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From the Editor...

I need more fishing time at Mammoth instead of doing newsletters. Since I only caught a little fish I had to throw back, and a 26" salmon (I caught in the ocean). I also managed to bury a three-pronged hook on the crotch seam of my jeans. Is that embarrassing or what? I am still wondering how I caught the hook in that particular place. Thank goodness Norm had pliers with him (although it took more time because he was doubled over in laughter). Is that what happens when one does not fish regularly considering I fished from ages 3 - 20. I also need time to goof off and celebrate New Years like I did in Buenos Aires. Have a wonderful holiday season!! Mary

# FWSA Grows Athletic Scholarship Program!

By Randy Lew, President, FWSA



How does warm water and warm weather sound? I am preparing to leave on the FWSA Roatan scuba dive trip along with 14 adventurous participants to explore the 2nd largest barrier reef in the world!

With another ski season quickly approaching and early snows in Colorado, it is time to plan your ski trip with FWSA. The benefits of participating in a FWSA trip include: traveling with a group of skiers and snowboarders, friends that you already know, the opportunity to make new friends with people of like interests, value provided by volume pricing and organized activities and tours, and a trip leader to help you with agenda questions and the unforeseen issues that might arise. I wish you a very safe and enjoyable ski season and I hope to see you at our 2012 Ski Week in Jackson Hole.

The FWSA Board of Directors will hold its winter meetings at the Park City Peaks Hotel in Park City, Utah. I want to thank the Park City Chamber of Commerce, Park City Peaks Hotel, Park City Mountain Resort, Canyon Transportation, Deer Valley Resort, and Ski Butlers for their hospitality, excellent service, and partnership. We are planning to conduct two days of productive meetings and enjoying skiing at both Park City Mountain Resort and Deer Valley Resort. FWSA continues to thrive through its continued partnerships with the industry.

I am very proud that our Athletic Scholarship Program under the leadership of Dick Shawkey has continued to grow. Bergfreunde Ski Club (Portland, Oregon) and Castro Valley Ski Club (Castro Valley, California) have become the third and fourth ski clubs to partner in the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program. In addition to Bergfreunde and Castro Valley, Skiyente Ski Club and Mountain High Snowsports Club in the Northwest Ski Club Council, Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs and San Diego Council of Ski Clubs have partnered to offer grants to deserving junior racers in their respective areas. We are planning on honoring seventeen junior athletes from California, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington for their alpine ski racing performance and potential with grants of \$500 to \$1,000 to be used to cover training and competition fees. These junior athletes excel not only in competition but also in academics where they have a collective average GPA of over 3.8.

The new 2011-2012 *Far West Skier's Guide* has been distributed to each Council and ski show that we have participated in. We are also distributing over 50% of these, utilizing Certified Folder Displays to reach the major metro areas that we serve. A big thank you to Leigh Gieringer for

the outstanding job and tremendous effort that she put into it.

It is the best one yet with great articles and information on the ski areas and clubs. Please contact your Council President if you have not received your copies to distribute to your club members. This is our major annual publication and it does a great service in advertising our many accomplishments and close relationship with our industry partners. Please be sure your councils and clubs use them in recruiting new members.

The FWSA Travel Program continues with great success under the leadership of Gloria Raminha and Norm Azevedo. Our upcoming ski week in Jackson Hole will consist of approximately 450 participants. I know that Gloria, the FWSA Ski Week staff, and the Council Trip Leaders have planned a great trip with many exciting things in store for us. The International ski trip in March 2012 is to Chamonix, France, the birthplace of extreme skiing, with an exciting post-trip extension to Morocco. The first FWSA North American value ski trip will be to the great Canadian resort, Big White in March 2012. It's not too late if you act now! The last planned trips for 2012 include an exciting 2-week Panama Canal cruise the end of September and the third FWSA scuba dive trip in the fall.

Our 80th Convention "How the West is ONE" will be hosted by the Intermountain Ski Council at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center, Hampton Inn in Ogden, and Ogden Marriott in Ogden, Utah, June 7 - 10, 2012. Jane Wyckoff - FWSA Convention Coordinator, Linda Scott - ISC Convention Coordinator, Don Anderson - ISC President, and Catherine Ohl - Graphic Design and Activities Coordinator have some very exciting activities planned for us including a pool party, shopping, pub crawl on Historic 25th Street, the 6th Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, Weber River Rafting, Hiking and Salmon Center. They have been communicating regularly to plan all this fun. Mike Sanford, Past President is diligently working on lining up an all-star cast of celebrities and Debbi Kor is working on sponsorship for this great event. Friday will include some optional activities, our industry show and Silent Auction. On Saturday, we will have our Travel Industry Expo, some professional panel sessions, and a session with some very special guest speakers. We

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## VP of Marketing

### What's New for 2012



*Debbi Kor  
VP of Marketing  
and Sponsorship*

By Debbi Kor

A new ski season has arrived, and it has all the earmarks of another incredible year! Will we see the major dumps of snow that we got in 2011? Let's hope for a long season with blue bird days, and star-filled, moonlit nights to provide us with the chance to fill up our season pass. In the meantime, let's jump start this season and see what's going on with our clubs and councils. We're head-

ing to the ski shows for new gear, attending season kick off parties, and making travel plans to hit all the best ski areas possible in one season. A sampling of some of those happenings include Northwest Council's Ski Fair and Pray for Snow Party, LA Council's Ski Dazzle and San Diego Council's Snow Gala, as well as numerous other parties and activities going on within our other eight ski club councils.

There are a number of great ski movies traveling around the country, including the annual Warren Miller film, The Ski Channel's newest flick, and several other independent films. Buy a ticket, whoop it up, and get yourself psyched for "Ski Season 2012". Trips planned for the coming year include: Aspen, Telluride, Mammoth, Big White, Whistler, Snow Basin and Powder Mountain, as well as Far West's Annual Ski Week to Jackson Hole.

