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Reno, Nevada

June 7-10, 2018



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“High Sierra Stampede” - Schedule of Events



Thursday, June 7, 2018

8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Rafting on the Truckee River (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Brian Head Resort</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration - Delegate Bags <i>Sponsored by Reno Tahoe</i> , Neck Wallets - <i>Sponsored by Nancy Greene's Cahilly Hotel & Suites</i> , Delegate Book - <i>Sponsored by Holidaze Ski Tours</i>	Grand Foyer
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration	Registration Desk
5:30 pm - 10:30 pm	Reno Rumble Pub Crawl (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i>	Grand Foyer

Friday, June 8, 2018

6:30 am - 2:30 pm	12th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament at Lakeridge Golf Course (Optional Event), Shotgun Start at 8:00 am - <i>Sponsored by Club Med</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Silent Auction Set Up	Grand Ballroom
7:30 am - 3:00 pm	Hike at LakeTahoe (Optional Event) - <i>Sponsored by Diamond Peak Ski Resort</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
9:30 am - 3:00 pm	Spa Day – <i>Sponsored by Aspen Snowmass / Snowmass Tourism</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Grand Foyer
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Far West Ski Foundation Meeting (Invitation Only)	Emerald C
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Registration and Set-Up	Grand Ballroom
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Atlantis Outside Pool Party - <i>Sponsored by Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Hosted by Central Council; Beer hosted by Great Basin Brewing Company</i>	Outdoor Pool
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Meeting	Grand Ballroom
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Convention 101 Meeting for New Convention Delegates	Treasures BCD
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Meeting (Invitation Only)	FWSA Suite
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Club Happy Hour	Promenade
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Silent Auction Welcome Party - <i>Sponsored by Aspen Snowmass</i> , Beer <i>Donated by Great Basin Brewing Company</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by Sports America Tours</i>	Grand Ballroom
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm	33rd Annual Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show - Musical Entertainment by <i>Kevin Shea, Mobile DJ</i>	Grand Ballroom
10:30 pm - 11:00 pm	Exhibitor Booth Breakdown	Grand Ballroom

Saturday, June 9, 2018

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Grand Foyer
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast - <i>Sponsored by Mammoth Mountain Ski Area</i>	Grand Ballroom 1-4
8:00 am - 8:30 am	FWSA General Meeting - Opening Session	Grand Ballroom 1-4
8:45 am - 10:25 am	Travel Expo - <i>Grand Prize - Far West Ski Week - Sponsored by FWSA</i>	Grand Ballroom 5-7
8:45 am - 10:15 am	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - “ <i>Make Your Non-Profit Passion a Successful Reality</i> ” (<i>Dave Ludwig</i>)	Emerald AB
8:45 am - 12:15 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging (Invitation Only) - Awards <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i>	Treasures A
10:30 am - 12:15 pm	Bid Presentations – 2020 FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)	Treasures CD
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy - “ <i>Knock Knock..Who's There to Take Over? Successful Succession Planning</i> ” (<i>Todd Hood</i>)	Emerald AB
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Emerald C
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Far West Racing Seminar - “ <i>The Future of Recreational Racing</i> ”	Treasurers B
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Luncheon & Awards Presentation - Luncheon <i>Sponsored by Vail Resorts</i> , Wine Service <i>Sponsored by Winter Park & Ski.Com</i> , Beer <i>Hosted by Great Basin Brewing Company</i> , Western Ski Heritage Award <i>Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i> , Safety Person of the Year Award <i>Sponsored by Telluride</i>	Grand Ballroom 1-4

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“High Sierra Stampede” - Schedule of Events



Saturday, June 9, 2018 (Cont'd)

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Keynote Speaker - Billy Kidd, Olympic Medalist, <i>Sponsored by Bike Tours.Com</i>	Grand Ballroom 1-4
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy – “I Want To Go On The Trip, Too. Maximizing Travel of Your Clients with Special Needs: (<i>Jane Gutierrez</i>)	Emerald AB
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Trip Leader Seminar	Treasures CD
2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers	Emerald C
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucus - BAC / Sierra Intermountain / Northwest / Central / Direct Members LAC / Orange / San Diego / Arizona	Grand Ballroom 7 Grand Ballroom 6 Grand Ballroom 5 Grand Ballroom 1-4 Grand Ballroom 1-4
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (No Host)	
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Awards Banquet & Dance “High Sierra Stampede” - <i>Sponsored by Alterra Mountain Company / IKON Pass</i> , Councils’ Man & Woman of the Year <i>Sponsored by Big White Ski Resort</i> , Musical Entertainment by “ <i>Sweet Success</i> ”	

Sunday, June 10, 2018

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Eye Opener - <i>Sponsored by FWSA & Hosted by Bay Area Snow Sports Council</i>	FWSA Suite
8:30 am - 10:30 am	FWSA General Meeting - Elections	Grand Ballroom 1-4
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Delegate Brunch - <i>Sponsored by ClubExpress</i> , Outstanding Club & Council Awards, Club & Council Communication Awards, Charities Awards, Club History Award, Door Prize Giveaway	Grand Ballroom 1-4
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	FWSA General Meeting Continued	Grand Ballroom 1-4
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	FWSA Board of Trustees and Board of Directors Meetings	Grand Ballroom 5

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

Panels / Snowsports Celebrities

Keynote Speaker / Caucuses

Schedule Saturday, June 9, 2018

	Travel Expo	Panel Sessions	Lunch	Panel Sessions	Council Caucuses
Room	8:45 am - 10:25 am	10:45 am - 12:15 pm	12:30 pm - 2:30 pm	2:40 pm - 4:00 pm	4:15 pm - 5:30 pm
Grand Ballroom 5-7	Travel Expo				
Grand Ballroom 1-4			Lunch & Keynote Speaker		
Emerald C		Public Affairs Panel		Public Affairs Panel	
Emerald AB	Snowsports Leadership Academy	Snowsports Leadership Academy		Snowsports Leadership Academy	
Treasurers CD		Ski Week Bid Presentations (closed session)			
Treasurers A	Councils' Man & Woman Judging (closed session)	Councils' Man & Woman Judging (closed session)			
Grand Ballroom 5					LAC / Orange / San Diego / Arizona
Grand Ballroom 6					Intermountain / Central / Northwest / Direct Members
Grand Ballroom 7					BAC / Sierra

Please note that this is a preliminary list of invited guests, presenters/speakers, topics and rooms, which is subject to change.

8:45 am-10:15 am - Snowsports Leadership Academy - Emerald AB - “Make Your Nonprofit Passion a Successful Reality”

Speaker: Dave Ludwig

Many people have passions and ideas when it comes to volunteering their time and services but have no idea where to start! Dave will be speaking about the formation of ideas and how to process them into a functioning program. Dave is a founder of Hope on the Slopes, which, since its inception in 2002, has raised more than \$2.5 million for the American Cancer Society.

10:45-12:15 Public Affairs Panel - Emerald C

Moderator: John Watson, Far West Ski Foundation President

Scheduled Speakers include: Dave Ludwig, Founder of Hope on the Slopes; Billy Kidd, Olympic Medalist; Wayne Wong, Member of the US and Canadian Ski Hall of Fame; Curtis Fong, Ski Journalist and member of the US Ski Hall of Fame; Bill Clark, Curator of the Western America Ski Sport Hall of Fame; and, Lila Lapanja, U.S. Ski Team and FWSA Athletic Scholarship Recipient.

10:45 am-12:15 pm - Snowsports Leadership Academy - Emerald AB - “Knock Knock. Who’s There to Take Over? Successful Succession Planning”

Speaker: Todd Hood

Having a pipeline of people with the talent, commitment and desire to lead is important and valuable, but thousands of leaders find themselves in a position where they have no one to take over. This leads to burn out, lack of desire to stay in the organization, and clubs disbanding. This is a great topic that we should all be focusing now and soon, and Todd will give us

great ideas to move forward. Todd Hood is a facilitator in change management and the new VP of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region. Todd has been a member of the Snowbusters Ski Club of Pasadena since 1991. He is Vice President for Travel and previous VP of membership of the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs.

1:30-2:30 PM - FWSA Keynote Speaker - Grand Ballroom 1-4

Convention Keynote Speaker: Billy Kidd, Olympic Medalist

2:40-4:00 PM - Snowsports Leadership Academy - Emerald AB - “I Want to Go On the Trip, Too; Maximizing Travel for Your Clients with Special Needs”

Speaker: Jane Guiterrez, FWSA VP Membership

As trip leaders, do we know how to increase the comfort level of our travelers if they have a disability? This presentation will talk about what we can do to maximize this type of traveler's experience. Jane will lead a panel session of trip leaders who are experienced in this area to give you great ideas on helping an individual with disabilities on the slopes, or anywhere in the world.

2:40 pm-4:00 pm - Public Affairs Panel - Emerald C

Moderator: John Watson, Far West Ski Foundation President

Scheduled Speakers include: Dave Ludwig, Founder of Hope on the Slopes; Billy Kidd, Olympic Medalist; Wayne Wong, Member of the US and Canadian Ski Hall of Fame; Curtis Fong, Ski Journalist and member of the US Ski Hall of Fame; Bill Clark, Curator of the Western America Ski Sport Hall of Fame; and, Lila Lapanja, U.S. Ski Team and FWSA Athletic Scholarship Recipient.

4:15-5:30 PM - Council Caucuses

BAC / Sierra - Grand Ballroom 7

Intermountain / Northwest / Central / Direct Members - Grand Ballroom 6

LAC / Orange / San Diego / Arizona - Grand Ballroom 5

Council delegates meet to hear from candidates running for the open FWSA offices. After the candidate presentations, the delegates will discuss the various candidates in preparation for voting on Sunday morning.

Snowsports Leadership Academy

The Snowsports Leadership Academy is a FWSA education program designed to provide FWSA members training and tools to enhance and expand ski clubs and be recognized industry wide as having a measure of standards and consistency. All attendees of the Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions receive a certificate of attendance. You do not want to miss these well presented, informative and timely sessions. Snowsports Leadership Academy Sessions Modules:

2008 – Module 1: “I’m Elected, Now What”
Module 2: “Now you Have Them, How do you Keep Them”

2009 – Module 3: “Travel Wise – Smart Tips for Trips”
Module 4: “Risky Business – A Slippery Slope”

2010 – Module 5: “Ethics – Doing the Right Thing”
Module 6: “Tech Works – Building Your Club Using the Social Media”

2011 – Module 7: “Skiing Equipment Design: Getting the Right Fit”
Module 8: “Building Membership Through Racing”
“Taking Office, Now What”?

2012 – Module 9: “The Future Is Now”
Module 10: “Marketing, Mentoring, Media”

2013 – Module 11: “Make Club Meetings Fun While Getting Business Done”
Module 12: “Keeping Pace as a High Tech Club”

2014 – Module 13: “Get the Latest on Snowsports Equipment”
Module 14: “Avalanche Safety – Are You Prepared?”

2015 – Module 15: “Improving Social Media Savvy”
Module 16: “Latest Technologies in Winter Equipment?”

2016 – Module 17: “Who Are You, and Who Cares: Building and Supporting Your Brand”
Module 18: “Safe Travels on the Slope”

2017 – Module 19: “How to Build and Maintain a Successful Ski Club”
Module 20: “Making Love to your Members – Building and Bridging Relationships for the Long Term”
Module 21: “How to Keep your Skis in Tip Top Shape”
“What Goes into a Great Boot Fitting”

2018 - Module 22: “Make Your Nonprofit Passion a Successful Reality”
Module 23: “Knock Knock. Who’s There to Take Over? Successful Succession Planning”
Module 24: “I Want to Go On the Trip, Too Maximizing Travel for Your Clients with Special Needs”

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Order of Business

Saturday, June 9, 2018

GENERAL SESSION

8:00 AM Call to Order (Steve Coxen)

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Introduction of Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairpersons, Council Presidents, FWSA Appointed Representatives and Special Guests.

Credentials Committee Report (Jane Gutierrez)

Nominations Committee Report (Steve Coxen)

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Report (Sheri Parshall)

Industry Marketing & Sponsorships Report (Debbi Kor)

Silent Auction Report (Jeannine Davis)

Travel Expo Report (Michael Bouton)

RECESS FOR TRAVEL EXPO & PANEL SESSIONS

8:45 AM – 10:25 AM Travel Expo (Michael Bouton)

Sunday, June 10, 2018

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

8:30 AM Call to Order (Steve Coxen)
Order and timeframe of Sunday session to be determined by the FWSA President

8:30 AM – 1:00 PM FWSA General Meeting and Election of Officers

Secretary's Report (Sheri Parshall)
Approval of Minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting

Credentials Committee Report (Jane Gutierrez)

Parliamentarian's Report (George Kish)

Bylaws Report (George Kish)

Nominations of Candidates for Office and Elections (Gloria Raminha)

Speeches by candidates
(2 minutes time limit each)

Election and voting for President, Trustees, and Officers

Resolutions (Randy Lew)

10:30 AM RECESS FOR BRUNCH
Club & Council Communication Awards
Charities Award & Club History Award

11:30 AM GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR GENERAL SESSION
(Continued)

Treasurer's Report (Randy Lew)

Board of Trustees Report (Gloria Raminha)

Industry Sponsorship/Silent Auction
(Debbi Kor & Jeannine Davis)

FWSA Officers' Reports (FWSA VPs)

FWRA President Report (Bob Ellis)

FWSA 2019 Convention Report
(Debbi Kor and Judy Thurman)

Old Business (Steve Coxen)

New Business (Steve Coxen)

Introduction of Newly Elected Officers and Trustees (Steve Coxen)

Adjournment (FWSA President)

Welcome

Steve Coxen, President, Far West Ski Association

I am excited to welcome you to the 86th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada. We are hosted by Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Sierra League & Council. You will have the opportunity to have fun, see old friends and make new ones. You will learn new things at our Snowsports Leadership Academy, visit with our snowsports industry partners, meet snowsports celebrities and much more. Our FWSA Convention has something for everyone. Enjoy your weekend.

Please give a big thank you to our FWSA Convention Committee and all of the volunteers from both ski councils who have worked many hours to make the 2018 Convention a success. I specifically want to thank Paul Vlasveld and Jo Simpson. Both Paul and Jo have worked very hard to assemble a wonderful group of volunteers. Review the list of Convention Volunteers and VIPs in the Delegate Book and thank them whenever you get the opportunity.

Debbi Kor, our new FWSA Convention Chairperson, has been on our Convention Committee for many years. As FWSA VP of Marketing since 2002, Debbi has worked for years securing sponsorships for our Convention and FWSA Programs. Debbi's relationships in the snowsports industry are exceptional.

Other kudos go to Jeannine Davis, who is back for a fourth year as Silent Auction Coordinator and Michael Bouton as our new leader of the FWSA Travel Expo. Jo Simpson has stepped up again to edit the Convention Delegate Book. Catherine Ohi has done an excellent job as our FWSA Awards Chairperson, overseeing the awards nomination process and the voting. Catherine is also the creator and editor of our annual Convention Awards Book and creator of the media portion of our Awards presentation program.

If this is your first FWSA Convention, make sure you plan to attend Convention 101 on Friday at 5:00-5:30pm. Jane Gutierrez, FWSA VP of Membership, will explain everything you need to know about our annual conventions. Jane is also in charge of our Snowsports Leadership Academy with three very interesting sessions on Saturday. There will be two morning sessions – "Make Your Non-Profit Passion a Successful Reality" and "Knock Knock Who's There to Take Over? Successful Succession Planning." The afternoon Academy session will be "I Want to Go on The Trip Too. Maximizing Travel of your Clients with Special Needs." I am sure you will come away some very useful information from these sessions.

We have assembled an excellent panel of speakers for our Public Affairs sessions to discuss current issues affecting skiers, ski area operators, forest management, climate change and the FWSA Public Affairs Program.

Our keynote speaker is Billy Kidd, Director of Skiing at Steamboat Ski Resort and 1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist.

The annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday evening and the theme is "High Sierra Stampede," so be creative with your attire. We will have a wonderful dinner as we recognize special achievements in our snowsport community and the industry. This is our way of thanking all of the hard working individuals who contribute so much to improve our snowsports experience.

Our annual business meeting and elections will be held on Sunday. Our councils will caucus on Saturday afternoon and candidates for office will visit each caucus to discuss their qualifications and answer questions. You should attend your caucus to learn more about FWSA leadership. You might be motivated to run for a position yourself.

A big thank you to all of you attending our 2018 Convention. I hope to see you on the slopes next season, on one of our adventure trips, and at the 2019 FWSA Convention in Indian Wells, California at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa.

Event Sponsors

86th Annual FWSA Convention

by Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 86th Annual Convention. Their generous support was a significant contribution to the financial success of this year's convention. By offsetting convention costs through the sponsorship program, we are able to offer a more affordable delegate registration fee. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2018-2019.

Program Sponsors



Western Ski Heritage Prize

Since 2000, **Steamboat** has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals, a tour and a half day lesson.



Councils' Man & Woman of Year

Since 2001, **Big White Ski Resort** has donated a 5-night ski package for two with lodging and lift tickets to the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year winners.



Athletic Scholarships

Since 2004, funds for the scholarships are provided through contributions from **Whitefish Mountain Resort**, **The Inn at Whitefish Lake**, **The Firebrand** (Averill Hospitality) and **Karbon** (Shure Sports)



Safety Award

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Rafting
Thursday



Reno Rumble
Pub Crawl
Thursday evening



Golf Tournament
Friday Morning



Spa Day
Friday Morning



Spa Day
Friday Morning



Lake Tahoe Hike
Friday Morning



Pool Party
Friday Afternoon



Pool Party
Beer Donor
Friday Afternoon



Silent Auction
Beer Donor
Friday Evening



Silent Auction
Wine Service
Friday Evening



Continental Breakfast
Saturday Morning



Luncheon
Saturday



Beer Donor
Saturday Lunch



Wine Service
Saturday Lunch



Wine Service
Saturday Lunch



Keynote Speaker
Saturday Afternoon



Silent Auction
Welcome Party
Saturday Evening



Awards Banquet
Saturday Evening



Eye Opener Hosts
Sunday Morning



Brunch
Sunday Morning

Silent Auction & Travel Expo 2018 Participants

by Jeannine Davis, Michael Bouton, and Debbi Kor

The Far West Ski Association, Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Sierra League and Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 33rd Annual Silent Auction and 16th Annual Travel Expo participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners.

Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2018-2019.

Alpine Adventures, FL
Aspen/Snowmass, CO
Aspen Skiing Company, CO
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, NV
Averill Hospitality, MT
Banff Lodging Company, Canada
Banff Sunshine, Canada
Betty Donellan, TX
Big Sky Resort, MT
Big White Ski Resort, Canada
BikeTours.com, TN
Bobo's Ski Board Patio, NV
Brian Head Resort, UT
Brundage Mountain Resort, ID
Clearly Cayman Dive Resorts, FL
ClubExpress, IL
Club Med, FL
Crested Butte Mountain Resort, CO
Deer Valley Resort, UT
Destination Residences Snowmass, CO
Diamond Peak Ski Resort, NV
Elevation Bike, Ski & Board, Canada
Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Canada
Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Canada
Great Basin Brewing Co., NV
Holidaze Ski Tours, NJ
Homewood Mountain Resort, CA
Huntley Lodge, MT
Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa, CA
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY
Kandahar Lodge at Whitefish, MT
Mammoth Mountain Inn, CA
Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, CA
Mountain Modern Motel, WY

Mt. Norquay, Canada
Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites at Sun Peaks Resort, Canada
Panorama Mountain Resort, Canada
Park City Peaks Hotel, UT
Powder Mountain, UT
Pure Adventures, AZ
Reno Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority, NV
Roatan Charter, FL
Schweitzer Mountain Resort, ID
Ski.com, CO
Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Canada
Skigroup.net, CO
smarTours, NY
Snowmass Ski Resort, CO
Snowmass Tourism, CO
Sports America Tours, CA
Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., CO
Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows, CA
Sunshine Village Resort, Canada
Sun Peaks Resort, Canada
Sun Peaks Grand Hotel and Conference Centre, Canada
Sun Valley Resort, ID
Telluride Ski Resort, CO
The Firebrand Hotel, MT
The Lake Louise Ski Resort, Canada
The Lodge at Whitefish, MT
The Selkirk Lodge, ID
The Transportation Network, UT
Vail Resorts, CO
Val D'Iserre Condos, CA
Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Winter Park Resort, CO
Zermatt Utah Adventure Resort & Spa, UT

Convention Volunteer VIPs

Far West Ski Association President	Steve Coxen
FWSA Convention Chairperson	Debbi Kor
Host Council Convention Coordinators	Jo Simpson, Paul Vlasveld
Convention Sponsorship Chairperson	Debbi Kor
Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show / Travel Expo	
Silent Auction Chairperson	Jeannine Davis
Travel Expo Chairperson	Michael Bouton
Silent Auction Accounting	Linda Coxen
Silent Auction Bid Runners Coordinators	Michael Bouton/Arleigh Meiners
Auctioneer	Tucker Hoffmann
FWSA Awards	
Service Awards Chairperson	Catherine Ohl
Club and Council Communications Awards Chairperson	Cindy Krupp, Paul Vlasveld
Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition	
Chairperson	Sheri Parshall
Reception Hostess	Cathy Wilson
Graphics and Design	Emilio Trampuz
Convention Pins, Visors	Paul Vlasveld
Council Volunteer Coordinator	Jeannine Davis
Registration	
Convention Delegate Registrar	Jean McCasey
Registration Tote Bags	Jo Simpson
Celebrity Guests and VIP Registration	Randy Lew
Celebrity Guests and VIP Hostess	Barbara Lee Blase
Coupon Books	Karen James, Barbara Razo
FWSA Convention Treasurer	Randy Lew
FWSA Convention Finances/Contract Management	Jane Wyckoff
Snowsports Leadership Academy, Credentials Chairperson	Jane Gutierrez
Optional Events	
Rafting on the Truckee River	John Walsh
Reno Rumble Pub Crawl	Linda Russ
12 th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament	Bob Ellis
Spa Day at the Peppermill	Jo Simpson, Debbi Kor
Pool Party	Kim Riehl
Door Prize Donations	Debbi Kor
Publicity	Jane Wyckoff, Jo Simpson
Hospitality Room Coordinator	Norm Glickman
FWSA Event Signage Coordinator	Jeannine Davis
Convention Website - Webmaster	Catherine Ohl
Delegate Book Editor	Jo Simpson
Nominations & Elections	Steve Coxen
Parliamentarian	George Kish
Resolutions	Randy Lew
Convention Photographer – L. R. Peck Photography	Lonnie Peck
Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show DJ – <i>Mobile DJ</i>	Kevin Shea
Awards Banquet Band – <i>Sweet Success</i>	Craig Fletcher
Signage - <i>Starbright Creations</i>	Emilio Trampuz

Our thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers from Bay Area Snow Sports Council, Sierra League & Council and Far West Ski Association for their assistance in making the 2018 FWSA Convention a success.

Billy Kidd

1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist, Keynote Speaker



When you think of legends in American skiing the name **Billy Kidd** is at the top of the list. He and teammate Jimmie Heuga became the first American men to win Olympic medals in alpine skiing — a silver for Kidd and a bronze for Heuga in the slalom at Innsbruck, Austria.

Although his racing is confined mainly

to the “Legends Races” now, he continues his involvement in the sport as Director of Skiing at Steamboat; TV commentator at the Olympics; Head Skiing Coach for Special Olympics as well as equipment design, books, videos and movies.

Kidd grew up in Stowe, Vermont and raced internationally for nine years on the U.S. Ski Team. While racing, he studied at the University of Colorado and graduated in 1969 with a degree in economics.

In the 1964 Olympics, Billy marked yet another “first” for American men by becoming the first person to win both Amateur and Pro World Championships in a single year-1970. Kidd went on to win the Amateur World Championship in Val Gardena, Italy. Then Billy turned pro and two weeks later won the World Pro Championships.

Billy has made his home Steamboat Springs, Colorado since 1970 and spends much of the winter as Director of Skiing at the Steamboat Ski Area and running his Billy Kidd Performance Center.

Billy also leads Steamboat’s Ute Future Olympian program, which brings Native American youngsters from Utah reservations to Steamboat, where they build self-confidence by learning to ski and snowboard. His efforts with Native American youth earned him the Texaco Star Regional Award.

Because his Olympic teammate and long-time friend Jimmie Heuga had MS, Kidd is also involved in fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis and is on the board of directors of the Jimmie Heuga Center for the Reanimation of the Physically Challenged, now known as Can Do MS.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Olympic Silver Medalist, Slalom, 1964
- World Champion, Amateur and Professional, 1970
- Far West Ski Association Hans Georg Award, 1970
- National Ski Hall of Fame Inductee, 1976
- Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Inductee, 1995
- Texaco Star Award Regional Finalist, 2000
- The Bertolucci/Newsweek Magazine - Spirit of Skiing Award, 2001
- The Jimmie Heuga Center Can-Do Award, 2003
- Far West Ski Association President’s Award, 2004
- CBS-TV Commentator
- Contributing Editor, *Skiing Magazine*
- Director of Skiing, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation
- Advisor, President’s Council on Physical Fitness & Sports
- Head Ski Coach, Special Olympics International.
- National spokesman, Donate-A-Ski/Donate-A-Board
- Author of three books, including: *Billy Kidd’s Ski Racing Book*, plus Billy Kidd’s Ski Racing Video.
- Rolex Junior Skiing Ambassador
- *Sports Illustrated* Cover Image: Dec. 2003, Feb. 1968, March 1965

Curtis Fong



"The Guy from Tahoe"

Curtis Fong is a ski journalist in the West Region of the North American Snowsports Journalists Association, where he serves as the Vice President of Programs and has recently received the NASJA Mitch Kaplan Award for Excellence in Snowsports Coverage.

He is also a member of the International Skiing Heritage Association and the US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame. For 25 years, he has produced Radio, Television and Columns in Lake Tahoe Snowsports Media with his "The Guy from Tahoe" Mountain Resort Reports

on KTHO Radio AM590/96. IFM and his winter Website, BikeandSkiTahoe.com. He has hosted the morning television "Mountain Resort Report" and produced "What's Up Tahoe" on Outside Lake Tahoe Television and writes a weekly ski column "As the Bull Wheel Turns" in the Tahoe Daily Tribune. He was recently inducted in the Nevada Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Other passions include Fly Fishing and collecting and driving-racing Porsche Sports Cars and has served as the VP of the Sierra Nevada Region of the Porsche Club of America.

