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Many Ski Trips to USA and Europe

By Mike Sanford

It is spring and another ski season is being wrapped up with tales of great fun and successes rampant amongst happy travelers. Many of our favorite destinations had some of the best snow falls in years and that has translated in to fantastic trips to places like Sun Valley, Telluride, Mammoth, Squaw Valley, Big Sky and on and on. There were, of course, some problems. In Arizona drought precluded even the opening of some resorts and we regret that misfortune. We wish them the best in future years.

Remaining on the travel kick I want to thank Lynnell and her travel staff for a fabulous ski week in Telluride. Despite some challenges with luggage and some minor lodging problems Lynnell and her team turned in another remarkable performance. These guys work their behinds off all year round and

particularly over that very intense week to provide what is probably the best domestic ski week offered by any recreational group in the US.

I also got great feedback that our trip to Europe met with great success. I understand Davos/Zermatt was a great trip (or more correctly, two trips) and that Egypt was exotic and very interesting. Tucker and Kathy were up to their usual high standards and all came back raving about the fun and adventures they had. Can't get better than the best and your travel guys certainly are. They deserve your gratitude. Thank them. Thank them a lot.

You'll find elsewhere in this Councilman the election information. As I discussed in our last issue, there is a growing requirement for new volunteers. There are several current volunteers moving on to other endeavors and so we have a need to fill in behind these folks.



Mike Sanford, FWSA President

Two positions in particular are Secretary and VP for Communications. Neither currently has a nominee. Please ensure you pass this info along to all in your respective groups. Both these positions offer all kinds of opportunity to have fun and contribute. You'll also note a few offices as yet uncontested. Competition is always good to stir the creative juices. Maybe one of the positions is interesting to you.

For those reading this article who may be sitting on the sidelines and want to get more involved, this is your opportunity. If you want to know more about volunteering please give me a call or e-mail and

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Michael German Waging Valiant Battle

by Michael Sanford



As I am sure most of you know, Michael German is waging a valiant battle against an unforgiving and vicious disease. His brave and defiant fight is really astounding. I've met no one braver nor more vigorous in their personal determination to "do what it takes."

For those who have visited, called and sent cards, he takes great strength from your concern and love. His devotion to FWSA remains strong. He asks me nearly every day about one or the other of his FWSA mates and continues to give me wise and helpful guidance. It amazes me daily how one so threatened can remain so concerned about the welfare of others.

Michael is a trooper we should all be proud of and I think his bravery should give us all strength to carry on. As most of you know I am a history buff, fascinated by those who bravely face down adversity. There is no braver a soul than he who understands and chooses to face adversity head on, with a smile, with the knowledge that he is supported by those whom he loves and trusts as true friends.

You all have provided Michael the proof that this is the correct path and he is secure in it. Be it known each of you is beloved by him and he holds each of you close to his heart.



The "Group" at an Easter party with Mike

Your cards, calls and visits have buoyed his spirits enormously and he is thankful he has such good friends and supporters.

This picture is of Mike and one of the Members of "The FWSA Germs" race team which competed in the Oregon Cancer Ski Out. They were first in donations for the five NW Council teams. It was the Spirit of Michael.



King on Valentines Day



Michael and Michael



Michael and Barbara

I'll be happy to provide further info (858 695-1442),
bubasanfrd@aol.com).

We are in the home stretch in getting things in order for our upcoming June convention in Phoenix, AZ. We will have our normal travel industry expo and professional panels and some new changes to our weekend agenda. As I have discussed before, the feedback from the Long Beach attendees convinced the Board we need to provide some entertainment on Saturday in addition to just our professional panels. So, we are planning to have a multi-media session similar to the one we had last year. It will consist of a one-hour session on Saturday to provide an open forum allowing candidates an opportunity provide more details on their intentions and proposals.

We are working on a great lineup of event sponsors. We have invited Daren Rahlves as our special guest and I am awaiting what I hope will be a positive answer. We have our good industry friends Tammy Anstedt and her support from North Lake Tahoe and Sugar Bowl helping us to convince Daren to join us. Of course, Billy and Deb will be with us and I am in hopes of recruiting Harv Forsgren, the Forester from over in Albuquerque,

and some other special guests. Keep looking on the Web Site as these guests confirm their intentions.

We'll also have our usual outstanding Friday night industry show and Silent Auction. Committee Chair Arleigh Meiner and his hard working Arizona Council volunteers have been meeting regularly to plot all the fun and exciting events.

If you need further convention info check the web page. Everything is posted there. Put the dates of 8-11 June on your calendar now and plan on attending the 74th Annual Far West Convention and our 76th Birthday Bash. Visit www.fwsa.org and get all the details. It is a beautiful venue and this will be a great time! Don't miss this event. A big thank you goes out in advance to all the Arizona Council Clubs for their efforts in planning for what I know will be a great time.

Your Board of Directors and Trustees have been meeting to plan out next year. All the Board members are working hard on their respective goals and projects. We are also continuing to empanel our three special committees to work on some difficult but specific tasks: Family/Youth Involvement, Sponsorships and By-laws. These panels have now been meeting for nearly

three years and will continue their respective efforts at moving forward on a number of important and very relevant issues.

As you probably know or have heard, I will be leaving the office of President in June. It has been my distinct pleasure to serve Far West and all of its wonderful volunteers and members. I am always struck by how much fun we have, even when the work is frenetic and challenging. We have had a successful three years and I am most proud of the signature success we had during our 75th anniversary celebration last year. A last thanks goes to Catherine Ohl and LAC for that event. I have been told by many it was their most memorable convention. The fall out from that event has been extraordinarily positive in building a stronger bond with our industry friends and partners.

No matter whom I call, it seems they have all heard of us and comment on what a productive and informed group we have become. We have worked hard at establishing strong relationships and they have become a great source for enhancing our influence and facilitating our success. A very, very big thank you to all of you out there that have contributed over these wonderful three years.



Barbados Raffle to benefit Scholarships

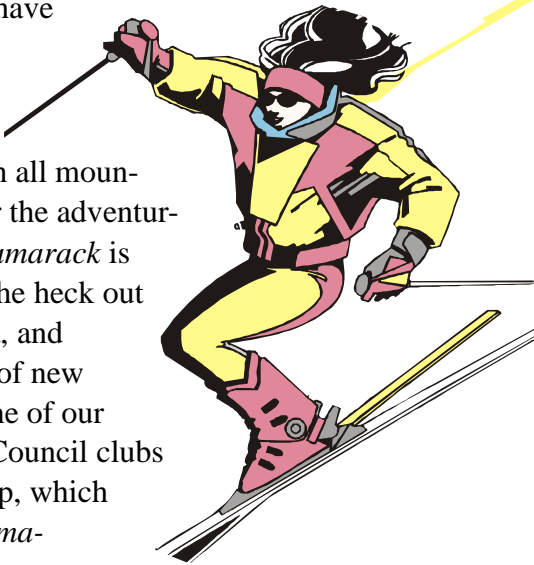
By Debbi Kor-Lew

Hey, what a great winter we've had! Unlike last season, this year's snowfall was absolutely incredible! I think we had more snow than we knew what to do with. It made for some great trips, though.

In talking with our clubs and councils, I learned that Far West members traveled to Canada, France, Switzerland, Egypt, and all over the Western United States this past ski season: *Whistler, Big White/Silver Star, Sun Peaks, Red Mountain, Zermat, Val d'Saire, Breckenridge, Steamboat Springs, and Telluride*, along with many other places.

Pre-season, I did my annual trek to the ski shows in Seattle and Portland, checking out what's new, who's new, and all the latest happenings. Some interesting things.....*Big Sky* and *Moonlight Basin* have joined together, providing an all mountain pass for the adventurous skier. *Tamarack* is promoting the heck out of their area, and getting lots of new visitors. (One of our Northwest Council clubs did a bus trip, which included *Tamarack*. The folks who went said it's a fun little area). And, *The Canyons*, in Utah, are looking forward to us visiting soon.

The SIA show was a spectacular event this year, focusing on fashion. Leigh Geiringer and I met with a representative from *Hot Chillys*, and are looking at partnering up with them to enable Far West members to purchase select items at a discounted rate. We thought we'd start with two or three items, and see what we could work into.



I had a chance to meet with several other vendors who have offered up some deals to us. *Swans Goggles* and *Rocky Mountain Sunscreen* will provide 10-15% off their products, while *Cal Neva Resort* and *Hampton Inn* in Lake Tahoe will give a break in accommodations. All of this information, and more can be found on the Members Benefits Page of the Far West website.



Debbi Kor-Lew
VP of Marketing

Ski Week was incredible, as always! Aside from a few luggage problems, 490 of us spent a fabulous week in *Telluride, Colorado*, experiencing two feet of fresh snow, which arrived just a few days before we did. Sunny skies, great snow, fun events, and a farewell banquet that was Olympic in every respect. Thank you to Kurt Schroeder and Patrick Rothe of *Sportours*, and Tom Watkinson, and *Telluride* crew for showing us a wonderful week.

Throughout Ski Week, we held an on-going sale of raffle tickets for a **Karbon** ski outfit, donated for the second year by *Schure Sports, Inc.* The proceeds, benefiting the Far West Athletic Scholarship, totaled \$1670. We are thrilled with the idea that we will be able to pass this on to some of our deserving junior racers.

Ski Week was also the launching pad for another fund-raiser, again benefiting the Far West Athletic Scholarship. The *Barbados Tourism Authority* has generously offered up a vacation package for two, including round trip air, and four nights lodging at the all-inclusive *Almond Resort*, in beautiful Barbados. The tickets are being sold by individual clubs and councils, now through Convention, June 8th-11th. We will highlight Sunday morning Brunch, by having a representative from the *Barbados Tourism Authority* draw the name of the lucky winner.