The international Far West trip will be to Chamonix in March, 2012, but before all that happens, the Far West Board of Directors will hold their winter meeting the first weekend in December in Park City, Utah. This will give us all a chance to get our ski legs in shape for the coming season.

To make your winter trip hassle-free, try renting your gear on-site from one of our many benefits partners, such as Black Tie Skis, Ski Essentials, SeeNSki, Ski Set, Dave's Ski & Snowboard Shop or Ski Butlers. You will find them listed on our website on the Membership/Benefits page. These shops, along with several others offer a myriad of discounted pricing to all Far West members with proof of membership. And, while you're on the site, check out our many lodging partners as well. You can plan an inexpensive trip to a lot of great areas from New Mexico to Washington, and Canada too.

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## VP of Membership

### Why Membership in FWSA Matters

By David Krupp



*David Krupp  
VP of Membership*

As we look forward to the coming season, I was recently reflecting on the state of affairs in Far West Ski Association and how we serve our membership. Furthermore, what value does FWSA provide and how do we convey that message? Initially, FWSA started as an avenue to enable people to be skiing. It performs that function well but has evolved into a full-service organization. It's not only about skiing; it also encompasses many aspects of the skiing lifestyle. While there are many benefits to being a member of FWSA, here are a few:

#### **Trips/Travel**

Naturally, I think the number one benefit is the one that has us skiing; the trips. And Far West does these very well. I tell everyone who has not been on a trip that if you want to have a relaxing excursion on your ski trip, fine, that can be done. For those who want excitement though, you can have your trip with zero down-time; there's something going on every moment from on-mountain activities to events like ice skating to dinners and parties.

And, of course, we go to the greatest resorts all over the world. Each year we have domestic trips, and international trips. I say trips, plural, as we have branched out to sight-seeing, dive, and family tours on a year-round basis. All great. But don't just take my word for it; ask any member who has been on one.

#### **Competition**

Ski racing has been with us for many years brought to you from our sister organization Far West Racing Association. Here is an area FWSA covers that you won't find in most recreational ski organizations.

And these aren't NASTAR courses. This is the real thing. Also, it is for everyone and is geared to varying abilities and ages. Some clubs even pay the race fees for their members. Both skiing and snowboard course competitions are offered. Perhaps freestyle, half-pipe, ski cross, or all-mountain competitions are in our future?

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## **VP of North American Travel**

### **Are You Ready For Some Skiing!?!?**

By Gloria Raminha

#### ***Jackson Hole, FWSA 2012 Ski Week***

Are you ready for some skiing? I don't know where the time has gone, but ski season is here. The annual North American Far West Ski Week will be January 28 to February 4 and will take place in Jackson Hole. Skiers and boarders will be traveling to Jackson Hole for a full week of skiing and fun and will enjoy some of the best ski and snowboard experiences in the world. With an impressive 2,500 acres of inbounds terrain and a diverse trail system, Jackson Hole allows both beginners and experts to enjoy everything from powder-filled chutes and bowls to long, wide-open groomer.

Our Tour Operators Mike Hibbard and Sara Clemons with Sports America Tours along with Spencer Long from Jackson Hole are planning a ski week full of activities which will include: racing, a welcome reception, pub crawl, mountain picnic, banquet and dancing, and an après award party. FWSA is also planning an optional trip to Grand Targhee during our ski week.

Other optional activities around Jackson Hole that ski week participants (both skiers and non-skiers can enjoy) are Hole Hiking (Snowshoeing), Wildlife expeditions, Jackson Hole Playhouse (Dinner & show), Goosewing Ranch Snowmobile Tours, Elk Refuge Sleigh Rides, Spring Creek Ranch Sleigh Rides, and Jackson Hole Iditarod Dog Sled Tours. If you are interested in going to Jackson Hole, please contact a Council Trip Leader. Contact information is listed on the [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) website.

#### ***Big White, British Columbia 2nd North American Ski Trip***

Far West Ski Association is having a "Spring Fling" late season ski trip March 27 to April 1, 2012 at Big White, British Columbia. This trip is limited to the first 100 FWSA members so don't hesitate to sign-up if you're interested.

Big White is Canada's largest totally ski-in, ski-out ski resort. Big White has been a long time partner of the Far West Ski Association and I am thrilled that FWSA is going to Big White in the spring.

Included in the trip package are 5 night's accommodations, 3 or 4 days of skiing, welcome party, tubing party and farewell party. Prices for adults and seniors range from \$520 to \$595. Prices for children are available. FWSA members can purchase discounted tickets for the Big White Wine Festival for \$25 each. Sign-ups for the wine festival will only be at the welcome party.

Transportation is not provided by FWSA; however, Big White Resort can assist with airfare rates exclusive to Far West members attending this trip. Air reservations should be made into Kelowna. Kelowna is a quick shuttle ride to Big White.

For more details and sign-up information for this trip, go to [www.Bigwhite.com/Farwest](http://www.Bigwhite.com/Farwest) and [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

#### ***Fall of 2012 – Panama Canal Cruise***

Cruise the Canal with Far West Ski Association. September 28th 2012, Far West members will depart from The Port of Los Angeles 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, Cartagena. We will arrive in Miami on October 12th.

Details and sign-up information for this cruise can be found on the [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org) website in the travel section. All pricing includes taxes and port fees. If available, cabins in other

categories not listed on the flyer can be booked once a \$500 deposit has been received. Prices will vary for different category levels.



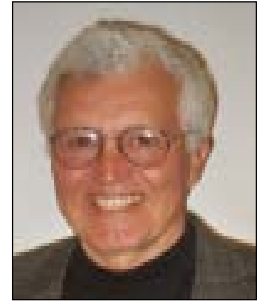
*Gloria Raminha  
VP of N American*



# **VP of International Travel**

## **What's Happening with International Travel**

By Norm Azevedo



*Norm Azevedo  
VP of International Travel*

### **NEW ZEALAND / AUSTRALIA TOUR ...**

The group has just disembarked the plane as I write this. I heard from three participants; they were very pleased with the whole trip. Thanks to Gloria Raminha, who led this exciting adventure; and Mary Azevedo who did all the pre-trip work. The participants covered Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Queenstown, Sydney and Cairns Great Barrier Reef. New Zealand is an amazingly beautiful country.