He is the Founder, CEO & Event Director, of TGFT Productions, LLC / Bike the West and is one of the founding fathers of the Alta Alpina Cycling Club in 1983.

He is a charter member of the Lake Tahoe Bicycle Coalition and serves on their Board of Directors as the Vice President and is past VP of the Alta Alpina Cycling Club. He is an active member in other bicycling related organizations such as The Bicycle Ride Directors Assn. of America – BRDAA, TAMBA – Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association, LAB – League of American Bicyclists, IMBA – Interna-

tional Mountain Biking Association, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Carson Valley Trails Association, Bikes Belong, Rails to Trails and more...

He is an active member of the South Shore Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce, Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce, North Lake Tahoe Chamber & Resort Association, Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, Reno-Tahoe Territory of the Nevada Commission on Tourism and serves his community as a member of the Kiwanis Club of Tahoe Sierra.

He has produced programs and presentations for the Nevada Department of Transportation's Pedestrian & Bicycle Conference, Cycle California! Magazine's BE-Pro Conference, Nevada Commission on Tourism's Rural Round Up and more...

He has received numerous honors and awards from the Nevada State Governor's Conference on Tourism, and the Lake Tahoe Bicycle Achievement Award from the Nevada Bicycle Advisory Committee, South Shore Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Award Recipient for Tourism in 2013.

Wayne Wong

Any discussion about the early years of "Hot Dog" freestyle skiing will probably include the iconic name Wayne Wong. Good looking and charismatic, Wong was a very marketable character. The looks, style and all the latest freestyle ski moves propelled him into the lime-light of the era. His signature tricks on the snow, great smile and personality made him a cultural icon of the early freestyle era.

After years of competition at a world class level, Wong remained on the ski scene. He is one of the few who were able to parlay his ski fame into a true ambassador for the sport of skiing. Being recognized at the international level,

he continues to maximize the value of his storied career. Whether it is coaching Olympic hopefuls, or skiing with corporate executives, his purpose remains the same; to share what he loves.

On the snow, Wong is an absolute technician, not only in style and technique, but he truly understands equipment science and design. He is considered one of the best ski testers of our time. For him, it is always about his passion for skiing. The tools of his life are his skis and you can always find him spreading the joy of skiing through the tools of his trade.



Awards & Achievements

- 1972: Skiing Magazine Freestyle Skier of the Year
- 1972-'76: member of the K2 and Salomon Freestyle Ski Teams
- 1975: member of the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance Interski Team
- 1984-'87: 3X World Powder 8

Champion

- 1999: recognized by Skiing magazine as one of the 25 Most Influential People; recognized by Ski magazine as one of the "Top 100 Most Influential People"
- 2000: voted by Ski Magazine as one of the Top 100 Skiers of All Time

- 2006: named by Powder Magazine as one of the Top 48 Greatest Skiers of Our Time
- 2009: inducted into the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame
- 2011: recognized as a Pioneer of Freestyle Skiing by the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame

Lila Lapanja

We are so proud of Lila Lapanja, a six (6) time recipient of a FWSA Athletic Scholarship!

She had just finished her first driving lesson at age sixteen when she got the call from the U.S. Ski Team in the spring of 2011. "I was so excited. I've been working so hard...it's just one step closer to my dream of being an Olympic ski racer," said Lapanja, who learned of her nomination at the summit of a mountain highway in the Sierra Nevada.

Lila rode that momentum into a remarkable junior career, finishing sixth in the Junior Worlds slalom, winning back-to-back U.S. Junior combined titles, and landing on the podium at the U.S. Nationals with a bronze overall and Junior title in slalom.

In 2014, Lapanja claimed the NorAm Slalom title and secured her spot on the World Cup as a tech stand-out and NorAm champion. However, 2015 proved to be the most challenging season of her young career as she struggled with an injury: after being named to the 2015 World Championship Team, Lapanja made "the hardest decision of my life" and forfeited her slalom spot so she could heal and regenerate for the rest of the season.

WORLD CUP HIGHLIGHTS

23rd, SL, Flachau, AUT, 2016
First World Cup points scored in only three starts

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

3rd, SL, Sugarloaf, ME, 2017
2nd, SL, Sun Valley, ID, 2016
3rd, SL, Squaw Valley, CO, 2014 (Junior SL Champion)

FIRST TRACKS

U.S. born, but with dual citizenship with Slovenia, Lapanja inherited her love for skiing from dad and former Slovenian National Team skier Vojko Lapanja.

When Lila was two, her parents took her to the bunny hill on Easter, strapped on some skis and set her off to chase after prize Easter eggs. With her "Ati" as her coach, she learned to ski and race at Diamond Peak in Nevada and rapidly climbed the junior ranks before racing for one year for the Sugar Bowl Ski Team and being called up to the U.S. Ski Team in 2011.

OFF THE SNOW

In addition to her love for ski racing and sports—she also has a varsity letter in tennis, played very successfully in club soccer and will challenge anyone in ping-pong or sprints—Lapanja's other great passions include animals, nature, the environment and travel and languages. In 2015,

Lapanja was named as an ambassador for the Snow Leopard Trust and is dedicated to increasing awareness of this magnificent creature and favorite animal. Lila shares, "I think it is very important to understand the lives of animals and find ways to preserve their



habitat and appreciate their beauty. I love animals.

Growing up at Tahoe has been a blessing because of the close connection with nature. I use my home in Tahoe as a refueling station and love being outside in nature—I believe that the Lake has magic powers. I also love traveling, exploring and learning about other cultures and people and have started writing poetry about my experiences.

Since I grew up speaking Slovene with my father and my family in Slovenia, I am very interested in languages and am almost fluent in Slovene and German too!"

Back-to-back U.S. Junior combined champion, 2012 and 2013

FIS JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Teams: 2013, 2014
6th, SL, Jasna, SVK, 2014
15th, SL, Mont St. Anne, CAN, 2013
(Top American in SL and GS)

OTHER

NorAm Slalom Champion, 2014 and 2016
Ranked 4th, NorAm Overall, 2016
Western Region Overall and Jr. Slalom Champion, 2011

Bill Clark

Executive Director, Western SkiSport Museum
Executive Director, Auburn Ski Club, Inc.

As Executive Director, Bill directs the Auburn Ski Club Training Center and the Western SkiSport Museum on Donner Summit. The Auburn Ski Club Training Center is a non-profit facility located on Donner Summit, adjacent to Boreal Mountain Resort. The training center provides a variety of programs for 1500+ members including Junior Alpine, Snowboard, Nordic and biathlon ski teams; recreational XC skiing and clinics on club XC trails; and competitions, including NCAA and USSA national competitions.

Bill began skiing as a Junior Far West racer with the Auburn Ski Club and was a four-way competitor at Sierra College. He was program director and head coach of the Auburn Ski Club's Alpine program from 1979-1990. He is a former member of the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame selection committee, the Far West Alpine and the Far West Nordic Board of Directors.

He is currently a board member of

the Squaw Valley Olympic Museum Foundation, which is working to establish a new museum there. He was a member of the planning committee for the 2010 50th Anniversary Olympic Heritage Celebration.

The Western SkiSport Museum was founded in 1969 by the Auburn Ski Club. Its mission is to collect, preserve and exhibit the history of winter ski sports in the western United States. Featured exhibits include: Auburn Ski Club; Snowshoe Thompson; California Gold Camps and the Longboard Skiers; 10th Mountain Division "Ski Troops of World War II," Yosemite Winter Club, Sun Valley and Alta Ski Areas; U.S. Ski Team and Olympic history; Sugar Bowl; Ski Jumpers of the 1930's and 1940's; Dodie Post, Olympic skier from Reno; Dick "Maddog" Buek, legendary skier from Donner Summit; Western Ski Hall of Fame; Jeff Hamilton, Auburn Ski Club skier, 150 mph world record speed skier and 1992 Olympic bronze medal-



ist; U.S. Forest Service; and Roy Mikkelsen, Auburn Ski Club jumper and Olympic ski jumper in 1936.

The archives and library are available by appointment. The museum has movies dating from 1919 and a publication *The Lost Sierra—Gold, Ghosts and Skis*.

Snowsports Leadership Academy

The SLA is a FWSA education program designed to provide FWSA members training and tools to enhance and expand ski clubs and be recognized industry wide as having a measure of standards and consistency. There will be two sessions in the morning, and one in the afternoon.

Dave Ludwig

Make Your Nonprofit Passion a Successful Reality

Many people have passions and ideas when it comes to volunteering their time and services but have no idea where to start! FWSA invites you to have a conversation with Dave Ludwig.

Dave has experience with the formation of an idea, working with a major non-profit (ACS), a fundamental understanding of forming a 501c3 non-profit, things to consider when organizing the business aspect, fundraising, forming a board of directors, running events.

Dave will be speaking about the formation of ideas and how to process them into a functioning program. He can be a resource that can inspire others to dedicate their efforts towards a cause that is personally meaningful.

David F. Ludwig, CPM, is founder of Hope on the Slopes. Since inception in

2002, over \$2.5 million has been raised by Hope on the Slopes for the American Cancer Society.

In 2011 Dave founded Ski and Ride For A Cure, a 501c3 organization, to expand Hope on the Slopes to ski areas and resorts where the ACS did not have trained staff.

This grew into an agreement with the ACS to transfer the Hope on the Slopes events in the West to the new non-profit. The funds raised for the ACS go to research, early detection, patient services and support.

Dave has been an invited participant in past FWSA Convention Public Affairs panel sessions. He received the 2016 Jimmie Heuga Award from FWSA.



Todd Hood

Knock Knock. Who's There to Take Over? Successful Succession Planning



Having a pipeline of people with the talent, commitment and desire to lead is important and valuable, but thousands of leaders find themselves in a position where they have no one to take over.

This leads to burn out, lack of desire to stay in the organization, and clubs disbanding. This is a great topic that we all should be focusing on now and soon, and Todd will give us great ideas to move forward.

Todd Hood is a facilitator in change management and the new VP

of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region. Todd has been a member of the Snowbusters Ski Club of Pasadena since 1991. He is Vice President for Travel and previous VP of Membership of the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs.

He is a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in Industrial Engineering, and received an MBA in International Finance from the Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California.

Jane Gutierrez

I Want to Go On the Trip, Too Maximizing Travel for Your Clients with Special Needs

As trip leaders, do we know how to increase the comfort level of our travelers if they have a disability? How do you coordinate a trip for someone who is blind or need a wheelchair? How do you give them comfort on a bus trip? What if they are traveling with you 12 hours away to a foreign country? What if they have a mental disability? "I Want to Go On the Trip, Too" will talk about what we can do to maximize the disabled traveler's experience.

Jane Gutierrez, FWSA Membership VP, will lead a panel discussion with three members of the Los Angeles Council's Unrecables (Unlimited Recreational Abilities) Ski Club who have led and participated in trips with disabled skiers. They will give you great ideas for helping individuals with disabilities get to and experience the ski slopes, or anywhere in the world.

Jane has been a pediatric nurse at Children's Hospital Los Angeles for more than 36 years. She has taken care of newborns in the intensive care unit for more than 27 years, and has recently switched roles as a specialist utilizing

a heart lung bypass machine as a last ditch effort to save lives. Although this career is stressful, Jane enjoys interacting with patients and their families, providing hope and encouragement.

Hannah Nishimoto has worked with disabled veterans for more than 30 years at the Veterans' Administration in West Los Angeles and the Unrecables Ski Club. She has assisted with travel arrangements for disabled sports participants, and is a PSIA instructor for disabled skiers. Hannah has a Master's Degree in Counseling with a specialty in Rehabilitation and is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor.

Sigrid Noack has been involved with The Unrecables Ski Club, the Los Angeles chapter of Disabled Sports USA, for about 20 years. She used to tether students, but now mostly enjoys guiding visually impaired students down the slopes. She has taken Unrecables members on several FWSA annual ski trips. Sigrid has been actively involved with other LA ski clubs as well as with LAC and FWSA since 1980.

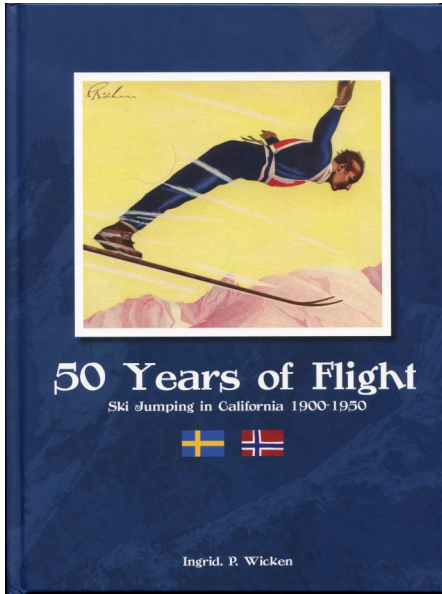
Dee Armstrong was born with a



mobility impairment, stands 4 feet, 2 inches tall and gets around with Canadian crutches, a wheelchair or neither for short distances. In 1988, she became a Certified Adaptive Ski Instructor for 4-Track (now under PSIA). She has been a member and has held several board and non-board positions with the Unrecables since the mid- to late-1980's. She travels with her wheelchair.

FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award

Ingrid Wicken



Ingrid P. Wicken wins the prize for the fourth time! Wicken, a Professor of Kinesiology at Moreno Valley College, is

the leading authority on the history of skiing in Southern California.

In 2004, she founded the California Ski Library, which holds an extensive collection of books, historic photographs, magazines, annuals, brochures, catalogs, programs, newsletters, and other ephemera.

She has written four books on skiing history: *Pray for Snow: The History of Skiing in Southern California* (2002), *Skiing in Southern California* (2007), *Lost Ski Areas of Southern California* (2012), and *50 Years of Flight: Ski Jumping in California 1900-1950* (2017).

Flight is an encyclopedic reference on ski jumping in California - now no longer practiced. She has been awarded the Far West Ski Association's Western Ski Heritage Prize in 2002, 2005, and 2013, and the International Ski History Association's Skade Award in 2003, 2008, 2015, and 2018.



Steamboat

Safety Person of the Year

Monica Palmer

Reno Ski & Recreation Club, Sierra League & Council

FWSA believes that safety is an important component in snow sports. We recognize that ski resorts do an extraordinary job of minimizing hazards. Ultimately, safety is based on individual responsibility and behavior.

The Safety Person of the Year Award began in 1998 to recognize individuals who make outstanding contributions to raising safety awareness. This may be done by any number of activities including, but not limited to, articles, demonstrations, and on slope activities.

Monica Palmer from the Reno Ski and Recreation Club in the Sierra Council is this year's Safety Person of the Year Award Recipient.

Monica really is a constant proponent of safety. She has done numerous safety presentations at her club. She ran a contest whereby a safety slogan would be adopted for their club. They are not only a ski club but also include other

recreational activities like hiking, biking, water sports, and many others. The slogan winner was *Recreational Safety takes Responsibility and Control*.

Reno Ski and Recreation Club publishes a very attractive monthly newsletter. Monica Palmer's 'Safety Site' is a monthly column which features a seasonal safety article in each issue. Many of these articles have contributions from Monica and other RSRC members.

Other articles are very timely well-done reprints. She makes all of these articles available for reuse. Presently there are 60 of the highly informative safety articles on the RSRC website at <https://www.renoskiandrec.com/safety-archives>

Telluride Ski Resort is the Sponsor of the FWSA Safety Person of the Year. Visit their website at <http://www.tellurideskiresort.com/>



TELLURIDE

Bill Berry Award—Hard News

Justin Scacco

Writer, Truckee Sun

Justin Scacco is a writer for the Truckee Sun. His articles cover skiing and ski racing in the Tahoe region. After ski season is over his articles focus on youth sports in the local Truckee area.

The Truckee Sun, formerly the Sierra Sun, and its predecessors have been published in Truckee since 1869. Justin's articles are interesting and informative and he often features local athletes.

His most recent articles covered the US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame inductions at Squaw Valley in April, a spe-

cial article on Squaw Valley speed skiing legend, the late Steve McKinney's induction into the Hall of Fame in 2018, Truckee-Tahoe's celebration of Earth Day, and the Far West Masters' fundraiser for Far West Junior Racing Program at Mammoth.

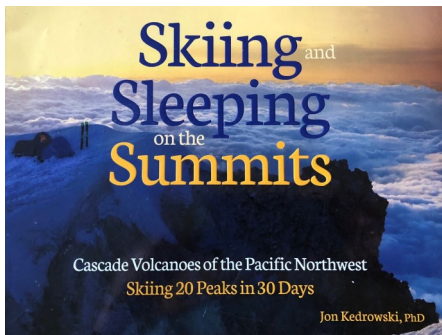
Justin has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism from University of Nevada-Reno. We look forward to reading his articles in future issues of the Truckee Sun and other news publications in the Reno-Tahoe area.



Bill Berry Award—Feature Article

Dr. Jon Kedrowski

“Skiing and Sleeping on the Summits”



Dr. Jon Kedrowski grew up in Vail, Colorado, and has lived in Washington State where he worked as a professor of mountain geography at Eastern Washington University in Ellensburg.

He has authored papers on mountaineering, hiking trails, climate change, and protected areas management in Washington, Colorado, and Alaska. In addition to 500+ ascents of the Colorado Fourteeners in all seasons, and Mount Rainier in Washington countless

times, he has climbed five of the seven continental summits (Denali, Elbrus, Kilimanjaro, and Aconcagua) and summited Mount Everest in 2012.

His book “Skiing and Sleeping on the Summits” documents his summiting and skiing the 20 peaks of the Cascade volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest in 30 days. His amazing journey is documented by many spectacular photos, maps, ski lines, and information on each peak.

Warren Miller Modern Media Award

Red Bull Media House

“Peak Season”

Red Bull Media House's latest documentary provides an insightful look into the mind of the world's best skier, Mikaela Shiffrin.

The 2018 film “Peak Season” follows Mikaela as she prepares for Olympic competition, all the while covering her roots, her winning mental game, and what she looks forward to next in the world of skiing. Let's just say those medals aren't going to win themselves.

Mikaela became the youngest slalom champion in Olympic history by winning Gold at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia at the age of 18. Mikaela won Gold again in the giant slalom at the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea. She also won Silver in the combined event.

Red Bull Media House released ‘Peak Season’ just before the winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea.



Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Recognition

The Far West Ski Association honors top volunteers each year through the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Program. Each council may nominate a man and woman to be honored throughout the Convention. A panel of judges scores the résumés of the nominees and conducts on-site interviews. The winning candidates are announced at the Saturday evening banquet. Big White, our generous sponsor of this program since 2001, gives each winner a ski vacation for two at Big White resort. We are pleased to introduce you to the talented, generous ski club members who have given so much time and energy to the success of their clubs and councils. Here are the 2018 honorees:

Arizona Ski Council

Linda Johnson and Bill Behnke

Linda, a member of Phoenix Ski Club, has been busy for years arranging social hours, captaining the council's annual trip to Telluride, and developing learn to ski and environmental programs.

Bill partnered with Linda on the Environmental Stewardship Committee, and also serves as ski trip coordinator and trip captain for several club adventures. At press time, Bill is the newly elected president of Phoenix Ski Club.

Bay Area Snow Sports Council

Nikki Rubio and Brian Burgess

Nikki is a member, past president and current VP of Rusty Bindings Ski Club, has contributed hugely to annual social organizations /fundraisers sponsored by her Club.

Brian, a past board member of In-skiers, continues to work on many activities in support of the current board and its activities. Brian is an active racer and when not racing can be found as a race day volunteer.

Intermountain Ski Council

Kim Hovren and Michael Bouton

Kim is active on the Bogus Basin Ski Club board, helps manage a local Warren Miller film festival, and is an active Bogus Basin Masters racer.

Michael, also a member of Bogus Basin Ski Club, is an active trip and activities leader, and is working with Bogus Basin Ski Resort to develop a host program. Michael was host convention chair for the FWSA 2017 convention in Boise.



Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

Hannah Nishimoto and Dennis Leon

Hannah, a member of The Unrecables, is a huge cog in the wheel that allows athletes with mental and physical challenges to enjoy snowsports activities at Mammoth Mountain.

Dennis Leon, a member of Wailers Ski, Snowboard and Social Club, is the current secretary of the club, organized this year's "River Bash," and provides assistance to the club Social Secretary when needed.

Northwest Ski Club Council

Jackie Lane and Bill King

Jackie, a longtime member of Cascade Ski Club, has worked hard on much needed improvements and upgrades to the club's historic lodge, including a beautiful fire pit. She's also a longtime PACRAT racer.

Bill, a member of Mountain High Snowsports Club, is currently vice president of Mountain High, and treasurer of NWSCC. Bill also participates as a racer in the PACRAT race league.

Orange Council of Ski Clubs

Carol Kane

Carol, a member of Snowbounders Ski Club, is the trip VP and represents Snowbounders at all Orange Council meetings. Carol is a party queen for Snowbounders, helping to organize many social functions, and is running the pub crawl for the 2019 convention!

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

Jean McCasey and Tom Sekreta

Jean, a member of North Island Snowdrifters, has been instrumental in her club's trips to Mammoth, and as well as trips outside the state. Jean is also our FWSA convention registrar. Jean is the Race Director for NIS, and has been a great fundraiser.

Tom, a member of Action Ski and Snowboard Club, has held several offices including president, VP and editor. For the past two years, Tom has served as vice president of San Diego Council.

Sierra League & Council

Nan Carnal and Bill Ramoni

Both Nan and Bill are members of Cabernet Ski and Race; Bill also belongs to Reno Ski & Recreation Club, and Nan is also a member of Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club.

Bill works hard as the head gatekeeper of Sierra League.

Nan puts in many volunteer hours as Sierra League Race Director, and Sierra Council co-treasurer. Nan is also on the board of Far West Race Association.

Snowsports Builder Award

by John Watson, History Chair

The FWSA Snowsports Builder Award is given to individuals who have made an indelible positive impact on snowsports. The builder honored may be for achievements in athletics, the press, publishers, historians, industry, humanitarian work, area development, or technology. In short, they honor those who have made significant contributions to snowsports.

Ingrid Wicken California Ski Library

The Ski Library celebrated its 30th year of operation this year. It is the result of over three decades of collecting material that reflects the growth of snowsports in Southern California. The library holds probably the largest collection of paper goods, mementos and graphic material in the USA outside of state-sponsored libraries. It exists because of the devotion to ski history of one person – Ingrid Wicken.

Wicken became interested in and started collecting ski books more than 35 years ago while a graduate student at Cal Poly – Pomona. Her Master's thesis was a biomechanical investigation of the diagonal stride on skis vs. roller skis (she was and is an avid cross-country skier). She has written four books on skiing history and numerous articles for events and journals. She has been a Professor of Kinesiology in Moreno Valley College, part of the Riverside Community College District since 1989.

What started as a fascinating hobby grew - and grew (and continues to grow) – into a fabulous collection of photographs, autographs, cartoons, magazines, legal documents, books, posters, equipment, maps, memorabilia and personal collections of authors and



skiers. It's a history of skiing in the USA, with special attention to the West and Southern California. It is open to the public and for research. The Library invites historical material from industry and ski organizations. See it at <http://www.skilibrary.com/index.html>.

Ingrid has written seven books and numerous professional papers on ski history in various journals. Her research has resulted in a ski history timeline that provides a framework for snowsport history available for any researcher or editor. She has previously won the FWSA/Steamboat Western Ski Heritage Prize three times – in 2002, 2005, 2013 and this year. She won in 2013 for her book *Flight: Fifty Years of Ski Jumping in California*.

She continues her work on Western Lost Ski Areas. She is the author of one section of the new and authorita-

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tive book *License to Jump* on women in ski jumping. Her chapter in this book, published in Sweden, covers the history of women's ski jumping in the USA and Canada from 1900-1950. She was a presenter at the International Ski History Congress held in Mammoth in 2009 (where the movement for an Olympic event in women's ski jumping got its first big push).

The Ski Library in Norco, California, a fabulous treasure trove that preserves the interwoven strands and connections in skiing's history. Museums devoted to snowsport history have a hard time surviving. Those that exist today owe their survival to a dedicated group of community activists or to one person. That unique person is Ingrid Wicken.

Snowsports Builder Award

by Jane Wyckoff, Trustee

John Watson

50 Years of Dedicated Volunteerism to the Organizations That Support Our Sport of Skiing



Southern Council (now Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs) President John Watson “swearing in” the new FWSA Executive Director Snuffy Smith in 1969.

Innovative and brilliant. A founder of ski clubs. Creator of multiple programs and recognition awards on all levels of snowsport – club, council, Far West Ski Association, US Ski Association, US Recreational Ski Association, Far West Ski Foundation - spanning over five decades of dedicated volunteerism.

Since joining the Single Ski Club in 1966 until the present, John Watson’s depth of volunteer efforts and the impact on the organizations which benefited from his leadership and expertise, is unparalleled in snowsport history.

As President of Southern Council (now Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs), John set up a mirror image of FWSA programs at the council level in the late 1960’s. He was a co-founder of the Mineral King Ski Club and the Single Ski Club of Orange County.

He launched the office of VP of Councils in 1970, a continuing viable, important office on the FWSA Board of Directors. He served as FWSA President from 1971-73 and was a Trustee

from 1971-76. He created many of the FWSA service awards that have recognized so many worthy volunteers for a half century.

In 1988 he served as FWSA VP of Public Affairs, planning and conducting the Eastern Sierra Site Survey. An engineer and geologist with Masters Degrees and a minor in History, John launched the History Committee in 2003 and instituted the Historic Ski Club Program in 2010.

On the national level, John was a Director of USSA and a VP of the USSA Sports Division. He founded the Councils Committee and Long Range Planning Committees, assisted Bill Berry with the National Ski Hall of Fame Committee (wrote the first Rules for Governance), and set up the Citizen Racing Committee and program.

He founded USSA Ski Week in 1969 and chaired the Ski Week for several years, setting up the initial menu of activities within ski week, including both the Alpine Council Challenge Cup and Nordic Challenge Cup. He became known as the “father of ski week” within USSA.

