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## Ski Week Participants Meet FWSA Athletic Scholarship Recipients

By Randy Lew

Hello, another ski season is now wrapping up and Mother Nature has blessed the Pacific Northwest with lots of snow. As I write this article, it is continuing to snow with up to 4 feet projected to fall this week.

I want to thank Gloria Raminha and her travel staff for the outstanding ski week at Big Sky, Montana; with approximately 360 participants. We all enjoyed the great snow conditions at this large resort. The cold temperatures and fresh snow made for ideal skiing. The resorts' hospitality and food service were first rate. The USSA J2 National Qualifiers were being held during our ski week and three of our Athletic Scholarship recipients, Anton Hilts, Macaulay Lyon, and Jake Perkins; were able to join us for the awards dinner and meet ski week participants.

Approximately 120 participants are planning on attending our international ski trip to Bad Gastein, Austria; with an exciting extension to Mu-

nich and Prague. Norm and Mary Azevedo along with Debbie Stewart have worked diligently to provide a very exciting trip.

We have a wonderful South American ski trip planned in August to Argentina and Chile. The basic trip will be to Bariloche and Buenos Aires with a pre-trip to Valle Nevado and Santiago. There is also a post-trip to Iguacu Falls, a World Heritage site.

The last trip planned for 2009 is a ten day Scandinavia and Russia cruise aboard the Princess Cruises "Emerald Princess". Ports of call include Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg, Gdansk, and Oslo. A pre-cruise Copenhagen package is also being offered.

I am very proud that our Athletic Scholarship Program under the leadership of Dick Shawkey has continued to grow. With the generosity of our industry partners Whitefish Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge, and Karbon Skiwear; we were able to award



Randy Lew, FWSA President

\$6,000 in scholarships to deserving junior racers.

The success of FWSA is due to a significant number of volunteers who have contributed a tremendous amount of time and expertise. We need you!! For those reading this article and want to get more involved, this is your opportunity. The more volunteers, the more is accomplished. If you want more information on volunteering, either call (503-682-1563) or email me at (fwsa13randy@telis.org) or one of our Functional VP's.

All of our Functional VP's require a working committee to be truly successful.

We have been working diligently on our upcoming convention and silent auction in June. Our 77th Convention *Discover Sierra Silver* will be hosted by the Sierra

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Council at the Peppermill Resort Casino in Reno, Nevada on June 4th to 7th, 2009. The Peppermill has a beautiful new Convention Center and a new lodging wing called the Tuscany Towers. Jo Simpson, Sierra Council President; Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Convention Liaison; and Steve Coxen, FWSA Convention Coordinator; have some very exciting activities planned for us including kayaking on the Truckee River, a Lake Tahoe lunch cruise, a Virginia City tour, and a National Automobile Museum pub crawl. The third Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament hosted by Snowbasin Resort will be held June 5th at the Wolf Run Golf Club. Wolf Run is a beautiful championship caliber golf course.

The Sierra Council Convention Committee has been meeting regularly to plan and coordinate all this fun. Mike Sanford, Past President, is diligently working on lining up an all-star cast of celebrities including Billy Kidd, Johnny Mosley, Glen Plake, and Auden Schendler. Friday will include some great optional activities and our usual industry show and Silent Auction. We will have our travel Industry Expo and are planning on rolling out the next two sessions of our Snowsports Leadership Academy (SLA) educational panels along with the very successful multi-media session on Saturday.

If you need further convention info, please check our website [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org). Everything has been posted there, including the event flyers and registration forms. Put the dates June 4th to 7th on your calendar now and plan on attending the 77th Annual FWSA Convention.

Are you getting your *Hot Sheet* yet? We have implemented the FWSA News Group which includes a monthly *Hot Sheet* distributed via a list serve to any interested member. Thanks to the efforts of Barbara Bryant, VP of Membership, the hot sheet includes trip info and current information on FWSA programs. You may subscribe by going to the FWSA web site and clicking on "Subscribe to FWSA News" button.

On a sad note, Richard Lubin, the FWSA Safety Chair, and our snowboarding chiropractor is currently paralyzed after major neck surgery to correct a spinal abscess caused by a staph infection. Richard is currently undergoing physical therapy and his doctors have stated regaining full motor function could be a long process. Please keep Richard in your thoughts and prayers. Also, please look for a joint FWSA and Bay Area Snowsports Council fundraising effort for Richard in the near future.

The FWSA web site has been updated and improved due entirely to the efforts of George Stewart, FWSA Webmaster. This site includes travel information, member's benefits, convention, awards, Athletic Scholarship program, and a link that you can use to subscribe to the *Hot Sheet*.

Our 2010 Convention June 10h to June 13h will be hosted by San Diego Council of Ski Clubs at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort in Indian Wells, California. This beautiful resort in the Palm Springs area is adjacent to the championship Indian Wells Country Club, site of the PGA Skins Tournament.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Safety Committee** **Chairperson**



*Richard Lubin,  
Safety Committee*

Hope everyone had a great and SAFE Ski Season. Please let your clubs know that the Safety Person of the Year Award (SPOY) deadline is approaching.... Remember the winner gets a one week paid trip to Aspen for two. Please go to [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org) for more information.