### **ROATAN, HONDURAS 2011 DIVE TRIP**

Randy Lew led the 2nd Far West Ski Association dive trip to Roatan. He says he had a great time, enjoyed meeting all of the trip's participants and looks forward to the next dive trip. Keep checking the FWSA website for information as it becomes available.

What's the future hold in international trips:

### **CHAMONIX-MONT-BLANC, FRANCE 2012 ANNUAL**



### **INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK ...**

We are skiing Chamonix-Mont-Blanc, France starting on March 9, 2012. Chamonix, 1924 Winter Olympic Games site, is a popular tourist destination that links Italy via the Mont-Blanc tunnel. It has lots to do for skiers and non-skiers. Our optional one or two week Mo-



rocco trips will be taken back to back with the ski week.

### **MOROCCO 2012 ADVENTURE FOLLOWING CHAMONIX...**

We plan to explore Morocco for one or two weeks, starting March 17 in Casablanca, then traveling through the country and ending in Marrakech. A highlight on both trips will be setting off into the desert on camels to the

middle of nowhere in high dunes to see an incredible sunset, spend the night in Berber tents with tagine dinner around a romantic campfire in a small desert oasis. We offer a one week Morocco trip for those who can't take two weeks away from



their job or home. The two week Morocco trip is also available for those who only want to do the Morocco trip.



### **2013 INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK AT INNSBRUCK WITH A PRE-TRIP TO GARMISCH...**

Put this ski week on your 2013 calendar. We are looking into a non-skiing post adventure trip after Innsbruck and will notify all as soon as it's identified. Keep checking the FWSA website for details.

**FOR ALL TRIP FLIERS & CURRENT TRIP DETAILS GO TO:** [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). Or contact Norm & Mary Azevedo, for International Travel at [fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net) (925-944-9816).



## VP of Communications



Linda Scott  
VP of Communications

### New Digital Version of the Far West Skier's Guide

By Linda Scott

Your communications team is hard at work not only maintaining, but refreshing and innovating the way we communicate information with you. Let me introduce you to our team, and give you a glimpse of some of the things we are working on:

George Stewart is our web guy. He manages the information you see when you visit us at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), and he is working to redesign and refresh the content and functionality of our website. We are in consultation with a graphic artist to change the look and design of the website, while working to change the functionality by implementing Pay Pal to manage convention sign-ups online.

We hope to have this up and running by our 2012 Convention in Ogden. We also have a QR code which will quickly direct you to our website with a flash of your smart phone.

Steven Coxen manages our Facebook page. He updates the page weekly, and you can visit the page to get current information on everything happening at FWSA, from all our trips to convention news. Debbi Kor has recently taken over the FWSA NewsFlash, a monthly email containing ski related news you can use. If you haven't signed up yet to

receive this informative newsletter, send Debbi a message at [fwsadebbi@comcast.net](mailto:fwsadebbi@comcast.net).

*The Councilman*, our three-times-a-year FWSA magazine, had been edited by Mary Azevedo for over seven years, and we greatly appreciate all the work Mary has dedicated to FWSA during this time. Mary loved this work, and we loved her too, but she has decided to retire and pass this awesome opportunity on to someone new. Is that person you? If you think you might be interested and want to learn more, contact Linda Scott at [louandlt@hotmail.com](mailto:louandlt@hotmail.com).

The *Far West Skier's Guide* has been edited by Leigh Gieringer for over 24 years! We are so lucky to have Leigh's talent, creativity and expertise for all these years, and we hope she continues to edit this fantastic magazine for another 24 years! Last year Leigh introduced a new digital version of the *Far West Skier's Guide*, so make sure you check it out. The digital version changes quarterly, so check it often so you don't miss a thing! You can find it on our FWSA website, and many council and club websites too.

This is an exciting and fun time for the communications team at FWSA, and it is my pleasure to lead this talented and dedicated group of folks. If you would like to join our team and bring your publishing ideas or expertise, speak up because we would love to have you join us.

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are also planning the next two modules of our very popular Snowsports Leadership Academy.

Our 2013 Convention will be hosted by Bay Area Snow Sports Council at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nevada. Dennis Heffley is already getting BAC volunteers organized.

The success of FWSA is due to a significant number of volunteers who have contributed a tremendous amount of time and expertise. We have an ever increasing need for new volunteers. For those reading this article and want to get more involved, this is your opportunity. If you want more information on volunteering either call (503-682-1563) or email me ([fwsa13randy@telis.org](mailto:fwsa13randy@telis.org)) or one of our Functional VP's. All of our Functional VP's require a working committee to be truly successful.

Thank you for your continued support.



# **Athletic Scholarship Chairperson**

## **2011 FWSA Athletic Scholarships Set New Records**



*Dick Shawkey  
Athletic Scholarship  
Chairman*

A record 45 eligible applications were submitted to the Far West Scholarship Committee for evaluation in July. In addition, there were four applications that were ineligible. Applicant gender was almost an even split with 23 women and 22 men. The 45 applicants came from California (20), Idaho (2), Montana (1), Nevada (3), Oregon (8), Utah (4), Washington (6) and Wyoming (1). Their average academic GPA is 3.87.

Depending on the partnership acceptance, up to eighteen of these applications will be awarded scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1000, also a scholarship program record. While the final number is still pending, it is likely that 10 girls and 8 boys will receive scholarships in 2011.

They come from six states: California (7), Montana (1), Nevada (3), Oregon (3), Washington (3), and Utah (1). The 2011 recipients are not only great athletes but also top scholars with an average GPA of 3.92. Sixteen of the

recipients were ranked top ten in their age group in 2011 in at least one racing discipline, and 10 of these stood in the top ten in two or more disciplines.



The top overall athlete was Lila Lapanja from Incline Village, NV, a three-time scholarship recipient, who was tops in all four disciplines and a 2011 selectee to the USSA Development Team. In addition to Lila, two other female recipients are members of the Development Team.