John Watson was a major player in the Association’s area development activity, including the failed attempt to keep the proposed Mineral King ski area from being included in the Sequoia National Park, which kept it from being developed as a ski area.

Most notable of his recent accomplishments was his reanimation of the Far West Ski Foundation in 2009 and

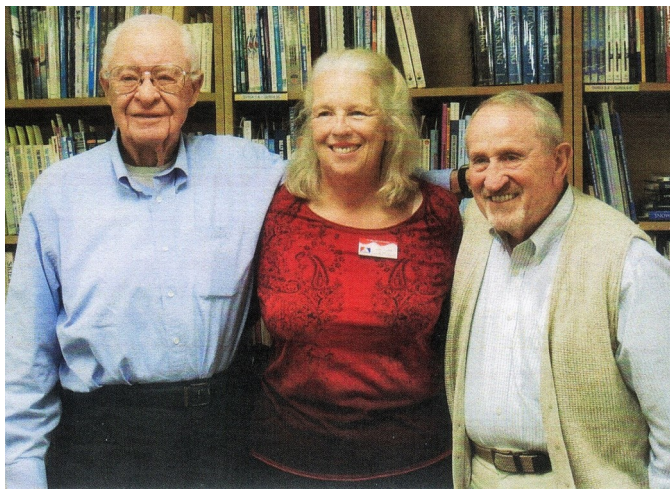
has served this version as its first and only President. He spearheaded the expansion of the Foundation’s mission and goals, including the FWFSF fund raising for the FWSA Scholarship program.

John Watson’s overarching contributions over his 50 years of service are in two areas:

- Bringing an awareness of the extraordinary legacy of skiing and the connectivity of snowsport to each of these robust risk-taking dynamos called skiers or snowboarders.

- Elevating the status of every ski club or council to that of a mainstay in the broader community fabric - hence the effort toward recognition amongst ourselves and the outward projection provided by programs like the Historic Ski Club.

The FWSA Snowsports Builder Award is given to an individual who has made an indelible positive impact on snowsport. John embodies the spirit of this award. It is indeed appropriate, that we recognize the founder of the Snowsports Builder Award program, John Watson (AKA Dr Know).



Chuck Morse, Jane Wyckoff and John Watson at the California Ski Library in Norco.

Snowsports Builder Award

by Randy Lew, Treasurer and Jo Simpson, VP Council Services

Fritz Buser

Mt. Rose—Ski Tahoe Founder & Developer

Fritz Buser became an early investor in Mt. Rose after meeting some of the founders at the ski shows he attended annually for the previous twenty years promoting Henke boots. He became the company's majority shareholder in 1971 and has controlled the growth and direction of Mt. Rose ever since.

Fritz was born in the small Swiss farming village of Hemmiken in 1921.

Still in his teens, on the eve of World War II, he began his first business venture – trading sardines. In his early twenties – at the end of World War II – Fritz decided it was time to think bigger...America. He secured agreements with various prominent Swiss manufacturers to represent their products as a salesman in the United States, including the ski boot company 'Henke' – the first company that produced buckled (vs laced) boots. Eventually, he acquired principal ownership rights of the Henke boot company.

Mount Rose Ski Tahoe's history began in the 1930's. Long before any chairlifts were constructed or even an all weather road, Reno locals were skiing in the area.

Shortly after World War II, the Sky Tavern lodge was established. It continues to operate today in the same location southwest of Reno. It is now owned by the City of Reno and operated by Ski Tavern Junior Ski Program..

Devoted skiers from Sky Tavern hiked up to the 9,700-foot peak of adjacent Slide Mountain and skied in the location of the present Mt. Rose – Ski Tahoe.

The original Reno Ski Bowl was constructed on the east slope of Slide Mountain (currently the East Bowl of Mt. Rose) and was at one point connected to the Sky Tavern via a lift that took skiers to the base of the Reno Ski Bowl.

The 60's saw substantial changes on the slopes of Slide Mountain. The Reno Ski Bowl evolved into the Slide Mountain Ski Area. In 1964, the north face of Slide Mountain became the Mt. Rose Ski Area. The Mt. Rose Development Company was formed to direct the future of the ski resort and in 1971 Fritz Buser became the owner.

For many years "Slide" and "Rose" operated independently of each other, both expanding in their own ways with more lifts and lodge improvements. The 1984-85 season saw the 20th anniversary of Mt. Rose – Ski Tahoe operations along with two new chairlifts.

The "Iron Curtain" between Slide and Rose finally came down in 1987 when Mt. Rose acquired the Slide Mountain Ski Area terrain under a lease agreement with the U.S. Forest Service. The "Slide Side" (as it is affectionately referred to by locals) became the East Bowl of Mt. Rose. The combination of the two ski areas increased the overall terrain of Mt. Rose to 900+ acres and established the resort as a significant player in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

As Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe moved into the 90's, improvements continued to take place on the hill with new lifts added that vastly increased uphill capacity and aided in boosting the overall image of the resort.

The 1994-95 season shined as the 30th anniversary for Mt. Rose and this landmark year produced some of the most significant facility improvements in the resort's history; a 2.5 million dollar remodel of the main lodge which included a BBQ deck and a 300 percent expansion of the indoor dining area.



Kurt and Fritz Buser.

Top-to-bottom snow-making was also introduced to the resort in the late 90's giving the mountain the insurance policy it needed to have consistent early season openings.

Mt. Rose screamed into the 21st century with its first high speed lifts, giving Mt. Rose dual high speed, base-to-summit rides to the top.

In the separation between the east and north slopes of Slide Mountain lives the extreme terrain known as The Chutes. There was a time when skiers were allowed in the Chutes area at their own risk. The mid 1960's saw the closure of this area until its official opening in 2004. After 10 years of groundwork, Mt. Rose officially adopted these 200 acres into its trail system including the addition of the Chuter lift providing an exit back to the Slide lodge.

In 2009, the old Slide Lodge, which had evolved from the Reno Ski Bowl days as a simple warming hut through six additions, was demolished and replaced with the Winters Creek Lodge. It features a steel and glass design to bring facets of the mountain into the architecture of the facility.

Fritz's son Kurt has been executive of the company for the past 20 years, overseeing the more recent development. The resort was offered for sale two years ago, but after testing the open market and receiving no offers, Fritz, now living in Switzerland, transferred control to his children and grandchildren.



The original Sky Tavern Building..

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Board of Trustees Report

By Gloria Raminha, Chair

The FWSA Board of Trustees oversees the financial health of the organization and has responsibility for long-range planning to support the goals of the Association. Trustees provide the experience and leadership to plan and implement new programs, guidance for operation of functional programs, and direct oversight of the Far West Ski Association's Annual Convention, the Athletic Scholarship Program, and the Awards Program. The Trustees also recommend changes to the organizations structure and By-Laws of the Association when appropriate.

One sensitive issue from our convention last year in Boise, Idaho, was a resolution to eliminate all prayer from the convention. At the time the resolution was presented, a quorum was not present; however, an advisory vote that was taken. The ballots were sealed at that time and later counted at a FWSA Board of Trustee's meeting. The vast majority of the votes were in favor of keeping the prayer. There was discussion about the prayer and the sensitivity of this issue, but with much consideration, the Board of Trustee's presented this issue to the FWSA Board of Directors with the recommendation to keep the prayer. The Board of Directors voted to keep the prayer at our conventions.

Far West Ski Association's Annual Convention is a flagship program that provides a forum for our membership and industry partners to gather together for planning, learning and celebration of things related to snow sports. Thank you to Paul Vlasveld, Bay Area Council President, and Jo Simpson, Sierra Council President for Co-Chairing the Convention this year, and to all their committee members who volunteered and worked diligently over the past several months to make the 2018 Convention in Reno, Nevada a huge success.

Debbi Kor, FWSA Convention Chairperson, has taken over for Jane Wyckoff and has been working with her Convention Committee to make this a successful convention. The Annual Convention is a critical part of the FWSA revenue stream to fund our programs. Thank you Debbi Kor, who is also the VP of Marketing and Sponsorship, and thank you to all the convention committee members and volunteers for your time and efforts in making our convention a success.

Another program that is critical to the financial strength of the organization is the FWSA Travel Program. Thank you to our Travel VP's, Nancy Ellis, VP of North American Travel and Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel for continuing to make our Travel Program's so successful.

Randy Lew, FWSA Treasurer, has done an excellent job in providing the Association with detailed, timely, and accurate financial reporting and budget control. John Reinhardt, our Tax Advisor, prepares and files our corporate tax returns and ensures that we are in compliance with Federal and State regulations, with support and oversight from the Board of Trustees.

In addition to the Convention and Travel Program, there are many more FWSA programs necessary for the success of the organization. I encourage everyone to read the FWSA officers & Committee Chairs convention reports in the delegate book and go to www.fwsa.org to check out who they are.

The FWSA Board of Directors, includes four Trustees; Jane Wyckoff, Fran Long, Tom Bundgard and me as Trustee Chair, President, Steve Coxen; Treasurer, Randy Lew; Secretary, Sheri Parshall; VP Council Services, Jo Simpson; VP International Travel, Debbie Stewart; VP North American Travel, Nancy Ellis; VP Marketing, Debbi Kor; VP Public Affairs, Paula Hazzard; VP Membership, Jane Gutierrez; VP Communications, Cindy Krupp; VP Racing, Bob Ellis.

Thanks to all the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors, Committees, Council and Club Volunteers for their continued outstanding efforts in making the Far West Ski Association "THE VOICE OF THE WESTERN SKIER". It's been an honor serving as your FWSA Trustee Chair over the past three years.

Far West Ski Foundation

by John Watson, President

NEW HORIZONS

This is a retrospective report. Together we can enrich the vigor and historic record of snowsport even further. Let's build on the proud history of snowsport.



The Far West Ski Foundation accomplished another successful year owing to the support of industry partners, club and council partners, scholarship sponsors and individual supporters like YOU.

Highlights of the Foundation's efforts are reflected in grants made using funds contributed by these dedicated snowsport team members.

Our successful joint Association/Foundation program to support young ski racers in their respective ski schools continues across the western states. We made scholarship grants ranging from \$500 to \$1500 to 19 athletes, for a total of \$16500.

This program is made successful by

the continuing support from partners Whitefish Mountain, Grouse Mountain Lodge, KARBON, and Far West Racing Association, with material support from U S Ski Team.

Councils and clubs that are committed to annual support include NWSC Council, Skynet Ski Club (Erin Nicole Memorial), Sierra League (Frank App Memorial), San Diego and Los Angeles Councils, Castro Valley SC and Mountain High Snowsports Club.

The Foundation is further indebted for the support provided by the Sprock and Pavich families (Verne Sprock Memorial), George Kish, and numerous other individual contributors.

David Krupp chairs the Association's Athletic Scholarship Committee His report is in this book.

Women's Ski Jumping received a direct \$750 grant this year and WSJUSA was able to generate much more through their appearance at the 2017 convention. WSJUSA is a creation of the imagination of Dedee Corradini and sustained by the perseverance of Laura Sankey and Coach Alan Alborn. Our support over the years was a tiny portion of the total effort to field teams at the Sochi and PeongChang Winter

Olympics. As a result, the USA now has the 19th, 29th and 31st ranking women jumpers in the world! Congratulations Sarah Hendrickson, Abby Ringquist and Nita Englund! And thank you Sheri Parrshall for your individual contribution toward women's ski jumping!

The Foundation has four main missions in its charter. One of these mission goals is enabling the disabled and the objective for adaptive skiing and snowboarding. Our support is directed to disabled ski schools, always one of which specializes in the rehabilitation of those wounded in military service. But our objective makes no discrimination as to age or nature of disability.

Funds for these grants are generated in part by a team led by Gloria Raminha and supported on a continuing basis by a Friend of the Foundation – Joe Harvis. They conduct the annual auction of wines personally contributed by them. In 2017, grants of \$500 were made to Alyeska Challenge and the Vail Veterans Program. Thank you Joe and Gloria and all the wine purchasers.

Athletic Scholarship Program

by David Krupp, Chair



Dalton Swallow, FWSA scholarship recipient, is from Donnelly, Idaho and skis for the Park City Ski Team.

The Far West Athletic Scholarship Program, now in its 14th year as a means of making a positive contribution to junior racing, has continued to garner more support each year. Since 2004, the FWSA has awarded 123 scholarships for a total of well over 100,000. In 2017, FWSA awarded 19 scholarships totaling \$16,500. We express our thanks to our sponsors, Whitefish

Mountain Resort, Schure Sports, maker of the Karbon line of snowsports clothing, and Far West Racing Association.

We would also like to thank our partners, Skiyenti Ski Club, Mountain High Snowsports Club, Castro Valley Ski Club, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs, Northwest Ski Club Council and Sierra League and Council.

Finally, a special thanks to all the Far West members who have so generously contributed to the program.

United States Ski Association licensed junior racers in the U21, U19, and second year U16 classes in states represented by FWSA affiliated councils are eligible for a scholarship. This year, junior racers in California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming are eligible.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, competitive accomplishments, academics, and community service. National ranking in competitive skiing can cost well in excess of \$10,000 per season; a financial

challenge for even upper middle class families. The need is great and we anticipate that the number of applications will continue to increase.

Convention attendees have the opportunity to support the Athletic Scholarship Program by participating in the auction of a ski and stay package donated by Whitefish Mountain Resort and Averill Hospitality, the silent auction featuring apparel by the U.S. Ski Team and finally, our raffle featuring an assortment of great prizes. Raffle tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20.

All funds for the scholarship program are deposited with The Far West Ski Foundation, an IRS 501(c)3 charitable foundation, that was incorporated as a partner of FWSA to provide a means of accepting contributions. The foundation qualifies contributions to the scholarship program as income tax charitable deductions.

Treasurer's Report

by Randy Lew

Preliminary Comparative Balance Sheet

	April 30, 2018	April 30, 2017
ASSETS		
Checking/Savings		
General Account (B of A)	\$ 70,214	\$ 53,986
Convention Acct (B of A)	20,000	20,000
North American Travel Trust Acct. (B of A)	8,800	11,850
International Travel Trust Acct (B of A)	116,322	4,232
North American Travel Operating Acct. (B of A)	20,000	20,000
International Travel Operating Acct (B of A)	20,000	20,000
CD's (B of A)	175,169	175,085
Total Checking/Saving	430,505	305,153
Accounts Receivable	-	122
Prepaid Expenses		
Convention	10,084	16,125
Skiers Guide	7,470	11,170
Other Prepaid Expense	-	3,731
Prepaid Travel Program Expenses		
Roatan - Sept 2017		1,000
Banff - February 2018		4,500
Iditarod / Alyeska - March 2018		3,000
France - March 2018		1,000
Grand Cayman - Sept 2018	606	
India - Oct 2018	17,943	
Winter Park - Mar 2019	1,500	
Windjammer Cruise - May 2019	9,920	
Total Prepaid Expenses	47,523	40,526
Total Current Assets	478,028	345,801
Fixed Assets		
Office Equipment	5,313	5,313
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(3,950)	(3,950)
Total Fixed Assets	1,363	1,363
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 479,391	\$ 347,164
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 844	\$ 100
Credit Cards Payable	\$ -	\$ 198
Other Current Liabilities		
Website Redesign Reserve	10,000	
Prepaid Convention Revenue	3,600	20,900
Prepaid Athletic Scholarship Revenue	5,983	5,983
Prepaid Trip Revenue		
Roatan Dive Trip - Sept 2017		800
Banff Ski Week - Feb 2018		11,850
Grand Cayman - Sept 2018	12,634	
India - Oct 2018	103,688	
Steamboat Ski Week - Feb 2019	1,300	
Windjammer Cruise - May 2019	7,500	
Total Prepaid (Deferred) Revenue	144,705	39,533
Total Current Liabilities	145,549	39,831
Long Term Liabilities		
Public Lands Research Fund	1,120	1,120
Total Liabilities	146,669	40,951
Equity		
Retained Earnings	306,213	308,840
Net Income	26,509	(2,627)
Total Equity	332,722	306,213
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 479,391	\$ 347,164

Financials are presented in accordance to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

Fiscal Year April 30, 2018 is estimated. Depreciation will be calculated and booked when tax return is prepared.

Treasurer's Report

Preliminary Comparative Income/Expense Statement

	April 30 2018	April 30 2017
REVENUE		
Membership Dues	\$ 2,200	\$ 960
Travel		
Cortina Ski Trip 2016		10
Fiji Dive Trip 2016		41,651
London / Ireland Adventure Trip 2016		105,453
Breckenridge Ski Week 2017	1,920	391,205
Sun Peaks Mini Trip 2017		10,259
St. Anton Ski Trip 2017	20	182,725
Roatan Dive Trip 2017	32,844	
Banff Ski Week 2018	416,069	
Iditarod Mini Trip 2018	48,147	
France Ski Trip 2018	377,938	
Total Travel	876,938	731,303
Convention	106,371	95,085
Councils Man/Woman of Year	315	420
Athletic Scholarship Program	17,000	13,750
Interest	95	98
Total Revenue	1,002,919	841,616
DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Travel		
Cortina Ski Trip 2016		19
Fiji Dive Trip 2016		40,731
London / Ireland Adventure Trip 2016		106,597
Breckenridge Ski Week 2017	1,103	375,317
Sun Peaks Mini Trip 2017		6,974
St. Anton Ski Trip 2017	(110)	171,180
Roatan Dive Trip 2017	28,307	
Banff Ski Week 2018	393,812	
Iditarod Mini Trip 2018	41,993	
France Ski Trip 2018	343,642	
Site Inspections - Banff 2018		3,295
Site Inspections - Steamboat 2019	3,379	
Site Inspections - Japan 2019	2,551	
Total Travel Expenses	814,677	704,113
Convention	74,704	67,815
Councils Man/Woman of Year	743	447
Athletic Scholarship Program	17,623	14,214
Total Cost of Revenue	907,747	786,589
Net Revenue	95,172	55,027
EXPENSES		
President	1,676	1,510
Board of Directors Meetings	27,721	34,782
Secretary	255	491
Treasurer	6,248	2,178
Trustees	3,078	1,205
Communications	21,105	7,686
Council Services	896	2,045
Marketing	1,391	579
Membership	69	142
Public Affairs	443	432
North American Travel	663	1,076
International Travel	1,423	1,866
FWRA Racing	3,695	3,662
Unclassified-Misc	-	
Total Expenses	68,663	57,654
NET INCOME(LOSS)	\$ 26,509	\$ (2,627)

Financials are presented in accordance to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
Fiscal Year April 30, 2018 is estimated. Depreciation will be calculated and booked when tax return is prepared.
\$10,000 accrued for Club Express website & online payment processing system.

Treasurer's Report

Preliminary Detailed Expenditures by Cost Center May 1, 2017 thru April 1, 2018

Cost Center	Awards	Copies BusCard Printing Badges	Dues Licenses Taxes & Insurance	Phone Internet	Postage Shipping	Promotion Donations	Comp Exp Supplies Sunshine	Travel Lodging	Other	Total
President			125				246	1,305		1,676
Board of Director Meetings								27,721		27,721
Secretary		213					42			255
Treasurer			5,517		73		309	69	280	6,248
Past President										-
Communications				20						20
Councilman		612			58					670
Skiers Guide					5,500				2,700	8,200
Web Site				215					12,000	12,215
Council Services										-
Charity Program	450						21			471
Communication Awards	140									140
Membership Cards		285								285
Outreach Program										-
FWRA Racing	195		2,500						1,000	3,695
Marketing								516	700	1,391
Membership					175					69
Database Services					69					-
Public Affairs						100		143		243
Environmental Program										-
History Program	100									100
Safety Program	100									100
North American Travel			125		2		132	404		663
International Travel			125	480	2		176	640		1,423
Trustee										-
Awards Program	3,078									3,078
Miscellaneous-Other										-
TOTAL	4,063	1,110	8,392	715	5,879	100	926	30,798	16,680	68,663

2017 Annual Convention Meeting Minutes

June 7-11, 2016, Boise, Idaho

by Sheri Parshall, Secretary

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

The 85th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association was held at Grove Hotel and Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho.

GENERAL SESSION

President Steve Coxen called the meeting to order on Saturday, June 10, 2016 at 8:00 am and welcomed everyone to the 85th Annual Convention. Welcomed Stephen Remillard of Mammoth Mountain for a brief presentation

Steve introduced the current 2016-2017 Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs, Council Presidents, and FWSA Appointed Representatives and thanked them for their service.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

VP of Membership Jane Gutierrez provided individual club delegate counts and stated that we have 141 voting delegates.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominations Chair Gloria Raminha stated we will be conducting elections tomorrow. We have at least one declared candidate for each position and will entertain nominations. Anyone can self-nominate for positions. Gloria announced the following offices and candidates:

The elected offices of President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be for one-year terms.

President	Steve Coxen (incumbent)
Secretary	Sheri Parshall (incumbent)
Treasurer	Randy Lew (incumbent)

Trustees shall be elected to two-year terms and the elections for the Trustees shall be staggered so that two Trustees are elected each year.

Trustee #1	Jane Wyckoff (incumbent), Tom Bundgard (incumbent), Norbert Knapp
Trustee #2	

The remaining offices shall be for two-year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered.

VP, Councils	Jo Simpson (incumbent)
VP, North American Travel	Nancy Ellis (incumbent)
VP, Public Affairs	Paula White Hazzard

COUNCILS' MAN & WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS REPORT

Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Chair Gene Fulkerson reviewed the interview process for the Council Man and Woman of the Year nominations. Gene introduced and thanked the judges.

INDUSTRY MARKETING & SPONSORSHIPS REPORT

Debbi Kor thanked Stephen Remillard of Mammoth for sponsoring breakfast and thanked everyone in the industry for their participation in and support of this year's convention. She encouraged all delegates to attend the Travel Expo. She described the new convention sponsorship program. A total of \$29,000 in cash sponsorships was collected from our industry partners, exceeding previous dollars raised. Debbi expressed her appreciation for those partners.

TRAVEL EXPO REPORT

Fran Long, Chair for Travel Expo, stated that the Travel Expo will start immediately after this session. Fran described the new process, wherein delegates have the option to attend the Travel Expo or a Snowsports Leadership Academy session. It was noted that the winner of the FWSA Ski Week will be drawn at the end of the travel expo from among the Travel Expo participants.

Special Announcement

Randy Lew apologized for a mix-up in the bike ride event that resulted from a computer glitch and explained how it was resolved.

President Steve Coxen declared the meeting recessed at 8:18 am until the following day.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2016

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

The 85th Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association reconvened and was called to order by President Steve Coxen at 8:44 am.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Sheri Parshall announced that last year's Convention minutes could be found on pages 36-40 of the Delegate Book.

MSC Motion by Delegate #115 Debbie Stewart to accept minutes as presented.

Seconded by Delegate #35 Joe Harvis
Motion carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

VP of Membership Jane Gutierrez announced total number of delegates per club with a total of 142 voting delegates, noting one change from the previous day.

BYLAWS REPORT

George Kish reported that there are no proposed by-law changes. The operations manual and job descriptions manuals have been revised.

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE AND ELECTIONS

Election Officer Gloria Raminha read the current list of candidates. Gloria noted that job requirements for president, treasurer and trustee were placed on the tables. Fran Long is the acting Poll Supervisor, assisted by Arleigh Meiners. Gloria advised that nominations will be accepted from the floor; nominations do not need to be seconded. Candidates and/or their representatives may speak from the floor. Speeches are limited to 2 minutes in length with no Q&A. For the contested races, there will be 5 minutes to caucus. For uncontested races there will be a call for acclamation.

PRESIDENT - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Steve Coxen and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate # 3 Randy Lew moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #11 Maxine Hanlon seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, #3 Randy Lew moved to approve by acclamation
Delegate #11 Maxine Hanlon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SECRETARY - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Sheri Parshall and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #111 Tom Bundgard moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #115 Debbie Stewart seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate #113 Debbie Stewart moved to approve by acclamation
Delegate #133 Sigrid Noack seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TREASURER - The Nominating Committee entered the names of Randy Lew and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #2 Jane Wyckoff moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #45 David Felker seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate #3 Randy Lew moved to approve by acclamation. Delegate #47 Cindy Krupp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TRUSTEE #1 – The Nominating Committee entered the names of Jane Wyckoff (Incumbent), Tom Bundgard, and Norbert Knapp. Mary Olhausen was nominated from the floor. Gloria Raminha asked for any other nominations for Trustee #1.

Delegate # 3 Randy Lew moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate # 115 Debbie Stewart seconded the motion.

David Krupp, for Norbert Knapp, deferred to position number 2. Tom Bundgard deferred to position number 2. Mary Olhausen deferred to position number 2. Jane Wyckoff remained as the only candidate for Trustee #1. The election being uncontested, Delegate #3 Randy Lew moved to approve by acclamation. Delegate #83 Debbi Kor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TRUSTEE #2 – The names of Tom Bundgard, Norbert Knapp, and Mary Olhausen are entered as candidates for Trustee #2.

Delegate # 24 Darryl Kuhrt moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate # 23 Kim Hovren seconded the motion.

Tom Bundgard was pronounced winner for Trustee #2.

During break for the vote, Sigrid Noack announced winners of the Charities and our Communities awards.

CHARITIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES AWARDS
Sigrid Noack stated the two categories for awards: Double Diamond and Diamond awards. FWSA donates \$200 to the winning club in each class and \$50 to the runner up. Sigrid expressed her appreciation for everyone's continued contributions to their charities and communities.

Double Diamond Class: Winner– Pacific Rim Alliance
Diamond Class: Winner – Four Seasons West Ski & Snowboard Club
Diamond Class: Runner-Up – Bogus Basin Ski Club
Diamond Class: Honorable Mention – The Unrecables – Disabled Sports, USA

VP of PUBLIC AFFAIRS – The Nominating Committee entered the name of Paula White Hazzard and asked for any other nominations from the floor.

Delegate #52 Steve Hazzard moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #111 Tom Bundgard seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate #52 Steve Hazzard moved to approve by acclamation. Delegate #47 Cynthia Krupp seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VP of COUNCIL SERVICES – The Nominating Committee entered the names of Jo Simpson and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #35 Joseph Harvis moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #115 Debbie Stewart seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate #111 Tom Bundgard moved to approve by acclamation. Delegate #104 Linda Johnston seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VP of NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL – The Nominating Committee entered the names of Nancy Ellis and asked for nominations from the floor.