In my recent experience in a rehab hospital, I have met two individuals; one is paralyzed from skiing and the other is now a paraplegic from snowboarding. Both individuals were injured on intermediate slopes. This is often the case with serious ski related injuries. This emphasizes the importance of being ever conscious even under ordinary conditions.

The snow is waning....you should be waxing!! Although wax is normally perceived as a performance issue, in the spring it's actually a safety concern. Why? Because inconsistencies in snow conditions can cause rapid deceleration leading especially to ankle and knee injuries. Additionally, if you're a boarder you might find yourself cross-country snowboarding. Bring a skier, just in case, to pull you through those slow spots.

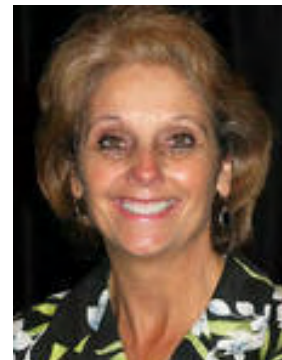
***Safety is having fun consciously!***

By Richard Lubin  
As told to Debbie Stewart

## *VP of Marketing*

# Our Partners and the Roles they Play

By Debbi Kor



*Debbi Kor  
VP of Marketing and  
Sponsorship*

Ski season 2008-2009 is coming to a close. It's been another stellar year with ample amounts of snow, adventurous trips and great fun for all.

We've traveled to a wide number of resorts over the year, everywhere from Mammoth to Heavenly, Aspen to Telluride, Schweitzer to 49 Degrees North, and many places in between.

We've visited with our Benefits Partners and taken advantage of those member benefits at The Canyons in Park City, Shilo Inn in Salt Lake City, Hampton Inn in Lake Tahoe, and our newest partner, Chase Suites in Salt Lake City, just to mention a few.

Brandon Bang and staff provided a wonderful week for 360 attendees at Ski Week 2009 in beautiful Big Sky, Montana. Great parties, good friends, good snow and good times for all. Throughout the week, Dick Shawkey did a tremendous job circling the wagons around ticket sales for the Annual Athletic Scholarship Raffle, rais-

ing more than \$3000 towards our scholarship fund. Schure Sports USA, maker of Karbon products, stepped up again this year, with an incredible prize of a new ski suit for one lucky attendee. The big winner was none other than our own Mike "Bubba" Sanford. Somehow I think that Eileen will wind up the actual winner of the prize, though.

A big thank you to the gang at Big Sky, our own Far West Travel Staff and the following businesses who generously donated door prizes for the Welcome Party: Black Bear Bar and Grill, C&P Grocery, Big Sky Oxygen Bar, The Cabin, The Corral Restaurant and Bar, Moonlight Dinners, Lone Mountain Guest Ranch, 320 Ranch, Bucks T4, Big Sky Sports, Big Horn Boutique and Lone Mountain Sports.

Our strong partnerships with the ski and snow industry have proven a very good pay off for our members, as evidenced above. My annual trip to the SIA show

in January, meeting with many of my old friends who have contributed goodies to our annual convention for the past several years, will result in some fun things again in Reno. This was the last year for the show to be held in Las Vegas. Next year we will be heading to the Convention Center in Denver, the week before Ski Week, so it will be an easy hop over to Keystone to participate in both events.

With convention just a short time away, our Industry Partners are stepping up to sponsor the many activities and events that happen during Convention Weekend. If you are a representative interested in sponsoring an activity or event, or simply interested in partnering up with Far West Ski Association as a new Benefits Partner, please contact me at:

*fwsadebbi@comcast.net*

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## **SAFETY, HERITAGE, HISTORY CONTESTS – SELF NOMINATION IS NOW PERMITTED**

By Scott Bowker

- \* FWSA Safety Person of Year Contest entry deadline 4/30, win a free 6 day vacation for 2 at Aspen, go to [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), select Awards then Safety Person of Year for details.
- \* FWSA Western Ski Heritage Contest entry deadline 4/30, win a free 5 day vacation for 2 at Steamboat, go to [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), select Awards then Western Ski Heritage Award for details.
- \* FWSA Club & Council History Recognition entry deadline 4/30, win \$200 to be donated in the winner's name to charity of choice. Go to [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), select Awards then Club & Council History Recognition for details.

## VP of Membership

### Election of Officers

By Barbara Bryant

With the 2009 Convention *Discover Sierra Silver* approaching, it's time to discuss the Election of Officers for Far West Ski Association.



Barbara Bryant  
VP of Membership

#### Voting Delegates

To be a Voting Delegate for your club, do the following:

- Complete the Credentials Form
- Include your current club roster
- Ask your president for the forms or go to [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), click on convention, then go to Delegate Information

#### Direct Membership (FWSA has 68 Direct Members)

Each Direct Member is sent a packet of information with the following:

- A welcome letter
- Membership card
- Brochures for FWSA and the National Ski Club Federation
- Skier's Guide
- Councilman newsletter
- Convention booklet

*All Direct Members enjoy the same benefits as club members do.*

If you live in area not close to a ski club, you can join Far West Ski Association as a Direct Member. Go to [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org), then click on Membership. Scroll to the bottom of the page, and enter Direct Member in the Search box. Print out the application and send a check for \$20 to the address on the bottom of the page.

