, and upload photos, sign up for trips, events, or the Convention, and see the events you have already signed up for.

We are excited about FWSA-Connect, but there is more to come. Check back at FWSA.ORG and FWSA-Connect often, watch for the Far West News Flash, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see what is happening!

VP of Council Services

By Jo Simpson

Council Presidents to Review and Evaluate 2013-2014 Award Council Funding for Innovative Outreach Projects



*Jo Simpson
VP
Council Services*

The council presidents will be reviewing and evaluating our programs and initiatives for 2013-2014 at our April 25 meeting as we wrap up the FWSA budget year.

At our July 2013 meeting we voted to distribute our council outreach funding for 2014 to councils who have executed new and innovative projects. I am looking forward to reviewing the funding applications to see what projects can provide ideas and inspiration to other councils and clubs.

At our December meeting we had the opportunity to hear from our committee chairs about the programs they manage. We appreciate their cooperation with our trial year of having a single due date of March 20 for awards submissions for Club and Council Newsletter and Website, Outstanding Club, Safety, Club and Council History, Western Ski Heritage and Charities. We will evaluate how this worked at our July meeting.

We want to recognize Catherine Ohl's herculean effort to put the awards entry forms on line in writeable format. We are eager to see if the easier forms and the consolidated due date will increase submissions for all awards.

We also appreciate Catherine's creation of a tri-fold FWSA brochure to help explain the role and mission of FWSA to our club members and to the public at large.

I want to welcome our new Intermountain Council President, Paul Markowitz. We have a fun and cohesive group who are dedicated to representing our councils on the Far West Ski Association Board of Directors.

I am enjoying my first year as Vice President, Council Services. I am grateful to my fellow council presidents for their support and dedication.

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***Yakaya
Troy Pillow, Artist***



***Might of the Work Force
Devin Field, Artist***

VP of Marketing and Sponsorship

By Debbi Kor



*Debbi Kor
VP of Marketing
and Sponsorship*

That's a Wrap for Another Ski Season

Where has the winter gone? As we look back at where we have been over the past 4 months, we remember the fun that we have had in **Aspen, Mammoth, Mt. Bachelor, Whitefish, and Telluride** to name a few places. We have skied and boarded, and enjoyed various other winter activities, including watching the incredible Winter Olympics in Sochi. Thank you to all of our industry partners who provided us with great lodging, great food, great snow, and great fun!

Ski Week 2014, which took place in Beaver Creek, Colorado was a huge success! Tommy Geary, and crew, along with Stephen Hall and Sandy and Phil Gaudette of **Ski Group.Net** are to be commended for taking such good care of all their Far West guests. Our own Far West Travel staff made sure that everyone stayed busy. Thank you, as well, to all of the local businesses in Beaver Creek who provided door prizes for the Welcome Party, including: **Beaver Creek Trading Company, Charlie's Resort Wear, Christy Sports, Mistral, Spa Struck, Surefoot, J. Cotter Gallery, By Nature Gallery, Q Boutique, Beaver Creek Chophouse, Coyote Cafe, Grouse Mountain Grill, Metropolitan, Mirabelle, and Rock's Modern Grill.**

David Krupp filled in for Dick Shawkey, representing the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program, and did a great job, along with a little help from his friends, selling raffle tickets for the Karbon ski outfit. A total of \$2,700 was raised for the Scholarship Fund throughout the week, culminating in the give-away on Thursday night at the Farewell Banquet. Jack Scott, husband of our current FWSA President, Linda Scott, was the winner this year. Congratulations, Jack. I know you will love your new made-to-order Karbon ski wear!

At the same time that our annual Ski Week was taking place, I was in Denver, taking in the sites and sounds of the SnowSports Industries America (SIA) Show. For those of you who don't know what it is....the SIA show is the nation's largest display of ski wear and hard goods under one roof. Manufacturers and merchants converge on the Denver Convention Center for four days each January to display their gear for the next season. Retailers come in to check out what is new, and to place their orders for next season. It's great to get a head start on what we will be seeing on the slopes next year. I make a lot of contacts with the various exhibitors and am able to pick up some new, fun things to use for door prizes at our upcoming convention.

With ski season 2014 coming to a close, thoughts are turning towards warmer temperatures, nicer weather, outdoor activities, and our annual Far West Convention, taking place this coming June 12-15, in Bend, Oregon.

We will be looking forward to a thrill-packed Thursday night Pub Crawl, and an awesome golf tournament on Friday with all of our industry partners, as well as a day at Mt. Bachelor, a hike at the nationally acclaimed Smith Rock State Park, and other activities planned throughout the weekend. Our industry partners are coming forward as sponsors for a lot of our events, and ensuring that our major fund raiser of the Convention, our Silent Auction, is the huge success that it always is. Come join us in beautiful Central Oregon!

VP of Membership

By Mary Azevedo



Mary Azevedo
VP of
Membership

Ski Resorts Offer Great Summer Adventures

Now that the short season of skiing is over, it is time to think about visiting the ski resorts and enjoying their summer events and adventures. Many resorts have plans for families; they include programs for both children and adults. Also, what better time than summer to picnic along the way and enjoy the great outdoors. You could also visit your FWSA friends along the way like Norm and I did on our way to Washington.



The first mountain adventure that comes to mind is hiking at ski resorts and in nearby forests. Here in the Western United States, there are trails for all ability levels, from novice to rugged extreme hikes. Just hop on the net and look at ski resort hiking areas; and of course, the U.S. Forest Service trail maps. *The U.S. Forest Service strongly discourages hikers from bringing dogs to certain trails. The principles of Zero Impact says please leave your dog at home.*

Ski resorts offer all kinds of trails on their slopes. Some of them offer challenging bike trails. Some resorts will take you to the top of their slopes (via their tram) and offer inviting bike trails that can take you down to the bottom of the slope. Bike parks feature log rides, pump tracks and terrain features. Not to be forgotten, there are also zip lines and ATV's to see the terrain.

A traditional sport is also available in all kinds of areas: fishing. How you find the perfect fishing hole is the Big Question. Last time I fished at Tahoe, I caught a limit. The rainbow trout made an awesome feast.

Lastly, but maybe most importantly, after a hard day at play, have a luxuriating massage followed by a dip in a pool, a dunk in a sauna, or a relaxing time in a steam room or hot tub, followed by a glass of excellent champagne.



Bend, Oregon - Photo courtesy of 2nerd.com

VP of International Travel

By Debbie Stewart



*Debbie Stewart
VP of
International
Travel*

“Exciting, Tremendous, Decadent, Spoiled, Fantastic, First Class, Well organized, Taken care of, Bucket List, Fabulous, Best FWSA trip”....these are some of the comments our trip participants have said to describe their travel experience while attending the 2014 FWSA International trip to Zermatt and Barcelona and Madrid, Spain. Once again approximately 35-40% of our trip participants were “first timers” on a FWSA International trip which indicated that we are reaching a new travel audience.

