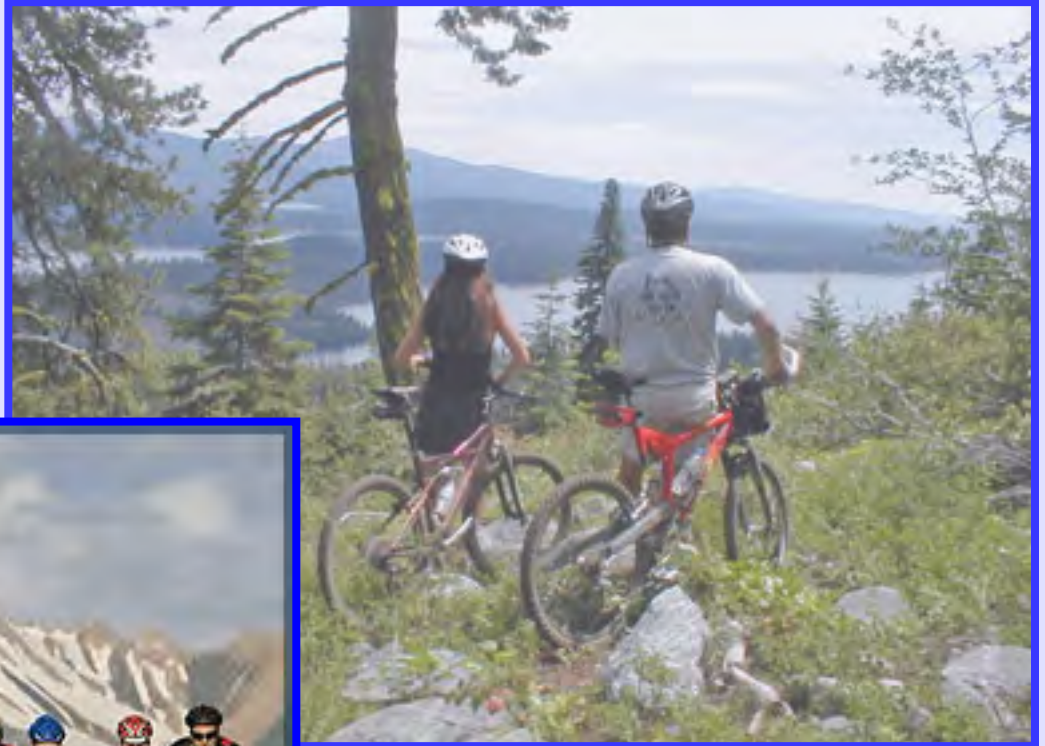


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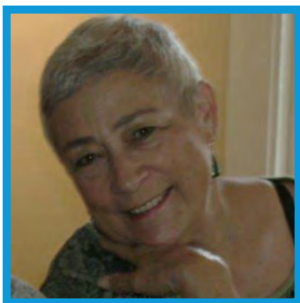


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On the cover of this issue are several outdoor enthusiasts enjoying summer activities at various ski resorts. The ski season has finally ended but that does not mean the end of fun at the ski resorts. Many of the resorts offer fun activities ranging from hiking, biking, golf, vacation packages, camping and many more activities. Check out the websites of your favorite ski resort on the internet. In addition to the individual resort websites, one site I found to get you started is <http://skiing.about.com/od/skiresortssummer/a/westsummerkideals.htm>

# President

## FWSA Holds First Far West Film Fest

By Randy Lew



Randy Lew  
FWSA President

Hello! I want to start by thanking you for your trust and confidence by re-electing me your 2012 – 2013 President and the opportunity that you have given me. As I start my 7th term, I will work closely with incoming VP of International Travel, *Debbie Stewart*, and VP of Membership, *Mary Azevedo*, to ensure a seamless transition and continued improvement of our programs. I will also do my best in continuing to execute the existing programs, growing and expanding the FWSA influence, and developing new programs to bring benefits and value to our membership.

The success of FWSA is due to a significant number of volunteers who have contributed a tremendous amount of time and expertise. Thanks to our outgoing FWSA Board for all the efforts over your respective terms of office. Thanks also to our industry partners and sponsors who, through their generosity and support, are also instrumental to our growth and success.

The success of our conventions is the direct result of the many hours of planning and execution by our volunteers. I would like to thank *Jane Wyckoff*, FWSA Convention Chair, for her extremely valuable mentoring, planning and operational support; *Mary Olhausen*, who did a superb job as Silent Auction Chair; *Debbi Kor*, for handling the convention sponsorships and industry registration; *Nancy Ellis*, for handling the delegate registration, *Catherine Ohl* for her superb AV presentations and executing the FWSA Awards Program, and *Linda Scott*, Intermountain Ski Council Convention Coordinator, for her great ideas, planning and execution. In addition, thanks to all the Intermountain Ski Council volunteers for a great party.

I would like to thank *Mike Sanford* for his efforts in obtaining our Convention VIP's and guests. Mike did a great job of putting together the VIP Celebrities presentation by Deedee Corradini, President of Women's Ski Jumping USA, and Lindsey Van champion ski jumper.

The positive feedback from our ski industry partners mentions the integrity and extraordinary efforts of our volunteers and the scope of our programs. Our ability to attract and bring in amazing guest speakers the caliber of Deedee Corradini, Lindsey Van, Sarah Hendrickson (World Champion Ski Jumper), Julian Carr (Pro Free Skier & World record holder for cliff jumping), Kaylin Richardson (former US Olympian and four-time National Champion), Jen Hudak (US Free Ski Team & two-time X-Games Gold Medalist), Luke Bodenstener (VP of Athletics for the US Ski & Snowboard Team), Dave Ludwig (founder of Hope on the Slopes), Richard Neustetter (Jimmie Heuga Center Endowment), Harv Forsgren (US Forest Service), Kelly Heuga-Hamill, and Bill Christensen (10th Mountain Division veteran & Bronze Star recipient) makes FWSA the benchmark of ski council organizations in the United States.

The first Far West Film Fest was presented on Sunday, featuring the screening of three great films: "Ready to Fly," a story about Women's Ski Jumping USA featuring Lindsey Van and Deedee Corradini; "Can Do: The Legacy of Jimmie Heuga," a story of how Jimmie changed the lives of those living with MS; and "The Movement," a story about disabled athletes features Rick Finkelstein, produced by Kurt Miller, narrated by Warren Miller and Robert Redford. Proceeds are being donated to the Jimmie Heuga Center Endowment, Women's Ski Jumping USA and Make a Hero Foundation.

Our first Board meeting in July will focus on some of the significant tasks and challenges that lay before us:

- Review and analyze our current business model and income flow
- Develop additional programmatic sponsorships
- Develop the remaining modules for the Snowsports Leadership Academy
- Identify and execute additional outreach programs
- Increase our influence in the Western Region and National stages

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# Secretary

By Wanda Ross

Wanda Ross, newly elected as Secretary of the Far West Ski Association, was recognized as the Bay Area Council's Woman of the Year for two years: 2011 and 2012. She was President of the Bay Area Singles League for three years from 2009-2012 and currently serves as Past President. She served on the Board of the Snow Drifters Ski Club in Silicon Valley, California for six years.

Previously, Wanda was a National Ski Patrol System volunteer patroller for 13 years in Europe and the U.S. including serving as Assistant Patrol Director in Frankfurt, Germany for one year and patrolling at Snoqualmie Pass for five years.



An avid skier, Wanda has skied around the world at 118 ski areas in the U.S. and Canada and at 38 in Europe and New Zealand. She has led many ski trips including Western Travel Director for the HQ USAF Ski Club in Virginia for six years. She has participated in several FWSA trips, both for skiing and travel. Wanda is a member of the Travelers' Century Club, having traveled to more than 100 countries on all seven continents.

Professionally, Wanda is Global Executive Talent Acquisition Manager at Polycom, responsible for worldwide hiring of directors and above. Polycom is a leader in videoconferencing and Unified Communications. For the last several years, Wanda has been a recruiter at Google, Intuit and boutique executive search firms.

Earlier in her career, Wanda managed a community college program for the U.S. military on bases across Europe from Iceland to Saudi Arabia, and taught graduate school on U.S. military bases in several European countries, Virginia, North Carolina and Hawaii. She holds a PhD from the University of Southern California and a B.A. in Psychology from Lycoming College in Pennsylvania.

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*Randy Lew - Continued from page 3*

This list is not meant to be comprehensive; however, it will definitely keep us busy for the next year. This is a challenging and difficult time for all non-profit organizations including FWSA. We will need to do a thorough review of our business model and tweak our programs to better address our industry partners and ski club members. I am confident that FWSA and will continue to be the leading council organization in the United States.

Now that our 2012 Convention is behind us, it is time to start thinking about 2013 and 2014. Jane and I have already been working on the venues for these, and we are looking for a memorable and exciting 2013 event hosted by Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada June 6–9, 2013. Dennis Heffley, BAC President, is already planning a great event with some exciting activities for us. Our 2014 Convention will be hosted by Northwest Ski Club Council at the Riverhouse Hotel & Convention Center in Bend, Oregon.

FWSA is a non-profit volunteer based organization just like many ski clubs and councils. However, we are very different; we do not have a large base of dues paying members. Ski clubs are generally funded by membership dues, ski councils are funded by ski club dues. FWSA is funded entirely by: 1) the generosity of the ski industry through their silent auction donations; 2) the industry sponsorship of our programs; and 3) the success of our travel programs. Our volunteers, the life blood of our existence, donate countless hours of their personal and family time.

I am excited about the next year and look forward to serving you in developing FWSA further. The officers that you have elected are committed to improving this organization and will be working hard throughout this next year.

### Great things are happening at FWSA

*by Linda Scott*

We are proud to announce that we have hired Catherine Ohl of *A Cat Meowz Graphic Dezinz* to redesign our Far West Ski Association (FWSA) website ([www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)). Catherine has volunteered her time and talents to FWSA for many years and most recently you saw her work when you visited the 80th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention website; or, viewed the optional event flyers; or, reviewed the criteria for outstanding recognition awards. We expect the new and redesigned website to be up and running before Labor Day. Stay tuned for great things to come. The new site will have improved functionality and site navigation while being easy and pleasant to use. I think you are going to love it!



*Linda Scott  
VP of  
Communications*

We would like to thank George Stewart for managing our website for the past few years. George had a difficult task as he is a small business man by trade and not a graphic or website designer. We thank you George for your years of volunteering for this difficult task.

Other programs under the Communications banner include our FWSA *Facebook* page, our *News Flash* monthly email blast, *The Councilman*, our three-times-a-year magazine, and the *Far West Skier Guide*, which is now in its 25th year.

Our Facebook page is managed by Steve Coxen. You should consider becoming our “friend” on *Facebook*, if you have not already. Visit and you will find a lot of interesting snowsports related news and articles updated almost daily. You will find fun pictures there too. Check it out.

Visit our website where you can sign up for *News Flash*, our monthly email blast published by Debbi Kor. When you sign up, you will begin to receive snowsports news directly to your email address.

Connie Burdette stepped up to become the new editor of *The Councilman* last December. Watch for a new twist on FWSA and council happenings.

Leigh Gieringer will be publishing our Silver Anniversary *Far West Skier Guide* this fall. Leigh promises an exceptional issue in celebration of this milestone. Stay tuned.

We have exciting plans for the coming year. Be sure to check out our new website and our other publications for the latest and greatest from your friends at the Far West Ski Association!



*Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chairperson  
and  
Linda Scott, Intermountain Ski Council Host Convention Coordinator*

## *VP of Council Services*

*By Eileen Sanford*



The Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Board is looking forward to a fabulous year. As Vice President of Councils, I am excited about working on the FWSA leadership team. I have the responsibility and unique opportunity to work with the presidents of the 11 member councils to identify strengths that can be shared, and to identify common problems and work to support joint solutions.

The FWSA Outreach Program funds were awarded to Northwest Ski Club Council, Sierra Council and Intermountain Ski Council this year. Congratulations and we hope all the councils will participate in the program next year.