We are pleased that for the first time there were eight applicants from Intermountain, two of whom will receive scholarships (Rose Caston from Park City, UT, and Tara Hines from Helena, MT).

The scholarship partners program continues to grow and is making a significant contribution to the success of the scholarship program. Partners commit to sponsoring local or regional junior athletes; an arrangement that gives the partners greater exposure among local skiers.

With the addition of our two most recent partners, Bergfreunde Ski Club of Portland, OR; and Castro Valley

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## **Highlighting our sponsors**

By Debbi Kor, VP of Marketing

In 2005, Whitefish Mountain Resort (then known as Big Mountain) and Grouse Mountain Lodge partnered with Far West to sponsor the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program. The first year started out small, with just \$1000; then grew each year to a point where we now have several ski clubs and ski club councils sponsoring junior racers. These kids incur some hefty expenses throughout the year for their training, travel, and equipment. Our sponsorships help offset some of those expenses. In 2010-11, Far West awarded scholarships of \$500-\$1000 to 14 deserving junior racers. Far West would like to thank all of our sponsors, and highlight our pioneers.

**Grouse Mountain Lodge** - Purchased last January by Glacier Park, Inc. Grouse Mountain Lodge is ideally located in beautiful Whitefish, Montana, minutes from Whitefish Mountain Resort and Glacier National Park. With 145 guest rooms, plenty of meeting and event space, great dining, and a huge list of services and amenities (I can personally vouch for all), Grouse Mountain Lodge truly is a superb choice in Montana resorts. Relax in the outdoor spa after a long day skiing, and then hop on the shuttle into downtown Whitefish for dinner in one of the many great restaurants or stay right there and enjoy dinner in the cozy dining room. The food is fantastic, the wine is wonderful, and the service can't be beat.

*As for the mountain, let's just say that **FUN IS...***

**Whitefish Mountain Resort** - Ranked 20th best overall by *Ski Magazine*, Whitefish Mountain Resort offers world class skiing at the 10th largest ski resort in the U.S. with 3,000 skiable acres, and weather that can't be beat! You'll have breathtaking views of Glacier National Park, Whitefish Lake and Flathead Lake from the summit, and so many incredible runs to check out, you'll not grow tired of trying new ones. Ski among the "snow ghosts" and then meet up with your friends, or make some new ones at the Hell Roaring Saloon at the bottom of the slope.

If you enjoy skiing, boarding, snow-shoeing, or other activities such as fly fishing, hiking, biking or golf, this is the place to be. Set in an old-time setting of quaint buildings with hand-carved wooden signs, covered sidewalks, painted murals and window boxes, the town of Whitefish offers a host of things to keep you busy. Entertainment and the arts are a mainstay in Whitefish. Music, live theater and art shows can be enjoyed all year long, not to mention the weekly Farmer's Market, annual Microbrew Fest, Huckleberry Days Festival and Winter Carnival.

Fly, drive, or take Amtrak, but get there. You'll have a wonderful time!



## Charities & Our Community Chairperson

### CHALLENGE to our eleven FWSA Councils and all Clubs!

We are now in the sixth year of our special "FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition" program. Clubs and councils again have the opportunity to apply for this prestigious honor. This year's Recognition will be awarded at our 2012 FWSA Convention in Ogden, Utah on June 10. It's a simple process:

Complete the application form, listing and describing your group's community service activities and charitable donations, then send in the application before March 15th. That's it! That's all it takes! Pull up the information and application form from the FWSA website at <http://www.fwsa.org>. Also please contact Sigrid at [skisig@gmail.com](mailto:skisig@gmail.com) for questions or anything else having to do with charities & community service.

#### **CHALLENGE to our eleven FWSA Councils and all Clubs!**

This is the second year of our "Community Service Awareness Program". I have challenged all our councils to challenge their clubs to be involved with at least ONE charity. Hopefully every council and every club within our FWSA family will make "Community Service" an agenda

item at every meeting. If councils talk about charities & community service at council meetings, then club reps will be reminded to talk to their clubs about it too. Then in turn, reps will feel encouraged to share information about their club's charitable activities at the council meetings. This will make everyone more aware, and hopefully encourage clubs and their members to become more involved with community service. It's a happy win-win situation!

Most of our FWSA councils and clubs are already very much involved with many charitable organizations. The variety of involvement is wonderful and quite phenomenal! We're working towards 100% involvement this year! Last year some councils came very close. Let's make charities a priority in all our clubs and reach that goal THIS year, by Convention 2012!

Remember our goal this year is 100%! To have every club in FWSA involved with at least one charitable organization.



*Sigrid Noack, Charities  
& Our Community*

## Youth and Family Involvement

### GOT KIDS? GOT GRANDKIDS?

Are you planning to take them on a ski trip, campout, or adventure trip during the coming year? Whether it's a Far West Ski Association trip, which welcomes children and families on most ski and adventure trips, a trip with your club, or just a family outing...think safety in the sun. FWSA's sun safety program, SLIP, SLOP, SLIDE, SLITHER with SAVVY SNAKE just completed a very successful



campaign to build awareness of the dangers of sun over exposure. The campaign targeted sun safety for our youth, but certainly applies to all of us as we pursue our favorite outdoor activities. FWSA is excited to continue this valuable campaign as we move into the 2011-2012 snow sports season.

FWSA has several upcoming adventures that might be just right for your family. Both the North American ski week to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and the international ski week to Chamonix, France welcome children and families.

You might even consider the Panama Cruise as a destination for your family. (Information on all trips can be found elsewhere in this edition of *The Councilman* or on the FWSA website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). Traveling with children opens one's eyes in a whole different way, and many adults report that they see positive changes in their children after traveling abroad with them. The families who have gone on a FWSA trip say they had a wonderful time with their children as well as with the other attendees on the trip. The trips are structured in such a way as to allow families to enjoy 'family appropriate' events while allowing the 'adult only' groups to continue to enjoy FWSA's traditional trip activities.