Delegate #115 Debbie Stewart moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #11 Maxine Hanlon seconded the motion.

The election being uncontested, Delegate #115 Debbie Stewart moved to approve by acclamation. Delegate #11 Maxine Hanlon seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The elections were concluded.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Randy Lew discussed the treasurer's report as presented on page 33 of the delegate book. Randy made note that fiscal year numbers are an estimate, but should be very close, with final numbers available after filing of this year's taxes. Randy noted that FWSA has 3 CDs which total \$175,085. Randy explained that, due to large amounts of expenditures for convention and travel, the association requires a large amount of operation funds, especially as the Association is placing deposits for trips and travel taking place in 2019. Randy discussed income/expense, and pointed out we are working on a \$2,000 loss, against a budgeted loss of \$20,000. The travel programs did better than expected, and the functional programs did not expend as much of their budget as projected.

MSC Motion by Delegate #35 Joseph Harvis to approve the Treasurer's preliminary report as submitted.
Seconded by Delegate #93 Jean McCaskey
Motion carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Gloria Raminha stated that the Board of Trustees Report can be

found in the Delegate Book on page 31. Gloria asked all members to read the report, and all officer reports, thoroughly. Gloria thanked her board: Tom Bundgard, Jane Wyckoff, and Fran Long.

INDUSTRY MARKETNG AND SPONSORSHIP REPORT

VP Marketing Debbi Kor reported that her position is varied, including garnering door prizes for various FWSA events. Debbi noted that several of the companies who provide door prizes have also become a member benefits partners. Debbi was able to bring in nearly \$29,000 in sponsorship cash. Debbi is looking forward to taking over the convention chair position.

SILENT AUCTION and TRAVEL EXPO REPORT

Silent Auction Chair Jeannine Davis stated that the total amount received for silent auction packages was \$26,730 this year. Jeannine thanked Patrick Bryce for his auctioneer talent, and the volunteers who helped at the accounting table during the auction. Jeannine noted that she has three packages remaining from the silent auction and sold those via live auction. The new silent auction total is \$28,235.00

HISTORICAL CLUB AWARDS

Steve Coxen noted that three clubs have met our historical club criteria, celebrating fifty years or more. This year's recipients are Bogus Basin Ski Club, 4 Seasons West Ski Club, and Bergfreunde Ski Club.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vicki Keubler of Bogus Basin Ski Club noted that last night's decorations were all handmade from materials found on Bogus Basin, with the log rounds cut by Michael Bouton.

Randy Lew gave a brief history of the Intermountain Council and its inception.

Randy also discussed Royan Robbins who pioneered many of the Yosemite wall climbs, who has passed away at age 82. A longtime resident of Modesto, he had a mountaineering & clothing shop. Randy also congratulated Alex Hannon, who solo free-climbed El Capitan this spring.

Paul Markowitz of Intermountain Council announced that delegates are welcome to help themselves to the table decorations.

FWSA OFFICERS' REPORTS

President Steve Coxen noted that all FWSA Officer Reports are available in the Convention Delegate Book, and any questions may be directed to the respective officers.

CLUB AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

Jo Simpson, VP of Communications, thanked Paul Vlasveld and Cindy Krupp for their assistance in making the club and council competitions successful. There were more applicants this year, following revision of criteria for the awards. The following awards were presented by Jo Simpson:

Tollakson – Outstanding Club

Masters: 1st Place – Reno Ski & Recreation – Dianne Hilliard, President

Masters: 2nd Place – Pacific Rim Alliance – Catherine Ohl, President

Masters: 3rd Place – Skiyente Ski Club – Amanda Moran, President

Wentworth – Outstanding Publication

Novice: 1st Place – Don Diego Ski Club – Editor: Karl Cikste

Novice: 2nd Place – Skiyente Ski Club – Editor: Karen Frost

Novice: 3rd Place – Altair Ski and Sports Club – Editor: Janice Warden

Masters: 1st Place – Pacific Rim Alliance – Editor: Catherine Ohl

Masters: 2nd Place – Mountain High Snowsport Club – Editor: Emilio Trampuz

Outstanding Website

Novice: 1st Place – Mountain High Snowsport Club – Webmaster: Emilio Trampuz

Novice: 2nd Place – Idaho Falls Ski Club – Webmaster: Bev Novak

Novice: 3rd Place – Altair Ski and Sports Club – Webmaster: Janice Warden

Advanced: 1st Place – Reno Ski & Recreation – Webmaster: Sandy Stocks

Masters: 1st Place – Unrecables – Webmaster: Gordon Cardona

Masters: 2nd Place – Pacific Rim Alliance – Webmaster: Catherine Ohl

Council: 1st Place – LA Council – Webmaster: Bonne West

Council: 2nd Place – San Diego Council – Webmaster: Laura Meldrum

ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

David Krupp announced that a total of \$3,945 was collected for Athletic Scholarships through auction and raffle ticket sales. Raffle prizes winners were announced. Inskiers, Rusty Bindings and Far West Racing all presented checks to David for the Scholarship Program, bringing the new total to \$5,370.00.

Prior to breaking for Brunch, Debbi Kor introduced Michael Hayes of Brundage Mountain Ski Resort. Michael thanked the Association for allowing Brundage to participate, and showed their marketing video.

Meeting broke for brunch at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 11:19 a.m.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS

Treasurer Randy Lew presented the laudatory resolutions.

Resolution #1 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #105 Arleigh Meiners

Seconded by – Delegate #3 Randy Lew

WHEREAS, Jane Wyckoff has been Convention Queen for umpteenth years, and
WHEREAS, she has given an amazing amount of time and effort for the success of the convention,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all delegates give Jane a standing ovation.

Resolution #2 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – Delegate #94 Mike Sanford

Seconded by – Delegate #111 Tom Bundgard

WHEREAS, Jane Wyckoff has worked tirelessly to organize the

FWSA Convention for years, working with a different crazy convention chairpersons each year,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Jane is given a free trip to Hawaii from the FWSA Treasury.

Resolution #3 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – Delegate #113 Dale Parshall

Seconded by - Delegate #120 Sheri Parshall

WHEREAS, Boy did you SEE all of the great optional activities offered at the 2017 FWSA Convention, and Boy did you SEE the great food and beverage venues on the Wine Wobble and Pub Crawl, and

Boy did you SEE Bubba “Twinkle Toes” Sanford and friends dancing at the Fountain Party, and

Boy did you SEE all of the great auction packages offered by our industry friends, and

Boy did you SEE the great FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy and Public Affairs Panel presentations, and Boy did you SEE all of the natty dressers at the Awards Banquet and Dance, and

Boy did you SEE the size of that jumping ski (and the size of the Parshall’s car),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northwest Ski Club Council thanks Intermountain Ski Council for putting on a great event here in BOY-SEE, Idaho!

Resolution #4 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – Delegate #2 Jane Wyckoff

Seconded by - Delegate #83 Debbi Kor

WHEREAS, the Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council worked for 3 years on the FWSA convention, provided 70 volunteers to conduct its programs, and conducted fun activities for all, and

WHEREAS, Michael Bouton was a very enthusiastic Host Council Convention Chairperson, special guests and local sponsorships, and

WHEREAS, FWSA had its first ever Fountain Party,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT everyone stand and give a round applause for the many volunteers in Bogus Basin Ski Club and Intermountain Ski Council for a job well done.

Resolution #5 – Laudatory Resolution

Maker of Resolution – Delegate #8 Paul Vlasveld

Seconded by - Delegate #108 Kathy Brewington

WHEREAS, The ISC, Convention Committee and Bogus Basin Ski Club did a fantastic job of organizing the 85th FWSA Convention, for their hard work and dedication, the great activities, for the warm welcome to Boise, and special thanks to Michael Bouton for his tireless work,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ISC Convention Committee is congratulated, and pass the reins on to BAC and Sierra Councils for the 86th Convention.

SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS

Treasurer Randy Lew moderated the substantive resolutions.

Resolution #1 – Substantive Resolution

Maker of Resolution - Delegate #124 Jaculin Smith

Seconded by - Delegate #123 Eileen Hines

Committee to be referred to: Convention Committee, Board of Trustees

Financial Impact: None known

Effective Date: None Known

WHEREAS, FWSA is a secular organization, and

WHEREAS, FWSA has members of multiple faiths and religions and creeds and beliefs,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT no prayers be a part of formal FWSA programs, including, but not limited to, any invocations prior to the banquet.

Delegate #3 Jane Wyckoff offered testimony against the resolution.

Delegate #123 Eileen Hines offered testimony in support of the resolution.

Delegate #47 Cynthia Krupp offered testimony in support of further exploring the resolution.

Delegate # offered testimony in support of further exploring the resolution.

Delegate # offered testimony against the resolution.

Randy Lew will refer this to the Convention Committee and Board of Trustees.

2017- 2020 CONVENTION REPORT

Convention Chairperson Jane Wyckoff thanked the volunteers who worked so hard to make the 2017 convention a success. Jane noted that she has a report in the delegate book and the flyer for the 2018 convention. Jane announced that NWSCC will be hosting the 2020 convention. Jane discussed the search for the 2019 host location, which will be the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort and Spa. Jane thanked the Orange Council, who will be hosting with assistance from the Los Angeles Council.

Jane discussed the 2018 convention. Paul Vlasveld, president of BAC, announced that BAC and Sierra Council will be co-host councils. The theme will be “High Sierra Stampede.” Sierra Council will be helping with optional activities and welcomes suggestions for the same. Jo Simpson, President of Sierra Council, reiterated that it will be a great convention to “put on your cowboy boots and come party!”

Jane noted that she is stepping down as Convention Chairperson and thanked everyone for their support over the past years. Jane stated that she will be available, through her position as a trustee, in the coming years for any support she can provide.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Steve noted that we are all volunteers, and anyone wanting to participate as part of the organization should contact any board member.

Steve Coxen stated that a brief Board of Directors meeting will start at 12:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Motion by Delegate #111 Tom Bundgard to adjourn

Seconded by Delegate #95 Mike Sanford

Motion carried.

The General Meeting adjourned at 12:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Parshall

-----Sheri Parshall, Secretary
Far West Ski Association

CONVENTION AWARDS

Snowsports Builder Award

Bob Greenwood, Bogus Basin Ski Pioneer

Nancy Ingalsbee, Skier's Voice in Washington D.C.

Hans Georg Award

Arleigh Meiners, Arizona Ski Council

Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award

Cynthia Krupp, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

J. Stanley Mullin Award

George Stewart, Sierra Council

Jimmie Heuga Award

Kate Togneri, Can Do MS

Jordan-Reily Award

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra

Bill Mackey Award

John Douglas, Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites

Tommi Tyndall Award

Sports America Tours

Terry Smith Award

Laura Priess, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

Bill Berry Award, Featured News

Lindsey Vonn, author "Strong is the New Beautiful"

Bill Berry Award, Hard News

Chad Cripe, writer for The Idaho Statesman

Warren Miller Modern Media Award

Travis Rice and Brain Farm Cinema for "The Fourth Phase" feature film

President's Award

Todd Hood, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

Mike Sanford, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

Man and Woman of the Year

Mark Barnard, Intermountain Ski Council

Jane Gutierrez, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

2017 Program Award Recipients

Western Ski Heritage Prize

Eve Chandler, author Building Bogus Basin

Safety Person of the Year

Emilio Trampuz, Northwest Ski Club Council

Environment Award

No award

Snowsports History Recognition Award

No award

Charity & Community Awards

Clubs - Double Diamond Class: Winner-- Pacific Rim

Alliance

Clubs - Diamond Class: Winner -- Four Seasons West

Ski & Snowboard Club

Clubs - Diamond Class: Runner-Up -- Bogus Basin Ski

Club

Clubs - Diamond Class: Honorable Mention -- The

Unrecables -- Disabled Sports, USA

Councils -- No entries

FWSA Elections

Elections to be held Sunday, June 10, 2018

President	_____
Secretary	_____
Treasurer	_____
Trustee (1)	_____
Trustee (2)	_____
VP Communications	_____
VP International Travel	_____
VP Marketing	_____
VP Membership	_____

The President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected for one-year terms. Trustees and Vice Presidents are elected for two-year terms. In 2019 the two-year term elective positions will be VP Council Services, VP North American Travel ,VP Public Affairs, and two Trustee positions.



2018 Roll of Remembrance



*As we celebrate the lives of our "family members"
we shall continue to hold their memory in our hearts
for eternity.*

Warren Miller
Bob Beattie
Glen Brewer
Patti Balog
Suzanne Bradbury
Virginia Cobb
Bob Schmidt
Pat Kubin
Ray Estrada

Ski Film Maker
USSA Coach, FIS Founder
Aerospace, LAC
Beach Cities, LAC
Beach Cities, LAC
Don Diego, SD
Grindelwald, LAC
Longview, NWSCC
Radar River Rats, LAC,
former officer

Paul Jackson

Josie Gower
Mike McCutcheon
Doris Lion
Earl Boyko
Tobie Granbard
Wolfgang Hesse
Bob Clinco

Radar River Rats, LAC,
Treasurer
Santa Barbara, LAC
Torrey Pines, SD
Unrecables, LAC
Unrecables, LAC
Unrecables, LAC
Wailers, LAC
FWSA & USRSA
Legal Counsel

Resolution

Far West Ski Association Resolution Submission Form

Maker of resolution – Name _____ Delegate No. _____

Seconded by – Name _____ Delegate No. _____

Type of resolution ☐ Laudatory ☐ Substantive*

***If this is a Substantive Resolution complete the following:**

1. Committee(s) to be referred to (if any), if this is a substantive resolution, and action(s) required:

2. Would there be a financial impact to FWSA if this resolution is passed? If yes, explain. _____

Provide date resolution is to take effect: _____

Resolution

WHEREAS, _____

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, _____

Do Not Write Below This Line

Resolution # _____

☐ Passed

☐ Defeated

☐ Tabled

☐ Referred to Committee

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Hotel Features

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- Heated Swimming Pool and Hot Therapy Pool
- Lantana Restaurant
- Oasis Poolside Bar
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- Pool and hot tub • Fitness Center

Transportation

- Air transportation is via Palm Springs (30 minutes), or Ontario (1.5 hours) or Los Angeles LAX (2.5 hours).
- Transportation to the airport is available by car rental or shuttle.

Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction & Trade Show
- Travel Expo
- Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Celebrity Speakers
- Public Affairs Panels
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Saturday Awards Banquet
- FWSA General Meeting & Elections

Optional Activities

- **Thursday**
 - Pub Crawl
- **Friday**
 - 13th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 - Aerial Tram Ride in San Jacinto
 - Spa Day
 - Pool Party

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the USARC.

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Committee Report

Awards Program

by Catherine Ohl, Chair

In a volunteer organization such as Far West Ski Association nothing happens without individuals contributing their time and talent to produce programs. These dedicated people could never be compensated for the contribution they make to the association. For volunteer organizations, recognition is the most valuable thank-you that can be offered. In many ways the maturity and stature of an organization can be measured by the value that individuals place on the recognition program. Far West has one of the broadest programs of any regional ski association in the country and there are many opportunities for aspiring individuals, clubs and councils to gain recognition.

The modern day Awards Program was initiated in 1966 and has witnessed a series of expansions and changes over the years. For 2007, optional electronic submissions and voting has been added to the Far West Service awards. The Charity and Community Service Recognition Award for Clubs and Councils was added in 2007. Historical recognition for clubs and councils was added in 2008. In 2008, under the direction of John Watson, the Snowsports Builder Award was initiated. The Environment Award was added in 2015.

There have been a number of changes to the Club and Council Recognition Awards since 2015. The intention is to bring awareness to our programs and make the awards easier to apply for. This year all application forms were again standardized and fillable electronically. The Communications Awards continue to be done through online or email submittals and were modified again in 2018.

The Far West Awards Program is divided into the following distinct areas. Award details, photos and past winners can be found at <http://fwsa.org/Awards/awards.html> (case sensitive).

Far West Service Awards for association volunteers and/or ski industry and their employees

Hans Georg for Individual Long-Term Contribution
Elizabeth 'Schatzi' Wood for Individual Two-year Contribution
J. Stanley Mullin for Individual Two-year Contribution
Jordan-Reily for Individual Public Affairs Contribution
Jimmie Heuga for Individual Humanitarian Contribution
Bill Mackey for Individual Ski Industry Employee Contribution
Tommi Tyndall for Ski Resort Contribution
Terry Smith for Individual Racer Contribution

Snowsports Builder Award directed by John Watson

Industry Media Awards directed by Catherine Ohl

Bill Berry Award for Hard News
Bill Berry Award for Featured News
Warren Miller Multi Media Award

Club and Council Communication Recognition Awards directed by Paul Vlasvald & Cindy Krupp, VP Communications

Tollakson Award for Outstanding Club
Wentworth Award for Outstanding Club and Council Publications
Award for **Outstanding Club and Council Web Sites**

Club and Council Recognition Awards for Individuals, Clubs and Councils

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year
Safety Person of the Year Award
Western Ski Heritage Prize
Environment Award (new in 2015)
Club and Council Legacy Recognition Program (new in 2008)
Charity / Community Service Recognition Awards for Clubs and Councils (new in 2007)
President's Awards for Individual Contributions

Snowsports Awards for Individuals, Clubs, Councils, Leagues

Joe Ross Memorial Trophy for Club
Lake Louise Trophy for Council
Far West Championships Trophy awarded by FWRA
Roma McCoy Trophy awarded by FWRA

Industry directed by Debbi Kor, VP Sponsorship & Marketing

Ski Industry Recognition Certificates for sponsorship and Silent Auction participation

1. Far West Service Awards

The Far West Service awards, sometimes referred to as “The Great Eight” are administered by Catherine Ohl, Awards Chair, with a committee consisting of Jane Wyckoff, Trustee, and Steve Coxen, FWSA President. Use of the Internet continues to be the popular and a most efficient means of submitting nominations and voting. Voting was permitted using the Internet, email or by the traditional snail mail. This and past year’s nominee citations can be viewed at <http://fwsa.org/awards/Awards.html> (case sensitive).

These awards are given to individuals or a team within the Far West Ski Association or Ski Industry. All accepted citations are archived at the Western SkiSport Museum in Boreal, California as a living history of volunteerism in the Far West Region. In addition to commemorative plaques and medallions, a permanent display of past recipients is showcased at the Museum. The Museum is administered by the Auburn Ski Club (<http://www.auburnskiclub.org/>), one of the founding ski clubs of the Far West Ski Association.

Hans Georg Award (1966 - present)

The Hans George Award is given for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to snowsports. This award is given to an individual or individuals who have contributed significant achievements to snowsports, not necessarily organized snowsports. It reflects a long term contribution and is the highest award of the Far West Ski Association. This award may only be received once and is based on a ten-year minimum service in the Far West region. Previous awardees include *Arleigh Meiners, Debbi Kor, Linda Westlund, Gloria Raminha, Lynnell Calkins, Georgene Bihlman, Sigrid Noack, Donn Bryant, Mike Sanford, Ken Calkins, Nancy Kelly, Steve Coxen, Tucker Hoffmann, Gene Fulkerson, Harry Davis, George Eachus, Randy Lew, Norm Cullen, Fay Mumbauer, Woody Hogan, Fred Andrews, Dennis Agee, Pat Nangle, Mike Favia, Martha Perez, Mary Lou Bearden, Sutter Kunkel, Janie Hansen, Alan Christian, Dick Goetzman, Jimmie Heuga, Ed Gehle, John James, Bill Berry, Joe Harris, Bruce Bell, Jane Wyckoff, Don Simpson, Chuck Morse, John Watson, Fraser West, Russ Read, Wayne Poulsen, Dave McCoy, J. Stanley Mullin, Willy Schaeffler, Charles Fink, Bill Kidd, William Nagle, Ben Cole, Walt Disney, W.S. Slim Davis.*

Elizabeth 'Schatzi' Wood Award (1966 - present)

The Elizabeth Schatzi Wood Award is given to the woman, in the Far West region, who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to snowsports during either the past year or in a prior year. This award may only be received once and is based on one or two year achievement (not long-term service) in the Far West region. The two years of service can be for prior years, not just the past two years.

Previous awardees include *Cindy Krupp, Karen James, Jo Simpson, Debbie Stewart, Eileen Sanford, Gloria Raminha, Barbara Bryant, Mary Olhausen, Fran Long, Debbi Kor, Helen Harris, Marilyn Sigler, Linda Westlund, Nancy Kelly, Nancy Sanford, Lynnell Calkins, Bonnie West, Karen Davis, Connie Smith, Maxine Hanlon, Kathy Hoffmann, Susie Vetter, Karen Kimball, Pat Nangle, Lauren Nagle, Fay Mumbauer, Margo Thomas, Karyn Tablada, Sallie Pritchard, Janie Hansen, Anita Omsby, Jessica Freeman, Billy Loy Wilson, Madeline Hunter, Jan Wright, Nancy Ingalsbee, Marlene Steinmeyer, Kathy Downer, Gloria Slate, Jane Wyckoff, Judy Fjeld, Thelma West, Sally Neidlinger Hudson, Gladys Poulsen, Mary Lou Bearden, Madeline Walton.*

J. Stanley Mullin Award (1966 - present)

The J. Stanley Mullin Award is given to the man, in the Far West region, who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national or international activities, made a decisive contribution to snowsports during either the past year or in a prior year. This award may only be received once and is based on one or two year achievement (not long-term service) in the Far West region. The two years of service can be for prior years, not just the past two years.

Previous awardees include *George Stewart, Norbert Knapp, George Kish, Emilio Trampuz, David Krupp, Dennis Heffley, Richard Lubin, Dick Shawkey, Arleigh Meiners, Ray Craig, Robb Margrave, Donn Bryant, Michael German, Joe Loader, Steve Coxen, Ken Calkins, Jim Ortiz, Tucker Hoffmann, Mike Sanford, Sutter Kunkel, Ron Anderson, Gene Fulkerson, Randy Lew, Norm Cullen, Louis Buhler, Woody Hogan, Paul Arrigo, Chuck Morse, John James, Howard Wickersham, Cloyd Howard, Alan Christian, John Rosenkranz, Bob Clinco, Ed McArthur, Ed Gehle, Dick Croft, Bruce Bell, Russ Read, Rolf Fromm, Edgar Gar Bering, Carl Grover, Russ Tiffany, John Watson, Dick Goetzman, Stan Walton, Bryon Nishkian.*

Jordan-Reily Award (1991 - present)

The Jordan-Reily Award recognizes a one or two year activity and achievement in the Associations Public Affairs programs—area development, skier safety, liability protections, governmental affairs, taxation and transportation. This award may only be received once and is based on one or two year achievement (not long-term service). This award may also be given to an individual in government or the ski industry.

Previous awardees include *Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, Jo Simpson, Jeremy Jones, Kayla Walker, Robert Redford,*

Christina Thomure, John Wentworth, Auden Schendler, Rich Marriott, Geraldine Link, Scott Kaden, Mark Udall, Ethan Chickering, Steve Coxen, Denny Bschor, Mike Sanford, Linda McGavin, Wayne Poulsen, Karen Kimball, Steve Reneker, Ron Anderson, John Watson.

Jimmie Heuga Award (1987 - present)

The Jimmie Heuga Award is given to the individual who, like Jimmie, has made a significant contribution to disabled snowsports and/or has overcome a physical disability and has been an inspiration to others. This award may only be received once.

Previous awardees include *Kate Togneri, Dave Ludwig David Briery, Lee Perry, Jr., Chris Waddell, Dianna Digiandomenico, Linda Whittle, Will Niccolis, Ed Bronsdon, Tom Peirce, Larry "Chad" Chadwick, Sigrid Noack, Muffy Davis, Ben Velasquez, Chris Klug, Gordon Cardona, Billy Kidd, Mike Wellman, Norm Cox, Candace Cable, Rick Van Aken, Jim Ortiz, Sara Tully, Kelle Malkewitz, Hal O'Leary, Linda Fryback, Sallie Pritchard, Doug Pringle, Lynne Haile, Steve Kanaly, James Stacey.*

Tommi Tyndall Award (1966 - present)

The Tommi Tyndall Award is given to the ski area, ski area operator; tourism bureau, or the ski area association who has made a distinguished contribution to snowsports and/or the Far West Ski Association in the past year or in prior years. This award may be received more than once but not in consecutive years. This award is based on one or two year contribution. The two years of service can be for prior years, not just the past two years.

Previous awardees include *Sports America Tours, Telluride, Whitefish Mtn. Resort, Mt. Hood Meadows, Alpine Meadows, Mammoth Mountain, Big Sky, Vail Resorts, Aspen Snowmass, Big White, Breckenridge, Ogden Weber CVB, Big Mountain, Salt Lake CVB, Silver Star, Park City, Ski New Mexico, Lake Louise, Boreal, Northstar, Mammoth Race Department, Bear Mountain, Mt. Bachelor, Steamboat, Crested Butte, Mt. Reba / Bear Valley, Snow Forest, Mountain High, Mt. Rose, Boreal Ridge, Snow Summit, Heavenly Valley, Kirkwood, Yosemite.*

Bill Mackey Award (1972 - present)

The Bill Mackey Award is given for outstanding service to the snowsports public by a ski industry or ski area employee. This award may be received more than once but not in consecutive years. Recipients must be full-time employee in the ski industry or related industry and cannot be a FWSA board member; trustee or appointed chairperson.

