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THE COUNCILMAN



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GLORIA RAMINHA, PRESIDENT

I want to start by thanking everyone who voted at the Convention and appreciate your trust and confidence by electing me your 2018 – 2019 FWSA President. I will work hard for this organization and promise to do my best at working with the Board of Directors and Committees to continue the development of our programs insuring FWSA's continued success. I would like to thank Steve Coxen for his 3 years of great leadership and personal sacrifices. Steve has been a great mentor to me and it is because of Steve, I have the confidence to provide the leadership FWSA needs to continue its success.

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.

We recently held our 86th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada. The success is from the many hours of planning and execution by our dedicated volunteers as well as the support of our sponsors and donors. 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 Chair. This was Debbi's first

year as Convention Chair and she, along with her Convention Staff did an outstanding job. A special thanks goes to Paul Vlasveld, President of Bay Area Snow Sports Council and Jo Simpson, President of Sierra League & Councils co-hosts of the convention, and to all the BAC and Sierra Council volunteers for all their hard work and time with assisting at the convention. There are many more volunteers that I am not going to name, but without everyone taking time out of their daily lives and activities, our conventions would not be the successes that they are.

The 87th Annual FWSA Convention will be held June 13-16, 2019 in Indian Wells, California, hosted by the Orange Council of Ski Clubs. I know that this Convention will be one that you should not miss. Orange Council has been working on this for the past year or more and they have plans for some exciting activities for all attendees. Check out the Convention article in *The Councilman*.

Last February, the North American Ski Week was in Banff, Alberta, Canada. We had a great group of members who enjoyed skiing, parties, dancing, food and the beautiful scenery of the Canadian Rockies. We also held a mini/adventure trip to Alyeska and Anchorage, Alaska where we skied, toured some amazing sites, attended and participated in the ceremonial Iditarod festivities. Next year's annual North American Ski Trip will be in Steamboat, Colorado, February 2 to 9, 2019 along with a mini ski trip at Winter Park, March 24 to 29, 2019.

The International Travel program has grown with successful and outstanding ski weeks. Les Trois Vallées, France was this year's Interna-

tional Ski Trip with an extension to Lyon, Beaune and Paris. Other trips over the past few years were to: Cortina, Italy; Val d'Isere, France; Innsbruck, Austria, etc. The 2019 Annual International Ski Trip will be in Hakuba Valley, Japan with a pre-trip to Niseko and post trip to Kanazawa, Kyoto and Tokyo. The dates for the full trip package are March 4 to 23, 2019.

Far West has an extensive travel program with several trips planned over the next couple of years. Here are some of the locations FWSA will be traveling to: Big Sky, Montana; Big White, British Columbia, Canada; Zermatt Resort, Utah; Davos, Switzerland; India; Croatia, Grand Cayman dive trip; Philippines dive trip and British Virgin Island Windjammer Cruise. Visit our website at www.fwsa.org or follow us on our Facebook page for more information about our travel program, annual convention and to learn more about our organization.

I would like to thank our outgoing officers for all their efforts and time during the terms of office and I would like to welcome our new officers to the Board of Directors. These officers along with the rest of the Board of Directors, Council Presidents and Committee Chairs and have been working diligently on our FWSA programs along with our Committees to continue executing the existing programs and developing new programs to add value to our membership.

We have an exciting year ahead of us. To all of you, have a fun ski season and stay safe. I look forward to seeing you on the slopes, on some of our trips, and at our Convention in Indian Wells, California.

Jo Simpson, 2018 Host Council Convention Co-Coordinator



The Sierra League and Council and the Bay Area Snow Sports Council co-sponsored the 2018 FWSA Convention in Reno.

The first arrivals to the convention enjoyed a rafting trip on the Truckee River sponsored by Brian Head Resort and organized by John Walsh of the Bay Area Snowsports Council's Inskiers Ski and Snowboard Club.

The convention kicked off for good with the Reno Rumble, a pub crawl in downtown Reno organized by Reno Ski and Recreation Club member Linda Russ and sponsored by Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation. The DJ at the last stop had everyone up dancing.

The fun continued on Friday morning with the annual Michael German Golf Tournament, organized by Bob and Nancy Ellis of the Cabernet Ski and Race Club and sponsored by Club Med.

Lauri Thompson of the Reno Ski and Recreation club led a hike to Diamond Peak Ski Area that provided wonderful views of beautiful Lake Tahoe from the Snowflake Lodge where the resort provided hikers

with lunch.

A number of convention attendees enjoyed a Spa Day sponsored by Aspen Snowmass and Aspen Tourism.

The Central Council of California's Kim Reihl, of the Fresno Ski Club and Clovis Ski and Travel Club, organized the pool party on Friday afternoon that was sponsored by Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

The Friday evening Silent Auction and Trade Show was well attended by delegates and host council club members.

Saturday morning, the convention was called to order, and delegates proceeded to the Travel Expo to talk about future trips for their clubs and councils with the various resort and tour operators represented.

Three Snowsports Leadership Academy presentations were available to delegates to further their knowledge about club leadership. "Make Your Non-Profit Passion a Successful Reality" was presented by Dave Ludwig, founder of Hope on the Slopes, a non-profit dedicated to raising funds for the American Cancer Society. "Knock Knock, Who's There to Take Over? Successful Succession Planning" was presented by Todd Hood of the Snowbusters Ski Club of Pasadena and a facilitator in change management. "I Want to Go on The Trip, Too. Maximizing Travel of Your Clients with Special Needs" was presented

by Jane Gutierrez with panel members Hannah Nishimoto and Sigrid Noack of the Unrecables Ski Club in the Los Angeles Council.

Two public affairs panels were offered that featured Olympians, winners of FWSA scholarships to promising junior racers and other notable representatives of the ski world.

The luncheon speaker was Billy Kidd, 1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist, who regaled the audience with his Olympic Games competition experiences.

The Saturday evening banquet was sponsored by Alterra Mountain Company and IKON Pass. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year awards to Kim Hovren and Michael Bouton, both of the Intermountain Ski Council.

Delegates got down to business on Sunday morning with the election of officers for 2018-2019. Awards were presented to clubs and councils for their winning newsletters, websites, and charity work.

Sierra and Bay Area are grateful to all the FWSA volunteers who guided us through the convention planning and execution. It takes a village to run a convention and we could not be prouder to be part of ours.

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

Convention Highlights

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

Optional Activities

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

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

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Event Sponsors

86th Annual FWSA Convention

by Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

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

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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) and **Karbon** (Shure Sports)




Safety Award

Telluride is the sponsor of the Safety Award. They are offering a \$750 gift certificate to the winner.

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 Sunday Morning

Silent Auction & Travel Expo – 2018 Participants

by Jeannine Davis, Michael Bouton, and Debbi Kor

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

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

49er Inn and Suites/Town Square Inns, WY
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Big White Ski Resort, Canada
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Mt. Rose, NV
Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites at Sun Peaks
Resort, Canada
Nevada Sunset Winery, NV
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Powder Mountain, UT
Pure Adventures, AZ
Reno Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority, NV
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Steamboat Resorts by Wyndham, CO
Squaw Valley Academy, CA
Squaw Valley/Alpine Meadows, CA
Sunshine Village Resort, Canada
Sun Peaks Resort, Canada
Sun Peaks Grand Hotel and Conference Centre,
Canada
Sun Valley Resort, ID
Telluride Ski Resort, CO
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The Firebrand Hotel, MT
The Lake Louise Ski Resort, Canada
The Selkirk Lodge, ID
The Transportation Network, UT
Vail Resorts, CO
Val D'Isere Condos, CA
Whitefish Mountain Resort, MT
Winter Park Resort, CO
Zermatt Utah Adventure Resort & Spa, UT

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 Silent Auction Chairperson
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 Club and Council Communications Awards Chairperson
 Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition
 Chairperson
 Reception Hostess
 Graphics and Design
 Convention Pins, Visors
 Council Volunteer Coordinator
 Registration
 Convention Delegate Registrar
 Registration Tote Bags
 Celebrity Guests and VIP Registration
 Celebrity Guests and VIP Hostess
 Coupon Books
 FWSA Convention Treasurer
 FWSA Convention Finances/Contract Management
 Snowsports Leadership Academy, Credentials Chairperson
 Optional Events
 Rafting on the Truckee River
 Reno Rumble Pub Crawl
 12th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament
 Spa Day at the Peppermill
 Pool Party
 Door Prize Donations
 Publicity
 Hospitality Room Coordinator
 FWSA Event Signage Coordinator
 Convention Website - Webmaster
 Delegate Book Editor
 Nominations & Elections
 Parliamentarian
 Resolutions

 Convention Photographer – L. R. Peck Photography
 Silent Auction & Snowsports Trade Show DJ – *Mobile DJ*
 Awards Banquet Band – *Sweet Success*
 Signage - *Starbright Creations*

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

2018 CLUB & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
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WENTWORTH -- OUTSTANDING PUBLICATIONS

