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75th Convention Features the First Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament

By Randy Lew

Hello, another ski season is now wrapping up and mother nature has blessed the Pacific Northwest with lots of snow. This has truly been an unusual season with many regions such as Lake Tahoe, Colorado, Montana, and the eastern resorts having below normal snowfall this year. At the end of January on the way to FWSA Ski Week in Steamboat, I remember the bus driver saying that downtown Denver had more snow than Winter Park! Even though it wasn't the best snow year, all the people I talked to had great times traveling to Big Mountain, Keystone, Silver Star, Steamboat, Snowbasin, and Whistler, just naming a few.

I want to thank *Lynnell Calkins* and her travel staff for the outstanding ski week in Steamboat with approximately 620 participants. It can be very challenging arranging airfare, bus transportation, and

lodging for such a large group, but with great team work, determination, and a tremendous amount of effort, this staff provides the best domestic ski week offered by any council in the US. Despite sustaining some broken ribs and a broken bone in my back, I was able to enjoy the wonderful party on Friday evening.

I got great feedback on our international ski trip to Bormio, Italy, with an exciting pre-trip to Rome and a great post-trip to Interlaken, Switzerland. *Norm and Mary Azevedo* were not able to complete leading the trip when Norm was hospitalized in Siena for approximately a month. They are back home now with Norm taking it easy for a while. I want to thank *Joe Loader*, former FWSA Trustee, for stepping in as trip leader for Norm. Norm has continued with the very high standards set by his predecessors, *Tucker & Kathy Hoffmann*.



Randy Lew, FWSA President

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, 2500 mile passenger train ride from Beijing to Lhasa, Tibet (the highest city in the world) traveling over a 13,000 foot mountain range. Oxygen will be provided on the train and in the hotel in Lhasa. This trip will be limited to 128 participants so sign up now for the trip of a lifetime!

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 on to other

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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 me at (fwsa13randy@telis.org) or let one of our Functional VP's know. All of our Functional VP's require a working committee to be truly successful.

We have been working diligently on our upcoming convention and silent auction in June. 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.

The BAC Convention Committee has been meeting regularly to plan and coordinate all this fun. *Mike Sanford*, Past President is diligently working on lining up an all-star cast of celebrities including Billy Kidd, Debbie Armstrong, Daron Rahlves, Julia Mancuso, Chris Davenport, and Troy Hawkes. *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 are 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 Memorial Golf Tournament* hosted by Snowbasin Resort to be held June 1st at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club, a rolling course designed by Robert Muir Graves. 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.

If you need further convention info, please check our website www.fwsa.org. Everything has been posted there including the event flyers and registration forms. Put the dates May 31st to June 3rd on your calendar and plan on attending the 75th FWSA Convention.

Are you getting your *Hot Sheet* yet? 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 members. 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, member's benefits, Convention, awards, Athletic Scholarship program, and a link that you can use to subscribe to the new *Hot Sheet*.

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.

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.

Recognizing Our Far West Partners

By Debbi Kor-Lew



Debbi Kor-Lew
VP of Marketing

Where to begin.....we've had a great ski season this year! We've visited some wonderful areas, and spread ourselves out in all different directions, spending time in **Aspen, Big Sky, Big Mountain, Whistler** and **Big White**, not to mention the fantastic Ski Week that we just had in **Steamboat**! Some areas had record snow falls, and our members took advantage of it when and where they could. We do our best to give back to those areas that are so good to our Far West members, like those mentioned above.

Being a partner with Far West Ski Association presents bonuses to both our members and to the individual partners. We have had long term relationships with so many of the areas, in terms of their sponsorship, their attendance at Convention each year, and their participation in the Silent Auction and Travel Expos. Each brings something to the relationship.

Through Far West Ski Association, our members have various ways of connecting with area representatives and product sponsors through the many ski shows and ski fairs in the fall, by attending Ski Week each January, or simply traveling to any number of destination resorts on their own throughout the season.

As V.P. of Marketing, I am continuously seeking out those members of the Ski Industry interested in partnering up with Far West in the many ways available to them. As a Benefit's Partner, a ski shop

or lodging property will provide discounted rates on their product to our members. In exchange, we provide them exposure on our website, and in our publications such as the one you are reading. Walking into a ski shop, such as *The PowderHouse* in Lake Tahoe, or *Terry Sports* in Taos or Steamboat, you will find that simply by presenting your FWSA membership card, you will be able to enjoy the benefit of 15% to 20% off ski rentals and equipment or clothing. Check into *The Grand Sierra Resort and Casino* in Reno, or the *Shilo Inn* in Salt Lake City, two of our newest Benefit's Partners, to receive discount lodging rates. And, if you're into tuning your own skis, check with Tom at *Dominator Ski Wax* for 20% off any purchase. Without these folks, and all of our many other Benefit's Partners, we would not be awarded the deals that we currently have available to us.

Our year has been bountiful, in both the amount of snowfall we've had, and the friends that we've been able to share it with. The Far West Ski Week to **Steamboat** was wonderful. Six hundred and twenty attendees spent their days on the mountain, their evenings dining together, and topped it all off with a progressive party in The Thunderhead Lodge at the top of the mountain at the end of an absolutely fantastic week. The arrangement this year gave everyone plenty of time and space to mingle with their friends, enjoy the nice buffet laid

out, and dance to the great music provided.

I'd like to thank *Schure Sports*, who generously donated a **Karbon** Ski suit for the third year running. With the proceeds going to the Far West Athletic Scholarship, Robb Margrave and his enthusiastic sales team sold a record number of tickets, collecting a total of \$2700...almost twice what we raised last year. I would also like to thank all of the area businesses who contributed door prizes at the Welcome Party: *Steamboat Ski Resort and Ragnars; Dos Amigos, 8th Street Steakhouse, Old West Steakhouse, Steamboat Yacht Club, Antares, Three Peaks Grill, Cottonwood Grill, Giovanni's, Johnny-B-Good's, Steamboat Art Company, Allen's Steamboat Clothing, Awesome Shirt Works, Indian Art, and Vario*. These fine businesses outdid themselves providing some great opportunities for folks to check out the fine dining and shopping in **Steamboat, Ski Town, USA**.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone that the website is continually updated with additional partners to our Members Benefits Program. Log onto www.fwsa.org/member_benefits for the latest. If you are an area representative, or retailer interested in becoming a partner with Far West, please contact Debbi Kor at: ijustwannarun@aol.com.

