

Far West News *Flash*

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Far West Ski Association

CONVENTION 2022 PHOTOS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE: If you were one of the many attendees at this year's convention, you were part of the Phil & Steve Mahre "experience". These two "wowed" our guests on Saturday, at lunchtime, as our Keynote Speakers, and then joined us again for dinner. Many, many photos were taken by our Convention Photographer, Adam Bacher. Far West would like to offer up copies of the photos to those who had their picture taken with these former Olympians. For a nominal donation of just \$20, YOU may purchase these awesome photos. All funds will be directed to the Far West Ski Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Donations will be contributed to its missions of: **Building for the Future** - Athletic Scholarships for Junior Racers, **Rehabilitation and Renewal** - adaptive ski programs, **Sustaining Snowsports** - Fly Girls and Women's Ski Jumping, and **Preserving the Legacy** - snowsports history. You can designate which program (s) your donation would support. Send payment, made payable to FWSF, to Randy Lew: 829 SE 11th Pl., Battle Ground, WA 98604. An electronic copy of the photo will be sent to you.

MT. HOOD MEADOWS JOINS INDY PASS: The Indy Pass will now include Mt. Hood Meadows, in Oregon. This resort is Indy's largest resort by skier volume, and it brings the number of Indy partners to 105 for the 2022-2023 Season. Other recent additions include Black Mountain of Maine; Meadowlark, Wyoming; and Aomori Spring, Japan as full downhill partners

TOP 13 LARGEST SKI RESORTS ON EARTH: Last month the *Flash* reported the Top Ten SMALL Ski Resorts. Now, let's turn the tables and list the top 13 LARGEST Ski Resorts on earth. Only ONE is in the U.S. From largest to smallest: *Les Trois Vallees, France* (600 km), *Sella Ronda, Italy* (500 km), *Alpe d'Huize & Les Deux Alpes, France* (475 km), *Paradiski, France* (425 km), *Four Vallees, Switzerland* (412 km), *Milky Way, France/Italy* (400 km), *Matterhorn Ski Paradise, Switzerland/Italy* (360 km), *Saalbach, Austria* (345 km), *Les Sybelles, France* (310 km), *Arlberg Ski Area, Austria* (305 km), *Val d'Isere/Tignes, France* (300 km), *Park City, Utah* (265 km), and *Whistler/Blackcomb, B.C.* (253 km). How many of these areas have YOU skied?

SUMMER WEATHER TAKES A TOLL ON WORLD SKI RESORTS: Ski resorts in the southern hemisphere are having a terrific season with massive amounts of snow being dumped on the mountains. However, *Mt. Lyford*, near Christ Church, recently had to close due to TOO MUCH snow....too much snow on the roads, poor visibility, and chairs having to be dug out. On the other side of this, Austria's *Mölltaler Gletscher* and *Val d'Isère* had to suspend summer operations, as did the Italian Glacier, *Passo Stelvio*.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

FWSA 2022 DIVE TRIP: *Limited availability* on the FWSA 2022 dive trip to Cozumel. We will be staying at Iberostar Cozumel Resort in their standard bungalow style rooms from **October 8 – 15, 2022**. All meals, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages, 5 days of 2 tank dives including 2 Cenote dives, and a night dive. Iberostar Cozumel is located on the Southwest side of the island, and is close to the best dive sites. Dressel Divers, a PADI 5-Star Instructor Development Center dive operation is located on the property. For further information, contact trip leader, Randy Lew: fwsa13randy@telis.net.

NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK: *Jackson Hole Mountain Resort* will be the destination for the 2023 Ski Week. Dates are: **January 21 – 28, 2023**. Stay tuned for further information, or contact Nancy Ellis, VP of North American Travel: fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net.

FWSA MINI SKI WEEK: *Taos, New Mexico* will be the destination for the **2023 Mini Ski Week**. Dates are yet to be determined. Taos offers: Slope-side lodging, complimentary ground shuttle to Taos Valley, plus complimentary ski & board rentals for Round Trip flights. Non-stop air service is available between Taos, NM and Austin and Dallas TX; also non-stop from Carlsbad-San Diego and Hawthorne-Los Angeles to Taos Ski Valley.

FWSA 2023 INTERNATIONAL TRIP: **Registration is now OPEN** for The Far West 2023 International Ski Week, which will be to *Zermatt, Switzerland*, with an extension to *Costa del Sol, Southern Spain and Mallorca*. For further information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net

FAR WEST COUNCILS

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL: Fresh off hosting the 89th Annual Far West Convention, Northwest Ski Club Council will be holding the 15th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, on Friday, September 30, 2022 at McMenamin's Edgefield, in Troutdale, OR. The tournament was postponed due to inclement weather at this year's Convention. We will now be having a 10 a.m. Shotgun Start, on that Friday morning. Lunch will be provided at the Parshall home, following. Prizes and awards will also be done at that time. Please contact Sheri Parshall if you are interested in playing: cougskier@aol.com.

SIERRA LEAGUE AND COUNCIL: Sierra League and Council will have their annual barbeque and general meeting Sept. 17 in Truckee. All members of Sierra Council clubs and Sierra direct members are welcome. The council will supply the grilled items and attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. We are looking forward to getting together with our ski buddies, many of whom we haven't seen during the summer. We will hear about upcoming trips and activities to enjoy during the ski season. There will be a short business meeting to elect officers for the coming year.

The Las Vegas Ski Club is supporting the *Huntman's Senior World Games*, October 3-15, 2022, in St. George, Utah. For those of us who want to remain in shape for the snow skiing season, we recommend attending these Games. Pat Smith, new member of LVSC, has attended as a volunteer, spectator, and as a registrant for mountain bicycling in 2021. Since the Games have over 34 sports, you may identify as a potential athlete and list yourself under "Partner Finds." Check it out. The experiences of "Active Aging" and "Living Your Best Life" are certainly celebrated! Members interested in learning more can sign into: www.seniorgames.net. You can also contact Pat directly at: psmith7959@icloud.com

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL OFSKI CLUBS: *"Thailand with a Twist"*. The Conejo Ski & Sports Club is planning a custom, action-packed itinerary developed specifically for members of their club who are looking for just the right combination of outdoor adventure, cultural exploration, and relaxation. 16 days, 15 nights (5-Star hotels), roundtrip air on Japan Airlines, with 25 meals provided. The dates are November 18 – December 4, 2022. Begin your trip in Bangkok, and end it in Phuket, with lots of great stops in-between. Contact Carolyn Phillips for more information: phillipscaroc@gmail.com, or 805-796-7015.

Stay Safe! Stay Healthy!