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# THE COUNCILMAN

"The Voice of the Western Skier"



*Highlights from the Far West Ski Association*

*88th Annual Convention*

*Marriott Mission Valley*

*Sponsored by the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs*

*San Diego, California October 7-10, 2021*



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## GLORIA RAMINHA, PRESIDENT

I want to start by thanking everyone attending the convention this year. Even though we were unsure of the probability of having one, our convention committee and all the volunteers putting it together did a great job at making this 88<sup>th</sup> FWSA convention at the San Diego Marriott, Mission Valley a huge success. Thank you to all who contributed and made the convention special. The planning and coordination of our Convention was led by Debbi Kor, our Convention Coordinator. She and her Convention Staff did an outstanding job. A special thanks goes to Chris Gill, Past President of San Diego Council, who served as the Host Council Convention Coordinator. We would also like to recognize the San Diego Council volunteers for all their hard work and time with assisting at the Convention. There are also many more volunteers that I'm not going to name. Our conventions would not be the successes that they are without everyone taking time out of their daily lives and activities.

I feel privileged to work with a very strong and experienced Board of Directors who are committed to working hard for our organization along with our industry partners. I am honored to serve as your President now for my 4<sup>th</sup> term, and I encourage any of you to share your ideas with me and other members of the FWSA Board of Di-

rectors. We are always seeking new volunteers. If you are interested in joining this special group, we want to hear from you. You can contact me or any other member of our Board of Directors, Trustees, Council Presidents and Committee Chairs. All board contact information is on our website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

The history of FWSA began with the founding of the California Ski Association on October 7, 1930, at a meeting of the Winter Sports Committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. Over the course of 91 years our organization has grown to become one of the largest snowsports associations in the United States. We are a non-profit membership organization of 10 regional councils, 150 clubs, and approximately 50,000 members in 12 western states.

The success of FWSA is due to our volunteers who contribute countless hours and expertise to our programs. Thanks also to our industry partners and sponsors who through their generosity and support are also instrumental to our growth and success.

The 89th Annual FWSA Convention will be held June 9 – 12, 2022, in Portland, OR, hosted by the Northwest Ski Club Council

(NWSCC.) I know that this Convention will be one that you shouldn't miss. NWSCC has been working on this for the past two years and they have plans for some exciting activities for all attendees. Check out the Convention article in *The Councilman* or check the website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

FWSA has an extensive travel program. In 2022, the annual North American Ski Week will be held in Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado, Jan 29-Feb 5. A Mini Ski & Snowboard Week will be held at Utah's Zermatt Resort with skiing and snowboarding options at Park City, Deer Valley and Sundance Mountain Resort, Mar 20-25. The 2022 International Ski & Snowboard Adventure will be to Solden, Austria, Feb 26-Mar 5, with an extension to the Black Forest Region, Germany, Mar 5-11 and a Croatia trip in September, 2022.

Far West has several trips planned over the next few years. Visit our website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) or follow us on our Facebook and Twitter pages for more information about our travel program, annual convention and to learn more about our organization.

To all of you, stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you on the slopes, on a FWSA trip, and at our next Convention next June in Portland, OR.



"The Voice of the Western Skier"



89<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Far West Ski Association  
Convention**  
June 9 - 12, 2022  
at the  
**Red Lion Hotel on the River**  
**Jantzen Beach**



Hosted by the *Northwest Ski Club Council*

### Red Lion on the River - Jantzen Beach

909 N Hayden Island Dr., Portland, OR 97217

**Reservations** <https://book.passkey.com/go/rollinontheriver2020>

or

call 1-503-283-4466, Group Name: **Far West Ski Association.**

**Room Rates per night plus tax** single or double occupancy —

**\$149 per night**

**Room Registration Deadline** May 10, 2022

### Hotel Features

- Located on the Columbia River
- Breathtaking views of Mt. Hood & Mt. St. Helens
- Outdoor Pool and jacuzzi
- Riverside deck for Friday Night Happy Hour
- Restaurant & Lounge • JB's Night Club
- Business Center
- Fitness Center

### Transportation

- Fly into Portland International Airport
- 12 miles to Hotel via Uber, Cab, Red/Yellow Max Line

### 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**
  - Mt. Hood Adventure
  - Pub Crawl in Downtown Vancouver
- **Friday**
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
  - Bike Ride
  - Wine Tour
  - Pool Party

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A portion of the Silent Auction proceeds will benefit the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

[www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)



# Event Sponsors

## 88th Annual FWSA Convention

by Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

*We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 88th 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 2021-2022.*

## Program Sponsors

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### Western Ski Heritage Award

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

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### 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.

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### 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 Group) and **Karbon** (Shure Sports USA)

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### Safety Award

Beginning with 2020, **Mammoth Mountain Ski Area** has donated a 4-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets and rentals.

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### Environment Award

**Aspen/Snowmass**, **The Gant** and **The Crestwood** donate a 5-night ski package for two with lodging, lift tickets, rentals and a lesson to the winner of the Environment Award.

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# 2021 Convention Sponsors



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Pub Crawl  
"Oktoberfest"  
Thursday



POWDER  
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Coronado Bike  
Tour



Golf Tournament  
Friday Morning



Golf Tournament  
Friday Morning



Aqua Adventure  
Friday



Pool Party  
Friday Afternoon



Silent Auction Beer Sponsor  
Friday Evening



Continental Breakfast  
Saturday Morning



Luncheon  
Saturday Lunch



Wine Service  
Saturday Lunch



Keynote Speaker  
Saturday Afternoon



Keynote Speaker  
Saturday Afternoon



Eye Opener Hosts  
Sunday Morning

# Silent Auction & Travel Expo 2021 Participants

by Teri Allard and Debbi Kor

*The Far West Ski Association and the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 35th Annual Silent Auction and 19th 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 2021-2022.*

|   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Aspen Snowmass                              | Powder Mountain                     |
| Averill Hospitality                         | Powder Mountain Getaways            |
| Big Sky                                     | Red Mountain Ski Resort             |
| Club Med                                    | Riverhouse on the Deschutes         |
| Copper Mountain Resort                      | Roatan Charter                      |
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| Crystal Inn Hotel & Suites – Mid Valley     | Silver Tip Lodge Condos             |
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| Huntley Lodge                               | Snake Dance Condominiums            |
| Iberostar & Dressel Divers Jackson          | Sports America Tours                |
| Hole 49er Inn & SuitesKandahar Lodge        | Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation  |
| Whitefish Limelight Hotels, Ketchum         | Taos Air                            |
| Mammoth Mountain Ski Area Mt.               | Taos Ski Valley Resort              |
| Bachelor                                    | The Lodge at Whitefish Lake         |
| Palisades Tahoe                             | Wanderlust Tours, Bend              |
| Park City Peaks Hotel                       | Whitefish Mountain Resort           |
| Pokolodi Lodge                              | Winter Ski and Sports               |
|   | Zermatt Utah Adventure Resort & Spa |



# Convention Volunteer VIPs

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Far West Ski Association President                              | Gloria Raminha            |
| FWSA Convention Chairperson                                     | Debbi Kor                 |
| Host Council Convention Coordinator                             | Chris Gill/Barbara Blase  |
| Convention Sponsorship Chairperson                              | Debbi Kor                 |
| Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show / Travel Expo            |                           |
| Silent Auction Chairperson                                      | Teri Allard               |
| Travel Expo Chairperson   | Mary Jo Lau               |
| Silent Auction Accounting                                       | Jane Wyckoff              |
| Silent Auction Bid Runners Coordinator                          | Jo Simpson                |
| Auctioneer  | Tucker Hoffmann           |
| FWSA Awards   |                           |
| Service Awards Chairperson                                      | Steve Coxen               |
| Service Awards Processes and Procurement                        | Joe Harvis, Jane Wyckoff  |
| Awards Booklet  | Leigh Gieringer           |
| Awards PowerPoint Presentation                                  | Joe Harvis                |
| Club and Council Communications Awards Chairperson              | Bill King                 |
| Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition                   |                           |
| Chairperson   | Sheri Parshall            |
| Reception Hostess   | Barbara Blasé             |
| Logo & Pins Graphics and Design                                 | Chris Gill                |
| Council Volunteer Coordinator                                   | Lina Arnold               |
| Registration  |                           |
| Convention Delegate Registrar                                   | Jean McCasey              |
| Registration Tote Bags  | Janie Lindenfeld          |
| Celebrity Guests and VIP Registration                           | Jean McCasey              |
| Celebrity Guests and VIP Hostess                                | Barbara Lee Blase         |
| Coupon Books  | Barbara Razo, Karen James |
| FWSA Convention Treasurer                                       | Randy Lew                 |
| Snowsports Leadership Academy, Credentials Chairperson          | Michael Bouton            |
| Optional Events   |                           |
| An Evening on Coronado  | Chris Gill                |
| Bike Ride by the Beach  | Hobe Schroeder            |
| Octoberfest Pub Crawl   | Leah Clark                |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament | Barbara Blase             |
| Hornblower Cruise   | Gunter Schrecker          |
| Trolley Tour/La Jolla and Mt. Soledad Memorial                  | Debbie Schroeder          |
| Pool Party  | Fran Long                 |
| Door Prize Donations  | Debbi Kor                 |
| Publicity   | Debbi Kor, Chris Gill,    |
|   | Lina Arnold               |
| Convention Video  | George Stewart            |
| Decorations   | Laura Meldrum             |
| Hospitality Room Coordinator                                    | Chris Gill                |
| Convention Website - Webmaster                                  | Joe Harvis                |
| Delegate Book Editor  | Jo Simpson                |
| Nominations & Elections   | Steve Coxen               |
| Parliamentarian   | George Kish               |
| Resolutions   | Steve Coxen               |
|   |                           |
| Convention Photographer – <i>Van Pelt Productions</i>           | Eric Van Pelt             |
| Awards Banquet Entertainment                                    | The Distractions          |
| Signage   | Emilio Trampuz            |

Our thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers from the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs and Far West Ski Association for their assistance in making the 2021 FWSA Convention a success.

**2021 Club and Councils Communication and Outstanding Club Awards**

| <b>Wentworth Outstanding Publication Newsletter Club</b> | <b>First</b>                                    | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b>  | <b>Second</b>                            | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b> | <b>Third</b>                      | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b> |
|--|---|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Masters  | Mountain High Snowsport Club - NWSCC            | Emilio Trampuz             |  |                           |                                   |                           |
| Advanced   | The Unrecables – LAC                            | Gordon Cardona             |  |                           |                                   |                           |
| Novice   | Castro Valley Ski Club – BAC                    | Dennie Warren              |  |                           |                                   |                           |
| <b>Website Club</b>                                      | <b>First</b>                                    | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b>  | <b>Second</b>                            | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b> | <b>Second</b>                     | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b> |
| Masters  | Mountain High Snowsport Club - NWSCC            | Emilio Trampuz             |  |                           |                                   |                           |
| Advanced   | The Unrecables – LAC                            | Dee Armstrong              | Inskiers Ski & Snowboarder Club - BAC    | Bob Burke                 |                                   |                           |
| Novice   | Torrey Pines Ski Club – San Diego               | Judy Fontanella            | Snowchasers Ski Club – BAC               | Steven Rhodes             | Get Off Your Rockers – San Diego  | Eleanor Bolen             |
| <b>Council Newsletter</b>                                | <b>First</b>                                    | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b>  | <b>Second</b>                            | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b> | <b>Third</b>                      | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b> |
|  | Bay Area Snow Sports Council                    | Dennie Warren              | Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs         | Gordon Cardona            | Northwest Ski Club Council        | Linda McGavin             |
| <b>Council Website</b>                                   | <b>First</b>                                    | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b>  | <b>Second</b>                            | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b> | <b>Third</b>                      | <b>Ed/Webmaster/ Pres</b> |
|  | Bay Area Snow Sports Council                    | Cathy Wilson & Jenn Wilson | Northwest Ski Club Council               | Linda McGavin             | San Diego Council of Ski Clubs    | Laura Meldrum             |
| <b>Tollakson Outstanding Club</b>                        | <b>First</b>                                    | <b>President</b>           | <b>Second</b>                            | <b>President</b>          | <b>Third</b>                      | <b>President</b>          |
| Masters  | No nominations received                         |                            | No nominations received                  |                           | No nominations received           |                           |
| Advanced   | No nominations received                         |                            | No nominations received                  |                           | No nominations received           |                           |
| Novice   | No nominations received                         |                            | No nominations received                  |                           | No nominations received           |                           |
| <b>Outstanding Social Media Club/Council</b>             | <b>First</b>                                    | <b>Administrator</b>       | <b>Second</b>                            | <b>Administrator</b>      | <b>Third</b>                      | <b>Administrator</b>      |
|  | Get Off Your Rockers Facebook Group – San Diego | Linda Hoffmann             | Ski the Northwest Facebook Group - NWSCC | Marc Galt                 | NBS Western Region Facebook Group | Todd Hood                 |



Barbara Blasé, hostess of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament

Photo credit: Eric Van Pelt Photography



Mary Manning, Aspen/Snowmass, sponsor of this year's Golf Tournament has things down to a "tee"

Photo credit: Eric Van Pelt Photography



Bid Runners, from the Unrecables Ski Club, assist with bid pick up at the Silent Auction

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Far West Athletic Scholarship Recipient, Alexa Wehsener, speaks on the importance of the Scholarship Program for junior racers

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Kevin Bracken, Winter Park Resort, receives the Bill Mackey Award by Debbi Kor, V.P. of Marketing

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Lisa Jennings, Snowmass Tourism, receives 15-year participation award from Teri Allard, Silent Auction Coordinator

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Kim Sorenson, Schweitzer Mountain, receives 20-year participation award from Teri Allard, Silent Auction Coordinator

Photo credit: Eric Van Pelt Photography



Larry Young, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation, with Teri Allard, Silent Auction Coordinator. Steamboat received their 35-year Silent Auction participation award.