Previous awardees include *John Douglas (Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites), Katie Balkwill (Big White), Ann Cook (Mt. Bachelor), Jason Forrest (Whitefish), Bob Bourquard (Mt. Bachelor), Bob Salerno (Virtual Snow), Brian Flickinger (Vail), Mary Manning (Aspen), Cyd Heatherly (Snowbasin), Patrick Rothe (ski.com), Kris McKinnon (Aspen), Mark Thoreson (Sun Valley), Karen Schneider (Steamboat), Tammie Anstedt (Vail), Jim Loyd (Big White), John Frasca (Central Holidays), Don Beaulieu (Sunshine), Jean Louis Villot (Mammoth) Sandy Best (Lake Louise), Mary Evans (Aspen), Joe Pettit (Northstar), Steve Orchin (CP Hotels), Brent Boblitt (Northstar), Brad Wilson (Bear), Julie Maurer & Mike Blind (Northstar), Elise Waddell (Mammoth), Jerry Simon (Ski Group), Jim Mott (Squaw), Marilyn Branch (Coonskin Inn), Mark Phillips (Mt. Reba), John Armstrong (Mammoth), Bob Settineri & Ron Roesch (Mogel Mogul Mike Sierra Productions), Randy Fahrback (Purgatory) Nick Hudson (Heavenly), Chuck Morse (Salomon On-Campus Learn-to-Ski Program), Jim Catlin (Mammoth), Ueli Luthi (Mammoth), Mitch Vlad (Canadian Office of Tourism), Harry Leonard (Ski Show), Bob Bergstrom (Sports), Chuck Morse (Mtn. High), Jim Hardy (Tahoe Hyatt), Bill Boardman (Squaw), Dick Parent (High Sierra Reservations), Knut Waarli (Cal-Nordic Institute), Peter Brinkman (Mt. Reba), Jim Garner (Mammoth).*

Terry Smith Award (1976 - present)

Awarded to outstanding an individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of recreational ski racing. This award may only be received once. Only elected officers of Far West Racing Association, including race league chairpersons and past Terry Smith Award recipients, are allowed to nominate and vote.

Previous awardees include *Laura Priess, Dale Parshall, Nancy Ellis, Brent Forsythe, Maxine Hanlon, Jo Simpson, Scott Peer, Craig Faitel, Beat Hupfer, Jim Sommer, Barbara Bryant, Dan Jeffrey, Dick Shawkey, Joe Loader, Dotti Gallagher, Robb Margrave, Mark Hanlon, Marty Purmort, Lynnell Calkins, Bob Bernard, Ken Calkins, Bob & Debbie Warzynski, Herb Schraibman, Bob Ellis, Carol Weaver, Ralph Lehotsky, John Ulrich, John Armstrong, George Eachus, John Catozzi, Alan Christian, Ellen Loe, Jessica Freeman, Dennis Agee, Karyn Tablada, Ueli Lufhi, Joe Harris, John Rosenkranz, John James, Bruce Bell.*

2. Snowsports Builder

John Watson, History Chair, along with the Far West Board of Trustees, administers the Snowsports Builder award. In 2008 Far West added this award to expand its suite of awards. The award recognizes an individual, teams or an organization that has made a contribution to benefit the sport, a contribution that has made an indelible impact on the sport and that may not have been fully recognized.

Such contributions may not be limited to any particular sector of industry, society, or the sport. Their background could

include manufacturing, athletics, travel, journalism, electronic or print media, government, academia, teaching and safety. The Builders Award is intended to be for those outside Far West's traditional service awards and may be made annually by the Trustees.

Previous awardees include *Bob Greenwood, Nancy Ingalsbee, Ronnie Lupe, Jimmie Nunn, Bob Wilbanks, Ben Finley, Art Clay, Hensley Family, Chuck Morse, Cliff Blann, Greg Thompson, Bill Marolt, Dave McCoy, Norbert Olberz, Martha Perez, Doug Pfeiffer, Deedee Corradini, Jerry Simon, Harry Leonard.*

3. Industry Media Awards

The Industry Media awards are administered by Catherine Ohl with a committee consisting of Randy Lew, FWSA Treasurer, and Steve Coxen, FWSA President.

Billy Berry Award for Hard News (1966 - present)

Awarded for outstanding service to snowsports by writers for the printed media of an outstanding article, book, blog, etc. This award allows for self-nomination and may be received more than once but not in consecutive years.

Previous awardees for Hard News include *Chadd Cripe, Linda McGavin, Jane Wyckoff, Ben Jacklet, Tom Stienstra, Bob Wilbanks, April Darrow, Walter Roessing Brian Clark, Katherine Cole, Bob Cox, Rodney Angove, Sam Bauman, Al Auger, Diane Slezak Scholfield, Garry Niver, Susan Vreeland, Luanne Pfeifer, Bob Lochner, Burt Sims.*

Billy Berry Award for Feature Article (1991 - present)

Awarded for outstanding service to snowsports by writers for the printed media in a featured article. This award allows for self-nomination and may be received more than once but not in consecutive years.

Previous awardees for Feature Article include *Lindsey Vonn, Jordan Romero & Linda LeBlanc, Chris Santella, Christopher Van Tilburg MD, Jon Tullis, Wendolyn Holland, Makay Jenkins, Jennifer Woodlief, Chris Davenport, Charles J. Sanders, April Darrow, Jimmy Petterson, Richard Kun, Leigh Gieringer, Christopher Solomon, Chaco Mohler, Leigh Gieringer, Gregory Dennis, Ken Castle, Luanne Pfeifer, Diane Slezak Scholfield, Glen Putman, Robert Frohlich.*

Warren Miller Modern Media Award (was the Bill Berry Modern Media Award from 1982 to 2004)

Awarded for outstanding service to snowsports by the film, television, radio, and electronic media. This award allows for self-nomination and may be received more than once but not in consecutive years.

Previous awardees include *Travis Rice, Red Bull Media House, Match Stick Productions, Seve Bellamy, Daron Talbot, Robert Frohlich, Jimmy Peterson, Ari Heinila, Abbie Kealy, Steve Porino, Joe Jay Jalbert, Tammie Thompson, Josh Murphy, AJ Kitt, Al Noraker, Russ Cameron, Jerry Hoffmann, Don Fontana, John Jay, Chaco Mohler, Kurt Miller, Peter Speck, Warren Miller, Bob Beattie, Suzy Chaffee, Cecil Charles, John Hamilton Ken Nelson.*

4. Club & Council Achievement Recognition Awards

A difference to the judging procedure was introduced in 2017. A committee from the Councils' President was formed to do all the judging. Criteria were changed slightly to make the process less complicated and add an emphasis on social media communications.

Tollakson Award for Outstanding Club

The Tollakson Award is administered by Paul Vlasveld and Cindy Krupp, under Jo Simpson, FWSA VP Councils. Each club is asked to submit up to a bio detailing their contributions to snowsports. Results from their Newsletter and Web site scores are included in this competition.

Wentworth Award for Outstanding Club and Council Publications

The Wentworth Award is administered by Paul Vlasveld and Cindy Krupp, under Jo Simpson, FWSA VP Councils. Each club and council is asked to submit one newsletter for judging.

Award for Outstanding Club and Council Web Sites

The Award for Outstanding Web Site is administered by Paul Vlasveld and Cindy Krupp, under Jo Simpson, FWSA VP Councils. Each club and council is asked to submit their web site URL for judging. Entries in the Publication Awards will have their web site automatically entered.

Classes for the Tollakson, Wentworth and Outstanding Web Site are based on a club's performance over the past four years that can vary slightly from year to year. A club may fall into a different class in each of the three categories.

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| Masters: | Any club that has received a 1st place Advanced award or a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place Masters award for their club for outstanding club, publication or website within the last four years. |
| Advance: | Any club that has received a 1st place Novice or a 2nd or 3rd place Advanced award for their club for outstanding club, publication or website within the last four years. |
| Novice: | Club who has not won an award in the past 4 years or a 1st place Novice award. |
| Council: | Open to all councils |

5. Recognition Awards

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year

The Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Competition is administered by Sheri Parshall, under Jo Simpson, FWSA VP Councils. Each council is requested to submit a man and/or woman candidate who best represents their council. In addition, each council is required to submit one judge to help with the judging.

This award is presented to both an outstanding man and woman at the grassroots level. Selection criteria is based on each individual's involvement in snowsports; club, council, regional and national activities; and knowledge and enthusiasm for the snowsports. Candidates should have awareness of Far West programs and, in particular, its public affairs involvement. Emphasis has been shifted to Club participation over the past five years.

The Councils' Man and Woman of the Year is sponsored by Big White Ski Resort, BC, Canada since 2001.

Safety Person of the Year Award

This award is administered by Richard Lubin, Safety Chair, under the leadership of Paula Hazzard, VP Public Affairs. This award honors the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe snowsports and safety programs at the club and/or council level. Individuals are judged through the utilization of organized events, educational forums, print and electronic media, on mountain activities and partnering with other, safety focused community and industry organizations.

The Safety Award has been sponsored by Telluride Ski Resort since 2015.

Western Ski Heritage Prize

This award is administered by John Watson, History Chair, under the leadership of Paula Hazzard, VP Public Affairs, and recognizes an outstanding effort in the area of ski history by historians in the identification of resource material, preparation of historical publications and/or recording or documenting of significant historical events. This award also recognizes interest in Far West's history through collection, preservation and protection of appropriate articles and material. This award acknowledges the utilization of all types of media and is not limited to FWSA members.

This award has been sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. since its inception in 2000.

Environment Award

This award is administered by Paula Hazzard, VP Public Affairs, and is designed to encourage good stewardship of our environment. We want to inspire and reward creative efforts to conserve and protect our environment. This award should recognize a special action that the applicant took, or something he or she put in place that made a difference. This award has been sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company, The Gant and Crestwood Condominiums since its inception in 2015.

Club and Council History Recognition Program

FWSA has inaugurated a program to collect club, league and council histories. These will go to make up a historic collection available to researchers—and who knows? — maybe a book of histories from the standpoint of organized snowsports. Your submission must be on CD/DVD with 5 copies and one hard copy. Notify John Watson, FWSA Historian at geospace@pacbell.net.

Charity and Community Service Recognition Award

The charity award was new in 2007 and is administered by Sigrid Noack, Charity and Community Chair under the leadership of Jo Simpson, VP Councils. There are 3 categories.

Double Diamond: A club that has won a 1st place in the past.

Diamond: A club that has not won a 1st place in the past

Council: A class of its own.

The Charity and Community Service Recognition Award has been sponsored by Far West Ski Association since 2007.

President's Award

The President of FWSA selects the recipient. This award recognizes one or more individuals who have made a significant contribution during the year to the goals of the Far West Ski Association or to the snowsports experience of the "Western Skier."

6. Snowsports Awards

Joe Ross Memorial Trophy

This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association's Ski Week Staff and is presented to the club with the highest total points for the Slalom and Giant Slalom races at the FWSA North American Ski Week.

Lake Louise Trophy

This award is administered by the Far West Ski Association's Ski Week Staff and is presented to the council with the highest total points for the Slalom and Giant Slalom races at the FWSA North American Ski Week. The trophy, donated by the Canadian Tourism Office in 1997, is on permanent display at the Western SkiSport Museum (<http://auburnskiclub.com/ski-museum/>) in Boreal, California.

Council Challenge

The first Council Challenge was held in Mt. Bachelor when the Bay Area Council challenged the Northwest Council (then known as Portland Area Ski Club Council) to a duel race. Teams consisted of the best 6 racers from each council. In Steamboat the Challenge was opened up to all councils. In a surprise move, Arizona beat out Northwest, Bay Area and Los Angeles. Today teams consist of 8 racers from each council and must be a mix of men and women. And if you can't beat them on the course, your team can compete for the best costume.

Far West Championships

Awarded to the Far West race league that earns the most points overall at the Far West Championships. The Far West Racing Association administers this award.

Roma McCoy Trophy

Awarded to the Far West race league that earns the most points per racer start at the Far West Championships. The Far West Racing Association administers this award.

7. Industry**Ski Industry Recognition Certificates**

Long-term ski industry supporters and sponsors of Far West and the FWSA annual convention are recognized with certificates of appreciation. This award is administered by Debbi Kor, VP Marketing and Sponsorship.

Convention Program

by Debbi Kor, Convention Chair

Convention 2018 - On behalf of the Far West Ski Association, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Sierra League & Council Steering Committee and its many volunteers for an outstanding job in hosting the 86th Annual FWSA Convention. We would especially like to recognize Jo Simpson, Host Council Convention Coordinator for Sierra, and Paul Vlasveld, BAC Coordinator, for their dedication, and hard work over the past year to put this Convention together. Please take a moment to refer to the Volunteer VIPs list in the beginning of the Delegate Book for all the many volunteers who helped make this Convention a success.

A special thank you to President, Steve Coxen, for all his support and assistance with Convention activities. Thank you to Jane Wyckoff, our Past Convention Chairperson, for remaining on our Convention Committee and assisting with Contract Management and Publicity. A special thank you goes to Catherine Ohl, not only for our fabulous website at www.fwsa.org, which includes the Convention site, as well as for her work on the outstanding slide shows on Saturday and Sunday.

Also, a very special thank you to Emilio Trampuz, who designed the Convention forms and publicity materials (delegates and industry) this year. Jeannine Davis is in her fourth year as Silent Auction Chairperson and Michael Bouton came on board this year as Travel Expo Chairperson. Randy Lew does an amazing job as Convention Treasurer, and managing all the guests, and, we wouldn't have on-line registration without Jim Nachbar! Welcome to your new Convention Registrar, Jean McCasey, who joined our Convention Team this year. Lastly, and most importantly, I'd like to thank all of our industry partners who helped support Far West through their generous donations and sponsorships. This is what helps keep the cost of Convention down. Thank you "TEAM", as this certainly takes a team effort to pull off this amazing event!

2017 Convention Survey – Again in 2017, a Convention Survey was distributed. We are very appreciative of those Convention attendees who completed the survey. We derived statistical data and great feedback on things you like about an FWSA Convention, and things you would like to see changed. We received positive feedback regarding the improvements in the abbreviated length of the Luncheon and the Awards Banquet last year, and the quality of the Snowsports Leadership Academy modules. Todd Hood did an awesome job in being the MC for the Awards Banquet. We do need some time to recognize our volunteers and industry leaders but also recognize it is your time to relax and have some fun! We received significant feedback in 2015 to improve the elections process and many changes/improvements were made for Convention 2016 and 2017.

We spent a tremendous amount of time this year in working on improving Convention communications with the clubs, councils and local community and utilizing modern technology. We posted on social media sites, had special promotions through Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority. There was a great effort made to reach out to guests, to make our Convention a rewarding and educational experience. This year we have George Stewart video-taping many of the activities and events, Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions and Panel discussions, which will then be used as a marketing tool in the future for our organization and the annual Convention.

Convention 2019 – June 12-16, 2019 – Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa

Our 87th Annual Convention will be held in the Palm Springs area. Orange Council of Ski Clubs, with assistance from Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs, will be our hosts at the beautiful Hyatt Regency in Indian Wells.

The Orange Council has been conducting monthly Convention Committee Meetings in conjunction with its Board Meetings. Judy Thurman, a Past President of Orange Council, has been appointed the Host Council Convention Coordinator. The theme selected for 2019 is "Fun in the OC Sun".

In the foothills of the majestic San Jacinto Mountains in the exclusive community of Indian Wells, California, lies a private desert retreat of exceptional beauty – the AAA Four Diamond Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa. The Resort has 45 acres of artfully-blended European style with California ambiance in a lush landscape of formal gardens and shimmering fountains.

Located 15 miles from Palm Springs International Airport, it is in a beautiful location, next door to the Renaissance Esmeralda, home of our 2010 Convention. There is plenty of free parking, complimentary wireless internet in the guest rooms and meeting rooms, and NO Resort fees. Please refer to the Master Convention Flyer in the Delegate Book for additional details.

Convention 2020 – June 10-14, 2020 – Hilton Vancouver, Washington

Our 88th Annual Convention will be held in Vancouver, Washington, hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council. Site visits were made to several downtown Portland area hotels over the past six months, and while they were all nice properties, they were beyond our normal budget. Several NWSCC Board members have attended a number of activities at the Hilton Hotel, and it is being considered for the venue for 2020. An announcement will be made as soon as a contract is executed.

Director Report
Industry Marketing
by Debbi Kor, VP Marketing &
Jeannine Davis, Silent Auction Chair

Responsibilities for the Industry Marketing Program include: producing the Silent Auction and Travel Expo, sponsorship development, serving on the Convention Committee, and promoting advertising sales for the Far West Skier's Guide. Debbi Kor, FWSA Vice President of Marketing, is responsible for the membership benefits program and product sponsorship development. Jeannine Davis is Chairman of the annual Silent Auction and Michael Bouton is the Travel Expo Coordinator. Leigh Gieringer is Editor of the Far West Skier's Guide. The ski industry invested over \$146,000 this year in Association industry programs.

Silent Auction

In 2018, we are celebrating the 86th Annual Convention, and the 33rd Silent Auction. FWSA highly values the working relationship our Association has developed with the ski and sports industries. Many hours have been spent by dedicated ski clubs, councils and FWSA volunteers, who assist with conducting a successful Silent Auction, each and every year.

The Silent Auction began back in 1986 at the Irvine Hilton and Towers, when the Balboa Ski Club of Orange Council of Ski Clubs, host for the 54th Annual Convention, organized the event as a fundraiser to be held in conjunction with the Convention. In 1990 the Travel Carousel was added to the industry Convention programs at the 58th Annual Convention, hosted by the Orange Council of Ski Clubs, when the Association returned to the Irvine Hilton. The format remained the same until the 2003 Convention held at the Rancho Las Palmas Marriott in Rancho Mirage, California, hosted by the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs. The Travel Carousel became the Travel Expo, and Passports replaced the Lift Tickets. Convention delegates now schedule appointments with industry representatives, meeting one-on-one in a timed sequence. Each year we look forward to seeing our industry friends at our Annual Convention, some of whom have attended for thirty years, and others who are brand new to our program.

The Silent Auction is the Association's major fund-raising effort and not only provides financial support for our programs, but also subsidizes delegate fees to the Convention. The Silent Auction and Travel Expo would not be possible without the assistance of many special people – many thanks go to this year's Hosts, Bay Area Snowsports Council and Sierra League & Council, as well as the many volunteers who do all the behind-the-scenes work and setup. The "Convention Team", tasked with production of the Silent Auction and Travel Expo includes Debbi Kor, Convention Chair and V.P. of Marketing and Sponsorship, Jeannine Davis, Silent Auction Chair, Michael Bouton, Travel Expo Coordinator, Randy Lew, Treasurer, and Jean McCasey, Convention Registrar. The team puts in countless hours to bring you an outstanding event for both club members and the industry. Our gratitude is extended to all the workers from the BAC and Sierra Councils, as well as the FWSA Board Members, friends and volunteers from other councils who assist with last minute preparations prior to the Silent Auction and Travel Expo.

Convention Sponsorships

The Convention sponsorship program reduces the amount of money needed to be taken from Silent Auction proceeds to offset Convention costs. Sponsorships are extremely important to the financial success of our event. We offer annual sponsorships for the various activities and events that are part of the convention, such as the annual Pub Crawl on Thursday evening, the Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, the Pool Party, the Welcome Party on Friday Night, along with beverage sponsors, luncheon and dinner sponsors and many others. We currently have multi-year Program sponsorships with Big White Ski Resort as the sponsor of the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Program. The Lodge at Whitefish Lake and Fire Brand Hotel, Whitefish Mountain Resort, and Karbon are sponsors of the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program; Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation sponsor the Western Ski Heritage Award; Telluride Ski Resort sponsors the Safety Person of the Year Award; and Aspen/Snowmass, The Gant, and Crestwood Condominiums sponsor the Environment Award. We are pleased to hear that our sponsorship benefits program is highly regarded within the industry, and has been emulated by other groups in other parts of the country. One of the primary benefits for the sponsors is the link from our fwsa.org site to their own website, as well as mention in The Far West NewsFlash, The Councilman and Far West Skier's Guide.

Far West Skier's Guide

As the Silent Auction/Travel Expo and sponsorship program has expanded, so too, has the Far West Skier's Guide. The "Guide" was first published for the 1988-1989 ski season. The current edition is the 30th Annual edition. Extensive industry special sections and editorial coverage makes the publication ever popular in industry marketing efforts. Potential sponsors find promotion in the Far West Skier's Guide especially attractive. Leigh Gieringer is to be commended for her outstanding efforts in professional journalism and her dedication to the production of this publication. The Digital Edition of the Far West Skier's Guide not only expands the readership within the Far West region but makes it available to snow-sport enthusiasts throughout the country and internationally. The 2017-2018 digital edition (the seventh annual DE) also contains an additional insert. If you haven't visited the digital version, please check it out. The link can be found at: farwestskiersguide/2017-18 and many of the individual FWSA affiliated ski club sites. NEW!!! this year, right now, is the summer electronic issue of the Skier's Guide, with many articles and photos of your favorite ski resorts turned Summer-Bound. Be sure to check it out.

To be included in the 31st Annual Far West Skier's Guide, please contact Leigh at 480.600.6099 or fwsg@cox.net. :

87th Annual Convention - 2019

We are looking forward to another terrific convention hosted by Orange Council of Ski Clubs, with assistance from Los Angeles Council of Ski clubs. We will be at The Hyatt Regency, Indian Wells, June 13-16, 2019 - holding our 34th Silent Auction and 17th Travel Expo! Please plan to join us, where you will find "Fun in the O.C. Sun".

A Final Reminder

Our ski industry programs will continue to grow, provided our ski clubs and councils support them. Please show your support for the companies that participate in the Convention, provide sponsorships and member benefits, and advertise in the Far West Skier's Guide by including them in your travel and ski/sports equipment purchase plans.

Director Report

Communications

by Cindy Krupp, Vice President

For the past two years, it has been a great learning experience to be your VP of Communications. During that time, we have made some progress in the FWSA Communications Program building on the foundation that was established.

Since 2014, FWSA has been utilizing FWSA-Connect, which is located at <https://connect.fwsa.org>. During that time, we have been continually adding functionality to FWSA-Connect. Check out the site to see what upcoming trips you may be interested in joining!

The main FWSA website, <http://fwsa.org>, is maintained by Catherine Ohl. In addition to our website, Catherine designs many of the other FWSA materials you see.

The FWSA Communication Program also includes the Councilman, published by Connie Burdett, the Far West Skiers Guide, published by Leigh Gieringer, and the monthly FWSA News Flash, published by Debbi Kor. If you want to get a monthly reminder of everything FWSA is doing, be sure to sign up for the News Flash, on our website. George Stewart has been publishing a steady stream of videos highlighting some of the great international trips the association has organized – check them out at the FWSA Channel on YouTube.

We've been continuing to post on Facebook about changes in the ski industry and shared in the excitement of the Winter Olympics. We are also active on Twitter, and we are looking for volunteers who use Facebook and would like to contribute to our Social Media.

Thank you for having me as your VP of Communications for the past two years!

Committee Report

Far West Skier's Guide

by Leigh Gieringer, Editor

Yup! Thirty Years! The 2017-2018 Far West Skier's Guide was the 30th Annual. As the editor and publisher, I thank members of the Far West Ski Association who contributed throughout the years; as well as the ski industry for their sponsorship to make these issues possible. I look forward to working with all again this year as I begin the 31st Annual Far West Skier's Guide.

The last eight issues have also been available digitally as online editions, including a multi-page digital only insert in each one. They have been well received by our members and beyond. As a western regional printed publication, we have reached ski club skiers and snowboarders in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Missouri, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The digital edition is also available through the National Ski Council Federation website which represents ski councils and clubs throughout the country.

Through our websites, the digital edition has reached a far wider audience including snowsport enthusiasts throughout the country. Our audience has not only been in the US, but also many of the provinces of Canada and internationally. It has been accessed within the continents of Europe, Asia, South America and Australia. I invite you to view the online version at www.fwsa.org or www.skifederation.org. It is also available at numerous FWSA council and club websites.

I've just finished the 2018 Far West Skier's Guide - Summer Supplement - a digital publication. Many ski resorts are also open during the warmer months for clubs and their members and families to enjoy. This is the premiere edition, focusing on summer activities at ski resorts such as mountain biking or hiking, and adventure parks on the mountains; and nearby activities such as rafting, other water sports, festivals, concerts, etc. Or, perhaps the beach is calling, or you thrive under the water??? Make plans to spend some time in the mountains, on the beach or in the water this summer with your clubs. Access it through www.fwsa.org, www.skifederation.org and many council and club websites. Please also share the link on social media!

Here is another link to the latest digital edition of the Far West Skier's Guide: <http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/farwestskiersguide/2017-18/>. Check out the current issue online. Don't miss the digital only insert located between pages 64 and 65. And, view the first ever - Summer Supplement! Then, make your plans to enjoy them all!

The 2018-2019 edition has been started. We welcome the ski industry to be a part of the 31st Annual Edition of the Far West Skier's Guide. Look for the printed edition of the 2018-2019 Far West Skier's Guide in late October, 2018 and the digital edition in November.

Please contact me for more information; and to reach FWSA and NSCF councils, clubs and members at fwsg2@cox.net.

Director Report

Council Services

by Jo Simpson, Vice President

The significant changes to the Club and Council Communications and Outstanding Club Awards in 2017 greatly increased submissions last year. Newsletter submissions for 2018 are down, but website submissions increased. There were no outstanding club submissions, nor did any councils submit newsletters or websites. We will increase our solicitation efforts next year to attempt to get more clubs and councils to submit.

We also are continuing to have a panel of judges recruited by the council presidents so that clubs don't have to provide a judge to enter. We are grateful for Cindy Krupp and Paul Vlasveld continuing as program co-chairs again this year. Cindy is "retiring" as co-chair of this committee, so we will be looking for a volunteer to work with Paul in 2019.

There is good news on the Councils Man and Woman of the Year nominations. Our new chair, Sheri Parshall, reports that we have 14 nominations, with almost all councils nominating either a man or woman or both. Sheri Parshall made some enhancements to the application form and she has some fun ideas for the Friday evening reception for nominees and their guests.

We continue to be grateful to Big White for sponsoring the award with a free trip for the winning candidates. We are building on increasing the recognition of all the council nominees at the convention by having them seated a special table at the Saturday convention lunch with Big White representative Katie Balkwill. They will be recognized in the convention delegate book again this year.

We also have a new Family and Youth program chair. Linda Coxen has assumed that role and is looking at refreshing the program which has been dormant for a while.

Sigrid Novak works tirelessly to encourage clubs and councils to support charities and community service projects. Starting this year, the winners of the charity awards will receive electronic medallions to post on their websites and display in their newsletters. They will also receive certificates.

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

Committee Report

Family and Youth Involvement

by Linda Coxen, Chair

The youth of today is the future of our organization. FWSA continues to support and encourage youth and family involvement in snow sports. Our goal is to build interest in family skiing/snowboarding and to ensure continued involvement in ski and snowsport clubs and organizations. In order to succeed we need our members to be actively involved in this effort. That includes clubs, councils and Far West.