MASTERS	Pacific Rim Alliance Catherine Ohl	Reno Ski & Recreation Lynn Taylor Wilbur	The Unrecables Gordon Cardona
NOVICE	North Island Snow Drifters Debi Young	Conejo Ski & Sports Club Steve Soukup	Castro Valley Ski Club Dennie Warren

OUTSTANDING WEBSITES

MASTERS	Pacific Rim Alliance Catherine Ohl	Reno Ski & Recreation Sandra Stocks	The Unrecables Dee Armstrong
NOVICE	Conejo Ski & Sports Club Thomas Costa	Phoenix Ski & Social Club Ellen Odart Chris Gerchak	Altair Ski Club Ray Jong Karin Carmines

2018 CLUB & COUNCIL CHARITY & OUR COMMUNITY AWARDEES

Diamond Diamond Winner: Monterey Ski & Social Club (Bay Area)

Diamond Winner: Bogus Basin Ski Club (Intermountain)

Diamond Runner-Up: Don Diego Ski Club (Los Angeles)

2018 CONVENTION SPONSORS



Conner Hourihan & Meghan Milcic
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William Grant, Chris Johnstoneux
& Guest -- **Squaw Valley Academy**



Richie Daigle
Pure Adventures



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Kelly Medler -- **Averill Hospitality**



Sara Wayman -- **Powder Mountain Rep**
with Mary Olhausen,
Northwest Ski Club Council



Mary Ann Mudge & Jessi Towe
Brian Head Resort Reps show
off their wares

Photos by Lonnie Peck

2018 CONVENTION SPONSORS



Jonathan Gardner, Matt Lesperance from **biketours.com** are getting bids on their bike tour package



Gloria Saiya-Wood & Russell Wood
Gloria and Russell take care of business for **Ski.com**



Ryan Dohnal, **Telluride Ski Resort** filling Mary Olhausen, **Northwest Ski Club Council** in on what is new at Telluride.



Steve Raftis of **Club Express** explains his product to Arleigh Meiners and Jim Nachbar, **Arizona Ski Council**



David Bessette welcomes everyone to **Vail Resort's** sponsored luncheon

Photos by Lonnie Peck



Todd Hood receives the Stanley J. Mullen award from 2017 award winner, George Stewart



Jane Gutierrez receives the Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award from 2017 winner, Karen James



Jo Simpson is presented the Hans Georg Award by 2017 winner, Arleigh Meiners and Far West President, Steve Coxen



Dr. Jon Kedrowski receives the Bill Berry Award from Steve Coxen

Photo to right: Steve Coxen presents Sandy Gaudette (Ski Group.net) with the Bill Mackey Award



Photos by Lonnie Peck

2018 CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS - SERVICE AWARDS



Dee Armstrong (The Unrecables) is presented the Jimmy Heuga Award by Billy Kidd and Steve Coxen



Amy Berry, CEO of the Tahoe Fund, receives the Jordon Reilly Award from Steve Coxen



Fritz Buser, founder of Mt. Rose Ski Area, was posthumously awarded the 2018 Snowsports Builder Award. Here, Steve Coxen presents the award to Fritz's son and grandson



Above: Jane Wyckoff presents John Watson with the 2018 Snowsports Builder Award for 50 Years of Volunteer Service



Ingrid Wicken, ski history author, is presented the 2018 Snowsports Builder Award by John Watson and Steve Coxen

Not Pictured: Sugar Bowl received the Tommi Tyndall Award for its distinguished contribution to skiing, and Red Bull Media House received the Warren Miller Modern Media Award for "Peak Season"

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2018 CONVENTION AWARD WINNERS - SERVICE AWARDS



*Photo at right:
Jane Gutierrez and Michael
Bouton were presented with
the 2018 Presidents' Award
by Steve Coxen*



*Nancy Ellis presents the Roma
McCoy award to Laura Priess*



*Current and former Elizabeth
"Schatzi" Wood award winners*



*Justin Scacco, writer for the Truckee
Sun, receives the Bill Berry Award - Hard
News, from President Steve Coxen.*



*Current and former Stanley J.
Mullen Award winners*



*Current and former Hans Georg
award winners*

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FAR WEST HONORS ITS CLUB AND COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS

By Sheri Parshall,
Chair, Councils' Man and Woman of the Year

Intermountain Ski Council members Michael Bouton and Kim Hovren were honored as the 2018 FWSA Council's Man & Woman of the Year Recognition Award winners at this year's Far West Ski Association Annual Convention, held at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno, Nevada, June 7-10. The Award, generously sponsored by Big White Ski Resort since 2002, rewards the efforts of those ski club members who have been outstanding in service to their clubs, their councils, FWSA and their communities. The fourteen representatives from eight Far West Councils were honored during a special Friday night reception, as well as the Saturday convention luncheon.

Honorees were judged on their participation in club, council, and regional activities. The hard-working judges participating this year were Karen Bonine (Arizona Ski Council), Kat Severin (Bay Area Snow Sports Council), Donn Bryant (Intermountain Ski Council), Sigrid Noack (Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs), Emilio Trampuz (Northwest Ski Club Council), Agnes Johnson (Orange Council of Ski Clubs), Barbara Blasé (San Diego Council of Ski Clubs), and George Stewart (Sierra League and Council).

We are pleased to introduce you to the talented, generous ski club members who have given so much time and energy to the success of their clubs and councils. These are the Council honorees for the 2018 Council Man & Woman of the Year Recognition Award.

ARIZONA COUNCIL - Linda Johnson and Bill Behnke

Linda, a member of Phoenix Ski Club, has been busy for years arranging social hours, captaining the club's annual trip to Telluride, and developing learn-to-ski and environmental programs. Bill partnered with Linda on the Environmental Stewardship Committee, and also serves as ski trip coordinator and trip captain for several club adventures. At press time, Bill is running for president of Phoenix Ski Club.

BAY AREA COUNCIL - Nikki Rubio and Brian Burgess

Nikki is a member, past president and current VP of Rusty Bindings Ski Club, has contributed hugely to annual social organizations /fundraisers sponsored by her club. Brian, a past board member of Inskiers, continues to work on many activities in support of the current board and its activities. Brian is an active racer and when not racing can be found as a race day volunteer.

INTERMOUNTAIN COUNCIL - Kim Hovren and Michael Bouton

Kim is active on the Bogus Basin Ski Club board, helps manage a local Warren Miller film festival, and is an active Bogus Basin Masters racer.. Michael, also a member of Bogus Basin Ski Club, is an active trip and activities leader, and is working with Bogus Basin Ski Resort to develop a host program.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL - Hannah Nishimoto and Dennis Leon

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

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

NORTHWEST SKI CLUB COUNCIL - Jackie Lane and Bill King

Jackie, a longtime member of Cascade Ski Club, has worked hard on much needed improvements and upgrades to the club's historic lodge, including a beautiful fire pit. She is also a longtime PACRAT racer. Bill, a member of Mountain High Snowsports Club, is currently vice president of Mountain High, and treasurer of NWSCC. Bill also participates as a racer in the PACRAT race league.

ORANGE COUNCIL - Carol Kane

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

SAN DIEGO COUNCIL - Jean McCasey and Tom Sekreta

Jean, a member of North Island Snowdrifters, has been instrumental in her club's trips to Mammoth, and other trips outside the state. Jean is also our FWSA convention registrar. Jean is the Race Director for NIS, and has been a great fundraiser. Tom, a member of Action Ski and Snowboard Club, has held several offices including president, VP and editor. For the past two years, Tom has served as vice president of San Diego Council.

SIERRA COUNCIL - Nan Carnal and Bill Ramoni

Both Nan and Bill are members of Cabernet Ski and Race; Bill also belongs to Reno Ski & Rec, and Nan is a member of Tahoe Donner Sr. Alpine Ski Club, where's she's currently the Clinic and Race Chair. Bill works hard as the co-treasurer and head gatekeeper of Sierra League and puts in many volunteer hours as Sierra League Race Director.

2018 MILESTONE PARTICIPATION AWARDS

10-Year Award -

Sun Peaks Resort
Nancy Greene's Cahilty Hotel & Suites
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa

15-Year Award -

Brundage Mountain Resort
The Lodge at Whitefish Lake

25-Year Award -

Deer Valley Resort

30-Year Award -

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2018 Door Prize Donors

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Brian Head Resort
Crested Butte Mountain Resort
Ski.Com
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
Hyatt Regency, Indian Wells
Nevada Sunset Winery
Bobo's Ski & Board Shop
Club Med
Big Sky Ski Resort
Schweitzer Mountain Resort



***Sigrid Noack, Chair, Charities and
Our Community***

FWSA Charity Involvement Recognition by Sigrid Noack

The 12th annual FWSA “*Charity & Community Service Recognition*” was another wonderful success. A great big thank you to the three clubs, that took time out of their busy schedules to apply for this prestigious competition. The groups were asked to present a picture board to display and share their wonderful charitable activities with our industry friends, our FWSA family and guests at the Convention in Reno. It continues to amaze me just how caring the members in our FWSA clubs are.