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Maxine Jensen, Zermatt Utah Resort receives Certificate of Service from Debbi Kor, V.P. of Marketing.

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Sara Wayman, Powder Mountain, receives Certificate of Service from Debbi Kor, V.P. of Marketing

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Stephanie Pollard, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area,  
with Debbie Kor, V.P. of Marketing

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Alene Peaceman and Maribel Lascalere, Club Med Luncheon  
Sponsors with Debbie Kor, V.P. of Marketing

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Sean Hagen, of Whitefish Mountain Ski Resort receives a  
Certificate of Service from Debbie Kor, V.P. of Marketing.

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Heber Valley Tourism representative, Jana Brown, with  
Debbi Kor, V.P. of Marketing

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2021 Communications award 2nd place Eleanor Bollen,  
Get Off Your Rockers

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Sean McErlean, Holidaze Ski Tours, is awarded the Tommi Tyndall Award, by Gloria Raminha, President of FWSA

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Bob Ellis, V.P. of Racing, presents the Terry Smith Award to Debi Phelps, Bay Area Council

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Chris Anthony, film producer of "Mission Mt. Mangart", a film about the taking of Riva Ridge, during World War II, is awarded the Warren Miller Modern Media Award by Gloria Raminha, President of FWSA

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Debbie Stewart, V.P. of International Travel, is presented with the President's Award, by FWSA President, Gloria Raminha

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Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Honorees

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Gloria Raminha, FWSA President, presents Shone Malliet, Founder and CEO of Winter4Kids, with the Snowsports Builder Award

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Jo Simpson, Sierra League & Council President, presents Nancy Ellis, V.P. of North American Travel, with the Hans Georg Award

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Host Council, San Diego Council of Ski Clubs President, Ira Lindenfield and wife Janie.

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Elizabeth Wood award winners welcome 2021 winner, Chris Gill to the fold.

Photo credit: Eric Van Pelt Photography





FWSA convention outings.

Photo credit: SDCSC



Trip Leader, Debbie Schroeder with Susie Vetter, former SDCSC member and Trolley Driver

Photo credit: SDCSC





San Diego Council of Ski Clubs  
 San Diego Convention  
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 Photography





Debbi Kor  
Convention Chairperson

### ***We Sailed in to San Diego***

The 88th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention was a real success! Hosted by San Diego Council of Ski Clubs, at the beautiful San Diego Marriott Mission Valley, October 7-10, we were able to hold three of our activities onsite, on the west lawn of the hotel. With a lovely pool-side space, terraces with lots of chairs, sofas, and outdoor fireplaces, the Marriott provided many ways for guests to sit and relax, socialize, and enjoy being outside.

Many delegates arrived on Tuesday and Wednesday, to take part in the activities happening Wednesday evening and on Thursday, which included a walking tour of Coronado Island on Wednesday, and several activities on Thursday, including a bike ride on Coronado, as well as, a Harbor Cruise and lunch. Jean McCasey and Todd Hood led the group via trolley and ferry to Coronado on Wednesday evening, where we all gathered at the pier, and then disbursed in smaller groups to shop and dine in the many restaurants on the island. Thursday's activities were led by Debbie Schroeder (bike ride,) and Gunter Schrecker, who led the Harbor Cruise on San Diego Harbor.

The Pub Crawl, sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., and led by Leah Clark, was held on the West Lawn of the Marriott, and carried an Oktoberfest theme. Guests were invited to dress in Oktoberfest garb, including dirndls and lederhosen,

as some chose to do, including our sponsor, Larry Young, from Steamboat. The buffet included a German-style fare of brats and sauerkraut, with a German beer, and a pasta buffet. For dessert, we had an ice cream cart from Scoops of La Jolla.

Activities continued Friday morning, kicking off with the 14th annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, led by Barbara Blase. Our golfers met at Riverwalk Golf Club for a light breakfast and then headed out to the course for a fun 18 holes of golf. Sponsored by Aspen Skiing Company and Snowmass Tourism, our group enjoyed the camaraderie of some of our industry partners, and friends. The weather was a bit iffy at first but wound up being an enjoyable day on the course. Barbara and her crew rounded players up for photos, and fun activities on various sponsored holes throughout the day. A barbecue lunch, with awards and raffle prizes topped off the event. Sleeves of balls and golf hats were provided by Stephen Hall, and Mountain Golf.

Other activities included an Aqua Adventure, in Mission Bay, led by John Walsh, and sponsored by Brian Head Resort. Participants were able to kayak and paddleboard in the bay, while enjoying their beautiful surroundings. The other activity was a ride on San Diego's Old Towne Trolley, driven by former San Diego Council member, Susie Vetter. Susie gave the guests a wonderful excursion through the Pacific Beach area, and up to the Mt. Sole-

dad Memorial for a quick stop. Following that, they went into La Jolla for lunch, then back to the hotel. Following these optional activities, the entire group met up at the Marriott's Pool for the annual Pool Party. Thank you to Mary Alexander, from Central Council, who, along with Dom Gagliardi (Jackson Hole Mountain Resort,) sponsor, put on this little party.

The Silent Auction and Trade Show, on Friday night, led by Teri Allard, Silent Auction Coordinator, was the time for delegates and visitors to visit with our Industry Partners, checking out the various ski areas, travel companies, lodging partners and tour operators to plan trips for the coming year. We had three special guests: Chris Anthony, our Keynote Speaker and producer of the movie, "Mission Mt. Mangart", along with Bruce Campbell and Howard Koch. Bruce and Howard, representatives of the 10th Mountain Division, were featured in the story. Bruce narrated a large part of the movie.

The Travel Expo, led by Mary Jo Lau, was held on Saturday morning, which gave delegates the opportunity to meet up with their selected resort and travel representatives to plan a winter trip for the coming season or a future trip for their club or council.

There were two terrific Snowsport Leadership Academy sessions to choose from this year: "Strategic Travel Planning... News, Insights and Updates", led by Debbie Stew-

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art, Nancy Ellis and Tucker Hoffman; and "Race to the Finish ...JEDI On and Off the Slopes", led by Todd Hood.

An afternoon Public Affairs session was offered. The topic for that session was based on events of World War II, and featured Bruce Campbell and Howard Koch, veterans of the 10th Mountain Division, along with Chris Anthony, and two other World War II Veterans: Tom Rice and Gil Nadeau. They provided almost 2 hours looking into some of the happenings of WWII, and the taking of Riva Ridge. Tom Rice talked about parachuting into Normandy as a member of 101st Airborne Division, and again tandem-parachuting into Normandy on the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day invasion. He also parachuted (tandem) onto Coronado Island on his 100th birthday, on August 15 of this

year. Gil Nadeau talked about his experience trying to enlist in the Navy being only 4'11", a full 3 inches shorter than the minimum height. After basic training he was assigned to be a signalman on a Landing Craft Support (LCS) ship, a specialized gunship sent in to soften up the shoreline by shelling the enemy prior to the invasion of the Pacific Islands by the Marines. Steve Coxen was the moderator.

Saturday evening's banquet, "Paradise Found" offered an island theme, as shown by the attire of much of our crowd. The wonderful dance band, The Distractions, provided some great music to dance to for much of the evening. The highlights of the evening were the awards presented to a number of outstanding men and women throughout the Far West Ski Association, and our Industry Partners. (Photos can be seen elsewhere in this magazine.)

Sunday morning was the time set for the General Session of our annual meeting and to elect new officers within the organization. Communication awards were presented to clubs and councils for their participation in the Outstanding Newsletters and Websites, along with the Charities and Our Communities Award. Photos of these are seen elsewhere in the magazine as well.

Thank you to the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs for hosting this annual event. Your time and efforts were deeply appreciated. To all the other clubs who volunteered their time.... thank you as well.

We hope to see you all at the Red Lion on the River, Jantzen Beach, in Portland, Oregon, next June 9-12, 2022. Northwest Ski Club Council is anxiously waiting for you all to join us, where we will be "Rollin' On the River". See YOU there.



FWSA Board of Directors  
Photo Credit: Todd Hood



Sheri Parshall

## Councils' Man and Woman of the Year

Thank you, all, for your recognition of Far West Ski Association as a vital, vibrant, member of our ski industry. This article honors those men and women who not only have made it possible for THOUSANDS of men and women to not only participate in winter sports but have taken an active part in making those winter sports available and enjoyable to our Far West membership.

But hey! There is someone we SOOOOOOO missed being with us this year at the convention. We can't even THINK to move forward without our honored sponsor, BIG WHITE SKI RESORT. My ski club has been going to Big White since 2008 (okay, there's a little border thing going on...) If your club (or you) haven't been there—LOOOOSER.

I am pleased, and honored, to introduce you to our 2021 Far West Ski Association Man and Woman of the Year.

Sandi Shaub – Interlachen Ski & Ski Club / Skiyente Ski Club While nominated by ISSC, Sandi has been an integral member of Skiyente since 1990. She has either raced in, or chaired, all club events. Sandi is on the board of the Mount Hood Museum and Cultural Center. Sandi is also the recipient of the 2020 King Winter. This award is given to anyone in the Mt. Hood community for outstanding support of winter sports on Mount Hood. Congratulations, Sandi!

Bill Behnke – Bill is, and has been, president of the Phoenix Ski Club (AZ,) since 2018. Bill has hosted many pre- and post-trip parties. He worked with Linda Johns-

ton to develop the club Environment Stewardship Program, as well as a youth "learn to ski-and-snowboard" program. Bill also helped design the Phoenix Ski Club's web site. Bill also serves as the Arizona Ski Council Racing/Competition Coordinator. Congratulations, Bill!

Far West Ski Association, as has many other organizations, is working to move forward with how we choose to honor those who have helped us the most. The presidents of our councils have agreed to re-identify and change the award. Henceforth, the award will be called the "Volunteer of the Year" award and given to the one individual who exemplifies the standards as previously indicated by FWSA.

Bay Area Snowsports Council

Marci Lyzun and Don Shaver

Marci is a member of Inskiers Ski Club, where she has served as president from 2019 to present. She's been the auctioneer for the club benefit, and hostess of their holiday potluck for five years. She worked as "Race Ambassador" to encourage race participation and organized post-race get-togethers for Singles League clubs.

Don belongs to, and is president of, Modesto Ski Club. Don's efforts have focused not only on running the club but managing and fundraising for the lodge owned by the club in Truckee. Don has been BAC's trip leader in past years and supported several FWSA trips.

Central Council

Fran Long

Fran is a long-time, active member of SLO Skiers in San Luis Obispo, CA. She has served in many positions on the SLO Skiers board, as well as on the FWSA board. She believes strongly in giving back to the organizations that give her such pleasure.

Intermountain Ski Council

Lynda Clark and Craig Orsen Olsen

Lynda loves being part of the Bogus Basin Ski Club and is often heard promoting the Club to others on chair lifts, in town, and at work. She has been skiing off and on since 1983. Today, you can find her enjoying the lifelong sport on blue and black runs.

Craig, also a member of Bogus Basin, is the communications director and technical wizard for the club, spending many hours on web site content and a significant web site changeover. Craig participates in many of the club's fundraising efforts and has worked on committees for many club events.

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

Soo Jeong Lee and Pete Smith

Soo is a member of the Unrecables, where she is a PSIA-certified adaptive instructor. Soo assists the club's ski school director in dryland and early season snow training for volunteers. She also assists the club's equipment manager. She spent many COVID-restricted hours with on-line meetings, education and chats discussing adaptive snowsports and safe trip logistics.