Elections of Officers at the FWSA Convention

By Barbara Bryant



*Barbara Bryant
VP of Membership*

OFFICER ELECTIONS

- In order to be a Voting Delegate for your club you must register for the convention and:
- Complete the Credentials Form
- Include your current club roster
- Ask your president for the forms or go to www.fwsa.org, click on Convention, and go to Delegate Information.

DIRECT MEMBERSHIP

- FWSA 69 Direct Members
- Each paid Direct Members has been sent a packet of information which includes a welcome letter, membership card, the FWSA brochure, and the Skier's Guide
- All direct members enjoy the same benefits as do club members.

NEWS GROUP

- The FWSA Newsgroup has sent out three newsletters with short, bulleted pieces of information and links to websites for more information if wanted. Each month different topics will be covered. If you would like to see a topic in the Newsgroup, contact VP of Membership, Barbara Bryant at membership@fwsa.org.
- Our purpose in establishing a Newsgroup is to disseminate information to FWSA club and council members who opt into the group.
- Three ways to join the Newsgroup:
 - 1 Start at the FWSA web site: www.fwsa.org. Click on the "FWSA news email group" button (at the bottom of the page), or
 - 2 Start at the FWSA Group home page (and click on "Join this Group") <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/FWSAnews/>, or
 - 3 Send an email to: FWSAnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Convention Sponsors

By Debbi Kor

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 a sponsorship for the Far West Ski Association's 75th Annual Convention in Santa Clara, California, May 31st to June 3rd, hosted by the Bay Area Snow Sports 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 reduced registration fee enables more ski club volunteers to attend the FWSA Convention. Please show your ap-

preciation for our industry partners by including these companies in your ski and travel plans. For additional information about the sponsor's programs, please log onto their websites.

Each year, the ski and sports industries donate over \$100,000 in ski packages, sports equipment, and travel and adventure trips to the Silent Auction, which is held on Friday evening of the Convention. The 22nd Annual Silent Auction will feature a hosted drink, hors d'oeuvres and dancing. The Pre-Party will be sponsored by *Ski Dazzle*.

Other industry folks who have signed on as early sponsors include *Aspen/Snowmass* as sponsors of our

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FWSA Western Heritage and Safety Person of the Year

By Scott Bowker



Scott Bowker
VP of Public Affairs

Western Heritage Award

The purpose of the Association's Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of skiers and non-skiers alike of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of skiing - competitive as well as that of outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role skiing has had in its contributions to the communities in the West. It recognizes outstanding effort in the area of ski history to find, preserve, document and share the history of skiing in the West.

The award is open to an individual or a group leader (it is not restricted to Association membership) and can be self-nominated or nominated by a club or club member. Materials and history programs will be evaluated against the objectives of the program. A variety of methods may be used to achieve the objectives of the program. This can include any of the following: original documentation of facets of snowsports (in the legendary Bill Berry tradition); organization histories (club, council, league, company, etc); videos; photos; books; field trips; speaker programs; descriptions of past major events.

The winner of the award will receive a 5 day Steamboat vacation for two. **Steamboat Springs** itself is an area rich in the history and personalities involved in the development of skiing in the West.

Steamboat Springs, home of champagne powder, has generously offered to annually award a skiing vacation to the top history contender for the Western Ski Heritage Award. The 2007 winner will be announced at the FWSA convention.

The entry deadline is May 14, 2007. Entries should be made electronically to John Watson (FWSA History Chairperson) at geospace@pacbell.net with a copy to Scott Bowker (FWSA VP Public Affairs) at PublicAffairs@fwsa.org with FWSA Western Ski Heritage in the email subject line. Hard copy addendums, documentation, articles or other media entry substantiation should be identified to John who will provide further instruction. John Watson's mailing address is: Box 2768, Fallbrook, CA 92088. An entry form is available at www.fwsa.org, in the Awards section.

FWSA Safety Person of the Year

The safety judging criteria focuses on promoting safety awareness among FWSA members and demonstrating support for safety on the slopes. **Also important will be the overall performance of the winners club in doing the same.** In other words, **a club that has best demonstrated a willingness to involve itself in safety promotion and actions** will select and nominate its candidate for Safety Person of the Year. The nominee must be able to document that through his/her leadership, the club demonstrated its safety involvement and sponsorship of safety related activities during the 2007 ski season. Judging will be by club nomination and will be done by an esteemed group of safety experts and leaders of FWSA.

Promoting safety means acting as a club safety representative, publishing articles on safety in newsletters, speaking on safety issues at meetings or on trips and raising the awareness of members toward the need for everyone to practice safety 100% of the time.

- Newsletter articles
- Creation of banners or signs
- Speak or arrange for professional or semi-professional speakers at club meeting
- Create a committee to think of ways to raise safety awareness
- Volunteer for Ski Patrol or similar on-mountain safety related activities
- Learn and then teach members safety practices
- Show safety videos at meetings or on trips
- Create a written club safety policy
- Create club or council contests for prizes rewarding safety involvement
- Reach out and cooperating with ski areas to jointly promote safe skiing
- Just being a constant proponent of safe skiing

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2008 Ski Week at Whistler

By Lynnell Calkins

2008 Ski Week

Make sure you have a valid passport since Whistler, British Columbia, in Canada, is the location for our 2008 ski week. Now that everyone entering Canada from the United States must have a passport, please check that your passport does not expire until after September, 2008, to ensure you will be able to enter Canada and re-enter the United States after our ski week in Whistler.

We will fly into Vancouver, British Columbia and bus to Whistler along the recently widened Sea to Sky highway with beautiful views of the mountains and Pacific Ocean. Upon our arrival in Whistler our lift ticket will allow us to ski both Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains. Whistler has offered us a free sixth day of skiing so everyone

will have six days of skiing for the price of five.

Much of our lodging is in Whistler Village at the base of Whistler Mountain. This location offers plenty of shopping, restaurants and nightlife. So, sign-up with your council trip leader to join us in Whistler the week of January 19 – 26, 2008. Check the flyer on page 7 for your trip leader's email address and phone number.

2007 Ski Week

We had a wonderful week in Steamboat for our 2007 ski week. Many thanks to our council trip leaders: Mary Beth Fitchlee, Arizona Council; Norm Azevedo, Bay Area Council; Mary Alexander, Central Council; Wayne Stolfus, Inland Council; Rod Robinson, Northwest Council; Judy Chapel, Orange Council; Susie Vetter, San Diego Council; and Debbie Stew-



*Lynnell Calkins,
VP of N American Travel*

art, Sierra Council. These busy people led 620 participants to a week of parties and skiing in Steamboat.

A special thank you goes to the Steamboat team led by Mary Beth Magalis, Casey Greene, Katie Brown, Stacy Schulz, Peter Hunter, and Karen Schneider for their assistance before, during and after the week!