The FWSA International Travel Program has embarked into a new era while offering FWSA’s first Online Trip Registration starting with our 2014 South African Adventure trip! While progressing in this new direction, we plan on offering all future international trips as an online registration process. We continue to reach out to our members garnering their feedback about their desires and how to meet their international travel needs for the future. Our commitment to capturing the imagination of our members, create adventuresome travel experiences with lasting friendships and memories continues to evolve.

After receiving raving reviews about our first FWSA Travel video which highlights and features the values and benefits of traveling with FWSA, we have now created our third promotional So. Africa and Victoria Falls adventure trip video which has already been viewed by over 65 people. To view the video go to:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50Lxa9X_5I4

FWSA 2014 INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK:

Our exciting 2014 International Adventure started off with over 90 people flying to Zurich for our first night stay to then rise and travel by bus from Zurich to Tasch, where we took the train to Zermatt. We had clear skies and beautiful vistas traveling through the countryside arriving in the magnificent Swiss Alps.

We had 118 people joining us for this year’s FWSA 2014 International Ski Week in Zermatt and extension to Spain. We had 108 pleasantly surprised Zermatt participants and 31 signed up for the Spain Adventure trip. Here are some quotes from our recent Zermatt members: “This is one of the top trips I’ve ever taken” by Bob Dillow; Dennis Nickelson said, “Our hotel experience was awesome!”; Rich Robinson shared “I’ve met a lot of special people – great job”; Jim Stewart said “It’s great to see these people who are having a lot of fun together, our trip was well organized and we did not have to worry about anything”; and, “our Mama Bear took care of all her cubs!”; Wayne Stolfus said “You’ve done an excellent job and I’m happy to see so many new people”; while Greg and Elena Charlton shared, “We’re having a fabulous trip and thank you sooooo much”. We do realize group travel is not for everyone, but for those who enjoy group travel, they were happy to enjoy their new experiences.

While we had members lodging in 3 different properties, we arranged several social opportunities for our group to gather. Our welcome/orientation started this process our first evening at the Alex Hotel with a welcome beverage, introductions and announcements. The local ski guides, mountain representatives and paragliding pilots were there to inform us of the upcoming week’s opportunities. Many members did take advantage of these services and opportunities....two people even did the paragliding! We then walked to the Zermatt Alpine Museum for a reception hosted by the Zermatt Office of Tourism which showed us the early history of skiing and mountaineering. We arranged to have 2 après private parties with our own DJ for dancing. There our members could share stories and connect with old and new ski buddies for the next day.

We enjoyed beautiful sunny blue skies with amazing scenery all week long, while many skied, hiked, enjoyed optional day tours or just relaxed to soak up the warmth of the sun. The festive atmosphere was enjoyed by many.

After Zermatt many returned to the U.S. and others traveled to Barcelona and Madrid, Spain. These adventure trips were fully escorted with tour guides and managers which give us tremendous added value. Our tour guides were extremely attentive and very well experienced. We were so fortunate to have such qualified tour guides with us every step of the way.

The Spain extension trip was a treat for everyone attending. We spent 4 nights in Barcelona where we organized a half-day bus tour upon arrival providing our members an overview of the city. This provided us the basic information to use while exploring the area whenever we had free time.

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FWSA 2014 ADVENTURE TRIP to SOUTH AFRICA and VICTORIA FALLS:

Online registration and snail mail registrations are currently being taken. At this point most registrations are for both the main tour and the extension to Victoria Falls.

There are many reasons to join FWSA for this trip of a life time:

- Your “Bucket list” destination that you have always wanted to experience.
- This trip has something for everyone – the adventurer, nature lover, animal lover, wine taster, historian, photographer and the shopper.
- Staying in top value 4 Star African Lodges and hotels for the unique African experience
- Post trip to Victoria Falls – one of the “Great Wonders of the World”: Sept. 16-19, 2014

On September 6, 2014, we will depart the U.S. and travel to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Even though South Africa seems like a world away, it will be well worth the trip! This journey will take you to one of the most beautiful countries in the world while you will be able to experience a wide range of topography from plains to the mountains, to sandy beaches as well as a wide variety of history and culture.

The animal and nature lover as well as the adventurer and photographer will experience nothing like it. You will participate in photographic safaris that will offer the true experience of world-class game preserves while we search to see the “Big 5” and many other animals and native birds in the wild. First we will be staying at the Kariega Private Game Reserve that has a dramatic landscape incorporating five different eco-systems and two major rivers. The reserve is family owned and operated and comprises nearly 9000 hectares of pristine wilderness. It is home to more than twenty-five species of game including leopard, lion, elephants, buffalo, rhino, giraffe, hippo, hyena, zebra, wildebeest and so much more. We will also enjoy more than 280 species of birds, including high-soaring martial, crowned and fish eagles that nest on the reserve.

This trip will be an experience of a lifetime and one you will always remember!

FWSA 2014 ANNUAL DIVE TRIP:

The 5th FWSA scuba dive trip will be held October 11-18, 2014, at the Occidental Grand in Cozumel, Mexico. The diver’s package includes all daily meals, non-motorized sports, 5 days of 2-tank boat dives with Pro Dive right on site, unlimited Nitrox and much more. This trip is available for both diver and non-divers and is priced accordingly. Details and registration information is available on the FWSA website: www.fwsa.org.

FWSA 2015 INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK:

The RFP has been sent to FWSA participating tour operators for bid proposals. Prior to Zermatt, George and I traveled to Val D’ Isere, France to meet with representatives from the Val D’ Isere Office of Tourism. During our brief time there, we inspected several lodging properties, the ski resort and enjoyed the charming town of Val D’ Isere. It is truly a spectacular area which will offer our travelers a unique ski experience when one skis over the ridge to Tignes where their enormous ski area combined with Val D’ Isere will be a skier’s paradise.

FWSA 2016 INTERNATIONAL SKI TRIP:

Research is being done with the international travel team as well as recruiting tour operator feedback regarding the destinations that are trending and will offer our members additional travel value.

If you are looking for some fun whether on or off the slopes, our international travel team will strive to provide you the best travel experience possible.

“Enrich your life and indulge yourself with FWSA’s International Travel Program and Adventures to be discovered”.

For updates on FWSA International Travel Program:

Debbie Stewart at: FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net or Website: www.fwsa.org

VP of North American Travel

by Nancy Ellis



*Nancy Ellis
VP
North American
Travel*

2014 BEAVER CREEK, COLORADO, SKI WEEK

We had a fantastic time on our Beaver Creek Ski Week January 25--February 1, 2014.

Great food and parties, racing, and a trip to Vail were highlights of the trip. We had 23 inches of fresh powder that gave all our powder skiers something to enjoy! It was my pleasure to work with Sandy and Phil Gaudette and Stephen Hall of Skigroup (our tour operators), and Tommy Geary of **Vail Resorts** in coordinating this year's trip. They did a wonderful job assisting us with our lodging, transportation, parties, and getting donations from local merchants for our Mountain Rally and discounts at restaurants and bars. Thanks so much!