Pete is a member of Wailers, and has held several offices including President, Vice

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President, Membership and Trip Director positions. He's a member of the National Ski Patrol and has organized fundraisers for outside organizations like Wounded Warriors and Habitat for Humanity. Pete is the 2019 recipient of the Far West Safety Award.

National Brotherhood of Skiers – Western Region

Shauna Kinsey and Frank W. Robertson Jr.

Shauna is a member of SnowBusters Ski Club of Pasadena, where she served as the Vice President, Director-at-Large, and Trip Leader. She is currently the Marketing

Outreach Chair for NBSWR and a two-time FWSA Outreach Grant winner.

Frank is a member and current Vice President of the Winter Fox Ski Association. He worked to reinvigorate joint Southern California NBS Ski Club happy hours and has been trip leader for several NBS Urban Winter Fest and NBS Summit and Mini-Summit events, and continues to captain the annual Lake Mead Houseboat trip.

Northwest Ski Club Council

Bill King is a member of Mountain High Snowsport Club and is the current Vice President. He is an active PACRAT league racer and has been Trip Leader on several club trips. He also participates in club hik-

ing and white-water rafting events in the summer. Bill is also treasurer of Northwest Ski Club Council.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs

Eileen Weiner and John Walsh

Eileen, a member of Don Diego Ski Club, is currently the Council Representative for the club, and active on the committee working to rebuild the club. She is also the San Diego Alpine League president, coordinating its merger with ROKKA and ULLR Leagues.

John is a long-time member of North Island Snowdrifters and is currently Race Director for that club. John is the current recipient of the Terry Smith Award.



Sheri Parshall, Coordinator of the Far West Council's Man & Woman of the Year Program, is shown here with this year's honorees, Sandi Schaub, Northwest Ski Club Council, and Bill Behnke, Arizona Council

Photo credit: Eric Van Pelt Photography



Joe Harvis  
VP Communications

There has been a flurry of activity throughout the Far West Communications portfolio. The VP of Communications leads a broad group of dedicated volunteers across six programs. Those programs are the FWSA Website, *The Councilman*, *The Skier's Guide*, *Far West News Flash*, our Social Media platforms, and Marketing Media productions. These dedicated members spend a significant number of hours providing content for the Far West community.

Our website has been adding and updating content at a rapid pace this year, across all programs of the FWSA, from updating our Awards, Convention, Travel, Public Affairs, Membership, Marketing & Sponsorship and Benefits to name a few, There have been changes across the board, so be sure to check the site often.

While the website is viewable to the public, there are some areas of the site that require members to log in to the system, especially when registering for Convention or one of our many trips. We have two basic member classes; direct members and affiliated members, who are members of FWSA member clubs and councils. Many of our past trip participants and direct members already have a username for the system, so before registering check to see if you are already in our system and if you are then just request a new password.

All our clubs and councils can add their functions and trips to our events calendar. One can even sign up to receive the *Far West News Flash* simply by checking the

*"News Flash subscription"* box under the *"Interests"* section of the Member Profile.

We are beginning to accept payments through the website. This year besides direct membership payments, we created an FWSA Store, and the Dive trip payments are also being accepted through the site. All other payments are handled via FWSA Connect.

The new issue of the *Far West Skier's Guide* has fewer pages than past issues due to the ongoing pandemic which has reduced advertising. This will be our first digital only edition. We have enhanced our advertising policy in that we will be accepting digital only advertising in addition to print. The digital edition will also include the ability for slide shows and video.

Our team, Leigh Gieringer, our editor/publisher and Jane Wyckoff, our assistant editor, still publish, a high-quality issue to make us proud. We hope you enjoy this issue. Be sure to check it out on the website.

*The Councilman* is our bi-annual internal magazine, edited by Nick Cowell. This magazine keeps our membership informed on the happenings at all levels of the association, including our Councils and their clubs.

Debbi Kor edits and publishes the *Far West News Flash*.

This is a monthly newsletter that is an email subscription-based publication for our members and industry friends. We encourage our councils and clubs to submit articles and information.

Our Marketing Media guru, George Stewart, recently produced new videos for our 2022 Aspen/Snowmass trip, 2022 Solden, Austria International Ski Week, 2022 Zermatt Utah Resort Mini Ski Week and the recently completed San Diego convention. They are all available to view on our Facebook page. The videos can be found on our *You Tube* channel accessible from our website photo albums.

Jane Gutierrez is our Social Media chair. She oversees our Facebook and Twitter feeds. There are other folks who help posting to these feeds. If you have an event you want to publicize to the FWSA membership, send the info to Jane including pictures with captions and credits.

In closing, keep informed on all things **FWSA** by staying plugged in to our website, [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), and all of our publications.







## Chris Gill

### VP Council Services

The Vice President of Council Services coordinates with the presidents of the 10 FWSA member councils to manage programs and initiatives that benefit our local clubs, which are the grassroots of the FWSA organization. We have a talented and involved group of council presidents and program chairs that work hard throughout the year to administer the programs we provide.

The VP of Council Services was very excited to finally hold an in-person council presidents meeting in September at the Marriott in San Diego. The council presidents were able to see where the 88<sup>th</sup> FWSA Convention was going to take place in October.

At our meeting we had the opportunity to go over the all the communication awards, charity recognition program and our brand new social media award. We were really happy that we had such a successful response to these awards given that most clubs had not met in person in the last

year.

The Council's Man and Woman of the Year recognition program had 14 candidates participate at this year's convention. We had previous year's nominees and current candidates participate. The candidates were given a welcome reception on Friday afternoon followed by luncheon on Saturday. Each candidate was given an in person interview with several judges of other councils. The candidates were all outstanding individuals who went above and beyond with their clubs.

The Councils' Man of the Year is Bill Behnke of Arizona Ski Council and the Councils' Woman of the Year is Sandi Shaub of Northwest Ski Club Council. Congratulations to both of them. Thank you to Big White who sponsors this award every year. Bill and Sandi each received a one week trip to Big White.

The VP of Council Services, along with the council presidents, took under consideration to rename the Council's Man and Woman of Year recognition program. We felt that we should no longer determine the award based on gender. At the FWSA 88<sup>th</sup> convention we officially renamed the award "The Council Volunteer of the Year."

All the councils and clubs are very excited about the upcoming ski season this year. Many councils and clubs have already gotten their local and fly away ski trips set. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at FWSA Ski Week in Aspen, Colorado in January 2022.

As VP of Council Services, I welcome any new ideas or inputs to our current programs. You can email me at [vpCouncilservices@fwsa.org](mailto:vpCouncilservices@fwsa.org). Wishing all of you happy and healthy holidays.

Delegates discuss the best adventure packages to bid on at this years' Silent Auction.

San Diego Convention

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Debbie Stewart  
VP International Travel

**Our FWSA members are “READY TO TRAVEL” and we’re “READY TO TAKE YOU!”**

Expect the unexpected...Practice the Art of Pivoting...Enjoy the everchanging world of travel with the FWSA International Travel Team.

Travel is life accelerated. It can change us in a surprisingly short amount of time, illuminating our understanding of culture, history, geography and landscapes, art, gastronomy, language, and politics. It makes what is ordinarily inaccessible, accessible and what is foreign, familiar.

**The 2021 FWSA International Ski Week to Sölden, Austria was postponed to 2022 and registrations are being taken now!**

Sölden, Austria may not be a household name to you, but it will be one that you will never forget after being there. You will be fascinated by the Austrian charm and their incomparable hospitality.

We are working with the experts at HOLIDAZE Ski Tours to help organize this fantastic trip February 25 – March 5, 2022.

Sölden offers three areas: Sölden, Obergurgl and Hochgurgl. They kick off the winter season with the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Opening in October. And...it has one of the action-scene sites for the James Bond movie “Spectre”. The huge number of slopes and ski trails for all levels and abilities, coupled with the perfect grooming with 91 miles of slopes make Sölden a truly unique winter sports center;

32 state-of-the-art ski lifts and gondolas with a total capacity of 70,000 persons/hour guarantee ultimate skiing fun without queuing.

BIG 3 – Think BIG, Think SÖLDEN! Sölden is Austria’s first resort offering no less than three mountains with peaks beyond 10,000 ft. Sölden’s marvelous BIG 3 peaks mark a new dimension in skiing and experiencing the Alpine scenery, opening new perspectives with their viewing platforms. Snow is guaranteed from October through May thanks to the high alpine location of the slopes up to 10,958 ft., 2 glacier ski areas and excellent snowmaking systems covering about 75% of the slopes with 350 snow guns.

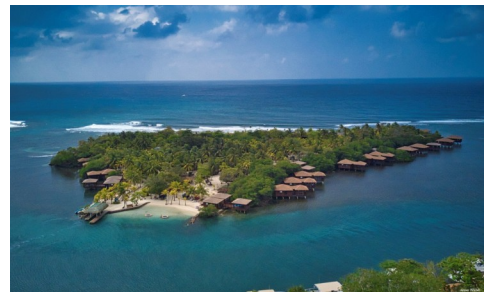
Sölden is synonymous with sports and entertainment. Besides the great variety of skiing and snowsport activities, Sölden also offers a wide range of entertaining highlights. You will enjoy great après-ski atmosphere, as well as, weekly events such as night skiing and Sölden Party.

The extension trip following Sölden has been changed to the Black Forest Region in Germany March 5 – 11, 2022. There we will transfer by private coach from Sölden to Titisee/Neudstadt. Lake Titisee is the Black Forest’s most picturesque glacial lake. We will visit the charming towns of Freiburg, Triberg, Colmar, Kayserberg, Heidelberg, Strasbourg, and overnight in Frankfurt before flying home. We will have guided city tours, visit the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Gothic, Freiburg Cathedral land-

mark, Heidelberg Palace, museums, the Strasbourg Cathedral, and, of course, free time to explore on your own...you may even hunt for your own Cuckoo Clock or the “Best Black Forest Cake”! This will be an experience like no other.

**FWSA’s 10th Annual Scuba Dive trip to Roatan, Honduras**

The 2021 FWSA Dive Trip in Roatan, Honduras was Sold Out! Many enjoyed the Anthony’s Key Resort for our 10<sup>th</sup> FWSA scuba dive trip October 9-16, 2021. This resort is Roatan’s most admired and innovative resort that offers dolphin encounters and world class dive experiences in a true island atmosphere. This gorgeous location offers years of outstanding customer service and prides itself at this wonderful paradise.



2021 Roatan Dive Trip group picture

Credit: Randy Lew

**2022 Cozumel Dive Trip – Iberostar Resort and Dressler Divers**

We are taking registrations...NOW! Once again, we are working with the specialists

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at Roatan Charter Inc. preparing another fantastic dive and vacation adventure. The dates are October 8-15, 2022.



The 5-Star All-Inclusive Iberostar Resort is located right on the beach within the Marine Park. They offer a variety of entertainment, three pools, including two lagoon-style pools. The resort also has a shopping area, spa, and pool hall. Every night, there is something happening, from nightly performances in the theater to live music. Tennis, free non-motorized water sports, archery, rifle shooting, beach volleyball, table tennis, basketball, water aerobics, gym, and a full program of entertainment. Complimentary WiFi is also included.

The dive package will include 5, 2-tank dives, 2 Cenotes dives, 1 night dive, complimentary nitrox, roundtrip airport/hotel transfers, hotel service fees, resort fees & taxes, breakfast, lunch and dinner, snacks, and specialty restaurants for you to choose from.

Their Dive Shop is a PADI CDC Center and has 25 years of services, and has an unstained historical safety record with 0% accident rate. Dressel Divers imparts training programs to its staff that have direct repercussion in higher safety for its guests. Their convenient dive center is on resort property and has equipment storage and a drying room.



Cozumel resort pictures

Credit: Roatan Charter, Inc.

Speaking of convenience...The Palancar and Santa Rosa Wall reefs surround the hotel and is a protective area within the marine park. This impressive reef is part of the Great Barrier Reef of the Western Atlantic, also it is known as the Great Mayan Reef. This diving area is second only to the Great Barrier Reef...you won't want to miss it!

### **2020 Croatia Adventure trip – Postponed to September 2022**

We knew our FWSA members wanted to go to Croatia in 2020, and we will in 2022! Matter of fact...there's a waiting list!

FWSA and Alpine Adventures have coordinated this adventure trip to Croatia September 2-12, departing the US on Sept. 1st. We will visit all the must-see locations, such as Split, Zagreb, Plitvice National Park, Dubrovnik, and the beautiful Dalmatian Coast. While in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia, we will experience the local culture, arts, architecture and, of course, the local gastronomy. The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik, with its 16<sup>th</sup> century stone-walled old town, is popular and known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic". Its popularity has been bolstered to global recognition after serving as the filming location for *The Game of Thrones*. Split, as the second largest city, offers a similar blend of modern and ancient charm. The spectacular landscapes in the Plitvice National Park will certainly be

scenery to remember with its breathtaking terraced lakes and many waterfalls. Plitvice Lakes are a natural phenomenon you will not want to miss, consisting of 16 natural lakes joined by waterfalls that extend into limestone canyons. This, too, is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and we cannot wait to explore this area.