Thanks to Damien Medlin, Sandy Gaudette and Sam Burgess for our airline tickets. Our ski week travel staff spent many hours planning and preparing for ski week. My thanks to Gloria Raminha, Marilyn Sigler, Ken Calkins, Bob Ellis, Nancy Ellis and Debbi Kor for their late nights and hard work to ensure everyone had a great ski week experience.

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The winner of the Safety Program 2007 contest to be named the FWSA Safety Person of the Year will receive a trip for two to Aspen, seven nights lodging and six days skiing plus rentals at any of the fabulous mountains in Aspen.

The winner also will also receive roundtrip airfare for 2 people (airlines may vary depending on departing city and may not be direct).

The deadline for entry for selection is May 14, 2007. Entries should preferably be made electronically to Richard Lubin

(FWSA Safety Chairperson) at botaboardr@sbcglobal.net with FWSA Safety Person in the email subject line. If you wish to submit your entry by mail, please send to Richard Lubin, 8655 Wicklow Lane, Dublin, CA 94568. Entry form available at www.fwsa.org, go to Awards section.



FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION 2008 SKI WEEK

WHISTLER

January 19 – 26, 2008

Average Price \$980

***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 Banquet
- 6 day Lift Ticket for Whistler & Blackcomb



For more information contact your Council Trip Coordinator:

Arizona Council	Ron McCorkle	ronmc731@cox.net	602-418-0299
Bay Area Council	Norm Azevedo	skinorm@sbcglobal.net	925-944-9816
Central Council	Mary Alexander	maryalexander0535@sbcglobal.net	661-587-3671
Inland Council	Wayne Stolfus	spiderRx@aol.com	909-799-3118
Los Angeles Council	Judith Miller	jamski5@juno.com	818-841-4192
New Mexico Council	Bob Stearley	dmstear@att.net	505-281-3755
Northwest Council	Rod Robinson	rdrobinson@aol.com	541-344-7170
Orange Council	Judy Chapel	judy104@adelphia.net	949-275-8848
San Diego Council	Susan Shaffer	susansnowdrifter@yahoo.com	858-481-5043
Sierra Council	Debbie Stewart	gwstewart@prodigy.net	559-734-9294

Lynnell Calkins, FWSA - North American Travel, 2211-B Gates Avenue, Redondo Beach 90278
310-370-6948 phone/fax fwsatrvi@aol.com

Must be a Member of Far West Ski Association CST # 2036983-40

VP of International Travel

Fun Had by All in Bormio

By Norm Azevedo

Mary and I spent three planned days in Rome and then expected to spend the remaining days of that first week sightseeing through Tuscany before our week of skiing in Bormio and another 5 days in Interlaken. We started the pre Bormio trip in Rome, where we saw the Vatican, Colosseum, Roman Forum, Palatine Hill where the imperial palaces once looked



over the Circus Maximus and the Forum, plus much more. Then we motor coached on to Siena.

However, that's where the tour ended for Mary and me. I had been having headaches since landing in Rome and aspirin wasn't doing any good. First morning in Siena I decided I'd better see a doctor. I headed for emergency and checked in. They gave me a CT scan and when I returned from the scan; I had a hospital bed waiting for me. At that point I knew I was in trouble. It took some time for an English speaking doctor to give me the diagnosis: a Subdural Hematoma. It had to be removed. After 2 weeks in the hospital they finally operated and removed it.

It was an unforgettable experience that I don't want to experience

anytime soon. I spent another week in the Siena hospital, another week in Siena's Jolly Hotel recuperating, and then flew home. Now thank God I'm finally home and under the care of my personal physician. All is fine and I should be like new in a couple of months.

My injury was caused by a fall three weeks earlier. I fell while crossing an icy sanded driveway at FWSA's Steamboat Springs ski week. I was heading for the slopes with ski boots and helmet on carrying my skis and poles. I did one big slip landing on the back of my helmeted head. I can only imagine what it might have been like without my helmet. I was dizzy for a couple of minutes but then went on for a full day's skiing.

I learned two lessons that I'd like to pass on: One, always wear your helmet and not just carry it on



your arm as I usually do. Two, get ski boot clip-on's to prevent slipping when walking.

We had a super group of people in Rome. I truly enjoyed their company. I must also say that I learned a lot about Siena from my hospital bed. I'm just so sorry Mary and I

missed the remainder of the trip. Joe Loader was gracious enough to take care of the group from Siena on. We owe many thanks to him.

Thanks also to Mike & Eileen Sanford and Steve & Linda Coxen, who paid us a surprise visit at the Siena hospital on their way back to Rome and home. It was truly uplifting to see them. They were the only people who visited and spoke English during my three weeks in the hospital. I really appreciated their visit.

At this time we are reviewing bids for the 2008 FWSA European ski week and expect to select and publish a tour by the first of May. We will email it to past FWSA trip participants. You can also look for information on www.fwsa.org.

The FWSA International Travel 15 or 21 day trip to China/Tibet starting on September 14, 2007 is almost full; when full, we will continue to take those interested on a waiting list. We do expect some cancellations before September. See the www.fwsa.org website for details or contact me at fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net.



Norm Azevedo
VP of International Travel

Host Convention Coordinator

FWSA Convention 2007

By Linda Indreboe

Save the date! May 31 to June 3, 2007 the FWSA Annual Meeting and Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, CA. This will be the 75th annual FWSA convention, themed **Double Diamond Dreamin**.

The Individual Registration Forms can be found on pages 10 - 14 in this Councilman. This form must be submitted for all delegates—voting, non-voting and direct members. If you plan to be a voting delegate for your club, you should signup with your club. But if your club's voting delegate list is filled or you are a direct member, you are more than welcome to sign up directly as a non-voting delegate and attend all the events. Clubs must submit the Credential Form found on the FWSA website, and also a membership list—names only.

Forms, flyers and instructions are also available for downloading from the FWSA website at <http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/4337676.htm>

We are offering several great optional activities. These activities are open to all FWSA club members and direct members with priority given to delegates and guests. You can sign up for these events using the Registration Form or the Optional Activities Form. Signup deadline is May 10, 2007 unless otherwise indicated.

Pub Crawl - Thursday, May 31, 5:30 pm- \$39. We will be taking the San Jose Light Rail (hi speed train) to downtown San Jose to visit several local favorite watering holes. This train ride will take you past some famous hi-tech campuses.

Golf - Friday, June 1, 7 am - \$85. The FWSA First Annual *Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament*.