2014 MINI SKI TRIP—SNOWBASIN RESORT—DAVIS AREA, UTAH

Forty-one people attended the Snowbasin/Canyons Ski Trip February 22—27, 2014. We packed a lot into our 5-day trip—4 ski days with trips to **Snowbasin** and **Canyons**; evening group dinners at local restaurants; shopping; Welcome and farewell parties; hot tubbing; and side trips to Ogden. We relaxed in Snowbasin's beautiful lodges, enjoyed breathtaking views, and skied long groomed runs. **Snowbasin** was the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics downhill, GS, and combined, and many from our group skied the men's/women's downhill to see firsthand how steep and long the runs are. Thanks to Wade Brown and **La Quinta Inns and Suites**, for wonderful service to our group, providing space for our welcome party, and donating lodging for the silent auction. Thanks to Kim Smith, **Snowbasin Resort**, for coordinating our ski days to **Snowbasin** and the donation of lift tickets to our silent auction. I am appreciative of the work of Gloria Raminha, trip leader, and Brandon Berrett, Davis County and The Davis Area Convention Visitors Bureau, in coordinating the parties, ski days, group dinners, and transportation and making sure our group had an enjoyable time. The farewell party at Antelope State Park was a unique experience and special treat. The silent auction raised \$440 for the Far West Ski Foundation's Rehab Program. Gloria Raminha and Fran Long had the opportunity to visit the Snowbasin Adaptive Sports Program and learn about the equipment used in the program and had a ride in a ski sled. The FWSF donated \$500 earlier in the year to Snowbasin's Adaptive Sports Program.



2015 WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB SKI WEEK



Whistler Blackcomb, located in British Columbia, Canada is the destination of the 2015 Ski Week, January 31—February 7, 2015. This resort is consistently ranked the number one resort in North America and features the Peak to Peak Gondola which moves between Whistler and Blackcomb mountains. The Peak to Peak Gondola holds the record for the highest and longest unsupported cable car span in the world. This premiere resort features more than 200 shops, 90 restaurants and bars, and accommodations galore. It features a variety of winter activities for all, and was the proud host mountain for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympics games. Information about this trip and how to sign up will be posted soon on the Far West Ski Association website www.fwsa.org.

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2015 MINI SKI TRIP—WHITEFISH MOUNTAIN RESORT

March 30—April 4th will be the mini ski trip to Whitefish Mountain Resort (staying at Grouse Mountain Lodge). This resort is located at The Big Mountain in northwestern Montana, west of Glacier National Park in the Flathead National Forest. The trip includes airport ground transfers, 3 or 4 day lift tickets, transfers to the ski resort, and Welcome & Farewell Parties. Other options include snowmobile tours, Summit Nature Center, day spa, Glacier Park tours, dogsled adventures, and sleigh rides. Adult package prices will range from \$525--\$575. You'll enjoy an authentic Montana experience on this trip! Information about this trip will be available beginning in June 2014.

2015 TASTE OF THE SOUTH MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE



June 19 —23 are the dates for the Mississippi River Cruise trip with a two day stay (June 23—24) in New Orleans. Skigroup.net is our tour operator for this trip. The American Queen Steamboat Company offers this 4-night paddle wheel trip from New Orleans with stops at Oak Alley Plantation and Baton Rouge, LA before returning to New Orleans. Cruise prices range from \$1,599 for an inside room to \$1,999 for a balcony room (double occupancy). Trip includes all meals; wine and beer with dinner; 1 night lodging in New Orleans before cruise; shore excursions; showboat-style entertainment; daily lectures, and more. Two-day optional stay in New Orleans after the cruise. Nightly rate-- \$95/person double occupancy for Hotel Monteleone and \$77/

person double occupancy for Bienville House (includes taxes, service fee, and porter fees). More information available in June 2014.

Contact Nancy Ellis at fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or www.fwsa.org for updates on the FWSA North American Travel Program. I am looking forward to seeing you on one of our trips!

Family & Youth Involvement

by Fran Long, Chairperson



*Slip, Slop, Slide Slither with Savvy Snake
Sun Safety Program for Children and Families*

The Far West Ski Association continues to support and encourage youth and family involvement in snow sports. Most FWSA ski and adventure trips are open to families with children under 21 years of age. Should you be interested in taking your children, or grandchildren, skiing...snowboarding...traveling to another country...check out the availability of FWSA trips by accessing the website: www.fwsa.org.

FWSA is also looking at other venues to encourage youth and family involvement. Currently, we are researching ways to work with the youth racing program in the Lake Tahoe area. FWSA is considering monetarily supporting their awards program, as well as offering information about our programs in order to build awareness and involvement in Far West Ski Association programs and racing.

FWSA's Youth and Family Involvement program continues to sponsor the Savvy Snake program in an effort to continue awareness of the dangers of sun over-exposure. All snow sports enthusiasts, but especially our young people, need to be aware of the role they play in protecting their skin from too much exposure to sun and the damage it may cause. It may be cold and it may be overcast, but the level of sun exposure on the snow is extremely high. Materials supporting this program are available to ski clubs and councils throughout the Far West Ski Association region. Further information can always be found on the FWSA website.



**Fran Long
Chairperson
Family
& Youth
Involvement**

VP of PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By Mike Sanford



SKIING HISTORY

The International Skiing History Association (ISHA) is a U.S. based organization working to preserve and build awareness of the sport's heritage through its skills and long experience in editing, research and publishing. ISHA publishes a magazine enthusiastically read six times a year by lovers of skiing, researchers, hall-of-fame members and skiers around the world. It makes ski history accessible to thousands of enthusiasts on the Internet. With an awards program, it annually honors ski history writers, website creators, filmmakers and broadcasters who document the sport's history. ISHA's administrative office is located in the National Ski Museum of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, Ishpeming, Michigan. You can visit their webpage at www.skihistro.org where you can find more information.

With the Olympics now in the rearview mirror it is interesting how that all started. The generation of men and women who took to recreational skiing on the Continent prior to the World War I looked to Scandinavia as the fount of all things skiing. The Continent's military noted the effectiveness of Norwegian ski troops and eventually emulated the notion. Russian, German, Austrian, Swiss and Italian regiments were experimenting with ski troops in the 1890s. The English were contemplating training ski soldiers to guard India's Himalayan frontier. The French soon followed.

After numerous machinations and permutations and with the support of several nations who began to view skiing and the mountain experience as a boon to healthy living more serious thought was given to major international competitions. Enter the Olympic presence: Winter Olympics had been contemplated since 1899. Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games and then president of the International Olympic Committee, was not especially noted for his keen interest in skiing. He had been impressed with previous, smaller and unofficial games (particularly the military skijoring races) run every four years. Not much thought had been given to trying to incorporate skiing into the Olympic program. He believed, in 1908, that skiing had a "hygienic value of the highest order" and called it "the best medicine for tuberculosis and neurasthenia."

After WWI, Chamonix was also growing apace in the twin categories of health center and ski station, particularly the latter. It developed the best lifts and the most expert terrain and was, in that sense, the country's most prestigious ski village. Chamonix in particular and the French in general had acquired an infrastructure and the experience needed to host ever larger winter competitions, both accumulated beginning in the prewar governmental programs concerned with health, war and tourism. The climax of all this effort came in 1924 when Chamonix was chosen as the site of what became, in retrospect, authorized as the First Winter Olympic Games.