What is your club or council doing to involve youth and families?
Does your club or council offer trips for youth and families?
How does your club or council reach out to local college ski or race clubs?
Does your club or council support high school clubs and teams?

I would like to hear from all clubs and councils regarding what you do to encourage youth and family involvement. Let's see how we can expand on local ideas to the Far West level. Consider it a challenge to all of you. I look forward to hearing your responses to my questions.

Committee Report

Charities & Our Community

by Sigrid Noack, Chair

"The Far West Ski Association and its nine participating Ski Councils are committed to supporting charitable giving and volunteerism. Through donations and volunteer services of our individual members in clubs and councils, we hope to enhance the quality of life within our communities."

FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition

The FWSA is again officially recognizing clubs and councils, who so enthusiastically support their favorite charities. The twelfth annual "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" awards will be presented on Sunday to the FWSA Clubs and Councils, which during the past year have shown an outstanding effort in donating time and/or financial support to one or more charitable organizations. Because we have so many clubs and councils that actively support a huge variety of charities, FWSA is again presenting two separate awards to clubs, the Diamond and Double Diamond class. The Double Diamond applicants are clubs who have won this recognition in past years, while Diamond applicants are clubs that have maybe applied before, but they are still hoping to win this prestigious recognition. We are excited to be recognizing all the amazing efforts of our FWSA family by presenting these awards to our most outstanding clubs and council. By bringing these selfless activities out into the open, recognizing them annually at our convention, we also hope to encourage others to become more involved with charitable activities.

We are happy, that our FWSA clubs and councils have shown an interest in this FWSA recognition program by filling out an application and agreeing to share their photos and charity activity descriptions at convention. We will again have photos displayed on several picture boards this weekend to show how our FWSA clubs and councils have chosen to be involved with charities and community work. At this convention, for the first time, one of our clubs is preparing a digital display, showing off their wonderful charitable activities on a live screen.

This year we had three club applicants, two Diamond and one Double Diamond ski clubs. No councils applied this year. Thank you and congratulations to the following groups, who made the effort and took the time to apply for this 2018 FWSA Recognition: Diamond Class - **Bogus Basin Ski Club (ISC)**, and **Don Diego Ski Club (SDCSC)**; Double Diamond Class - **Monterey Ski & Social Club (BAC)**. These wonderfully caring clubs have been doing outstanding work with their community charitable organizations this year. The top ski clubs, selected by a panel of judges, have been asked to display their charity activities on picture boards or with a digital presentation. Please take a look at their displays and give them the recognition they all deserve. On Sunday all groups will be recognized, and the winning charity supporting groups will be awarded with an electronic FWSA medallion to post on their club/council websites and to use in their newsletters. All these clubs are winners! Huge CONGRATULATIONS to all of you!

This "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" is an annual award for clubs and councils' charity and community support efforts. Please check the FWSA Charity & Community Service site, to see updates on how to get involved with this special recognition this next year. And please keep up the phenomenally wonderful charity work you have been doing.

Community Service Awareness Program

Six years ago we started this FWSA program, which we are continuing this year and hopefully in future years as well. Our council presidents are working towards having every one of the clubs in their council be involved with at least ONE charitable activity. Congratulations to all our councils and clubs for putting forth this great effort in supporting their community organizations.

Community Involvement Updates

Although our clubs and councils are involved with a huge number of different charity organization, some of FWSA's favorite charity groups have been athletic groups for the mentally and physically challenged. Four of the

most popular charities for our nine FWSA councils and approximately 150 snow sports clubs are the **Far West Ski Foundation, Disabled Sports USA, Special Olympics**, and **Can Do Multiple Sclerosis**, formerly known as the **Jim-mie Heuga Center for MS**. Please check the Community Service page on the FWSA website for more information on how to become involved with these charities.

CAN DO MS helps people with multiple sclerosis gain health and hope. One in 750 people has multiple sclerosis, a devastating, neurological disease in which a person's immune system attacks the brain and spinal cord. There is no known cause or cure for MS. The Can Do Multiple Sclerosis Center is dedicated to improving the lives of people and families living with MS through its interactive, educational programs unique to any in the world. All of the Center's programs are based on the philosophy that you can have a chronic condition AND have your health. By drawing on a wide range of medical professionals and focusing on all aspects of health - exercise, nu-trition, social support and disease management - The Center helps people with MS learn how to live healthier, happier, more active lives. The Center's motto is "Be More Than Your MS". To honor their founder's positive spirit and legacy, Can Do MS has declared Jimmie Heuga's birthday, September 22nd, as CAN DO DAY. A wonder-ful way to help raise funds for the Can Do Multiple Sclerosis Center is participation with the Vertical Express for CAN DO MS. Please check the dates and other opportunities to become involved with this phenomenal organiza-tion on their website <http://www.mscondo.org> <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Programs/program-community.html>

DISABLED SPORTS USA (DS/USA), with the motto "If I Can Do This, I Can Do Anything", was founded in 1967 by disabled Vietnam veterans to provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to gain self-confidence, greater independence, dignity, and mobility through sports, recreation and educational programs. The organiza-tion is the nation's largest multi-sport, multi-disability organization serving more than 60,000 people nationwide. **Warfighter Sports**, formerly known as the **Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project**, is a part of DS/USA and offers 50 different sports rehabilitation programs in military hospitals and communities across the US through a nationwide network of over 100 community-based chapters. Programs take place at sites throughout the US, offering returning Warfighters the opportunity to integrate as participants and mentors in their home communi-ties. **1,500 wounded veterans were served through this program just this past year**. Many Warfighters have returned home to our FWSA communities, and several of our councils and clubs have been including them in their chapter activities. FWSA clubs and councils have a long term relationship with several California Chapters of Disabled Sports USA: Achieve Tahoe - the Adaptive Ski School at Alpine Meadows, USARC - the US Adaptive Recreation Center at Big Bear, The Achievers - DSUSA Orange County, The Unrecables - the Los Angeles Chapter, and DSES - Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra at Mammoth Lakes. To get involved with any of the DSUSA chapters, please check out <http://www.disabledsportsusa.org>.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS relies on dedicated volunteers to provide year-round sports training and athletic competi-tion in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with mental retardation. With 220 offices world-wide, the Special Olympics global community includes athletes, volunteers, coaches, family members and sponsors/ supporters. Research shows that there is an overwhelming consensus among Special Olympics athletes, coaches and family members that there is significant improvement in athletes' sense of self, social skills, and social inter-actions due to their participation in Special Olympics. Parents see health benefits that are critical, given the un-met health needs of people with intellectual disabilities. Every one of our nine FWSA Councils has Special Olym-pics events happening in their communities. For more information to get involved, check out <http://www.specialolympics.org>.

The **FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION** is the fund raising sister organization to the Far West Ski Association. FWSF was established in 1964 as a 501c3 organization to support training for Alpine racing in the 1964 Winter Olym-pics. It expanded on that mission in 2009 to raise funds and offer grants in four mission areas. These include scholarships for under-20 Alpine racers, scholarships and wounded veteran support to enable the disabled to enjoy adaptive snowsports, support to women's ski jumping, especially scholarships for the development train-ing of its Fly Girls, and support for the preservation in museums and historical snowsports, research for educa-tion regarding the contributions of snowsports to the cultural and sports history of the nation. Contributions are tax deductible and may be made to any FWSF Trustee or through PayPal, identifying your gift as directed to the Far West Ski Foundation. Please see our big, beautiful website at <http://www.farwestskifoundation.org>.

FWSA Supports These Charities

by Sigrid Noack, Charities & Our Community Chair

Organizations to which volunteer time and/or money has been donated by FWSA councils & clubs.

10th Mountain Division Scholarship Fund
AbilityFirst – Social Services Organization
Adaptive Sports Association, Durango, CO
Achieve Tahoe - Disabled Sports USA
Adopt-A-Classroom Program - Long Beach Aquarium
Adopt-A-Family Program
Adopt-A-Highway Program
Adopt-An-Olympian
African-American Community Services Agency
AIDS Life Cycle Ride
Alameda County Community Food Bank
Alliance on Aging - Monterey
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity
ALS Ski-A-Thon and Walk
Alternatives To Violence Project
Alzheimer's Association - Memory Walk
Alzheimer's Association - San Diego
American Cancer Society
American Cancer Society Relay For Life
American Cancer Society Hope On The Slopes
American Cancer Society Ski & Ride For A Cure
American Heart Association
American Red Cross
American Stroke Association Walks & Runs
April Showers – Homelessness Network
Assistance League - San Luis Obispo
Arizona Humane Society
AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Golf Tournament
Autism Society & Association Walk
Barks of Love
Beach Clean-Up
Bear Valley Ski Patrol for Oxygen Unit
Becky's House - YWCA Battered Women's Shelter
Big Brothers/Big Sisters - Bowl-A-Thon
Big Sur Marathon Foot Race
Bill Wilson Center - Hygiene Kit Drive for Homeless Youth
Bogus Basin Ski Education Foundation
Bogus Basin Ski Patrol
Booty For Boobies - Quest For A Cure
Brain Injury Recovery
Brighten a Life - a Home Start Agency
Building Peaceful Families
Cabrillo Festival
California Foundation for Children for Underprivileged and At-Risk
California International Air Show - Monterey County
Can Do MS (formerly The Heuga Center For MS)
Cedar House Life Change Center - Abused Mothers & Children
Central California Adaptive Sports Center - China Peak
Chamber of Commerce

Cheyenne Friday Food Bag Program
Chris Klug Foundation for Organ Donations
Christmas in April – Home Rehabilitation Projects
Christmas in the Adobes – Monterey State Historic Parks
Christmas Toy Drive for Women/Children Shelters
Clothing to the Homeless
Clothing & Equipment for Skiers with Disabilities
COMECA House – Homeless Shelter
Compton Homeless Education Project
Concours d'Elegance - Antique Car Show at Pebble Beach/Pebble Beach Company Foundation
Disabled Sports USA - Eastern Sierra
Disabled Sports USA - Mother Lode Chapter
Disadvantaged Youth Mentoring
Disadvantaged Youth Recreational Skiing & Boarding
DIVEHEART – Adaptive Diving
Downtown Association Youth Services Summer Camp
Dress for Success
Eastside K-9 - Mammoth Lakes
Empty Bowls – Helping To Feed People
Eppie's Great Race-People With Disabilities - Sacramento
Far West Ski Foundation
Far West Ski Association Junior Racer Scholarships
Feed the Homeless Program
Food Drives / Food Finders
Free Wheelchair Mission
Fresno Shriners Children's Hospital
Great Basin Outdoor School
Habitat for Humanity
Haven Women's Center
Help A Hero - Palmisano Care Package Project
High School Ceramics Program
Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic
Home for the Holidays with the Marines
Humane Society - San Luis Obispo
Idaho Elks Rehab Center
Idaho Falls Ski Training Facility
Idaho Falls School District 91 Ski Scholarship Program
Idaho State University Pocatello Ski Swap-Cooperative Wilderness Handicapped Outdoor Group
Jenesse Center - Domestic Violence Intervention
Jimmie Heuga Center Endowment
John Tracy Clinic for Deaf Children
Kathy Avery Fund
Kelly Canyon Nordic Trail Systems
Kidney Donation
Kids' Ski Program
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Long Beach Rescue Mission & Women's Shelter
Long Beach Veterans Hospital
Los Angeles November Flood Catastrophe

Make A Hero
 Make A Wish Foundation
 Mammoth Mountain Community Foundation
 Mammoth Mountain Lakes Foundation-Cerro Coso
 College
 Mammoth Mountain Ski Patrol Memorial Fund
 Marine Core Community Service-Miramar Food Locker
 Marine Expeditionary Unit
 Meadows Race Team
 Meals-On-Wheels
 Military Outreach Ministries (MOM)-San Diego
 Mitey Mite Junior Ski Racers on Mt. Hood
 Molly's Mutts & Meows
 Monterey County Film Commission
 Monterey Food Bank
 Monterey Sea Otter Classic
 Montrose Search & Rescue
 MotoGT Super Bike - Motorcycle Races
 Mountain View Buddhist Temple Obon Festival
 Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation
 Mt. Hood Academy
 Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
 Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation
 Mt. Hood Ski Patrol
 Muscular Dystrophy
 Navy League of United States
 National Brotherhood Of Skiers
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society Walks/Bike Rides
 NCAA Ski/Race Program
 Northwest Harvest - Hunger Relief Agency
 Northwest Cancer Resource Fund
 Oakland Food Bank
 Ocean Conservancy
 Operation Christmas Cheer - Monterey Herald
 Oregon Adaptive Sports
 Oregon Cancer Ski Out
 Oregon Food Bank
 Outdoors For All Foundation
 Pacific Burn Institute - Code 3 Races
 Parkinson's Resources of Oregon
 Parkside Economic Development Corp.
 Empowering Youth
 Paso Robles Earthquake Relief Fund
 Peace House
 Pebble Creek Race Team
 Pierce College Disabled Ski Program
 Polinsky Children's Center
 Portland Area High School League
 Putnam Clubhouse – Mental Illness Recovery
 Raphael House of Portland - for Homeless Women
 Recreation Unlimited Adaptive Snowsport School
 Bogus Basin
 Revlon Run/Walk for Women - Women's Cancer
 Ronald McDonald House for the Homeless
 Salvation Army of Monterey
 Salvation Army - A Family Christmas
 San Diego Cedar Fire Victims
 Santa Clara County Foster Children's Program

Santa Clara County Shelters
 Santa Clara Social Services Agency – TOP class
 Sarajevo Olympic Site - Reforestation
 Scholar Dollar Program - for Kids to Ski
 Scoutreach – Cascade Pacific Council
 Sea Otter Bike Classic
 Shelter Outreach Plus for Abused Women – Monterey
 Shoebox Ministries for the Homeless
 Shoes That Fit
 Sierra Madre Search & Rescue
 SkiDUCK-Skiing/Snowboarding for
 Disabled/Underprivileged Children
 Ski Patrol - Sponsor a Rescue Sled
 Ski Swap for NCAA Ski/Race Program-Univ of Nevada
 Snowbasin Adaptive Sports Education Foundation
 Society for DisAbilities
 Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
 Soles4Souls – Shoes for the Needy
 Special Olympics - Arizona Ski Patrol
 Special Olympics - Celebrity Winterfest at Heavenly
 Special Olympics - AZ, CA, OR
 Stop-Gap for Schools, Hospitals, Cancer Patients &
 Abused Women
 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
 Sun Peak's Health Association
 Sunshine Kids with Cancer Program
 Support our Troops with Phone Cards
 Susan G. Komen Foundation
 Swim With Mike at USC – Physically Challenged
 Scholarship Fund
 Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
 Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP)
 The Bookman- Books for Needy Children & Adults
 The Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic
 The United Way
 The Unrecables Ski Club, Disabled Sports USA
 Thomas J. Pappas School for Homeless Children
 Thousand Oaks Women's Shelter for Battered Women
 Toys for Tots
 Treats for Troops
 Tree People Safe Environment
 Two Classrooms In A Box
 UCLA Black Alumni Association
 UNICEF Tsunami Relief Fund
 Unity Shoppe of Santa Barbara
 University of Nevada Ski Team Winter Sports Club-Reno
 University of Wyoming Alpine & Nordic Teams
 US Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC)
 US Armed Forces in Afghanistan
 US Ski Team
 United Service Organizations (USO)
 Valley View Vaulters for Disabled Children
 Welches Lion's Club
 Women's Ski Jumping USA
 World Winter Games – 2009 Special Olympics
 Wounded Warrior Project
 Youth Sports Mentoring Program

Director Report

International Travel

by Debbie Stewart, Vice President

FWSA travelers are youthful, active and open to new experiences. They want to learn, explore and investigate a greater range of destinations & cultures than ever before. They enjoy doing it with spouses, friends and with fellow FWSA members. Consequently, it's a safe bet that the most successful travel programs will be those that recognize and cater to the wide-ranging and ever-expanding interests of our travel-savvy participants. So, the key is defining the value of a travel experience, which lies in the emotional and aspirational benefits. We strive to achieve this on every trip we offer.

FWSA Travel Incentive Program has been launched with our first ski club's participation with the 2018 Les Trois Vallees/Brides les Bains international ski trip. This provides a way for a FWSA club or council to earn money based on the number of trip participants that sign up with a minimum of 12 participants. It's simple, and here's how it works. One individual shall be appointed by the club or council to be their contact person to promote and market the trip. The club or council's president shall sign an agreement and designate their contact person. That person will collect and review the registration documents, send to VP of Travel along with the initial deposit. This person will continue working with the FWSA Travel Leader as needed. This program will be available for the FWSA Int'l Ski Week trips and other selected trip opportunities. If you would like to learn more about the FWSA Travel Incentive Program, please contact Debbie Stewart, VP of Int'l Travel.

Nancy Ellis, VP of North American Travel and I along with our Travel Improvement Committee continued to work on goals and objectives and the implementation of such goals.

Goal #1: To increase "First Timers" trip participation by 10% annually (all FWSA trips combined)

Goal #2: To standardize the Implementation of the Travel Programs

Goal #3: To create a VP Travel Succession plan and a mentorship program

I attended Mountain Travel Symposium (MTS) in South Lake Tahoe April 11-15, 2018. This symposium provided me an opportunity to meet with various International Ski Resorts, Tour Operators, Office of Tourism and Industry Representatives to learn about their respective areas to see if these will be future destinations for FWSA. In addition, it is always beneficial to network with fellow travel leaders from across the US.

FWSA 2018 Int'l Ski Week to Les Trois Vallees/Brides les Bains, France

FWSA members appreciated skiing the "Largest Skiable Terrain" in the world! We stayed in Brides les Bains March 4-11, 2018 while skiing Les Trois Vallees. This trip was so successful that we oversold our primary hotel and were fortunate to acquire a second lodging property to accommodate the additional participants. Unlike the normal European lodging and meal package, were able to make special arrangements for all 113 of our members to have dinner together at the Grand Mercure Hotel des Thermes. Our diverse group came from 8 US states and 2 from Europe, flying from 8 different airports. We had 38% of the participants as a first timer on a FWSA int'l trip. Although large, the groups for both Ski Week and the Extension trip were orderly, respectful, timely, cohesive and very fun.

Brides-les-Bains is a charming quaint village where many took walks, browsed in shops, went snowshoeing or simply enjoyed the beauty of the location. The hotels were centrally located which provided an easy walk to the ski lockers, equipment rentals and a gondola to Meribel where you could ski anywhere from there. We had excellent snow conditions, lots of skiable terrain with many groomed runs and plenty of off-piste slopes for those avid skiers who hiked up hill for the exceptional ski runs. Several skiers enjoyed the daily live entertainment on the hill at the Folie Douce, including musicians, dancers, actors and a joyful party scene.

Midweek we offered an optional day tour to Annecy. It is the largest city of Haute-Savoie department in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region in southeastern France. It lies on the northern tip of Lake Annecy, 35 kilometers (22 mi) south of Geneva. Annecy sits on along a beautiful lake in which the water is very clean and flows to the Rhone river. It is often referred to as the "Venice of the Alps" since it has several waterways flowing through both the old and new city.

We concluded our ski week in Les Trois Vallees where some traveled home, some traveled elsewhere and 54 of us appreciated the extension trip to Lyon, Beaune and Paris. We learned that Lyon is a very beautiful city and is the second largest city in France which had much to offer any tourist or local. We left Lyon and rode the bus along the legendary wine country trail heading to Beaune. Beaune is a quaint town known as the Burgundy Capital of the World which specializes in Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines. We enjoyed wine tasting, toured the Hotel-Dieu/Hospice of Beaune, the famous La Moutarderie Fallot mustard factory & museum and enjoyed the ambiance of this charming town.

Then off to Paris we went...passing beautiful countryside scenery until we entered the outskirts of Paris when we were greeted by the amazing view of the Eiffel Tower. Yes...we are really here! We arrived at our hotel which was conveniently located near the Metro and an easy walk to the Eiffel Tower. Many went off to explore the city by visiting museums, cultural activities, restaurants and more. We had a full day tour of Paris highlights including the Notre Dame Cathedral and a lovely boat ride on the Seine on a warm sunny day.

2017 8th Annual Dive trip to Roatan, Honduras

35 FWSA members received warm greetings attending the dive and adventure trip in Roatan, Honduras. We discovered Roatan's pristine reef yet increased development that allows current visitors to enjoy paved roads, well-stocked supermarkets, medical clinics, phone and wireless internet access but the island is still a small, tropical paradise...and one of the best-kept secrets in the Caribbean.

The Mayan Princess Resort was the perfect Caribbean paradise getaway for both the scuba divers and those that just came to relax and enjoy an amazing vacation. Many are already planning on next year's trip to Grand Cayman.

2018 9th Annual Dive trip to Grand Cayman

We have been coordinating with Roatan Charter, Inc. for next year's trip, September 15-22, 2018. Trip registrations are now being processed for another exciting scuba dive and non-diver trip. The Cobalt Coast Resort property is a PADI and SSI Certification and Instructional Dive Resort and features many resort amenities. Don't hesitate...sign up today by contacting our dive trip leader, Randy Lew at: FWSA13Randy@telis.org

2018 India Adventure trip – October 5-21, 2018

We are pleased to offer FWSA's next adventure trip to India. Our members have spoken, and we listened. Alpine Adventures is our tour operator for this trip and we are currently sold out and taking names for the waiting list.

We will be enjoying the magic of India and experience the melting pot of cultures while visiting the "Must-See" attractions in Delhi, Jaipur and Agra where the Taj Mahal proudly stands. To get away from the hustle & bustle of the big cities, we'll venture to the countryside to visit a charming tea plantation, the Ranthambore National Park, enjoy 2 animal safaris eventually ending up in the Kerala Region where we'll cruise on the backwaters of the southern end of the country. We will even stay overnight on a houseboat!

All our lodging will be 4 and 5-star accommodations and it will be exciting to visit the world's sacred places – temples, churches and hallowed ground. It is a way of connection with different cultures as well as yourself.

2019 Int'l Ski Trip to Hakuba Valley, Home of the 1998 Nagano Olympics

Many FWSA members have Japan on their bucket list...and we're going there March 2018! We are finalizing details with Holiday Ski Tours. Trip details are being developed to ski Niseko on the island of Hokkaido. The Main Int'l Ski Week dates are March 9-16 (departing the US March 8th) with an extension trip March 16 – 21, 2018.

The main ski week will be held in the Hakuba Valley Ski Resort area has 9 ski resorts to choose from and is where the 1998 Nagano Olympics were held. They are known for some of the greatest powder skiing in the world. They call it JAPOW. You will have some of the best skiing in the world with a mountain guide on the 1st day of skiing, as well as enjoy such a rich and unique culture that spans thousands of years. Japan offers something for everyone, whether it's deep powder skiing, long winding groomed skiing, or just sightseeing in some of the ancient temples, or the Wild Monkey habitat, there is something to please everyone here.

Our guide will escort our extension group to Kanazawa, Kyoto and Tokyo. We will visit many attractions that include Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines, cobblestone streets with old wooden buildings housing shops that sell samurai swords and kimonos, the glimpses of clip-clopping geishas. These will be memorable experiences for a life time as we refresh, engage and build intimacy with our dreams, goals and culture.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:

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

2020 International Ski Week – Davos, Switzerland with an extension trip – TBD

2020 Adventure Trip - Croatia

Our Int'l Travel Team and Travel Committee continues to reach out to our members garnering their feedback regarding desires and how to meet their international travel needs for the future. Our commitment to capturing the imagination of our members, create adventuresome travel experiences with lasting friendships and memories continues to evolve. We strive to provide you the trip that you deserve - One that is hassle free and lets you leave your worries at home. To you, it's peace of mind. To us, it's integrity!

For updates or information on FWSA International Travel Program contact Debbie Stewart at: FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net, Cell – 559/737-0882, Website: www.fwsa.org

Director Report

Marketing and Sponsorship

by Debbi Kor, Vice President

It's been a busy year, full of fun ski shows, travel shows, new Benefits Partners, and working with our industry partners to come up with some great trips, activities and give-aways at Ski Week and for this year's annual Convention. Several of my long-standing contacts at the SIA show have generously contributed items to the Convention to be used for door prizes this year, along with a couple new businesses. Watch for these things to be on the prize table on Sunday morning during our business meeting and elections.

My time spent as VP of Marketing typically starts in the fall, obtaining new and renewed agreements with our Member Benefits Partners. Once in hand, I forward that information on to Catherine Ohl to update our Benefits Page on the website. However, I continue adding on new Partners throughout the entire season, so please check out those pages when you begin making plans for your annual trip or trips, to see if you can take advantage of some of the benefits provided to our members.

In mid-October, I send out the first "*Save the Date*" letter for our annual event in June, to advise our industry partners of where we'll be going, the dates, and to expect further communications from me or Jeannine, regarding Silent Auction, Travel Expo and all the activities that will be happening during our next Convention. This is also the time to get them thinking about possible sponsorship opportunities that they may want to attach their name to.

Along with garnering the sponsorships, I also handle the registration of all of our industry partners, which typically begins as soon as we send the registration materials out, right up to the day that Convention begins each June. It is a fun and exciting position that I have, and I truly value the incredible relationships that I have built with them over the past sixteen years.

SPONSORSHIP

Karbon, Whitefish Mountain Resort, and new this year...The Lodge at Whitefish Lake and Firebrand Hotel are our *Athletic Scholarship* sponsors this year, donating some wonderful packages and items to be auctioned off during live and silent auctions, as well as a great raffle that the Scholarship Committee has planned. Sandy Blackwell sold raffle tickets during Ski Week, with the winner, Debbie Stewart, receiving a great Karbon ski outfit of her choosing for next ski season. During Convention, he will be selling tickets for a number of donated items to be given away on Sunday morning. The proceeds of this raffle will benefit the Athletic Scholarship

I am thrilled with the continued outpouring of support we receive from our Industry Partners year after year. Along with the convention activity sponsors, I'd like to mention our long-time Program sponsors, who annually provide trips for two to **Big White Mountain Resort** for the *Council's Man and Woman of the Year*, the trip for two to **Aspen/Snowmass** for the *Environment Award*, a cash prize from **Telluride**, for the *Safety Person of the Year Award*, and the annual trip for two to **Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation** for the winner of our *Western Ski Heritage Award*, as well as our Athletic Scholarship sponsors above. These packages are valued at approximately \$18,000.