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As a final note on Ski Week....I would like to send a special thank you to those Telluride businesses who donated gift certificates for our Welcome Party: *Baked in Telluride, Pacific Steet Pizza, FatAlley, Harmons, LaMarmotte, New Sheridan Chop House, 9545 Restaurant & Bar, Poachers, Smuggler's Pub, The Sweet Life, 221 S. Oak, The Corner House Grille, Telluride Art Gallery, the Boot Doctor, and West End Tavern.*

What a terrific year, and a terrific season. I can't wait for 2007! Get ready, *Steamboat Springs*, here we come!!

Some wonderful news on sponsorships: I'm happy to announce that all of our current Program Sponsors, *Aspen/Snowmass: Safety Person of the Year, Steamboat Springs: Ski Heritage Award, and Big White/Silver Star: Far West's Council's Man and Woman of the Year*, have all recently confirmed new three-year commitments for sponsorship of these outstanding programs through 2009. Thank you all for your continued goodwill. We are so happy to have you as a part of this great organization.

See you all in Arizona in June.

FWSA CONTEST PARTICIPANTS

Apres Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Unrecables	Website, Newsletter
Santa Barbara	Website, Newsletter
Skiyente	Website, Newsletter
Mountain High	Website, Newsletter
S'no Joke Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Bergfreunde Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Fountain Valley	Website, Newsletter
Don Diego Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Torrey Pines Ski Club	Website, Newsletter
Pacific Rim Alliance	Website, Newsletter
North Island Snow Drifters	Website, Newsletter

VP of Membership Benefits of Direct Membership

By Barbara Bryant



Barbara Bryant
VP of Membership

The Far West Ski Association is one the largest ski organizations in the US with nearly 160 ski clubs throughout ten regional councils in Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington.

Recently we have had ski organizations from Idaho and Utah inquiring about the possibility of joining FWSA. Discussions continue about the feasibility of these ski organizations, with their geographic distance, being able to fully participate in Far West.

You automatically belong to FWSA if you belong to a ski club in one of the ten councils. If you live in an area not within the ten councils, you may join FWSA as a direct member and derive all of the benefits of membership.

This year we have thirty-eight direct members from such states as Alabama, Colorado, Maine, Mississippi, and Texas. To become a direct member, go to fwsa.org and click on membership to download and print your direct member application.

Through your ski club and Council and as a direct member, you may participate in FWSA activities. Each year FWSA provides several trips to domestic and international locations, ski and board racing for adults and juniors, and other recreational activities.

Members also have an opportunity to attend the annual Convention and Silent Auction to bid on ski vacations and products. At fwsa.org, the FWSA web site, you can find many more member benefits and industry discounts available with your FWSA membership card.

VP of Racing

Kirkwood included Powder, Racing, and Fun

By Bob Ellis

The 2006 Far West Championships turned out over 200 racers and several skiers at Kirkwood on March 17-19. When everyone arrived they found several feet of light powder that cancelled the Pacesetter races on Friday, so those that were there had a great time trying to find the perfect run for powder. The group I was with had fresh virgin powder all day long on Chair 4. It was great skiing for all, in spite of the lost and found skis and numerous falls in the light powder.

Kirkwood worked long and hard to prep the race courses for Saturday's Giant Slalom and we were able to put on five fun race courses with a little new snow throughout the day. In addition to that, we were able to squeeze in a couple of pacesetter races that had been cancelled on Friday.

Later on Saturday night, we had our Awards Dinner and Silent Auction at the Red Cliffs Lodge. There were numerous compliments about the absolutely wonderful

prime rib and salmon buffet dinner that Kirkwood provided for us. After dinner, the winners of the Giant Slalom were awarded their plaques for their efforts earlier in the day, and the pacesetters were given ski caps. The DJ turned up the music and the dancing started for those that still had some energy after a great day of skiing and racing.

The silent auction was a huge success as Barbara Bryant did a tremendous job in corralling over thirty auction items and over 25 raffle items. Our thanks go out to every company that made this possible. The buyers of the silent auction items walked away with great values from ski trips to ski equipment all night long.

Sunday started with a little more new snow and some well set slalom courses on the Short Spoke and Buckboard runs. After the sun arrived, we completed the slalom courses as planned and later that afternoon we presented the award winners of the slalom races. Over-



*Bob Ellis FWSA VP of Racing
& FWRA President*

all, it turned out to be a fun championship weekend at Kirkwood.

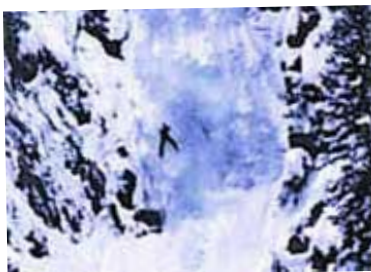
In 2007 the Far West Championships will be at Mt. Bachelor, and the lodging will be in Bend, Oregon. Last time we were at Mt. Bachelor, we had great powder and racing.

On January 17-21, 2007, we will also be hosting the 2nd Annual Keystone Nationals at Keystone in Colorado. This is an open race event to any skier that would like to compete against other racers from around the country with different ability classes like we have in Far West.



ACTIVITIES AT STEAMBOAT

Snow Mobiling
Ice Climbing
Cross Country Skiing
Sleigh Riding



VP of Councils Services

What a Fantastic Ski Season

By Fran Long

A word from Fran Long....

Where to begin...where to begin...where to begin. The Far West Ski Association has so much to offer it is truly difficult to decide where to begin. Spring is upon us and many of our activities are moving away from skiing/riding, and focusing on the many other activities FWSA has to offer.

The FWSA convention is being held in Arizona this year, June 8-11, 2006. June might not sound like the ideal time to spend a long weekend in Arizona; but, I assure you, it will be great. The Arizona Ski Council is planning a fantastic event with something for everyone. Detailed information on all the convention activities, lodging information, and registration forms are available on the website: www.fwsa.org, then click on "convention".

All ski club members are invited and encouraged to attend the convention. You can attend as a voting delegate for your ski club, or you can attend as a non-voting delegate. Each club is allowed a set number of voting delegates and those members must sign up through their club. If you are a non-voting delegate you can register through the FWSA website. As a non-voting delegate you have full participation in all convention events; you just don't vote during the business meeting.

Non-ski travel opportunities are available to all ski club members once or twice a year. This year, a trip to Machu Picchu is planned for May and a Panama Canal Cruise is planned for the end of October. If you are not receiving information on these trips through your ski club, you can always go to the FWSA website to get the latest travel adventure information.

We've had a fantastic ski season this year as well.

Telluride, Colorado hosted the FWSA ski week this year.

450+ members enjoyed

beautiful blue skies, groomed runs, challenging racing, and multiple and varied parties. If you haven't attended a FWSA ski week, you are missing a real treat! Lynnell Calkins and the travel staff do a wonderful job of putting together a fun packed week for all those who attend. Our group of international skiers has recently returned from a trip to Zermatt, Switzerland with glowing reports. Tucker and Kathy Hoffman always put on a wonderful international trip.

While we're all basking in the sun and reminiscing about skiing, racing, riding, partying, the travel staff is busy planning our fun for next year. Deposits are already being taken for next year's FWSA ski week to Steamboat, Colorado, January 27-February 3, 2007. I have no doubt it will be every bit as wonderful as this year's trips.

By now each council should have selected its Man and Woman of the Year. Each council's honoree will be recognized at the FWSA convention in Arizona where the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year will be selected. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize club members who put in the extra time and energy to make organized ski and sports clubs so successful.

The Far West Ski Association is an organization entirely run by volunteers. There are many opportunities for involvement in many facets of the organization. If you are interested in becoming involved, contact any member of the board and ask questions or express your interest. There is a place in the organization for every interested person.



*Michael German
VP of Councils*

VP of Communications

COMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AWARDS

By Elaine Cobos



Elaine Cobos
VP of Communications

This issue of the Councilman is again prepared and edited by our dynamic duo of Mary and Norm Azevedo. They do an excellent job, are extremely dedicated and the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) is extremely lucky to have such qualified volunteers! *Leigh Gieringer* also prepared a really slick and wonderful FWSA *Skiers' Guide* again this year. We also need to thank Steve Coxen for his dedicated support as webmaster of the FWSA website. Communications from FWSA to our 10 councils, hundreds of clubs and thousands of members could not happen without these volunteers.

We are in the midst of the judging for the *Wentworth Outstanding Club Publications* (newsletters) and *Outstanding Club Websites Awards*. These awards honor the volunteers at the club and council levels that work to ensure members are aware of not only FWSA activities, but also their club and council events and awards. Judges have been given information and should be contacting the clubs/councils they are judging as well as the clubs/councils who are judging them. This competi-

tion is an opportunity to learn from each other what works and what doesn't work when it comes to communicating to our members. Be sure to thank the judges listed in this newsletter here for their efforts to keep you informed.

In addition, the Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year competition deadline is approaching. ALL clubs in FWSA are eligible to enter the Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year competition. Entries this year will again consist of an essay describing how your club deserves to be named FWSA's Outstanding Club of the Year. Your essay should highlight what



your club does for community outreach, sports awareness and promotion activities, as well as address the other categories that

are part of the judging criteria for this award. More details can be found at www.fwsa.org. The deadline for submittal is **May 1, 2006**. Essays should be no more than 3 pages in length. Send all entries to vp.communications@cox.net. Good luck to everyone, and may the best club be honored!

This year FWSA will provide additional recognition for winning entries in these competitions. A charitable donation will be made by FWSA in the name of the winning club/council to the winner's designated local charity. The local charity must be a "Qualified charity" and provide proof to FWSA that they are a valid 501(c)(3) organization in order to receive funds. \$50 will be awarded to a qualified charity of choice for FIRST place in *each* class, for the Wentworth Outstanding Publication and Outstanding Website. \$100 will be awarded to a qualified charity of choice for FIRST place winners in *each* class, for the Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year.