SAFETY (from Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association) Lift Load and Unload

Using and riding chair lifts when skiing and snowboarding is one of the primary safety considerations for users.



Prior to using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely. As you approach the lift read all signs and warnings. If you are unfamiliar with a lift please ask the attendant for help if needed. A skier's behavior has as much or more to do with the safety of the sport as does any piece of equipment from helmet to chair lift.

Kids on Lifts is an educational program specifically designed to help parents and children be aware of proper loading and unloading of chairlifts. The website, www.kidsonlifts.org, contains FAQ's and safety tips on how to load, ride and unload responsibly, general skiing and riding tips.

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ABC's of Riding the Chairlift

A – Attention! Ask the Attendant if you are unsure or if you need help with the lift.

B – Bottom to Bottom, Back to Back! Keep your bottom on the seat and your back against the back of the chair.

C – Careful! Don't fool around on the lift. Face forward for the whole ride.

VAIL AND FOREST SERVICE DESTROY SMOKE SHACKS (reprinted from the *National Ski Club Newsletter* – CAUTION!)

Vail Resorts and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) have confirmed that a number of smoke shacks for marijuana use at Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone resorts have been destroyed over the past several weeks noting that, in spite of the passage of Amendment 64 last fall, public consumption of marijuana continues to be illegal under Colorado law and possession and consumption of marijuana continues to be illegal under federal law. Vail Resorts' four Colorado ski resorts – Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone – are located on U.S. Forest Service land, where possession and consumption of marijuana is illegal. In addition, using any ski lift or ski slope or trail while under the influence of drugs and alcohol is prohibited under the Colorado Ski Safety Act, and there is also “no smoking” of any kind permitted in any Vail Resorts owned and operated facilities, including restaurants, lodges and hotels, and officials will continue to enforce that policy.

NEW FROM NATIONAL SKI AREAS ASSOCIATION

NSAA is calling on all member ski areas to convert, convert, convert! What is conversion? Conversion is simply the process of turning beginner skiers and riders into repeat customers, and ultimately lifelong enthusiasts of the sport. With this, NSAA has developed the Conversion Cup Challenge, a friendly competition among member ski areas that closely aligns with the industry's overall goals to grow the sport.

As NSAA's Growth Model outlines, conversion is not a short-term process but rather a long-term transformation. Yet the current demographics make it clear: Time is not on the industry's side. The Baby Boom generation continues to age and will ultimately hang up their ski and snowboard gear for good. Research shows that if we do not improve our efforts to introduce new participants to the sport - and convert them to lifelong enthusiasts - overall ski and snowboard visitation figures could decrease by 2.5 percent per season. NSAA's Conversion Cup Challenge is designed as a fun way to pique competition among member ski areas and recognize those who make significant efforts to boost skier and snowboarder conversion rates.

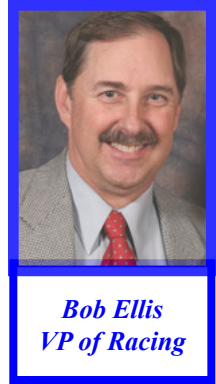
As part of the competition, applicants must provide a detailed overview of their program designed specifically to increase skier and rider conversion rates. Some parameters judges look for when making their selections:

- Increase in Level 1 lesson volumes;
- Level 1 lesson volumes in relation to total skier and snowboarder visits;
- Quantifiable success of multi-lesson packages;
- Season-to-date sales data on specific learn-to packages designed to drive repeat visitation;
- Overall data collection capabilities and sophistication;
- Marketing ingenuity, creativity, use of new media, etc.

The Conversion Cup is a traveling award. The winning resort will claim the Cup for a period of one year, until the next Conversion Cup winner is again crowned at the NSAA National Convention. Winners will receive a Conversion Cup plaque to keep on display at their ski area.

VP of Racing

by Bob Ellis



*Bob Ellis
VP of Racing*

Skiers and racers had a great time at **Beaver Creek Resort** during the FWSA Ski Week this year. We started off with the Qualifier Race for the non-seeded racers, then on Monday many Far West racers participated in the local Beaver Creek Go-Pro Race Series which was a GS and they had the opportunity to run a GS on the Beaver Creek hill. Over 35 Far West racers had fun on the course and at the awards party in the afternoon. Several Far West racers won some great door prizes, which included ski socks, Go-Pro cameras and almost any other soft ski goods you can imagine. The fastest Far West team finished in 9th place in the team competition with some very competitive established local race teams.

On Wednesday, we completed an FIS slalom with 45 gates on the Bear Trap run. Competition was fast and fierce among the competitors with many positions changing from one run to the other. The courses were challenging, fun and long. Our racers were excited to be running a true slalom course with pristine racing conditions and good weather conditions. The courses went off on time and with precision as the Beaver Creek Race Department did a phenomenal job of preparing the hill, setting the courses, and running the timing. I look forward to going back to **Beaver Creek** in the future.

On Thursday, we were supposed to run the GS courses, however we received over 23 inches of heavy snow. **Beaver Creek** prepped the hill and set the course, however, after sending a couple of racers down the course, we decided to cancel the GS due to safety for the racers. The course was just too soft and un-predictable.

On Friday, we completed the FWSA Council Challenge Dual GS Race. We still had some soft conditions, but we were able to get the races off, and everybody seemed to be having a good time. This team event concluded with Sierra taking first, and BAC took second and third. In the costume event, BAC won the costume award. In the Slalom, Sierra Council took first in the total points, and the Cabernet Ski Club was the top overall club with the most points.

Due to the weather this year, our league races have been challenging to complete. I know one race weekend was rained out, and some others have had some venue changes, but most of the races have been completed.

On April 4-6, we went to **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area** for the FWRA Championships. All skiers and racers were invited to join us. Special lodging and lift ticket prices were available for all FWSA skiers and racers. On Friday we had the pacesetters race and race clinics, on Saturday we had FIS approved slalom races, the awards presentation and silent auction, and on Sunday, we had the GS races.

On a final note, I hope everybody purchased their Karbon long sleeve shirts from **Beaver Creek**. These shirts are great to wear skiing or for almost any other active sport. Many people were raving about the look and feel of these shirts. This is great logo wear with the FWSA logo front and center on the shirt.

Athletic Scholarship

By Dick Shawkey, Chairman



*Dick Shawkey
Athletic Scholarship
Chairman*

Wrapping Up One Season and Counting Down to the Next

The 2014 fund-raising campaign was launched at the FWSA Ski Week at Beaver Creek, Colorado, in late January. The final tally for the Karbon raffle was \$2700.00. Jack Scott from the Intermountain Council was the lucky winner. We would like to express our appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the raffle.