Whatever your adventure, wherever you take your children and/or grandchildren, remember to help and encourage them to protect the skin they're in.



*Fran Long, Youth  
and Family  
Involvement  
Chairperson*

## VP of Councils

The fall is upon us and that means it is time for many councils to choose their outstanding man and woman volunteer of the year. In San Diego we have received the nominations from the clubs and will be judging the candidates this week at a dinner meeting. The candidates are all asked the same questions by a panel of judges made up of a representative from each club. This prepares the candidates for a similar type of panel interview they will face at the FWSA Convention if they are chosen to represent SDCSC for the year.

Each year the application gives points for various volunteer activities and involvement in club and council activities. There are also points given for involvement in ski racing and travel with club, council or FWSA and points for the interview. The points are carefully tallied and the winners will be announced at the councils' Ski Galas to take place during the year.

After a candidate has been elected as their council MWY candidate they will submit an application to Don Bryant the FWSA MWY Coordinator in May. Donn brings the applications to convention and the process at the FWSA level begins. Donn runs a well organized program each year and the excitement builds during the Convention weekend as the candidates are led around to meet various VIP's and go to their interviews.

On Saturday night the names are announced at the Awards Banquet. I hope each council will be a part of this important process this year. It is a small way to say thank you to the men and women who work so hard to make clubs and councils function all year.

Another exciting council program now in progress is the Outreach Program. The Outreach Program is intended to promote FWSA as the "Voice of the Western Skier." Member ski councils are encouraged to participate in and

promote FWSA and their regional ski organization at events expected to reach our target audience.

FWSA will subsidize ski council advertising at regional events to attract new club members by promotion of association/benefits of FWSA and to raise awareness of FWSA benefits among current membership ranks.

Requests for funding should be sent to VP of Councils, identifying the event(s), date, location, cost of council participation and expected attendance. The application describes how FWSA will be promoted as the "Voice of the Western Skier" and how visitors to your event/booth will be invited to visit the [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org) web site to learn more about FWSA. The participation reimbursement is "capped" so that each council can receive a portion from the general fund for the Outreach Program.

The 79th Annual Convention at Pacific Palms brought many of the Council Services programs into action. The MWOY program executed by Donn Bryant ran very smoothly. I especially like the banners the candidates wore this year. This made them very easy to identify starting from Friday night through the judging and activities on Saturday.

The Club/Councils Communication and Awards program led by Lennia Machen was very organized as the awards were presented at the luncheon on Saturday. Lennia took over in February and managed to get the program up and running by June. Catherine Ohl did her usual excellent work on the FWSA Awards Program. The slide presentations by her on Saturday afternoon and evening were amazing.

*Thanks to all these wonderful volunteers.*



*Eileen Sanford  
VP of Councils*

## Making History

By John Watson

Making History, produced in celebration of the 150th anniversary of ski clubs and ski racing, premiered in part at the FWSA annual meeting in June 2011, is a compilation of achievements by "organized skiing" over the last 150 years. The Plumas Ski Club and County Museum has discovered proof that ski clubs and ski racing started in North America 150 years ago in the gold camps of the Sierra. The organized skiing story for the Far West, however, is incomplete without highlights of companion

achievements in ski councils, travel services to members, area development and vignettes of people and events that made history and are still making history. These are treated in separate chapters to accompany the ones on clubs and ski racing.

Making History is designed to be presented in 10-15 minute chapter segments in meetings of snowsports organizations or to civic groups. You may be obtained with prepaid orders for \$30.00 from the Far West Ski Foundation, Box 861, Fallbrook, CA 92088.

## Arizona Ski Council



*Mike Rogers  
Arizona Council  
President*

The clubs in Arizona have put together a very full season with a large selection of resorts. However, due to the current economic conditions we are all facing, three trips have already been cancelled due to the lack of sign-ups and the need to pay vendors to secure the pillows. As with last year, the pillow count for each trip has been reduced in an attempt to assure the trips will go as planned.

The aging of the club membership has been a factor in the reduction of skiers. A number of the older members have hung up their skis and are now going on more tour oriented trips. The Phoenix club just returned from a cruise in the Mediterranean which focused mostly on Italian ports of call. In August the Sailing Adventure club did a bareboat charter to Newport, Rhode Island and Martha's Vineyard.

The clubs are still researching ways to attract the younger generation for the trips. The major issue is the younger generation does not plan their ski vacation months in advance, but rather a few weeks in advance. This does not fit the current club trip planning process. The risk to the clubs of booking a trip and not filling all the pillows could create a financial loss which the clubs cannot afford. That is the main reason for the three cancellations, no commitment from the members.

On the social side the council is continuing the Happy Hour hosting which is open to anyone. The local bars are definitely enjoying our business. The Sailing Adventure club is hosting a Culinary Academy dinner open to any club member within the council. The council is hosting the annual kick-off picnic on November 6 which is open to all. The council is also working with Snowbowl to hand out the Skiers Guide at the three Warren Miller showings in the valley. The clubs are actively planning their Holiday parties and dinners.

## Sierra Ski Club Council



*Jo Simpson  
Sierra Council President*

Sierra Council has a lucky 13 clubs and race teams. We are excited to welcome the Alpine Ski and Snowboard Club in Las Vegas into our council. It's great to have two Las Vegas clubs in the Sierra family.

The Sierra clubs are gearing up for travel and the race league schedule is set. All we need now is snow, which we hopefully will have by the time this newsletter reaches you.

Our clubs in Las Vegas have extensive trip schedules for the season. Alpine will be going to Salt Lake City, Jackson Hole and Steamboat. The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club is offering trips to Eagle Point, Brianhead, Ogden (Snowbasin and Powder Mountain), Utah; Whitefish, Mont.; and Mammoth. The Capital Ski and Sport Club is going to Crested Butte.