VP of International Travel

China was an Exotic Trip

By Tucker Hoffman



*Tucker Hoffman,
VP of International Travel*

This past year has been a great traveling experience for those members of the Far West Ski Association that chose to join us on the China adventure and later on the Zermatt Switzerland and Egypt trip.

The first group of 34 flew out of San Francisco in mid-September for a two-week exotic journey to China and the Yangtze River. We arrived early evening in Beijing, the vibrant capital of China. The next day we visited Tiananmen Square, the world's largest and most famous square. This was followed by a visit to the Forbidden City and a glimpse of the opulent lifestyles of the Chinese Emperors and their concubines. After lunch we visited the picturesque Summer Palace on Kunming Lake.

The next day we traveled by motor coach to explore the Great Wall, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, followed by a visit to the Ming Tombs and the Sacred Way.

The next day we flew to Wuhan to see the Hubei Provincial Museum and then on to Yichang to board our cruise ship. During the next five days on the Yangtze River we visited the construction site of the Three Gorges Dam. We went through the locks at the dam and sailed through the spectacular Xiling Gorge, the longest of the Three Gorges. Took a small riverboat up the Shennongxi



*Tucker Hoffman enjoying
the scenery with his guides*

Stream tributary for a close-up view of the local people and wildlife. We cruised through the Wu Gorge, with its deep zigzagging valley and lush forested mountains,

and the Qutang Gorge, last of the three.

After departing the cruise ship in Chongqing and visiting the Panda Bears, we flew to Xian to see the

world famous 6,000 Terra Cotta warriors, horses and chariots buried with the first Chinese Emperor, Qin Shihuang. From Xian we traveled

to Suzhou to visit the Garden of the Fishing Net Master, the Silk Spinning Factory and a boat ride on the Grand Canal.

The last couple of days we spent in Shanghai, one of the most modern cities of the world. We visited the Shanghai Museum, the Bund, Yu Yuan Garden Bazaar and the place most tourists do not get to visit, the Xiang Yang Clothing Market or "knock-off market" which had a Tommy Bahama shirts for only \$10



*Kathy and Tucker enjoying
Chinese transportation*



*Kathy Hoffman
Always ready to help
weary travelers*

US. Along the way we saw an Acrobatic show and a traditional Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show.

As soon as the two-week group flew out of Shanghai for home, Kathy and I flew to Beijing to meet the next group of 50



FWSA group in China

From Xian, instead of going to Suzhou, we flew to Guilin to see the Elephant Trunk Hill and the Reed Flute Cave. From Guilin we traveled by motor coach through lush countryside to a small village to embark on a three-hour cruise up the scenic Lijiang River to Yangshou. After dinner in Yangshou, the group went by bus to a natural amphitheater on the shores of a lake surrounded by mountains. There, we watched in awe, one of the most spectacular musical productions ever performed; a

cast of over six hundred performed on the lake.



The Yangtze Experience for the FWSA

visit to the Six-Harmony Pagoda, Lingyin Temple, and a tea farm. Then on to Suzhou, Shanghai and the rest of the trip.

Both groups had an amazing time and will long remember their adventure in China.

coming in for a three-week trip. We did the same trip all over again except the extra week was one of the highlights of the five weeks we were there.

After shopping in Yangshuo, we traveled back to Guilin to fly on to Hangzhou and a cruise on the tranquil waters of West Lake, a

FWSA Next Trips!

Machu Picchu



Machu Picchu is comprised of approximately 200 buildings, most being residences, although there are temples, storage structures and other public buildings. It has polygonal masonry, characteristic of the late Inca period.

Galapagos



This trip is sold out!
See Lynnell's trip through Panama

VP of North American Travel

Panama Canal Cruise Coming Up

By Lynnell Calkins



*Lynnell Calkins,
VP of N American Travel*

2006 Ski Week

Our 2006 ski week in Telluride was a BIG success. With beautiful blue skies, great snow and moderate temperatures, most participants skied every day. Telluride's groomed trails, bowls, glades and chutes provided great skiing for every ability level. Thanks to Gloria, Marilyn, Ken, Bob, Nancy, Patrick, Kurt, and our trip leaders for their work to make this ski week such a success.

2006 Panama Canal Cruise

You'd better hurry if you want to sign-up for the FWSA Panama Canal Cruise! You can use your credit card and sign-up on line at www.fwsacruises.com. We set sail from San Diego on Sunday, October 29, cruise through the Panama Canal and arrive in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Saturday, November 11. Our ports of call

include Cabo San Lucas, Acapulco and Huatulco, Mexico; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; and Oranjestad, Aruba.

This thirteen night cruise is aboard Royal Caribbean's Serenade of the Seas. The ship has a solarium



with an indoor/outdoor swimming pool with six whirlpools and a sliding roof. The Ship Shape Day Spa provides full service treatments, sauna and steam room, a fully equipped fitness center and aerobics classes. The Royale Casino has blackjack, roulette, craps, Caribbean stud poker and slot machines. In addition to the dining room, a buffet for casual dining and several cafes, bars, grills and lounges, the Serenade of the Seas offers 24 hour room service. There is always plenty to do aboard this ship!

Current prices range from \$1289 for an inside cabin to \$1689 for an ocean view cabin to \$2119

for a balcony cabin. Rates are per person, double occupancy for this thirteen night cruise. If you want to join us for this adventure, please sign-up soon, as the number of cabins at these prices is limited. The dates are October 29 through November 11, 2006.

2007 Ski Week

Steamboat is the location of our 2007 ski week. Located in the Colorado Rockies, Steamboat is one of North America's largest ski mountains. With 143 trails, 3600 vertical feet, and nearly 3,000 skiable acres, Steamboat provides a variety of terrain for every level of skier. The trail classification is 13% beginner, 56% more difficult and 31% advanced/expert. There are definitely runs for every skier.

Steamboat is a complete mountain range with Mt. Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak, Christie Peak and Pioneer Ridge. Steamboat's six peaks are filled with groomed cruisers, bumps, steeps, open meadows, and legendary tree skiing. The term "champagne powder snow" was coined in Steamboat.

The last time the FWSA ski week was in Steamboat was 1997, when we had 640 participants. Several councils are already taking sign-ups, so contact your council trip leader. (Please see the Steamboat flyer in this issue of The Councilman). The dates for this ski week are January 27 – February 3, 2007.





FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION 2007 SKI WEEK

STEAMBOAT

January 27 - February 3, 2007

Average Price \$800*

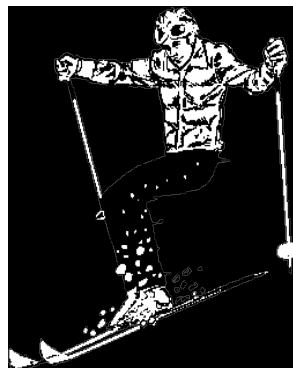
*Price does NOT include air or ground transportation.

Prices vary depending on lodging selection.

Price includes 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) **and the FWSA amenity package.**

The FWSA amenity package includes:

- Registration
- Welcome Party
- 3 Races
- Mountain Picnic
- Apres Ski Party
- Farewell Awards Party
- 5 of 7 day Lift Ticket



For more information contact your Council Trip Coordinator:

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Must be a Member of Far West Ski Association

FWSA Convention 2006

By Arleigh Meiners
Host Convention Coordinator

Planning for the 2006 FWSA Convention, June 8-11, 2006, at The Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort is well underway. We will be celebrating the 74th annual FWSA Convention this year, in sunny Arizona, at this beautiful and uniquely Arizona resort on the Gila Indian Reservation. See the convention flyer for more details. Also more information about the convention can be found on the FWSA website www.fwsa.org. Be sure to click on the Convention tab.

Make your hotel reservations NOW. We have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate of \$129 per night (plus tax and energy charge). Call (866) 837-4156 or local (602) 225-0100 and state that you are with the Far West Ski Association. You can make your reservations on-line by going to www.fwsa.org and following the link provided under the Convention tab. Our room block will be released May 15, 2006, and after that date room rates will increase and rooms may not be available.

Our Optional Events start on Thursday Evening, June 8, 2006, with a one of a kind old fashioned Western barbeque dinner and live Country Music at the Wild, Wild West Rawhide. Cost of the Rawhide event is \$38. Space is limited on this event.

Of course, the convention would not be complete without the annual Golf Tournament. The Golf Tournament is held Friday, June 9, 2006, at the famous Whirlwind Troon Golf Course. The golf format is a Scramble with a 7:00 A.M. - shotgun start. Team selection will be by blind draw with a mixture of celebrities, resort representatives and Far West members. The price of \$95 includes golf, range balls, air conditioned carts, full lunch and lots of prizes.

For those of you that prefer activities other than golf, we will be offering two other events.

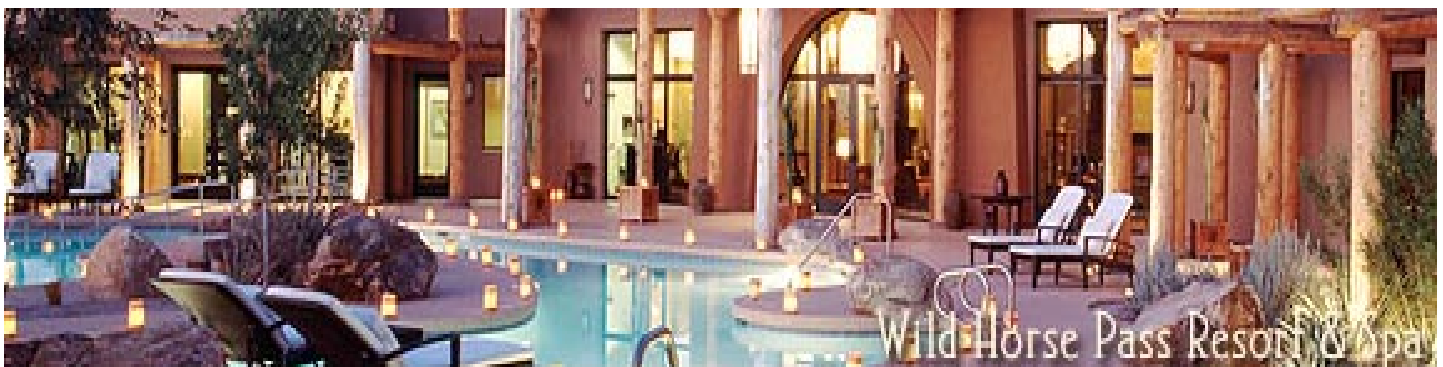
We are doing a hike on South Mountain, the nation's largest city park, celebrating its own 75th anniversary this year. Cost is \$12. This hike is about 6 miles round trip. We will leave the hotel at 7:00 A.M. sharp and lunch is included. Since it may get very warm, be prepared with sunscreen, hat, water and good hiking shoes.