As in the past couple of years, those clubs, that have previously won first place in the Charity Recognition apply in the *Double Diamond Class*, and other clubs apply in the *Diamond Class*. The two separate levels give all groups an added incentive to apply, and then to apply again in future years. The winners in each club category now receive a medallion, which Catherine Ohl designed for the Charity Recognition program this year. Thank you, Catherine.

The groups that were involved this year, they are all winners for the wonderful charity work they do all year! Double Diamond Ski Clubs: **Monterey Ski & Social Club** (BAC); Diamond Ski Clubs: **Bogus Basin Ski Club** (IMC), and **Don Diego Ski Club** (SDC). No ski councils applied this year.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2018 FWSA “*Charity & Community Service Recognition*” winners:

Our winning ski club in the *Diamond Class* is **Bogus Basin Ski Club**. Our ski club winner in the Double Diamond Class is **Monterey Ski & Social Club**.

Thank you to all the groups and congratulations to our winners, who spend a huge amount of time supporting so many charitable organizations. Keep up the wonderful and amazing work, that you have been doing.

Looking ahead to the 2019 FWSA Convention in Indian Wells! It is time NOW to plan your charitable giving. FWSA is planning to continue the “*Charity & Community Service Recognition*” program this coming year. You may be able to present your club or council charity picture board digitally! Stay tuned...

Contact Sigrid for any suggestions or recommendations at skisig@gmail.com.



Joe Harvis, VP of Communications

I am very excited to be the new VP of Communications for FWSA. Thank you to Gloria for asking me to fill this position as it went unelected at the convention due to no candidates running for what I see to be an important position for Far West. And thank you to the entire board for approving my appointment. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

I would like to thank my predecessor, Cindy Krupp for her years of dedicated service and know that I will be reaching out to you as I learn all of the duties that go with this position.

As you may be aware, Connie Burdette is the editor/publisher of *The Councilman*, Leigh Geringer is editor/publisher and Jane Wyckoff is assistant editor of the *Far West Skier's Guide* and Debbi Kor is the editor and distributor of the *Far West News Flash*. All of these publications are in digital format and are accessible from the Far West website at <http://www.fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Publications/Councilman/Councilman.html>

If you want to be kept up on what FWSA is doing, sign up to receive the NewsFlash at <http://fwsa.org/MemberCorner/Publications/NewsFlash/NewsFlash.html> and enter your email address.

Our multimedia chair, George Stewart will continue in this role and will continue to produce more programs for us. They can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc>

Catherine Ohl will continue as our

webmaster managing and updating the website, www.fwsa.org to keep us current. If you have any questions or comments about the website, please direct them to me at jaharvis@optonline.net.

Please join me in thanking these people for their continued service to FWSA. They do a lot and are not always recognized for their efforts.

We are also working on improving our **PayPal** features to include payment options for more trips, services, etc. As a reminder, **FWSA Connect**, Far West's interactive portal, located at <https://connect.fwsa.org> continues to include not only Far West trips and online payment options, but also Council and Club trips are posted there, too. All the Councils and Clubs hosting trips that want to advertise are encouraged to post them. To post a trip, leaders will need to create an account on **FWSA Connect** and then let me know to add them to the list of members authorized to post trips – probably the most reliable way to contact me is to send an email to jaharvis@optonline.net with the subject "FWSA Connect Help Needed". Once authorized, you can post, update, and remove your trips. You can upload fliers and brochures, as well as links to websites with more information. We look forward to seeing your trips on **FWSA Connect**!

Lastly, we have started investigating our options to replace our existing web infrastructure to make your online experience with FWSA easier and beneficial in the future. Stay tuned.



Jo Simpson, VP of Council Services

**Council Presidents Build on Success of Simplified
Club and Council Communications Awards Applications
Announce New Committee Chairs**

The significant changes to the Club and Council Communications and Outstanding Club Awards for 2017 greatly increased submissions, so we are continuing them this year. We also made further changes to the Outstanding Club application to eliminate some redundant items.

We also are continuing having a panel of judges recruited by the council presidents so that clubs do not have to provide a judge to enter. We are grateful for Cindy Krupp and Paul Vlasveld continuing as program co-chairs again this year.

We have a new Councils Man and Woman of the Year chair, Sheri Parshall. She has made some enhancements to the application form and has some fun ideas for the Friday evening reception for nominees and their guests. We continue to be grateful to Big White for sponsoring the award with a free trip for the winning candidates. We are building on increasing the recognition of all the council nominees at the convention by having them seated a special table at the Saturday convention lunch with Big White representative, Katie Balkwill. They will be recognized in the convention delegate book again this year.

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

Sigrid Novak works tirelessly to encourage clubs and councils to support charities and community service projects.

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



Debbie Stewart, VP of INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Why do people travel internationally? There are many reasons why people travel, and many may not even know why they do it. One may say because it is fun, because I get to explore new places, because I like to learn new things, because I get to meet new people...

International travel gives us the opportunity for de-conditioning. To get out of the same day to day activities, the way we work, relax, recreate, eat, engage with others familiar or new. You get out of your normal habits, needs and desires and even open your eyes to different religions and moralities. Essentially, viewing how others live and how nature is so different, one may gain a different perspective of yourself while feeling renewed.

The FWSA International Travel Program offers our members opportunities to have unique experiences, whether while on the annual ski week trip or an adventure trip every other year. Our goal is to provide unique and unexpected experiences while giving the active travelers great opportunities for excitement, fitness, thrills and the adrenaline rush while allowing everyone to have meaningful stories to reminiscence. While bonding with fellow travelers, this gives us many occasions to learn about others, acquaint yourself with the local culture and have a better understanding, broaden our perspectives, expand our horizons with a worldwide view including gratitude and mindfulness.

2018 Ninth Annual Dive Trip to Grand Cayman

Our scuba dive trips are becoming more popular for both the scuba diver and the non-divers. Thirty participants had an outstanding vacation experience in Grand Cayman. The Cobalt Coast Resort was an ideal vacation getaway, located on the Northwest shore of Grand Cayman in a secluded tranquil setting with spectacular views of the beauti-

ful Caribbean Sea. Located at the center of Grand Cayman's most popular activities, only minutes from the Stingray City, the Cayman Island Turtle Farm, Seven Mile Beach and much more.

Their all-inclusive resort included 7-nights lodging, all meals, 5-day of 3-tank dives plus 1-night dive, their PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Dive operation provided incredible services for our members.

2018 India Adventure Trip – October 5-21, 2018

We were pleased to offer FWSA's adventure trip to India. Our members have spoken, and we listened. Alpine Adventures was our tour operator for this trip and we sold out!

We whisked everyone from their normal everyday activities on a Magical Journey of India. If one ever fantasized of being immersed in enchanting Indian culture...we made their dreams come true.

India was spiritual and colorful, noisy and serene, mystical and majestic, and mesmerizing at every turn. It is a very special and fascinating country where the cultural diversity and rich history dates to prehistoric times. India has had many rulers including the Portuguese who ruled for over 450 years and the British ruled for over 250. There are 33 UNESCO monuments in India which makes it very intriguing.

2020 Adventure Trip to Croatia

Plans are currently underway for our next FWSA adventure trip to Croatia. We will be visiting all the must-see locations, such as Split, Zagreb, Plitvice National Park, Dubrovnik. We will enjoy the beautiful Dalmatian Coast. While

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in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia we will experience the local culture, and its, architecture and, of course the local gastronomy. The UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Dubrovnik with its 16th 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 is 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 can not 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 item to be checked off. This trip will be limited, so do not wait to sign up!

2019 International Ski Trip to Hakuba Valley, Home of the 1998 Nagano Olympics

Many FWSA members have Japan on their bucket list...and we are going there March 2019! We are finalizing details with Holiday Ski Tours. The tentative dates are March 9-16 (departing the US March 8th) for the International Ski Week with an extension trip March 16 – 21, 2019.

Hakuba Valley Ski Resort area has 9 ski resorts to choose from and is where the 1998 Olympics were held. They are known for some of the greatest powder skiing in the world. They

call it JAPOW. You will have some of the best skiing in the world with a mountain guide on the first day of skiing, as well as enjoy such a rich and unique culture that spans thousands of years. Japan offers something for everyone, whether it is deep powder skiing, long winding groomed skiing, or just sightseeing in some of the ancient temples, or the Wild Monkey habitat, there is something to please everyone here.

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

2020 Tenth Annual Dive Trip to the Philippines

Let your adventure start by departing the US and fly into Manila, Philippines. Roatan Charter, Inc. has teamed up with the FWSA International Travel team to plan another amazing tropical vacation for the Scuba Diver and Non-Diver alike. You will experience the irresistible rhythm of an island’s drum beat and see the untamed charm of Puerto Galera! Aside from breathtaking bays, Puerto Galera is recognized as one of the most biologically diverse dive destinations in the WORLD with more than 500 species of thriving marine life. Puerto Galera is also one of the most popular dive destinations in the country, a watersports-lover’s haven packed with some 30 dive sites.