This year the Savvy Snake Ski Cancer Prevention Program continued to be promoted by Fran Long and her committee. Fran won the Aspen sponsored FWSA Safety Person of the Year award for this worthwhile project. She came up with Savvy Snake, a cute logo to remind kids to use sunscreen while skiing or boarding. The Savvy Snake stickers were a big hit at the trade shows in western states. The pamphlet explaining the program objectives also included a puzzle for the kids on the back. The banner was displayed at trade shows and at the FWSA Convention brought attention to the program. The funding came from California so the program was focused on that state this year. Thanks to Fran for a job well done. We will continue to promote the program next year.

The FWSA Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Program chaired by Donn Bryant helps recognize the council leaders at the FWSA Convention. It is one of the Council Services finest programs and Donn does an outstanding job of putting all the pieces together and honoring the council candidates and winners. This year's winners were Sigrid Noack from Los Angeles Council and Norm Azevedo from Bay Area Snow Sports Council. Congratulations for a job well done!

Two important charity and community service programs are now included at the FWSA Convention: The Charity & Community Service Recognition Program and the Community Service Awareness Program. These awards encourage our councils and clubs to get more involved with charities and community service. Thanks to Sigrid Noack for her continuing leadership of this program. See her article for this year's winners. This year nine clubs and eight councils entered the competition. Four clubs were asked to complete boards for the Convention: Schnee Volgeli, Fire & Ice, Balboa, and Reno. The winner was Fire & Ice Ski Club.

The Club and Council Communications Awards competitions for outstanding website, newsletter and club was refined by Lennia Machen, Communications Awards Chairperson and Catherine Ohl. This year they will review and edit the judging criteria and create a web page for the competition to allow posting of information, criteria, rules, dates, and develop training materials for judges. They also developed a digital award for the winning clubs to put on their website.

The Youth and Family Program will host another Mammoth Adventure this year from July 29-Aug. 5. The week-long trip will host daily activities for kids and adults. The participants can camp or stay in a hotel. Check [www.FWSA.org](http://www.FWSA.org) for more details or contact Fran Long at: [fancat2007@sbeglobal.net](mailto:fancat2007@sbeglobal.net)

If you belong to a local club, do not forget to regularly visit their website for ongoing activities. Also check the council website for your area. Remember to check [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) and sign up for the FWSA monthly email on that site. We appreciate all the local club and council support of FWSA programs.

Thanks to Intermountain Ski Council for a great Convention in Ogden, Utah. It was a root-toot-tooting cowboy good time!

### **Highlights of Far West's 2012 Convention**

*By Debbi Kor*



*Debbi Kor  
VP of Marketing  
and Sponsorship*

Another successful Far West Convention has been recorded and put in the can. Inter-mountain Ski Council did a fantastic job for their first time efforts. The volunteers were extraordinary, the events lively and fun, the music outstanding, and all was held in the lovely Ogden Eccles Conference Center in Ogden, Utah.

The annual Pub Crawl, merging many of our industry partners and delegates, for a fun-filled night, was a huge success thanks to Gene Fulkerson, who led our group along Historic 25th Street to The City Club, Roosters Brewery, and Brewskis. This event was sponsored, once again, by **Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority**, with Jamie Lokan at the helm. We hope your first adventure with Far West was a good one, Jamie. We look forward to what you might have in store for us next year in Reno!

Friday's events included the 6th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, sponsored by **Snowbasin**, a canyon hike, a raft trip along the Weber River, and a day of fun and indoor sky diving at the Salomon Center in town. The Salomon Center event was co-sponsored by **Crested Butte Mountain Resort** and **Copper Mountain Ski Resort**. These activities kept everyone busy throughout the day, bringing everyone back together at the Marriott, Ogden for the afternoon Pool Party, sponsored by **Mt. Bachelor**, and hosted by Arizona Ski Council. Thanks to Ann Cook (Mt. Bachelor), several brave souls faced down the mechanical bull that was brought in for the event. This certainly gave our theme of "How the West is ONE!" a true test.

Friday night's Silent Auction was action-packed with our delegates bidding on many outstanding ski and adventure packages for the coming season. **Ski Dazzle** and **Telluride Ski Resort** hosted the evening's event and the great music from our D.J....Jon Mon, of Disc Jockeys Now.



*Lindsay Van*

Saturday morning's Travel Expo was the time for delegates to meet with our industry partners to plan next year's trips for their clubs. It was a busy morning of meetings and appointments. The various panel discussions were well attended and took us into the lunch hour, which was hosted by **Vail Resorts**.

Deedee Corradini, our keynote speaker, was a delight, as she spoke on the challenges of getting the IOC's approval for Women's Ski Jumping to be added as an event in the 2014 Winter Olympics. Deedee then introduced Lindsay Van, one of WSJ's champion jumpers, who answered questions of what she and her peers went through awaiting this much deserved inclusion into the games.

Saturday night's awards banquet, hosted by **Ski Banff**, **Lake Louise**, **Sunshine**, **Banff Lodging Company** and the **Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel**, was a great way to end another fun-filled Convention. Awards were presented to the honorees of the FWSA Service Awards, the Western Ski Heritage Award, and the Safety Person of the Year, as well as those industry partners who have participated in the Silent Auction over the past 25 years. Also recognized, were the many sponsors of our convention activities and events. Thank you to all for your continued support and commitment to Far West Ski Association. The complete listing of Convention sponsors and donors is shown elsewhere in this publication.



## ***VP of International Travel***

*By Debbie Stewart*

It is my pleasure to be working with Far West Ski Association (FWSA) as the new Vice President of International Travel. I have had a great experience assisting Norm and Mary Azevedo for the past three years on the international ski week trips. I now look forward to taking our international travelers on a new and exciting adventure with FWSA's future travel program.



*Debbie Stewart  
VP of  
International  
Travel*

### **FWSA 2012 INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK:**

Our 2012 International Ski Week in Chamonix, France was truly a Success! We had 131 participants for the ski week. Chamonix is situated in the valley floor, while taking in the vistas in either direction; the mountains were impressive and extremely breathtaking. The city offered anything you could want, from fabulous restaurants and cafes, a variety of stores for shopping, convenient bus transportation to nearby ski resorts and an overall genuine European travel experience.



We then offered two Morocco adventure options. Norm and Mary had 33 people for two weeks touring Morocco. My husband, George and I had 44 participants touring on the "fast track" through Morocco for one week. We experienced the beautiful scenery, culture, exotic food and so much more.

We even rode a dromedary (one-hump camel) into the Sahara desert for an overnight stay in a Berber tent. This truly was a highlight for many and an experience to remember for a lifetime.

### **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE:**

As the new VP of International Travel, I would like to take the FWSA International Travel Program to the next level in the upcoming year. In order to do this, I will recruit and develop a small core, fully informed travel team. This team will work along my side to provide our members added value offering seamless ease of travel, and exciting experiences that our members have come to expect from us in an even more inviting and sophisticated way. **All you do is, write the check....we'll do the rest!**

### **FWSA 2012 – 3RD ANNUAL DIVE TRIP:**

The next dive trip will be held September 1-8, 2012 led by a master diver himself, our own President Randy Lew. This will be his 3rd dive trip as our leader taking the group to Cayman Brac where you will enjoy seven nights at the Brac Reef Beach Resort, daily breakfast and dinner, six days of two-tank boat dives and so much more! Contact Randy Lew at [fwsa13randy@telis.org](mailto:fwsa13randy@telis.org) to sign up today.



### **FWSA 2013 INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK:**

Mark your calendar and allocate your travel dollars for next 2013 International Ski Week from March 2 – 10, 2013 in Innsbruck, Austria. You will spend seven nights at the four-star Hotel Grauer Bar with daily breakfast and dinner included. Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital, hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976. It has over 320 miles of trails easily accessible in 25 surrounding village resorts. There are nine major ski areas that provide varied terrain for all levels of skiers. The post extension trip from March 10-17 will offer five nights in Garmisch for skiing and adventure, then two nights in Munich, Germany. Both weeks will offer optional tours for both skiers and non-skiers alike.

**"Hold on to your hats, scarves, walking shoes and passports...**

**Let's embrace the world with FWSA's International Travel Program and adventures to be discovered".**

**For updates on FWSA International Travel Program:**

Website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) or Debbie Stewart at: [FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net](mailto:FWSAIntlTrvl@prodigy.net)



## **FWSA Leadership Information Panel Sessions Delight and Inform Attendees**

**By Scott Bowker**



**Scott Bowker**  
**VP Public**  
**Affairs**

Scott Bowker (FWSA VP Public Affairs), Mike Sanford (FWSA Past President) and John Watson (FWSA History Chair) led the public affairs panel sessions at the Leadership Sessions. A big thanks to Mike and John for leading these sessions. Guest speakers included Bill Christensen (10th Mountain Division, Utah Chapter), Harv Forsgren (U.S. Forest Service Intermountain Region Regional Forester, Jock Gliddon (10th Mountain Division, Utah Chapter), Dave Ludwig (founder of American Cancer Society Hope On the Slopes program), Richard Neustedter (MS Can Do former chair of Board of Directors), Emmet Parker (10th Mountain Division, Utah Chapter), Greg Thompson (co-founder University of Utah's J.W. Marriott Library Ski Archives program).

The wide ranging discussions covered the Arizona Snowbowl snowmaking case (U.S. Forest Service approval of the use of reclaimed wastewater by Arizona Snowbowl to make artificial snow and subsequent challenges by the Navajo Nation which was the first major legal challenge to the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act and later by Save the Peaks coalition); new changes in water rights clauses (Clause D-30 from 2011 visit [www.fs.fed.us/specialuses/](http://www.fs.fed.us/specialuses/) for more info) for ski area permits on USFS lands (NSAA v. U.S. Forest Service January 2012 lawsuit about taking of private water rights); seasonal or year-round natural resource-based recreational activities at ski resorts on USFS lands (Ski Area Recreational Opportunity Enhancement Act S. 382/H.R. 765 from 2011 [www.fs.fed.us/news/2011/releases/11/skicomm.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/news/2011/releases/11/skicomm.shtml)); environmental impact of resort development; activities of WWII 10th Mountain Division veterans during their active service in Southern Italy, including clothing and equipment plus their dramatic impact on the development of ski areas and ski industry; the importance of how charities like Hope on the Slopes have greatly enhanced the ability of challenged individuals to enjoy the great experiences of snow skiing; how our respective clubs and councils can participate or even organize fund raising activities; enlightening history of the development of skiing and ski industry in Utah; and origins/sustaining activity of the Ski Archives program of the Marriott Library at University of UT [www.lib.utah.edu/collections/ski-archives/](http://www.lib.utah.edu/collections/ski-archives/).

### **FWSA SAFETY PERSON OF THE YEAR 2012**

Sponsored by *Aspen/Snowmass* with lodging provided by *The Gant* and *The Crestwood Resort Condominiums*

Fran Long of Paso Robles, CA is a member of SLO Skiers of San Luis Obispo, CA and president of Central Council of California. She developed a wide range of safety activities especially the program 'Slip, Slop, Slide, Slither with Savvy Snake' promoting sun safety on the slopes while targeting children involved in snowsports. This ongoing sun safety program consisting of an informational brochure, online quiz, a decal suitable for snowsports equipment, a sunscreen sample and banners has been promoted to thousands of people at a wide variety of venues including ski shows in Santa Clara, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Sacramento; ski areas in the Tahoe/Mammoth region; club and council events; and articles/press releases. Fran also made presentations about altitude sickness and preventive measures plus introduced two different programs for purchasing and wearing helmets.

Fran's hobbies include photography, gardening, tinkering. She also enjoys almost anything that can be done outdoors: traveling, biking, hiking, kayaking, skiing, and snowboarding.

The winner receives a six-day vacation for two from *Aspen/Snowmass* including six-day lift tickets for all four mountains (Ajax, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk & Snowmass), six days of rentals and a half-day group lesson for two plus round trip air; seven nights lodging provided by *The Crestwood Resort Condominiums* and *The Gant*.

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## **Far West Is Going To Aspen/Snowmass 2013**

*By Gloria Raminha*



*Gloria Raminha  
VP of North American  
Travel*

### **2012 Mammoth Summer Adventure Trip**

Far West Ski Association (FWSA) has planned a summer adventure trip to Mammoth July 29 to August 5. I would like to thank Fran Long for all her time and efforts in making this trip, our 2nd annual Mammoth Summer Adventure trip, geared for members of all ages. For more details, check the FWSA website and click on the Travel tab.

