

FWSA Strives to Improve Communications and Benefits

By Randy Lew

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Hello, another ski season is now upon us and mother nature has blessed the Pacific Northwest, Colorado, and parts of Canada with lots of snow and great early season conditions. The Pacific Northwest has set record rainfall records with a lot of flooding and road problems this year. The good news is the roads have now been repaired and all Mt Hood ski resorts are open to the best early season condition in years.

The FWSA Board of Directors held its winter meetings at Northstar at Tahoe. I want to thank Northstar at Tahoe, Tahoe Mountain Resorts Lodging, Black Tie Ski Rentals, and North Lake Tahoe Express for their hospitality, excellent service, and partnership. We were able to conduct 2 full days of productive meetings and enjoyed a little skiing despite the limited snow pack. FWSA continues to thrive through its continued partnerships with the industry.

After many years of commendable volunteerism, both Jane Wyckoff and Barbara Razo have decided to step down from their Far West Ski Association positions of Industry Sponsorship Coordinator and

Silent Auction Coordinator, respectively. Jane, a former FWSA President, has been a volunteer for the last 30+ years. It has been through her enormous efforts that the Association has continued to grow and prosper. Barbara, a former FWSA Secretary, has been a volunteer since 1996. Since Barbara assumed the Silent Auction responsibilities, she and her family have continued to improve and streamline our internal processes while providing the Industry first rate service. It is with heartfelt thanks that the entire FWSA Board of Directors wishes them well in all their future endeavors.

I have been working diligently with FWSA Past Presidents Mike Sanford and Steve Coxen on a transition plan to insure the Industry the same high level of service which they have grown accustomed to. We have reassigned some job responsibilities and have increased the number of positions on the FWSA Convention Committee.

I am pleased to announce that Debbi Kor-Lew, VP Marketing since 2002, will be assuming total responsibility for marketing and sponsorships. This will include our current general,



Randy Lew, FWSA President

program, and convention sponsorships, along with sponsorship development. Debbi may be contacted at ijustwannarun@aol.com.

I am happy to announce that Mary Olhausen has been appointed the FWSA Silent Auction Coordinator. Mary is currently President of Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC), has served on the NWSCC Board of Directors for eight years, and has been an active member of Bergfreunde Ski Club for 20+ years. For the last seven years, Mary has coordinated the NWSCC Ski Fair, a one night trade show for industry and ski club members, that includes a silent auction. She can be reached at omary52@comcast.net.

The success of FWSA is due to a significant number of volunteers who have contributed a tremendous amount of time and expertise. I need to inform you of the growing requirement for new volunteers. I have been informed that several current volunteers will be moving

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ing on to other endeavors, so we have a need to fill in behind them. We need you!! For those reading this article and want to get more involved, this is your opportunity. The more volunteers, the easier the work load. If you want more information on volunteering either call (503-682-1563) or email (fwsa-13randy@telis.org) me or one of our Functional VPs. All of our Functional VPs require a working committee to be truly successful.

The FSWA Travel Program continues with great success under the leadership of Lynnell Calkins and Norm Azevedo. Lynnell recently led an outstanding Panama Canal Cruise with 64 participants enjoying the Royal Caribbeans Serenade of the Seas. Our upcoming ski week in Steamboat will consist of approximately 600 participants. I know that Lynnell, the FWSA ski week staff, and the Council trip leaders have planned a great trip with many exciting things in store for us. The International ski trip in March is to Bormio, Italy with an exciting pre-trip to Rome and great post-trip to Interlaken, Switzerland. It's not too late if you act now! The last planned trip for 2007 will be an exciting two or three week (your choice) excursion to China and Tibet. This trip will included the newly opened passenger train from Beijing to Lhasa, Tibet (the highest city in the world) over a 13,000 foot mountain range.

An emphasis for our Travel Program at the winter meeting was developing a prioritized wish list of travel destinations for the next 3-5 years. Both Lynnell & Norm led a very spirited discussion and worked on the list which will be released soon.

The new 2006-2007 Far West Skiers Guide has been distributed to each Council and ski show that we have participated in. We are also distributing over 50% of these, utilizing Certified Folder Displays to reach the major metro areas that we serve. A

big thank you to Leigh Gieringer for the outstanding job and tremendous effort that she put into it. It is the best one yet with great articles and information on the ski areas and clubs. Please contact your Council President if you have not received your copies to distribute to your club members. This is our major annual publication and it does a great job advertising our many accomplishments and our close relationship with our industry partners. Please make sure your councils and clubs use them in recruiting new members.

The one overriding issue that I heard from many club members at our 2006 Convention at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort was the lack of information being passed down from the councils and the lack of direct communication from FWSA. I am happy to announce that we have implemented the FWSA News Group which will include a monthly Hot Sheet which will be distributed via a list serve to any interested member. Thanks to the efforts of Barbara Bryant, VP of Membership, we have completed the design and implementation of this service. The *Hot Sheet* will include trip info and current information on FWSA programs. You may subscribe by going to the FWSA web site and clicking on *Subscribe to FWSA News* button. This is just our first pass at this service and it is our intention of improving on both functionality and service in the future.

The FWSA web site <http://www.fwsa.org/> has been updated and improved due entirely to the efforts of Steve Coxen, former President and Web Master. This site includes information on our travel program, members' benefits, Convention, awards, Athletic Scholarship program, and a link that you use to subscribe to the new *Hot Sheet*.

Dr. Richard Lubin, Safety Chairman, has implemented a program to distribute FWSA Thermometers with our safety slogan *Watch All Sides* and

logo to increase safety awareness and public recognition. Look for these at your local ski areas near lift ticket booths or lift towers.

I am very proud that our Athletic Scholarship Program under the leadership of Robb Margrave has continued to grow. With the generosity of our industry partners Big Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge, Karbon Skiwear, and the Barbados Tourism Authority, we were able to award over \$4,000 in scholarships to deserving junior racers.