The Reno Ski and Recreation Club just finished providing the volunteer labor for the annual University of Nevada, Reno Ski Swap, which funds the university ski team. Capital Ski and Sports had a booth at the Sacramento Ski and Snowboard Festival. FWSA Skier's Guides were distributed at both shows.

Sierra Council proudly salutes Debbie Stewart of the Sequoia Ski Club who was named 2011 FWSA Woman of the Year. We are so proud to have one of our members receive this award high honor. The Las Vegas Ski, Snowboard and Sports Club won second place in the 2011 FWSA club competitions for outstanding club, newsletter and website in class AA. The Reno Ski and Recreation Club won third place in the Class AAA Outstanding Club Competition and for their newsletter.

Sierra is sharing the race courses with the Bay Area Council Singles League, a joint venture that reduces costs for both leagues and adds fun to the racing experience.

Sierra Council skiers are thrilled that the season is here!

### Scholarships, continued from page 8

Ski Club of Castro Valley, CA. The number of partners has reached six (Skiyente Ski Club, Bergfreunde Ski Club, Mountain High Snowsports Club (all from Portland, OR), Castro Valley Ski Club, San Diego Council, and Los Angeles Council).

Almost a third of this year's scholarship funds were donated by the partners. There can be no doubt that the partner program has the greatest potential for future scholarship program growth.

With the 2011 scholarships wrapping up, thoughts turn to fund raising for 2012. Our next big fund raiser

will be the FWSA Ski Week at Jackson Hole, WY (January 28 – February 4, 2012). Thanks to Schure Sports Inc., we anticipate raffling a Karbon ski outfit that will be made to the winner's specifications. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program continues to be indebted to its sponsors: 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 snow sports apparel, and the Far West Racing Association ([www.fwra.com](http://www.fwra.com)).



# Central Council

Summer has come and gone, and Central Council Ski Clubs have already put in place a fantastic snow sports schedule for the coming season. In addition to our usual trips to Tahoe and Mammoth, various clubs have other trips on the docket:

Fresno Ski Club is going to Crested Butte in February

SLO Skiers are going to Beaver Creek in March. Santa Barbara Ski Club is going to Banff in March. Members from various clubs are going to Jackson Hole in January (FWSA) and Big White in March.



*Fran Long  
Central Council  
President*



All we need is SNOW, SNOW, SNOW!

It appears that is already happening in many parts of the country. We are all looking forward to another banner year on the snow!

The summer of 2011 was slow and easy for Central Council. Sixteen members participated in the first annual Mammoth Summer Adventure sponsored by FWSA. We all had an absolute blast...biking, hiking, fishing, partying. If your club/council didn't attend, consider making it a club/council summer adventure in 2012. Rumor has it that it will be an entire week of adventure and coincide with the Mammoth blues festival.

Ski and snowsports clubs are about skiing, but they aren't just about skiing. The people, the social fun, the friendships that are made, along with the snow sports activities, make belonging to a club long-lasting and memorable experience.

# Intermountain Council

We are now taking deposits on our Council Trip at Snowmass the first weekend of February, 2012 at the Crestwood, a ski-in, ski-out condo property. We will continue to include a ski race followed by a barbeque. As like last year, we invited the Arizona Council to join us as they love Snowmass.



*Don Anderson  
Intermountain  
Council President*

The big event will be our usual Silent Auction Party on Saturday, theme to be decided later. Stephen Hall's company, Ski Group, will be our agent again this year. Our members love the website and online registration and credit card payment. Many of us have not skied Snowmass or Aspen for several years, so we are really looking forward to it.

Club elections continue, so many people are taking on new roles. Remember to notify your Council Presidents as these changes need to be forwarded to FWSA and National Ski Club Newsletter among others.

Work continues on hosting our first FWSA convention in Ogden, UT June 7-10, 2012. We will be using the Marriott and Hampton Inn & Suites with meeting in the Eccles Center, all in downtown Ogden. Salt Lake airport is extremely easy on travelers. We continue to finalize details and finish planning the optional events. This should be the best opportunity for our clubs to send many delegates since we are hosting it in our area. We are researching a mountain hike, bicycle ride, museum tour and some surprises.

We are sending out FWSA Membership cards and getting ready to distribute the Skier's Guide, so clubs should be watching for that.

And last on the list of current projects are the annual ski swaps. Idaho Falls is planning their regular event in Nov. while Pocatello Ski Association will use Halloween weekend for their



Snow Expo. Many ski areas and lodging properties loves to participate along with the retail sport shops and members offering bargains.

## 80th Annual Convention & Snowsports Leadership Academy

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- Travel Expo
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- Public Affairs Panel
- Saturday Awards Luncheon
- Celebrity Multi Media Presentation
- Saturday Awards Dinner
- Far West General Meeting & Elections

### Optional Activities

- Historic 25th Street Pub Crawl
- Michael German Memorial Golf Classic
- White Water Rafting
- Salomon Center
- Hiking
- Pool Party

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*Dennis Heffley*  
BAC President

## BAC Ski Council

2011 is the inaugural year for the presentation of our "Bay Area Snow Sports Council Presidential ~ Making The Difference Award". The criteria for the above award are as follows: "The Bay Area Snow Sports Councils (BAC) Presidential "Making The Difference" Award is given to a current member of a

BAC club in recognition for showing an ability to motivate, contribute, innovate and for "Making The Difference" in a club, our council, Far West Ski Association or the National Ski Council Federation. Determination of who receives and when this award is presented is made by the current BAC President. This award is not to detract nor lessen the importance of the BAC Man & Woman of the Year honors."

It is with great pride that I share with you the list of the first recipients of this prestigious award: Mary Azevedo, Norm Azevedo, Karen Davis & Harry Davis all of SnowChasers Ski Club. John Walsh of The San Francisco Ski Club. Young Kang of Castro Valley Ski Club. Greg Robinson of The Monterey Ski and Social Ski Club.

During our September BAC General Council Meeting we tried a different format. Instead of listening to reports, we had a brief panel discussion followed by "breakout sessions" complete with reports from each group. Also in attendance was Randy Lew (FWSA President) and Mark

Harris (Former President of The National Ski Council Federation). This style of meeting was a success and will be repeated in the future!