### **Panama Canal Cruise**

**It is not too late to sign-up:** We will set sail from Los Angeles September 28, 2012 for a 14-day cruise on the Norwegian “Pearl” ship. The ports of call for this cruise are: Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Huatulco, Puerto Chiapas, Puntarenas, (Transit the Panama Canal) and Cartagena. We will arrive in Miami on October 12.

For details and sign-up information for this cruise, contact Gloria Raminha at [fwsa.natravel@bak.rr.com](mailto:fwsa.natravel@bak.rr.com) or call 661-800-8229. Full payment is due in July so do not hesitate to sign-up soon if you’re interested in this trip. Prices will vary for different category levels.

### **Ski Week 2013 at Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado**

*Aspen/Snowmass*, Colorado is the location of our 2013 ski week. The ski week will be held February 2 to 9. Trip leaders and travel staff have started preparing for another great ski week. Mary Manning from *Aspen/Snowmass* Resorts and Mike Hibbard from Sports America Tours are working with the travel staff in planning a fantastic 2013 FWSA ski week.

*Aspen/Snowmass* offers one lift ticket good for four mountains (Snowmass Ski Area, Buttermilk Mountain, Aspen Mountain and Aspen Highlands). The four mountains await our presence. Our ski week activities will consist of:

Welcome Super Bowl Party  
5 or 6 Days of Lift Tickets  
Pub crawl  
Races  
Après Party  
Mountain lunch  
Awards Banquet and Dance  
& More

The *Aspen/Snowmass* flyer is on the FWSA website. If you are interested in participating in the 2013 ski week in *Aspen/Snowmass* you can sign up with one of the council trip leaders listed on the ski week flyer. Go to the Far West website to check the flyer and council trip leader contact information.

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## **2nd Annual FWSA Mini Ski Trip – Mt. Bachelor**

Join FWSA members on our 2nd annual mini ski trip to Mt. Bachelor from March 25 to 30. This trip is for five nights and three or four days of skiing. The flyer and sign-up details are on the Far West website. Included in the trip package is:

- 5 nights lodging
- Full American breakfast daily
- 3 or 4 day lift tickets
- Welcome Party
- Last Tracks Après Ski Party
- Tubing Party
- Farewell Party

This FWSA trip is limited to the first 100 signups. A \$50 refundable (until November 15) deposit will guarantee your spot if space is available.

## **Where will the FWSA Ski Week be in 2014?**

We had several bid proposals from ski resorts and tour operators for our 2014 Ski Week. I would like to thank all the resorts and tour operators for their time and effort at putting their proposals together.

During the convention in Ogden we had six resorts provide bid presentations for our 2014 FWSA Ski Week. The presenters were: **Beaver Creek** and **Banff** with Skigroup.net, **Breckenridge** and **Steamboat** with Sports America Tours, **Copper Mountain** with Rocky Mountain Tours and **Telluride** with Ski.com. All presenters did a great job and deserve a big THANK YOU for preparing and presenting their presentations. The bid summaries and ballots have been sent to all Councils, Board of Directors and Travel Staff who are currently evaluating the bids. The winning resort will be announced on July 30 after the FWSA Board of Directors meeting. Please check with your Council President, Trip Leader or the FWSA website to find out where the ski week will be in 2014.

Be sure to check out the [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org) website for these and all FWSA Travel plans.



*Group on the Aspen/Snowmass Site Inspection*



### Now to Award the 2012 Athletic Scholarships

*By Dick Shawkey, Chairman*



*Dick Shawkey  
Athletic Scholarship  
Chairman*

The 2012 athletic scholarship selection process has begun. The first of the anticipated 50 or so applications has arrived in the mail. How many of these young athletes will receive a positive answer to their applications? Thanks to the the generosity of our sponsors and the convention attendees, we anticipate that we will match last year's record awards. The total raised for scholarships at the Far West Ski Association convention was over \$4,400, a new record for the raffle and auctions. Much of the success can be attributed to the generosity of **Whitefish Mountain Resort** and Scott Knudson. Scott offered to almost double his bid if Whitefish would agree to make its package available for four people. **Whitefish** agreed and Scott raised his auction bid to \$2,000. In addition, we raised over \$1,435 in the raffle, \$650 for the **Grouse Mountain Lodge** package, and an additional \$350 for items donated by the U.S. Ski Team. Raising \$4,400 is truly remarkable.

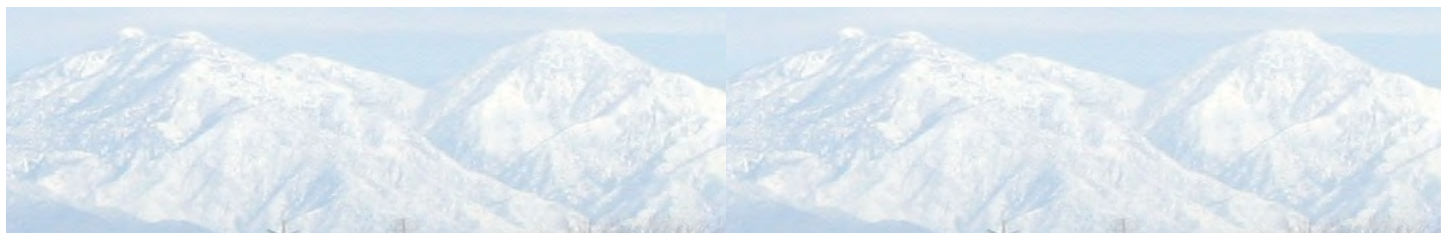
Applicants have until June 30 to submit their applications. Copies of the applications are then forwarded to each of the scholarship committee members together with a summary of the athletes' individual accomplishments. As committee chairman, I extract each applicant's points and seating from U.S. Ski Team on-line records and provide them to the committee in the summary. Each committee member, Dale Parshall (Northwest Ski Club Council), Bob Ellis (Bay Area Snow Sports Council), Dan Baxter (Intermountain Ski Council), and me (Bay Area Snow Sports Council), evaluates each application and assigns a score of 0-5 to each of the four areas: financial need, athletic performance, academic achievement, and community service. As chairman, my job is to weight and aggregate the scores for each applicant. Then the applicants are listed beginning from top to bottom based on their scores. Given the funds available, a decision is made as to the number and amounts of each scholarship, usually \$500 to \$1,000. We start with the top score and go down the list until we run out of money. Scholarship winners will be announced on October 1.



Jordan Schweitzer

Our scholarship partners are an important part of the program. The partners are given the option of sponsoring an athlete from their local area or region. They can also specify wheather the recipient is a boy or girl. A scholarship is awarded to the first athlete on the final list who meets the partner's criteria. For example, the 2011 Nicole Erin Award sponsored by the Skiyente Ski Club was awarded to **Jordan Schweitzer** who was the top scoring female athlete from the Pacific Northwest. Right now, we are fortunate to have six partners including three ski clubs from the Portland area, one club from the Bay Area, and two Southern California councils. Their combined contribution amounts to 30% of the awards budget. Skiyente is to be commended for raising a record \$1,504 for its 2012 Erin Nicole Award.

The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program continues to be indebted to its sponsors who have supported the program from its inception: **Whitefish Mountain Resort** ([www.skiwhitefish.com](http://www.skiwhitefish.com)), **Grouse Mountain Lodge** ([www.grousemountainlodge.com](http://www.grousemountainlodge.com)), **Schure Sports Inc.** ([www.karbonmail.com](http://www.karbonmail.com)), maker of the Karbon brand of snowsports apparel, and the Far West Racing Association ([www.fwra.com](http://www.fwra.com)).



## Charities and Our Community

### FWSA Charity Involvement Recognition

by Sigrid Noack, Chairperson

Congratulations to **Fire & Ice Ski Club** of BAC for winning the 2012 Far West Ski Association (FWSA) "Charity & Community Service Recognition". This annual recognition is a \$100 FWSA



*Above photo:  
Charity photo display for four  
finalist clubs, from left:  
Reno Ski & Recreation Club  
Fire & Ice Ski Club  
Balboa Ski & Sports Club  
SchneeVogeli Ski Club*

check, which the club is donating to a favorite charity "Building Peaceful Families". Thank you Bernice Tate and club president, Marcelle Nichols for doing so much wonderful charity work. The photo display boards presented by the four finalists were very impressive. Thank you president Jess Gorman of **Balboa Ski & Sports Club** (Orange Council of Ski Clubs); president Monica Palmer of **Reno Ski & Recreation Club** (Sierra Ski Club Council); Dale Parshall and president John Orefice of **SchneeVogeli** (Northwest Ski Club Council). Congratulations and a great big THANK YOU to all the applicants and to the club members who work so hard organizing charitable activities!



*Sigrid Noack,  
Charities  
and our  
Community  
Chairperson*

The other clubs and council, who were also very much involved with community service activities and took the time to apply for this special FWSA recognition are: **Monterey Ski & Social Club**, Doug Weaver and President Greg Robinson of (Bay Area Snow Sports Council); **Santa Barbara Ski & Sports Club**, President Dennis Forster of (Central Council of California); **Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs**, President Norbert Knapp; **Phoenix Ski Club**, Beth Miller & President Bill Behnke (Arizona Ski Council); **Cheyenne Ski Club**, Doug McCartney and President Pat Lauber (Intermountain Ski Council).

FWSA has another opportunity for recognition for ski councils, the "Community Service Awareness Program". Councils are challenged to have each of their clubs be involved with at least one charitable activity. FWSA is aiming for 100% charity involvement!

Congratulations to the four FWSA councils with the highest percent of their clubs involved with charitable activities:

**San Diego Ski Club Council with 91%**  
**Central Council with 86%**  
**Intermountain Ski Council with 78%**  
**Arizona Ski Council with 71%**



*Sigrid recognizing the four finalist clubs,  
from left: Ken Simpson of Reno Ski &  
Recreation, Dale Parshall of SchneeVogeli,  
Jess Gorman of Balboa Ski & Sports Club, and  
Dennis Heffley representing  
Fire & Ice Ski Club*

Great job presidents! I am again presenting this challenge to our council presidents: Get every one of your clubs involved with at least one charitable activity between now and Convention 2013! FWSA can reach 100% involvement!



*Sigrid presenting FWSA \$100 check to Dennis Heffley  
representing Fire & Ice Ski Club for winning the "FWSA  
Charity & Community Service Recognition" award.  
Check will be donated to their favorite charity:  
"Building Peaceful Families".*

# Intermountain Ski Council Hosts “How the West is ONE!” Thank You Volunteers!

by Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Chairperson

It was a great time out west the weekend of June 7-10 at the 80th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention in Ogden, Utah. It was the first time the Intermountain Ski Council has hosted a FWSA Convention, and they did a terrific job. Throughout this issue of *The Councilman*, you will read articles and see pictures of the many social and educational events that took place, in addition to the recognitions and awards presented.

As FWSA Convention Chairperson, I have the wonderful job of working closely with the host council in conducting a convention. It enables members of a council that have not attended a convention before, to learn about the many programs of the Far West Ski Association. It was a team effort by the Intermountain Ski Council and the FWSA Convention Committee in planning and producing such a successful convention, and we extend our sincere appreciation for everyone's volunteer efforts.



Jane Wyckoff  
FWSA  
Convention  
Chairperson

Linda Scott, our ISC Host Council Coordinator, spent numerous hours working with her Steering Committee. With her leadership, upbeat attitude, and constant smile, she made it all fun. The delegate and industry tote bags were filled to the top, and there was so much to stuff that Norbert Knapp, President of Los Angeles Council, gathered some friends from Edelweiss and Grindelwald ski clubs to help out with the stuffing. It was the largest tote bag stuffing crew I have seen in my 40+ years of conventions.

This year's optional events were well attended and offered a diversity of things to do in and around Ogden. On Thursday night we held our traditional "Pub Crawl" on Historic 25th Street, led by Gene Fulkerson and Catherine Ohl. Friday's 6th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, led by Charlie Hawker, was held at Wolf Creek Golf Club and Resort in Eden, Utah. Catherine Ohl led the Weber River White Water Rafting adventure (where I heard everyone got wet, but no one fell out of the rafts). Michael Bouton led the Wheeler's Canyon hike and, assisted by Rich Koski. Lennia Machen, took a group to the near-by Salomon Center, for an iFly adventure. It was the first time we had a mechanical bull at a Pool Party, and we thank Maxine Hanlon and Mike Rogers for organizing this "unique" event. The suite parties and Eye Opener offered a great opportunity to greet old friends and make some new ones, and were organized and hosted by Michael Bouton and Don Anderson.