Tournament and BBQ lunch at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club. This will be a 7:30 am shotgun start scramble. The golf course is within walking distance of the hotel, but if you need assistance getting yourself or your clubs to the course, we will provide it. Golf club rentals are available for \$25.

Kayaking - Friday, June 1, 7:45 am - \$60. Kayaking in Monterey Bay's Elkhorn Slough. Kayaks are *open deck kayaks*, great for first-time paddlers. They are stable and self bailing, available in single or double. Wet suits and life preservers are provided at no charge. You will get wet, so bring old shoes, swim suit, hat, sun block, and change of shoes and clothes.



Linda Indreboe
Host Convention
Coordinator

Wine Tasting - Friday, June 1, 10 am - \$85. Tour includes customized itinerary brochures, a souvenir wine glass from Solis Winery, a California Picnic Buffet lunch at Clos LaChance, Appellation and History talk by tour guide, winery facility tour, up to 6 hours chauffeured transportation, tasting and tour fees.

Pool Party – Friday, June 1, 3-5 pm – **FREE** (no sign up required). Lots of fun and games and no host drinks and appetizers available.

Saturday Night Awards Banquet & Dinner Dance Saturday, June 2, 7-12 pm - \$65. (Seating LIMITED Priority will be given to Delegates who purchase the Full Package). [Black Tie Optional]. The theme this year: *Diamonds are Forever*. Come enjoy a fabulous dinner, awards presentation, and dancing to *The Fabulous Cruise Tones*, a well known and favorite local band.

In addition, we have the following **FREE** activities that are open to the general public:

Happy Hour – Friday, June 1, 6-7 pm – **Sponsored by Ski Dazzle**. Come join local ski club members in the hotel lobby bar.

The 22nd Annual Silent Auction & Dance – Friday, June 1 7-11 pm. The Silent Auction is **FREE** and open to the public. There will be more than \$100,000 in trips for you to bid on. Don't miss out on the fun and dancing to DJ music and these great deals!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Make your hotel reservations now! Our room block is 40% sold out as of April 3rd, 2007. Room block rate is \$129/night double occupancy before May 9, 2007. Call 1-800-233-1234 and say that you are with Far West Ski Association. Or, reserve online at www.hyatt.com with group code g-fwsa. Room block rate is exclusive of applicable state and local taxes.

If you have problems making room reservations please contact me.

Linda Indreboe
Host Convention Local Coordinator
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The BAY AREA SNOW SPORTS COUNCIL

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The FWSA 75th Convention

May 31st to June 3rd, 2007

Hyatt Regency Santa Clara

5101 Great America Parkway

Santa Clara, CA 95054

408-200-1234



15 Minutes from San Jose Airport with Free Parking
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Hotel Reservations

\$129/night (double occupancy) before May 9th, 2007

Call 1-800-233-1234 and say that you are with Far West Ski Association

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Celebrity Guest Speakers
- Saturday Awards Luncheon & Dinner Dance
- Travel Expo
- Educational Breakout Sessions
- FWSA General Meeting and Elections
- Sunday Eye Opener

Optional Activities (subject to change)

- Thursday Night Pub Crawl
- Friday Golf, kayaking, Santa Cruz Mountain Winery tour & other Optional Activities

Nearby Places to See/Things to Do

- Amusement Parks:
Paramount's Great America
Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
- Museums:
San Jose: Intel Museum;
The Technology Museum of Innovation,
Children's Discovery Museum
- San Francisco: De Young Museum,
- Aquariums: Monterey & San Francisco
- Zoos: San Francisco & Oakland
- Sports: Windsurfing, Surfing,
Rollerblading, hiking, Fishing
- Other: Winchester Mystery House



75th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
DOUBLE DIAMOND DREAMIN'
May 31 - June 3, 2007 – Santa Clara, California
Schedule of Events



Thursday, May 31, 2007

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration
	<i>Delegate neck wallets sponsored by Intrawest</i>
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Pub Crawl (\$39 Optional Event)

Friday, June 1, 2007

7:00 am - 3:00 pm	Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament & BBQ at Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club (\$95 Optional Event – Shotgun Start at 7:30 am)
	<i>Golf tournament sponsored by Snowbasin, a Sun Valley Resort</i>
9:45 am - 3:00 pm	South Bay Wine Tour (\$85 Optional Event)
7:45 am - 4:00 pm	Kayaking (\$60 Optional Event)
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Welcome Pool Party (No Host)- <i>Presented by Central Council</i>
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Exhibitor Registration & Set Up
3:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Delegate Registration
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	FWSA History Committee Meeting
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Exhibitor Meeting
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Councils' Man & Woman Reception (Invitation Only)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	"Happy Hour" Reception (No Host)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Silent Auction Welcome Party
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Silent Auction and Dance
11:00 pm-12:00 am	Exhibitor booth breakdown

Saturday, June 2, 2007

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Registration
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Opening Session
9:00 am - 11:15 am	Travel Expo
	<i>Grand Prize – Far West Ski Week / sponsored by Far West Ski Association</i>
9:00 am - 12:15 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging
	<i>Awards sponsored by Big White Ski Resort & Silver Star Mountain Resort</i>
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Outstanding Club Judging
9:45 am - 12:15 pm	Far West Racing Association (FWRA) Meeting
10:00 am-12:15 pm	Bid Presentations – FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Luncheon & Awards Presentation
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	FWSA Snow Sports Celebrities Reception /Multimedia Show
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Leadership Info Panel Sessions
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucuses
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (No Host)
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Awards Banquet & Dance "Diamonds are Forever"

Sunday, June 3, 2007

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Eye Opener Party, <i>Hosted by Castro Valley Ski Club</i>
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	General Meeting/Elections
10:30 am-11:30 am	Delegate Brunch
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Board of Directors and Trustees Meeting

Delegates are welcome to all events unless otherwise indicated. Participation in the Travel Expo is especially encouraged and the Grand Prize will be awarded only to those that participate in the Travel Expo, or who are required to attend other FWSA meetings during that time.