As the BAC enters into the winter months of 2011/2012, we are having our 3rd Annual BAC WinterFest. This event features a Travel Carousel, Silent Auction, Raffle Drawings and an opportunity for our local clubs to interact with many of our industry partners who are in town for the SnowBomb Shows.

Looking to the future for the BAC, we are working on the 2013 FWSA Convention being held at the Grand Sierra Casino & Resort in Reno, NV. There are ideas being shared within the BAC on how we can increase the participation of our clubs and their members at this event. The BAC is looking forward to making the 2013 FWSA Convention a memorable experience for everyone!

We are proud of the amazing volunteers we have within the BAC. Our individual clubs are just that, "individuals". On their own, they accomplish amazing things and put on incredible events. Having them come together at the council level with things such as the 6th Annual BAC/DSUSA Tailgate BBQ/Oakland A's Baseball Game & Fireworks Show or the 3rd Annual BAC WinterFest and our other endeavors . . . PRICELESS!

In closing I would like to say a special Thank You to all of the BAC volunteers!

*Thank You For Being The One  
Who Makes The Difference!*




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I'll be hitting the road again this year to visit the Seattle and Portland Ski Shows, and then on to Denver in January to check out the SIA show to see what's new in the way of clothing and skis for the coming season, as well as 2013. The folks in Denver have outdone themselves since signing on as hosts in 2010 to the largest snow sports show globally, with over 1000 brands being presented in a very high energy environment. This show is a sell-out year after year.

Our sponsorship programs are all doing well. We have continued relationships with Aspen Skiing Company as the sponsor of our Safety Person of the Year; Big White and Silver Star Mountain as sponsors of our Far West Councils' Man and Woman of the Year; Steamboat Ski & Resort Corp. as the sponsor of the Western Ski Heritage Award, and Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish Mountain Resort, and Karbon as sponsors of the Far West Athletic Scholarship program. Thank you to all of our sponsors for your continued support. Without you, we would not be able to offer these wonderful accolades to our deserving participants.



# Los Angeles Council



*Norbert Knapp  
Los Angeles Council President*

Thank you to all who attended the FWSA Convention in Industry Hills this past June. I am told everyone had a great time, including the industry representatives.

The L.A. Council will be having its Snow Gala on November 5 celebrating the Men and Women of the Year from our participating clubs. Just to keep things interesting we have changed our format from a dinner/dance to a friendly afternoon champagne brunch at the popular Castaways Restaurant overlooking Burbank. As always there will be prolific door prizes, in addition to the silent auction to support our adaptive ski club, The Unrecables.

Our council annual trip this year is to Silver Mountain and Schweitzer, Idaho, February 4-11, 2012. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating, please contact David Felker, our V.P. of Travel, at [travel@lacouncil.org](mailto:travel@lacouncil.org)

The L.A. Council Annual Ski & Race Camp is coming up fast –December 9 through 18, 2011. This very popular event will be held as always at Mammoth Mountain Resort. Alaska Airlines now flies into the Mammoth-Yosemite Airport; check for schedules and prices. The Race Camp cost varies depending on options chosen. Contact V.P. Competition, Candy McKnight at [competition@lacouncil.org](mailto:competition@lacouncil.org)

I Trust everyone is getting in shape for another great ski season. See you on the slopes.



# Orange Ski Council

Orange Council of Ski Clubs is in full swing to promote their ski trips for the 2011-2012 ski season. Some of the trips for the ski season 2011-2012 are Breckenridge, Colorado, Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Beaver Creek, Colorado. Orange Council also has midweek and weekend bus and carpool driveup trips to Mammoth Mountain. With so many choices, and price ranges, Orange Council and Ski Clubs offer something for every skier.



*Judy Thurman  
Orange Council President*

For those who love to race, Orange Council has a very strong race team, and is a member of the Schuski Race League. Orange Council's race schedule for 2011-2012 starts with the first race held at Mammoth Mountain in December 2011 and the last one ending in April 2012, at the Far West Ski Championships. Three of the weekend Mammoth Trips coincide with the race weekend. If you are interested in racing for the Orange Council, please contact, Maxine Hanlon VP Racing at [maxch@prodigy.net](mailto:maxch@prodigy.net) or [www.OrangeCouncilofSkiClubs.com](http://www.OrangeCouncilofSkiClubs.com)

Each year Orange Council offers one week long ski trip. This year we will be taking 40 lucky skiers to beautiful Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Our members will participate in the Far West Ski Association Ski Week, January 28-February 4, 2012. This is an annual event that brings together all the ski councils, approximately 500-600 people. This is an opportunity for our clubs to go on these trips and meet other skiers within the Orange Council Ski Clubs and the FWSA. The week is filled with lots of skiing, après parties, racing dinners and camaraderie. The FWSA Week has always been a fantastic event and not to be missed! For information on any of our ski trips please contact Sheila Van Guilder, V.P. of Travel, [svanguil@roadrunner.com](mailto:svanguil@roadrunner.com).

All of Orange Council ski clubs; offer other activities in the fall, starting with Oktoberfest held in Huntington Beach, Halloween Parties. Christmas boat parade parties are held in Huntington Harbor, and Newport Beach Harbor. Each club also has their own Christmas Parties held in December. The Christmas parties also provide an opportunity for our members to donate to Toys of Tots. For information on all of the activities within the Orange Council and Ski Clubs, contact [www.OrangeCouncilSkiClub.com](http://www.OrangeCouncilSkiClub.com)

# Northwest Ski Club Council

Northwest Ski Club Council welcomes you to Ski Season 2011-2012!

We've kicked off the season with participation in three exhibitor events, the Portland and Seattle SkiFever and Snowboard Shows, and our very own Ski Fair.

We also started a brand new event, the NWSCC "Catch a Ski Fever" party, which was held on the Saturday night of the Portland SkiFever show. It was awesome! Held in a private room adjacent to the show, we hosted ski club members to some yummy appetizers, a no-host bar and lots of fun.