Our 75th Convention *Double Diamond Dreamin'* will be hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, California, May 31st to June 3rd 2007. Dennis Heffley, BAC President, Linda Indreboe, BAC Convention Coordinator, and Steve Coxen, FWSA Convention Coordinator have some very exciting activities planned for us including kayaking in a national preserve, wine tasting tour, shopping, pub crawl, golf, and an extension trip to the beautiful Monterey Peninsula. They have been meeting regularly to plan all this fun. Mike Sanford, Past President, is diligently working on lining up an all-star cast of celebrities and Debbi Kor-Lew is working on sponsorship for this great event. Friday will include some optional activities and our usual industry show and Silent Auction. We will have our typical travel Industry Expo and professional panels along with the very successful multi-media session on Saturday.

Please join us for the first Michael German Classic Golf Tournament which will be held June 1st at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club. Michael, a dear friend, former FWSA VP of Council Services, VP of the National Ski Council Federation, and former President of the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs, taught me the true meaning of leadership, courage and bravery.

The Northwest Ski Club Council will host our 2008 Convention June 5th to June 8th, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, Washington, just outside of Seattle. The Westin Bellevue will be our base hotel. This will be our first Convention in the Seattle area, and will give the Seattle area clubs a chance to participate and showcase their beautiful area.

Thank you for your continued support.

VP of Marketing

What's New in the Marketing Department?

By Debbi Kor-Lew

A new ski season is upon us, and it looks like it's going to be a good one! Most of the major ski areas were open before Thanksgiving this year. What a treat! This means we should have lots of "powder days" and moonlit nights during which to ski to our hearts' content. Are we ready for all this? You bet!

To kick the season off, several ski club councils had their Ski Fair, and Pray for Snow (Northwest), Ski Dazzle (LA), along with the annual Snow Gala, Winter Gala, and Snow Ball. What a great way to get started. Added to that, of course, are all of the actual trade shows in the various areas, and let's not forget about the exciting Warren Miller Movie *Off the Grid*, which really gets all skiers and snowboarders pumped up for the season!

From Aspen to Heavenly, from Mt. Bachelor to Whistler/Blackcomb. Our members will be heading in many directions this coming season to make some fresh tracks. Other trips planned are to Jackson Hole, Big Mountain, Big White/Silver Star, Telluride, Sun Valley, Durango, Alta, Snow Basin and Powder Mountain. This doesn't even include our sanctioned Far West trips to Steamboat Springs in late January, and Bormio, Italy in March. We will literally be all over this country and Europe this season.

Your FWSA Board of Directors recently returned from a weekend to North Star in Truckee, California, where some of us had a chance to make a few turns in the fresh snow in between meetings. We stayed in the beautiful Tahoe Mountain Lodging properties, and were duly impressed.

One of our newest Member Benefits Partners, Black Tie Ski Rentals, outfitted the Board with skis and boots. This is the handiest thing since sliced bread. Black Tie will come right to your condo/hotel room and get you fitted for boots and skis, as well as supply you with any sunscreen, hat, etc. that you may have left behind. I can tell that we are going to be calling on Black Tie during our many visits to their destination cities, such as Aspen, Breckenridge, Big Sky, Keystone, not to mention Steamboat. What an excuse not to have to schlep your skis all the way from home!

Some other new Benefits Partners this year include: Wax Fax, ZB Sports, Snow Skirts (have you seen Steve Coxen's photo in the Skier's Guide), The Comfort Inn in Salt Lake, and the beautiful Grand Sierra Resort & Casino (formerly the Reno Hilton), in Reno, Nevada. If you're going on a trip, check out the website first to see what deals you might be able to get on your



*Debbi Kor-Lew
VP of Marketing*

lodging, or when you plan on doing some shopping for new gear.

I'll be hitting the SIA show again this year, on my annual jaunt to Las Vegas, checking out all the new and exciting stuff. I'll be talking with the many vendors there, promoting Far West and seeing what I can do to bring in more Benefits Partners and possible sponsors.

I continue to work with our existing program sponsors: Aspen, Steamboat, Big White/Silver Star and our Athletic Scholarship sponsors: Big Mountain, Big Mountain Lodging and Grouse Mountain Lodge. I will be contacting all of our Industry friends in the next few weeks about event sponsors for the 75th Annual Convention to be held in Santa Clara in June, and would encourage any of you who may know of a business, resort, company looking to join us in Santa Clara, please send them my way. I'd love to hook up with them.

Cheers, and here's to a great season!

VP of Membership

Direct Members and News Group

By Barbara Bryant



*Barbara Bryant
VP of Membership*

DIRECT MEMBERSHIP

- Renewal Reminders were sent out to all Direct Members in September

- Paid Direct Members for 2006-2007 have been sent a packet of information which includes a welcome letter, membership card, the FWSA brochure, the most recent Councilman, and the Skier's Guide
- FWSA has 41 Direct Members with more expected as time nears for the FWSA Ski Week and the China/Tibet trip.

NEWS GROUP

- As directed by the FWSA BOD at the July meeting the Communications Committee, headed by the VP of Membership, has set up a FWSA Newsgroup
- Purpose: to establish a Newsgroup to distribute information to FWSA club and council members who opt into the group
- Thanks to Scott Bowker who drafted an invitation to club presidents, newsletter editors, web masters and council reps to join FWSA's News Group
- Thanks to Emilio Trampuz who helped set up the News Group
- Steve Coxen has put a button on the FWSA home page that will link to the newsgroup page for people who want to join the newsgroup.
- There are two ways to join the group: send name and e-mail address to Barbara Bryant, Membership@fwsa or go to the FWSA web site and click on the link
- Expect the first message containing news by January 10
- The news will be short bullets of information about FWSA with links to the web site.

VP of Public Affairs

2007 Ski Area Development

By Scott Bowker



*Scott Bowker
VP of Public Affairs*

Arizona Snowbowl

U.S. District Court Judge Rosenblatt for Arizona decided that the Forest Service met all procedural requirements for approval of facility upgrades at Arizona Snowbowl and use of reclaimed wastewater to make artificial snow on 1/11/06.

Judge Rosenblatt concluded that the goal of providing a reliable ski season is consistent with the Forest Service's multiple-use mandate.