The other event is a day at the Aji Spa, right on the grounds of the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort. The cost of this event is \$115 and includes one 50-minute treatment or two 25-minute treatments. Also included is lunch and all day use of the facility which includes a fitness center, private indoor and outdoor whirlpools, steam rooms, saunas, spa pool and relaxation lounge, all with a flavor of a tranquil "sanctuary", the meaning of the Pima word, "Aji."

The 21st annual Silent Auction and Dance will be held Friday night, June 9, 2006, from 7:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. This is a **FREE** event and the public is encouraged to attend. Bid on great vacation deals and merchandise. There will be over \$100,000 in auction packages. Don't miss out on the fun and dancing to DJ music and these great deals!

Registration Packets to register for the convention have been sent to all Club Presidents and all Council Presidents. All registration information is available for downloading from the web site, www.fwsa.org.

Any questions or suggestions should be directed to Arleigh Meiners, Host Convention Chairman at: 480-391-2612 or arleigh.meiners@cox.net





2006 FWSA Convention Arizona Ski Council



June 8 – 11, 2006

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction Friday night
- Saturday seminars
- Saturday Luncheon
- Saturday night "Boot Scootin' Boogie" Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance
- FWSA Business Meeting
- Eye Opener Sunday morning

Fun Optional Activities

- Thursday night Rawhide dinner and live Country Music
- Friday Golf Tournament at Whirlwind Golf Club, includes lunch
- Friday hike in the beautiful South Mountain Park, includes lunch
- Friday Aji Spa Day with lunch, 50 minute treatment of your choice and day use of spa facilities
- Boat to Gila River Casino

Convention Registration

- Registration packets online at www.fwsa.org
- Get hard copy from your club or Council President
- Register for complete convention, optional activities or meals
- Early registration through May 15th - \$135 per person

Hotel Reservations

- Call (866)837-4156 or local 602-225-0100 and state your affiliation with FWSA
- On-line at www.fwsa.org and follow the link under the Convention tab.
- Reserve now before May 15th for special \$129 per night rate

Contact Information

- Arleigh Meiners; Host Council Convention Chair
- e-mail: arleigh.meiners@cox.net
- Phone: 480-391-2612





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2006 FWSA Silent
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**FRIDAY
JUNE 9th
7 PM to 11 PM**

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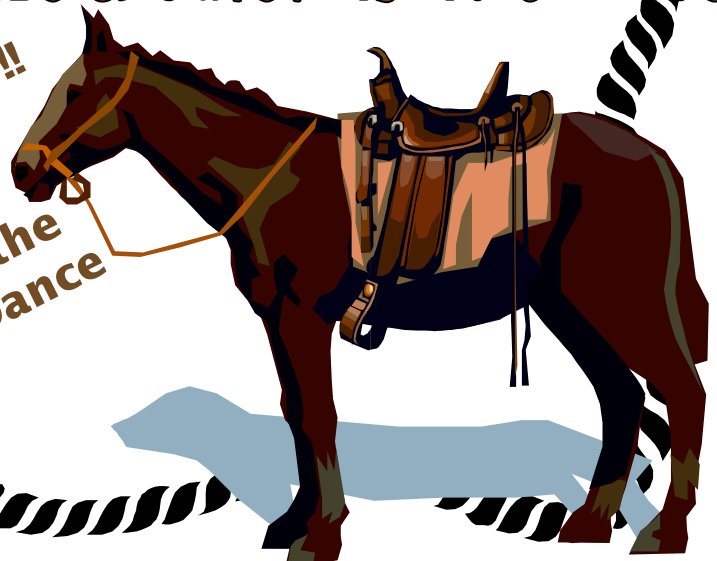
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- Dancing & Fun



AMAZING VALUES & OUTSTANDING SAVINGS

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HAPPY (no host) HOUR !!
5 pm to 7 pm
grab some grub
on your way into the
Silent Auction & Dance**





February 24, 2006

Dear FWSA Club President and Convention Delegates:

Enclosed you will find the pre-registration materials for the Far West Ski Association's 74th Annual Convention which will be held Thursday through Sunday, June 8-11, 2006, at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa located amidst the majestic Gila River Indian Community near Phoenix, Arizona. Please read all the materials enclosed in this pre-registration packet carefully.

The pre-registration forms are also available in pdf format on the Convention website at www.fwsa.org.

- **May 15, 2006 is the deadline** for the early registration savings of \$25.
- **May 15, 2006 is the deadline** for the submission of fees for the Rawhide Steakhouse & Saloon Dinner, Golf Tournament, Aji Day Spa and South Mountain Hike.
- Please submit all forms and payments by **May 15, 2006** to the FWSA Registrar, c/o Michael E. Jones, 2205 E. Sherri Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85296. The sooner you get your money in the better your chance of not being left out.

Make your hotel reservations NOW!

Contact the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort to make your hotel reservation. We have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate of \$129 per night (plus tax and energy charge). Call 602-225-0100 and state that you are with Far West Ski Association. You can also make reservations on-line by going to www.fwsa.org and following the link provided under the Convention tab to book your hotel reservation. Our room block will be released on **May 15, 2006**. After that date rates will increase and rooms may not be available. *If you have a problem making hotel reservations please call Arleigh Meiners immediately.*

Contact Information:

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| • Arleigh Meiners , Host Council Chairman | arleigh.meiners@cox.net | 480-391-2612 |
| • Michael Jones , Convention Registrar | mej7583@cox.net | 480-361-9732 |
| • Elaine Cobos , Travel Expo Coordinator | elaine.cobos@cox.net | 602-955-5550 |
| • Steve Coxen , Convention Committee Chairman | sacoxen@aol.com | 503-679-9022 |

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate person above.

Sincerely,

Steve Coxen
FWSA Convention Committee Chairman



- - FWSA 2006 Convention - -
Individual Pre- Registration Form
 (This Form Must Be Completed For **EACH** Attendee)
Forms due to FWSA by May 15, 2006

VERY IMPORTANT – Registration Type

- ☐ Voting Delegate (Record Name on Credentials Form) ☐ Non-Voting Delegate/Guest/Other
☐ Alternate Delegate ☐ FWSA Direct Member

Please Print Clearly

Ski Club Name			Council
Member's Name	First Name _____	Last Name _____	Phone ()
Member's Address	Street _____ Apt # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____		
Email Address			
Option to Exclude Information	The information submitted above will be provided to industry sponsors and donors to the Silent Auction. You may exclude your information from this list by initialing here _____.		

FWSA Convention Pre-Registration Package Selection

Selection	Description	Price	Amount Enclosed
Fri/Sat/Sun June 9-11 <input type="checkbox"/>	Full Package – All FWSA business meetings, election & panel sessions, convention pin & books and all other hosted parties & activities. Friday Silent Auction & Dance, Buffet and Beverage Saturday Continental Breakfast, Travel Expo, Luncheon, Cocktail Party, Awards Dinner & Dance Sunday Eye Opener and Buffet Brunch Delegate Book – The Delegate Book will be included on a CD in your packet. Indicate here if you would like to purchase a printed copy for \$10.	\$135 by 5/15/06 \$160 after 5/15/06 \$190 after 6/5/06 \$10	\$ _____ \$ _____
OR			
Sat/Sun June 10-11	Meetings ONLY – Attendance at FWSA business meetings, election & panel sessions and convention books – No Meals or Parties	\$50	\$ _____
Saturday, June 10	Awards Dinner & Dance ONLY – Saturday night Banquet and Dance. Dinner must be purchased in ADVANCE. (Seating LIMITED – Priority will be given to Delegates who purchase the Full Package). [Black Tie Optional]	\$65	\$ _____
AND			
The following events are optional activities (see fliers for details). You may register for these NOW or at a later date, but all fees for all events are to be submitted to FWSA Convention Registrar, c/o Michael E. Jones, 2205 E. Sherri Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85296.			
Thursday, June 8	Rawhide Steakhouse Dinner – Famous Rawhide Steakhouse and Saloon. Deadline May 31.	\$38	\$ _____
Friday, June 9	Golf Tournament – FWSA 15 th Annual Golf Tournament at the Whirlwind Troon Golf Course. Includes lunch.	\$95	\$ _____
Friday, June 9	South Mountain Day Hike – Approximately 6 miles roundtrip. Vertical climb of 900 feet. Includes lunch.	\$12	\$ _____
Friday, June 9	Aji Spa Day – Any one 50-minute treatment or two 25-minute treatments. Includes lunch. See www.wildhorsepassresort.com/spa-wild-horse-pass .	\$115	\$ _____
Total amount enclosed – make check payable to FWSA (No Refunds)			\$ _____

Submit all forms and payments to FWSA Convention Registrar, c/o Michael E. Jones, 2205 E. Sherri Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85296.