This Balkan country adventure trip with its 3,625-mile-long Adriatic coastline and over 1,000 islands will certainly be a bucket list item to be checked off.

### ***You Spoke...and We Listened!***

### ***FWSA SUMMER 2023 CHILE SKI/ADVENTURE TRIP!***

You asked...we will still deliver! Once again, due to the uncertain times, we have adjusted our travel schedule. But...we are planning the 2023 FWSA summer ski/adventure trip to Valle Nevado, Chile with additional skiing available at La Parva & El Colorado.

Valle Nevado is South America's premier ski resort, offering access to over 7000 acres of terrain and has the most modern lift operation on the continent. They are proud of the fact that there are no lift lines, a laid-back environment with entertaining ambience and delicious gourmet food. The awe-inspiring peak of El Pomo towers above the twin valleys in which the three best ski areas of South America will be found. You will be flying into Santiago, then travel 90 minutes to the ski area of the world-famous Andes mountains. This area will provide you amazing views, varied terrain, and an incredible experience during our summer...their winter. This trip will be limited, so when the registration materials are available, do not hesitate to save your spot!

After Valle Nevado, we will be traveling to the Atacama Desert, which in some parts is compared to the surface of Mars. The Ata-

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cama Desert is a desert plateau covering a total area of 40,541 sq. miles, stretching 600 miles from southern Peru into northern Chile, west of the Andes Mountain range. The Atacama Desert is the driest place in the world, as well as, the only true desert to receive less precipitation than the polar deserts. Most of the desert is composed of stony terrain, salt lakes, sand, and felsic lava that flows towards the Andes.

According to the *New York Times*, it is the #2 place to visit. It is a 2-hour plane ride from Santiago to Calama. Calama is known for the largest open-pit copper mine in the world and the Atacama Desert receives worldwide recognition for its focus on astronomy. Astronomy prevails there because this desert sits at 6,000 feet, which offers exceptional skies and 330 clear nights each year. We will have the opportunity for hiking, biking, and adventuring out to see unique environmental landscapes. Their sand dune terrain makes you think of Mars. There are salt flats, lagoons inhabited with flamingos, areas with geysers, unique flora and fauna, various animals to see and so much more!

#### **FWSA 2023 Ski Week – Zermatt, Switzerland**

We enjoyed skiing in Zermatt in 2014 and our trip participants voted to go back. When most people think of Zermatt, they think of one thing...the Matterhorn. This amazing icon has loomed over Zermatt since the 1860's. Zermatt has so much to offer both the skier and non-skier while enjoying their lovely car-free pedestrian town. You will find many things to do and experience while sitting at the base of the Matterhorn.

Base of the Matterhorn, Zermatt



Photo Credit: George Stewart

#### ***What's Ahead...A lot! Mark the following trips on your calendars now!***

##### **FWSA 2024 International Ski Week – Madonna di Campiglio, Italy**

We are planning mid to late February 2024 to go back to the amazing Dolomites! Madonna di Campiglio is the main point of access to the Dolomites Mountain range. This vibrant Italian ski area links four small sectors known both for excellent grooming and steep runs. The slopes spread out widely. A spectacular 16-minute gondola ride connects to neighboring resort Pinzolo. The ski area has 57 lifts, and 93 miles of ski runs and a capacity of more than 31,000 people per hour.

Madonna di Campiglio is one of the world's classic ski centers and one of Italy's most famous, ranking with Cortina, Courmayeur and San Martino. Considering its long history in winter sports, it has the benefit of an extensive and hugely enjoyable ski area with access lifts coming right down into the town - both unusual assets compared to many of the other famous ski resorts of long standing. The resort's altitude gives it more dependable conditions than many traditional winter sports centers.

##### **FWSA 2024 Africa**

#### **Adventure Trip**

Research is being done for central and east Africa. We toured South Africa in 2014 and now it is time to experience another amazing area of Africa. We hope to see the "Big 5" during this photographic safari trip and explore areas that FWSA has not been to in a very long time. Let's join together and experience the local culture, as well as, seeing the many magnificent animals in their natural habitat.

##### **FWSA 2025 Ski Week – Val d'Isere, France**

We were last there in 2015 and had a fantastic time. The skiing was incredible, hotels were great, friendly people, charming town with many shops and restaurants...it is time to go back!

##### **FWSA 2026 Galapagos Adventure Trip**

Research is underway for the 2026 adventure trip to the Galapagos and possibly Machu Picchu or another destination. Stay tuned for the announcement of this trip.

As FWSA VP of International Travel, I realize that your vacation days are precious. The best ones are those that leave you feeling recharged, inspired and that your explorations are worthwhile, ones that your most cherished souvenirs are those that can bring you the grandest memories.

#### **For updates or information on FWSA International Travel Program:**

Debbie Stewart at:

***FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net***

Cozumel resort pictures

Credit: Roatan Charter, Inc.







Debbi Kor

VP Marketing and Sponsorship

### Looking Forward to a New Year

The Spring and Summer of 2021 were a carryover from last year. With the COVID Pandemic still in the forefront, club and council events and activities were very limited. Meetings were held virtually, or in outdoor settings, such as local parks or members' backyards. Those clubs who continued to hold activities, did so with their members' health and safety very much in mind.

Many of our club members were able to social distance and still enjoy time with friends hiking, biking, golfing, and kayaking. With a large majority of our membership being vaccinated, it now makes it easier to get together. Our recent Convention in San Diego in October showed that we can be together, be safe, and still have a good time.

The 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Far West Ski Association Convention, the first one in two years after having to postpone the 2020 event due to COVID-19, was a great time for folks to begin getting back together. Our event was held October 7-10, hosted by the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs. The Silent Auction raised over \$20,000, and the Athletic Scholarship raised close to \$5,000 between the raffle, a live auction with *Whitefish Mountain Resort* and *Grouse Mountain Lodge*, as well as *Alterra Mountain Company*, who donated two IKON passes, and contributions from various ski councils. The Sponsorship Program also raised \$16,000, thanks to all of our Convention

Sponsors: *Aspen/Snowmass, Snowmass Tourism, Ski Dazzle, Zermatt Utah Adventure Resort & Spa, Deer Valley, Heber Valley Tourism, Powder Mountain, Brian Head Resort, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp., Ski.Com, Mt. Bachelor, Riverhouse on the Deschutes, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Club Med, and Big White Ski Resort*. Door prizes on Sunday morning were donated by: *Ski Bums, Ski Beans, the USS Midway, Powder Mountain, Ski.Com, Strideline Socks, and Fieldsheer Gloves*.

Fall is the time when I seek out our many Benefits Partners, renewing the agreements we have with them, in providing our membership with lodging deals, discounts on transportation in your favorite resort town, such as *The Transportation Network* in Park City, or *Go Alpine*, in Steamboat; and some good pricing on ski rentals through any one of a number of our partners like: *Black Tie Rentals, Ski Essentials, Ski Butlers, and Rent.Skis*. If you are going to be traveling for your skiing this year, check out the Far West Benefits Page. We have many lodging part-

ners, who would love to see our members come for a visit. We have partners in Utah: *Best West PLUS Cotton Tree Inn*, the *Hyatt House* in Sandy, and the *Peaks Hotel* in Park City. If you're headed to Bend for a few nights, check out the *Shilo Inn* or *Double Tree by Hilton*.

There are a few ski shows happening around town this year. Check out the *Snow Jam*, in San Diego, November 12-14; *SnowVana*, in Portland, November 19-21; and *Ski Dazzle's* show in Los Angeles, December 10-12, 2021. It's time to get back into the swing of things and support your local clubs and councils, as well as the many ski partners at these ski and snowboard shows.

Be safe. Be healthy. We will look forward to seeing you all in Portland, Oregon, next June 9-12, 2022 for the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Far West Ski Association Convention, hosted by the Northwest Ski Club Council.





## Jean McCasey

### VP Membership

My name is Jean McCasey, and I am your new VP of Membership on the FWSA board. I have been skiing for 50 years, been a ski club member since 2002, a secretary for one of my clubs for four years, a San Diego Council member since 2013 and a FWSA Convention Registrar since 2017.

If you belong to a ski or boarding club that is affiliated with one of our 10 councils, you are already a member of FWSA!

If you do not belong to an affiliated ski club, you may join FWSA as a direct member. Our annual membership year begins May 1 and ends April 30. I am in the San Diego Council of Ski Clubs, and belong to North Island Snowdrifters and Don Diego Ski Clubs each of which offer different activities and fun.

As your new VP of Membership, I will endeavor to keep the Direct Members up to

date and help them to understand the benefits of joining clubs, along with growing the Direct Membership program.

I would like to thank Michael Bouton for his many years of being the VP of Membership and helping me with this transition.



## Bob Ellis

### VP Racing

We have had some early snow and some ski areas have opened already. It looks like we will be racing again this year. When we go to Snowmass for Far West Ski Week, we plan to have GS races.

The Far West Championship Races are

scheduled for April 9 and 10, 2022 at Mammoth Mountain. On Saturday we will have race clinics, and on Sunday we will have a slalom race and a GS race.

Pacrats, Rokka, Sierra, Open and Singles Leagues all have their schedules set for the

year.

The 2021 Terry Smith Award was presented to Debi Phelps at the convention in early October. Congratulations Debi!





Nancy Ellis

## VP North American Travel

### 2022 NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK--ASPEN/ SNOWMASS RESORT

Our trip to Snowmass is sold out! We have 320 people going on the trip January 29—February 5, 2022 and they are from the following councils—Arizona, Bay Area Snow Sports, Central, Intermountain, Los Angeles, Northwest, Orange, San Diego, Sierra, and FWSA Direct Members.

Aspen Skiing Company (ASC) is enacting vaccination requirements for guests in certain venues and for certain activities. Guest vaccinations will be required for all ASC owned and operated hotels, full-service restaurant events, as well as Powder Tours, and additional experiences where prolonged close contact while unmasked might occur. Proof of vaccination is not required for lift access, ski and snowboard school lessons, market-style restaurants, rental shops, or ticket offices.

Pitkin County has additional requirements that they have implemented related to COVID. They require that people wear masks whenever indoors except when seated for dining and eating.

Our group is staying at properties that are not owned by ASC and are not affected by the vaccination requirements except for four guests staying at The Limelight Hotel. Our parties will be at The Collective in the lower base village. The Collective is a community-based area owned by the city of Snowmass and leased to East West Partners to manage. FWSA events will be held at The Collective Hall, and they follow CDC, Pitkin, and Snowmass City COVID practices.

Current requirements for winter operations are that masks are to be worn indoors at venues at Collective Hall.

COVID restrictions are fluid and can change at any time. I will provide Ski Week guests with guidelines that will be in effect for FWSA events, as well as, local requirements for restaurants and other venues in the area, closer to the trip.

### ZERMATT UTAH RESORT MINI SKI TRIP— March 20—25, 2022

The Zermatt Utah trip signups are going well. We expect a large group on this trip. I recommend that people sign up early to ensure they get their choice of rooms while we have good availability. I also suggest that people sign up with a roommate or request single supplement as room assignments will be given out when we have two people for a room. It is the responsibility of guests to find their own roommate, but we will do our best to assist people in finding a roommate and can't guarantee that one will be available.

This will be a fun trip with daily complimentary shuttles to Park City and Deer Valley, giving people the options to ski whichever resort they desire. We will have a day trip to Sundance Mountain Resort for those wanting to ski/board or participate in one of the art classes.

We will have signups in January 2022 for lift tickets and optional activities available throughout the week. Contact Gloria Raminha, Trip Leader, (661) 800-8229, [garski2011@gmail.com](mailto:garski2011@gmail.com), for information

and trip sign ups.

### 2022 ALASKA INSIDE PASSAGE & DENALI TOUR—JUNE 21—JULY 2, 2022

We have 54 people signed up for the Denali Tour (June 21—25, 2022) and 57 people on the Alaska inside passage cruise (June 25—July 2<sup>nd</sup>.) We will be staying in Fairbanks at the River's Edge Resort for 2 nights while we tour the area and then travel by train to Denali Park Village where we will stay 2 nights while touring Denali Park. We then take a private bus exploring the beautiful Alaska countryside until we reach Whittier, where those taking the cruise will board the Majestic Princess.

Current COVID restrictions in place for the Cruise require that passengers be fully vaccinated and that they also have a negative COVID test within two days of boarding. We disembark in Vancouver, BC, and participants will need to meet COVID requirements to re-enter the U.S. Fully vaccinated guests will need to have a negative COVID test three days prior to travel. Princess Cruise lines will help guests with getting COVID testing after the cruise. I will provide information about COVID requirements and how guests will get their required tests closer to the trip.