This case is one of the first legal challenges to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. This latest decision sets an important precedent which extends American Indians the right to practice their religion in a way. To an extent the federal government deems appropriate and adequate instead of protecting American Indians' religious rights as they themselves define those rights and the necessary circumstances for practicing their religions.

The Navajo Nation appealed this decision on 2/27/06 to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Arguments were heard at the 9th Circuit Court on 9/14/06 and a decision at the circuit court level is expected to take several months. Ultimately this case is predicted to go to the Supreme Court.

Consumer Advocacy/Trends

Record with total U.S. skier/snowboarder

2005/2006 set an all time record with total U.S. skier/snowboarder visits at 58.9 million +3.5% from last year according to annual Kottke National End of Season Survey. Snowboarding participation rose slightly to over 30%. continued on page 7

2007 Ski Week at Steamboat

By Lynnell Calkins

Whistler/Blackcomb is the site of our 2008 FWSA ski week. The dates are January 19 - 26, 2008. After the site inspection for council trip leaders and FWSA travel staff, lodging will be allocated and sign-ups will begin for ski week, 2008. With Whistler a site for the 2010 winter Olympics, many FWSA members have voiced interest in our 2008 ski week. So, check with your council and make your deposit for ski week 2008.

Mt. Bachelor

The Far West Racing Association championships are in Mt. Bachelor the last weekend of March, 2007. FWSA is offering a Mt. Bachelor trip to coincide

with the championships. This trip is open to all FWSA members including children. Please see the flyer below.

2007 Ski Week

Approximately 600 FWSA members will be in Steamboat for our 2007 ski week. Our council trip leaders are working with our FWSA travel staff to provide everyone with a wonderful ski week. Lots of snow has already fallen in Steamboat so everyone is looking forward to skiing Steamboat's champagne powder.

Panama Canal Cruise

The Panama Canal Cruise departed from San Diego on Sunday,



*Lynnell Calkins,
VP of N American Travel*

October 29, with sixty-four FWSA members on board. We cruised down the western coast of Mexico and Costa Rica, through the Panama Canal. With a stop in Aruba, we arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Saturday, November 11. My thanks to Juli, Arrynn, Anna and Shannon from The Cruise Company who provided us with a wonderful experience. The sixty-four on board are looking forward to another FWSA cruise in the near future.

\$365 plus air

Mt. Bachelor
March 29 - April 2, 2007

Far West Racing Association Championship Race

Trip Package

4 nights lodging (double occupancy) at Riverhouse in Bend, Oregon

3 day lift ticket at Mt. Bachelor

Ground transportation

Bus transportation from the hotel to Mt. Bachelor

Families and children are invited as this trip is open to all FWSA/FWRA members including racers and non-racers.

Sign-up with Lynnell Calkins at: fwsatrvl@aol.com or call 310-370-6948
FWSA-North American Travel, 2211-B Gates Avenue, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Sign-ups MUST be received by January 15, 2007.

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15 day trip to Beijing Lhasa, Chengdu, Xian, and Shanghai

Sept 14-San Francisco/Beijing (IM)

At 2:20pm Depart SFO or LAX on Air China's Boeing 747 wide-body aircraft and fly to Beijing.

Sept 15- 17 Beijing (IM) There will be two tour buses in Beijing. One for those new to Beijing a tour to see the traditional sites, the other will take a group to different sites.

Tour Tian'anmen Square, the Summer Palace, the Great Wall, and the Historic Hutong.

Sept 18-19 Beijing/Lhasa (B, L, D)

Visit the Dala Temple. Board the express train for Lhasa in the evening.

Sept 20- 22 (B, L, D)

After 48 hours train ride, you traveled 2500 miles and arrive at Lhasa, the highest city in the world. Visit the Dalai Lama's Potala Palace, tour the old Jokhang Temple and the Drepung Monastery.

Sept 23-Lhasa/Chengdu (B, L, D)

Fly to Chengdu. Visit Panda Research Institute.

Recommended tipping per day is \$7 per traveler, which covers the drivers, local guides, porters, maids & national guide.



Children watch as the first train from Lhasa Railway Station travels across the Tibetan grasslands to Beijing

21-Day travelers follow the travel schedule shown on the right "21 Day Extension."

15-Day travelers follow the itinerary below for September 24.

Sept 24-27 Chengdu/Xi'an/Shanghai (B, L, D)

Fly to Xi'an. View the world famous Army of Terracotta Warriors, Optional tour available. Fly to Shanghai. visit the Shanghai Museum. Enjoy the Acrobatic Show in the evening.

Sept 28-Shanghai/SFO (B, IM)

After a leisurely breakfast, depart Shanghai on Air China to SFO or LAX with a same day arrival.

21 Day Extension Itinerary

Sept 24- Chengdu/Leshan/Lijiang (B, L, D) Excursion to see the 210 foot Giant Budha. Fly to Lijiang

Sept 25-Lijiang (B, L, D) Visit Baisha Fresco to see 600 year old murals. See the Black Dragon Pool and Shuhe Village.

Sept 26- 27 Dali (B, L, D) See the Bai Nationality. Visit Xizhou Village. Visit the Three Pagodas, walk through the old town.

Sept 28-29 Dali/Kunming/Guilin (B, L, D) Fly to Kunming Visit the Bamboo Temple, with its 500 clay monks. See 96,000 acres of uniquely shaped limestone landscape.

Oct 1-Guilin/ (B, L) See the Guilin countryside. Li River Cruise through Yangshuo. Rent bicycle or tuk-tuk to see countryside.

Oct 2-Yangshuo/Shanghai

(B, IM, D) Flight to Shanghai. Visit famous Bund with European neo-classic architecture. See Suzhou, Silk Factory and Suzhou gardens.

Oct 4-Shanghai (B) After a leisurely breakfast, depart Shanghai on Air China to SFO or LAX with a same day arrival.