Lila Lipanja

A call to submit applications has been sent out to the ski clubs affiliated with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association's (USSA) Far West, Pacific Northwest, and Intermountain Divisions. These three divisions encompass all the USSA junior racers in California and Nevada (Far West Ski Association), Washington, Oregon and western Idaho (Northwest Ski Club Council) and Wyoming, Utah, eastern Idaho, and Las Vegas, NV (Intermountain Ski Council). In addition, announcements were sent to the Taos, Santa Fe and Flagstaff race teams. Athletes affiliated with these teams are eligible for scholarships; however, all three are members of the Rocky Mountain Division based, for the most part, in Colorado, and Colorado athletes are

not eligible. All told, the foregoing divisions represent 70 ski teams and approximately 1200 eligible athletes.

The 2013-2014 competition season is headed into its final weeks. Several FWSA scholarship recipients have found their way to podiums during the last four weeks: Samantha Busby, (Sun Valley, ID) a 2nd in Giant Slalom; Alexandria Oseland (Crystal Mountain, WA) a 1st and 2nd in Giant Slalom, and 3rd place finishes in Downhill and Super G; Garret Driller (Squaw Valley, CA) a 2nd in Giant Slalom; Hannah Hunsaker (Park City, UT) a 3rd place in Giant Slalom and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in Slalom; and Riley Plant (Sugar Bowl, CA) finished 2nd and 3rd in Giant Slalom. With the exception of Alexandria Oseland's races, the athletes won their medals at the Western Regional Junior Championships at Squaw Valley, CA, and/or the FIS Elite Wild West Classic at Snow King, WY. Alexandria's podiums were at the No Bull Giant Slalom at Crystal Mountain, WA, and the Sun Cup Downhill and Super G at Mt. Bachelor, OR. Congratulations to Lila Lipanja who has won the NorAm cup in Slalom. Lila finished first in points ahead of Hailey Duke of the U.S. and Kristina Riis-Johannessen of Norway. Lila is a five-time FWSA scholarship recipient.



Molly Leavens

The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program continues to be indebted to its sponsors: **Whitefish Mountain Resort** www.skiwhitefish.com, **Grouse Mountain Lodge** www.grousemountainlodge.com, **Schure Sports Inc.** www.karbonmail.com, maker of the Karbon brand of snow sports apparel, and the Far West Racing Association www.fwra.org.



*Sigrid Noack,
Charities
and our
Community
Chairperson*

Charity & Community Service Recognition 2014

The 8th annual FWSA **Charity & Community Service Recognition** is well under way. A great big thank you to the clubs and the 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 the second year of our upgraded charity recognition program. We now have two separate recognitions to encourage more community involvement for our FWSA membership. Councils now have their own recognition program, with the winner receiving \$100 to be donated to their favorite charity. And our ski club recognition has been expanded. The club involved with the most charitable activities and donations will receive \$300, while the 2 runner-up clubs will each be awarded \$100 by FWSA to be donated to their favorite charity.

The application procedure is the same as in previous years. Application forms have been accessible on our www.fwsa.org website with more specific information about this special recognition.

All awards will be presented at the FWSA Convention this June in Bend, Oregon. All clubs and councils that have applied will be recognized at convention. Three clubs and one council will be asked to prepare a photo display board showing their charitable activities. Our delegates, industry friends and other convention guests are always very impressed by the amazing dedication to charitable work within our FWSA family.

Thank you and congratulations to the groups that have applied this year. Ski Clubs: **Sequoia Ski Club (Sierra Ski Club Council)**, **Four Seasons West Ski Club (Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs)**, **Wailers Ski Club (Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs)**, **SLO Skiers (Central Council of California)**, **Monterey Ski & Social Club (Bay Area Snow Sports Council)**, and **Fresno Ski Club (Central Council of California)**, and two ski councils, **Northwest Ski Club Council** and **Bay Area Snow Sports Council**. All of you are already our winners!

FWSA's other important charity and community service program, now in its second year:

Community Service Awareness Program **FWSA's Honor Roll of Councils**

Three 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 eleven 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.

Councils are asked to make community service an agenda item at every council meeting, thereby stressing the importance to club representatives to have their ski club be involved with at least one charitable organization every year. Hopefully by this June 2014 in Bend, Oregon, some councils will have reached our goal of total community involvement!

Good luck councils! See you in June, when we will have an "Honor Roll of Councils" recognizing all our councils, that have any involvement with charitable work. Our top Community Service councils will receive extra special recognition!

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

Safety Committee Chair

By Richard Lubin, D.C.



*Richard Lubin, D.C.
Safety Committee*

Here in the Sierras we are finally getting tons of snow. That means awesome spring skiing. It has attributes of wonders with some special dangers. Snow density, obstacles, dehydration and sun exposure are a few things to be conscious of. The long pleasant days, festivals, pond skinning, and skiing bikinis make it really special.

SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR

March 20 was the deadline to nominate a candidate for our Safety Award. Aspen Snowmass has been working with us to sponsor this great award. Club members who have worked on ski patrol or otherwise distinguished themselves in teaching safety are always eligible candidates? They also have made contributions to safety over a number of years. The winner receives a week in Aspen Snowmass including airfare lodging and equipment. <http://fwsa.org/Awards/awards-recognition/recognition-awards-safety.html>

SAFETY THERMOMETERS

We are resurrecting this program I started 10 years ago. This was so successful. We distributed 100 thermometers with the Far West logo and the motto “**Watch All Sides**”. We are looking for some thermal ambassadors to get these placed in well-traffic areas at ski resorts. Contact me or Mike Sanford for more information.

The popular television news/entertainment show ***Inside Edition*** aired a segment called “**Pot Smoking Skiers**”. The segment focused specifically on ski safety in Colorado. I discussed some of this topic extensively in my article in the ***Far West Skier’s Guide*** in the fall of 2013 “**Skiing on Grass**”. I will be addressing this in much greater detail in the future.

Hope you all enjoyed the winter Olympics and Paralympics. Did you notice all of the attention paid to safety?

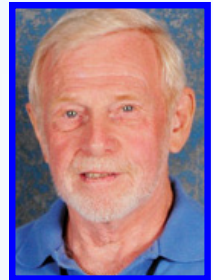
SAFETY IS THINKING FIRST

Arizona Ski Council

by Arleigh Meiners, President



A GREAT SKIING SEASON



Arleigh Meiners
Arizona Ski
Council
President

The Arizona Ski Council kicked off their 2013-2014 ski season with a picnic at McKellips Park in Scottsdale, Arizona on Saturday Nov. 9. About 110 people attended the event, representing Scottsdale Ski Club, Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, Sailing Adventure Club and the Phoenix Ski Club. The weekend of October 12-13, 2013, Linda Scott FWSA President, Randy Lew FWSA Past President, Jane Wyckoff FWSA Convention Chairperson, and Mike Sanford, Site Selection Committee Member, did a site visit to Scottsdale, Arizona to determine where the Arizona Ski Council would host the FWSA 2016 convention. The two hotels that were visited during the site visit were the **Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa** and **DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley - Scottsdale**.

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, (AOTC) which is mostly a hiking club, continues to have weekly hikes and bicycle rides all winter. AOTC is planning a hiking adventure to Hawaii in the fall of 2014. This is going to be a hike on three different islands. AOTC is also doing a hiking and biking adventure outing in Beaver Creek, Colorado in August 2014. All of the hikes that AOTC offers are rated A, B, C, or D depending on difficulty, elevation, pace, etc. AOTC sends out a weekly e-mail to their members telling them the hikes and other activities happening during the week. Go to www.arizonaoutdoortravelclub.com for more information on these and other exciting trips.