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- FWSA 2007 Convention –
Individual Pre-Registration Form;
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(This Form Must Be Completed For EACH Attendee)



VERY IMPORTANT – Registration Type

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Voting Delegate (Record Name on Credentials Form) | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Voting Delegate/Guest/Other |
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Affiliated Ski Club	Name	Council
Member's Name	First Name _____ Last Name _____	
Member's Address	# Street _____ Apt # _____ Phone # () _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
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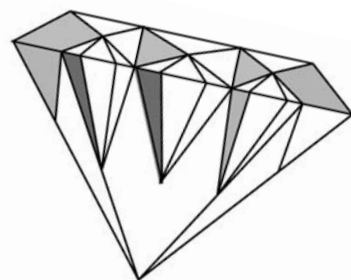
FWSA Convention Pre-Registration Package Selection: please read instructions

Selection	Description	Price	Amount Enclosed
Fri/Sat/Sun June 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Package – All FWSA business meetings, election & panel sessions, convention pin & books and all other hosted parties & activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Friday Silent Auction & Dance, Beverage Saturday Continental Breakfast, Travel Expo, Luncheon, Cocktail Party, Awards Dinner & Dance [Black Tie Optional] Sunday Eye Opener and Buffet Brunch 	\$135 by 4/30/07	
		\$160 after 4/30/07	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.	\$190 after 5/27/07	\$ _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convention Polo Shirt w/Embroidered Logo: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female check size: <input type="checkbox"/> XS <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	\$10	\$ _____
OR			
Sat/Sun June 2-3	Meetings ONLY – Attendance at FWSA business meetings, election & panel sessions and convention books – No Meals or Parties	\$50	\$ _____
Saturday, June 2	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 optional activities (see event fliers for details). You must sign up for these activities using the event forms on the fliers. All fees for all events are to be submitted to FWSA Convention Registrar, c/o Mary Azevedo, address below.			
Thursday, May 31	Thursday Pub Crawl – Train ride to Downtown San Jose. Sign up Deadline May 10, 2007.	\$39	\$ _____
Friday, June 1	Golf Tournament – FWSA First Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament and BBQ at the Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club. Includes lunch. Sign up Deadline May 10, 2007	\$95	\$ _____
	Golf Club Rental Fee (must be prepaid)	\$25	\$ _____
Friday, June 1	South Bay Wine Tour – Visit three Premium California Vineyards with gourmet lunch. Sign Up Deadline May 10, 2007	\$85	\$ _____
Friday, June 1	Kayaking – Monterey Bay's Elkhorn Slough. Sign Up Deadline May 10, 2007	\$60	\$ _____
Total amount enclosed – make check payable to FWSA (No Refunds): for members of FWSA affiliated ski clubs, this amount must be paid by the delegate's Ski Club			\$ _____

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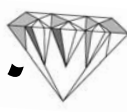
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For Information, Call: Linda Indreboe, (408)248-8426 email: public_affairs@skibac.org

Awards Banquet and Dance event may be purchased separately—Price: \$ 65

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Charities & Our Community Chair

FWSA Community Charity Work Will be Officially Recognized at Convention

By Sigrid Noack

The first annual FWSA *Charity & Community Service Recognition Award* will be presented at this year's Convention in Santa Clara in June. Our charity committee has been working on this award for a couple of years. We have so many clubs and councils that actively support their favorite charities; we



wanted to find a way to recognize their wonderful efforts. By bringing these selfless activities out into the open,

recognizing them at convention, we also hope to encourage others to become more involved in charity work.

I am very excited that so many clubs and councils have shown an interest in this first-time attempt at this official recognition by filling out an application and agreeing to bring their photos and charity activity descriptions to our convention. We will have their photos displayed on several picture boards at con-

vention to show how our FWSA's clubs and councils have chosen to be involved with charities and community work.

In June, one of these wonderfully caring groups will receive a \$100 recognition from FWSA to support their favorite charity. Thank you and congratulations to the following clubs and councils who are participating in this recognition award: **Phoenix Ski Club, Skiyente Ski Club, Beach City Ski Club, Bergfreunde Ski Club, Don Diego Ski Club, Bay Area Snow Sports Council, Century City Sports Club, Edelweiss Ski Club, Single Ski Club, Grindelwald Ski Club, and Pacific Rim Alliance.**

As you know, we are seeing many **Wounded Warriors** returning from our two war zones. There will be hundreds more arriving in each of our communities. Hopefully our FWSA councils and clubs will become involved, in one way or another, helping our disabled vets, who lost so much in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Don Diego Ski Club has already become involved with the Wounded Warriors of Current Wars. They hosted five wounded veterans for two full ski



DSUSA Group on a bike outing with ski members.



Sigrid Noack, Charities & Our Community Chair

days at the United States Adaptive Recreation Center at Big Bear sponsored by the Roy Heilpern Memorial Ski Fund. One of the vets was a double amputee, three were single amputees, and one was Traumatic Brain Injured—all from tours in Iraq. Some of the comments from the vets were, "We're having a good time. It means a lot to be back on the mountain." "Losing a limb shouldn't stop anyone from enjoying life. As long as you have the will, you can do whatever." You should have seen their smiles!

Century City Sports Club in LAC presents a challenge to FWSA clubs and councils: Your group can also get involved in this selfless, beautiful charitable community event. After this very successful and wonderful club activity, taking part in the American Cancer Society's 24 hour *Relay for Life* last year, Century City Ski Club is challenging other clubs in LA and other councils to get involved. David Felker, this year's LAC man of the year, who headed up

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It Takes a Club/Council to Build a Ski Trip

By Fran Long



*Fran Long
VP of Councils*

Do you like to ski? Do you like all the great trips available to you through your club, your council, the Far West Ski Association, and other organizations? Do you enjoy the airline flights, the bus rides, the parties, etc? I know I do!

An enormous amount of effort goes into planning and organizing each of those trips. That effort comes from numerous volunteers in all those ski organizations. Volunteers sometimes get a free lift ticket, free lodging (for planning a week-long trip for 100 people), lots of thank yous, etc., but in the end, they are all just volunteers. Basically they are very busy people just like you. People who don't really have time in their busy schedules to get involved or volunteer in their clubs

or councils. Obviously, they get involved anyway! They've figured out that if some of the busy people don't jump in and get involved, there won't be any ski trips to enjoy.

Many ski clubs are shrinking in membership, and others have folded completely. There are always multiple reasons for this, but an underlying theme is lack of involvement and lack of volunteers to get the job done. If each club/council member volunteers just a little time, all members of the organization benefit a LOT!

We have quite a bit of ski season to go this year, and lots of summer activities coming up. Maybe you can think of some small way to get involved in planning or carry-

ing out an activity for your club/council. If you find the time, and it feels good to get involved, think about doing more. Maybe more in your own club, your council, or FWSA. Most ski clubs, councils, and FWSA are focusing on electing new board members or will in the very near future. A position on the board might be just right for you. Board positions range in level of involvement. Check with your club/council to see what is available and what it entails. ALL ski club organizations are always looking for volunteers to do very small to very large jobs.