\$200 deposit per participant. Limited space. Priority placement based on first received post-marked mail envelopes. Make checks out to Far West Ski Association with "Tibet" in the check "for" space. Include the following: (1) your legal name and address, (2) phone number, and (3) email address. (4) designate 15 or 21 day trip (5) designate SFO or LAX departure airport. Adults only. You will receive registration pkg within 2 weeks of received deposit. Mail to: FWSA, c/o Norm Azevedo, 901 Sousa Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94597. Email to fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net to confirm that you sent a check and /or request more information. Norm Azevedo can also be reached on (925) 944-0420. CST# 2036983-40

VP of International Travel

Destination Bormio & China/Tibet for 2007

By Norm Azevedo



Norm Azevedo
VP of International Travel

We have two great FWSA International trips scheduled this year. We leave for the Bormio, Italy Ski Week (Mar. 3 to 11, 2007) trip with its extensions to Rome and Interlaken. Approximately 115 people are joining us at Bormio. Fifty people will start with us on Feb. 24th in Rome, then on to Tuscany, Florence and Milan. In Milan we join with those who are only going to Bormio and Interlaken. After Bormio the majority will return home from Milan, but 35 will continue on to Interlaken for skiing in the Jungfrau region

and some outstanding sightseeing. We finally return from Zurich on March 16th. We can still take a limited number of new applicants for Bormio; however, there may be added costs. We have a standby list to fill possible cancellations. Interested people should contact me immediately.

FWSA International Travel is also offering a 15 or 21 day trip to China/Tibet starting on September 14, 2007. It features a newly opened 48 hour, 2500 mile train ride from Beijing to Lhasa, Tibet with terrain over 13,000 feet above sea level. Oxygen supplies are provided for train passengers and in the Lhasa hotel. What an experience this would be for FWSA adventurers. We have excursion options for those who took the previous China trip and have new places to visit. We have over 90 people signed up and can only take

120 people. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact us soon.

On all our International trips, we accept all placements based on the order deposit are received by FWSA International Travel. It's very important to us that as trips are announced that all Councils and clubs distribute the information and fliers as-soon-as-possible so all have a fair opportunity to join on any trip.

FWSA International ski week will be somewhere in the Alps. We plan to send out a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Alps trip this January. International travel sellers, who do not receive an RFP by the end of January and are interested in giving us a proposal, should contact me. During April/May 2008 time we are also planning an international adventure to the Greek Isles.

Scott Bowker, continued from page 4

Olympic adds Ski Cross

International Olympic Committee added Ski Cross to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, Canada.

Feels Good & Snow Monsters

SnowSports Industries America Winter Feels Good & Snow Monsters are working together to teach children how to dress for snowsports with a new interactive tool at www.winterfeelsgood.com.

Icer Air Ski/Snowboard Competition

Icer Air ski/snowboard competition held at AT&T Park in San Francisco in AT&T Park stadium in November with about 30,000 attendees. The 100' high ski jump descended from the scoreboard, extend over 350' and was covered with 200 tons of snow. This was the first U.S. stadium snowsports jump event.

History

U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame 2006 inductees include Jonny Moseley 1988 Olympic gold moguls medal, Julie Parisien 3 time World Cup winner and 3 time U.S. Olympic team member, and Trace Worthington 37 time World Cup winner in freestyle skiing primarily aerials and 2 time Olympian.

Charities & Our Community Chair

New 2007 Club and Council Recognition

By Sigrid Noack



*Sigrid Noack, Charities
& Our Community Chair*

Start thinking about this new way for your council or club to receive FWSA recognition:

Charity & Community Service Recognition

This Charity & Community Service Recognition will be awarded for the first time at the FWSA Convention in June 2007 to the FWSA Club or Council, which during the past year has shown an outstanding effort in donating time and/or financial support to one or more charitable organizations.

What is the purpose of this recognition?

To encourage charity and community involvement in all our FWSA councils and clubs; To recognize a club or council for its outstanding financial and/or volunteer support to one or more charitable organizations; To show the ski world how much the FWSA encourages volun-

teerism and charity involvement; To show our Industry partners what a big and kind heart the members of FWSA have.

What is the application procedure?

Any council or club, currently affiliated with FWSA may apply.

An application form is available on the FWSA Website, to be completed and e-mailed to Sigrid by March 15th, 2007.

Who will be on the Review Committee

A committee made up of Charity Committee volunteers will review the applications.

Three clubs or councils will be selected and notified by April 15th. They will then prepare a picture display board to be presented at Convention 2007.

The picture board presentation at convention is an excellent way

to show the FWSA Charity and Volunteerism commitment. These picture boards will also serve as encouragement for other clubs and councils to get more involved with charitable community activities.

What will be the recognition?

All clubs and councils that apply will be recognized at the FWSA convention.

The First Place winner will receive a \$100 donation from FWSA for the charity of their choice.

This is the FWSA's way of publicly supporting our clubs and councils in that same giving spirit.

Some ideas to make this a special ski season

By Richard Lubin

Take Lessons I know most people do not think they need lessons if they already ski well. There are lessons for people of every level. Skilled teachers can point out subtleties that will augment your skiing. After 10 years of snowboarding I took an all day private lesson in Aspen. While I am pretty familiar with

how it is done, I did go away with a few tips and important constructs to work on. Northstar and Sierra at Tahoe have FREE ski lessons for intermediates and above.

Some people limit their lessons to RACE CLINICS to improve those skills. Heck you can even do this in the summer at Mt. Hood in Oregon.

Hey, how about snow-boarding. A few quick suggestions: if you are older (I'll leave that definition up to you) just do it for a couple of hours, NOT all day. You'll be so sore you may never try it again. Rather, do a few short attempts, leaving adequate recovery time, and evolve into it.

If you are already a snow-boarder, try riding an Alpine set up with hard boots and a carving board.

Athletic Scholarship Committee

By Robb Margrave

At our last report, I told you that our Committee had approximately \$6,600 available to fund Scholarships for deserving athletes. The Committee had received a total of six applications and that they were being evaluated.