We will be staying at the beautiful Marco Vincent Resort, which is known for its renowned

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“White Beaches”, premier quality, service, and entertainment. You will spend 9 nights in deluxe accommodations, 5 days of 3 tank dives, 3 meals a day and a PADI 5-Star Dive Centre. The Marco Vincent’s Dive boat, **Big Bertha** is the largest and best equipped boat in the region.

In addition to the Marco Vincent Resort on Puerto Galera, we will be offering the Azure Resort in Dumaguete. This university town is on the east coast of Negros and is the starting point for island hopping trips into the Bohol sea. Here, you spend 5 nights in superior accommodations, 3 meals daily, 3 days of 3-tank dives. This resort is centrally located to the nearby Siquijor, Sumilon and Apo islands which have clear water for wall diving, good visibility and big fish. Apo Island is best known for its protected marine sanctuary since the 1970’s.

Whether you are an experienced or beginning diver, or just want a gorgeous vacation escape... you will love this trip to the Philippines!

So...our Scuba Dive travel program continues to grow!

Do not hesitate...sign up today by contacting our dive trip leader, Randy Lew at:
FWSA13Randy@telis.org

2020 International Ski/Adventure Trip to Davos, Switzerland with Portugal Extension Trip

Davos in Grisons is a place of superlatives: this holiday destination with international ambience is the largest resort in the Alps for mountain holidays, sport and conferences, at 1560 m the highest town in the Alps and a high-altitude health resort with a long tradition. This sprawling town

in the Landwasser valley is renowned above all as a conference centre, and as a major winter and summer sports centre with an international flavour and a huge range of activities. Its show-piece is its modern Conference Centre, which hosts the World Economic Forum WEF (nearly) every year.

In the centre of Davos, visitors will find a wide range of accommodation and excellent shopping, with numerous boutiques, cafés and restaurants. At night, too, there’s plenty of entertainment, with bars, discos and a casino. Davos is also the headquarters of the well-known Weissfluhjoch/Davos Federal Institute for Snow & Avalanche Research and boast world class skiing for all ability levels.

2021 International Ski/Adventure trip to Sölden, Austria with extension trip (tbd)

Sölden ski area offers 3 areas – Sölden, Obergurgl & 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**.

Sölden has the two highest capacity feeder gondolas in the world, excellent snow and grooming, 2 glaciers and long ski runs with elevations of 4,400 to 10,900 feet. They have over 55 mountain lifts and 254 slope kilometers.

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

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What is Ahead?...A lot! Mark your calendars now!

For updates or information on FWSA International Travel Program:

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Website: www.fwsa.org

FWSA Travel Videos: <http://www.youtube.com/user/FarWestSkiAssoc/videos>



Hakuba Valley Ski Resort – Home of the 1998 Nagano Olympics

Basic Ski Week: March 9-16, 2019 (SFO & LAX Group Air departs Mar. 8th)

Optional Pre-Trip to Niseko – March 4-8, 2019 (Min. of 22 & Max. of 32 & departs US Mar. 3rd)

Pre-trip must be combined with BASIC Hakuba Valley Trip – not sold separately

Optional Extension trip to Kanazawa, Kyoto & Tokyo

March 16-23, 2019

Experience the “LAND OF THE RISING SUN”.
Enjoy the “LAND OF SAKE and CHERRY BLOSSOMS”



Why Japan? Where else can you have some of the best skiing in the world and use your **EPIC PASS!**



Why Japan? Where else can you enjoy such a rich and unique culture that spans thousands of years?

Here's why...Japan offers something for everyone, whether it's deep powder skiing, long winding groomed skiing, sightseeing in some of the ancient temples, or the Wild Monkey habitat, there is something to please everyone!

BASIC TRIP Land Package - The Tokyu Hotel (Not including Air Transportation or Lift Tickets)

- Approximate lodging package costs – starting at \$1720.00 per person based on double occupancy
- Pricing is based on exchange rate of 1USD vs. 110 Yen – subject to change
- Basic land package pricing is based on a min. of 86 people & the Extension pricing is based on a min. of 34 people – subject to change if requirements are not met. All local taxes are included
- Single Supplement rooms are available – quantities are limited.

Land Package Includes:

- All airport ground transfers with Multi-lingual guide meeting the FWSA Group Air people upon arrival
- 7 nights' accommodations with breakfast daily and Free Wi-Fi
- 5 Dinners – 2 nights **on your own** to dine at the local restaurants of your choice.
- Welcome/Orientation at the hotel **on the 2nd day after arrival** due to group's air late arrival time
- Special Ezura Goryu Drumming and Dinner Show, including bus transportation
- Complimentary **Mountain Escort for 3 hours on the 1st day of skiing** – groups of 20 max.
- Local guide at the hotel each evening for 1 hour
- Optional Day Tour and mid-week Après ski party – details to be provided

Air Transportation Information - ***It is HIGHLY recommended to use FWSA air transportation!***

- Group Air - SFO & LAX air details to be provided
- Stand Alone Trip Air – contact Debbie Stewart
- Alternate airport and/or post trip deviations are available - they are limited)

*Air prices **DO include** estimated Fuel surcharges, Taxes and current Exchange Rate – subject to change.

If you are arranging your **OWN** flights but wish to take the FWSA bus transfers, you **MUST** coordinate your flight schedule with the FWSA group air schedule. No special alternate pick-up or drop offs by the bus will be permitted.

Make checks out to: **Far West Ski Association (FWSA)**. Please reference “FWSA 2019 JAPAN Trip” on each check.

Send to: **Debbie Stewart**
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Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

The Reno Stampede Came Off Without a Hitch

What a hot, hot summer we had this year! Too much heat, dryness, and fires everywhere. Whew! Is it ever nice to say “hello” to cooler weather. Bring on the changing leaves, and cool nights, and SNOW! If the last two years have been anything to write about, we should have another good season coming our way.

Many of our friends kept busy during the off-season biking, hiking, golfing, camping, kayaking, and simply enjoying the summer weather. Trips to Europe abounded. A far-off trip to Iceland by some of our Castro Valley friends and guests, and bicycling across country for four ladies in the Pacific Northwest. Some of our Convention guests stayed a few extra days in the Lake Tahoe area as well.

The 86th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention was held in the fun-filled city of Reno, Nevada. Hosted by Sierra League and Council, along with Bay Area Snow Sports Council, the long weekend included such fun activities as a Raft Trip down the Truckee River on Thursday, and the ever-popular “Reno Rumble” Pub Crawl that evening. Friday morning began with many of our attendees participating in the 12th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, a relaxing Spa Day at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, a hike to Diamond Peak, and a very fun Pool Party, sponsored once again by

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, and hosted by those merry-makers from Central Ski Council. Friday night was devoted to the Silent Auction and Trade Show, hosted by *Aspen/Snowmass*, and *Sports America Tours*, with beverages donated by *Great Basin Brewing Company*. The Silent Auction was a huge success, with a portion of the proceeds going to *Achieve Tahoe*, in Squaw Valley, for providing the bid runners for the Silent Auction this year.

Saturday morning was the time for Education Sessions, Public Affairs Panels, and the Travel Expo. There was a relaxed atmosphere in the room, while meetings were held and trips planned for the coming season. The morning was topped off with the drawing of the Grand Prize - a trip to Ski Week 2019 for one of our busy planners. This year's recipient was Kathy Brewington from Rusty Bindings Ski Club.

Saturday's luncheon, sponsored by *Vail Resorts* and hosted by *Great Basin Brewing Company*, *Ski.Com* and *Winter Park Resort*, was the time to recognize a number of our guests, and to listen to our Keynote Speaker, *Billy Kidd*. Billy, Director of Skiing at Steamboat, has become an Icon at our conventions over the years, signing posters, and regaling our guests with his stories of the early years of training in the hopes of someday becoming an Olympic downhill skier. He made that goal come true, skiing in the 1964 Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria, along with his good friend, Jimmy

Heuga. Between them, they took home the silver and bronze medals in. In 1970, Billy took the Gold Medal in the World Championships in Val Gardena, Italy.

Saturday evening's Awards Banquet, sponsored by *Big Sky Resort* and *Alterra Mountain Company* and the *IKON* pass, was devoted to honoring our many industry partners, sponsors, and participants. Also recognized, were several outstanding people within Far West Ski Association, who were presented with FWSA Service Awards, and the Far West Council's Man and Woman of the Year. This year, that award was presented to Kim Hovren and Michael Bouton, both from Intermountain Ski Council in Boise.

I would like to personally thank all of our wonderful industry partners for your sponsorships and your participation in our annual event. You make it fun! You make it exciting! Without you, we would not be able to provide the successful event that we do each year. To our Program Sponsors: *Aspen Skiing Company* (The Environment Award), *Big White Ski Resort* (Council's Man & Woman of the Year); *Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation* (Western Ski Heritage Award), *Telluride Ski Resort* (Safety Award), and *Whitefish Mountain Resort*, *Averill Hospitality*, and *Karbon Ski Wear* (Far West Athletic Scholarship). We look forward to seeing everyone in Indian Wells, California next June 13-16, when our Orange Council of Ski Clubs will be hosting the 87th Annual Far West Convention, along with assistance from Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs.