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this charity walk last year, reported that this was not just a great way to support a phenomenally worthwhile cause, but it was a wonderful way for club members to socialize and bond throughout the day and night. The club had someone walking every minute of the 24 hour relay. The club's three cancer survivors marched in the first victory lap around the track. It was in their honor that the club supported the cause. LAC has accepted the challenge, and hopefully many clubs will join in on May 19th – 20th and walk for the cause. There is no finish line in this *Relay for Life*... until they find a cure! www.cancer.org.

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Pub Crawl on Thursday night, **Snowbasin** will sponsor our 1st Annual **Michael German** Memorial Golf Tournament, their 2nd year as a 3-year sponsor, **Vail Resorts** will be our Saturday Luncheon sponsor, and **Intrawest** has offered to sponsor our delegate neck wallets for the 2nd year of their 3-year commitment.

Additional information regarding sponsorships, multi-year sponsorships and this year's Silent Auction participants are listed on the FWSA website (www.fwsa.org). For further information regarding the FWSA Industry programs, please contact Debbi Kor at 503-682-1563 or email at fwsadebbi@aol.com.

Arizona Ski Council

By Marge Fons

The Many Faces of the Arizona Ski Council; the Important and the Somber Issues, in addition to the Fun!

What other state does their ski clubs spend 90% of their time on other states slopes and is in danger of losing one of it favorite resorts? If you said "Arizona" you were right. Arizona Snowbowl is in danger, and we need your help. On March 12, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal came down with their ruling on our Snow-making and upgrade and surprisingly it was against the Arizona Snowbowl.

This season was another poor one for Snowbowl, only 44 days vs. 120 and 112 inches of snow vs. 260. It shows why they need snow-making capabilities.

We are asking for your assistance. A website www.reclaim-thepeaks.com has been created to provide information on the upgrade proposal, how to support the effort, how to donate to the defense fund, and many profiles of families and individuals who rely on the ski area and the Peaks for their personal well being. If you open the Take Action Now! Page, it has information on how to donate but more importantly encourages you to write letters. The web link below will take you to a template set up by the Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce. You simply enter your information, type a small letter and click send.

The precedence set by this case threatens two things, Public Land and Reclaimed Water.

This could have a massive effect on the ski industry, as resorts are closed down because of the sacredness of the area or places nearby.

But this does not just affect the ski industry; it affects anyone who enjoys recreation on public lands: hikers, mountain bikers, ATVs, campers, fishermen, etc.

This ruling is also about reclaimed water and how bad it now is. This ruling affects every golf course in the nation who irrigates with reclaimed water and every municipality who does the same.

Please visit the website and spread the word. We have until late April to inform the Arizona Congressional Delegation and we need to put the pressure on them now.

Now on a happier note! The Arizona Ski council kicked off their ski season at an elevation of about 1000 feet at their favorite cowboy hang-out, Greasewood Flats! Here members of the five clubs met to share trips, meet friends, few good beers and green chili burgers!

Then it was off to Wolf Creek for Thanksgiving. The Scottsdale and the Phoenix Ski club joined forces for a great time. All forty skiers were thankful that there was plenty of snow and turkey to go around!

Our annual council trip is to the quaint town of Telluride for our AZ Day in December! This is one of the most popular trips with over 150 members in attendance.

New Year's gave members a choice this year: PSC (Phoenix Ski Club) journeyed to Salt Lake City. They skied in the Little Cottonwood Canyon resorts. Party-time Sports skiers also ventured

for some great skiing here later on in the month.

Meanwhile 40 members

from the SSSC (Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club) traveled to Durango, Colorado for a repeat New Year's trip to Purgatory!

In January, about seventy skiers from Arizona descended upon the sleepy little town of Steamboat. Conditions icy, but the camaraderie built up on swapping stories after a challenging day was priceless. Fifty skiers from Partytime Sports (PTS) traveled north to Telluride for some great January skiing. Everything was open, and the street parties were outstanding!

Our grand finale is our trek back to Telluride, CO for our annual Surf the Rockies! Two buses of skiers will be heading off to Telluride before they put their skis away for the season. We proudly announce the re-joining of the Arizona Outdoor Travel Club (AOTC) to the council! They are the sixth club in our Council. We welcome all of their members.

On a somber note, one of our members, Jerry Nussburger suffered a severe injury while at the FWSA Ski Week in Steamboat. The Progress is slow, improvements are slight, and the road ahead is going to be long. He will be staying in a Colorado hospital in Englewood until further notice. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.



*Marge Fons, Arizona
Ski Council President*

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

By Dennis Heffley

We in the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) had another amazing year!

First and foremost the BAC Board of Directors are the ones who make it all happen!

We are very lucky to have a team that works together and accomplishes so many things.

They are Mary Azevedo, Paul Kinahon, Dave Cunningham, Linda Indreboe, Sig Kalteis, Scott Bowker, Walt Johnson, Michelle Nightengale, Linda Yamaguchi, Sandy Kutaka, Lee Holzschuh, and Norm Azevedo.

The following mentioned people are moving on from their BAC Board Positions.

A month ago ~ I wasn't sure what I was going to write about **Norm and Mary Azevedo**. My intentions had been to say in this report how wonderful it was to have Mary Azevedo as the BAC Secretary and Norm Azevedo as the BAC Travel Director. The two of them have been very helpful in all of the workings of the BAC and we are very lucky to have them with us / Then came the e-mail about Norm's condition in Siena, Italy .

I share with everyone in the BAC & FarWest Ski Association how great it is to have them home and how happy we are that everything is OK!

Walt Johnson has been our BAC Treasurer for three years! His time and efforts are greatly appreciated. Walt has been able to bring the BAC back to being a council with very detailed records that can be understood by all.

Paula Kinahon has been heading one of the most detailed positions in the BAC and that is our Benefits Program which mainly takes care of our BAC / Discount Lift Ticket Program. She has put together a detailed program to track all of our sales and returns. She has developed a professional relationship as an ambassador for BAC to the Ski Resorts .

Special mention again goes out to Jim Korn ~ he has been at most of our general and board meetings assisting Paula with BAC Benefits but mostly adding his thoughts, insights and professional touch in making the BAC Directory a great publication!

Our BAC elections of officers is being done on April 9, 2007. It appears that those BAC Board Members not just listed as moving on will be re-

turning for another year as at the time of this writing they are unopposed. We do have one position which has two nominations and that is the BAC Travel Director. Either way the voting goes ~ the BAC will have a GREAT person in that position!

Our Guest Speaker line up at our monthly BAC General Meetings was GREAT! There were reps who came and talked about ski equipment, resorts and Disabled Sports USA.