Evaluation of the applications has been completed and after much discussion, five applicants were awarded scholarships totaling \$4,250. Scholarships were awarded to the following:



Robb Margrave, Athletic Scholarship Chairperson



Kaylee Ann Cortopassi, Mammoth Lakes Ski Team, \$1,250. Kaylee is 16 years old and attends Mammoth Charter School where she maintains a 3.8 GPA. In September 2005, Kaylee was named to the United States Ski Association "All Academic Team". In 2006, she was ranked in the top 10 nationally in her age group in the Downhill and Super G.

Geordie Lonza, Mammoth Lakes Ski Team, \$1,250. Geordie is 17 years old and is a senior at Mammoth Charter School where she maintains a 3.9 GPA. She is ranked by the United States Ski Association in the top 10 nationally in her age group in the Downhill and Super G.



Anton Hilts, Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation, \$750. Anton is 16 years old and has a 3.4 GPA at Summit High School in Bend, OR. In 2006, he was ranked by USSA in the top 15 nationally in his age group in the Downhill, Giant Slalom and Slalom. In 2005, Anton was ranked #3 nationally in the Super G.

Jetta Rackleff, Mt. Bachelor Ski Education Foundation, \$750. Jetta is 15 years old and is a sophomore at Summit High School in Bend, OR, maintaining a 3.9 GPA. In addition to ski racing, her interests include hockey and playing her cello.



Andrea Wallace, Mt Bachelor Ski Education Foundation, \$250. Andee is 15 years old and has a 3.9 GPA at Summit High School, Bend, OR. In addition to ski racing and training, Andee volunteers each week at her local library.

Sponsorships for 2007 are forming up. It appears that we will have many of the same contributors as in prior years with the Barbados Travel Authority donating a week long trip to the Caribbean island which includes air transportation. Big Mountain Resort and Grouse Mountain Lodge will both have trips this next year. We are hoping to retain Schure Sports, the maker of Karbon brand ski clothing.

The Barbados and Big Mountain trips will be raffled and the Grouse Mountain Lodge trip will be included in the Convention's silent auction. Like last year, drawings for the raffled trips will be held at the convention in Santa Clara in June. Kickoff for the Barbados trip raffle will be at ski week. Should we receive a Karbon sponsorship; the suit will be raffled at Ski Week as it was the past two years.

Host Convention Coordinator

2007 Convention Double Diamond Dreamin'

By Linda Indreboe



*Linda Indreboe
Host Convention
Coordinator*

The Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) is hosting the 75th Annual FWSA Convention to be held May 31st-June 3rd, 2007 in Santa Clara, CA. The theme for the 75th Annual Convention is 'Double Diamond Dreamin' - which is what I am doing right now - hoping for more snow in the Sierras.

Hotel Reservations

FWSA members can reserve rooms (\$129/night double occupancy before

May 9, 2007) by calling 1-800-233-1234 and saying that you are with Far West Ski Association or, reserve online at www.hyatt.com with group code g-fwsa.

Registration

Sign-up packages for registering for the convention and optional activities will be sent to club and council presidents in January 2007. Early registration deadline will be April 30th, 2007. Registration information will also be available for download

from the FWSA web site [www/fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

Any ques-

tions or suggestions about this convention should be directed to Linda Indreboe, Host Convention Chairperson at: 408-248-8426 or bac_pub_affairs@yahoo.com.

See the convention flyer to the right of this page for highlights, optional activities and other information.

Durability and Fitness

If I'd known how long I was going to live I'd have taken better care of myself

John Watson, Saurius farwesticus

Do you consider yourself healthy and fit? And how old are you? These are key questions for many of our members and most of our executives. I'll shame you all with details about the members of a special actions unit with which I am familiar. And I want to make a plug for the revival of an executive function which was formerly got at least amongst our programs.

In a prior Councilman article I complimented our members - at least the delegates to our annual meeting - by comparing them favorably to the Greatest Generation.

This was after a long day and at the end of the banquet and the celebration for our awards honorees. I believe that the determination to remain skiing creates a

durable bunch that just keeps hanging on. Remember Joe Ross? He almost made it to his goal of skiing at age 100 and fell short only by a few months. And how about those members who can't ski but insist on staying "in the game?" Think of Jimmie Heuga. So there's this "true grit" and robustness at the heart of skiers. I know, because Bill Berry told me so.

But does FWSA, a sports organization, have an obvious focus for fitness and the durability to ensure its perpetuation? We did at one time have an Athletics and Fitness directorship. It died for lack of context and fulfillment. But I want each FWSA Board meeting and recommend that each club institute a minimal 20 minute exercise pro-

gram, even if only deep breathing, at the beginning of each important meeting. We have a Safety Chairman and we need to further augment him with medical information and physiology self training education responsibilities. This is important stuff and should be an executive function.

Think you're fit for your age? Compare yourself to this crowd and see if you are on the proper path. Let me tell you about some heroic figures from a cardiac rehab unit with which I am



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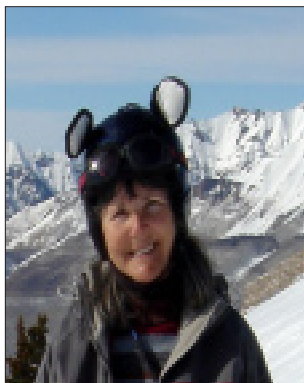
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VP of Council Services Community Involvement

By Fran Long



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VP of Councils*

In this edition of The Councilman you will find ski clubs and councils focusing on a very important aspect of their organizations that sometimes has nothing to do with skiing. While we all still look forward to getting out on the snow and having some good old fashion fun, most of us are now looking for “more” from our social organizations. Community involvement and support

of our local and national charitable organizations has become a big part of most ski clubs and councils.

There are no rules that say our clubs must be involved in giving of our time and/or money to charities. There are no rules that say a social organization must participate in some sort of community involvement, and yet our clubs continually seek out ways to be involved.

Involvement in charities and our communities definitely helps the image of all our social clubs, but the commitment goes far beyond improving our image. In addition to being fun-loving, snow sports minded individuals, ski club members are compassionate human beings with a deep commitment to our communities and those less fortunate than most of us. We support charities and our communities because we want and need that involvement and balance in our lives.