The **Phoenix Ski Club (PSC)** has had a fantastic 2013-2014 ski season. All six ski trips were sold out. Their first ski trip of the season was a bus trip to Wolf Creek, Colorado on Dec. 12-15. Then PSC did Arizona Days in Telluride, Colorado. Following that was the FWSA Ski Week to Beaver Creek, Colorado. PSC has just returned from a week of skiing at Big White in B.C. Canada. The PSC will end their ski season with a ski trip to Steamboat, Colorado in March and another bus trip to "Surf The Rockies" at Telluride, Colorado. PSC celebrated a Halloween weekend in Bisbee, Arizona. PSC will be doing their annual Melodrama play in April. The PSC is doing a week trip to Ireland in September 2014. For more details about the Phoenix Ski Club activities go to www.phxski.org

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, (SS&SC) wrapped up their summer schedule of activities with a membership appreciation picnic on Saturday Nov. 3, 2013. The Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club joined the PSC on the bus ski trip to "Arizona Days" in Telluride, Colorado. They will be doing the same for "Surf the Rockies" at Telluride, Colorado. The Scottsdale Sea and Ski club have happy hour every Friday evening at different bars in the Scottsdale area. Some of the other fun activities SS&SC had were, cosmic bowling nights, a casino night, Mardi Gras party, theater plays, a night at the Arizona Opera and several local hikes. SS&SC celebrated New Year's Eve in Rocky Point Mexico. Check out the SS&SC activities, trips and more by accessing www.scottsdale-skiclub.com.

2013-2014 activities for the member clubs are posted on each club's individual website. To keep track of these and other exciting Arizona Ski Council events, please access www.arizonaskicouncil.org.

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

By Dennis Heffley, President



*Dennis Heffley
Bay Area Snow
Sports Council
President*

In January the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) welcomed our newest club, Santa Cruz Ski and Snowboard Club!

With the continued challenges from our weather patterns, the BAC Recreational Race Program has been working hard with our host resorts in the Lake Tahoe area. Some venues have needed to be changed and type of races modified. The good news is, we have both skiers and boarders crossing the finish lines with smiles on their faces! The extra efforts made by **Ms. Debi Phelps (BAC Open League Race Director)**, **Mr. John Walsh (BAC Singles League Race Director)** and **Ms. Jo Simpson (Sierra League Race Director)** are greatly appreciated during this season. *The BAC has Mammoth in our sights (April 4 ~ 6) for the FWSA Championships!*

The FWSA Ski Week in **Beaver Creek Resort** was a huge success! **Ms. Paula Kinahon (BAC Travel Director)** again put together a Wonderful BAC Night during the trip. In addition, she added an extension to the trip where a number of our members continued on to **Breckenridge Ski Resort**. I hear there was plenty of powder to be found and groomers to be enjoyed. Thank you also to **Ms. Nancy Ellis (BAC Member and FWSA VP of North American Travel)** and **Bob Ellis (BAC Member and FWSA VP of Racing)** for all of their contributions and efforts in making this a successful and fun trip!

The BAC also participated with great numbers on this year's FWSA Mini Ski Week to **Snowbasin Resort!** **Mr. Chuck Hennings (BAC member of our Modesto Ski Club)** took lead on promoting the trip to the BAC and our Clubs. Thank you also goes to **Ms. Gloria Rhamina (former FWSA VP of North American Travel)**, and **Kim Smith (Snowbasin Resort)**. Many of our members also took advantage of the ski day made available at **Canyons Resort!**

While those FWSA trips are already history, we are using them as a "Spring Board" to promote the upcoming 2015 FWSA Ski Week to **Whistler/Blackcomb** and the 2015 FWSA Mini Ski Week to **Whitefish Mountain Resort!**

Besides our scheduled BAC Recreational Race Weekends, there have been numerous mini trips by BAC Clubs up to the Lake Tahoe/Reno Area and Resorts. Along with skiing and snowboarding, included activities have been snow shoeing and cross country skiing. A number of our clubs have also held their own trips to various resorts across the Western States, into Canada and even a few have gone to Europe!

We are very excited to announce our 9th Annual BAC Tailgate BBQ/Oakland A's Baseball Game & Fireworks Show Benefiting Disabled Sports USA Far West Division will take place Friday August 23, 2014. A big Thank You goes to **Mr. Tommy Geary with Vail Resorts** for once again supporting our fund raising efforts for this spectacular event. Last year we had 146 people attend the game. This year . . . we have 200 tickets set aside for the BAC.

During our monthly BAC council meetings we have been focusing on the upcoming 82nd Annual FWSA Convention at the **Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center** in Bend, Oregon. There have been presentations and handouts provided about the various club and individual recognition awards available at the event. In addition, we have been promoting why clubs should send attendees and the continued FWSA "Economic Relief" program. We are looking forward to a "volcanic time" in Bend!

The BAC Board of Directors continues to be a positive driving force for our council. During our April 7 BAC General Council Meeting we will be voting on the officers for the BAC Board of Directors. We already have nominees for almost all of our offices!

In closing, during 2015 the Bay Area Snow Sports Council will be turning 75 years old! We are in the planning stages for a wonderful year of celebrations!

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

by Sandra Knapp, President



With a lot of help from our club members, the four days of **Ski Dazzle** at the Los Angeles Convention Center, December 5-8, 2013, provided considerable exposure for the Council, its clubs, and **Hope on the Slopes**, which we also promoted.

Our up-dated council tri-fold was distributed, and we again displayed the FWSA Savvy Snake skin cancer prevention program distributing both fliers and the popular stickers.

Norbert and I were only able to attend the Thursday session of Ski Dazzle before we sped north to Mammoth for the FWSA Board Meeting (from the Arctic!!!). We had never seen cold and winds like that at Mammoth – 90 mph gusts at the peak and a mere 50 mph in the parking lot as we tried to get from the Inn to the meetings rooms at the Lodge on Saturday. (I am told it was not record-breaking?!) Thankfully, by the end of the day the weather had subsided enough for us to get into town for a marvelous dinner at the new neighbor of the Rafter's, a fabulous Greek restaurant called Jimmy's Taverna. Weather notwithstanding, as always it was a productive and informative meeting.



Los Angeles Council Ski Dazzle 2014

The Los Angeles Council's 32nd Ski, Ride and Race Camp held December 16-20, 2013, was another big success. In addition, Rokka Ski Racing League offered weekend racing at Mammoth, including one day at the end of Rokka Race Camp, January 6-11, 2014.

TWO lucky LA Council members are sharing the **California Gold Pass** sold at a live auction during our November Snow Gala; they are Cindy Krupp and Sandra Blackwell. Cindy is the Los Angeles Council Woman of the Year and Sandra is the Council Vice President of Travel. The Gold Pass (valued at up to \$2,500) went for the bargain price of \$900 with half of that donated to the Los Angeles adaptive ski club, The Unrecables. Our regular raffle brought in \$1,010 helping defray the Gala expenses for the 70+ attendees. Again, we sincerely thank our industry partners and generous members who helped make this event possible.