The 2006/2007 BAC year was filled with accomplishments! A couple of highlights have to be a our wonderful Leadership Seminars, the 2nd Annual BAC Baseball Game with the Oakland A's benefiting Disabled Sports USA, trips to Panorama, Steamboat Springs and Sun Peaks along with hosting the upcoming 2007 FarWest Ski Convention which is being held at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara May 31 ~ June 3, 2007. A number of our clubs participated in the 1st Annual Disabled Sports Challenge Race!

Our Race Chairs John Schultheis (open league) and Craig Faitel (singles league) along with their committees put together a fun race season for us. Unlike last year, (too much snow!) this year the challenges were due to the warm weather in the Sierra's!

Looking to what awaits us in the 2007 / 2008 BAC year . . . there is the FWSA Convention, trips to Whistler / Blackcomb along with a couple of other locations, the 3rd Annual BAC Baseball Game with the Oakland A's benefiting Disabled Sports USA, Racing and our continued line up of Guest Speakers and Many, many more things that we here at the BAC will accomplish. This year the BAC / DSUSA Ski For All benefiting the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School at Alpine Meadows on March 17th was a success, \$8,000.00 was raised!

A special Thank You goes out to Ms. Linda Indreboe ~ she is doing an amazing job of bringing together all of the clubs and individuals who are volunteering to make the upcoming FarWest Ski Associations 75th Anniversary Convention a success! The BAC (as with your council) is made up of Volunteers. I say Thank You to one and all of them. They are the life and energy that keep us moving in a very positive direction!



Dennis Heffley
BAC President

**Thank You For Being The One
Who Makes The Difference!**

Central Council of California

By Fran Long

A Focus on Skiing

In Central Council we have 3 fairly large clubs, and we have 3 fairly small clubs. We all like to ski, but our needs for planned ski trips vary greatly. Our clubs and council recognize the need for variety in our trips and support everyone's efforts to meet that varying need.

While our larger clubs offer their members several week-long and many weekend trips each year, our smaller clubs do not have that opportunity. Central Council fills that gap by supporting the FWSA week-long trip each year, and making it accessible to all our club's members. In addition, Central Council organizes one weekend trip each year.

Here's what a few of our members had to say about some of the places they skied this year:

- **FWSA Steamboat Springs week-long trip:** "...champagne powder to our knees, exploring Strawberry Hot Springs, horseback riding, shopping, massage, Kenny Loggins, jacuzzi parties and much, much more. The entire week at 'Ski Town USA' was fantastic, with the camaraderie at its best."

- **SLO Skiers Whistler/Blackcomb week-long trip:** "We skied downhill and cross country, went walking in our snowshoes, enjoyed exhilarating zip trekking, and some took advantage of the horse drawn sleds. It was unanimous, the best trip ever!"

- **Fresno Ski Club Squaw Valley/Sugar Bowl weekend trip:** "What is a recipe for a successful ski trip? Put together good snow, good weather, and good friends and you are assured of a good time."

Where else do we ski??? Locally, our clubs support the Tahoe ski areas, Sierra Summit, and Mammoth Mountain. Week-long trips this year alone took, or will take, our clubs to Big Sky, Montana; Park City, Utah; Powder Mountain/Snowbasin, Utah; Keystone, Colorado; Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado; Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Andorra; and Panorama, Canada. So many places to ski...so little winter to ski them all!



*Fran Long
Central Council of
California President*

Public Affairs Update Headlines

Area Development

- **Alpine Meadows** sale by Powdr Corp (owner of Park City, Mt. Bachelor, Boreal, Soda Springs, Las Vegas Ski Resort, Killington, Pico) to JMA Ventures (owner of Homewood Resort and developer of Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco) is expected to close in June 2007.

- **American Skiing Company** (owner of The Canyons, Sugarloaf, Sunday River) sold Steamboat to Intrawest Corp. in December 2006, Killington & Pico to Powdr Corp. in February 2007 and Mount Snow & Attitash to Peak Resorts Inc. of Missouri in February 2007.

- **Arizona Snowbowl.** On 3/12/07 9th U.S. Circuit Court William Fletcher reversed U.S. District Court Judge Paul Rosenblatt's decision that Forest Service met all procedural requirements for approval of facility upgrades at Arizona Snowbowl and use of reclaimed wastewater to make artificial snow. District Court Judge Rosenblatt had concluded that the goal of providing a reliable ski season was 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. Rosenblatt has set an important precedent which extends American Indians the right to practice their religion in a way and 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. Ultimately this case is predicted to go to the Supreme Court.

- **Eclipse Snow Park** (located on St. Mary's Glacier just northwest of Idaho Springs, CO and less than 50 miles from Denver) received county rezoning approval for commercial outdoor recreation in January 2007. Michael Coors (a 25 year old Coors heir) is developing this 284 acre Clear Creek County site which still needs county design and development approval.

Northwest Ski Club Council

By Mary Olhausen

Our clubs have been busy with lots of ski trips ranging from our local ski area Mt. Hood to all over the Western US, and to Europe. Our recent March Council meeting focused on trips and we had a lively discussion of ideas for different types of trips, secrets for successful trips, dealing with current travel dilemmas such as Canadian boarder crossings and airline restrictions, trip planning/proposals, and FAM trips.

We have a club that runs a very successful "Mystery Trip" - members sign up without knowing the destination until the bus pulls out of town and gets going in the direction of the resort. Skiyente Ski Club is in their 3rd year of offering a "Family Trip" - open to all clubs. They can attest that with good planning, children and adults can equally enjoy the trip. Plan games/activities to keep children busy and as well, visit a resort that offers up a variety of restaurants/bars for adults rather than lodging in condos far from town, with little to do.

A popular trip with one of our Portland clubs is the annual "Road Trip," held early season. The organizer coordinates a night at Warren Miller movie for members and collects some of the free lift ticket coupons that will go unused. These are then available to trip attendees so that everyone can utilize discount lift tickets. The Council continues to offer an early season trip - often to Colorado with about 40 attending.

Our monthly newsletter lists charity ski events at various resorts - so that clubs might plan a trip around

a ski free day, which would help offset costs for attendees. Our publication, NW Skiers Directory, lists club ski trips - it's a great way to see who's going where and when, and meet up with other Council clubs on the slopes. We look forward to Far West Ski Week in 2008 when we will be at Whistler/Blackcomb - a favorite with our Seattle clubs!!

Other things going on in NWSCC include the Ski Oregon and Washington Challenges. We feel this program facilitates encouragement to our members to visit our NW ski resorts. PACRAT racing had another great season and will enjoy the grand finale "Rat Attack" party on April 13th - where the crowning of King and Queen Rat take place. The "FWSA GERM TEAM" raced in the 19th annual Oregon Cancer Ski Out this past March. Our 9th annual Council "Clubs 4-Play Golf Tournament" will be held July 29th.