- - FWSA 2006 Convention Credentials Form - -

(One Form Must Be Completed For **EACH** Club)

Forms due to FWSA by May 15, 2006

Delegate Chairman:

Complete this form to officially register your club's **Affiliated Members Voting Bloc**. Use the Affiliated Member Voting Bloc Schedule (below) to determine the number of voting delegates allowed for your club based on club membership as of April 27, 2006.

- - Affiliated Member Voting Bloc Schedule - -

MEMBERS	< 10	10- 14	15- 19	20- 29	30- 39	40- 49	50- 59	60- 69	70- 79	80- 89	90- 99	100- 124	125- 149	150- 174	175- 199	200- 249	250- 299	300- 349	350- 399	400 +
VOTES	0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20

You MUST attach your Club's current Member Roster (names only, please) to this Credentials Form.

Please Print Clearly

Ski Club Name			# Club Members _____
Ski Club Council			
Delegation Chairman	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> First Name Last Name </div>		
Chairman's Address	Street _____		Apt # _____
	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Chairman's Contact Info	E-mail _____	Phone () _____	
Chairman's Club Office Held			

Voting Delegates:

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| 1. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 12. _____ |
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| 4. _____ | 14. _____ |
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| 7. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

Delegate numbers will only be issued to those Voting Delegates listed above for whom payment of Convention Registration has been received, an Individual Pre-Registration Form has been submitted, and who are listed in your club's attached Member Roster.

By signing below you certify to the FWSA 74th Annual Meeting/Convention that your Delegates listed above are in good standing with your club listed above, and that they are officially entitled to vote and express the opinions of your club at the 74th Annual Convention.

Officer's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Officer's Title: _____

Date: _____

Submit all forms and payments to FWSA Convention Registrar, c/o Michael E. Jones, 2205 E. Sherri Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85296.

Convention Sponsors by Jane Wyckoff

The Far West Ski Association offers a variety of opportunities to the ski and sports industries to partner with the Association for program development. We currently have a number of companies that have committed to be a sponsor for the Far West Ski Association's 74th Annual Convention in Chandler, Arizona, June 8-11, hosted by the Arizona Ski Council.

Sponsorship support allows the Far West Ski Association to offer



a registration rate for Convention delegates that is considerably less than actual costs for conducting the Convention. This lower registration fee enables more ski club volunteers to attend the FWSA Convention. Please show your appreciation for our industry partners by including these companies in your ski and travel plans. For additional information about the sponsor's programs, please log into their websites.

Convention 2006 Sponsors

by Jane Wyckoff, Industry Marketing Representative

Convention 2006 sponsorships to date

Golf Tournament – Friday

Snowbasin, A Sun Valley Resort – www.snowbasin.com
(A 3-Year Sponsorship)



Delegate Registration

Intrawest, Colorado – Winter Park Resort & Copper Mountain Resort
www.intrawest.com



Saturday Luncheon

Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Heavenly Ski Resorts
www.vailresorts.com



Councils Man and Woman of the Year

Big White Ski Resort, British Columbia, Canada
www.bigwhite.com

Silver Star Mountain Resort, British Columbia, Canada
www.silverstarmtn.com



In addition, the ski and sports industries donate over \$100,000 in ski packages, sports equipment, and travel and adventure trips each year to the Silent Auction, conducted on Friday evening of the Convention. The 21st Annual Silent Auction will again feature a hosted drink, dancing and door prizes.

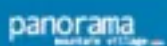
Additional information regarding sponsorships and this year's Silent Auction participants will be listed on the FWSA website www.fwsa.org. For more information regarding the FWSA industry programs, please contact Jane Wyckoff at 949-552-5223 or via email at JaneWyckoff1@cox.net.

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Canadian Rockies ski in ski out. An intimate village framed by the Canadian Rockies, Panorama will take your breath away. Some of Canada's most exciting terrain spread out over 2,800 acres and 4,000 vertical feet will delight every skier and rider in your group.



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Real people. Real experiences. If your group has been here before, it's time to think about another visit. You'll love the new Village with a collection of shops, restaurants and nightlife. You'll also get the BeeLine Advantage which means lift line priority to some of Colorado's finest alpine terrain.



Escape the ordinary at Colorado's favorite. Five interconnected mountains woven through the Continental Divide cover more than 2,800 acres, offering stupendous variety for both skiers and riders alike. Stay right on the slopes at the base of Winter Park Ski Area and enjoy the convenience of ski-in ski-out.



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Charities & Our Community Chair

Michael German Honored at Oregon Cancer Ski Out

By Sigrid Noack

Big news from NWSCC: At the 18th annual 2006 Oregon Cancer Ski Out in March, NWSCC had 5 participating teams, who raised a total of \$3,600 to support the OHSU Cancer Institute, the Willamette Falls Hospice, and the Candlelighters. Congratulations and a great big THANKX to all the teams - Beggars Can't Be Losers, Easy Gliders, FWSA Germ Team, Vertical Junkies, and Vertical Maniacs. The "FWSA GERM TEAM" was a standout – led by Randy Lew, this team was formed in honor of our good friend, Michael German of FWSA. We sprouted rubber caps with spikes, showed off our "FWSA GERMS" t-shirts and skied our hearts out for Michael and the cause. This seriously fun ski event took place at Mt. Hood Meadows and included two days of racing, a silent auction, and many individual donations.

Other recent charity ski/snowboard events in Oregon and Washington were the Mt. Bachelor Food Drive, the Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol fundraiser, the Mt. Hood Skibowl Vertical Challenge for Cystic Fibrosis, the Crystal Mountain Jimmie Heuga Vertical Express, the White Pass Vertical

Challenge for American Cancer Society, the Mt. Bachelor Jimmie Heuga Vertical Express, and the Mt. Bachelor Riders For The Cure.

The Oregon Special Olympics received support from a couple of sources this year: Bergfreunde Ski Club provided volunteers at the annual Winter Special Olympics at



NWSCC members who competed in the 18th annual Cancer Ski Out. This team was formed in honor of Michael German.

Mt. Bachelor and will hold its 2nd annual Le Tour de Valley on May 27. Club members will hike, walk, and bike the Willamette Valley at the Iris Gardens. For the first time, Oregon Special Olympics will participate in the Oregon Charitable Tax Checkoff Program this year. This is a statewide program in which Oregon taxpayers can designate all or part of their 2005 tax refunds to eligible charitable organizations.



Sigrid Noack, Charities & Our Community Chair

Skiers are now getting ready for the 73rd annual Golden Rose Ski Classic, held on June 3rd at Timberline Lodge. This is a benefit for Mt. Hood Race Academy athletes and the NW SnowSports Foundation for aspiring young skiers and snowboarders.

The Skiyente Ski Club ladies are always active with charity work. In November, members were actively selling Holiday Drawing tickets. They solicited or donated fantastic gifts, which were raffled off. This was a great success, with \$800 getting donated to Shepherd's Door, a local women's and children's shelter, which is a part of The Portland Rescue

Mission. This is a live-in facility that works with women in a long-term program to help them overcome personal issues, develop work skills, and place them in the workplace. In January, as part of their 50th Anniversary Celebration, Skiyente held an Après Ski Party at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum in Government Camp, which was open to the public. They

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held a silent auction and presented Skiyente's 50 years of history along with the history of women skiing. The museum exhibits developed by Skiyente remained on site for over two months as part of the museum's winter presentation.

The club was also featured in a TV segment produced by the Clackamas County Development Commission. The silent auction brought in enough funds to throw a party and still donate over \$2200 to the museum's Capital Improvements Fund to help with elevator construction. A side benefit to the party was that it brought many 'locals' into the museum, many of whom had never been there. This will have a lasting impact on the success of the museum as more and more people come to understand what an asset the Center is to the Mt. Hood Community.

In addition, Skiyente sponsors a Masters Race Weekend at Mt. Hood Meadows every year. Funds raised are donated to an up and coming female racer through our Erin Nicole Scholarship. The \$500 fund is administered by the NW SnowSports Foundation. The annual King Winter Coronation and Dance is a long traditional event for Skiyente Ski Club. An individual from the Mt. Hood area is honored for having contributed significantly to snow sports. Some of the proceeds from the event are donated to the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum. Recently Skiyente also planned, organized and executed a meal for nearly 200 racers at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum.

Notes from LAC: Many clubs and the LA Council donate funds annually to sponsor one of the members from the **Unrecables Ski Club** (LA chapter of Disabled Sports, USA) and a companion on the LAC ski week. This year Kathy Paisley was selected and her companion was her long-time friend Gina Ariola.

Here are some of Kathy's comments about their wonderful experience: Words cannot express the gratitude both Gina and I felt as the honored recipients of the Telluride scholarship from the L.A. Council. We both looked forward to this ski week, especially because it included not only our own LAC clubs, but also clubs from the whole FWSA area.

From the moment we arrived at the airport and entered the bus at Gunnison, we had offers galore wanting to help carry me on/off the bus and to assist Gina in carrying the suitcases and our equipment. It's never easy traveling with that huge mono-ski! The skiing in Telluride was fantastic, and so many of the FWSA skiers very so helpful and friendly. Thankfully, the Gondola was totally wheelchair accessible.

All the many activities were wonderful and we met loads and loads of friendly and fun people from the whole Western US. I was so lucky that during that same week, the Telluride Adaptive Program was hosting the 4 day Expand Your Horizons Ski Camp. I was able to ski with the top mono-skiers, which included 12 time Paralympian gold medalist, Sara Will and US ski team member Bill Bowness and many other exceptional adaptive skiers.

There were about 10 monoskiers in addition to many other adaptive disciplines participating in the camp. I was able to gain many ski tips to improve my skiing ability. I learned sooo much and had such a great time skiing with all these people and getting to know them. AND by the end of the week, I finally accomplished something I never thought I would, I loaded, rode, and unloaded the ski lift all by myself - yeah!!! AND, I completed the NASTAR course 3 times without a single "Wild World of Sports" moment (at least the agony of defeat part!).

