

Tommi Tyndall Nomination

BIG WHITE / SILVER STAR

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Big White and **Silver Star**, sister resorts in British Columbia, are known for their amazing light and dry champagne powder. As two of Canada's favorite family resorts, they offer something for everyone with spectacular skiing and snowboarding.

Silver Star's quaint and very colorful village was built in the 1960s with an early 1900s mining town feel. There are 115 runs spread over 3 mountain faces, offering long groomed cruisers, steep powder filled chutes, and a terrain park. Big White Ski Resort, which also has ski terrain for everyone, opened in 1963 with two tee-bars. Now with sixteen lifts, Big White is the second largest resort in British Columbia.

Both resorts are located high above B.C.'s Okanagan Valley with Silver Star northeast and Big White southeast of Kelowna.

Silver Star and Big White have both received top ratings and awards from Ski Canada Magazine, The Telegraph, Sunday Times, Conde Nast's Traveler, SBC Ski & Snowboard Resort Guide, Daily Telegraph, Ski Canada Awards and Far West Ski Association.

Even though it was small in numbers, Big White will be known for hosting the 1st FWSA Mini Ski Trip. Big White personnel provided outstanding service, fantastic spring ski conditions, great après parties and a wine festival not to be forgotten. Over the years, Big White has also been successful with hosting FWSA club and council trips.

Big White and Silver Star Resorts have had a long term commitment to Far West Ski Association as significant sponsors for the past eleven years at our conventions. Big White and Silver Star Resorts donate a trip for two for the silent auctions each year with a value of \$3000. Over the past eleven years, Big White and Silver Star Resorts have also sponsored the "Council Man and Woman" of the year competition. The winners receive a week-long, dual mountain ski package for two, including lift tickets. For each "Council Man and Woman" nominee, Silver Star and Big White also offer a 2-day trip for two and host a cocktail party for the nominees. The total donations from Big White and Silver Star Resorts to Far West Ski Association over the years are approximately an astounding \$100,000 in value.

The Tommi Tyndall award has been received by both of these individual resorts in the past. Silver Star Resort received the award in 2001 and Big White Resort in 2006.

We would like to recognize Big White and Silver Star for continuing their outstanding and long term support of the skiing public, the local community, the Far West Ski Association and it's Councils and Clubs. Big White and Silver Star Resorts embody the spirit of the Tommi Tyndall Award and are deserving of recognition as this year's recipient.



Photo courtesy Big White Ski Resort.