Michael Bouton, VP of Membership

How Do I find New Members for My Club?

Inclusion- Webster defines it: as the act of being included or state of being included.

Most humans (beings or doers) want to be included one way or another in their lives. I know there are some that have a phobia to groups, however, they want to be included in that status of having a phobia. If they do not want to be a member of a club, they can be a direct member to FWSA.

I believe most people want to feel welcome and invited to a function for which they have an interest. So, why not make them feel that they are included in the group when they are present. Do you think this takes place in your club?

I really think if you put some conscious effort to this idea, you might find that more potential club members will return for a second or third event. You might be surprised as to how easy it is to attract new people after the word gets around that your club is so welcoming. I have seen new folks at an event look around and say “I do not know anyone here” and find the closest exit. If they would feel included right away, this would not happen.

So, I have compiled a few ideas for you to consider:

- Put a name tag on them right away.....unless they do not like name tags
- Get them involved in a light conversation for which they have expressed an interest
- Introduce them to three other members and allow it to be organic
- If they have an idea or concerns about the club, let them talk and really listen

Now, how do I get them invited?

Start a **Meetup** group and put a young person in charge of it. Find a “hook” in the title to attract younger people. i.e. “we are looking for pictures of the “Raddest” ski outfit.” Or, start an Instagram account and have people post pictures that you have created a theme you are looking for. Then bring them together for an award celebration.

Start a hiking group for winter conditioning aspects. Ask people for their favorite hiking trails. Again, put a younger person in charge.

Start a tradition of handing out cookies one day a month at your local ski area. In the wrapped cookie you can put an information card about your **Meetup** group and your club, keep it simple.

Plan a Fun Run in your community and donate a portion of the proceeds to a worthy charity. Get the participants email addresses and included them in your clubs’ communications. Let them know you want them to be a part of something larger.

When you are riding the lift at any ski area, go with people you are not familiar with and ask them if they would like to go on a ski trip with your club. Or, just tell them you have a few empty seats remaining. Get them asking questions about your club.

Do barbeques in the parking lot of a ski area and invite people walking by to have a hotdog.

I have many more ideas that I can email to you. Let me know what age group you want to attract and where your club is. FWSA has some funds available to help.

Thanks!

Michael Bouton, V.P. Membership

vpmembership@FWSA.org



Nancy Ellis
VP of North American Travel

2019 STEAMBOAT SKI WEEK—FEBRUARY 2-9

Councils still have room available on the Steamboat Ski Week. Most of our lodging is within walking distance of the base area and a few are ski in and walk out to the ski hill. Activities include a Welcome Superbowl Party, Mountain Picnic, Council Challenge Races, Banquet & Dance, and Farewell Après Party. There is so much to do in Steamboat—local hot springs; mountain coaster; spa treatments; shopping; guided snowshoe tours; sleigh rides; night tubing at Howelsen Hill; ice skating; dogsledding; and more! Winter Carnival will be taking place when we are there, so we will be able to participate in the local activities of the Steamboat community. Steamboat is on the IKON pass so do not miss the chance to use your pass at this great resort. You can find more information about this trip and how to sign up at the fwsa.org website. Looking forward to seeing you in Steamboat.

WINTER PARK MINI TRIP—MARCH 24—29, 2019

Join us on the mini trip to Winter Park March 24—29. This resort has 2,886 skiable acres including the Vasquez Cirque, a lift-serviced but essentially a backcountry experience for advanced skiers and boarders. The new IKON pass can be used at Winter Park. Non-skiers can enjoy snowshoeing, Sno-Cat and snowmobile tours, tubing, sleigh rides, and mountaintop dining in the magnificent lodge at Sunspot. We encourage clubs to bring a group of 12 or more and earn the per person incentives for their club. Gloria Raminha is the Trip Leader and you can contact her for information: garski2011@gmail.com or (661)800-8229.

ISLAND WINDJAMMER CRUISE—MAY 19—26, 2019

A few spots are open for this 7-day adventure trip cruising the British Virgin Islands of Virgin Gorda, Norman Island, Cooper Island, Jost Van Dyke, and Tortola. Prices range from \$1,800--\$2,300 pp/double occupancy. Cruise price includes all port taxes, meals, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Air fare to Tortola must be booked separately by individual, arriving on Tortola no later than Saturday, May 18th. Do not miss this fun trip with your FWSA friends! Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com (503)706-0522.

BIG SKY SKI WEEK—JANUARY 25—FEBRUARY 1, 2020

Big Sky and Sports America have teamed up for our 2020 North American Ski Week to Big Sky Montana. There have been a lot of changes since we were last there in 2009. Big Sky gives you access to more skiing and boarding than anywhere else in the United States with 5,800 skiable

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acres and four mountains giving people of different abilities a range of terrain to enjoy. We will be able to experience the new Ramcharger 8 which is one of the largest lifts in the world. The trip includes a Welcome Party, Mountain Picnic, Council Challenge Races, Banquet & Dance, and Farewell Après Event. We also have an optional day trip to Yellowstone where people can access the park via Snow Coach and snowmobile tours. Information and sign-ups will be available from Councils or on the www.fwsa.org website in March.

BIG WHITE MINI TRIP—MARCH 29—APRIL 3, 2020

Big White is our destination for the 2020 mini trip. We will be staying at the Inn at Big White which features an outdoor heated pool, hot tub, games room, fitness center, complimentary Wi-Fi, heated underground parking, and ski locker storage. Each room (double occupancy) will receive 2 FREE lift passes per night booked. The trip package includes a Welcome Party, Farewell Dinner, and complimentary Snow Host Mountain Terrain Tour. Activities include ice climbing, horse drawn sleigh rides, dinner & sleigh rides, dog sled rides, snowmobile rides, day spas, tubing, ice skating, snowshoe tours, and local hockey games. Clubs and councils are encouraged to bring a group of 12 or more on this trip and earn the per person incentive for promoting the trip to their club and getting sign ups. Contact Nancy Ellis, VP North American Travel, for more information about this trip or for bringing a group: fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or (530) 414-8261.

ZERMATT UTAH RESORT & SPA/PARK CITY-CANYONS—March 2021

We will be going to Park City & Canyons for the mini ski trip in March 2021. We will be staying at the Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa. More information will be available in the future.

Looking forward to seeing you on one of the Far West North American ski trips! Contact Nancy Ellis at fwsatravelnancy@sbcglobal.net or www.fwsa.org for updates on the FWSA North American Travel Program.

2019 Steamboat Information

- Councils have selected The Lodge, Eagle Ridge, Canyon Creek, Dulany, and Bronze Tree as their lodgings. All lodging is close to the mountain and a short shuttle ride to town where there are many outstanding restaurants and great night life.
- We will have a Welcome Super Bowl Party, Picnic, Banquet/Dance, and Après Party. Other activities include sleigh rides; mountain roller coaster; local hot springs; spa services; guided snowshoe tours; night tubing at Howelsen Hill; ice skating; dog sledding; and more!
- The new IKON pass can be used at Steamboat and those purchasing either the basic pass or the less restrictive pass through Sports America will get a discount off their lodging.
- People can fly into Denver or Hayden with ground service available from both to Steamboat.
- Sierra and San Diego Councils are using on-line registration through Sports America Tours. This option will allow participants to pay trip costs by credit card. We are also setting up on-line credit card payments for people using FWSA group air.
- People interested in going should contact their council trip leader or one of the people listed below for trip information and to sign up.

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Dr. Richard Lubin, Safety Chair



Safety.....really? It is still autumn!

You brush your teeth, eat properly, carefully use stairs, drive your car with caution. There are so many things that we do each and every day that involves safety. It is an everyday thing, not just a sports thing.

I know you are not quite ready to ski yet but what about your equipment? It is not a bad idea to get things out and have a look. The base and edges do sustain wear and tear on skis and boards. Bindings can be the difference between a fall and a tragic fall. What about you. All systems safe?

Get your body working optimally. Not just getting by. Had an exam recently? Labs or testing your health is your best investment and always a good idea. That is the ultimate sign of safety. SAFETY is about good thinking!



Far West Ski Association's

2019 Mini Ski Trip

March 24th to 29th, 2019

Package prices start at:
\$475

****Ask about discounted 4-day lift ticket or Ikon Pass Purchase****

Price does NOT include air or ground transportation
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Cruise price includes all port taxes, meals, beer, wine and soft drinks.

Air fare to Tortola must be booked separately by individual, arriving on Tortola no later than Saturday, May 18th.

Lodging options for pre- and post-cruise lodging TBA

QUESTIONS? Contact Sheri Parshall at cougskier@aol.com; 503-706-0522




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Paula Hazzard
VP of Public Affairs

This resolution was written by Randy Lew and approved by the majority of the Board by email vote.