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!



*Mary Olhausen
Northwest Ski Club
Council President*

Community Involvement Updates

Our FWSA 2005 Safety award winner T.J. Barnes reports that Vail Mountain has put her **Hearing U** Recognition Symbol up on the slopes, ticket booths, etc. Skiers who are hearing challenged can request 1/2 priced lift tickets. Not only are the hearing impaired encouraged to wear this symbol, but also those listening to ipods on the slopes. Check out "The Voice of Hearing", T.J. (Teresa June) Barnes, R. N. at www.HearingU.com and www.IntlAHC.org.



San Diego Council

By Cheryl Riess



*Cheryl Riess
San Diego
Council President*

The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs has five elected members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Travel. We held elections April 4, with no candidate willing to run for Treasurer. We therefore have a vacancy on the board. The past-Treasurer is performing the duties in a stop-gap measure until we can find a qualified and willing candidate from amongst the Council clubs. The new Travel Director, Susan Shaffer, ran unopposed and was elected by acclamation. She is extremely qualified and was trained by outgoing Travel Director Susie Vetter. The remaining incumbents, including myself, were unopposed in the election and were also elected by acclamation.

As I mentioned in my last report, our council has members on the board who have been there 20 or 30 years. While they have served well, they are counting their days of service and there are not that many. I am pleased that those who served on the board with me

this past year have agreed to accept an appointment for this year. As a board, we have agreed to make an effort to recruit assistants who can be groomed as replacements for the next year.

With the cancellation of our annual Family picnic last year, we are trying a different approach. We have asked our clubs to open their



picnics to the Council, and have had one club express an interest in doing this. We have to work out the details, but this may be a viable solution that will work. I can report on that at the next meeting.

Our Council trip to Aspen in December was very successful. This is one of only two revenue sources for the Council and it netted about 45% more than we projected.

The Council sold out of available seats on the FWSA

Ski Week to Steamboat, and with some creative bargaining and pricing, netted about three times the amount we projected in our budget. With this windfall tied directly to FWSA Ski Week 2007, the board voted to subsidize FWSA Ski Week 2008 at Whistler by about \$50 per person. By keeping the cost of the trip down, we hope to keep the numbers up, despite the increased costs charged to FWSA.

The San Diego Council of Ski Club board members have put the issue of communicating the value of FWSA and the Council on the agenda for its May board meeting. The feeling is that club members may be more interested in volunteering if they better understand the value of these two organizations. We will share our ideas and progress at the next board meeting. I think this is a good sign for things to come!

Dick Goetzman

Dick Goetzman, died at age 78 in April 2007 at his home in Long Beach, CA. Dick was president of FWSA from 1969-71 and received the J. Stanley Mullin award for decisive contributions to skiing in 1969 and the Hans Georg award for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to skiing in 1986. He was U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) president 1974-76 and trustee of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team Foundation since 1968.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION 2007 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

At the Far West Ski Association Annual Meeting & Convention May 31 – June 2, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, California, delegates will elect the one year positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and the two (2) year positions of two Trustees. In addition, functional Vice Presidents will be elected to the positions of Council Services, Public Affairs and North American Travel.

Declared candidates at this time are:

President	Randy Lew (incumbent)
Secretary	Debbie Stewart (incumbent)
Treasurer	Nancy Kelly (incumbent)
Trustee 1	Steve Coxen (incumbent)
Trustee 2	open
VP of Council Services	Fran Long (incumbent)
VP of Public Affairs	Scott Bowker (incumbent)
VP of North American Travel	Gloria Raminha

The position of Trustee 2 currently has no declared candidate.

If you are interested in running for any of the above positions, please contact the Nominating Committee member 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, candidates will have the opportunity to speak at Council Caucuses and in the general assembly before the elections.

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.

The job descriptions for 2007 - 2008 open positions are as follows:

PRESIDENT:

FUNCTIONS:

1. Manages, directs and controls FWSA affairs, subject to Board control.
2. Presides at General meetings, Board meetings and Conventions.
3. Ex-officio member of Board of Trustees. (By-laws)
4. Ex-officio member of all committees. (By-laws)
5. 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. Presents 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 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 and business cards.
6. Provide minutes of the previous FWSA Convention for publication in the annual Convention Delegate Book.
7. 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.
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.

TRUSTEE:**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

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 an article 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.
4. Coordinate and execute the FWSA Outreach Program.
5. Oversee Council development.
6. Prepare and conduct an annual performance appraisal of FWSA programs and present results to the Board of Trustees.
7. Coordinate and execute family related events.
8. Encourage the promotion and recognition of healthful year round recreation and fitness programs.
9. Submit the VP of Council Services budget estimate to the Treasurer prior to the summer FWSA Board of Directors meeting.
10. Submit a written report to the President prior to each Board meeting.
11. Write an article for each *Councilman, Far West Skier's Guide* and the Convention Delegate Book.

VP of PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

FUNCTIONS:

1. Plan and execute the FWSA Public Affairs Program, subject to Board approval.
2. Maintain a communication and working relationship with ski area personnel and ski area developers, US Forest Service, state and federal legislators on issue pertaining to the development of new or expansion of existing ski areas and other issues of interest to skiers.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Publish information to alert FWSA members of important skiing related issues.
2. Establish a committee to include task force chairpersons for each region.
3. Provide monthly updates to each Council for publication.
4. Develop relationships with USFS officers and arrange for USFS speakers for the annual FWSA Convention.
5. Draft public comment letters on behalf of the FWSA on key development and other ski related issues.
6. Moderate the Public Affairs panel session at the annual FWSA Convention.
7. Oversee the FWSA Safety Education Program for members and the public.
8. Oversee the FWSA History Committee and the Western Ski Heritage Award program.
9. Submit the VP of Public Affairs 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.
12. Develop Convention Panel Session Handbook.

VP of NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL:

FUNCTIONS:

1. Provide management, promotion and coordination of FWSA Ski Week and other North American 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 North American trips and obtain Board of Directors approval for execution
2. Establish FWSA annual Ski Week bid procedures and oversee the Ski Week bid process.
3. Conduct an annual FWSA North American Ski Week.
4. Develop and present for Board of Directors approval an operating budget for all North American trips.
5. Follow standard accounting procedures for North American travel activities.
6. Submit a full report to the Board of Directors on "product" donations as related to North American travel.
7. Present a complete and accurate trip financial statement at the first Board meeting following each trip.
8. Oversee the all official FWSA North American familiarization (FAM) trips.
9. Submit the VP of North American 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.

Did You Change?

By Nancy Ellis



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