Thirty-two people from the Los Angeles Council participated in the FWSA trip to Beaver Creek January 25-February 1. The first day saw our one and only casualty – Sandra Blackwell, our trip leader! She fell and broke her left wrist. Right now she has a flashy neon pink wrap on her cast. We understand the rest of the trip seems to have gone smoothly.

With elections for new council officers on April 7, we expect to maintain most of our current board with one or two possible exceptions. We have begun to see more inter-club participation in ski trips and events and look forward to even more such activity in the future.

Northwest Ski Club Council

By Mary Olhausen, President



*Mary Olhausen
Northwest
Ski Club Council
President*

What a ski season!! We are still receiving a few powder alerts – believe it or not! Should be some good spring skiing here in the Northwest. Our members are skiing for the causes! Upcoming events include Hope on The Slopes/Ski & Ride For A Cure, Oregon Cancer Ski Out, and Ski To Defeat ALS.

Council meetings have included guest speakers from Mt. Hood Meadows, Mt. Hood Skibowl, a safety talk from a CPR trained person, and some of our charity-based clubs present so we can learn what is new with them and how we can give back. Our December meeting was quite fun with our annual PIE Auction – board members prepare tasty deserts to be auctioned off. This year we raised \$360 for support of U.S. Women's Ski Jumping. There is a campaign in Oregon to bring the 2026 Winter Olympics to our state. At our April Council meeting we will hear from organizers who are on a mission to transform Oregon and make this a reality. We have two new clubs in Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) – both from Seattle – Ski Duck and Eastside Seattle Ski MeetUp Group. The Council has offered an incentive for member clubs to garner two paid convention delegate registrations – the Web and Newsletter Challenge is on now. Clubs simply post the 3 logos and 3 links (FWSA, NWSCC, and 2014 Convention) to their websites and newsletters, and they will be eligible to win.

Our PACRAT race league has had no snow, rain or wind, or too much snow causing cancellations for many races. Their enthusiasm is still high and they will hold two races on the same day so as to get in as many races as they can before the season ends. And their annual Rat Attack will be in April---theme this year is The Great Ratsby.

The Council is busy planning the 2014 FWSA Convention. We are excited for the Volcanic Paradise in Bend, Oregon!! Home of the 82nd Annual FWSA Convention, June 12-15, 2014, at The Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center. Central Oregon is a mecca for outdoor activities – arrive early and stay late---make a vacation of it. Hiking, biking, paddle boarding, wine tasting, and beer crawling all await you in our Volcanic Paradise!!

Our Northwest Snowsports Advocates Program is always keeping us up to date on the latest activities of ski resorts around Oregon and Washington. Visit the Council website for more information.

NWSCC is proud to say that we are in year two of our three-year agreement to support the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program.

MARY OLHAUSEN, President - NW Ski Club Council.
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Orange Council of Ski Clubs

By Judy Thurman, President



ORANGE COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS



Judy Thurman
Orange Council
President

We had a record number of very happy Orange Council skiers (75) just return from a week long ski trip to the **Beaver Creek Resort**, in Beaver Creek, Colorado. They attended the annual FWSA Ski week held on January 25-February 1, 2014. There was plenty of snow, lots of parties, racing and making of new friends and renewing of old friendships. There was even enough time to take a day off from Beaver Creek and drive the 30 minutes to **Vail Resorts** for an extra day of skiing.

We had our annual Presidents' Day Dinner on February 17, 2014. We are very pleased to have 25 people attend this dinner, including all the presidents from the council ski clubs. Our guest speaker was Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Trustee and Convention Chairperson. Her topic was the annual FWSA 2014 convention. This year it will be held in Bend, Oregon. As always, we love having her and would like to thank her for coming to our dinner.

Orange Council would like to announce our Man and Woman of the Year Nominees for the FWSA 2014 Convention. They are George Kish, Council Member, and Susan Corum, longtime member of **Balboa Ski and Sports Club**. Both of these candidates have been active members and have volunteered for many positions within the council and their ski clubs. Orange Council would like to give them the big congratulations. They are both very deserving of this award.

Balboa Ski and Sports Club (Balboa) meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at Newport Beach Golf Club's, The Tee Room, in Newport Beach. Balboa is having its annual "Support our Troops Night" on March 18, 2014. This is the club's ninth year of participation in this extremely important cause. Balboa had two late season trips to **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area** -- March 20-23, 2014, and a mid-week drive-up trip March 2-7, 2014.

Fountain Valley Ski Club meets on the third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Acapulco Mexican Restaurant in Stanton, California. This year's 2014 ski week trip was to **Whistler/Blackcomb**, Canada. I heard the trip was fabulous, with great snow, and wonderful accommodations.

Orange County Ski and Snowboard Club ski week trip will be a drive-up trip to Lake Tahoe March 1-8, 2014. They will ski **Heavenly Mountain Ski Resort**, **Kirkwood Ski Resort**, and **Northstar Ski Resort**. For more information please contact President Anne Barneson, www.ocskiclub.com.

Orange Council is looking forward to attending the FWSA Convention in Bend, Oregon June 12-15 2014



San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

By Eileen Sanford, President



Winter came in like a lamb and is going out like a lion this year in the Sierras! We had very little snow for our annual bus trips to **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area** in January and February but in March finally snow began to fall. Quite the opposite in Colorado where we enjoyed great snow for the FWSA Ski Week Trip to **Beaver Creek Resort**. Alan Godwin and Susan Shaffer led the group of 41 San Diegans to the luxurious resort of Beaver Creek. They are right

it was not exactly roughing it. It was totally wonderful. Other San Diego clubs' fly aways were: North Island Snowdrifters (NIS) and Torrey Pines to **Winter Park Ski Resort** in March, Action Ski and Snowboard Club to **Sun Valley Resort** in February and Qualcomm Ski Club to **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort** in February. Pacific Rim planned a trip to Sestriere, Italy and Cinque Terra March 8-16. In addition, Qualcomm planned day trips to **Big Bear Mountain Ski Resort** for families. We had something for everyone!



*Eileen Sanford
President
San Diego Council
of Ski Clubs*

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC) is now planning a **Serengeti Safari** for Aug. 18-Sept 5, 2014 with Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT). We have 26 people and room for 4 more. There will be a pre-trip to the foothills of Mt. Kilimanjaro and a post trip to Zanzibar. The basic trip price is \$5,695 for 13 days including airfare from the United States and 33 meals. The reason SDCSC chose this tour was to be on the Serengeti plains during the Great Migration from Tanzania to Kenya. This occurs every year and is a marvelous event. It is an amazing spectacle to see hundreds of thousands of wildebeest, zebra and gazelle thundering northwards with lion and cheetah and spotted hyena in close pursuit. Our accommodations include lodges and tented camps so we can be near the animal migration paths. (but not too near!) The camps change location every two months so they will not leave a permanent footprint on the Serengeti. There are no hotels allowed on the Serengeti therefore it is still pristine for the animals. We will also enjoy a sunrise balloon ride over the Serengeti, 7 days in national parks, 2 days in Tarangire, 1 day in Ngorongo Crater and 4 days in Serengeti National Park. What an itinerary! Check out website for more information and join us on this trip of a lifetime. www.skisandiego.org or contact esanford1@san.rr.com for more information.