Ski clubs are to be commended for the time and effort they put into charity and community support. The various council president’s articles in this edition of The Councilman reflect the efforts of our club members and we should all be proud of what we are doing to make a difference. For the first time, FWSA will be recognizing clubs and councils for their involvement in charities and communities at the 2007 convention in Santa Clara. Clubs and councils will have an opportunity to apply for this recognition early in 2007.

In addition to being recognized at the convention, the top application will receive a monetary donation to the charity of their choice. This will be quite an honor for any club or council. Be sure to look for the application information after the first of the year; and in the mean time, be collecting the details and photos of your involvement to support your application. More information can be found on the FWSA website: www.fwsa.org.

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

By Dennis Heffley

The Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) has a long and storied history of working with and contributing to various organizations with our main focus being on Disabled Sports USA (DSUSA).

When attending a snow sports show, talking to potential new club members or when having a conversation with vendors ~ the subject of Fund Raising is always discussed. It’s a very important part of what keeps the BAC moving in a forward and positive direction. In fact ~ BAC suggested and is looking forward to the FWSA 75th Annual Convention ~ Panel Discussion featuring athletes from various organizations focusing on *Disabled* athletes!

The BAC member who helped begin the fund raising efforts with DSUSA is former FWSA President ~ Mr. Harry Davis. To this day Harry continues his fund raising efforts by having a bi-annual Go Cart Race. In the spring, the benefactor was a pediatric brain injuries organization and this fall the funds were sent to DSUSA.

During the Nor Cal Championships there’s an event called the BAC/DSUSA Ski For All. It’s a fun day where individuals get a day of skiing along with a \$5.00 voucher for lunch by donating a minimum of \$80.00. With a donation for every \$100.00, people receive a Raffle Ticket. For every \$200.00, they get a chance to win the Grand Prize which is a pair of skis or snowboard of their choice complete with bindings!

On February 9, 2007 ~ DSUSA will have their first DSUSA Challenge Race. People from the community (including those for the BAC) are invited to be part of a fun race and on-mountain scavenger hunt! This sounds like a blast!

Many of our individual clubs hold fund raisers during the year and the Singles League portion of the BAC has an annual Snow Ball where proceeds go to DSUSA.

Another event that BAC began in 2005 is an Oakland A’s baseball game. On September 22, 2006 ~ the BAC had 140 people attending the game where \$1,000.00 was raised for DSUSA. Mr. Norm Azevedo does an amazing job putting together the ticket sales and then Mr. Steve Grevstad jumps in and assists with our tailgate party!

All told ~ the BAC donates over \$20,000.00 annually to DSUSA. Many of our clubs have fund raisers going to other organizations. I’ve been asked to keep this article short ~ so I will!

~Please Remember ~

You’re The One Who Makes The Difference!



*Dennis Heffley
BAC President*

Arizona Ski Council

By Marge Fons

The Arizona Ski Council is proud to announce its newest member, AOTC, Arizona Outdoor & Travel Club. This outstanding travel club rejoins the Council, bringing a host of outdoor trips, events, and enthusiasm. We look forward to teaming up with the members of AOTC to provide all of our members with a variety of outstanding activities!

The Arizona Ski Council supports a variety of ski related charities with their fundraisers and activities. Harkins movie tickets are sold with the proceeds benefiting AZ Special Winter Olympics. The Castles and Coasters family day benefits US Ski and Snowboard teams. Our past silent auction has benefited the AZ Blind and Deaf Children's™ foundation in conjunction with the Telluride Adaptive Sports Program. And in the past (when there is snow in Flagstaff) the Council has volunteered a team to facilitate the Arizona Winter Special Olympics. In addition, the clubs have also taken on their special causes.

Hats off to Phoenix Ski Club for their 10th+ year participating in the MS 150 bike ride. This year the club raised just under \$10,000- not bad for just 10 riders this year!

Phoenix Ski Club also supports Shoebox Ministries; to support the needs for the homeless in Phoenix.

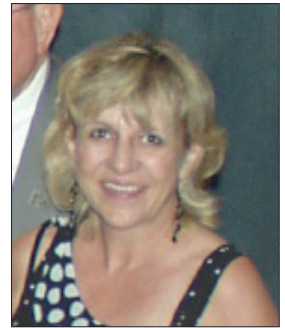
Scottsdale Road is now looking more clean and beautiful as the Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club participates in cleaning up the environment. Keep up the good work, folks!

Our members are as diverse as the charities they choose to represent. One thing special about being involved in a ski club, there is an ample amount of manpower willing to

help your cause. In addition to the charities that the Council and each individual Club supports, our members are involved in a variety of charities spanning from building houses to building bridges, working with the old, young, healthy and ill.

We volunteer for our environment and our pets. Although our passions take us to the ski slopes, our hearts are aware of our responsibility to help those less fortunate. A few of the charities we are involved in are: Habitat for Humanity, Juvenile Diabetes Research Association, Desert Botanical Gardens, Golden Retriever Rescue, United Blood Services, Susan G. Korman breast cancer walk, Humane Society, and Make A Wish foundation. American Cancer Society, United Way, Mesa Public Schools Extra- Curricular Activities fund.

It is with deep regrets and sorrow that I announce the passing of a dear friend, Ray Palmer. Ray was highly involved in the ski club community; being a past president of Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, Arizona Ski Council President, and a FWSA Trustee. Ray was very involved in Arizona Special Olympics and the man who initiated the ASC involvement in the Special Olympics Winter venue. He was a good man with a big heart; he will be greatly missed.



Marge Fons, Arizona Ski Council President

VP of Racing

Far West Has Busy Racing Schedule

By Bob Ellis

The first races for Far West start in December 2006 and finish up in April 2007. The Southern California Leagues will have all of their races at Mammoth Mountain, while the Nevada and Northern California Leagues will be racing at Alpine Meadows, Northstar, Homewood, Diamond Peak, and Sugar Bowl, and the Pacrats League will be racing at Mt. Bachelor and Timberline in Oregon.