This year, as we celebrate Far West's 86th convention, we have 2 Industry Partners who will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary—**Deer Valley and Snake Dance**, and 5 participants of the Silent Auction who will be receiving their 30-year awards—**Aspen, North Star, Ski Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine, Sun Valley, and Taos**. It will be my honor to present Silver Certificates to both of these long-time Silent Auction participants.

Have a great weekend, everyone. Our hosts, *Bay Area Snowsport Council, and Sierra League & Council* guarantee that you will enjoy the *Stampede* in Reno, Nevada!

Director Report
Membership
by Jane Gutierrez, Vice President

As a team member of FWSA, I have dual responsibilities. One is to solicit and maintain direct membership. Direct members receive a welcome letter with links to the various notifications that FWSA provides, along with a membership card full of discounts for the current fiscal year. The other is to coordinate Snowsports Leadership Academy sessions for the annual FWSA convention.

I am happy to report that we currently have 75 direct members and 5 lifetime members, which is the largest membership in the 6 years of my position. I would like to thank Debbie Stewart, Nancy Ellis, and Randy Lew for their thoughtful planning and execution of interesting and innovative travel events. Thanks to Debbie Kor for the solicitation of great discounts on the membership card.

If you are attending the convention and are new to the event, stop by Convention 101 on Friday evening. This session is geared for those who are attending for the first time or need an overview of the weekend schedule. I will personally guide you via PowerPoint format and answer any questions that you might have.

On Saturday, be sure to attend the Snowsports leadership Academy. There will be two sessions in the morning, and one in the afternoon. All sessions will be videotaped and will be available to view on FWSA.org. I will be presenting expert and knowledgeable speakers that will hold you at the edge of your seat!

The early morning session will be led by David F. Ludwig, CPM, founder of Hope on the Slopes. David will be talking about "Make Your Non-Profit Passion a Successful Reality". Dave will be speaking as a resource about the formation of ideas and how to process them into a functioning program.

The late morning session is important to all of us as leaders in an organization. Todd Hood, a facilitator in change management and the new VP of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region, will be leading a session on succession planning. "Knock, Knock...Who's There...To Take Over? Is a great topic that we all should be focusing now and soon, and Todd will give us great ideas to move forward.

The afternoon session is near and dear to my heart as a medical professional. As trip leaders, do we know how to increase the comfort level of our travelers if they have a disability? "I want to go on the trip too" will talk about what we can do to maximize this type of traveler's experience. I will be leading a panel session of trip leaders who are experienced in this area to give you great ideas on helping an individual with disabilities on the slopes, or anywhere in the world.

These sessions are highly interactive, so bring plenty of questions and get ready to enjoy the day!

Director Report

North American Travel

by Nancy Ellis, Vice President

NORTH AMERICAN TRAVEL PROGRAM UPDATES

- The Travel Improvement Committee continues to work on drafting Goals and Objectives for improving the Travel Program:
 - Goal 1: To Increase “First Timer” Trip Participation by 10% Annually (all FWSA Trips Combined)
 - Goal 2: To Standardize the Implementation of the Travel Program (North American & International)
 - Goal 3: To Create a VP Travel Succession Plan that includes a Mentorship Program.
- **PayPal** credit card payments are being used for the North American mini and adventure trips. We are offering a 3% discount when payments are made with a personal or cashier check.
- **Facebook** continues to be used to post group photos from our trips and to recognize our industry partners and the resorts that we traveled to this year.
- We’ve started an incentives program for clubs and councils, giving them compensation for bringing people on FWSA sponsored trips.

2018 NORTH AMERICAN TRIPS

FEBRUARY 2—10, 2018 BANFF SKI WEEK

- 279 people went on the trip representing 9 councils/groups: Arizona; BAC; Central; LAC; Northwest; Orange; San Diego; Sitzmarkers; and Sierra.
- We had a fantastic week this year! The snow arrived as people set foot in Calgary, so people enjoyed a great week of skiing.
- There was so much to do—checking out the many restaurants and shops, going on ice walks, racing, skiing at the three areas of Mt. Norquay, Sun Shine, and Lake Louise, seeing ice sculptures, bowling, riding the sightseeing gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain, soaking in the hot springs, and more.
- The theme for the week was “Winter Ball” and we held our banquet at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. People were dressed in formal attire and had pictures taken in our photo booth.
- Many people made this a successful ski week: Steve Pampel and Megan McCullough, SkiBig3; Sandy and Phil Gaudette, Skigroup; Hilary Urquhart, Banff Park Lodge; Jason Connell, Lake Louise Ski Resort; Craig Schade, Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel; Elizabeth Lewis Canadian Rockies Public Schools; and Nikki & Laura, Groups at Lake Louise Resort. Thank you to our Council Trip Leaders and Ski Week Staff for all their work throughout the year to prepare for the ski week: Linda Johnston and Bill Behnke, Arizona; Gail Burns, BAC; Fran Long, Central; Sandy Blackwell, LAC; Barbara Bousum, Northwest; Jess Gorman, Orange; Alan Godwin, San Diego; Debbie Stewart, Sierra; Wayne Stolfus, Sitzmarkers; Marilyn Sigler, Events; Ken Calkins, Photographer; Bob Ellis, Racing; Lynnell Calkins, Lodging; Mary Alexander, Registration; Gloria Raminha, Transportation.
- We’re most appreciative to the following Banff merchants for their generous donations: Abominal Sports; Bison Restaurant; Park Distillery; Wild Bill’s; Elk & Oarsman; Banff Ave. Brew; Aardvaark Pizza; Banff Grizzly House; Old Spaghetti; and Saltlik Steakhouse.
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FEBRUARY 25—MARCH 4, 2018 ALYESKA RESORT/IDITAROD, ANCHORAGE

- 41 people went on this fantastic ski trip to Alyeska Resort and Anchorage for the ceremonial start of the Iditarod. We had a selection of optional activities to choose from: dog sledding; ice walks; helicopter flights over the glaciers; wild life tours; snowmobiling; ice bowling; “Running with the Reindeer”; shopping; and more.
- The Alyeska Resort held a Welcome Breakfast where we learned about things to do in the area; met the area representatives for the resort and Adaptive programs; and went on mountain tours to familiarize us with the mountain and local area.
- Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, hosted the group for several Après events and a silent auction to raise funds for the Far West Ski Foundation Adaptive Program.
- We concluded the week with a delicious Farewell buffet dinner.
- Thanks to Mike Hibbard and Gretchen Muller, Sports America Tours and Gloria Raminha, FWSA Trip Leader for putting on a great trip. Everyone had a wonderful time!
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APRIL 11-14, 2018 MOUNTAIN TRAVEL SYMPOSIUM (MTS), SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA

- Debbie Stewart, VP International Travel and I met with travel suppliers, tour operators, and trip leaders from other ski councils and ski clubs to share ideas and find out about travel destinations that might be of interest to FWSA members.

I met with 29 Tour Operators, Lodging Representatives, and Travel Suppliers during this 4-day event.

- It was a great learning experience and an opportunity to touch base with the tour operators and resorts where we will have our ski week and mini trip in the coming year.

2019 NORTH AMERICAN TRIPS

FEBRUARY 2—9, 2019 STEAMBOAT SKI WEEK

- FWSA council representatives and ski week staff travelled to Steamboat March 24-27 to review lodging and event venues for our 2019 ski week. This will be a great location for our ski week with the many things to do on the mountain and in town which is a short distance from the mountain.
- Thanks to Mike Hibbard and Gretchen Muller, Sports America Tours; Larry Young Steamboat Resort; and the lodging properties Bronze Tree; Canyon Creek; Dulany; Eagle Ridge Lodge & Town Houses; Kutuk; La Casa; Snow Flower; The Lodge at Steamboat; The Ranch; and Timber Run for hosting us at the site inspection.
- Councils have selected The Lodge, Eagle Ridge, Canyon Creek, Dulany, and Bronze Tree as their lodgings. All lodging is close to the mountain and a short shuttle ride to town where there are many outstanding restaurants and great night life.
- We will have a Welcome Party, Picnic, Banquet/Dance, and Après Party. Other activities include sleigh rides; mountain roller coaster; local hot springs; spa services; guided snowshoe tours; night tubing at Howelsen Hill; ice skating; dog sledding; and more!
- The new IKON pass can be used at Steamboat and those purchasing either the basic pass or the less restrictive pass through Sports America will get a discount off their lodging.
- People can fly into Denver or Hayden with ground service available from both to Steamboat.
- People interested in going should contact their council trip leader or one of the people listed below for trip information and to sign up.

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MARCH 24—29, 2019 WINTER PARK RESORT MINI TRIP

- Located at the base of the majestic Winter Park Resort is the Vintage Resort Hotel where we will be staying for our mini trip. Services include free shuttle service to town, ski wax room, complimentary ski storage, 24 hr. front desk, and just steps from the Cabriolet open gondola that will move people to the base of Winter Park.
- This low-key resort has a state of the art base village and expanded terrain. It offers 2,886 skiable acres including Vasquez Cirque a lift-serviced but essentially a backcountry experience for advanced skiers and boarders. Annual snowfall of 370 inches makes Winter Park a favorite resort for skiers and boarders.
- Getting around the mountain is easy with 22 lifts including eight high-speed quads and the new Eskimo Quad.
- Non-skiers can enjoy snowshoeing, snowcat and snowmobile tours, tubing, sleigh rides, and mountaintop dining in the magnificent lodge at Sunspot
- Gloria Raminha will be the Trip Leader and you can contact her for information: garski2011@gmail.com or (661) 800-8229 and information will be on the FWSA website in June.
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MAY 19—26, 2019 ISLAND WINDJAMMER CRUISE, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

- This is a “not to miss” experience cruising on the tall-masted ship *Vela* for 6 nights and 7 days visiting islands in the British Virgin Islands.
- Visit the islands Virgin Gorda, Norman Island, Cooper Island, Jost Van Dyke, and Tortola and enjoy all the adventures those island have to offer.
- The trip is limited to 24 people and we have room for 6 more so contact Sheri Parshall, Trip Leader, to reserve your spot. Contact her at cougarskier@aol.com or (503) 706-0522.

2020 SKI WEEK BID PRESENTATIONS AT RENO FWSA CONVENTION

- Bid presentations will be held during the convention on Saturday, June 9th, at the Reno Convention. Each council has two representatives at the “Invitation Only” event. Council representatives will take information from each of three presentations to their council boards to review and help in the selection of the location for the 2020 ski week. Each council receives weighted votes based on their average participation numbers for the most recent 3 year period.

- The FWSA Board of Directors will make the final decision at their July FWSA Board of Directors meeting and the location for the ski week will be announced shortly thereafter.

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TRIP LEADER SEMINAR—RENO CONVENTION

- Club and Council Trip leaders and those aspiring to be a club/council trip leader are invited to attend the Trip Leader Seminar to be held Saturday, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Treasures CD at the Atlantis Hotel.
- The seminar is open to all interested people and will be led by the current VP North American Travel, Nancy Ellis and other experienced travel personnel.

ICON PASS

- The IKON pass may be the pass for you if you plan to go to our Steamboat Ski Week and/or the Winter Park Mini Trip. The pass has two unique pass options depending on where you plan to ski for the 2018-2019 ski season.
- One pass (the more expensive option) provides unlimited access to 12 destinations and up to 7 days at each of the 13 destinations. The IKON Base Pass has access to the same 26 destinations with some limitations. It has unlimited access to 10 destinations and up to 5 days at each of 15 destinations. Both passes have some friend and family benefits.
- People going on the Steamboat Ski Week and who purchase their pass through Sports America at our unique website address will get \$30 or \$50 off their lodging package which relates to the two pass options.
- Check with your council trip leader about the special discount and the IKON pass if you plan to sign up for the trip!

I hope to see you on one of our North American trips!

Director Report Public Affairs

by Jo Simpson, Public Affairs Chair, National Ski Council Federation

Olympians take on politics as they fear climate change is hurting their sport. Five Winter Olympians have traded in the slopes for briefing rooms to urge Congress to take action on climate change. As global temperatures continue to rise, snowboarder Arielle Gold, along with skiers David Wise, Jessie Diggins, Stacey Cook and biathlete Maddie Phaneuf, traveled to Capitol Hill this week to brief lawmakers on how climate change is a growing threat to winter sports and outdoor recreation. [CNN](#) via Protect Our Winters

NSAA Names 2018 Sustainable Slopes Grant Winners. The National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) selected four member ski areas to receive its annual Sustainable Slopes Grants: Blue Mountain Resort, Pa., Mountain High Resort, Calif., POWDR Resorts, and Snow Creek Ski Area, Mo. The Sustainable Slopes grant program provides cash and in-kind funding to support sustainability projects at NSAA member ski areas. [Ski Area Management](#)

NSAA urges support for federal ski fee retention bill. The National Ski Areas Association is encouraging resorts on public land to help line up co-sponsors for the Ski Area Fee Retention Act of 2018, which was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate earlier this month. According to the NSAA, the bill would earmark a major portion of U.S. Forest Service permit fees, roughly \$22 million to \$24 million of the roughly \$37 million resorts on public lands pay in permit fees, for improving ski area permit administration, processing of ski area proposals, and addressing any backlogs in permit administration or processing. The fees can also be used for interpretation, visitor services and support of USFS Avalanche Information/Education. SAM

Smaller, independent ski areas join forces in the shadow of Epic-v-Ikon season pass battle. Independent ski resorts are laboring in the shadow of dueling giants to find their niche in an industry swiftly dividing into two distinct camps. High-profile independent resorts such as Jackson Hole, Crested Butte, Telluride, Alta and Snowbird have aligned with the brawling behemoths behind the Epic and Ikon season passes, which, at \$899 each, offer access to more than 50 of North America's 600-plus ski areas and host about a quarter of the continent's skier visits. [More.](#) *The Denver Post* via Inntopia/Destimeetrics

Alterra Mountain Co. has \$555 million in ski-area improvements on the books, starting with a gondola at Winter Park and a bigger base restaurant at Steamboat. Alterra Mountain Co. plans to spend more than half a billion dollars on its 12 ski resorts in its first five years as a resort operator, including \$130 million in a spending spree this year that includes a new gondola for Winter Park and a restaurant expansion at Steamboat. [More.](#) *Summit Daily* via Inntopia/Destimeetrics

Tahoe ski resort develops plan to adapt to low-snow seasons. Heavenly Mountain Resort's plan calls for widening a dozen trails and removing potentially hundreds or even thousands of trees. The hope is to reduce skier and snowboard traffic bottlenecks on busy days. Low-snow seasons are expected to become more common due to climate change. [More.](#) WTOP Radio, Washington, DC

High Fives Foundation brings 22 Veterans to Squaw Alpine for Military to the Mountain program. The High Fives Foundation in Truckee, Calif., the City of Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department in Reno, Nev., and the Adaptive Training Foundation in Dallas, Texas are teamed up to host a program called Military to the Mountain. 22 injured US Military Veterans will train at their respective facilities for nine weeks to prepare them for a week of skiing at Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows in Lake Tahoe, Calif. from March 11 to March 17, 2018. The Veterans were instructed by Achieve Tahoe adaptive ski program. [More.](#) Ski Industries Association (*The High Fives Foundation was the 2016 Warren Miller Modern Media Award for their BASICS 5 Video.*)

NSAA Urges DOJ, Senate Guidance on ADA Lawsuit Abuse. More than 60 ski areas and resort companies have now been sued for allegations over inaccessible websites for the visually and hearing impaired under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), according to the most recent NSAA Capitol Watch. To combat this trend, NSAA representatives went to Washington D.C. to meet with key lawmakers and Justice Department officials who can help move regulation and guidance along. [More.](#) SAM

Skier Signed Liability Waiver, Court Rules She Can't Sue for Broken Leg. A woman taking a ski lesson at Keystone, Colo. resort breaks her leg as she tries to exit chairlift. Must the resort operator pay damages? Indeed not, says the Tenth Circuit. She signed a waiver waiving liability for lift-unloading accidents, and there's no sound reason to waive that waiver or to waive the other waiver that was printed on the back of her lift ticket. [More.](#)

NSAA 2017-18 Safety Award Winners. The National Ski Areas Association recognized six ski areas and one state association with Safety Awards for exceptional initiatives to educate guests and employees about skiing and snowboarding responsibly.

Of the seven categories, California had finalists in six of them, winning three: Mammoth Mountain as “Best Overall Safety Program” for resorts with 500,000 or more visits, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows for “Best Employee Safety Program,” and the California Ski Industry Association was recognized with the “Safety Impact Award.” Squaw Alpine and Mammoth were finalists in two categories. Telluride, Colo., was also a finalist in two categories, but didn’t take home the top spot in either this year.

Skier visits at U.S. resorts dip about 3 percent this season. Skier visits at U.S. resorts were down an estimated 1.5 million or 2.8 percent this season compared with the prior winter, the National Ski Areas Association announced Friday. A preliminary study showed ski areas tallied 53.3 million visits this year compared with 54.8 million visits in 2016-17. While the overall number was in line with the 40-year average, this season produced the lowest amount of skier visits in seven seasons, according to NSAA's data. In addition, it was the third-worst season in 18 winters. [More.](#) *Aspen Times*

Boreal, Bear Valley, (CA) and Crystal Mountain (WA) Win Golden Eagle Awards. Bear Valley Mountain, Calif.; Crystal Mountain, Mich.; and Boreal Mountain, Calif., won the 2018 Golden Eagle Awards for excellence in environmental initiatives. Sha Miklas of Arapahoe Basin, Colo., was named the “Hero of Sustainability” honoree for 2018. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Golden Eagle Awards, which are overseen in a partnership between SKI magazine and NSAA. [More.](#) SAM

Director Report Racing by Bob Ellis, Vice President

This year started out very slow with very little snow, then, finally in March, we ended up with record snowfall. In spite of that, most of the races scheduled by most of the leagues were completed.

We had excellent snow and conditions at FWSA Ski Week at Banff, the races at Lake Louise went off smoothly with a very nice GS course for two days, the Council Challenge Race was cancelled due to too much snow, and everybody had a great time skiing the knee deep powder all over the mountain. This year the Phoenix Ski Club won the Joe Ross Award for most points in the races, with Cabernet Race in 2nd place, and Scottsdale in 3rd Place. Sierra Council won the Lake Louise All Councils Award for most points, Arizona was 2nd Place, and Los Angeles Council was 3rd place.

The Far West Championships were held in May at Mammoth Mountain, where we had two days of rain and high winds, but on Sunday the clouds left and the sun came out for some great racing conditions on Andy's Double Gold where we ran two GS races in the morning and the two Slalom races in the afternoon.

Those that hung around for the races were pleasantly surprised by the great conditions and the nice race courses. San Diego Alpine League won the Overall Points Award, Open League was 2nd, and ULLR was 3rd Place for adults. In the Junior Division, Open League won both the Overall Points Award and the Points Per Racer Award. The Roma McCoy Award for most points per racer for adults was won by ULLR League, with Open League in 2nd Place, and San Diego League in 3rd Place.

Committee Report

Succession Planning

by Todd Hood, Committee Chair

Welcome to the 86th Annual Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Convention!

The Succession Planning Committee is excited to have the opportunity to contribute to the FWSA's future by establishing succession planning initiatives. We will implement best practices for the FWSA, and will offer those best practices to our member councils and clubs. Strategic succession planning ensures your organization has a pipeline of talent for vision, viability, and vitality. Broadly defined, succession planning is a process that allows [organizations] to identify and develop internal candidates with a clear objective to fill senior-level positions as and when they become available. In other words, if well executed, succession planning becomes part of a risk management strategy, which aims to minimize [an organization's] exposure to skills shortage - especially in times of crisis, such as the sudden departure of a top [leader]. Minimizing the potential risk of personnel loss through carefully planned and executed succession planning models is crucial to an organization's continued success.

There are several ways to approach the creation of succession planning models, but regardless of choice, most plans would include the five essential steps outlined below:

- Identifying future service needs
- Identifying key positions and competencies of internal leaders
- Identifying and selecting internal candidates who have demonstrated high potential
- Selecting and implementing training and development activities for these individuals

Who should be responsible for leading your organization's Succession Planning activities? You should consider having someone that:

- Is an officer or active leader of the organization
- Knows the status and needs of the organization
- Understands the organizations goals, needs, resources, and challenges
- Has access to work with members of the organization
- Loves putting puzzles together

It is recommended that a vice president of your organization be assigned with the duty to execute succession planning. The vice president would tend to be best suited to have insight on the future needs and members of the organization, as well as time resources to assess member readiness for leadership roles in the organization. The chair of succession planning should know they are in the role and understand the role they need to play, the importance that they perform well, and what they need to do...keep the leadership matrix filled with names and updated based on current knowledge. New leaders should work to fill leadership matrix within 6 months of taking office, regardless of the length of the term in office. This gives the leader a chance to begin working with potential succession candidates for their role.

In an effort to create a foundation, the FWSA Succession Planning Committee established a Leadership Matrix that aligns the names of organization leaders and potential leaders with leadership roles in the organization. The Succession Planning Committee reviewed job descriptions for key leadership roles in the organization, and then assessed the readiness of all leaders for each of the roles. All leaders were rated for each Leadership Role as either 1) Ready Now, 2) Ready in 12 Months, 3) Ready in 24+ Months, or 4) Previously Held. Since interest can be conditional and changes, Leadership Matrix assessments were made solely on skills and experience, without consideration of interest. Open leadership roles were prioritized over those that have current leaders in place. Currently filled roles will begin to be assessed after this year's Convention to prepare for next year's elections.

If you would like to begin a Succession Planning Initiative, you will need 1) job descriptions for your leadership positions, 2) any recommended changes to skills and experiences (listed as required or desired), and 3) a slate of names members. The Succession Planning Committee is excited to announce that this year's Snowsports Leadership Academy will include Knock Knock...Who's There To Take Over - A Workshop session on Successful Succession Planning. The workshop will include practical activities that council and club leaders can employ to initiate their own succession planning programs. In the event you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Todd Hood at Todd@ItsMailed.com.

Council Report

Arizona Ski Council

by Arleigh Meiners, President



Arizona Ski Council (ASC) represents six clubs and 500-600 club members, primarily in the Phoenix metro-area, with membership open to non-profit ski clubs in the State of Arizona. Two of the clubs are ski clubs, one club is a hiking club, one club is a sailing club, one club is a corporate club and one club is a social club.

Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders, hikers, sailors and social members. The Arizona Ski Council had 48 people

attend the FWSA North American ski week that was held in Banff, Canada this year. The Phoenix Ski Club won the Joe Ross Award for the club with the most points for the two races at the 2018 Banff Ski Week. The Arizona Ski Council won second place in the racing awards for councils at the 2018 Banff Ski Week. Arizona Ski Council had a Pub Crawl in downtown Phoenix on April 7th. About 40 people attended that.

Arizona Outdoor Travel Club, (AzOTC) has changed their name to ARIZONA HIKING AND TRAVEL CLUB. AHTC which is mostly a hiking club, continues to have hikes all year long. They have an exercise hike every week in the Phoenix area. In the summer time AHTC will have at least one hiking adventure that will be a week trip in the cool mountains of Arizona. AHTC is doing a hiking trip in the Dolomites of Italy. That trip will take place June 19th 2018 through June 27th 2018. AHTC sends out a weekly e-mail to their members telling them about the hikes and other activities happening during the week. Go to www.azotc.com for more information on these and other exciting trips.

The Boeing Employee Adventure Club, www.boeing.com is a Corporate employee and family club. They have an active hiking program, as well as pool parties and family events around town.

Partytime Sports, (PTS) is an adult ski, boating, and social club that plans boating trips to get them through the summer heat. They also participate in Arizona Days at Telluride, Colorado. For more information, contact them at gg4@qwest.net.

Phoenix Ski Club (PSC) www.phxskiclub.org is an adult ski and social club and extends an invitation to all, to attend the dinner of the month at various restaurants in the greater Phoenix area. PSC is celebrating their 70th anniversary this year. PSC had an entry in the Scottsdale Parada Del Sol Parade on February 10th, and over 60 PSC members took part in the Parade.

PSC will also be doing a 70th anniversary banquet. This Banquet is planned for October 20th 2018 and over 100 members and guests will be attending that. The PSC went to Egypt the end of March 2018. In May 2018 PSC goes to Cuba. In September/October of 2018 the PSC will be doing a Rhine River cruise. During the summer months, PSC has campouts, swim parties and many other activities for their members. Happy hours at various locations in the valley add more events to attend in the valley. The 2018 - 2019 Ski trips are in the planning stages also.

Sailing Adventure Club: (SAC) The Sailing Adventure Club is a social club based in the area of Phoenix, Arizona with activities ranging from local sailing, and non-sailing events to out-of-country sailing adventures. The Sailing Adventure Club provides the reciprocity for skiers and snowboarders to go on sailing adventures. Most of their trips are on bareboat charters where the participants are the crew with an experienced club member as the Captain. Each year a trip is planned to unique areas in the world. Past trips have included San Diego, Martha's Vineyard, British Virgin Islands, Key West, and the Northeast ports of the USA. The Meet-up site has been a very successful recruitment tool in addition to trip sign-ups. The Sailing Adventure Club Meet-up site is <http://www.meetup.com/SailingAdventure/>.

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club, (SS&SC) www.scottsdale-skiclub.com is an adult ski and social club and is kicking off the summer by going to Machu Picchu in May of 2018. Then in June of 2018, SS&SC is doing a Beach Week in Belize. July of 2018, SS&SC will be doing a Wine Tour in Sedona, Arizona. September of 2018 the SS&SC will be doing a trip to Croatia and a trip to Lake Powell. Like their sister club, The Phoenix Ski Club, SS&SC have happy hours every Friday evening, all year long.

2017-2018 Ski Season

Both the Phoenix Ski Club and the Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club had a successful ski season this year. Between the two clubs there were 5 ski trips from which the members could choose from. There was a bus trip to Telluride, Colorado. Then there

were fly trips to Mt. Bachelor in Oregon, Copper Mountain in Colorado, and Park City in Utah. There was a family ski trip to Purgatory, Colorado for New Year's 2018. Please go to www.phxskiclub.org for the Phoenix Ski Club events and www.scottsdale-skiclub.com for the Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club events.