Randy Lew spends many long hours throughout the year as our Convention Treasurer, managing the contracts, financial databases, and producing reports. Registration ran smoothly, thanks to Nancy Ellis, who handled the delegate registration, assisted by ISC Registration Coordinator, Norm Bates. Debbi Kor not only handled the industry registration, but did a terrific job of securing all the sponsorships and door prizes for the Convention. At registration, you received a delegate book, edited by Scott Bowker. Fran Long produced the coupon books for registration and Emilio Trampuz of Starbright Creations made our signage, directing attendees where they needed to go.

Jack Scott recruited and scheduled the many volunteers from the ISC who helped throughout the weekend. Lennia Machen created the centerpieces for the Saturday evening awards banquet and the council table identifications. Hubby Gary Machen assisted and was ever present the entire weekend for whatever needed to be done. Donn Bryant recognized all the candidates for Councils' Man and Woman of the Year and led the judging.

The Silent Auction/Travel Expo Chairperson Mary Olhausen and her "A Team" managed another very successful Silent Auction, raising close to \$35,000 to support FWSA programs for the coming year. Linda McGavin assisted Mary with administrative support for the event. It was great to welcome back Harry Davis as our Silent Auction Auctioneer, with assistance from his wife Karen. The Snowbasin Adaptive Sports Education Foundation provided the Bid Runners under the direction of Rich Koski and Fran Long. Payment at the Accounting Tables was very fast with an efficient team of Cindy Krupp, Liz Benson, Judith Miller, Linda Indreboe, Mary Azevedo, Sandy Knapp, George Muller, Linda Coxen, Karen James, Paul Vlasveld and Suzi Statten. Sigrid Noack conducted the Travel Expo on Saturday morning, providing some one-on-one time for the delegates and industry.

In addition to the fabulous work Catherine Ohl does in the AV presentations throughout the weekend, and as Awards Committee Chairperson, she also designed the FWSA Convention website and did the graphics for all the print material, including our new Convention brochure. Randy Lew and Mike Sanford did a tremendous job in inviting the VIPs and guests to our Convention, and coordinating them all. Barbara Lee Blasé serves as our VIP and Guest Hostess and greets each and every one, and makes them feel welcome.

Sunday morning it was all business, and time for elections. Steve Coxen, Nominations

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Chairman, let us through the process, under the watchful eye of *John Watson*, Parliamentarian and Resolutions Chairperson. Later on Sunday, our first Far West Film Fest presented three fabulous films, generating financial support for some very worthwhile foundations. *Randy Lew* was responsible for the *Far West Film Fest* concept and served as MC for the special event, and we thank *Elaine and Ben Cobos* for providing operational support.

This year we were fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the Ogden/Weber Convention and Visitors Bureau, and wish to thank *Caren Parry*, *Rich Koski* and *Aimee Edwards* for all their efforts on our behalf. The Ogden Eccles Conference Center was an ideal location for our Convention, and *Ross Reeder* and *Cassie Moyers* were available throughout the entire weekend ensuring everything was done, including banner hanging. We appreciate the efforts of *Jeannie Young* of the Hampton Inn and Suites Ogden and *Dan Turner* of the Ogden Marriott, to ensure you enjoyed your stay.

Dennis Heffley and his Bay Area Snow Sports Council Convention Team under the leadership of veteran Linda Indreboe are already in planning and preparations for the 2013 Convention, to be held June 6-9 at the fabulous Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada. Complete details are available in the flyer enclosed in this issue of *The Councilman*.

We have already executed contracts for our 2014 and 2015 Conventions. We are pleased to announce that the Northwest Ski Club Council will host the 2014 Convention, June 11-15, at The Riverhouse Hotel & Conference Center in Bend Oregon. San Diego Council of Ski Clubs will host the 2015 Convention, June 3-7, at the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego.

We are a team, and we enjoy what we do. Please join us at our next convention, and become an active participant in the voice of the western skier.

***Door Prize Donors for the  
2012 Far West Convention***

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***Deedee Corradini, Keynote Speaker (left)  
with Lindsey Van,  
World Ski Jumping Champion***

**Deedee Corradini Highlights the Convention**

**by Jane Wyckoff**

**Deedee Corradini**, President of Women's Ski Jumping USA, was the keynote speaker at the FWSA Convention. Deedee spoke about the team's heroic battle and achievement in getting Women's Ski Jumping accepted as an Olympic sport. Women's Ski Jumping will be included in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. She introduced Lindsey Van, the 2009 World Ski Jumping Championship Gold Medalist. The movie, "Ready to Fly," about Women's Ski Jumping USA features Lindsey, and was shown at the Far West Film Fest held in conjunction with the Convention.

# Event Sponsors











## 80th Annual FWSA Convention by Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing & Sponsorship

*We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 80th Annual Convention. Their generous support was a significant contribution to the financial success of this year's Convention. By offsetting Convention costs through the sponsorship program, we are able to offer a more affordable delegate registration fee. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2012-13.*

Event		Sponsor	Website
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Pool Party		Mt. Bachelor, Arizona Ski Council	<a href="http://www.mtbachelor.com">www.mtbachelor.com</a> <a href="http://www.arizonaskicouncil.org">www.arizonaskicouncil.org</a>
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Awards Banquet		Ski Banff, Lake Louise, Sunshine	<a href="http://www.skibig3.com">www.skibig3.com</a>
Awards Banquet Band / FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize		Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation	<a href="http://www.steamboat.com">www.steamboat.com</a>

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## Youth And Family Involvement

By Fran Long, Chairperson

Youth and family involvement is all about keeping organized snowsports alive and vibrant. For the past few years, Far West Ski Association (FWSA) has welcomed and has had participation from families on a number of ski trips, both domestically and internationally. It has been an excellent opportunity for children and their families to experience that recreational time together, and it has been an excellent introduction to organized snowsports activities for young people.

To further our quest for involvement of young people in FWSA, the summer adventure was developed. This year's summer adventure is at Mammoth Mountain, July 29 - August 5. Families, singles, couples, young and old can experience an adventure a day for an entire week...or any part of that week. If you enjoy hiking, biking, canoeing, exploring, adventure, music, and/or eating, there just might be a few days for you at the Mammoth Adventure. Please see the flyer in this issue of *The Councilman* for detailed information, or visit the FWSA website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).



Fran Long  
Chairperson



In the safety arena, Youth and Family Involvement has a focus on sun safety on the slopes, targeting our young people. Steps to prevent skin cancer begin at birth with parents in control, but they must evolve into self responsibility as a child matures. Congratulations to Savvy Snake (Slip, Slop, Slide, Slither with Savvy Snake...Sun Safety on the Slopes) for being selected this year's Safety Person of the Year program awardee! If one child's life has been spared the effects of skin cancer, we have developed a successful program!



## ***FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION'S 2012 SERVICE AWARD WINNERS***



**Jon Tullis**

### ***Bill Berry Featured News Award - Jon Tullis***

**Jon Tullis** has been with Timberline Lodge for twenty-six years where he serves as the Director of Public Affairs. Originally from Connecticut, he moved to Oregon as a young man and became enamored with Mt. Hood and Timberline Lodge.

He now serves on the Oregon Heritage Commission, the Oregon Sustainability Tourism Advisory Council, and is on the board of Travel Portland. Jon is an avid outdoorsman and is also a guitar player and writer of songs, poems and essays.



**Bob Wilbanks**

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### ***Bill Berry Featured News Award - Bob Wilbanks***

**Bob Wilbanks** has been the Editor and Publisher of *The National Ski Club Newsletter* since its founding in 1987. The publication is a valuable resource tool for clubs and councils to communicate. It is also a resource for what is happening among the nation's ski club and councils, in the travel industry and snowsports. An avid photographer, he publishes pictures taken on his travels throughout the world.



**Eileen Sanford**

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### ***Elizabeth 'Schatzi' Wood Award - Eileen Sanford***

**Eileen Sanford** is currently entering her 5th year as President of San Diego Ski Club Council and is also now serving as the Vice President for Council Services on the FWSA Board of Directors. First elected President in June 2008, she has been involved with the Council in various volunteer jobs beginning with the 1998 FWSA Convention in San Diego. She began her volunteer career with the Don Diego Ski Club as the Social Chairman in 1987. For ten years she served on the Club's "Black Diamond Nights" Committee in support of the United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC), helping to raise an estimated \$150,000 dollars in support of adaptive sports in Southern California.



**Catherine Ohl**

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### ***Hans Georg Award - Catherine Ohl***

**Catherine Ohl** embodies the spirit of this award. Her contributions to ski clubs, councils, Far West Ski Association and affiliate organizations span over 40 years. Catherine is passionate about skiing – the organization, the history and safety. Catherine is an ambassador of snowsports. Her passion exudes in everything she does, and she promotes its programs on the ski slopes or wherever travels take her. Catherine's contributions to ski related charities speaks volumes about her generosity, both in volunteer time and finances. She has been very involved in raising money and awareness for: the U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC), the Unrecables, Mammoth Junior Race Program, Special Olympics, Relief Sarajevo, Chris Klug Foundation and Can Do MS.



**Bob Bourquard**

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### ***Bill Mackey Award - Bob Bourquard***

Mt. Bachelor is one of the largest ski resorts in the Pacific Northwest. **Bob Bourquard**, well known to many of us as "group sales guy," brings together the Mt. Bachelor staff and resort lodging partners to ensure that ski clubs and councils have truly great and memorable ski trips! In 2008-2009, Bob was the first recipient of the Mt. Bachelor Progressive Award – an award given to an individual or team at Mt. Bachelor who has provided the "best group experience".

## ***FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION'S 2012 SERVICE AWARD WINNERS***



**David Krupp**

### ***J. Stanley Mullin Award - David Krupp***

**David Krupp** is not only a ski enthusiast, but also enthusiastically donates his volunteer time and efforts in support of the sport he loves. He skis approximately 60 days a year domestically and internationally. Through his efforts in his ski club, council, Far West Ski Association, and the National Ski Council Federation, he has made a decisive contribution to skiing.

David is, essentially, a snowsport motivational speaker and leader. He takes every opportunity to promote the Far West Ski Association, especially on the slopes. If you get on a chairlift with David on any mountain, you are going to hear about the FWSA. He truly deserves to be an award recipient of the J. Stanley Mullin Award, for his outstanding volunteer efforts and achievements in skisports.

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### ***Jimmie Heuga Award - Chris Waddell***

**Chris Waddell** was a promising young skier at Middlebury College in 1988 when a skiing accident left him paralyzed from the waist down. Determined to get back on the slopes, he began skiing on a monoski roughly one year later. A little more than two years later, Waddell was named to the US Disabled Ski Team.



**Chris Waddell**

He went on to become the most decorated male skier in Paralympic history, winning twelve medals over four games, and spending a total of 11 years on the US Disabled Ski Team. He is one of a select few who has medaled in both summer and winter games. In the fall of 2009, Waddell became the first paraplegic to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro unassisted, and in 2010, he was inducted into both the Paralympic Hall of Fame and the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

Waddell has been named the Dalai Lama's unsung hero of compassion and has been featured in numerous publications, including *Outside Magazine*, *Skiing*, *Ski*, *National Geographic Explorer*, and *People Magazine*, who named him one of 'The 50 Most Beautiful People in the World.' He has also appeared on *Dateline* and *Oprah*.

In addition to his work with the Paralympics and the International Paralympic Committee, Waddell has found success as a motivational speaker. Waddell speaks to the resilience of the human condition, with topics ranging from leadership to adversity to quality of life. Chris lives in Park City, Utah.

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### ***Jordan Reily Award - Robert Redford***



**Robert Redford**

**Robert Redford** is somewhat of an anomaly in the entertainment industry. An ardent conservationist and environmentalist, he stands for social responsibility and accountability. He is one of Hollywood's original environmentalists, promoting the virtues of renewable energy and eco friendliness long before it ever came into vogue.