We are still accepting signups for this trip. Contact Nancy Ellis for registration and sign-up information: [fwsatravel-nancy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravel-nancy@sbcglobal.net); (530) 414-8261 or go to the FWSA website, [FWSA.org](http://FWSA.org), for information.

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## 2023 JACKSON HOLE SKI WEEK—JANUARY 21—28, 2023

The destination for the 2023 North American Ski Week will be Jackson Hole Resort. We look forward to going as there have been changes to the resort since we were there in 2012. There has been additional lodging added to the town of Jackson. We will offer lodging options in the newly renovated 49er Inn & Suites, Elk Country Inn, Cowboy Village, and Snow King Resort Hotel & Condos in town. Guests can also select Snake River Lodge and Teton Village Condos in Teton Village. We have both hotel and condominiums at the resort, as well as, hotel and condominiums in the town of Jackson Hole.

Our events will be held at Snow King Resort in town, and the picnic will be at Snow King ski hill next to Snow King Resort. The Council Challenge team races will be held at Jackson Hole Resort and the Giant Slalom races will be at Snow King ski hill the same day as the picnic.

There are many activities in the area and non-skiers are encouraged to attend. Activities include day trips to Yellowstone or Grand Teton, cross-country skiing, snowshoe, tubing and mountain coaster at Snow King ski hill, spas, shopping, Elk Reserve Sleigh Rides, museums, and more.

We will hold a site trip to Jackson Hole Resort and the Town of Jackson to preview lodging, event locations, check out the ski hills, and see what's available for local

transportation. The site trip will be January 6—9, 2022. Councils will be sending their trip leaders to the site trip so that they can select the lodging for their council and locations for their council dinners.

Councils will start selling the trip Spring 2022. Watch for more information on council or the FWSA websites.

***Looking forward to seeing you on one of the Far West North American trips! Contact Nancy Ellis at [fwsatravel-nancy@sbccglobal.net](mailto:fwsatravel-nancy@sbccglobal.net) or [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) for updates on the FWSA North American Travel Program.***



Jackson hole pictures

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## Lina Arnold

### VP Public Affairs

As FWSA's new VP Public Affairs, I had the opportunity to listen to four amazing WWII veterans that we had the honor of having on our Public Affairs Panel with Award-winning Documentary Producer Chris Anthony, on Saturday October 9, 2021, at the FWSA Convention held at the Marriott Mission Valley in San Diego, California.

Our distinguished guests were Bruce Campbell and Howard Koch, who were both in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division that battled the German Mountain Troops in Northern Italy. These men were trained in skiing, rock climbing and working with mules and about whom Chris Anthony produced and wrote the movie "Mission Mt. Mangart", which details the area where Bruce and Howard fought in the Italian Alps.

Additional guests included Tom Rice, who was a paratrooper in WWII for the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He fought several battles including parachuting into heavily fortified coast

of France's Normandy region on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He also is a Coronado local who recently tandem jumped from a C-53 Air Force Wing called "D-Day Doll" on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, landing onto the sand in front of the Hotel Del Coronado in August 2021. He plans to jump in Normandy next year for his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday in honor of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division he served with.

Gil Nadeau, served in the Navy in the Pacific during WWII. He was a visual signalman aboard a Landing Craft Support. These ships were small, but they were part

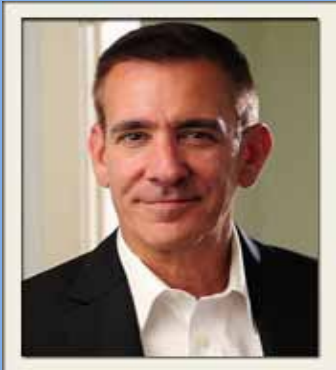
of the "Mighty Midgets". He spoke about these incredible ships he was on and that he was known to many as the "shortest sailor with the tallest tales".

These men were so impressive with their stories, and their memories of certain incidents that happened while they were serving the USA military as young soldiers in WWII, that we could listen to them for many hours. I hope that you enjoyed them as much as I did.



Left to Right WWII Veteran Gil Nadeau, San Diego Council Public Affairs/Safety Mike Sanford, WWII Veteran Tom Rice, Documentary Producer Chris Anthony, WWII 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Veteran Howard Koch and WWII 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Veteran Bruce K. Campbell

Photo Credit: Dave Arnold.



## David Krupp

### Athletic Scholarship Chair

The Far West Ski Association Athletic Scholarship Program is entering its 18<sup>th</sup> year, growing from an initial \$1,500 in scholarships in 2004 to \$12,150 and 18 recipients in the 2020-2021 season. The total awarded since the program's inception is now \$165,000 to 116 recipients.

The program is designed to provide financial assistance to junior ski racers throughout the western United States where FWSA has a presence. Applicants must be junior alpine ski racers affiliated with the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA) and must participate in racing programs in states where FWSA has regional councils. These include California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, athletic performance, academic achievement, and community service.

Skiing is an expensive sport and the costs

involved in ski racing cannot be left up to the parents alone to incur. For younger athletes the costs are modest. However, for 16 through 20-year-olds, where competition becomes national and even international, the costs can be significant. Without the help of outside resources, many junior racers simply cannot compete. For a top competitor, expenses can reach \$20,000 per year. This is not a seasonal sport for these racers; it includes a full year of ski-related involvement. After the winter race competition has concluded, competitors engage in dryland training, then off to summer camps. Camps typically run about \$1,200 per week, not including transportation.

Winter training costs range from \$1,000-\$1,500 each season. Most applicants work part time to offset expenses. The demand on their time is significant. They must balance their time between training, competition, school, work, and community service. Despite these demands, the average GPA for these recipients consistently exceeds a 3.9 average. Our scholarships are modest compared to the need, but they do make a difference in the overall scope of the resources they require.

The funding of the scholarships comes from a number of sources: raffles, auctions, club and council partnerships, and direct contributions of club members, clubs, and councils. The FWSA has greatly benefitted from the generous support from its sponsors, including *Whitefish Mountain Resort* ([www.skiwhitefish.com](http://www.skiwhitefish.com)), a year-round winter and summer resort; *Averill Hospitality*, a premier choice in mountain resort accommodations; *Grouse Mountain Lodge* in Whitefish, Montana; *Schure Sports, Inc.* ([www.karbonmail.com](http://www.karbonmail.com)), maker of the Karbon line of snowsports apparel; the US Ski Team, and the *Far West Racing Association*. Their contributions of vacation packages, snowsports apparel, and cash bring in approximately \$10,000 per year as raffle and auction proceeds, as well as, direct cash donations.

In addition, our partnership program through clubs and councils affords us approximately one-third of our scholarship funding each year. Finally, the *Far West Ski Foundation* ([www.farwestskifoundation.org](http://www.farwestskifoundation.org)), a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is a valuable resource for encouraging tax-exempt donations. For more information on the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program, please visit [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).



Left image courtesy of Telluride Ski Resort,  
Photo credit: Brett Schreckengost





Sigrid Noack

## Charities and Our Community Chair

FWSA is proud of the phenomenal charity work our clubs do to help others.

A huge THANK YOU to all our FWSA clubs for being involved with charitable activities. It's amazing how many charities, and what a wonderful variety of organizations, have been impacted by our FWSA members' generosity.

At this year's convention we honored six ski clubs with the FWSA Charities & Our Community medallion and with a Charity Recognition certificate. Our FWSA club members care so much about their communities, no matter what is happening around them, around the country and around the world.

The application process this year was basically the same as in 2021 and will continue for 2022:

\*\*\*Clubs are asked to put together 1-2 pages showing their charity involvement in pictures, with a brief description of the activity with names if there are only a few members in the photo.



Skiyente Ski Club ladies enjoying some skiing

We have produced a charities video, showcasing our clubs, that have continued to do

an unbelievable amount of charity work even during this pandemic. Paul Vlasveld, BAC president had volunteered to do the computer work, and he did a beautiful job. Thank you, Paul. We showcased our 2020 and 2021 clubs' charity activities in this first Charity Recognition Program video. At the convention, we showed the video. It was fun, as we kept it running all weekend for all attendees to see. I'm very proud of the video, and of all the wonderful work our FWSA club members have been doing, even during these difficult two years!

Congratulations FWSA ski clubs and congratulations Paul!

Please check out the FWSA website, our video is posted there now, for the whole world to view.

This year the following clubs shared their charity activities from 2020-21 with us:

SKIYENTE SKI CLUB of NWSCC

FOUR SEASONS WEST SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB of LAC & NBSWR

BOGUS BASIN SKI CLUB of ISC

GET OFF YOUR ROCKERS SKI CLUB of SDC

MONTEREY SKI & SOCIAL CLUB of BAC

SNOW BUSTERS SKI CLUB of LAC & NBSWR

This 15th Annual Charity Recognition program was a huge success. A great big thank you to all FWSA club members who helped others in need during these two pandemic years. And a special thank you to the clubs, who took time out of their busy schedules to share those charitable activities in pho-

tos with the FWSA.

A special thanks to the six ski clubs for supporting our program by participating in our Charity and Our Community recognition.

Our industry friends, our FWSA family, our delegates and guests at the convention enjoyed stopping by & taking a look at our charities video. It continues to amaze folks just how really caring the members of our FWSA clubs are.

Looking forward to showing another Charity Recognition video in Portland at the 2022 Convention about seven months from now. Let's get ready and hopefully we will be seeing even more of our ski clubs showcasing their charity activities on our second charity video next June. Contact Sigrid for more information at [charities@fwsa.org](mailto:charities@fwsa.org).



Young racer Bode Lamm receiving an \$800 scholarship from Bogus Basin Ski Club members Donn & Barbara Bryant.

## Unrecables Bid Runners

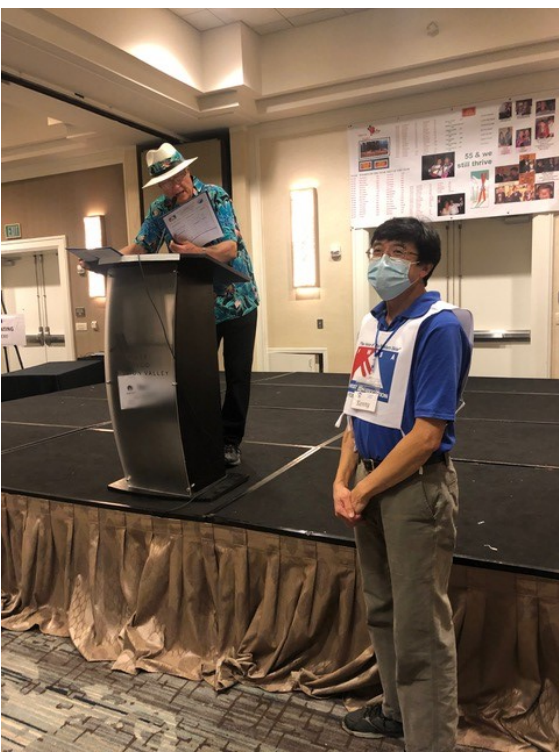
By Sigrid Noack

The Unrecables, member chapter of MOVE UNITED, formerly Disabled Sports USA, was asked to help out at Friday night's Silent Auction at this year's convention. Volunteering as a Bid Runner is a very important job, making sure that the last bidder receives the selected package.

Sigrid Noack, FWSA charities chairperson headed up this job, recruiting Unrecables members residing in the San Diego area. FWSA trustee, Jo Simpson, took care of educating and organizing the group.

Thanks to the following Unrecables members for doing an excellent job as Bid Runners: Marina Sallaway, John Gray, Ann Page, Victor Chan, Dominic Chan, Kenny Chan, Amanda Davis, J Davis, Hannah Nishimoto and Soo Jeong Lee, this year's LAC Woman of the Year. Other assistants were Gordon Cardona and Randy Benson. Great job everybody and thank you very much.

Unrecables pictures courtesy of Sigrid Noack







## Fran Long

### Environment Chair

#### How to be a More Environmentally Conscious Skier

We all want our ski resorts to do their part for our environment, and they are doing a lot! From reducing the use of disposable products in the lodges, to using wind energy to help power the equipment, our resorts have made a commitment to do their part.

One might ask, "Am I doing what I can to be an environmentally conscious participant in snowsports?" Here are a few small things we can all consider that can have a positive effect on the environment.

Generally speaking, ski areas are located a significant distance from where the majority of us live, and transportation to get there is our biggest pollutant. Flying is the world's greatest polluter and should be avoided whenever you can. Shorter flights are better than longer ones, and driving is an even better option for the environment. Add carpooling and you've become even more environmentally supportive. Once at the resort, taking public transportation is a more environmentally positive option than either renting or driving your own car. We can't always exercise the best options, but it is good to make the best choice for the location we want to visit.

