

Far West NewsFlash

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Far West Ski Association

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME: Inductees to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame Class of 2022 was formally announced on September 19, 2022 at a Hall of Fame Fundraiser in Park City, Utah. Among the inductees are three of the most important foundational athletes in snowboarding including X-Games gold medalist, U.S. Open champion and Boarding for Breast Cancer pioneer. *Tina Basich* (Nevada City, CA); America's first Olympic snowboard medalist *Shannon Dunn-Downing* (Steamboat Springs, CO); and the "father of freestyle snowboarding" *Terry Kidwell* (Tahoma, CA). Speed skier *C.J. Mueller* (Breckenridge, CO), who held three world speed records, and free-skiing pioneer *Kent Kreidler* (Sun Valley, ID), who has over 100 first descents, were also recognized. The Hall will also induct one of the U.S. Alpine Ski Team's most successful coaches, *Phil McNichol* (Hometown). Other inductees include longtime Ski Racing International publisher *Gary Black* (Sun Valley, ID, posthumous); legendary Mammoth Mountain and Alterra Mountain Company leader *Alan 'Rusty' Gregory* (Mammoth Lakes, CA); and legendary adaptive snowsports pioneer *Gwen Allard* (Mendon, VT). The Inductees are voted on by a national panel of voters. The March 2023 ceremony will be at *Big Sky Resort*, and will be the first to feature a dual induction. In catching up following pandemic delays, the Class of 2021 will be celebrated on Friday, March 24 with the Class of 2022 inducted on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

NSCF 5th ANNUAL VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION: The National Ski Council Federation's annual Virtual Silent Auction is taking place **NOW through November 1, 2022**. Check out their website for 3 pages of ski passes, gear, lodging opportunities, and much, much more. The website is: <https://www.32auctions.com/NSCFAuction2022>.

IKON PASS ADDS SUN PEAKS RESORT: *Sun Peaks Resort* in British Columbia, has been added to the Alterra Mountain Company's Ikon Pass. The pass now provides access to more than 50 destinations in 10 countries for the 2022-23 season. It is the sixth destination in British Columbia on the Ikon Pass, joining Panorama, Revelstoke Mountain Resort, RED Mountain, Cypress Mountain, and CMH Heli-Skiing & Summer Adventures.

THREE MORE SKI AREAS ADDED TO THE INDY PASS: *Bluebird Back Country*, Colorado, *Chestnut Mountain*, Illinois and *Snowriver*, Michigan are the latest areas added to the Indy Pass, bringing the number to 96 accessible areas for alpine skiing, and 13 Nordic areas in the U.S. and Japan. *Sugar Bowl* has now been added to the **Mountain Collective Pass**, as the 25th resort on their list.

CANADA TO REMOVE ALL COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS: Canada has lifted their remaining COVID-19 restrictions to all international and domestic travelers as of October 1st. The regulatory changes come two and a half years after Canada first implemented requirements for all people coming into and traveling throughout the country to wear masks, take random testing, and other mandatory requirements. This shift will see the removal of all restrictions, testing, quarantine and isolation for anyone arriving into Canada, regardless of citizenship status.

THE BEST MONTHS TO SKI IN COLORADO: It's always tough to decide when the best time to plan for a ski trip to Colorado. The months of January and February are typically your best bet. However, be mindful of the many holidays the first part of January. That, coupled with shorter days and colder weather may make you re-think your trip. Late February to Mid-March is best as most areas fill in, more and better terrain is open,

and big dumps of snow. PLUS, in March, the days start getting longer and a bit warmer. This means less clothing, chances to stay warm, get some rays and really enjoy yourself on the hill.

FAR WEST TRAVEL

NORTH AMERICAN SKI WEEK: *Jackson Hole Mountain Resort* has **SOLD OUT!** There is a wait-list to fill any cancellations that may come up. Dates for this trip are: **January 21 – 28, 2023**. Check with your Council Trip Leader or Nancy Ellis, VP of North American Travel for further info: fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net.

FWSA MINI SKI WEEK: *Taos, New Mexico* will be the destination for the 2023 Mini Ski Week. Dates for this trip are **February 25 - March 2, 2023**. This trip is **ALMOST SOLD OUT!** Go to <https://fwsamini.sat.tours> to preview and sign up for the trip.

FWSA 2023 INTERNATIONAL TRIP: **THIS TRIP IS ALMOST SOLD OUT!** The Far West 2023 International Ski Week, will be to *Zermatt, Switzerland* from **February 25 – March 12, 2023**. **A waiting list is in place for the extension** to *Costa del Sol, Southern Spain and Mallorca*. For further information, contact Debbie Stewart, VP of International Travel: fwsaintltravel@prodigy.net

FWSA 12TH ANNUAL DIVE TRIP: The 2023 Far West Dive Trip will be to the *Turks & Caicos Islands*. Dates for this trip will be **September 16 – 23, 2023**. The trip includes 7-nights lodging at the East Bay Resort in South Caicos, with meals. Also included is 6 days of two tank boat dives. Pricing is set for both divers and non-divers. Contact Randy Lew for further information: fwsa13randy@telis.net.

FAR WEST SKI COUNCILS

SIERRA LEAGUE AND COUNCIL: The Sierra Council held their annual barbeque and general meeting Sept. 17. We had beautiful weather and a nice gathering of almost 50 members and guests. We heard about trips, racing and plans for the annual winter party coming up Dec. 4 in Truckee. We elected officers for the coming year with all the incumbents re-elected: President - *Jo Simpson*, Vice President - *Corey Doolin*, Vice President Travel - *Carlene Boutacoff*, Secretary - *Pat Ostroff*, Race Director - *Nan Carnal*, Webmaster - *Pavel Bosin*, Newsletter Editor - *Beth Perryman*.

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL: The next NWSCC meeting will be held October 26, via Zoom. Our guest speaker will be Gold Sponsor, *Next Adventure*. The Annual Portland ski show, *Snowvana*, is set for November 18-20, 2022, at the Oregon Convention Center. NWSCC and PACRAT will both have booth space. All member clubs are welcome to share information about their individual clubs. Participating clubs are asked to provide volunteers to work throughout the weekend. The PACRAT League will be racing again this year, with racers being divided between Friday and Sunday Division teams. Four races are planned for each division, with a final combined group Sunday race to wrap the season. Schedule is still being set between Mt. Hood Meadows, Timberline, and Mt. Hood Skibowl.

FAR WEST SKI FOUNDATION

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.

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