Redford's long-standing history of green policies dates back to his purchase in 1969 of Sundance Ski Resort. Today, Sundance continues to update and implement new techniques and technologies, staying at the forefront of environmental stewardship. Every day is green at Sundance Resort.

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### ***Snowsports Builder Award - Bill Marolt***



**Bill Marolt**

**Bill Marolt**, Olympic skier, has coached skiing at the university and national team level for over 20 years. He was Athletic Director at the University of Colorado for 12 years. He built winning national teams over several Winter Olympiads, with 5 medals in 1984 at Sarajevo and 21 medals in Vancouver 2010. An athlete from a legendary Colorado ski family, he was on the 1964 Olympic team with Billy Kidd, Jimmie Heuga, Buddy Werner and Jean Saubert (he placed 12th in GS).

A University of Colorado engineering alumnus, he was skiing coach there for ten years commencing in 1968. Marolt guided Colorado to 7 consecutive NCAA team championships 1971 through 1978 and produced 30 All-Americans in 10 years. After taking leave for six years to guide the U. S. Team through the 1984 Winter Olympics, he returned to Colorado as AD. He put together one of the strongest Division

1 collegiate sports programs in the USA, including a national football title (1990) and several more NCAA ski championships. Under his direction, the University of Colorado added three women's sports as well, in volleyball, golf and soccer.

## ***FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION'S 2012 SERVICE AWARD WINNERS***

## *Snowsports Builder Award -Greg Thompson*



## Greg Thompson

**Greg Thompson** continues his leadership in the Ski Archives, a priceless history resource and ski database in the University of Utah's J. W. Marriott Library. The Marriott Library contains collections related to skiing comparable to any library worldwide. In the 1980's Greg and the late Sue Raemer founded the Marriott Library's Ski Archives Program. Dr. Thompson has been the driving force for the Ski Archives over the four decades since its conception and this effort has made the Ski Archives a world class repository of the history and development of winter sports and skiing in the Intermountain region and beyond. He has helped build the archives contact by-contact, collection-by-collection.

**Greg Thompson** Dr. Thompson continues to stimulate the development of resources to sustain the Ski Archives. In 1991, the first Ski Affair was held as a fund raising tool for the Ski Archives and this has successfully earned hundreds of thousand of dollars for the archives over the years. Not only is the Ski Archives one of the biggest collections of its kind, the Ski Archives membership is one of the largest and most successful library “friends” organizations associated with a specialized collection in the nation.

Thompson grew up in Durango, Colorado and as a youngster skied and competed in Colorado and New Mexico. A charter member of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation's Board of Trustees, Greg has been involved with skiing since the early 1950's as a participant and historian. He has lectured widely and published numerous articles on the history of skiing in the Intermountain area His latest publication, with Alan K. Engen, *First Tracks: A Century of Skiing* (2001) Focuses on the history of skiing in Utah. Greg is also the general editor of the *Tanner Trust Publication Series*.

Gregory C. Thompson is the Associate Dean for Special Collections of the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of History. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Colorado State University (1965), Bachelor of Arts degree from Fort Lewis College (1967), and his Master of Science (1971) and Doctoral (1981) degrees from the University of Utah. See <http://www.lib.utah.edu/collections/ski-archives>



Maxine Hanlon

*Terry Smith Award - Maxine Hanlon*

**Maxine Hanlon** became involved with intramural racing in 1984. She credits Jane Wyckoff for her involvement with racing. In 1988, Maxine organized the Plymouth All American Race Series for USRSA. She organized 60 races for the Plymouth Series before getting married and moving to France in 1989.

Upon her return to California, Maxine continued her involvement with racing. From 1993 through 1998 she was treasurer for the SICO (San Diego, Inland, Central, Orange) championships. This race eventually evolved into what is now called the So-Cals for the southern leagues to compete with each other.

In 1996, Maxine was the chairperson for the FWSA convention held in Newport Beach. Through her involvement with racing she recommended Far West Racing Association hold their race meeting in Newport Beach in conjunction with the convention. She also arranged for the race awards to be presented at the convention so the league winners would be acknowledged by the ski association. Since that convention FWRA has held a race meeting and presented their major awards at the FWSA convention.

Schuski League is Maxine's home league. She has been very involved with activities and races for Schuski for many years. For the past ten years, 2002 through 2012, she has been Schuski chairperson. She has attended the annual FWRA summer meetings, assisted with sign-ups, coordinated with Mammoth race department and organized race volunteers for the races. In addition, Maxine enjoys racing and has won numerous race awards at her league races, at FWSA ski weeks and at the FWRA championships.

Maxine has been president, race chairperson and served in many other volunteer positions for Balboa Ski Club. She was elected V.P. of Racing for Orange Council and was Orange Council president from 1992 through 1998. She has served two terms as FWSA secretary and was elected V.P. of Communications. Maxine continues to volunteer for her club, league, council, Far West Racing Association, and Far West Ski Association.



## ***FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION'S 2012 SERVICE AWARD WINNERS***



### ***Tommi Tyndall Award - Big White Ski Resort & Silver Star Mountain Resort***

**Big White and Silver Star**, sister resorts in British Columbia, are known for their amazing light and dry champagne powder. As two of Canada's favorite family resorts, they offer something for everyone with spectacular skiing and snowboarding. Big White and Silver Star continues their outstanding and long-term support of the skiing public, the local community, the Far West Ski Association and its

**Big White & Silver Star** councils and clubs.

### ***Warren Miller Modern Media - Steve Bellamy***

**Steve Bellamy's** "Winter" is a documentary focused on athletes in various mountain sports, some of whom test the limits with gravity-defying stunts, wild dives and jumps. Among the athletes featured are Ted Ligety, Olympic gold medalist in alpine skiing; Melissa Arnot, the first American woman to summit Mount Everest three times; Olympic ski medalists Phil and Steve Mahre; and four-time X-Games gold medalist freestyle skier Sarah Burke.



Steve Bellamy

Arnot proved to be one of the more remarkable stories chronicled in 'Winter,' as she had to overcome a broken leg during her second Everest summit. She also attempted to be the first climber to carry out those expeditions without the use of supplemental oxygen.

Burke, chronicled along with husband and fellow pro skier Rory Bushfield, was instrumental in helping women break ground at the formerly male-dominated X-Games.

Former Senator Bob Dole, who served in the army's 10th Mountain Division during World War II and ran for president in 1996, is also profiled in the film.

"The Story", which won the Far West Ski Association's Warren Miller Award in 2011, did a national distribution tour in which it played at approximately 300 one-night events at ski shows in major cities and mountain towns. "The Story" also won Best Film and Best Director honors at the 2010 Las Vegas International Film Festival.

"Winter" will do the same.

### ***Far West Racing Association Awards Presented at the 2012 Far West Ski Association Convention***

2012 Junior Champions--Most points for Juniors--  
**Open League**

2012 League Champions--Most Points--  
**ROKKA League**

2012 Roma McCoy--Points per Racer--  
**ROKKA League**

**Roma McCoy Award** - Awarded to the FWRA member race league whose race team individual members scored the most points per racer start. In essence it is an overall racer quality award.



### ***Charity Recognition Fire 'N Ice - Bay Area Snow Sports Council***





## 2012 President's Award Sarah Hendrickson

Born August 1, 1994  
Hometown, Park City, UT  
School, Winter Sports School, Park City, UT  
Longest Jump, 143 m, Lillehammer, Norway

**Sarah Hendrickson's** nickname is Giggles, but this 17-year old rising star has some serious accomplishments already on her résumé: a 2011 World Cup victory in Lillehammer becoming the first woman ever to win a World Cup ski jumping competition; youngest skier ever named to the U.S. Nordic team; bronze medalist at the 2010 Junior World Championships (first American, male or female, to win a medal at Juniors); sixth-place finish overall on the 2010



**Sarah Hendrickson**

COC; a Continental Cup victory in February 2009; a second-place finish in the K120 at the 2008 and 2011 U.S. Championships.

Sarah was on skis at age two, and both her father and older brother are involved in jumping. Her career best is a 126-meter leap on the K120 hill at Utah Olympic Park. Sarah is also a talented soccer player, loves alpine and tele skiing and likes to ride her unicycle. She has picked up motherly tasks such as suit sewing skills, and she is always making sure her teammates have what they need. The have started to call her the "Team Mom".



**Sarah Hendrickson  
and  
Randy Lew**

## 2012 President's Award Norm and Mary Azevedo



Mary and Norm Azevedo are being recognized for their great contributions to FWSA over the last six years. Mary recently stepped down as **The Councilman** Editor after raising the bar in both content and layout on this important communication to our clubs and councils. Norm has led our International Travel Program and has taken many happy FWSA travelers to distinct locations on both ski and adventure travel. Their personal sacrifice and time commitments to FWSA have been significant and much appreciated.

## 2012 Safety Person of the Year - Fran Long



**Fran Long**



Fran Long is the FWSA Safety Person of the Year 2012 award winner sponsored Aspen Skiing Company with lodging provided by **The Crestwood Condominiums** and **The Gant**.

Fran's wonderful application reflected a wide range of safety activities especially the program '**Slip, Slop, Slide, Slither With Savvy Snake**' promoting sun safety on the slopes while targeting children involved in snowsports.

This ongoing sun safety program consisting of an informational brochure, online quiz, a decal suitable for snowsports equipment, a sunscreen sample and banners has been promoted to thousands of people at a wide variety of venues including ski shows in Santa Clara, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Sacramento; ski areas in the Tahoe/Mammoth region; club and council events; and articles/press releases.

***Councils' Woman of the Year - Sigrid Noack******Councils' Man of the Year - Norm Azevedo*****Sigrid Noack****Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs****Norm Azevedo****Bay Area Snow Sports Council**

Congratulations to the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year, Norm Azevedo of Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) and Sigrid Noack of Los Angeles Council (LAC). FWSA recognizes top volunteers from each council during the Councils' Man and Woman of the Year Recognition Program at the FWSA Annual Convention. Our councils honor dedicated men and women who have made significant contributions to organized skiing within their council over a multi- year skiing and ski organization career. These honorees have volunteered their time to support club, council, community service, race league, and FWSA efforts to enhance the skiing experience for our members.

***2012 Club & Council Communication Award Winners***

Category	First	Second	Third
<b><i>Tollakson — Club of the Year</i></b>			
A	Pacific Rim Alliance	Skiyente	
AA	North Island	Reno	Rusty Bindings
AAA	Mountain High	Idaho Falls	
<b><i>Wentworth — Outstanding Newsletters</i></b>			
NL-A	Pacific Rim Alliance <b>Catherine Ohl</b>	The Unrecables <b>Gordon Cardona</b>	Edelweiss <b>Karen James</b>
NL-AA	North Island <b>Debi Young</b>	Reno <b>Lynn Wilbur</b>	Fresno <b>Gordon Renfro</b>
NL-AAA	Mountain High <b>Emilio Trampuz</b>	Idaho Falls <b>Debbie Rasch</b>	Apres <b>Joan Schuman</b>
NL-Council	Sierra <b>Steve Hilliker</b>	Bay Area <b>Dennie Warren</b>	
<b><i>Outstanding Web Sites</i></b>			
WS-A	Pacific Rim Alliance <b>Catherine Ohl</b>	Skiyente <b>Lark Leitgeb</b>	The Unrecables <b>Bonnie West</b> Captial <b>Crissymarie King</b>
WS-AA	Cheyenne <b>Joe Burgess</b>	Rusty Bindings <b>Gail Mercer</b>	Bogus Basin <b>Brigette Teets</b>





*Above:*  
*Pool Party Sponsor, Mt. Bachelor: Ann Cook,  
Bob Bourquard and Jim Kinney*



*Above:*  
*Michael J. Ballingall, Stephen Hall, Anne Pigeon,  
Travis Weber, Charlie Hawker*



*Right:*  
*Industry Gals: Katie Grice, Debra Goodman,  
Ann Cook, Loi Adis, Stephanie Kubiak,  
Jennifer Vangilder.*



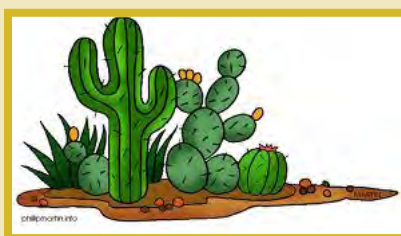


*Pictured with Debbi Kor, Our Convention Hosts: Dan Turner, Marriott, Ogden; Jane Wyckoff, Ross Reeder, Ogden/Eccles Conference Center; Debbi Kor, Mary Olhausen, Jeannie Young, Hampton Inn & Suites; and Caren Parry, Ogden/Weber Convention & Visitors Bureau*





***Pictured Left:***  
***Multi-Media Sponsors, Bob Bourquard,***  
***Mt. Bachelor; Erick Trachsel, Sunriver***  
***Resort; Debbi Kor; Jim Kinney and Ann***  
***Cook, Mt. Bachelor***

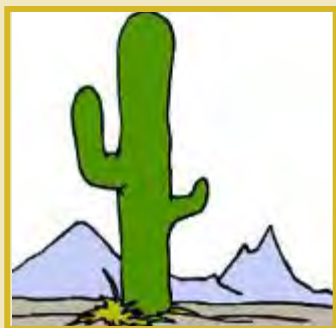


***Pictured Right:***  
***Awards Banquet Hosts:***  
***Trevor Campbell, Fairmont***  
***Springs Hotel, and David***  
***Spence, Ski Banff, Lake Louise,***  
***Sunshine***





***Pictured Left:**  
Far West Councils' Man and  
Woman of the Year Sponsor, Big  
White Ski Resort and Silver Star  
Mountain Resort: Jim Loyd and  
Michael J. Ballingall with  
Debbi Kor and Mary Olhausen*



***Pictured Right:**  
2014 Bid Presenters Sandy  
Gaudette and Stephen Hall,  
Skigroup.net, and David Spence,  
Ski Banff,  
Lake Louise, Sunshine*





Richard Lubin, D.C. serves as the FWSA Safety Chair.