Each league schedules their own races at the ski areas of their choice, and each league has their own individual race rules that can be slightly different from league to league. Racing is not just for highly competitive people, it is a lot of fun, and is available for all levels of skiers, from the beginner to the expert skier. Not only are you racing your friends, you are also being challenged by the mountain and the course. No two courses are alike and there is

a lot of variety in race courses. Racing also allows you to meet new friends that love to ski and race and many also love to travel.

There is also a misconception that racing takes up your whole ski day. This is not true at all. When you come on race day, all you need to do is sign up in the lodge in the morning, pick up your discounted lift ticket with some ski areas and leagues, get your race bib, and head up onto the mountain. If you race at 10:00 AM, you should preview the course at least once before 10:00 AM, then show up at the start at 10:00 AM and line up to race in your class. Most race courses in Far West are completed in 20-30 minutes. So in less than one hour, you can complete your racing and still have 5 hours to ski the mountain with your friends or relatives.

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Central Council of California

By Fran Long



*Fran Long
Central Council of
California President*

It is difficult to write a short article focusing on all the charitable and community contributions all of our clubs make over the course of a year. While all our clubs do an admirable job of giving back to their communities, I am choosing to focus on one activity supported by one club because of its pertinence at this time of year.

As we are all busy putting up our Christmas trees, decorating our homes, making wish lists, shopping for our families and friends, and wrapping all our pretty pack-

ages, many families never get beyond the wish list. SLO Skiers (San Luis Obispo, CA) recognizes the devastation

a family feels when they know there will be no pretty packages, beautiful tree, or even a simple Christmas dinner. For the past two years SLO Skiers has adopted a family from the Women's Shelter, gotten the wish lists from each of the family members, and provided virtually everything on the list for each of member of the family.

The family is usually one that is preparing to leave the Women's Shelter and set up a home of their own. SLO Skiers provides everything except the furniture. Bedrooms are furnished, kitchens are equipped, family members get new clothes, and there are toys and books for the children. We never meet the families, we never get a thank you or hear how the family is doing, we only know how we feel, knowing we made a difference in the lives of another family. We can imagine them in their new home, starting anew, with smiles on their faces as they set up housekeeping, wear their new clothes, play, and read, as every family should on Christmas Day. This is enough for us. We are making a difference in our own community.



Los Angeles Council

By Judith Miller



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Unfortunately, our charities for the past year have not been totally documented. One held on May 21, 2006 by Beach Cities Ski Club was a volleyball tournament and silent auction where 152 participants raised \$8,000 for the Southern California Foundation for Children.

The LAC Snow Gala held in November offered a silent auction to benefit The Unrecables Ski Club and \$1,070 was raised send their members on the LAC Ski Week to Jackson Hole. Single Ski Club at their November 29 meeting *charged* an admission of a gift valued at \$15 or \$15 cash for Toys For Tots.

CCSC (California's Complete Sports

Club) used the money normally given to the club from the sale of Gala raffle tickets to donate to the Unrecables.

Over 24 CCSC members also participated in the American Cancer

Society's Relay for Life 24-hour walkathon; they were the only group to have someone walking continuously each minute of 24 hours and they raised more money than any other group, unheard of for a first-year team.

Most of the clubs in LA Council participate in the Ralphs Club Card Rebate program to benefit The Unrecables Ski Club.



Northwest Ski Club Council

By Mary Olhausen

Winter greetings to all of you!! November was a busy month with ski shows in Portland and Seattle and our own Ski Fair Event. We had nearly 40 commercial members and clubs with booth space at this event. Our PACRAT racers are gearing up for another great season. Six races will be held on Mt. Hood and the final race will coincide with the FWRA Race Championships at Mt. Bachelor. PACRAT racing information can be found at www.pacrats.org. Our monthly Council meetings are a great way to meet other club members. Meetings are fun with themed nights, guest speakers, and educational topics related to club management.

The Oregon & Washington Ski Challenge is on--NWSCC challenges you to ski at resorts in Oregon and Washington and qualify for prizes. And don't forget about our on-going help with ski area development through our NW Snowsports Advocates - just log onto our website to see what's new at our resorts and how you can help. www.nwskiers.org.

Many from NWSCC just returned from Aspen - a joint ski trip with San Diego Council. Skiyente Ski Club takes their 2nd annual family trip to Big Mountain in January. We are running a trip to Mt. Bachelor to coincide with the FWRA Race Championships. We've just published our annual NW Skiers' Directory - another outstanding job from our commercial members, clubs, and editors of this publication!!

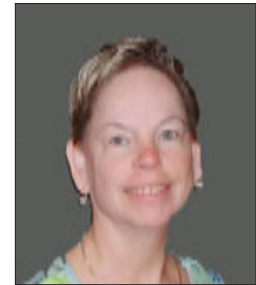
As you all go forth with purchasing new equipment, making reserva-

tions for fantastic ski trips, and enjoying all the apres' ski activities that go along with our wonderful sport, I ask you to stop for a moment and think how you can give back to your community and those less fortunate than us AND enjoy this love of skiing and boarding at the same time. NWSCC clubs are very engaged with supporting charity causes and organizations through sports events. To name a few--Bergfreunde Ski Club supports Winter Special Olympics at Mt. Bachelor by providing volunteers for the on-mountain events, as well as other fundraising events through the year.

Skiyente Ski Club holds a Masters Race supporting the Erin Nicole Scholarship for a young female racer. Schnee Vogeli supports scholarships and awards for young racers and holds a dinner/fundraiser for the Lion's Club on Mt. Hood. Wihski Club holds fundraising for the Forgotten Children's Fund. Mt. Hood Ski Patrol holds a golf tournament to raise funds for the 939th Search & Rescue Wing. Altair Ski Club supports the Adopt A Family Program.

Anthony Lakes and Mt. Bachelor resorts both hold food drives--donate canned goods and ski for free! Mt. Bachelor, Mt. Hood Meadows, Schweitzer, and White Pass resorts all hold events that support cancer-related research and fundraising. Crystal and Schweitzer resorts both hold Jimmy Heuga Vertical Express for MS events.