Between the LA Council, the FWSA and the mono ski camp, we were kept very busy and enjoyed lots of great food! We stayed at the Victorian Inn which was only a block or so away from the Gondola. The weather was perfect. There was fresh snow from the week prior to our arrival, so the snow was perfect and the skies were blue the entire week.

The resort of Telluride is AWE-SOME! The town is very charming with its Victorian homes, the Gondola and the Mountain Village. The people were friendly and the ski lift lines were virtually nonexistent.

Thanks to the generosity and friendliness of L.A. Council and the wonderful ski club members, both Gina and I will have memories to cherish for a lifetime. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I highly recommend a visit to Telluride!!!!

Congratulations to all the FWSA Councils and Clubs working so diligently to help out favorite Charities in their community.

FWSA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS



*Robb Margrave, Athletic
Scholarship Chairperson*

This past year, Far West Ski Association awarded three athletic scholarships to junior racers in the United States Ski Association's Far West and Pacific Northwest divisions. Scholarships were awarded to Chris Hinkley of Truckee, CA, and both Anton Hilts and Andee Wallace from Bend, OR.

Hinkley, who attends Sugar Bowl Academy, is competing in his second year at the J2 level and finished in the top 20 eight times in the 27 races in which he competed. Hilts, who attends Summit High School, is also in his first year as a J2 and had 11 top 20 finishes out of 31 races. Wallace, who also attends Summit High School is in her first year as a J3. She finished in the top 20 in every race she completed, including two wins in her 17 starts. Andee had four DNF's (Did Not Finish).

Scholarship solicitations for the 2006 – 2007 season have been posted to the FWSA web site. Applications are due at the end of June 2006 and scholarships are awarded in September.

Safety Committee Chairperson

Lapses in Safety Consciousness

by Richard Lubin, D.C.

Did you ever notice that accidents don't happen when you are being careful?

They seem to occur when you let your guard down and are not expecting them.

As an example, I had a little disagreement with my right knee, not when I was blasting down a double black diamond tree run, but in a lift line when I was not paying too attention. My good buddy crashed and tore his rotator cuff just as he was slowing down to go into the lodge.

Statistics show that many ski fatalities occur on intermediate slopes. How does this happen? I consider these events to be lapses in Safety Consciousness.

We all have a 'set-point' as to what we consider part of our normal attentiveness at work, at home, driving, or participating in sports like skiing and boarding.

Many times we are distracted by one thing or another and we drift off from our safety consciousness. This is when we are most vulnerable. Issues which may divert us are commonplace: talking on the cell phone, listening to an MP3 player while skiing, looking



*Richard Lubin, D.C.
Safety Committee Chair*

at something on the slopes, or even chatting while walking on slippery areas.

Some high risk areas to especially watch out for:

- Confluences of runs where other skiers and boarders go to a common trail
- Intermediate runs where you are blasting swiftly
- Race courses
- Icy parking lots, stairs, or walkways with ski boots on.
- Flat lighting or poor visibility on the slopes.
- Crowded ski runs with many beginners

Always watch all sides, be aware of conditions and your surroundings.

Consider where your own level is, check it regularly and remember, when you drift away from this, it is when you may get hurt.

Safety is no accident. Safety is Having Fun Consciously!

**FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
2006 BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Randy Lew, Chairman



*Randy Lew
Bylaws Chairperson*

The Board of Trustees and By-Laws Committee recommended these changes and we anticipate the Board of Directors will endorse these changes to the by-laws; therefore, we propose the following amendment for consideration of the registered delegates at the 74th Annual Meeting & Convention June 8-11, 2006 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort in Chandler, Arizona.

Proposal: **To automatically change section references as result of a By-Laws amendment that is passed.**

Section 16.0 Amendments to These By-Laws

CURRENT WORDING:

16.7 Approval of any proposed By-Laws Amendment shall require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the Amendment is being considered.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

16.7 Approval of any proposed By-Laws Amendment shall require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the Amendment is being considered. Any section numbering changes will automatically change their appropriate reference in any other section of the by-laws.

Arizona Ski Council

By Elaine Cobos



*Marge Fons, Arizona
Ski Council President*

A word from Elaine Cobos.....

I would like to extend personal thanks to the many supporters behind the *Arizona Ski Council* fundraiser to support *Telluride Adaptive Sports Program* (TASP). *Telluride Ski & Golf* provided underwriting support of the silent auction venue. Special thanks to the many vendors from Telluride who supported the event with their donations, including *Mountain Lodge at Telluride*, *The Boot Doctors*, *New Sheridan Hotel*, *Telluride Mountain Lodging*, and *The Wyndham Peaks Resort and Golden Door Spa*.

The support from the rest of the ski resorts throughout the West was truly amazing as well. Thanks to *Angel Fire Resort*, *Arizona Snowbowl*, *Durango Mountain*, *Best Western-Durango*, *Big Mountain Resort* and *Grouse Mountain Lodge*, *Heavenly Resorts*, *Northstar at Tahoe*, *Jackson Hole Mountain Resort*, *Mt. Bachelor Resort* and *Inn at Seventh Mountain*,

Aspen's Sky Hotel, *Steamboat Mountain* and *Steamboat Resorts*, *Sun Peaks*, *Sundance Lodging* and *Wolf Creek Resort*, *Tamarack Resort*, and *Intrawest-Whistler/Blackcomb Mountain*. Special thanks go to the *Ogden/Weber Convention Visitors Bureau* and the support from the Ogden, Utah resorts and vendors, including *Powder Mountain*, *Snowbasin Resort*, *Red Moose Lodge*, *Red Roof Inns*, *JW Marriott – Ogden*, and *Wolf Creek Resort*. Ogden based equipment manufacturers, *Descente* and *Goode Technology*, also supported the event by donating ski jackets and ski poles. Additionally, there was wide support from local area ski shops, including *Snowriders Ski Shop* in Pinetop, *Valley Ride Shop* in Phoenix, and *Ski Pro* in Mesa. Local restaurants and spas, too many to name here, also donated generously to the event. A complete list can be found at www.arizonaskicouncil.org. The generosity of our FWSA partners is incredible!

Just after FWSA Ski Week to Telluride in February, nine blind and three deaf students from Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind came to Telluride for their first snow adventure and the joy of downhill skiing. One blind student got the thrill of a lifetime, getting his first ever “catching some air” experience with the support of a TASP instructor! Your efforts in the community really make a difference!

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

By Dennis Heffley



*Dennis Heffley
BAC President*

I'm sure you've heard of "40 days and 40 nights" in reference to rain fall.

In the Sierra Nevada Mountains of Northern California, we have experienced that in SNOW.



*Members from Carmel, Monterrey, and SnowchasersClubs
plus NWSCC members enjoyed the snow at Davos*

Not only in the amount of time but also in FEET of snow fall!!

All records were broken this spring and the snow continues to fall. Mammoth should get around 60 feet of snow for the season and

skiing will continue till the 4th of July.

The second weekend of April, the annual Mountain Travel Symposium was hosted at Squaw Valley. Other Presidents of council and clubs along with travel people from around the nation, Canada and some parts of Europe shared information about how we can all work together.

Also, an informal meeting of those from the National Ski Council Federation was convened. I would like to take a moment and say Thank You to Mr. Paul Weber and all of the organizers of this

wonderful event.

Travel plans are set for the BAC in 2007. There is a BAC trip plan to visit Panorama and then there is the FWSA trip to Steam-

boat Springs. I understand that we have asked for 160 pillows in Steamboat! We are continuing with plans to add a trip for the Singles League portion of the BAC.



The annual Bay Area Snow Sports Council / Disabled Sports USA SKI FOR ALL was held during another snow storm in the Sierra's. Despite the adverse weather and conditions, over \$10,000.00 was raised on April 1, 2006 for the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School. CONGRATULATIONS!!

In just a few months the Arizona Council will be hosting the FWSA 2006 Convention! Many of us have made plans to "come on down" and party it up with them! We in the BAC are looking to our future with amazing events being planned.

There is another Benefit Baseball Game set for September 22, 2006 with the Oakland Athletics.



Central Council of California

By Fran Long



*Fran Long
Central Council of
California President*

Another successful year as a council is coming to a close, and it seems only appropriate to begin this article by thanking the volunteers who have contributed to that success. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of the members of the Central Council Board. Some responsibilities have been small and some have been more challenging, but each and every individual on the board makes a difference in our organization.

A special thank you goes to Jayne Camic, Director of Non-Ski Activities, for organizing a great float trip down the King's River last year. We had a good crowd and a ton of fun. We are all looking forward to this year's trip, July 14-16, 2006. If you would like more information on this summer trip, contact Jayne by going to the Central Council website.

A second big thank you goes to Mary Alexander, Director of Ski Trips, for taking such good care of us at Telluride. We had quite a few members who were brand new to FWSA trips on this particular ski trip and they had a blast! They are all pretty excited about going on another Far West trip. Mary is already busy taking deposits

for next year's FWSA ski week to Steamboat, Colorado, January 27-February 3, 2006. For information on this trip, see the flyer on the Central Council website and/or contact Mary.

A council's function is to bring together and support the ski clubs in its membership. Central Council may be small, but we have some powerful and outstanding clubs in our membership. Our smaller clubs participate in many council and FWSA sponsored events. It is the council's responsibility to get the information out to

those clubs and help them access any additional information they may need. Our larger clubs also participate in those events; but, in addition, they offer their members a full array of both winter and summer activities. It would be difficult for any one member to participate in ALL the events and activities available to them. What makes this structure so effective for clubs is that its members have so much from which to choose. Between clubs, councils, and FWSA, there is truly something to support each member's interests.