### **FWSA Western Ski Heritage Award 2012**

Sponsored by ***Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation***

John James of Glendale, CA is a member of the Edelweiss Ski Club. He invented and conducted High Sierra Nordic Race Series 1976-1978, cofounded Far West Ski Week in 1973 with Chuck Morse and John Rosenkranz, obtained sponsorships for league racing and Nordic series, instituted cross country league racing, launched league race camps, and provided service to Rokka League 1971-1978. John put together many binders on High Sierra Nordic Race Series, history of Far West Ski Week 1973-1987, and early history of Rokka League from inception in 1964 to race results for 1977 including the role of Rokka in the council ski swap and the introduction of cross country racing into Rokka in 1973 extending to 1975. He also served as FWSA VP Recreation 1976-1977, member of Far West Board of Governors 1982-1984 and Chairman 1983-1984, and member of USSA Sports Board of Directors 1983-1985.

The winner receives a five-day vacation for two from ***Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation*** including five-day lift tickets to Steamboat, five days of rentals, half-day lesson for two, and five-nights lodging.

John Watson serves as the FWSA History Committee Chair.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS HEADLINES**

### **Area Development**

- Arizona Snowbowl. 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, San Francisco, CA. In June 2012, a unanimous three-member panel imposed sanctions for costs, except attorneys' fees, against Save the Peaks Coalition attorney, Howard Shanker for the Save the Peaks Coalition v. U.S. Forest Service lawsuit because Shanker "grossly abused the judicial process in bringing this case solely to ensure further delay and forestall development" and "acted in bad faith and for oppressive reasons". This panel had ruled in favor of Arizona Snowbowl in February 2012 agreeing that U.S. Forest Service adequately considered the risks of using reclaimed water to make snow by Arizona Snowbowl. Construction began in May 2011 and continued on in 2012 on the total 14 mile long pipeline project from Flagstaff which in phase 1 is expected to provide snowmaking for 134 acres of the approved 205 acres starting in the 2012-2013 season. Arizona Snowbowl had won approval of its snowmaking plan when in June 2009 the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the previous case Navajo Nation et al v. U.S. Forest Service (originally filed June 2005) that had been decided in Arizona Snowbowl's favor at the U.S. 9th Circuit Court level.
- Jumbo Glacier Resort, B.C., Canada. New B.C. ski resort development agreement valued at C\$1 billion was approved by Steve Thomson, B.C. minister of forests, lands and natural resource operation in March 2012 after 9 years of review. Resort will be on Farnham Glacier in the Kootenay region west of Invermere with up to 23 ski lifts & 1,400 residential units. Initial gondola & t-bar could be completed by fall 2013.
- June Mountain, CA. Closed immediately in June 2012 for this summer and next winter season after 25 years of losses by owner Mammoth Mountain. June Mountain has 7 lifts on 500 acre ski area with an average annual snowfall of 240 inches and a vertical of 2,590 feet. Mammoth's original intent with the 1986 purchase of June Mountain was to increase the resort size with new terrain along San Joaquin Ridge (ultimately connecting the two areas), new runs to June Lake Village plus new facilities.
- Mammoth Mountain, CA. Mammoth Mountain Base Land Exchange EA. Exchange 21 acres of National Forest land located near Main Lodge for 1,779 acres. Scoping start 9/13/11. Estimated 215 Comment Period August 2012, decision/implementation expected September/December 2012. Sheila Irons [sirons@fs.fed.us](mailto:sirons@fs.fed.us) 760-924-5534 [www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=30428](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30428)
- Snowbird, UT. Salt Lake County Planning Commission approved new location for a mountain coaster on lower slopes of Peruvian Gulch in May 2012. Vertical drop is about 160 feet with average downhill grade of 11.5% with a maximum slope of 39% on a downhill track of 2,120 feet and an uphill track of 1,000 feet. Final design phase will begin now and installation is expected fall 2012 or spring 2013. [www.pwpds.slco.org/agendas/plan/agendas/120411\\_\\_SLCO\\_PC\\_](http://www.pwpds.slco.org/agendas/plan/agendas/120411__SLCO_PC_)

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- Solider Mountain Ski Area, Idaho. Actor Bruce Willis to give ski area for free to local nonprofit Soldier Mountain Recreation Area in nearby Fairfield. 1,150 acre area with 1,425 vertical foot drop. Public meeting about ski area future held in April 2012.
- Sol Vista Ski Basin, CO. Renamed as Ski Granby Ranch in March 2012. Prior names included Val Moritz and Silver Creek.
- Wolf Creek Resort, UT. Ski resort and golf course failed to sell at June 2012 bankruptcy auction when the high bid of \$7 million was rejected by the creditors. The 3,000 acre parcel includes a 110-acre ski resort with three chairlifts and a lodge; an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Mark Ballif; and about 900 undeveloped lots. Wolf Creek is appraised at \$28-34 million and has been in bankruptcy since 2010.

### Consumer Advocacy/Trends

- Skier visits decrease -15% from 60.54 million to 51 million visits for the 2011-12 season based on preliminary estimates from the National Ski Areas Association released May 2012. Low snowfall drove these results with snowfall down in Southeast -13.9%, Northeast -13%, Pacific Southwest -11.7%, Midwest -10.6%, Rocky Mountain -0.8, and Pacific Northwest -0.8%. This is the most challenging season had the 2nd lowest snowfall in 21 years and lowest national average resort snowfall since 1991/92 which had 50.8 million visits. 50% of the ski areas opened late and 48% closed early.
- Snowsports market sales for August to March 2012 versus year ago declined -3.8% (\$135 million) in dollars to \$3.4 billion and -12% in units according to SnowSports Industries America and Leisure Trends Group. For units sold by sales channel: online/internet stores up +10%, specialty shop down -14%, chain stores down -17%.
- Utah & Vermont legislators make skiing and snowboarding official state sports in February 2012 following the lead of Colorado in 2008.

### History

- Herbert “Zip” Schneider, age 92, died in June 2012 from natural causes at Maine Medical Center, Portland, OR. He was the son of Hannes Schneider the pioneer of the Arlberg skiing technique. Herbert was owner and operator of Cranmore Ski Area, NH from 1963-1984 where he developed new ski terrain and lifts. During the late 60s and early 70s he installed snowmaking and instituted modern snow grooming at Cranmore. During the 70s and 80s Schneider hosted the Volvo International Tennis Tournament at Cranmore. Herbert won the bronze star for action while on patrol with the 10th Mountain Division during World War II in the Apennine Mountains in Italy in April 1945. Other honors include being elected to the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame in 1992, receiving the New England Ski Museum’s Spirit of Skiing Award in 2009, and being made an honorary lifetime member of PSIA and of the Ski Club Arlberg of St. Anton, Austria, in 2010. He oversaw the expansion of the Eastern Slope Ski Club’s Junior Program at Cranmore, which produced Olympians Tyler and Terry Palmer, David Currier, Abbi Fisher and current U.S. Ski Team member and 2010 Olympian, Leanne Smith. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the New England Ski Museum in Franconia, N.H., or the 10th Mountain Division Veterans Association at P.O. Box 150, Carthage, N.Y. 13619.



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*Socializing at the Convention*

# Arizona Ski Council

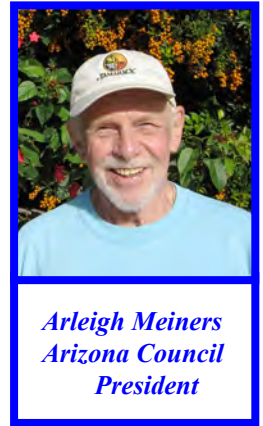
by Arleigh Meiners, President



## Welcome Summer Activities

Several of the Clubs in the Arizona Ski Council have events planned for the summer months. Events consist of a house boat trip to Lake Powell, sailing in the British Virgin Islands, kayaking on the Salt River, hikes and campouts in the high country of Arizona, and last but not least social happy hours and dinners of the month.

Clubs are getting very active in getting their 2012-2013 ski trip schedules together. Phoenix Ski Club is going to Wolf Creek in early December, Park City over New Years, Telluride for Arizona Days in mid-January, Taos in February, Beaver Creek and Big Sky in March, Telluride in April and then the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) trips to Snowmass and Mt. Bachelor. Scottsdale Sea and Ski Club are planning ski trips to Taos, and Powder Mountain.



**Arleigh Meiners**  
**Arizona Council**  
**President**



**Arizona Hiking**

Arizona Outdoor Travel and Adventure Club have hikes planned during the week and on weekends all summer long. They have hikes for every level of hiker. They have exercise hikes once a week. They also have bike rides on a regular basis.

The new boards within the clubs have hit the ground running. As the weather warms up the scope expands on things to do in and around Arizona. Feel free to check out any of the clubs activities through Facebook or links for the council website [www.arizonaskicouncil.org](http://www.arizonaskicouncil.org)

## Travel Expo 2012 – A Great Success

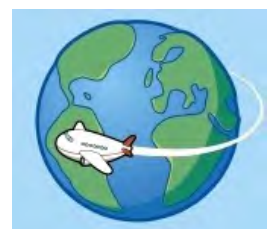
by Sigrid Noack

Thank you Intermountain Ski Council for hosting a great convention. Everything ran smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy all the weekend activities.

One of the high points of our annual convention is the TRAVEL EXPO on Saturday morning. Our industry friends really value this one-on-one time with members of our ski clubs. It's an important time to get acquainted and start planning future trips. Many club members came prepared with club profiles and club business cards, which was very much appreciated by the industry reps.

A great big thank you to all our industry friends and ski club delegates, who participated in Travel Expo. Also, thank you to our wonderful volunteers, who helped to set up the room and assisted throughout Travel Expo.

See y'all next year at Travel Expo 2013 in Reno, Nevada!



# Bay Area Snow Sports Council

By Dennis Heffley, President



*Dennis Heffley  
Bay Area Snow  
Sports Council  
President*

The Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC) is celebrating the awards given to members and clubs from our council during the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Convention in Ogden, UT. **Congratulations to Norm Azevedo (Snowchasers Ski Club) FWSA Councils Man of the Year, to Mary & Norm Azevedo (Snowchasers Ski Club) recipients of the FWSA Presidents Award, to Fire & Ice Ski Club for winning FWSA Communities Award, to Dennie Warren (Castro Valley Ski Club) for FWSA Council Newsletter Award and to Après Ski Club and Rusty Bindings for winning Club Level Awards.**

During the FWSA Convention the BAC had two of our members newly elected to the FWSA Board of Directors **Wanda Ross (SnowDrifters Ski Club) Elected FWSA Secretary and Mary Azevedo (Snowchasers Ski Club) Elected FWSA VP of Membership.**

Thank You to the Intermountain Ski Council for a spectacular FWSA Convention in Ogden, Utah! Very impressive, especially since this was their first time hosting the event!