In July, 2018, the Trump Administration released a new round of proposed tariffs on an additional \$200 billion worth of US imports from China. The list of proposed products includes, sports bags, knit hats, safety helmets and ski gloves. Sports Industries America (SIA) opposed this action as these tariffs will place undue financial stress on our manufacturers and the network of snow sports retailers and specialty shops across the country. Because of these Tariffs, a Resolution was written on behalf of Far West Ski Association and was emailed to the FWSA Board for “vote by email”. The results from the votes were in favor of the Resolution.

The Resolution opposing an increase in trade tariffs was been submitted to US Trade Representative Office, Office of the President of the United States, Washington Senator Patty Murray, Washington Senator Maria Cantwell, and Washington Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Buetler.

FWSA Resolution Opposing Increasing Trade Tariffs

Whereas, The Trump Administration is considering increasing the rate of proposed tariffs to 25% on an additional \$200 billion worth of goods from China; and

Whereas, these goods include ski gloves, safety helmets, knit hats and head gear, and sport bags which generated over \$779 million dollars in retail sales during last year’s winter sports selling season (August 2017 – March 2018); and

Whereas, small and medium sized businesses in towns all over the United States depend on revenue from ski equipment and apparel for their livelihood; and

Whereas, the entire winter sports market including U.S. manufacturers, retailers, and resorts are fighting for their survival in an era of shorter winters and decreasing snowpack; and

Whereas, new tariffs of 25% on e-bikes and e-bike motors which became effective August 23, 2018 have increased the cost to American companies manufacturing in China which has resulted in a price increase to the American consumer of \$200 - \$500; and

Whereas, tariffs and taxes are passed through as price increases to the American consumer which reduce overall consumer discretionary spending; and

Whereas, the recreation and outdoor activities markets including the winter sports market are the areas that suffer most,

Therefore, Be It Resolved That *Far West Ski Association*, representing nine member ski councils, 150 adult recreational ski clubs, and over 50,000 ski club members in the twelve western states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, urges the US International Trade Commission to reconsider these tariffs and to better understand how they negatively affect U.S. manufacturers, U.S. retailers, and the U.S. consumers. We request that these items be removed from the U.S. Trade Representative list of additional imported items to be taxed.



David Krupp, Athletic Scholarship Chair

FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program by David Krupp, Athletic Scholarship Chair

The Far West Ski Association Athletic Scholarship Program is entering its 15th year, growing from an initial \$1,500 in scholarships in 2004 to \$16,500 and 19 recipients in the 2017-2018 season. The total awarded since the program's inception is now over \$120,000 to over 120 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 demands 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 come from a number of sources: raffles, auctions, club and council partnerships, and direct contributions from club members, clubs, and councils. The FWSA has greatly benefitted from the generous support from its sponsors including *Whitefish Mountain Resort* (www.skiwhitefish.com), a year round winter and summer resort; *Averill Hospitality*, a premier choice in mountain resort accommodations; *Schure Sports, Inc.* (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

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Bob Ellis, VP Racing

Racing by Bob Ellis

Last season we ended the year with strong snowfall and a very wet spring, which has turned into a very hot summer in the Sierra Mountains. Hopefully, this will result in a nice wet winter in the Sierras and some great skiing. The Race Leagues have set their race schedules for the 2018-2019 race season, and once again we look to bash some more gates this year on the various ski hills that we race on.

Last year the Far West Championships were held at Mammoth Mountain, and the wet weather hit us hard as we were forced to cancel the first two days of the event, however, we were able to put on the slalom and the giant slalom on Sunday for those that hung around and waited out the weather. The Mammoth Mountain race crew did a fantastic job of prepping the courses after all the bad weather of the previous two days, and the race conditions were excellent. After the dust settled, San Diego League was the big winner with the most points and walking away with the Overall Points Award, Open League came in 2nd, and ULLR was 3rd for the Adults. In the Junior Division, Open League won the Overall Award and the Most Points Per Racer Award. The Roma McCoy Trophy for most points per racer, ULLR came in 1st, Open League was 2nd, and San Diego secured 3rd place.

Right now we are still negotiating to determine where the Far West Championships will be in 2019.

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and auction proceeds, as well as direct cash donations.

In addition, our partnership program through clubs and councils afford us approximately one third of our scholarship funding each year. Finally, the *Far West Ski Foundation* (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.



Wanda Himler, Arizona Ski Club

Arizona Ski Council Clubs are very Active!!!

The Arizona Ski Council (ASC) was formed to promote skiing and friendship among clubs. ASC represents six clubs with members primarily in the Phoenix metro-area.

- Arizona Hiking & Travel Club (AHTC)
- Boeing Employee Adventure Club
- Party Time Sports (PTS)
- Phoenix Ski Club (PSC)
- Sailing Adventure Club (SAC)
- Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (SS&SC)

Our membership is open to non-profit ski clubs and activity clubs, in the state of Arizona. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders, hikers, bikers and social members.

Seven members from the Arizona Ski Council attended the FWSA convention in Reno, as Delegates. Incentives were provided for participating delegates.

The Arizona Ski Council, had their election of Officers at their

April Board Meeting. Results of that election are:

- President - Wanda Himler
- Vice President - Karen Bonine

- Treasurer - Dodi Bailey
- Secretary - Jim Nachbar
- Past President is Arleigh Meiners

Our clubs have the following representatives:

- Linda Westlund - SS&SC
- Mike Miller - AHTC
- Glenn Pyle - Boeing Employee Adventure Club
- Gary Giertz - Partytime Sports
- Mike Rogers - Sailing Adventure Club.
- Judy Upton – Phoenix Ski Club

The ASC hosts weekly Happy Hours during the summer months, for all the clubs to participate. We also provide other events throughout the year, including a Pub Crawl.

ASC will have about 36 people going on the 2019 FWSA ski week trip to Steamboat, Colorado.

For more information:
<http://www.arizonaskicouncil.org/contact.html>

Arizona Hiking and Travel Club (AHTC) AHTC is a Phoenix-based, non-profit outdoor club that organizes hiking, biking, camping and 4X4 off-road trips in Arizona, and other neighboring states, and international destinations. It is an organization for active people who love the outdoors and ideally suited for skiers. They have changed to mostly a hiking club. At their April meeting, AHTC voted

to discontinue the travel club at the end of 2018.

For more information:
www.azotc.com

Boeing Employee Adventure Club although one needs to be a Boeing employee to participate in the club, the Boeing Adventure Club is a participant in the Arizona Ski Council and eligible for all the advantages afforded ASC members.

The Adventure Club provides outdoor activities to Boeing employees and their families. They have weekly hikes and monthly camping trips. Employees may contact www.boeing.com for more information about recreation activities that are planned!

For more information:
<http://www.skisite.com/clubsDetail.cfm?id=6977>

Party Time Sports, (PTS), is a non-profit club consisting of active adults, family members and friends over the age of 21. They enjoy year round outdoor/indoor activity or adventure. Such activities as skiing, hiking, biking, boating, BBQ's, art shows and all types of party gatherings.

During the winter they do a ski trip to Telluride, during Arizona Days. For more information, contact them at gg4@qwest.net.



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The Phoenix Ski Club, (PSC),

PSC is more than just skiing. This active adult social club goes full speed ahead with its year-round, non-profit, social and outdoor activities. They pride themselves in offering a variety of amazing activities, to appeal to everyone. They even have 'spur-of-the-moment' events, that are mind-boggling. They do it all.

Here are some of their event for 2018-2019:

- Weekly happy hours
- Monthly dinners
- Monthly social meetings
- Parties – 70th anniversary party / Tony Bennett @ the Celebrity Theater / more...
- Boat trips – Rhine River Cruise / Lake Powell
- Holiday in New York City
- Ski trips - Telluride / Steamboat / Lake Tahoe / Japan / Copper / Sunrise
- Other trips – Egypt / India / New Zealand

For more information:

www.phxskiclub.org

Siling Adventure Club, (SAC),

is a Phoenix-based club, with activities ranging from local sailing, and non-sailing events, to out-of-country sailing adventures. They are more than just a sailing club, they are an activities social club.

If you look for their web site, you might not find them, but you can certainly find them, as a Meet

Up group. They now have a membership of 134.

SAC is in the process of planning a canal boat trip to Burgundy, France. SAC is no longer charging dues, so anyone can join via Meet Up.

For more information: <https://www.meetup.com/SailingAdventure/>

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club,

(SS&SC), is the premier activities club, in the Valley of the Sun. It is a non-profit social club, run by its members. SS&SC provide year-round activities, including snow skiing/snowboarding, hiking, biking, tubing, kayaking, camping, road trips, theme parties, and various other amazing trips.