In thinking about your food and drink needs once at the resort, consider those massive disposables. Collapsible water bottles are an environmentally friendly option, as is bringing your own table ser-

vice. Both will fit nicely in your backpack or jacket pocket.

Consider your ski clothing and other gear. If you can patch it, do you? Can you sell it or donate it when you are ready to replace it? Consider supporting sustainable brands. Lists of them can be found on the web. Lastly, consider shopping locally whenever you can. Once again, that will help reduce our carbon footprint.

#### Environment Award

Congratulations to the 2021 winner of the Environment Award, Richard Lubin! The 2021 Environment Award was awarded posthumously to Richard Lubin, DC, former FWSA V.P. of Safety".

I mention this here to give you plenty of time to think about what you might be interested in doing for the environment. You will have about 5 months to put your ideas into action and submit your award application. In addition to doing something positive for the sustainability of snowsports/the environment in general, there is a nice ski package offered to the winner of the award. Check out the information below to see if you are interested.

#### About the Award

The environment Award is designed 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 an impact in the community.

Conduct or arrange an event(s) for your club, council, or the general public that focuses on the principles of "Protect Our Winters (POW)". The mission of POW is to engage and mobilize the snowsports community to lead the fight against climate change with a focus on educational initiatives, advocacy, and community-based activism. Stage an event based on one or more of the seven actions of the POW pledge.

Learn more about POW at:  
[www.protectourwinters.org](http://www.protectourwinters.org).

Work with your club or council and your local ski area to develop or improve your ski area's "Sustainable Slopes" program. This program was adopted by the ski industry in 2000. It provides an overarching framework for ski areas on sustainability and enhanced environmental performance.

Learn more about Sustainable Slopes and NSAA's Environmental Charter at:  
[www.nsaa.org/environment/sustainableslopes](http://www.nsaa.org/environment/sustainableslopes).

#### Who is Eligible?

The Award is open to any individual who is a member of a Far West Ski Association Club or Council.

The recipient of the Environment Award receives a 5-night ski/board package for two that includes:

5 nights lodging split between The Gant in  
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## John Watson History Chair

The FWSA history program had its beginning in the early 2000s when we realized we had a 75th birthday coming up in 2005. There had always been members who could speak of people, incidents, and times past. Then president Mike Sanford took the initiative to formalize an added committee concerned with our skiing history and he recruited several members to get it started, including Catherine Ohl, Chuck Morse, and John Watson (there were and are many others who have gems to share.) Mike later captured a sponsor for one piece of the program in 2004 – Steamboat.

Why have a history program? There are several reasons. First, to expose or educate members to the dynamic history of their sport. Second, to provide educational material for public use. Third, to promote the establishment, growth, and continuance of preservation in learning centers and museums. Fourth, to provide opportunities for research into snowsport history.

We started with the Ski Club/Council recognition patterned after the outstanding club competition. We laid out a detailed template for guidance on what could be in such a history. The competing entries would be judged by an expert panel. Criteria include support activity in the public community. Such histories show the pace

of Associations development (within the larger universe of ski industry development,) inform members – and conceivably be patched together into a broader history. It can be used for outreach and recruiting. Alas, we had no nominations made for this year's Club & Council History competition.

The amount of work that must go into a substantial history discouraged participation and caused us to create a recognition other than the original. So, we started the Historic Ski Club program for clubs who could prove operation for 50 years or more. This is a Recognition with a small r. Note that this now means formation before and operation since 1972. Just provide the History Chair an application available on [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org), your proof of founding date and a good hi-res color logo. The HSC program proves the enduring attraction of clubs and the need for them to provide a basic information center at the grass roots. Clubs started in North America in 1861 with the Alturas Snowshoe Club but the longest operating clubs are the Cascade Ski Club of Portland and the Yosemite

Winter Club, both in 1928. We welcomed two additions to the HSC alumni this year at the convention in San Diego. Congratulations to Orange Council of Ski Clubs and Sahalie Ski Club of the Northwest Ski Club Council.

The HSC programs also include Ski Patrols and Ski Schools within the Far West region. If you know of a deserving Ski School or Patrol that has been in existence for 50 or more years, please, as above, contact the history chair with a completed application, available on [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) and provide a good hi-res color logo.

The Western Ski Heritage Award is sponsored by Steamboat. The award is an historic odyssey. It was designed to recognize recent work to illustrate the role of snowsport in the larger community. We have recognized many authors and research projects, all shown on [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org).

There is still work to be done in the preservation of Association records and the trends that could be gained from them. If you read through our 90th history and factbook, you will see several possible historic sketches that need authors. Using the Secretary's minutes and reports from councils and committee chairmen, an annual narrative could be written. All good for recruiting.







John Watson  
Foundation President



The overarching objective of the Far West Ski Foundation (FWSF) is to sustain snowsports to ensure that the inspirational experiences of snowsports will remain for future generations. The snowsport umbrella includes training and competition in alpine disciplines, cross-country skiing, jumping, and snowboarding. Snowsports also includes enabling the disabled, as well as research and educational programs.

The Foundation makes long term investments to meet its objective and mission areas by raising funds from individuals and organizations. It then grants funds to those recipient organizations that conduct programs in the Foundation's several mission areas.

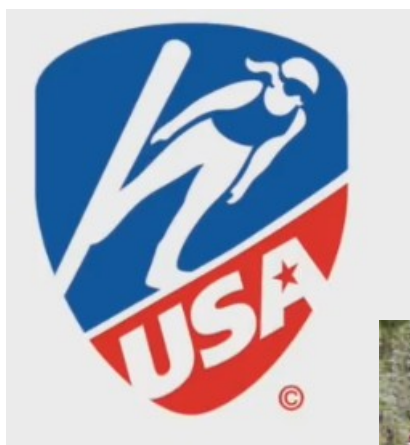
The FWSF builds upon the legacy of snowsports competition through scholarship grants for individual student-athletes, selected based on competitive athletic performance, academic potential, community service and need. Thanks to the efforts of Dave Krupp and others who helped sell raffle tickets at the convention and via the auction of the Whitefish packages we were able to raise \$5,000 towards the athletic scholarship program.

We support adaptive snowsports programs to enhance restoration to vigor from injury or to animate the physically challenged. The FWSF maintains relationships with centers within its territory that practice on snow rehabilitative techniques. Of special interest are the programs that involve ac-

tive-duty service persons or veterans. We thank all of you for your support of the Foundation Wine Auction at the convention. Your generosity help us raise \$900 for our adaptive programs. Our best year ever!

Support the legacy of the snowsports heritage by research, preservation, education, and publication of snowsports history. The FWSF will work with museums and other organizations within its territory to enhance common objectives.

Join us by donating to the cause! Visit us at [www.farwestskifoundation.org](http://www.farwestskifoundation.org) to make your donations.



Foundation pictures courtesy of  
[www.farwestskifoundation.org](http://www.farwestskifoundation.org)





## Todd Hood

### Succession Planning

Succession planning is needed for the sustained success of any organization. All organizations should have a plan to fuel their leadership pipeline by tapping into talent and interests of their members. The Far West Ski Association created a Succession Planning Committee to ensure the continued success of the Far West Ski Association. Two years ago, the committee created the FWSA Leadership Matrix.

The Succession Planning Committee has determined to execute the ideas below to continue to strengthen the leadership pipeline for FWSA: Share volunteer opportunities before, during and after convention Councils' Man and Woman of the Year honorees (Volunteer of the Year starting in 2022)

- Host Zoom calls sharing tips and tools with leaders in (or interested in) certain roles at their club and/or council
- Expose convention delegates to volunteer opportunities with Far West Ski Association
- Host a Zoom call to present background on roles coming up for election
- Create development plans for interested candidates for certain roles
- Identify Council leaders for future FWSA roles

The FWSA Succession Planning Committee was active at the recent Far West Ski Association Annual Convention from October 7-10, 2021, at the Marriott Mission Valley in San Diego, CA. In addition to welcoming the FWSA Councils' Man/Woman of the

Year Program honorees and inviting them to volunteer with FWSA, the committee chair made an appeal at the Sunday general meeting session for all delegates to consider volunteering with FWSA in addition to their clubs and councils. Additionally, the appeal reached out to those veteran club and council leaders that may no longer be serving. Recent succession planning accomplishments include acquiring Teri Allard as Silent Auction Chair, and Jean McCasey as Vice President, Membership. Additionally, we received a volunteer, Tan Nguen, from the floor in response to appeals from speakers over the weekend to serve as Secretary.

Since the next round of elections will be held at the 89th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention June 9-12, 2022, at the Red Lion Hotel on the River, Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR, hosted by the Northwest Council of Ski Clubs, the committee will continue to seek new talent for the leadership pipeline. At the board meeting on Sunday after the convention, the Succession Planning Committee Chair reminded all leaders that, in addition to all the other tasks that we are called to do with our clubs and the FWSA, we must also stay mindful of succession planning. Each of us needs to be thinking of who will take over for us as we move on. We need to find and start grooming our replacements. In each board meeting we will take time to name candidates to

groom for each board role. These candidates should be someone that is not currently a club President nor a current or past FWSA Board member. Ideally, it would be someone that has been active with their club for 5 to 7 years. We will then seek opportunities to get them involved in tasks that will prepare them for certain roles. This will be an ongoing activity, so this is the next step in the series.

The current members of the FWSA Succession Planning Committee are Todd Hood (Chair,) Gloria Raminha (FWSA President,) Steve Coxen (Past President,) Linda Westlund (Trustee Chair,) and Jeannine Davis (Bay Area Council.) We greatly appreciate the valuable insight and contributions provided by Arleigh Meiners (AZ Council) over the past 18 months, and we wish him well in his continued activities. We are excited to welcome Jo Simpson (Sierra Council) to the committee and look forward to her participation. If you have questions or are interested in serving on the Succession Planning Committee, please email [successionplanning@fwsa.org](mailto:successionplanning@fwsa.org).







Monica Palmer

## Safety Chair

First, I want to thank everyone involved for the privilege of being appointed to the position of FWSA Safety Chair. As this is my first safety article for this audience, I will offer an explanation of how I became involved in safety.

I hail from the Reno Ski & Recreation Club (RSRC) in the Sierra Council, which I joined in 2005, and soon realized that I should have joined years sooner, as it is a fun, active club with so many nice members. It wasn't long before I was recruited to be a member of their Board of Directors, and was on the board for approximately 10 years. During my 2 years as club president, I submitted entries for the Tollakson Award, and therefore had to judge for entries at other levels of the competition. When I realized that other clubs had safety on their agendas, and our club did not, I decided to create a "Safety Site" for our club newsletter and web site with the approval of the whole board. The following year RSRC received a first-place award. Most of my years on the board, I served as the VP of Public Relations, which I preferred, while also being the Safety Administrator, a non-board position.

My monthly safety articles have covered

numerous sports besides skiing, as RSRC is a year-round club with activities in skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, mountain biking, recreational biking, camping, kayaking, golf, tennis, and other group activities. Therefore, many of my safety articles have covered safety in these other sports. However, SAFETY IS NOT A PART TIME PRACTICE. Safety needs to be a full-time practice and a "way of life". It should be involved in basically everything we do. We also need to instill safety in our family, friends, co-workers, neighbors and fellow club members when we have the opportunity to do so. It is not enough for each of us to be safe, but we can also be affected if the people around us are not safe. Within the club I have reminded members that we can be skiing down the same run, hiking on the same trail, or driving on the same streets after happy hour, so safety needs to be shared with all.

My safety articles have covered many every day activities, such as battery storage, fire prevention, winter driving, bee stings, first aid kits, signs of stroke, black widow spiders, rattlesnake training for dogs (very important for hikers with dogs,) and more. Safety lessons need to be shared. A few years ago, I was asked

why my safety articles cover other subjects when we are a ski club. The reality is, that if we are not safe in everything we do, then an accident or carelessness could likely affect our ability to still continue skiing or other sports or activities that we enjoy. That has been my goal for safety. Safety is an "all the time" way of doing everything.

I started submitting safety articles for RSRC in November 2012, and will continue. I also try to promote more member involvement. A few years back I held a safety slogan contest for our club. More recently I arranged another club contest for members to send me real stories where either safety, or the lack of, created an accident or unsafe situation or a more positive result. All of these real stories were posted on our web site and newsletter over a period of several months. I like to include more members, because it can increase awareness when our friends in the club know what can actually happen to a fellow member and friend. It brings the situation to life, and not just words on paper.

Thank you for being safe.