Within BAC, we are preparing to host the 81st Annual FWSA Convention in Reno, NV at the amazing Grand Sierra Resort & Casino, June 6 – 9, 2013. Our committees are forming. Our “logo” is made. Our “theme” is MOUNTAIN MAGIC MOMENTS! The 81st Annual FWSA Convention will be filled with FUN which will include the FWSA Pub Crawl, Golf Tournament, Silent Auction, Leadership Seminars, Keynote Speakers, Public Affair Forums plus many more events & surprises! We look forward to seeing you at the 81st Annual FWSA Convention at The Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in 2013.



September 24, 2012 is the 7th Annual BAC/Disabled Sports USA Far West Division/Tailgate BBQ/Oakland A's Baseball Game & Fireworks Show. This annual event is once again being supported by VAIL Resorts! We only have 150 tickets to the Game! Go to [www.skibac.org](http://www.skibac.org) for complete details and join us at “the old ball game”!

November 5, 2012 the BAC is holding our 4th Annual BAC WinterFest Meeting. This event takes place the Monday after the SnowBomb Show at Ft. Mason, SF. Many of the vendors who are in town stay for a couple of extra nights to participate at our event. So far, we have a number of Canadian and American Resorts already signed up to be part of our BAC WinterFest! Please contact me with any questions about the event!

Do we ski and snowboard ~ you betcha! As you have read, we have plenty of fun waiting for the seasons to turn to winter and the snow to fall.

Dennis Heffley ~ President Bay Area Snow Sports Council ([bac.president@skibac.org](mailto:bac.president@skibac.org))





## Central Council of California

By Fran Long, President



*Fran Long  
Central Council  
President*

FWSA and our councils exist to serve our ski and snowsports clubs. Without them we have no purpose. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the clubs that are a part of Central Council, and to thank the many volunteers that make those clubs the viable organizations that they are.

Central Council is in a unique geographical position in that many of our clubs border other councils. Some even hold membership in more than one council. A heartfelt salute and thank you to...

- Avalanche Ski Club, Bakersfield
- Camber Ski Club, Salinas and surrounding area
- Fresno Ski Club, Fresno
- Pacific Rim Alliance, San Diego area (membership is several councils)
- SLO Skiers, San Luis Obispo County
- Santa Barbara Ski and Sports Club, Santa Barbara (membership in LA council as well)
- Snow Trackers, Exeter

Thank you to all your officers and other volunteers that collectively keep our clubs at the top of the list in quality and quantity of activities for our members.

Central Council has a good number of volunteers as well, ready and willing to assist prospective members with locating clubs, to provide information as it comes our way, and to provide additional opportunities for ski, travel, and adventure activities. Contact information can be found at:  
[www.centralcouncilskiclubs.org](http://www.centralcouncilskiclubs.org).

## Intermountain Ski Council

by Don Anderson, President



*Don Anderson  
Intermountain  
Ski Club  
President*

It is with mixed emotions that I type out my last *Councilman* article. It has been a long five years with many happy moments, along with some disappointments. In 2006 the idea for this council started with a phone call from a Davis CVB sales representative to local club leaders. They were invited to a National Ski Council Federation meeting being held at the Snowbasin ski area with the encouragement and support of President Randy Lew. Several of those leaders stayed on to help form the first council board of directors. Ty and Betty Anderson of Pocatello Ski Association recruited me onto their club board and encouraged me to help with the council formation. Since I knew Randy from my involvement with Après Ski Club and knew how BAC worked, we were able to use that history to get everything started. After writing the council bylaws and attending Federation and FWSA meetings to apply for membership, other board members asked me to run for council president. I suppose the highlights of those five long years were being voted Council's "Man of The Year" in 2009 and "VP of Council Services". What I will not miss is producing a council directory each year and running the silent auction at our council trip. Yes, we had a challenging territory; nine clubs in five different states. No one said it would be easy, and it was not! However, we held it together long enough to bask in the glory of hosting a Far West convention in Ogden, Utah. This was truly a fitting tribute to those original "founders" and all the folks who helped us along the way. Two very special people that we should mention are Liz Benson, who has been our dedicated Treasurer since we started and Lenia Machen, our webmaster, acting Secretary, your Club Competition Chair and pretty much any role that needs to be filled. Thanks to two of the classiest ladies I have ever met. It was great working with you!

Several council officers will be retiring after the Ogden convention, so the challenge will be for our clubs to identify leaders to join our remaining board members in managing this council into the future. For me, I will be cooling my heels at our beach house in Florida. I wish you all many happy turns!

# Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

by Norbert E. Knapp, President



Having just returned from the FWSA Convention in Ogden, Utah, I would first like to thank and compliment Intermountain Ski Council and Ogden/Weber Convention & Visitors Bureau for their outstanding work! I especially want to thank Linda Scott and her team for a job well done!



*Norbert Knapp  
Los Angeles Council  
President*

Los Angeles Council is proud to announce that Sigrid Noack of Unrecables Ski Club was named 2012-13 Councils' Woman of the Year. Congratulations also to Norm Azevedo on being named Councils' Man of the Year. Congratulations also go to

John James of Edelweiss Ski Club for receiving the Western Ski Heritage Award and to David Krupp of Century City Ski Club for winning the J. Stanley Mullen Award,

an award for a FWSA man who has made a decisive contribution to skiing in the past two years or a prior year. Catherine Ohl of Pacific Rim Alliance was awarded the prestigious Hans Georg Award, Far West's highest honor, for long-term contributions to skiing.

Los Angeles Council's own ROKKA Race League won both the Roma McCoy Award and the Far West Racing Association Championships. Los Angeles Council clubs also won a number of awards for newsletters and websites.

Our next Man and Woman of the Year will be selected at our Snow Gala on October 27, 2012, at the Odyssey Restaurant. For more information go to [www.LACouncil.org](http://www.LACouncil.org).

Our 2013 annual trip is scheduled for Mt. Bachelor, Oregon in February. For details, please see the flier on our Los Angeles Council website listed above.



Los Angeles Council members at the 2012 FWSA Convention, Ogden, Utah

## Snowsports Leadership Academy

### USSA on Fast Track at Snowsports Leadership Academy 2012

By David Krupp



*David Krupp  
Trustee*

One reason the U.S. Snowsports Teams have risen to the top in the Olympics in recent years is due to the development programs in place at the United States Ski and Snowboard Association. The Snowsports Leadership Academy, one of the highlights of the Far West Ski Association's annual convention, shifted into overdrive this year with an impressive presentation from the folks at the USSA. Leading the presentation was Vice President of Athletics for USSA, Luke Bodensteiner. As a two-time Olympian in Cross Country, Luke knew the challenges the U.S. Team faced after the 2006 Games in Torino. After winning 11 medals in 2006, Vancouver 2010 launched the United States Team into the premier spotlight as the team to beat with 21 overall medals. Luke expanded on this by saying the mission over the past several years for the U.S. Team was to become "Best in the World." Luke went on further to give examples on how snowsports has expanded to include disciplines such as skier and boarder cross, and slopestyle skiing.

Next on the agenda was Troy Flanagan, Director of High Performance, who presented details of sports psychology, training, nutrition, and gear. He went on to explain how to get the best performance mentally from each athlete (which is different for each individual), to the U.S. state-of-the-art training facilities (specifically, slopeside for the Olympics), the meal regimen for the athletes, to the technology that goes into the fibers of a speed suit each ski racer wears.

Director of Development, Walt Evans then talked about junior racers at the club level nationally (approximately 425 clubs in all) that make up the ranks of the USSA and the various programs in place to promote development.

With eyes on the 2014 Sochi Games, the U.S. is geared for an even greater performance than the last outing which amounts to always raising the bar. With the USSA on the fast track, Luke and his team are poised to do just that.

## Northwest Ski Club Council

by Sheri Parshall, President



*Sheri Parshall  
Northwest  
Ski Club Council  
President*

Hey Snowriders!

That was a fabulous convention! I hope everyone who worked so hard to make it memorable has had time to recover. A big Northwest "thank you" to Intermountain Ski Council for the super job they did (not to mention the sunny weather)!!

As for a council officer? Well, there is no rest for the wicked. It may be summer, but you know what that means – it is time to start planning for the new ski year.

Northwest Ski Club Council (NWSCC) had elections in June. Mary Olhausen is our new president, with the rest of the board remaining: Vice President, Dave Rasmussen; Secretary, July Rasmussen; Treasurer, Marcia Brighton; and all of our board members you have met over the years. Pacific Northwest Area Clubs Recreational Alpine Teams (PACRAT) elected new officers, as well, with Gordon Lusk as new chairman, Greg Dilger, vice chairman; Colleen Hankins, secretary; Colleen Stroeder, treasurer; Colleen Walter, sponsorship; Barbara Pressentin, parties; Dale Parshall, results; Bruce Parshall, race director; Andy Hobart, communication.

NWSCC will be hosting our annual "Clubs-4-Play" club golf championship in July. Our thanks go to Sandi Shaub for chairing this event, which typically has 10-14 teams annually vying for the championship. We have worked hard to get sponsors for the event, which has helped make the event bigger and better every year.

Also in July, we will be hosting our annual "Appreciation Night" for outgoing and incoming club officers. We use this informal, social event to introduce our new board members, and get the message out about NWSCC and the programs and events that we sponsor. Beer and barbeque are a great way to do that!

The rest of the summer will be spent planning for our three fall shows and working out all the details that go with them, planning our trips, and, most of all, praying for snow!

It has been great working with all of you these past four years. Have a great summer!



## ***Orange Council of Ski Clubs***

***By Judy Thurman, President***



***Judy Thurman  
Orange Council  
President***

Orange Council and delegates attended the 80th Annual Convention in Ogden, Utah, June 7-10, 2012. Orange Council is very proud to announce that Maxine Hanlon, received the "Terry Smith Award." This award is given to the outstanding individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of intramural skiing. Maxine Hanlon is Vice President of Travel for Balboa Ski and Sports Club and Vice President of Racing for Orange Council. Balboa Ski and Sports Club received the "Historic Ski Club, FWSA" award for fifty years service to snowsports and their local community. Balboa was also recognized for "Outstanding Service and Dedication to Community Service and Charitable Organizations". The Orange Council's board members would like to send out a great big congratulations to Maxine Hanlon and to Jess Gorman, President of Balboa Ski and Sports Club.

Orange Council's ski trip for 2013 will be the Aspen/Snowmass Far West Ski Aspen Ski Week trip, February 2-9 2013. This is going to be another fabulous fun filled ski week with après ski parties, racing, mountain picnics and an awards dinner/dance on Friday night. For information on this trip please contact Sheila Van Guilder at [svanguil@yahoo.com](mailto:svanguil@yahoo.com).

The Council is gearing up this summer for more fun packed events from all Orange Council's ski clubs. All the clubs in Orange Council have scheduled events for their club members. There are music concerts, bike rides, kayaking, tennis tournaments, volleyball on the beach, wine tastings and a trip to Catalina Island. We who live in Orange County are so lucky to be able to have so many choices. On any given day, we can go to the beach, do some surfing, sailing, biking, walking, or if you chose you can drive up to the local mountains for some hikes or mountain biking. For information on all Orange Council's Clubs' activities please go to [www.orangecouncil.org](http://www.orangecouncil.org).



***Maxine Hanlon  
and  
Michael J. Ballingall, Big White/Silver Star  
Balboa Ski and Sports Club***



***Maxine Hanlon,  
Balboa Ski and Sports Club  
and  
Jo Simpson,  
Sierra Ski Club Council***



***Nancy Ellis, Maxine Hanlon  
and Jo Simpson***

# ***San Diego Council of Ski Clubs***

***By Eileen Sanford, President***

Summer is upon us already. After a very busy ski season clubs are switching to summer activities. At the present time we have ten very active clubs. Hundreds of members belong to one or more of these clubs. They enjoy skiing and snowboarding nationally and internationally each year. Then, when the snow melts they find other active events to enjoy together. In the summer they savor white water rafting, bike rides along the bay, bocce ball, ethnic dining, happy hours, a chili cook-off, Padre Games, tours of the San Diego Botanical Garden, Salk Institute, the Cleopatra Exhibit at California Science Center in Los Angeles, UC San Diego, or a train trip to Santa Barbara. Pacific Rim Alliance has a summer group that does waterskiing several weekends called the River Rats.