We invited all of our wonderful commercial vendors, who were working in the room next door, giving them a fun way to meet and greet our club folks. It was a great event, and we look forward to growing it in the future. I want to thank Steve Coxen for coordinating this event. Our special thanks to Dan and Rebecca Schindler of Trade Shows West for all their help!

PACRAT Racing is off to a great start. We're looking to start close to 300 racers this year, and will continue our partnership with NASTAR. While we love the fact that PACRAT is growing, our unique after-race parties are becoming a challenge because we need increasingly larger venues. What a problem to have, right? PACRAT kicks off the first weekend in January, and will continue through March.

We're happy to announce that we're now up to 39 clubs, including a brand new club from Seattle, the Seattle Meet-Up Club. Boasting 900 members, we look forward to spreading the "voice of the western skier" to a whole new group! We'll be working hard to provide events and activities for all of our club members, including those in Alaska and Hawaii.

On the travel front, we have outstanding support from our clubs for the FWSA Ski Week at Jackson Hole this year. We're working to sell FWSA's other trips, as well. And of course, our signature event, The Bachelor Blast, is already on the books. We're heading to Mt. Bachelor Village this year and are working with Mt. Bachelor to make it the biggest ski club party week in the country!

This trip is happening the first week in April—watch our web site for more scoop soon! We'll be celebrating our very own "Hot Dog" moments—start thinking of some funny video moments!!

The Pacific Northwest is also honored to be the host region for this year's Skiing Heritage Week, April 8-15, 2012. This is going to be a road trip of epic proportions! Not only will there be skiing at some of the region's premier resorts (Timberline, Meadows, White Pass, Crystal, Stevens Pass and Snoqualmie), but there will be receptions and dinners honoring K2, and the Mahre brothers.

NWSCC looks forward to hosting the first event at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum, also a member of NWSCC. If you're interested in more information, give me a shout.

And of course, we're working on conventions! We're really looking forward to a "wild west" party in Utah in June! And of course, we've already started on 2014 and hope to have some fun news on that front very soon. **Everybody "VIVA LA NINA!!!"**



*Sheri Parshall  
Northwest Council  
President*

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## Contribution

Part of being a member of FWSA makes you an integral part of the sport of skiing. We contribute to the resorts, industry, athletes, and to our local communities. A big part of Far West is our commitment to junior racers through our Athletic Scholarship Program and providing for our past history and future of our sport through the Far West Ski Foundation.

Far West also contributes to many communities and community-based organizations largely at the club and council levels throughout the west. Not only are we active-

ly helping these various entities, it also serves to promote our sport.

## Camaraderie

If people don't become a member of Far West for the camaraderie, it is certainly the reason we stay on as members. This isn't a sit-around-the-lodge group. One thing I learned a while ago is that, like other organizations, membership in Far West places you in the company of like-minded individuals and great friends who share a common interest in a sport we love. And that's why membership in Far West matters most.

# San Diego Council



*Eileen Sanford  
San Diego Council  
President*

SDCSC took 30 happy delegates to FWSA Convention at Pacific Palms, June 9-12. On Thursday night the group enjoyed the Pub Crawl in the Claremont Village area. Then on Friday many went to the 5th Annual Michael German Golf Tournament. Barbara Blasé German was up to her usual antics with sombreros and tequila shots for the weary golfers as she met them near the course. It was very special that John German, Michael's son and George German, Michael's brother were able to join us for this wonderful event.

SDCSC was very proud that three of our clubs: Torrey Pines Ski Club, Action Ski Club and Get off Your Rockers Club were nominated for the Charity Award. SDCSC also received special recognition for having almost 100% charity participation in the clubs.

San Diego Ski Club won the history award. Erin Barber and Lynn Kramer submitted the application and were there to receive the award. At Saturday lunch it was announced that North Island Snowdrifters placed second in Class AA Outstanding Club Award, second in the Website Award and second in the Newsletter Award. Action Ski Club won in Class A Website Award in their division.



Aero Squadron, a local restaurant situated next to Montgomery Field runway. The highlight of the evening was a visit from Jr. Racer, Alexa Wehsner and her family.

Alexa gave us a brief description of why she loves downhill racing and her progress this year. We donated

money to her racing fees from the sale of buttons with her picture on it and raffle tickets to a dinner for two at the Hotel Del.

The summer brought many activities for ski club members. Several of the clubs switched their meeting places to outdoor parks to enjoy the San Diego weather. The Margarita Gala will be held on Nov. 4 at Acapulco's Restaurant in Old Town from 6:00pm-10:00pm.

SDCSC will honor the clubs MWY candidates and choose a man and woman to represent SD at the FWSA Convention. SDCSC will work at Snow Jam on the



weekend of Nov. 11-13. Thirty-five people will volunteer to help with security at the annual event.

Hobe Schroeder and Eileen Sanford led SDCSC bike and boat trips in Sept. and Oct. of 2011. Each trip took 28 people from various clubs in San Diego.

The groups had their own web site and were sponsoring monthly bike rides to get in shape for the trip down the Danube River ending in Budapest.

The Sept. group spent three days in Munich celebrating the Oktoberfest. The October group went on to Prague for three days after the main trip and three days in Munich. Everyone had a ball on the boat meeting people from around the world and biking with them for the week. The trips went very smoothly thanks to planning and organizing by Holiday Ski Tours, with Hobe and Eileen.



SDCSC is starting to scout the hotels in the area for the 2015 Convention. We are looking forward to hosting the event in San Diego this time. Mark your calendar for 2015!



SDCSC ended the year with an Appreciation Dinner for board members and guests who had contributed to the council for 2010-2011. The dinner was held on June 3 at 94th



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## Did You Change?

FWSA keeps a database on members, clubs, and councils. It's important that information in this database is current so that communications are received in a timely manner. Let me know if there are changes in club or council officers, changes in membership addresses and phone numbers, changes in members' club affiliations, or if your club or council has changed its meeting location.

*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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