Mt. Ashland, Mt. Bachelor, and Schweitzer resorts all hold events for Special Olympics. Mt. Hood Meadows resort holds an event to support native wildflowers on Mt. Hood. Mt. Bachelor resort holds an event to support the US Ski Team and another event to support local schools. White Pass resort holds an event to support disad-



*Mary Olhausen
Northwest Ski Club
Council President*

vantaged youth. Mission Ridge resort holds a dinner to support Mission Ridge Ski Education Foundation.

In 2007 you'll find numerous clubs supporting the Oregon Cancer Ski Out and we'll be back with our FWSA GERM TEAM in honor of our good friend, Michael German!! You'll also find us at the FWRA Championships in April, to support the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program. Washington residents can purchase special Ski & Ride license plates - a portion of the fee goes to support NW Winter Sports Foundation, providing youth initiatives to promote active winter health, outdoor educational activities, and snow sports safety.

NWSCC boasts five clubs that accept donations to support various causes related to skiers and boarders. Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation runs training programs and competition; Mt. Hood Meadows Race Team teaches ski racing to juniors; Mt. Hood Ski Patrol utilizes donations to purchase new equipment; NW Snowsports Foundation provides scholarships for junior racers, and Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum showcases the history of Mt. Hood.

Wishing everyone a great 2007 and a long ski season!! As you make plans to visit ski resorts, check their websites and see if your planned trip coincides with a charity event that you might participate in or donate to.



On March 30-April 1, 2007 we will be hosting the Far West Championships at Mt. Bachelor for the second time. This year we will have a beer sponsor, Cascade Lakes Brewing Company. The Riverhouse & Resort will be hosting the lodging and the Awards Banquet. Thursday evening a Welcome Party will be held at the Cascade Lakes Lodge with complimentary beverages and snacks. Ski.com is putting together travel packages for skiers and racers that are interested in going to Mt. Bachelor for the Far West Championships. The Far West Championships will include the Pacesetter Races on Friday, the Slalom on Saturday and the Giant Slalom on Sunday. The Awards Banquet will be on Saturday night along with our Silent Auction. Last year we had over 40 companies donate some wonderful items to our silent auction from skis to ski trips to dinners, which our members were able to purchase for very good prices.

Far West Racing wants you to join us at our races. We put on quality, organized, and competitive events at very low cost to our competitors, with racers divided into classes based on ability, age and sex. So stop by, say hi, and check us out. We guarantee you will meet new friends and have fun while improving your skiing. Please visit our websites at www.fwra.com and www.fwsa.org.

San Diego Council

By Cheryl Riess



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San Diego Council of Ski Clubs has had a busy season, with many of our clubs already hosting successful ski trips. Our trip to Aspen was a wonderful experience with some awesome ski conditions. We are hoping for some serious snow in our local mountains to help us fill up our bus trips.

This past year we've had two clubs merge. The Torrey Mesa Ski Club merged with Get Off Your Rockers, so now we have nine active ski clubs in our Council.

All of our clubs are generous and contribute to many local and recognized national charities.

The Council itself contributes generously to the Adaptive Ski School at Bear Mountain and is working closely with the San Diego Youth and Community Services. This organization takes underprivileged youth to local mountains for an overnight ski adventure if enough money is collected. Otherwise, they go on a local bus trip to Bear Mountain.

To honor the memory of Michael German, our dear friend, leader and volunteer, the council donated money to the charity he identified before he lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. To help raise money for this donation, the council asked each participant to bring a "white elephant" gift to its Holiday Happy Hour. Raffle tickets were sold and the items raffled off. This was a lot of fun and participants were very generous.

In our combined club report, our clubs provide generous support to several organizations,

including: Habitat for Humanity, the Polinsky Center (for displaced children), The Bookman (who distributes used books to various schools, jails, charities, overseas charities, senior citizens homes, etc.), the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event, the Special Olympics, Adopt a Family (Christmas), The San Diego Food Bank, Katrina Relief, Meals on Wheels, and the Adaptive Ski School.

Many times, we combine our social events with charity fundraisers, such as bottle auctions and slave auctions, casino nights, and raffles.

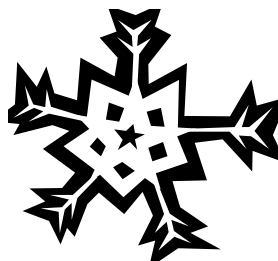
One event where we honor those who give generously of their time and talent is our Winter Gala. This year it was held November 18th at the Marriott Courtyard in Kearny Mesa where Dave Arnold and Susan Shaffer, both of North Island Ski Club, were selected as our Man and Woman of the Year. Both are very well-deserving recipients who have done much to help the council stay active and vibrant.

We are pleased to announce Mike Sanford as our Joe Harris award recipient. Mike was recognized at the Gala for his many years of hard work and dedication to organized skiing at all levels. Congratulations to Mike on a job well done.

We look forward to a great FWSA Ski week in Steamboat and another busy season!

familiar. Because of a “cardiac incident” in 2005, I am a loyal follower of this gang. There’s a 90 year old lady who goes on the treadmill for one hour just to do five minutes more than her husband on the bicycle. My unit contains a man who remembers World War I as a child; Herb was born in 1914, has had several invasive surgeries, and drags around a small oxygen bottle. He has to leave on time to go to his Tai Chi class. We are heavy on pilots. Milt enlisted in the Army in 1939 got his wings in 1942 and ended the war flying transports over the Hump in China-Burma-India. He’s over 85. Bernie

quite eventually flew B-47s after enlisting in the 40s. Harry was Class of 1944 from the Naval Academy and reported to his first ship in November



‘44. Commanded destroyers and destroyer squadrons. Has had 5 bypass procedures. In rehab activity for 15 years. Then there’s the world class aerodynamicist who helped design aircraft such as the B-70 and B-1.

Get on track. Don’t be left behind. Make your grandparents proud. Be a member of the one of America’s Great Generations.

Be around when America needs you.
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Requests for information from the database must be sent to the FWSA President (Randy Lew) for approval before it will be dispersed.

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You can also email the form to me at nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net or fax me at (530) 582-0566. Don't hesitate to call (530) 582-0566 if you have questions

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