***Eileen Sanford  
President  
San Diego Council  
of Ski Clubs***

This summer San Diego Council of Ski Clubs (SDCSC) is hosting a summer happy hour at the Barefoot Bar on Mission Bay on Aug. 30, 2012. Hobe Schroeder will lead a bike ride around the Silver Strand, through Coronado and home on the ferry on July 15. Susan Shaffer led a bike ride around Mission Bay on June 16. The council is planning another European bike ride in 2013 either to the Loire Valley or down the Rhone from Paris to Provence. See our website for more information at [www.skisandiego.org](http://www.skisandiego.org).

At the recent 2012 Far West Convention in Ogden, Utah the San Diegans had the time of their lives with golf, white water rafting, hikes, an outstanding pub crawl and riding the bull at the pool party. What a wonderful convention this year. The guest speakers were so motivational and the movies on Sunday were exceptional. I loved hearing Deedee Corradini and Lindsey Van speak about women's ski jumping. It was so inspiring to hear the stories from these ladies working to get the women's ski jumping event into the Olympics.

We were honored to receive several club awards; Pacific Rim won the A Division for Outstanding Newsletters, Website, and Club of the Year. North Island Snowdrifters (NIS) won the AA Division for Outstanding Newsletters and Outstanding Club of the Year.

Catherine Ohl was given the prestigious Hans Georg Award for longtime service to skiing and Eileen Sanford was given the Elizabeth "Schatzi" Wood Award for significant service to skiing.

The 2012-13 ski seasons will open with December trips to Vail and Mammoth. The Mammoth trip will host our first Alpine League race of the season. The 2011 Aspen trip was the 15th annual trip for SDCSC. Mike Sanford will lead San Diegans and John Reinhardt will bring Oregonians to join us in Vail this year. It will be our fifth joint San Diego and Northwest council trip. Special thanks go to Eileen Weiner, our Alpine League Race Director and Roy Ackeridge our Alpine League President for an excellent race season. SDCSC won the Southern California Championships (SOCAL) races in the spring and NIS won the Alpine League trophy for top scoring club this year.

During the winter season 44 SDCSC members had a great time at the FWSA North America trip to Jackson Hole. Our members came back with smiles on their faces due to the efforts of Susan Shaffer, our travel director. Deposits are already coming in for the FWSA trip to Aspen 2013. SDCSC had our first European bike trip this year down the Danube. The individual clubs this year went on ski trips to: Lake Tahoe, Whistler, Banff, Vail, Aspen, Mammoth, Big Bear, Park City, Big White, Northstar and Vail.

Our official start of the ski season begins with our Gala Oktoberfest on Nov. 3, 2012 organized by Barbara Blasé. It will be held at Rock Bottom Brewery in La Jolla. The clubs select an outstanding man and a woman as a way of honoring their most valuable and active members. This year our award winners were Brad Davis of Torrey Pines Ski Club and Janet Chenier of Action Ski Club.

SDCSC supports various charities, such as the Jimmie Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Special Olympics, United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC), Habitat for Humanity, San Diego Community Youth Sports Mentoring, Toys for Tots, Becky's House. One of our clubs maintains an active account at the San Diego Blood Bank in case a member needs blood. This year NIS supported four wounded veterans from the VA Hospital in a golf tournament in San Diego. San Diego Council was proud that we had 91% of our clubs participating in charity events this year.

The officers for the 2012-2013 year will be: Eileen Sanford, President; Cheryl Riess, Vice President; Debbie Schroeder, Secretary; Stew Smith, Treasurer; Susan Shaffer, Travel Director.

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## Sierra Ski Club Council

By Jo Simpson, President

### Sierra Council Clubs Enjoy Summer

Sierra Council's larger clubs meet throughout the summer and enjoyed a wide range of activities, in addition to membership meetings and social gatherings.

The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club has camping trips, a theater outing, hikes and bike rides scheduled. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the club's annual Assault on Mt. Charleston Hike—a 17-mile trek with almost a mile of vertical ascent.

The Sacramento Capital Ski and Sports Club has a camping and whitewater rafting trip planned. The Sacramento Fagowees are planning a Luau plus barbeques and a pool party.

The Reno Ski and Recreation Club has completed trips to Death Valley and the Sacramento Jazz Festival. A dinner and musical evening and a day of outdoor activities and lunch at Sunnyside at Lake Tahoe are scheduled.

The Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club has a very active hiking group, as well as tennis and golf groups that play throughout the summer. They also have a kayak trip scheduled.

At the council level Sierra is working with the other two NorCal leagues, Singles and Open, to schedule our league races for 2013. Rather than the leagues competing for race dates at the resorts, we are approaching the resorts together this year. Once we get the available dates from the resorts, we will decide which races will be combined for all three leagues and which ones will be separate for Open and for Singles/Sierra, who always race together.



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SDCSC Board of officers for 2012-13. Left to right, Debbie Schroeder, Secretary, Cheryl Riess, Vice President, Stew Smith, Treasurer, Eileen Sanford, President, Susan Shaffer, Travel Director

It is always fun to see what the San Diego Council members will wear to the convention. As always, they did not disappoint anyone this year. Photo below of SDCSC members







You are invited to join the

## *Mammoth Mountain Summer Adventure* *July 29-August 5, 2012*

**FWSA Mammoth Mountain Summer Adventure Activities Itinerary...Must Pre-Register!**

Sunday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Arrive, relax and explore on your own Welcome Pizza Party (Cost: approximately \$16.00 pp)
Monday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	A Day at the Lake...rent/bring your kayak...fishing derby...picnic... (Cost: approximately \$10.00 pp) Adult only evening gathering
Tuesday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	A Day of Hikes Easy, medium, and difficult hikes will be organized Additional adult only evening gathering
Wednesday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	A Day of Bikes Bring a bike...rent a bike...rent an electric bike Easy, medium, and difficult rides will be organized
Thursday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Visit the ghost town of Bodie...self guided or docent guided tours
Friday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Visit the earthquake site...walk the village...shop Steak and chicken BBQ luncheon (Cost: approximately \$20.00 pp) Evening Blues and Brews concert on your own (Cost: approximately \$40.00)
Saturday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mono Lake canoe tour (Cost: approximately \$25.00 pp) OR Blues and Brews Festival on your own (Cost: \$35-\$105 pp)
Sunday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Depart



You can do them all, pick and choose, do your own thing, or do nothing!  
Families with children, families without children, and all other adults are welcome.

**Lodging Options Include:**

### **Condo Lodging**

**Juniper Springs Resort** (Call Juniper Springs direct: 1 800 MAMMOTH)  
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Studio, 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedroom options  
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**New Shady Rest Campground.** Please make your own reservations: [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)  
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**Mammoth Mountain RV Park.** Please make your own reservations: [www.mammothmountainrv.com](http://www.mammothmountainrv.com)  
Nightly rates range: \$42.00-47.00 per night for 2 people, plus tax

**Do your own lodging** at the lodging property of your choice.



Pricing and registration paperwork can be found at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)  
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## FWSA 2012 FALL PANAMA CANAL CRUISE

September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**\$1450.00 Inside Room - Category ID**

**\$1875.00 Outside Obstructed Window Room - Category OK**

**\$2885.00 Balcony Room - Category BA**

*Price is per person based on double occupancy*

**Price Includes: Welcome & Farewell Parties**

**Taxes and Port Fees which are subject to change**

**Price does NOT include air or ground transportation, tips & shore excursions.**

**\$25.00 Credit to be deducted from final payment  
for outside room with \$500.00 deposit  
paid by 12/31/2011**

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**All participants paying a \$500.00 deposit prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
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**Room selection will be awarded when the deposit is received.**

**Final payment is due by July 1, 2012.**

**Cabins in other categories and deck levels may be requested based on availability.  
Pricing may vary.**

**Check out the Far West Ski Association's website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) for more  
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**Itinerary & cancellation policies for this trip are available on the FWSA website.**

**This is the only FWSA approved Panama Canal Cruise.**



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# ***Innsbruck, Austria Ski Week***

***March 2 to 10, 2013***

**\$ 965 per person double occupancy (w/o air)**

**\$1,085\* for air from SFO or LAX**

*\*Includes estimated US departure taxes, customs, immigration and fuel charge of \$642*



Innsbruck, the Tyrolean capital, hosted the Winter Olympics in 1964 and 1976. It has over 320 miles of trails easily accessible in 25 surrounding village resorts. There are nine major ski areas that provide varied terrain for all levels of skiers. Combined with the spectacular natural beauty surrounding it, Innsbruck, 800 years old, has the famous Golden Roof, the Ambras Castle, imperial palaces, theaters, opera houses, museums, and lots of shopping.

## **Price includes:**

- 7 night's accommodations in Innsbruck at the 4 Star Hotel Grauer Bar
- Breakfast buffet & Dinner (3 course with salad bar) daily at the hotel
- All ground transfers for both weeks
- Multi-lingual guide and hospitality desk every evening & free WIFI throughout the hotel
- Four hosted parties and nightly no-host après gatherings
- Dedicated Ski Bus exclusively for the FWSA to Innsbruck Ski Areas (in addition to free ski bus with lift ticket)
- Optional day tours to Royal Castles, Salzburg, Venice, Bolzano, St. Anton/Arlberg Region and Kitzbuhel

# ***Garmisch Ski/Tour & Munich Week***

***March 10 to 17, 2013 extension***

**Both weeks: \$ 1,770 per person**  
**double occupancy (w/o air)**



## **Garmisch-Partenkirchen Ski Area**

With Germany's highest mountain, the Zugspitze (9,781ft) towering over them, the twin- Bavarian towns of Garmisch and Partenkirchen jointly comprise the best known ski resort in Germany.

The area –includes five mountains and Germany's only glacier skiing and the Austrian ski resort of Oberau. The area has 32 lifts which include a funicular, cable cars and gondolas. It's famous for its annual World Cup races.

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**Garmisch & Munich week only is available, no Innsbruck; \$1,055 db occ w/o air**

## **Price includes:**

- 5 night's accommodations in Garmisch at the 4 star Mercure Hotel (free WIFI)
- Welcome Garmisch orientation at the hotel with bi-lingual guides and farewell party at Garmisch & Munich
- Breakfast buffet daily and 4 night's buffet dinners at the hotel. Optional tour program
- Bi-Lingual guide and hospitality desk each evening in Garmisch
- Optional day tours to King Ludwig's Castles (Neuschwanstein, Linderhof); Mittenwald and Violin Museum; Seefeld, Austria, with horse-drawn sleigh-ride; Berchtesgaden Saltmines and World War II Museum
- Half day city tour of Munich upon arrival with local bi-lingual guide
- 2 night's accommodations in Munich with daily breakfast buffet at the 4 star Holiday Inn City Centre

Prices are based on current exchange rates and flights based on 2012 rates and subject to change. Ski lift tickets are not included. Single rooms are available at additional cost. \$200 per participant deposit required to hold a place on the Innsbruck Ski Week or Garmisch/Munich only week. For the Garmisch/Munich week extension make an additional deposit of \$100 over the Innsbruck deposit. Deposits completely refundable until July 1, 2012; less \$25 are refundable until September 1, 2012.

Make deposit checks out to Far West Ski Association (FWSA). Please include the following with your check: (1) your legal name and address, (2) phone number, and (3) email address. Send to: FWSA International Travel, 901 Sousa Dr., Walnut Creek, CA 94597-2922.

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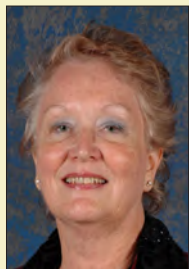
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*Requests for information from the database must be sent to the FWSA President (Randy Lew) for approval before it will be dispersed.*

The Far West Ski Association website (FWSA.org) has a *Ski Club Officer Update Form* that can be downloaded, completed, and mailed to me at:

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