The Central Council website: www.centralcouncilskiclubs.org, is the place to go for information on our council, the board of directors, our member clubs, and all of the activities sponsored by Central Council.



CLUBS CONTESTANTS ENTERED BY CLASS

A Up to 149	AA 150-199	AAA 200-324	AAAA 325 and Up
Skiyente Unrecables Fountain Valley	Don Diego Mountain High Torrey Pines	Pacific Rim Santa Barbara S'no Joke Ski Club	Bergfreunde North Island Apres

Northwest Ski Club Council

By Mary Olhausen



Mary Olhausen
Northwest Ski Club
Council President

What a fantastic ski season!! To the delight of many of us, resorts have extended their closing dates. Golf and gardening will have to wait. The Ski Oregon Challenge has attracted a few hearty skiers/snowboarders that have accepted the NWSCC challenge to ski or board all eleven of Oregon's ski resorts during the 2005-06 ski season. The Council will award prizes – equipment, services, lift tickets and a ten-time punch pass at Mt. Hood Meadows. PACRAT racing finished April 2nd. Racers and guests always enjoy the grand finale “Rat Attack” party on April 7th, at a Greek restaurant. Council members enjoyed a “family trip” this season, hosted by Skiyente Ski Club. Big White was the destination of 32 parents and kids. The trip included a welcome reception, NASTAR racing, and a pizza party. Plans are underway for another family trip to Big Mountain, MT on the train next year. In March, several NWSCC teams competed in the 18th annual Oregon Cancer Ski Out. Held at Mt. Hood Meadows, we had two days of racing, silent auction, and collecting donations. NWSCC teams raised \$3600. The “FWSA GERM TEAM” was a standout – led by Randy Lew, this team was formed in honor of our good

friend, Michael German of FWSA. We sprouted rubber caps with spikes and showed off our great t-shirts “FWSA GERMS” and skied our hearts out for Michael and the cause.

Turning to future events, the board is organizing a Washington Club Officer Night. NWSCC has several clubs in the Seattle, WA area - our goal would be to meet twice yearly, near Seattle so as to better serve the needs of these clubs. We will once again gather for the 8th annual “Clubs 4-Play Golf Tournament”, July 30th at Oregon City Golf Course at Lone Oak. Council meetings continue with meeting themes, guest speakers, and complimentary pizza. Themes include opera-



tions, benefits, leadership roles, travel, charities, racing, etc. Meetings are open to all and a great way to find out what's happening with clubs and industry. Elections take place in June. NWSCC looks forward to Ski Week in Steamboat next year. And we're most excited about the 2007 FWRA Championships being held at Mt. Bachelor. Watch for a not-to-miss party hosted by NWSCC.

With only a couple of months left in my first year as President, I want to take a moment and extend a BIG “THANKS” to my Board of Directors. Without them, I would not have sustained my first year in office. Thanks to all of you for your invaluable work and support of NWSCC!! **John Reinhardt** (Vice President) who

is always there for advice and counsel and takes on special projects. **Jeannie Reinhardt** (Secretary) who always gets our minutes to us on time and has reworked the data base into a useful tool for all of us. **Linda Coxen** (Treasurer) who provides financial data in any shape or form and is always ready with the checkbook. **Linda McGavin** (Communications) who is editor of our newsletter and has converted it to electronic distribution, and editor of our NW Skiers Directory. **Jack Folliard** (Pacrat Racing Chair) who manages the racing program. **Debbi Kor-Lew** (Travel) who has run Ski Week trips for us, and keeps us up to date on travel for the Council and clubs. **Steve Coxen** (Past President) who maintains our website, is our link to FWSA and other ski-related organizations, and who developed the SnowSports Advocates and Ski Oregon Challenge. **Barb Parshall** (Commercial Membership Program) who manages our valued commercial resorts and retailers for our advertising program. And **Sheri Parshall** (Asst Pacrat Racing Chair) who also keeps us apprised of racing stuff.

Please visit our website at www.nwskiers.org to find out more about NWSCC and all the great things our council and clubs are doing!! PACRAT racing information can be found at www.pacrats.org

See you all at Convention in June!

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

By Rinda Wohlwend



Rinda Wohlwend, Los Angeles Council President

Wow! Is this a great snow year or what!! I thought last year's snow fall was terrific, but I think this year's will be just as awesome. LAC brought a big group to FWSA's trip to Telluride and we had a fabulous time. The weather was perfect. There was fresh snow from the week before and skies were blue the whole week. LAC had the most points of all the councils for Ski Week and Laura Priess, Single Ski Club and Don Shafe, Century City, won the most points individually for the week. Rick Harrington, Auslich, was third for the men [aka "Spiderman" – luv that suit!].

LAC had two race teams for the Council Challenge. Team 2 came in second overall – way-to-go, Sherrie Marco, Bettie Shepard, Ginger Coltrin, Scott Anderson, Steve Skinner, Bob Warzynski and Michele Shafe! Kathy Paisley, Unrecables, was able to participate in a 4-day camp [Expand Your Horizons Ski Camp] with the top monoskiers, including 12 time paralympian gold medalist, Sara Will and US Ski Team member Bill Bowness.

By end of the week, Kathy completed the NASTAR course 3 times and was able to load/ride the ski lift *by herself!* Her accomplishments made the 15 clubs in LAC who contributed to Kathy's

trip feel so happy and excited for her. LAC's Conejo Ski Club won the Dave Seret trophy [given to the club with the most points during Ski Week]. Congratulations, Conejo!

LAC's jet setters were off to Prague, Czech Rep., and Kitzbuhel, Austria on a wonderful trip from 3/14 through 3/25. Fabulous skiing, great food and breathtaking scenery were enjoyed by all.

This ski season isn't over yet here in SoCal. It's still snowing in Mammoth! Virtually every weekend there's at least one club, usually more, doing a Mammoth trip through April. 15 FEET of snow as of today! Yep, looks like we're not done skiing yet. Mammoth hosts Ski Club Appreciation weekend on 4/29 and 4/30 this season and it always proves to be a fun event.

Looking forward to the Summer season, LAC will be hosting a fun Kayaking day on July 29th in Long Beach. We'll have kayaking, biking and lunch in our own private area. Kayaks and beach cruisers will be provided.

Wine tasting trips, bike rides, beach trips, camping, and many other fun summer events too numerous to mention are calendared by individual clubs. We're looking forward to Convention at Iron Horse in June, as well.

LAC will be off to Jackson Hole, WY in 2007. Teton Village has about doubled in size in the last 8 years. The mountain has opened many new intermediate trails and now grooms a good portion of the mountain. There's a great choice of lodging and fun optional activities. So if ya-all are lookin' for a fun trip next winter, cowboy up and check with anyone in LAC or see www.LACouncil.org for all the info.

Information Services Director

Update Form for Officers



Nancy Ellis, Information Services Director

As the new Database Director, I'm interested in making sure that I have current information for all ski clubs and councils. You can let me know if there have been changes in council officers, meeting locations, or addresses by completing and sending me the form *Ski Club Officer Update Form 2006/07* in this issue of the *Councilman*.

Changes in club officers or membership information should be sent to council presidents. Direct members may send changes to me at P.O. Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162.

Give me a call at (530) 582-0566 if you have questions.

I'm looking forward to working with you and hope to meet you soon.—Nancy Ellis, FWSA Database Director.



Far West Ski Association

Ski Club Officer Update Form 2006/07

Please Print or Type Clearly

Ski Club Name		Effective Date:	
Ski Club Council		Race League:	
Club Mailing Address	Street/P.O. Box:		
	City/State/Zip:		
Club Hotline	Phone:	Email:	
		Web site:	
Meeting Location	Name:		
	Street:		
	City/State/Zip:		
Meeting Frequency	Day of week/month:	Election month:	
	Time:	Date Club Established:	
Club Publication Name		Club Dues:	
		Single \$ _____ Couple \$ _____	
		Family \$ _____	
Number of Members	Active/Voting:	Non-voting:	Total:

PRESIDENT _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Res. Phone _____
Wk. Phone _____
E-mail _____
 ___ Please do not publish my name on behalf of FWSA

This roster has been submitted by:
Name _____
Title _____
E-mail _____

It you have any questions regarding the information to be provided on this form, you may contact the Database Coordinator, Nancy Ellis at 530.582.0566

WEBMASTER _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
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After completing this form please return mail to:

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FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION 2006 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mike Sanford, President

Elections for officers will occur at the Far West Ski Association Annual Meeting & Convention June 8-11, 2006, to be held at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass, Chandler, AZ.

Delegates will elect the one year positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one (1) year and two (2) year positions of three Trustees. In addition, functional Vice Presidents will be elected to the positions of Council Services (1 year term), Communications, Membership, Marketing and International Travel.

Declared candidates at this time are:

President: Randy Lew

Treasurer: Nancy Kelly (incumbent)

Trustee 1: Steve Coxen (Randy's 1 year term)

Trustee 2: Robb Margrave (incumbent)

Trustee 3: Ken Calkins (incumbent)

VP Council Services: Fran Long (1 year term)

VP Membership: Barbara Bryant (incumbent)

VP Marketing: Debbi Kor (incumbent)

VP International Travel: Norm Azevedo

The positions of Secretary and VP Communications currently have no declared candidates.

If you are interested in running for any of the above positions, please contact the Nominating Committee Chairman Mike Sanford at bubasanfrd@aol.com.

All candidates will have access to space for flyers and election materials at the registration area and on the tables on Sunday. In addition, our plans for candidates to express themselves will be significantly different this year. Each will have the opportunity to speak in the special election assembly to be held Saturday afternoon (see your weekend schedule for details).

The elections will be held during the general assembly on Sunday. A Trustee not standing for office will oversee elections. Members of the elections committee will be selected at the Convention. All elections will be by secret ballot. Vote totals are confidential to the elections committee and records will be destroyed after verification by the committee and certified by the Trustee exercising oversight.