Other Activities – Social, Recreational and Community Service

Our clubs have extensive offerings of social events and year round activities to keep our members entertained. Off-season trips include weekend get-a-ways to beachfront resorts in Mexico, treks to California – both northern and southern, and houseboat outings on beautiful Lake Powell. We have regular Friday night Happy Hours -- always at a different location – local weekend bike rides in our cooler months, monthly dinner outings, lake trips, campouts in the mountains, wine & cheese parties, horseback riding, Halloween costume parties, luaus, casino nights, Oktoberfest events, melodrama's, baseball games ... and an endless list of fun events. Our clubs also support charities and serve the community.

Communication Programs

Club contact and event information is also posted on our website www.arizonaskicouncil.org in addition to each club's individual site. We reach the skiing public and look for new members for our clubs at showings of the Warren Miller Ski Film thanks to partnership with Arizona Snowbowl, and provide for distribution of the FWSA Skiers' Guide at local ski shops. We also participate in Singles Showcases and other community functions.

Thank You to Volunteers!

Thank you to the hard-working volunteers that have brought their time, energy and talents to Arizona Ski Council and made our programs successful this year. Our representatives helped us in strengthening Arizona Ski Council programs and benefits offered to clubs and their members. ASC strives to provide service, rather than competition, to member clubs. Our ASC clubs have also elected new boards, with continuing board members helping to set direction, and new volunteers bringing new energy and fresh ideas.

Looking ahead to 2018-2019

Council Officers:

President, Wanda Himler
Vice President, Karen Bonine
Treasurer, Dodi Bailey
Secretary, Jim Nachbar
Past President Arleigh Meiners
Race Director, Bill Behnke

Club Reps:

Glenn Pyle, Boeing Adventure Club
Gary Giertz, Party Time Sports
Mark Miller, Arizona Outdoor Travel Club
Linda Westlund, Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club
Mike Rogers, Sailing Adventure Club

Planning for 2018-2019 ski season trips is already underway. Check us out online at www.arizonaskicouncil.org

Council Report
Bay Area Snow Sports Council
by Paul Vlasveld, President



The Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) continues to grow, create, become stronger and have fun!

Our Council is made up of our 26 Member Clubs. Within those Clubs are individual Members. Our goal is to give people a reason from outside of our organization to join these clubs.

Grow:

This year we are continuing our program of promoting our member clubs at the ski shows and local events at the Sports equipment retailers.

We must never forget; it is people joining Clubs which keeps these other organizations strong.

Becoming Stronger:

Over the past eleven years, the BAC has created numerous Council Events which brings together the individual members of our clubs. By doing so, we have built a comradery within our council and clubs. For example, twelve years ago we had our first BAC Tailgate BBQ/Oakland A's Baseball Game and Fireworks Show Fund Raiser Benefiting Achieve Tahoe. This event began with 75 in attendance, this year we will have approx. 100! For the past 11 years, BAC has sponsored a Winterfest night. This is a night which includes our Industry Partners in a Travel Carousel, Silent Auction format with prizes and a dinner. We began with only 3 Industry Partners at the event. While these are all Council sponsored events, they are designed for our clubs to be involved and to make them Club Events. We also keep them as economical as possible for the benefit of everyone. ***Including our Industry Partners!***

Having Fun:

You're invited to attend any of our Council Events. Come, join us and share in the fun!

Continuing with the theme of "fun", the BAC had a busy year with ski club membership drives, our corporate season pass program, traveling, racing, and just getting out and skiing/boarding. Highlights from this last year must be the FWSA Ski Week at Banff, Ca. The BAC was active in BAC sponsored ski trip Jasper immediately after the Ski Week. Several of our individual clubs ventured to Canada, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Utah to take advantage of the great hospitality and skiing conditions. BAC is looking forward to the Future Travel Season!. Additional BAC Council trips are being looked at and plans are being made with possible destinations including Taos, NM and a first ever Bike and Barge trip in 2019! Racing makes up a big part of the BAC. Open League and Singles League Race teams went to several local resorts in the Lake Tahoe area to race. Through the efforts of the various resorts in the greater Lake Tahoe Region and our Council and Club Race Chairs, who had to deal with an excellent ski season that caused some races to be cancelled due to too much snow, we had a great Race Season! A special Thank You goes to **Mr. Bob Ellis** and his Far West Racing Officers for bringing together this seasons Far West Race Championships which were held at **Mammoth Mtn.**

The BAC supports and donates money to Achieve Tahoe (Formerly DSUSA), which has their Adaptive Ski School at Alpine Meadows and an annual event supporting Wounded Warriors. This year Achieve Tahoe continued their format of the Ability Challenge Event which is an All Mountain Adventure for people of all abilities. "If I Can Do This ~ I Can Do Anything!" the motto of DSUSA was truly reflected by the efforts of clubs and members of the BAC along with the additional 40 plus organizations from the great community who were part of this monumental event.

Our 13th Annual BAC/DSUSA Tailgate BBQ & Benefit Baseball Game with the Oakland Athletics will be held on Saturday August 11, 2018. We plan on having approx. a hundred members from the various clubs of the BAC in attendance for the Tailgate Party and Major League Baseball Game between the Oakland Athletics and the Baltimore Orioles. Then to complete the evening . . . a spectacular Fire Works Display set to the music TBA!

The BAC congratulates our candidates for FWSA Council Man/Woman of the Year ~ **Nikki Rubio of Rusty Bindings Ski Club and Brian Burgess of Inskiers.** We are Very Proud of all our candidates and their contributions to their individual clubs, the BAC and the FWSA. ***It truly is our volunteers who make the difference.***

In April elections were held for our BAC Board of Directors. The BAC Officers for 2018 – 2019 are as follows:

President – **Paul Vlasveld**

Past President – **Dennis Heffley**

Secretary – **Karen Davis**
Industry Liaison – **Norman Glickman**
Community Services Chair – **Harry Davis** V.P. Communication – **Dennie Warren**
Treasurer – **Keith Wilson**
V.P. Public Affairs – **Harry Davis**
V.P. Travel – **Gail Burns**
Benefits Director –
V.P. Membership – **Benelia Terry**
BAC Directory Editor - **Dennie Warren**
Open League Race Chairperson – **Debi Phelps**
Singles League Race Chair – **John Walsh**
Historian – **Mary Azevedo**
Marketing Director – **Open**
Singles League President – **Karl Smith**
BAC Webmaster – **Catherine Wilson & Jennifer Wilson**

EVERYONE listed above ~ along with all of our volunteer members ~ are the ones *who make the difference* ~ Thank You!

Please consider joining one of our twenty-six (26) ski/snowboard clubs which are located around the greater San Francisco Bay Area. You'll have an amazing time with wonderful people.

For further information about the exciting year we are planning for the BAC and how to get involved with our member clubs please go to www.skibac.org.

Council Report
Central Council of California Ski Clubs
by Fran Long, President



Central Council of California represents ski/snowboard and sports clubs throughout the central California area. Membership in Central Council is free for all ski/snowboard and sports clubs located within the geographical area. Central Council promotes skiing/riding and friendship among all its member clubs, safety on the slopes, and opportunities for enjoying the camaraderie of fellow skiers/riders. Our clubs serve adult skiers, snowboarders, and members interested in a variety of non-snow sports and activities. In addition, Central Council is a family-friendly council, inviting youth and families to join in all Central Council sponsored trips and activities.

Member clubs include:

Avalanche Ski and Sports Club of Bakersfield
Camber Ski Club of Salinas
Fresno Ski Club
Santa Barbara Ski and Sports Club
SLO Skiers, Inc. of San Luis Obispo
Snow Trackers Ski Club of Exeter
Outdoor Recreational Enthusiasts, Fresno County

Being a small council with 4 large clubs and 3 smaller clubs, we generally do not sponsor ski trips. Our larger clubs all have comprehensive winter and summer travel programs, and they invite members of our smaller clubs to participate. In addition, the council and many of its member clubs support the FWSA North American ski weeks as well as the international ski weeks, dive trips, and adventure trips.

Central Council summer adventures may include a campout, complete with kayaking and biking, a swim party, as well as an evening BBQ and social event; possibly a backpacking trip; and definitely a hike or two.

As with all ski clubs and ski councils, our organization is run by volunteers. Central Council's organizational volunteers include current board members:

President
Vice President of Finance and Treasury
Vice President of Clubs
Director of Ski Trips (FWSA)
Secretary
Activities
SLO Skiers Rep
Santa Barbara Rep
Fresno Rep
Outdoor Recreation Enthusiasts
Avalanche Rep

Fran Long, SLO Skiers
Gloria Raminha, Avalanche
Bill Ellis, Avalanche
Mary Alexander, Avalanche
Donna Webb, Avalanche
Fran Long, SLO Skiers
Robin Weckerly
Andy Snyder
Kim Riehl
Gabe Escalara
Laveda Wren

Check out our Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/Central-Council-Ski-Clubs/> for more information about our council sponsored events and activities.

Council Report

Intermountain Ski Council

by Michael Bouton



This is a message from the Intermountain Council: Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, and South Dakota. A year after our hosting the 2017 FWSA convention in Boise we are doing well. Our clubs are very active with summer activities planned and 2019 ski trips in the planning stages.

If fact, if you look at some of our clubs' web sites you'll find all kinds of trips and activities going on right now. For instance, the Bogus Basin Club has an adventure trip to Norway in August and 7-day river trip on the

Salmon "River of No Return" in August as well. Both have exciting itineraries. Check them out at bogusbasinskiclub.org.

The Bogus Basin Mountain Resort will have a full slate of activities starting Memorial Day Weekend with mountain coaster riders, tubing, mountain biking (lift serviced,) climbing wall, mineral panning for the kids and music for all. In fact, to ensure that I know some of you are reading this article, the first 4 people that tell me they read this in the Convention Delegate Book, I have a voucher for you to ride the "Glade Runner" mountain coaster. You just need to come to Boise this summer. We will take care of everything for you.

The Park City Mountain Sports Club has a full calendar of activities going on. How would you like to go biking in the Moab, Utah area or hike into a mountain lake and fish for rainbow trout. You need to check out their web site: PCMSC.org and plan your trip to adventure land, America.

The Cheyenne Ski Club will be busy all summer and into the fall with fun outings and gatherings in the Rockies. If you have not visited the Rocky Mountains in the spring and summer, you should. Check out their web site: cheyeneskiclub.com for more information.

The Black Hills Ski Club in Rapid City, SD is very active throughout the year. Hiking, biking, and meetup at the breweries are a main stay for this group. Check out everything that is fun at: Blackhillsskiclub.com.

Our newest club in the council is the McCall Winter Sports Club in McCall, ID. If you have ever been to Lake Tahoe in the summer, try McCall. It offers year around beauty and adventure. You can mountain bike all day on Brundage Mtn. and then go boating on Payette Lake, watching the sun set on the mountains. It is truly a wonderland of beauty. McCall is 100 miles north of Boise in the central mountains of Idaho. Come and say hello to Michael Hayes at Brundage Mtn.

Come visit us in the Intermountain West and see what you have been missing. Check out ISC at: intermountainskicouncil.org for all of our contacts. If you have comments about the Boise Convention, please let me know; Michael Bouton-mbouton0559@msn.com.

Council Report

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

by Sandy Blackwell, President



The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs currently consists of 26 snowsports clubs that cover a large area from Santa Barbara to the north, the Inland Empire to the east and Long Beach to the south. There is much diversity in terms of the club makeup in the council and the activities that result.

The home base for most of the council clubs is Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, a five hour drive from central Los Angeles. Mammoth offers a myriad of outdoor activities all year for the club members. Los Angeles Council also participates in the FWSA Ski Week each year. Banff was on the schedule for this past year. In addition, LAC takes advantage of FWSA's international trips which have expanded to a year-round schedule. Lastly, out-of-state and international trips are taking place at the individual club level.

LA Council is also involved in a well organized race season within Far West Racing Association. Los Angeles is comprised of 2 race leagues: Rokka and ULLR. Included on the schedule last season were the Rokka Race Camp, the Ski, Ride & Race Week, race weekends, the SoCal Championships, and the Far West Championships at Mammoth Mountain last April.

The council has two main events it hosts during the year on an annual basis: The Presidents Luncheon held in August and the Snow Gala held in November. Both are excellent opportunities for the clubs to get together and share in the ski lifestyle we all enjoy.

Last April, LAC had our annual elections at a local French bistro. Everyone dressed up!

For details regarding all of the Los Angeles clubs and activities, please visit us at www.lacouncil.org.

Council Report

Northwest Ski Club Council

by Barbara Bousum, President



NWSCC's 24 member clubs are found throughout a large geographic area, primarily in Washington and Oregon, and even Hawaii. We held our annual elections in late June, and the new officers and directors hit the ground running for our new fiscal year. Our annual planning retreat was held in August, as we developed our plans for the year.

NWSCC uses both our Facebook presence and our own website to keep our widespread member clubs informed about Council events, meetings and trips, reports Director Chris Ciardi. And we also support our local industry partners by sharing their posts of interest to our members. Ski trips organized by our council and FWSA are promoted on Facebook, too. All our clubs are encouraged to share their schedule of club activities, which can be found on our website, www.nwski.org, edited by Director Linda McGavin. Linda strives to keep the web-

site updated with activities and club trips, so members can always discover opportunities to participate. Also, email newsletters drive members to the website.

NWSCC is fortunate that three of our Directors serve geographic areas to keep clubs and the board informed about what's happening in their areas and share council information and activities. Rod Robinson is our central Oregon representative and reports that The Bend Ski Club continues to grow in members. A continuous flow of retirees moving to Bend, along with Bend's Mount Bachelor in its backyard, help contribute to the club's growth and success. Last season, Rod and his wife Becki led the Bend Ski Club's first-ever club trip to Mt. Hood Meadows and Hood River, OR. Norvin Peer keeps track of southwest Washington, and Bill Becroft covers the Seattle area. We are grateful to each of them.

We participated in our first pre-season event in October at Snowvana, the 2nd year for the season kick-off featuring area ski resorts, clothing and equipment retailers, entertainment and more. Both NWSCC and our racing arm Pacific Northwest Area Recreational Alpine Teams (PACRATs) hosted booths. We each held drawings for a lucky winner of a pair of skis and took the opportunity to encourage club membership. November found us talking up clubs again at the annual SkiFever show in Portland. Each event allowed us to reach out to the skiing and snowboarding community about the camaraderie we enjoy in our clubs. Also in November, NWSCC hosted Presidents' Night where club presidents and NWSCC board members could network and share ideas.

In December, we hosted our first Winter Fair. At this event, open to all club members as well as the public, we announced our Woman and Man of the Year, socialized over craft beer and pizza, and enjoyed the fun of a silent auction. This evening social and fundraiser helps support NWSCC events throughout the year.

In February, NWSCCers descended upon Banff for FWSA Ski Week. We enjoyed wonderful powder and the beautiful scenery of the Canadian Rockies. Our council night at the Balkan was a rollicking evening of delicious food, joining the belly dancer in her moves, dancing throughout the restaurant, and throwing plates!

NWSCC again hosted a Bachelor Blast event in Bend, OR in early April. Participants represented five different NWSCC clubs. A hosted reception on Saturday evening brought everyone together, including club members with their own housing in Bend. While the weather on Mt. Bachelor was not spring-like (snowy and windy), everyone found something to do if they weren't skiing, from shopping to hiking in the surrounding areas (from the Badlands to Smith Rock). Those who stayed over until Monday enjoyed a return to true spring skiing, including blue skies, light winds, warming temperatures, and the opening of the Summit lift with developing corn snow leading to delightful skiing. However, everyone said they had a wonderful time and want to go again next year!

Andy Hobart, our PACRAT President reports that five races at all three Mt. Hood resorts were completed this season. Sadly, the two planned NASTAR open races were both cancelled due to lack of snow. The PACRAT race league hosted its annual awards banquet April 14, 2018 at Mt Hood Meadows, with an after-party immediately following at Charlie's Mountain View. Four PACRAT racers attended the 2018 NASTAR Nationals in Squaw Valley, California marking the 50th anniversary of the event. Representing the men were Dan Lane, Kyle Taylor, and Mark Stanford and for the Lady PACRATs, Breanne Morton. All skied well, given some challenging weather with rain during the slalom and snow pellets blowing in sideways at times during some of the GS events. All-in-all, racers reported steep, icy and race-worthy courses and a beautiful venue which was a blast for free-skiing during sun breaks between events. We congratulate all the racers for representing PACRATs well at Nationals this year. Dan Lane placed 3rd (in the Silver 55-59 age bracket) in the GS; Kyle Taylor placed 3rd overall in the GS;

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Council Report

Orange Council of Ski Clubs

by Maxine Hanlon, VP Racing for Sheila Van Guilder, President



Orange Council of Ski Clubs has had a great skiing year. The Far West Trip to Baniff, Canada was supported by a large portion of the clubs. Other trip locations were Park City, Aspen, Snowmass, Mt Bachelor, Lake Louise, Baniff, Tahoe resorts, Bear, Summit, Snow Valley, June and of course lots of trips to Mammoth Mountain Resort. Mammoth is a current designation for skiing since at the beginning of May it is still open and snowing in Mammoth. Our trips vary as our membership does. Some people only want a mid-week trip and others only want a weekend bus trip, but our council supplies it all.

We are looking forward to lots of Mammoth trips next seasons, a trip to Aspen, Snowmass and of course the Far West Trip to Steamboat, February 2-9, 2019. Some of our clubs have not set their agenda for next year's skiing programs.

We are looking ahead to regular summer programs of "Wet Wednesdays" – a kayaking event sponsored by Fountain Valley Ski Club. Huntington Beach will also schedule some kayaking and paddle boarding in the Newport Bay area. Biking events are high on the summer programs of Snowbonders and Balboa Ski and Sports Club. In October Huntington Beach is planning to sponsor again a MS fundraiser Bike trip from Orange County to San Diego. Hopefully they will surpass their fund raising from last year. Huntington Beach has already planned a Jazz Weekend in Mammoth.

Orange Council would like to welcome United States Recreational Center to membership in Orange Council. We have not had a chance to get all of the summer activities on our agenda, but the "Peak to Peak" Bike ride in September has had many Orange Council riders in the past.

Indian Wells will find quite a few of our members looking over the opportunities for the 2019 Indian Wells Convention. Several of our club members are looking forward to testing out all the opportunities for next year's agenda. We look forward to the 2018 convention in Reno and welcoming you to the 2019 Convention in Indian Wells.

Council Report
San Diego Council of Ski Clubs
by Chris Gill, President



The mission of San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC) is to support and promote the sport of recreational Skiing, racing, snowboarding, and domestic & international travel in the Southern California area.

Currently the council has 9 active clubs. We are in the process of adding another club to our council. Many of our clubs enjoying biking, hiking, bowling, golf, bridge, and day trips from wine tasting in Baja or Day Tripper tours of museums, rose parade floats and the space shuttle. The best parts of being in a ski club are the friendships, adventures and memories that are made on a bus trip, fly away ski trips and on international travel.

The San Diego Council will be doing the following trips in 2019, the first being Amsterdam to Bruges April 27 to May 4 on a new luxurious boat the Manifique III with Girolibero bike tours. Then in October the council will be touring Australia & New Zealand with a post trip to Fiji. We will be with Grand Circle Tours.

The council has formed a partnership with the local chapter of USARC “the Adaptive Program of Big Bear.” Sara Rosell is the President of the Program and gave a talk about what the organization does and the impact it has on those with physical disability.

The Council is having their board elections in May. Currently the position of Vice President is open. The Alpine Race League Awards Banquet will be held in May with an introduction of the new Council Board. The Alpine Race League did really well this year in the all the racing events. We had many first place winners.

The Council and Clubs look forward to having our Summer Happy Hour in August. In November we will have our Gala and the theme is “Dancing the Night Away. We will honor our Man and Woman of the Year.

The San Diego Council and Ski Clubs look forward to the convention and FWSA Ski Week at Steamboat.

Council Report

Sierra League & Council

by Jo Simpson, President



Sierra is co-hosting the upcoming convention with the Bay Area Snow Sports Council. We are responsible for the optional preconvention activities and we have some interesting options for people to enjoy.

The Thursday pub crawl will be a Reno Rumble in downtown Reno. The last stop, The Rack, has a six-lane bowling alley, pool tables and some old school game machines.

The Lake Tahoe hike will be a relatively flat trail going by Diamond Peak Ski Resort with wonderful views of Lake Tahoe.

The annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament will be at the Lakeridge Golf Course. A Spa Day is offered at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino.

Sierra Council members enjoyed Ski Week at Banff and we won the trophy for most council race points! A huge thank you goes to our Travel VP Debbie Stewart for managing the trip and taking excellent care of us. Sadly, Debbie is “retiring” as our Travel VP after almost 15 years. She will be deeply missed. Carlene Boutacoff and Debi Phelps have been elected as Co-Vice Presidents for Travel.

Our clubs are traveling. Reno Ski and Recreation Club members went to Whistler in January. The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club went on their annual President’s Weekend trip to Ogden to ski Powder Mountain and Snowbasin.

We are thrilled to have Zazie Huml as our new Frank App Memorial Scholarship recipient. Zazie trains at Northstar. She and two other Northstar athletes are the first from that program to be awarded FWSA scholarships.

Sierra Council Officers 2017-18

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Co-Vice Presidents Travel:
Carlene Boutacoff & Debi Phelps

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Alpine Ski & Snowboard Club
Bota Baggers Ski Club
Cabernet Ski & Race Club
Capital Ski & Sport Club

Las Vegas Ski Snowboard & Sports
Club
Reno Ski & Recreation Club
RU Ski Club

Sequoia Ski Club
Sugar Bowl Ski Club
Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club
Top Gun Ski Club

CASINO FLOOR

SKY BRIDGE TO CONVENTION CENTER

ELEVATOR TO 2ND FLOOR

EAST PARKING LOT

RACE & SPORTS

SPORTS bar & lounge

Moulin Rouge deli

Big Hits look or miss Slots

COURTNEY Show

PURPLE PARROT

SKY TERRACE

WEST PARKING LOT

POKER ROOM

Sunday Shop

Non-Smoking Slots

EAST PORTE COCHERE

CONCERGE TOWER & SPA ELEVATORS 1-3 & 18-27

Yanada Bar

High Limit Games

CLUB Paradise

Main Cage

Dollar Slots

Cabaret Stage

Altrium Bar

Altrium Lobby

Altrium Lounge

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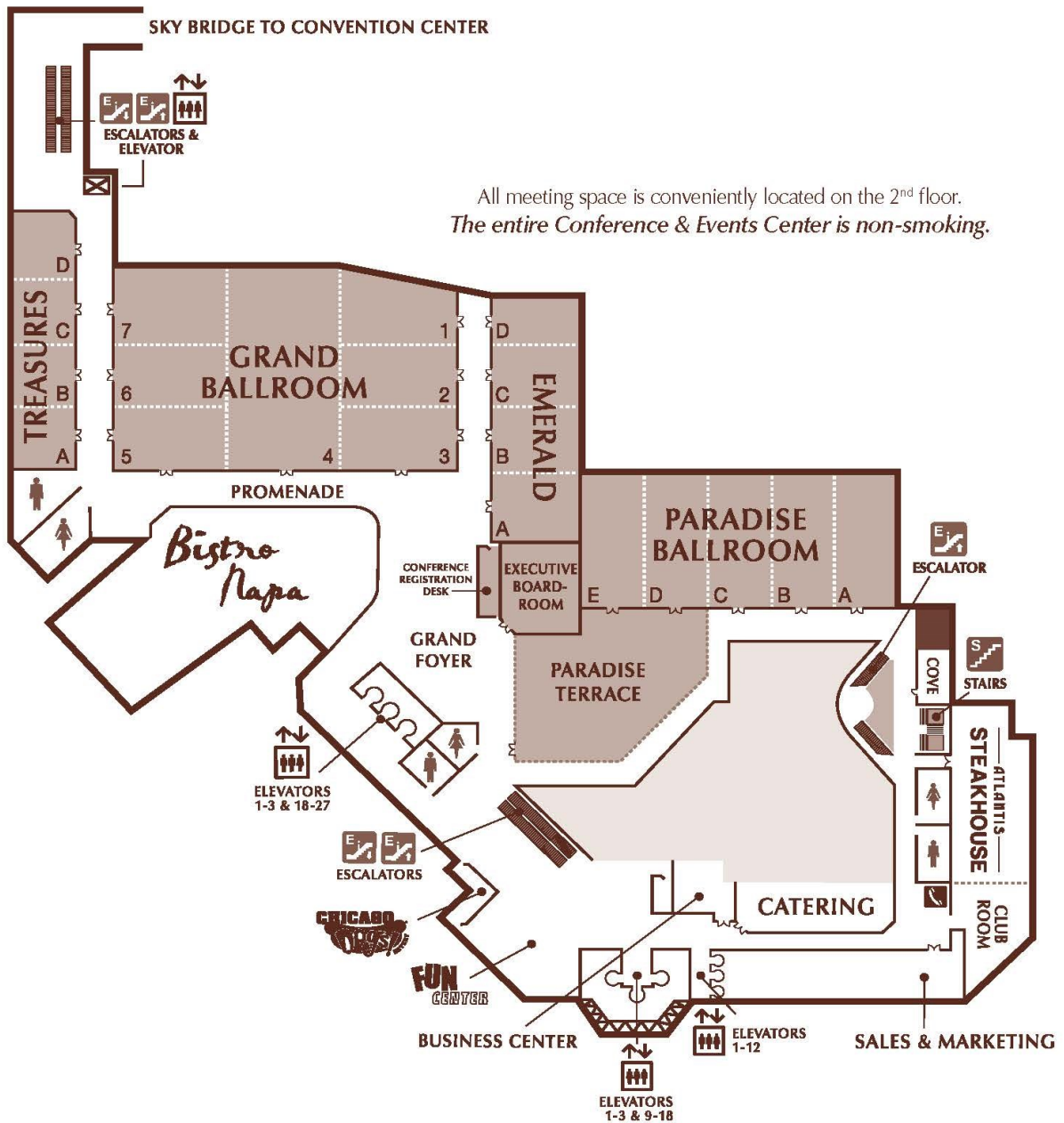
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