Here are some of their event for 2018-2019:

- Weekly happy hours
- Monthly dinners
- Monthly social meetings
- Parties – Luau / Trailer Trash / Toga / Wine & Cheese / more, more, more...
- Pub Crawls – Cave Creek / Prescott
- Boat trips – Croatia / Lake Powell / Moselle Bike & Boat Adventure / ...
- Ski trips – Park City ski college / Telluride / Steamboat / Aspen / Park City /
- Scuba Diving trips - Belize
- Holiday Light Tour – dou-

ble-decker bus

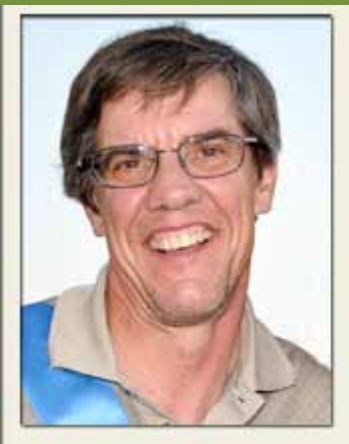
- Other trips – Costa Rica / Cuba / Machu Picchu / Napa Wine weekend
- Other events – Concerts / Topless Roadrage / Golf / Staycations / BBQs / Wine tasting

For more information: <https://www.scottski.org/content.aspx?sl=945479575>

www.scottski.org/content.aspx?sl=945479575

Feel free to check out any of the clubs activities through Facebook or links for the council website (www.arizonaskicouncil.org).





*Paul Vlasveld
President, Bay Area Snow Sports Council*

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

During our January BAC General Council Meeting Paul Vlasveld was re-elected as Council President. It has been an extremely busy 6 months.

The New slate of BAC Board of Directors was elected at our April BAC General Council Meeting. The following are our new BOD other than yours truly:

Our new and improved BAC website is attracting existing club members and new club members. This is due to the efforts of our webmaster Cathy Wilson and Jenn Wilson. We are now able to accept online club membership renewals.

Secretary – Karen Davis
Treasurer – Keith Wilson
Membership - Benelia Terry
Travel – Gail Burns
Industry Liason – Norm Glickman
Past President – Dennis Heffley
Public Affairs - Harry Davis
Webmaster - Cathy Wilson

The BAC is moving forward with having many exciting events during the non-ski season to continue the focus on what our council represents and why clubs should be part of BAC. Our mission is to encourage new members to join one of our member clubs.

Plans are already being made for the Bay Area Snow Sports Councils 8th Annual Winter Fest Celebration Meeting. When we started this event we had only 3 resorts participate. Now . . . it has grown to great heights! This event will take place Monday November 5, 2018 after the Snow Bomb Show in San Francisco. This event allows the ski resort partners to meet our club reps and travel directors in a small focused event. We will be inviting our Industry Partners to this exciting and fun event. This way, those attending the Snow Bomb shows can plan on sharing an evening with the BAC!

In addition, BAC is planning another Hockey Night with the San Jose Barracudas.

2 years ago, the BAC president donned the Hockey uniform and the ski club attendees could take best shot.

Next year will be another Fun & Busy Travel Year for the BAC.

In 2018, BAC organized an extension of the FWSA Banff, Canada to Jasper. All the participants had a great time.

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In 2019, BAC will have another mini-trip. I know that Gail Burns our travel director will determine another exciting and fun ski resort to go to. BAC may also have an international Bike and Barge trip Italy.

In addition, BAC has approximately 55 members signed up for the ever popular FWSA Ski Week to Steamboat Springs, Colorado in 2019.

In 2018, the 86th FWSA Convention in Reno was co-hosted by BAC and Sierra Council with the FWSA Convention. Due to all of the efforts of the volunteers of both Councils, the Convention was a great success.

I am proud of our 2018 BAC Woman and Man of the Year. Nikki Rubio from Rusty Bindings Ski Club and Brian Burgess from Inskiers Ski Club showed the other candidates why we are proud of them. Congratulations to both of them!

BAC has a very dynamic and diverse membership who have been and currently are members of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council, Far West Ski Association Board of Directors.



Autumn Mountain biking near Reno



Fran Long, President, Central Council

Central Council invites ski, sport and social enthusiasts throughout the central California area to consider joining one of our many clubs. Currently, clubs are located in Fresno, Exeter, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Salinas. Check out our **Meetup** site and consider joining one of our clubs. Our site can be found by going to our website: www.centralcouncilskiclubs.org. Contact information for our clubs can be found under 'about us'.

Central Council member clubs offer multiple week long and weekend ski/ride adventures for their members. Steamboat, Park City, Telluride, Mammoth, and Tahoe, are the week long ski trips destinations being offered by various Central Council clubs for 2019. In addition, FWSA's many ski and adventure trips are great for drawing our members and clubs together for adventure, fun, but most of all, friendship.

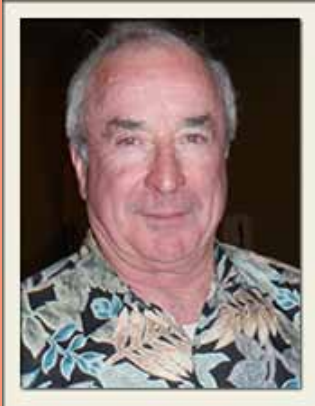
Wanting to do our part to support the organization that offers us so much fun, Central Council will again be hosting the pool party at the annual FWSA convention. This time, we are looking forward to taking our activities to the convention in Indian Wells, CA. Why not consider joining this fun and educational convention, and supporting Central Council at the pool party.

As a council, we are all about supporting our seven member clubs, building friendships, and supporting our larger organizations, Far West Ski Association and the National Ski Council Federation.

Our clubs also have some fun events in the works for summer and fall. Hikes, bike rides, camp trips abound within our clubs. Information on summer/fall events can be found on the club's individual websites/meetup sites:

- Fresno Ski Club: www.fresnoskiclub.com
- SLO Skiers: www.sloskiers.org
- Santa Barbara Ski Club: www.sbski.org
- Avalanche Ski Club: Contact Donna Webb, blazekwebb@gmail.com
- Camber Ski Club: Contact Jayne Camic, camicski@aol.com
- Outdoor Recreation Enthusiasts: Contact Bob Strickland, bstrick60@att.net
- Clovis Ski and Travel Club, kimriehl18@gmail.com
- Central Council, www.centralcouncilskiclubs.org

Join us for an amazing adventure!



Paul Markowitz

President, Intermountain Ski Council

Intermountain Ski Council

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

If fact, if you look at some of our clubs' web sites you will find all kinds of trips and activities going on right now. For instance, the Bogus Basin Club has an adventure trip to Norway in August and a 7-day river trip on the Salmon "River of No Return" in August as well. Both have exciting itineraries. Check them out at www.bogusbasinskiclub.org.

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

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

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

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

Come visit us in the Intermountain West and see what you have been missing. Check out our new look web site at: www.intermountainskicouncil.org for all of our contacts.



Sandy Blackwell, President Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs



The Los Angeles Council (LAC) of Ski Clubs currently consists of 24 clubs, which include snow sports, water sports, and a bit more social type of club, that covers a large area from Santa Barbara to the north, the Inland Empire to the east and just south of Long Beach. With that wide range of coast, mountains and inland area, there is so much diversity in terms of the clubs makeup in the council and the activities that result. If you were truly ambitious – in one day you could snow ski in the morning, drive to the beach for an afternoon sail, then do an evening social event (thus spending your day with 1 club or 3)!! Not every council can boast this mix of events available to their members.

The home base for most of the council clubs is Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort, a five hour drive from central Los Angeles. Mammoth offers an entire array of outdoor activities year round (skiing, biking, hiking, camping, jazz concerts, hot springs, and fishing) for the club members. Los Angeles Council also participates in the FWSA Ski Week each year with our new VP of Travel, *Todd Hood*, handling this event for our Los Angeles group of skiers/

racers/boarders. Heading to Steamboat Springs, CO with Far West Ski Association this coming year for the great skiing, wonderful pricing, and the fun and friends that you get to meet up with and ski with on some beautiful terrain. Steamboat will also have its Winter Carnival taking place while we are there, so LOTS TO DO. LAC also takes advantage of FWSA's mini-ski weeks (for the great pricing and unique skiing fun available at some smaller resorts that other states and Canada have) and the international trips which have expanded to a year-round schedule. Still, with all these options, many of our council clubs also offer their own out-of-state and international trips for skiing, biking, and adventuring.

Los Angeles Council is also involved in a well organized race season within Far West Racing Association and is comprised of two race leagues: Rokka and ULLR, headed up by *Laura Preiss* and *Ken Kawahara*, respectively. Included on the schedule are Rokka Race Camp, the Ski, Ride & Race Week, three race weekends, the SoCal Championships, and the Far West Championships coming up in a few weeks.

The council has two main events it hosts during the year on an annual basis: The Presidents Luncheon (a gathering for club officers and a presentation to assist clubs with membership or succession planning) traditionally held in August, and the Snow Gala held in November. The Snow Gala is another event that gathers our clubs together for dining, dancing, and the ever important and popular Man and Woman of the Year competition. Many of the LAC level winners have gone on to be the Councils' Man or Woman of the year in FWSA, so it is a very important part of this event!