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Aspen and The Crestwood Condominium Hotel in Snowmass, Air, 5-day lift ticket good at Aspen, Snowmass, Aspen High-

lands, Buttermilk

5-day equipment rental

Half day group lesson

*Lodging is based on space availability, and*

*restrictions may apply.*

Additional information can be found on the FWSA website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org); or by contacting Fran Long, Environment Chair: [fancat87@gmail.com](mailto:fancat87@gmail.com).



## Kristy Welsh Arizona Ski Council



**The Arizona Ski Council (ASC)** was formed to promote skiing and friendship among the clubs. Our mission has been to promote activities, promote safety on the slopes and build camaraderie of fellow skiers and adventurers. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders, hikers, bikers and social members/adventurers in the state of Arizona. ASC currently represents two ski clubs, with members primarily in the Phoenix metro-area.

### Phoenix Ski Club (PSC)

### Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (SSSC)

The Arizona Ski Council does not directly run any ski trips but supports our clubs and their trips. PSC and SSSC work together and have reciprocity between them. It is very common to see our skiers attending events with both clubs. It is great that our clubs support each other.

In the past, the Arizona Ski Council has hosted a number of activities. We are slowly emerging from our pandemic lull and are roaring back with a full slate of activities. We had our annual Whiskey

Row in Prescott, Arizona, our annual Topless Road Rage in October and we had 11 delegates show up at the Far West Ski Convention. We continue to support the activities of our local ski clubs.

The **Phoenix Ski Club** is more than just a ski club. PSC is an active adult social club which just started up its monthly meetings and is on its way. This active adult social club will be going full speed ahead with its year-round, non-profit, social and outdoor activities. They have always prided themselves in offering a variety of amazing activities, to appeal to everyone. They even have "spur-of-the-moment" events, which are mind-boggling. They did it all and will do it all.

For more information and events: <https://www.phxskiclub.org/>

The **Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club** is a premier activities club, making their come-back. SSSC is oriented towards active adults 21 years and older.

SSSC is a year-round, non-profit, volunteer-run social and

outdoor activities organization with a variety of events designed to appeal to just about everybody. They have weekly happy hours and many other events like hiking, bicycling, kayaking, skiing, camping, golfing, cruising, concerts and both domestic and international trips.

Check out their activities and ski trips. You'll find SSSC a friendly group, and constantly on the go. Subscribe to their email mailing list for up-to-date information on the activities.

<https://sssc.clubexpress.com/>

Don't just dream of having an exciting life, join one of our clubs and make it happen. If you can dream it, we can do it.

For other exciting Arizona Ski Council events or links to our club web sites, please access:

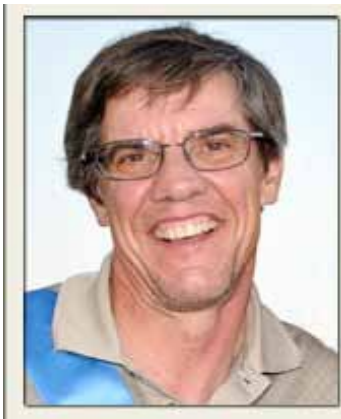
<https://arizona-ski-council.org/>

ASC members in attendance at the convention. Left to right are Linda Westlund, FWSA Trustee Chair; Jeff Garelick; Kristy Welsh; ASC President, Bill Behnke, PSC President; Karen Bonine, ASC Vice President; Wanda Himmeler, ASC Past President; Kirk Miles

Photo credited to Eric Van Pelt Photography.







Paul Vlasveld  
Bay Area Snow Sports Council



You will always hear how proud we are of the volunteers within the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC)!

At the recent Skifest/Snowbomb shows, the BAC booth was one of the more popular booths. We were able to successfully promote the clubs to potential club members.

This year has been a busy year despite the COVID-19. We have been conducting virtual meetings. We are now having hybrid meetings with a combination in person and virtual.

The current BAC Board of Directors was unanimously elected at our virtual general election in May. The FWSA Ski Week to Aspen/Snowmass in 2022 is already full with 66 BAC members going. The Italy Bike and Barge has been re-scheduled for Au-

gust 2022. The trip is full with a waiting list. Clubs are starting to lead travel trips to both domestic and international locations.

This year we are very proud to be represented by our BAC Man and Woman of the Year. Our BAC Woman of the Year is Marci Lyzun from Inskiers Ski Club. She had a great time attending the Convention in San Diego. Our Man of the Year is Don Shaver from Modesto Ski Club. They are our 2021 Man and Woman of the Year.

The race season is gearing up for our race leagues. Everyone is anxious to start the racing season. It looks like we might receive more snow than last year. We can only keep our fingers crossed.

I would like to congratulate those clubs and individuals who were honored at the recent FWSA convention for website, char-

ity, and newsletter:

Cathy and Jenn Wilson – BAC Website

Dennie Warren – BAC and Castro Valley Newsletters

Steve Rhodes – Snowchasers website

Monterey Ski and Social Club -- Diamond Award Charities and Our Communities

In closing . . . I have had the honor and privilege of representing The Greatest Council in FWSA. The dynamic and diverse people who have been and currently are members of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Far West Ski Association Board of Directors that continue to make BAC a thriving and successful Council.

[www.skibac.org](http://www.skibac.org)



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Fran Long  
Central Council



Central Council is made up of six member clubs. Our mission as a council is to build friendships and support our larger organizations, Far West Ski Association and the National Ski Council Federation. Visit our Meetup site for council information, and links to our member clubs' information: <http://www.meetup.com/Central-Council-Ski-Clubs>

Central Council ski clubs have planned a full schedule of ski trips for the coming season. The trips don't look exactly like they have in the past as many of the indoor activities have been revised or suspended for the coming season, but we are all hopeful that we will be skiing/riding and having a wonderful snowsports season. Information on a club's upcoming trips can be found by clicking on the individual links below.

Central Council does not directly plan/organize ski trips. Our clubs do a fine job of that on their own! As a council, we do support the FWSA travel program, and a small number of our members are looking forward to the FWSA North American ski week to Snowmass January 29-February 5, 2022. Information on all FWSA travel destinations is passed on to our clubs for their encouraged participation.

We are a group that loves our winter sports as well as our summer fun. As the snowsports season comes to an end, and our thinking turns to warm weather activities, check out our clubs' contact information below for planned summer fun and activities. Think hikes, bike rides, camp trips, etc.

Fresno Ski Club: Mark Vester, [markvester-ski@att.net](mailto:markvester-ski@att.net)

SLO Skiers: Stacey King, [www.sloskiers.org](http://www.sloskiers.org)

Santa Barbara Ski Club: Ginny Nixon, [www.sbski.org](http://www.sbski.org)

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Members of Central Council at the FWSA Convention in San Diego.. Front row:(left to right): Helen Jacobson, Mary Alexander, Amalia Plemons. Back row:(left to right): Kelly Fisher, Karen Dills, Peter Jacobson, Gloria Raminha.

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## Jennifer Coutts

### Intermountain Ski Council



During the first weekend of August, the Intermountain Ski Council (ISC) had its first summer get-together in a long time. Members from four clubs traveled to Lava Hot Springs in Idaho to go tubing on the Portneuf River, golf, visit the natural hot springs, BBQ, fish and hike. A dinner social was held on the first night at the Blue Moon bar & grill where council members were able to meet (some for the first time,) get to know one another, eat and play horseshoes.

On Saturday, the council met for breakfast and then proceeded to the hot springs pools where the water temperatures ranged from 102 to a steamy 112 degrees! Afterwards, some rode the river on tubes while some took some time to walk through downtown and do some sightseeing. Later in the evening there was a BBQ picnic at the park with lots of good food and friendly games of cornhole. Everyone

agreed that the weekend was a huge success, and the council is already planning next year's summer gathering.

The ISC was represented at the 2021 Convention in San Diego by seven attendees: six from Bogus Basin Ski Club (BBSC) and one from Northern Wasatch Ski & Social Club. We also had two nominees for the Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition: Craig Olsen and Lynda Clark, both of the Bogus Basin Ski Club. Each of them made significant contributions to their club and Lynda has been a crucial asset to the council as the secretary. Additionally, Craig won 3rd place for the Wentworth Outstanding Publication award for 2019-2020 and he also accepted the Diamond Recognition award on behalf of the BBSC for charities and community service.

The ISC will be returning to Sun Valley, Idaho from January 9-16, 2022, for the

annual council ski week. We are looking forward to an even bigger turnout than the last trip now that some of the COVID precautions have loosened up and most people have been vaccinated.

We will have some members of the council participating in the 2022 Snowmass trip with the FWSA. While in the past the council has not sold the ski week trips, there will be more efforts in the future to sell trips and to emphasize the benefits of traveling with the FWSA.

The ISC is made up of ski clubs across the Intermountain West and currently has 10 clubs in its membership. Zoom meetings are taking place every other month. We are hopeful that with the success of the recent gathering and our new social media pages we will be able to recruit more clubs and continue to grow the council.

Council members at Lava Hot Springs Aug 7, 2021 (photo credit: Jenn Coutts)



Council members at the 2021 FWSA Convention (photo credit: Steve Strickland)





## Sandy Blackwell

### Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



The Los Angeles Council (LAC) of Ski Clubs has about 24 clubs, which include snow sports, water sports and social clubs, due, in part, to aging membership. These clubs cover all of Los Angeles County – from the ocean to Riverside and north to almost Santa Barbara, and just above Orange County. Thus, we have a large area with a great variety and diversity of what we can do, and who we do it with.

Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort is the Go-To resort for skiing for LAC, with its great variety of terrain, magnificent lifts, race courses that are challenging, and dining choices. Mammoth also offers their wonderful summer programs (jazz, mountain biking, hot springs and even camping and, oh yes, a bit of hiking, with Mt. Whitney just down the road a bit.)

Los Angeles Council always participates in the FWSA Ski Week each year and went to Sun Valley in early February this year. The trip had a few challenges (banquet dinner to go in a box! No bar and no dancing,) but the ice skating was fun. BUT the skiing was great with no racing – so more skiing, and

a 25% capacity because of COVID. What really made the trip was the people that attended - everyone was gracious, everyone was happy, and the smiles were just spectacular.

We are closing in on the 2022 FWSA Aspen/Snowmass trip (Jan. 29 – Feb. 5) – the trip sold itself! So much so, we had to get more hotel/condo space. Can't wait – it will be another great trip.

Convention, 2021 – San Diego, was the place to be Oct 7-10 weekend. The silent auction was, as usual, a great place to buy a trip or two at a great price. LAC won 2nd place for our publication, the "Snow Scene" with editor Gordon Cardona always producing such a beautiful and well-crafted publication for us. I have no idea where he gets the ideas of what to put into the newsletter, it is always a work of art. Gordon also won First Place each for his Unrecables club's newsletter and website. CONGRATULATIONS!

LAC Man of the Year Pete Smith (Wailers) and LAC Woman of the Year Soo Lee (Unrecables),

selected in 2019, were honorees celebrated in the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year recognition program at the FWSA Convention. They made a great showing at the judging and on their resumes, and I was very proud of them for their contributions to their clubs. We also had a nice group attend convention from Long Beach Ski Club – most of whom I had never met, so that was very nice to meet many of them. Also, one of their members, Tan Nguyen, was elected as Secretary on the FWSA Board of Directors. He is also currently LBSC's weekend trips chair.

The Council's quarterly meetings are still via Zoom, mainly because we get more people on them. So why ruin a good thing! I'm starting to hear from many of the clubs that they have gotten their winter ski trips set up and are moving forward with their plans. Congratulations on that.

For details regarding all the Los Angeles clubs and activities, please visit us at [www.Lacouncil.org](http://www.Lacouncil.org).

The Los Angeles Council delegation to the 88th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention in San Diego contained representatives from many of the council's clubs.

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## Todd Hood

### National Brotherhood of Skiers, Western Region



Nearly a dozen leaders from several NBS Western Region clubs participated in the Far West Ski Association Annual Convention from October 7-10, 2021, at the San Diego Mission Valley Marriott in San Diego, CA. We were excited to support Teri Allard, NBS Western Region Director in her inaugural FWSA Silent Auction where over \$20,000 was generated for the Far West Ski Association. Shauna Kinsey (SnowBusters Ski Club of Pasadena) and Frank Robertson (Winter Fox Ski Association of Los Angeles) represented the NBS Western Region in the FWSA Councils' Man/Woman of the Year Program. The NBS Western Region was recognized as the third-place winner in the Far West Ski Association Outstanding Social Media Award Program. Four Seasons West Ski and Snowboard Club of Los Angeles and the SnowBusters Ski Club of Pasadena were both recognized in the FWSA Charities and Our Communities Recognition Program for their youth outreach programs. The NBS Western Region earned third place in the Far West Ski Association Outstanding Social Media Award Program.