The council hosted an **Aspen Ski Trip** from Dec. 11-17 run by Mike Sanford. We took 40 happy skiers who enjoyed outstanding snow conditions. The nightly parties and gatherings at the Ritz Carlton, Hotel Jerome, and Little Annie's met everyone's expectations for fun and camaraderie. Thank you Mike Sanford for another incredible trip. We love you Mike!

Alan Godwin served as trip leader for the FWSA Ski Week at Beaver Creek. Alan led 41 enthusiastic San Diego skiers on a weeklong adventure. He was guided by Susan Shaffer our present Travel Director. The group enjoyed a martini and pizza night at the Highlands, an elegant dinner night and all of FWSA's Happy Hours, music and dancing. Alan, a snowboarder, did a great job encouraging San Diego racers to participate in the FWSA races. There were a lot of first time racers that enjoyed anxious moments at the starting gate and triumphant moments at the finish line. The group went to Vail Resorts for a day of very technical skiing in the bowls. Of course, the three days of blue bird weather to start and the three days of deep powder to finish were welcome by all. It was a wonderful week!

Susan Shaffer, our beloved and talented Travel Director, is leaving us for retirement in Florida this June. She will be sorely missed by all. Susan has done an outstanding job for over 8 years on the council and NIS boards. Her trainee Alan Godwin has agreed to lead the FWSA Ski Week trips in the future. Goodbye Susan and welcome Alan.

At our Gala we choose Erin Barber (pictured right with Eileen Sanford) and Tom Bundgard as our Man & Woman of the Year Candidates to represent San Diego at the Far West Convention. Our special guests at the Gala this year were: FWSA President, Linda Scott and Grand Circle Travel Corporation Regional Sales Manager, Joan Thornton who gave a slide presentation on our Serengeti trip.



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This summer we are planning a Council Happy Hour by the beach and a Council Night at the San Diego Symphony by the Bay.

The council is considering a European bike trip to Italy, from Mantua to Venice and then post-trip to Cinque Terra and pre-trip to Lake Como in the fall of 2015. We will enjoy weekly bike rides around San Diego Bay again this summer to keep those ski legs going strong.

The San Diego Alpine League will be hosting an Awards Banquet on May 9 at Boomerangs Restaurant. The new SDCSC officers will be introduced. Contact weiner45@yahoo.com



San Diego Ski Council at Beaver Creek Resort



Aspen Sisters with matching snowflake sweaters - Mickey Wilson, Brenda Fake, Jean Mc Casey, Laurie McGrath, Eileen Sanford



Aspen annual farwell breakfast with Ken Zurro, Eileen Sanford, Gates Ingram who treated 40 skiers to breakfast



Above photo: The SDCSC girls and Rick Bonnet enjoy happy hour at Beaver Creek Resort during Ski Week.



Photo to the left: Music of "Dancing Girls" prompted ladies to put on a show for group at Aspen on SDCSC's annual Aspen trip. Left to right: Jean Mc Casey, Brenda Fake, Christine Mortiz and Laurie McGrath



Susan Shaffer, Eileen and Mike Sanford prepare to take mountain tour at Beaver Creek Resort

Sierra Ski Club Council

By Jo Simpson, President



*Jo Simpson
President
Sierra Ski Club
Council*

Sierra Makes a Clean Sweep at Beaver Creek Races

What a great ski week we had at **Beaver Creek Resort**! Thanks to Debbie Stewart, our VP of International Travel, for taking excellent care of us, as well as juggling rooms to take care of some Bay Area Snow Sports Council members. Our council dinner at the Cosmopolitan brought more than 65 participants together for a fun evening with delicious food.

Sierra Ski Club Council (Sierra Council) made a clean sweep of the racing awards. We won



most points per council and our Sierra 1 team won the council challenge. Our Cabernet Ski and Race Club won most points per club.

Our clubs are also traveling. The Reno Ski and Recreation Club took 60

people to **Vail Resorts** in March. The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club took their annual Presidents' Day Weekend trip to Odgen to ski **Powder Mountain Ski Resort** and **Snowbasin Resort**. They also went to **Sun Valley Resort** in March.

Sierra Council held its annual end of season celebration and election of officers April 13 in Truckee. We enjoyed a pizza lunch and presented serious and fun awards to our racers.

This is one of one of those problematic seasons for racing, as well as for skiing. We stayed nimble and juggled dates and races to make the best season for our racers. We got our first races off at **Alpine Meadows Ski Resort** Jan. 4-5 after **Squaw Valley Resorts** moved us to where there was ample snow to race.

Our Feb. 8-9 races were moved to **Heavenly Mountain Ski Resort** (Heavenly) and then cancelled because rain was falling in buckets on race day. The Super G clinic and race scheduled for Feb. 22-23 was cancelled and replaced with makeup slalom races for those cancelled at Heavenly. At press time we were on schedule to complete the season with races at **Homewood Mountain Resort** and looking forward to the Far West Racing Association Championships in **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area**.

We are thrilled that our 2013 Frank App Memorial Scholarship Winner, Lila Lapanja, was named to the USA's World Junior Championship team and competed in the 2014 Jasna, Slovakia races.

We will be cheering for our Man and Woman of the Year, George Stewart and Nancy Ellis, at the upcoming convention.



FWSA International Travel Program

Presents in the Fall of 2014:

SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI ADVENTURE TRIP

September 5th - 16th, 2014—South Africa 10 Day Eastern Cape & Garden Route Tour

Note: Sept 5th US departures will arrive in Port Elizabeth on September 7th

September 16th - 20th, 2014—(Optional) 4 Day Victoria Falls Extension

SOUTH AFRICA MAIN TOUR PACKAGE SUMMARY:

- ◇ Several Morning, Day & Evening Wildlife Safaris
- ◇ Excursion through Knysna Lagoon to the Featherbed Nature Reserve
- ◇ Cape Town City Tour
- ◇ Winelands Tour
- ◇ Cango Ostrich Farm Tour
- ◇ Cango Caves Tour
- ◇ Most Meals
- ◇ All Lodging & Ground Transportation

****Main South Africa Tour Package prices (without air) start at:**

\$2915.00 pp—Double Occupancy (South Africa ONLY Trip)

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- ◇ Sunset River Cruise
- ◇ Victoria Falls Tour
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- ◇ Safari at Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve
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- Provides 71,000 feet of skiing of which 49,700 feet guaranteed

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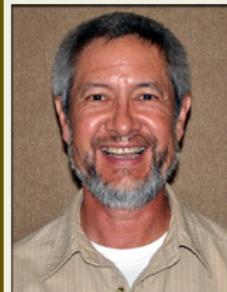
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