The Council's bi-monthly meetings have been announced to the clubs as we are visiting restaurants in the many different areas of Los Angeles to assist our many clubs in attending our meetings. Traffic in Los Angeles is notorious so it gives every club a chance to attend a meeting by moving the meeting around.

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



***Christine Ciardi, President
Northwest Ski Club Council***



Bergfreunde Ski Club – out for a group bike ride

With more than 40 snowsport clubs and organizations in Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii, Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) represents thousands of Alpine and Nordic skiers, snowboarders, and other snow enthusiasts. We do not just ski or snowboard; we enjoy year-round activities! Living in such beautiful parts of the country, we enjoy nature in all seasons. And, for the couple of months that our rain faucet is turned off, we enjoy a beautiful summer. Club members hike, picnic, bicycle, canoe, camp, backpack, wind-surf, sail, golf, and enjoy a seemingly endless list of activities. Thanks to our clubs, members can add camaraderie to the pleasures of enjoying the outdoors.



Our annual election of officers and directors was held in June. Elected were Christine Ciardi, President; Sue Rimkeit, Vice President; Jeanne Reinhardt, Secretary; Bill King, Treasurer; and Directors at Large: John Reinhardt and Linda McGavin. Additional directors were appointed at our July meeting/retreat. These include Sheri Parshall, Director of Industry Members, Barbara Bousum, Director of Travel and Immediate Past President, and several area representatives to involve our “out of area” clubs. We are busy making plans for our new fiscal year and anticipating another season of (we hope!) wonderful snow to enjoy.

Sheri Parshall is leading the effort in renewal and recruitment of our Industry Members. We highly value these members and work with them on many projects through the year. We often invite our Industry Members to our Council meetings to update us on industry issues. Appreciation night is happening in August to show our gratitude for their continuing support.

PACRAT recreational ski racing organization is a part of NWSCC. Tentative race dates are in the planning stages for the 2018-2019 season on Mt. Hood. In a typical year, over two hundred racers compete on teams, then celebrate the season at their annual Rat Attack party and awards ceremony in the spring. Teams are organizing.



*Mountain High Snowsports Club –
cleaning the Barlow Trail*

This fall we are partnering with PACRAT team members to support our two Portland consumer shows: Snovana and SkiFever. Plans are in the works for another event including our club presidents to brainstorm ideas and challenges for both clubs and councils.

Clubs fill the summer with fun activities, but always anticipate gearing up for the next ski season. They are busy fine-tuning their trip schedules for the 2018-2019 ski season. Our council is looking forward to participating at the annual FWSA Ski Week in beautiful Steamboat in February. In the spring of 2018, we brought back “The Bachelor Blast.” Planning has already begun for 2019.



ORANGE COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS

Sheila Van Guilder
President, Orange Council of Ski Clubs

Orange Council attended the recent FWSA convention with ten members present. We were proud to have Carol Kane represent us as the Orange Council Woman of the Year. She is a very active and involved member of the Snowbounders Ski Club and their representative on the Orange Council Board.

“Fun in the OC Sun” is the theme chosen for the 2019 FWSA convention. The council has enthusiastically begun their work to make the 2019 convention a huge success. All council and club members of FWSA joining us at the Hyatt Regency in Indian Wells, California are guaranteed to enjoy a wonderful visit. The Hyatt is a gorgeous property boasting six pools. Their rooms are the most spacious I have experienced. The Spa is luxurious and there is a well-equipped workout room.

Due to Judy Thurman’s other obligations she is stepping down from the convention chair position and has been replaced by Sheila Van Guilder.

We are looking forward to the annual Orange Council picnic being held October 6th. It was a big success last year and we are planning to have the same location, at Bonita Canyon West, in Newport Beach. Last October we had over 40 attendees enjoying barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Members brought delicious side dishes to be enjoyed by all. There are tennis courts, pickle ball courts and basketball courts available for the athletes among us.

Orange Council VP of Travel, Jess Gorman, is leading the FWSA Ski Week trip to Steamboat, Colorado in 2019. An enthusiastic group of 39 are already signed up.

Fountain Valley is again holding their Wet Wednesdays in Huntington Harbor with a stand-up paddleboard adventure that always produces lots of fun and healthy exercise for their members.



Jo Simpson, President, Sierra Council

Sierra Council Looks Forward to 2018-2019 Season

With our convention co-hosting duties behind us, Sierra Council and our member clubs are looking forward to the coming snow season. We are grateful to all our members who volunteered to organize optional events and carry out the many tasks associated with convention hosting.

We held our annual general meeting and election of officers June 3 with a picnic and barbeque at the home of our race director, Nan Carnal and her husband John Stubbs in Tahoe Donner.

We have some new faces on our board and some continuing board members have changed positions. The following officers were elected: Jo Simpson, President; Corey Doolin, Vice President; Carlene Boutacoff and Debi Phelps, Co-VPs Travel; Pat Ostroff, Secretary; Nan Carnal, Race Director; Mark Ostroff, Head Gatekeeper; Pavel Bosin, Webmaster; and Beth Perryman, Newsletter Editor. We are so grateful to Debbie Stewart, who served as our Travel VP for many years.

The Reno Ski and Recreation Club is traveling to Big Sky Jan. 12-19, 2019. They held a Derby Party in May where many women arrived in very elaborate hats. They celebrated the 4th of July at a barbeque and fireworks at the Reno Aces baseball game. They camped at Jackson Meadows in August and biking at Lake Tahoe throughout the summer.

The Cabernet Ski and Race Club held their annual summer party at the home of Carlene Boutacoff in Tahoe Donner.

Scheduling for our races is close to completion. In spite of a problematic snow season, we managed to hold five of our scheduled eight races last season.



Chris Gill *San Diego Council of Ski Clubs*

The San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC) mission is to encourage the growth of each club by providing support through the Council website and the social media necessary to attract those who are interested in skiing, traveling, and year around outdoor activities.

Currently SDCSC has nine active clubs. The SDCSC is in its 55th year of being a council. Joe Harris was the founder of the SDCSC. We are in the process of having a huge party.

Our Gala for 2018 is themed Snow Ball to reflect the beginning days of this annual event. We are hoping to have the entire past ski club presidents, council presidents, the Men & Women of Year winners, and the Joe Harris recipients. We will be honoring all of those with special ribbons for the year they served or won.

The Council has been busy this year by adding some additional Happy Hours to its calendar. We have great turn out at both a beach location and a Bahia Bell Stern Wheeler boat ride around the San Diego Bay. We will have our traditional Christmas Happy hour in December at Humphrey's Backstage Bar.

The SDCSC just had their second Council Club President's Meeting. We had a presentation on how to set up a **Meetup** Group site for their club. Some clubs have already been using this site and have seen an increase in their memberships. We discussed the long-term goals of the council which included the council updating the website. As council president, I asked the club presidents for their input in regards to the Far West Councils' Man and Woman of the Year both at the Council and the FWSA level. The club presidents also gave their thoughts on the convention and the awards program. Having the entire club presidents' meet once a year is very beneficial to both the council and the other clubs.

The San Diego ski clubs are very busy year round with Day Tripper Bus tours, hiking, biking, camping, outdoor concerts and getting ready for the current 2019 ski season. Action ski club (www.Actionskiclub.org) has their fly aways to Revelstoke and Beaver Creeek. Don Diego ski club (www.skidondiego.org) has several mid week trips to Mammoth Mountain of which Torrey Pines Ski Club (www.tpscsd.org) also joins in every year. North Island Snowdrifters (www.nisnowdrifters.org) will be going to Sun Peaks & Mammoth Mountain. Pacific Rim Alliance

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Bike & Barge

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(www.pacificrimalliance.org) will be going to Big White. Our oldest ski club the San Diego Ski Club (www.san-diego-ski-club.org) which was established in 1935 will be busy working on their Quonset hut and get ready for ski racing season. Those who belong to this club can stay in the hut during their ski trip. The council has encouraged the clubs this season to make sure to contact the sales representatives at each resort to let them know we are on their mountain.

The Council's North American Travel Person, Alan Godwin, has had a huge response to the FWSA Ski Week in Steamboat. We have 50 people signed up with a wait list. The San Diego Ski Council is also going to Aspen in December and we have 35 people signed up already. Mike and Eileen Sanford will be heading up this annual trip.

The San Diego Council International Travel Person run by Eileen Sanford has been very busy setting up our travel calendar for both 2019 and 2020. The first of the two trips in 2019 will be a bike and barge trip from Amsterdam to Bruges Belgium with a post trip to Greece. This trip takes place in late April through the first two weeks in May. Our bike trip is sold out with a waiting list. The second trip will be in October where we will be traveling with Grand Circle to Australia and New Zealand. There is a pre-trip to Melbourne and the post trip will be to Fiji. Eileen Sanford has a Bike & Barge on the Mosel with a post trip to San Sebastian Spain for the 2020 season. Then, in the winter, we will be doing the Christmas Markets on a river cruise along the Danube.

The Council looks forward to a great ski season and attending the Far West Ski Week in Steamboat.





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