Job descriptions for 2006 - 2007 Open Positions

PRESIDENT

FUNCTIONS:

1. Manages, directs and controls FWSA affairs, subject to Board control.
2. Presides at General meetings, Board meetings and Conventions.
3. Co-signs with the Treasurer on all check disbursements from FWSA bank accounts
4. Ex-officio member of Board of Trustees. (By-laws)
5. Ex-officio member of all committees. (By-laws)
6. Represent the FWSA at external functions.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Sign all contracts that obligate FWSA to act or not act.
2. Appoint Committee chairpersons and Committee members. (Par. 5.4.1 By-laws), (may be subject to BOD confirmation.)
3. Submit the President's budget estimate and Board of Directors meetings budget to the FWSA Treasurer prior to the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting. Assist the Treasurer in preparing the annual budget estimate and funds allocation.
4. Develop and implement action plans based on the long-range goals.
5. Manage the daily activities and functions of the organization.
6. Manage the financial health of the organization.
7. Coordinate the Risk Management/Insurance Program.
8. Work with functional V.P.'s to develop and monitor assigned tasks.
9. Schedule and organize Board of Directors' meetings, issue timely written notices of meetings and agendas.
10. Chair the annual FWSA meeting and the quarterly Board of Directors meeting.
11. Develop working relationships with ski industry personnel. Interface with ski area senior management to promote FWSA agenda.
12. Represent FWSA to media (radio, TV, newspapers) at FWSA Ski Week and other FWSA media opportunities.
13. Prepare an article for each *Councilman*, *Far West Skier's Guide* and the Convention Delegate Book.
14. Present the annual "President's Award" at the FWSA Convention.

SECRETARY

FUNCTIONS:

1. Officer in charge of minutes, correspondence, and roll of Board members.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Record and publish the minutes from the annual meeting and the quarterly Board of Directors

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and Board of Trustees meetings.

2. Electronically distribute quarterly Board of Directors & Trustees reports.
3. Handle the formal correspondence of the organization.
4. Maintain a book of current accurate copies of all organizational documents, Board minutes, and correspondence files for the entire organization.
5. Order all required stationary, name badges and business cards.
6. Maintain a contact information list for all BOD and BOT members, council presidents, and committee chairs, and distribute current information lists to all members on the list and to *The Councilman* Editor prior to the publication of each issue of *The Councilman*.
7. Provide minutes of the previous FWSA Convention for publication in the annual Convention Delegate Book.
8. Submit the Secretary's budget estimate to the FWSA Treasurer prior to the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting.

TREASURER

FUNCTIONS:

1. Maintain an accurate account of the revenue, gifts, properties and financial transactions of the FWSA, including disbursements, gains, losses and surplus.
2. Co-sign with the President all check disbursements from FWSA bank accounts.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Responsible for reporting on the financial health of the organization to the FWSA Board of Directors and Board of Trustees.
2. Submit recommendations at the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting for authorized signers for each FWSA bank account and prepare documentation required by the banks to support authorized signers.
3. Develop the annual operating budget for the organization for the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting.
4. Prepare detailed quarterly financial reports.
5. Monitor and report on all investments and bank balances.
6. Control the assets of the organization.
7. Oversee the Convention and Travel financial transactions.
8. Oversee the Convention delegate registration procedures and bank deposits.
9. Prepare or oversee the preparation of the annual tax returns.
10. Prepare an annual financial report (balance sheet and income statement) for the Convention Delegate Book.

TRUSTEES

FUNCTIONS:

1. Provide expertise for Board guidance and consultation.
2. Develop long-range plans for FWSA Board implementation.
3. Oversee financial health of the organization.
4. Plan and implement new FWSA Programs.
5. Review and suggest changes to FWSA By-laws

TRUSTEES, continued

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Responsible for the long-range goals of the organization.
2. Review organization structure.
3. Oversee and review association finances and the tax return.
4. Oversee the FWSA By-laws Committee
5. Oversee the FWSA Awards Program.
6. Oversee the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program
7. Assist in functional programs if necessary.
8. Develop and implement a mentoring program to assist functional officers and volunteers.

CHAIRMAN of THE BOARD of TRUSTEES

FUNCTIONS:

Same as all other Trustees.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

In addition to the responsibilities of all other Trustees as listed above, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees will:

1. Preside over meetings of the Board of Trustees.
2. Schedule and organize Board of Trustees' meetings, issue timely written notices of meetings and agendas.
3. Preside over meetings of the Board of Directors in the absence of the President.
4. Submit the Trustees' budget estimate prior to the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting.
5. Write articles for each *Councilman*, *Far West Skier's Guide* and the Convention Delegate Book as necessary.

VP of COUNCIL SERVICES

FUNCTIONS:

1. Chairperson of the Council Presidents' Committee
2. Acts as liaison to facilitate interaction between FWSA and Councils.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Conduct Councils' Man & Woman of the Year competition.
2. Chair the Councils' Presidents meetings.
3. Coordinate and execute the FWSA Outreach Program.
4. Oversee Council development.
5. Prepare and conduct an annual performance appraisal of FWSA programs and present results to the Board of Trustees.
6. Coordinate and execute family related events.
7. Encourage the promotion and recognition of healthful year round recreation and fitness programs.

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8. Submit the VP of Council Services budget estimate to the Treasurer prior to the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting.
9. Submit a written report to the President prior to each Board meeting.
10. Write an article for each *Councilman*, *Far West Skier's Guide* and the Convention Delegate Book.

VP of MEMBERSHIP

FUNCTIONS:

1. Solicit and maintain direct membership in FWSA.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Solicit new Direct Members.
2. Mail renewal notices to prior year Direct Members.
3. Process membership applications and issue welcome packages each year to Direct Members.
4. Print FWSA membership cards annually and distribute individually to all Direct Members and in bulk to all Council presidents.
5. Distribute *Far West Skier's Guide* annually to all Direct Members.
6. Moderate membership panel session at FWSA Convention.
7. Act as Credentials Chairperson at the annual FWSA Convention and oversee a committee formed to count election ballots at the Convention.
8. Produce and distribute Direct Member information via available communications channels which include media or publications.
9. Oversee management of the FWSA Database.
10. Submit the VP of Membership budget estimate to the Treasurer prior to the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting.
11. Submit a written report to the FWSA President prior to each Board meeting.
12. Write an article for each *Councilman*, *Far West Skier's Guide* and the Convention Delegate Book.

VP of MARKETING

FUNCTIONS:

1. Develop fund raising programs and actively seek sponsors to support FWSA and FWRA programs.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Educate membership on new trends in show sports activities and services.
2. Develop strategies to increase dollar and product contributions.
3. Develop benefit programs for FWSA and FWRA member clubs and individuals.
4. Develop FWSA and FWRA sponsorships.
5. Develop sponsorship procurement procedures.
6. Maintain a list of all pertinent ski shows and dates.
7. Obtain discounts on products and services for FWSA and FWRA members.
8. Represent FWSA at the annual SnowSports Industries America (SIA) show.
9. Establish and maintain contact with all ski areas and industries such as manufacturers for purposes of procuring member benefits and program sponsorships.
10. Maintain a webpage on the FWSA website to display member benefits.
11. Submit the VP of Marketing budget estimate to the Treasurer prior to the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting.
12. Submit a written report to the FWSA President prior to each Board meeting.
13. Write an article for each *Councilman*, *Far West Skier's Guide* and the Convention Delegate Book.

VP of COMMUNICATIONS

FUNCTIONS:

1. Provide management and support for *The Councilman* and the FWSA website.
2. Assist in the publication and distribution of the annual *Far West Skier's Guide*.
3. Organize a committee of volunteers to perform the annual judging for the Outstanding Club and Communication Awards.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Oversee and assist in the publications of FWSA including *The Councilman* and the annual *Far West Skier's Guide*.
2. Oversee and assist with the FWSA website.
3. Maintain and update the style guide for each FWSA publication.
4. Assist in design and production of flyers for FWSA programs.
5. Maintain a current database of local, state and regional newspapers and ski publications.
6. Disseminate information vital to FWSA and ski clubs interests to FWSA membership.
7. Issue timely press releases, specifically following the annual FWSA Convention.
8. Organize and execute the judging for the annual Outstanding Club and Communications Awards.
9. Moderate the Communications panel session at the annual FWSA Convention.
10. Submit the VP of Communications budget estimate to the Treasurer prior to the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting.
11. Submit a written report to the FWSA President prior to each Board meeting.
12. Write an article for each *Councilman*, *Far West Skier's Guide* and the Convention Delegate Book.

VP of INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

FUNCTIONS:

1. Provide management, promotion and coordination of FWSA international trips, subject to FWSA Board approval.
2. Provide support for any FWSA travel activity.
3. Provide input for standard FWSA travel contract format requirements.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Identify and price international trips and obtain Board of Directors approval for execution.
2. Establish FWSA international ski trip bid procedures.
3. Conduct an annual FWSA International Ski Week.
4. Develop and present for Board of Directors approval an operating budget for all international trips.
5. Follow standard accounting procedures for international travel activities.
6. Submit a full report to the Board of Directors on "product" donations as related to international travel.
7. Present a complete and accurate trip financial statement at the first Board meeting following each trip.
8. Oversee the all official FWSA international familiarization (FAM) trips.
9. Submit the VP of International Travel budget estimate to the Treasurer prior to the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting.
10. Submit a written report to the FWSA President prior to each Board meeting.
11. Write an article for each *Councilman*, *Far West Skier's Guide* and the Convention Delegate Book.

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Requests for information from the database must be sent to the FWSA President (Mike Sanford) for approval before it will be dispersed.

The Far West Ski Association website (FWSA.org) has a *Ski Club Officer Update Form* that can be downloaded, completed, and mailed to me at:

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