Todd Hood (SnowBusters Ski Club of Pasadena) moderated the "Race to the Finish" Snowsports Leadership Academy session that presented questions and answers for participants to exchange input and insights about race, gender, sex, and a myriad of characteristics that divide us, in order for us to unite for fun, adventure, and successful relationships, on and off the slopes. The ongoing goal is not to solve the problems of the world, but for NBS West-

ern Region and the Far West Ski Association to positively impact our small section of it. Jane Gutierrez (Four Seasons West Ski and Snowboard Club of Los Angeles) serves as FWSA Social Media Chair; and a host of others attended the convention as delegates. We are excited to also note that Schone Malliet (Four Seasons West Ski and Snowboard Club of Los Angeles) and CEO/Founder of the National Winter Sports Education Foundation, the National Winter Activity Center, and Winter4Kids Foundation in New Jersey was honored with a Far West Ski Association Snowsports Builder Award.

Additionally the National Winter Activity Center announced a Chair Lift Naming Fundraiser for families, individuals and companies to honor someone for a five year period on one of their chair lifts: <https://www.classy.org/give/364358/#!/donation/checkout>. Proceeds go towards growing the Winter4Kids Program to 10,000 participants per year by 2024. These participants experience lessons in downhill skiing, snowboarding and cross-country skiing while learning skills to improve their attitudes around their health, self, opportunity, mastery of new skills and a love for the outdoors. Winter4Kids has designated their first lift chair to be named for Haymon Jahi, a former NBS National President that passed in April 2020, after complications due to COVID-19. This designation honors Haymon Jahi's incredible support and contribution to Winter4Kids, NBS and Share Winter. Funds will go towards honoring his memory through their

program. <https://www.classy.org/campaign/honoring-hayman-jahi-nbs-president/c364909>

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame induction ceremony for the NBS Founders Art Clay and Ben Finley has been moved to March 26, 2022 in Sun Valley, ID. The official dates of the entire event are March 23-27, 2022. For more information, see <http://www.skihall.com>



**NBS Western Region Delegates at Far West Ski Convention, San Diego, CA**

**Rick O'Riley, Frank Robertson, Jerry McGhee, Yolanda Lockhart, Shauna Kinsey, Jane Gutierrez, Brenda Holden, Todd Hood, Heidi Sprewell**

**Photo credit: Todd Hood**

On October 20, 2021, 82 attendees returned from the five-day NBS Western Region Fun Fest 2021 at Secrets Papagayo in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. The event featured zip lining, horseback riding, motorboating around on ATV's, catamaran sailing, visits to hot springs, waterfalls and an eco-

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## Chris Ciardi Northwest Ski Club Council



Board of Directors meetings for NWSCC, as well as our council meetings for all club members, continue to be virtual. Virtual meetings have increased participation from member clubs and speakers. We're excited to bring a local celebrity, "Powder Poobah" and his followers, to our November meeting.

Several clubs have taken advantage of our Social Media guru in getting their Facebook presence updated or started from scratch. This is continuing to help with our marketing to Industry. We want to be an

advocate for all members, clubs, non-profits, and industry.

We're excited to announce that the changes made by our Racing League, PACRAT, will be continued into the 2021/22 racing season. The board of directors made big changes last year, that worked so well they are maintaining the two groups; one weekday, one Sunday. They are planning four races per group and one joint race. La Nina should make the ski and racing season in the Pacific Northwest another great one.

NWSCC has full participation in the FWSA Ski Week in Aspen/Snowmass, January 2022. Planning for 2023 is already in the works with a site visit to Jackson Hole happening soon.

FWSA 2022 Convention planning is now moving forward. NWSCC and Portland, Oregon are looking forward to hosting the FWSA family of skiers, boarders, resorts, and other industry members.



NWSCC members attend the convention in San Diego. Back row left to right: Sandi Shaub, Julie Peck, Dale Parshall, Bill King. Front row left to right: Linda Coxen, Steve Coxen, Marilyn Sigler, Sheri Parshall and Debbi Kor

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Sheila Van Guilder  
Orange Council of Ski Clubs



Orange Council of Ski Clubs is celebrating its 50th year of existence!

Our annual Orange Council Picnic was held on October 2nd. Our clubs sent 30 of their members for this special free event. There was much visiting with old friends and playing lawn bowling and pickle ball. Jess Gorman, from Balboa Ski & Sports Club, along with Jim Wiesenbaker, from Fountain Valley Ski Club, barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs for all to enjoy. It was wonderful to see so many old friends after the past year's deprivation of events.

In February 2022 we will be celebrating at our annual Club Presidents Dinner. This is an opportunity for our clubs to talk about their trips, recap the FWSA trip to Aspen/Snowmass and to discuss next year's FWSA trip to Jackson Hole (2023.)

Orange Council's Race League is Schusski

Race League. We race with ROKKA Race League and have just had race dates set for Feb. 12, 2022, and March 19, 2022. We will be joining FWRA for the race finals on April 10, 2022. These will all be held at Mammoth Mountain Resort. Please check on line in case of changes at <http://www.orangecouncil.org>, Orange Council supports part of the expense for our racers. So, no excuse not to join the fun.

Fountain Valley Ski Club's 2022 trip is to Steamboat Springs. Their Mammoth drive up trips are scheduled, and all are anxious to start the 2022 season. To get ready for these trips, they have special weekly kayaks and paddle board workouts. Join them for plenty of fun!

Huntington Beach Ski Club also has a Mammoth trip scheduled. This year they plan to go to Taos for the first time. They too have

an active kayaking and paddle board program.

Snowbounders Ski Club has a trip to Salt Lake City planned along with their Mammoth trips. They have special monthly luncheons.

Balboa Ski and Sports is supporting the council trip to Aspen Snowmass. They have one of the last bus programs for Mammoth trips in the council, and a very active tennis program which has been very strong since 1955. Their biking program is a combination of sports event and a social event. Balboa enjoyed a series of very successful summer dinner/social meetings held at the American Legion Post 290 on Newport Bay.

Check the Orange Council website for club information. We welcome you and hope you will find a great spot in one of our clubs.



Balboa Ski & Sports Club



United States Adaptive Recreation Center







## Ira Lindenfeld

### San Diego Council of Ski Clubs



Well, we did it! On our second attempt we had a wonderful FWSA convention in San Diego from 10/6-10/10/21. Due to the pandemic, our convention was rescheduled from the traditional June to October.

We started off with an evening in Coronado on Wednesday night. A group of 30+ travelled by trolley and ferry from San Diego Harbor to Coronado. The views were spectacular and once on Coronado, we split into smaller groups for dinner and lots of great conversation.

Thursday was a day for optional activities including the Coronado Bike Ride and San Diego Harbor Cruise. Both events were very well attended. The day was rounded out with an Oktoberfest themed Pub Crawl.

Friday's Golf Tournament started off a bit drizzly but soon our sunny skies made for a

perfect golf day. Kayaking and paddle boarding were offered in Mission Bay while another group went on a La Jolla Trolley Tour. Reports were that all events were very fun. Later that afternoon, a Pool Party was moved inside due to cloudy skies. The Happy Hour and Silent Auction drew a big crowd with bidding on many great ski deals. Teri Allard was a star in her first Silent Auction Chairperson role.

Optional activities were highly successful due to the dedication of their leaders:

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Coronado Bike Ride      | Debbie & Hobe Schroeder |
| San Diego Harbor Cruise | Gunter                  |
| Pub Crawl               | Leah Clark              |
| Golf Tournament         | Barbara Blasé           |
| Kayak & Paddleboarding  | John Walsh              |

Trolley Tour Debbie & Hobe Schroeder

Saturday morning's Travel Expo was handled effortlessly by Mary Jo Lau. Industry reps presented great options for future trips.

Saturday's lunch guest speaker was Chris Anthony, award winning Director of "Mission Mt. Mangart," a film featuring the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division.

Public Affairs Panel discussions were led by Gil Nadeau, Tom Rice, Bruce Campbell, Howard Koch, and Chris Anthony.

Saturday evening dinner and awards ceremony included Schone Malliet, visionary for Winter4Kids. His vision and efforts have resulted in the purchase of a ski resort for children's introduction to winter activities. Sunday featured the General Session and election of officers.



Pictured are Hobe Schroeder, Debbie Schroeder, Ira Lindenfeld, SDCSC President and Janie Lindenfeld.

FWSA Convention

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Jo Simpson  
Sierra Council



Sierra Council members celebrated being able to safely socialize with a council barbeque and general meeting in September.



We normally have this gathering in June, but we postponed it to the fall when people were feeling more comfortable about gathering together. We had the largest turnout in many years as it seemed that people were ready to gather and socialize after the long COVID hiatus.

We elected officers and all the previous

officers are continuing. They are Jo Simpson, President; Corey Doolin, Vice President/Membership; Carlene Boutacoff, VP Travel/Social; Pat Ostroff, Secretary; Nan Carnal, Race Director; Mark Ostroff, Head Gatekeeper; Pavel Bosin, Webmaster; and Beth Perryman, Newsletter Editor.

Our annual holiday party is scheduled for December 12 in Truckee. Our clubs are also enjoying social gatherings.

We have six races scheduled in conjunction with the Bay Area Council's Singles and Open Leagues. We will be racing at Palisades (nee Alpine Meadows,) Northstar and Sugar Bowl.

Our members are ready to travel! Our allotted spaces for the FWSA North American Ski Week to Aspen Snowmass filled up almost as soon as we announced that we were taking reservations. Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, was able to secure some rooms at an additional property which allowed us to accommodate all 51

members who wanted to go.

The Las Vegas Ski and Sports Club is going to Salt Lake City Feb. 27 – March 3 to ski at area resorts.

We were excited to get a huge early season snowstorm in the Sierra in October that has everyone eager to get back on skis.

Photo credits:

Photo #1 Todd Betterton, Reno Ski and Recreation Club VP Social, barbeques for an outdoor activity day. Photo by Susie Jacox

Photo #2: Reno Ski and Recreation Club members clown around at Mt. Rose Ski Tahoe. Photo submitted by Reno Ski and Recreation Club.

Photo #3 Reno Ski and Recreation Club members enjoy a bike ride. Photo by Sue Jacox





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logical center. Compliments and appreciation were extended to the Western Region and to the trip leaders, Dr. Lori Moore and Mr. Eric Blackmon from many of the attendees. Stay tuned for plans for the next NBS Western Region Fun Fest event.

The NBS Western Region hosts Urban Winterfest 2022, - "Embracing the Dream" for MLK Weekend January 13-17, 2022. This event, dedicated to the legacy of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., covers 5 fun-filled days and 4 exciting nights at the Copper Mountain Ski Resort in Colorado. All registration fees include three meal functions, three social functions, a donation to NBS Western Region Youth Programs, and an Urban Winterfest Sponsor Swag Bag.

Featured events include:

- Welcome Party on Thursday night
  - Happy Hour on Friday evening
  - Mountain Lunch at Saturday noon
  - Theme Party on Saturday night
  - MLK Commemorative Breakfast on Sunday morning
  - NFL Viewing Party on Sunday afternoon
- See information and reserve discounted lodging, lifts and all access party pass at <http://www.urbanwinterfest.net>

The National Brotherhood of Skiers Black Summit is planned for in Aspen/Snowmass, CO February on 5-12, 2022 (the week following the FWSA Ski Week.) The weeklong event is expected to attract nearly 1,000 snow enthusiasts for entertainment, fellowship, and competition. Details are available at <http://www.nbs.org>

The NBS Western Region is the 10th council to join the Far West Ski Association. Comprised of 14 ski and snowboard clubs

from San Francisco to San Diego, Las Vegas to Los Angeles, the Western Region is part of the National Brotherhood of Skiers, representing 54 clubs nationwide. The National Brotherhood of Skiers Western Region is committed to working with other snowsports organizations to pursue initiatives to cultivate cultural harmony through the NBS Western Region's Cultural Harmony Initiative (CHI). Chi is a Chinese word meaning aliveness, life force energy or life breath. Yin and Yang is a concept of dualism, describing how seemingly opposite or contrary forces may actually be complementary, interconnected, and interdependent in the natural world, and how they may give rise to each other as they interrelate to one another. Interested sponsors are welcome to contact [sponsorship@nbswr.org](mailto:sponsorship@nbswr.org) to investigate ways they may partner with the NBS Western Region.



Fun Fest 2021 in at Secrets Papagayo in Guanacaste, Costa Rica.

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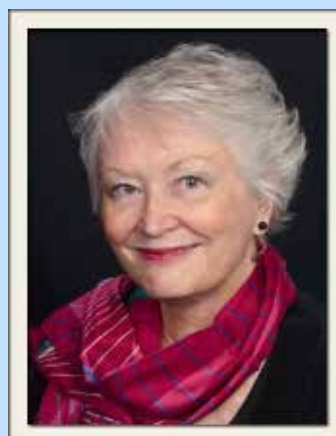
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