#### Newsgroup

Keep in the know by joining the FWSA News, published monthly. You'll receive timely announcements of travel, benefits, consumer advocacy, and much more. It's easy to join: e-mail VP of Membership Barbara Bryant at [membership@fwsa.org](mailto:membership@fwsa.org) with your request to join.

#### Leadership CD

This CD contains a variety of articles on leadership, membership, treasurer's procedures, travel topics, volunteer recruitment, trip leader guidelines, brochure templates, and information about the National Ski Council Federation and FWSA. To request a copy, e-mail [membership@fwsa.org](mailto:membership@fwsa.org).

## FWSA Ski Trips



*Bad Gastein celebrating the arrival of FWSA Skiers*



*Our Favorite Pastime: EATING*



*Happiness in Big Sky were BIG lifts*



*Big Sky hit -20 degrees  
Who Cares with great snow*

*Photos courtesy of Helen Saulsbury, Kathy Stewart, Dale Olesberg/Char Boesch, Mike Metoyer, and George/Debbie Stewart, Jeff Meyerson, and Dave Cunningham. See [fwsa.org](http://fwsa.org) for more trip pictures.*

## **VP of North American Travel**

### **Looking Forward to 2010 Keystone Ski Week**

By Gloria Raminha



*Gloria Raminha,  
VP of N American Travel*

#### **Big Sky Ski Week**

The economy may have hurt our total numbers for the Big Sky Ski Week, but it didn't hurt the success of the ski week. What a fantastic ski week it was.

Brandon Bang and the entire Big Sky Staff deserve special



*Trip Leaders and Travel Staff*

thanks for doing such a great job at organizing all the ski week functions, handling our lodging needs, organizing the races, and providing great food for our parties, etc.

Thanks to the Far West Travel Team, Council Trip Leaders and Travel Staff, for the hours upon hours of their time spent as volunteers that make Far West Ski Weeks a huge success. I'd like to recognize the Travel Team by name starting with the Council Trip Leaders: Debbie Stewart, Sierra Council; Susan Shaffer, San Diego Council; Judy Chapel, Orange Council; Barbara Bousum, Northwest Council; Judith Miller, Los Angeles Council; Wayne Stolfus, Inland Council; Mary

Alexander, Central Council; Linda Hennings, Bay Area Council; and Marge Fons, Arizona Council. Thanks also to my Travel Staff Members: Marilyn Sigler, Nancy Ellis, Bob Ellis, Lynnell Calkins, & Ken Calkins.

I'd also like to personally thank Ryan Jordi and Deanna Murphy with Ski.com. I worked closely with Ryan and Deanna throughout the year at organizing this great ski week. Additionally, I'd like to thank Randy Robinson and his staff members at Yellowstone Tours for helping me organize the snow coach tours at Yellowstone National Park. Since it was extremely cold that day, we were all thankful to be in snowcoaches instead of snowmobiles.

#### **Ski Week 2010 at Keystone**

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2010 Far West Ski Week which will be at Keystone, Colorado; January 30th to February 6th.

Trip Leaders and Travel Staff participated in a site inspection this past January at Keystone. While in Keystone, we toured the lodging facilities and party locations that we will be using for the 2010 ski week. Keystone guides provided mountain tours so we could test out the ski runs (which were great).

Far West is planning the ski week activities which will include a welcome party, pub crawl, moun-

tain picnic, banquet and après party. A change for the Keystone ski week is the banquet/dance. It will be held on Thursday evening and an awards/farewell après party will be on Friday.

I would like to thank Lori Adis with Rocky Mountain Tours (our Tour Operator for the Keystone Ski Week), Brian Flickenger, Jacque Rossi, Lexi McCulloch, Angela Sheehan, Candy Bruno, Kelly Brady, and Matt Sutton with Vail Resorts for hosting the site inspection. I'd also like to thank Amy Hoepf with rentskis.com for providing us with skis during stay at Keystone.

Check the flyer for Keystone in the Councilman for your Trip Leader's contact information. If



*FWSA volunteer Travel Staff*

you are interested in participating in the 2010 ski week at Keystone, sign-up with one of the Council Trip Leaders listed on the flyer.



## FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION 2010 SKI WEEK Keystone, Colorado

January 30 to February 6, 2010

Prices range from \$925 to \$1325

\*Price does NOT include air or ground transportation.

*Prices vary depending on lodging selection.*

**Price includes 7 nights lodging (double occupancy) and the FWSA amenity package.**

The FWSA amenity package includes:

- Registration
- Welcome Party
- Races
- Mountain Picnic
- Pub Crawl
- Ski Week Banquet
- Awards Apres Party
- 5 of 7 day Lift Ticket

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For more information contact a Council Trip Coordinator listed below:

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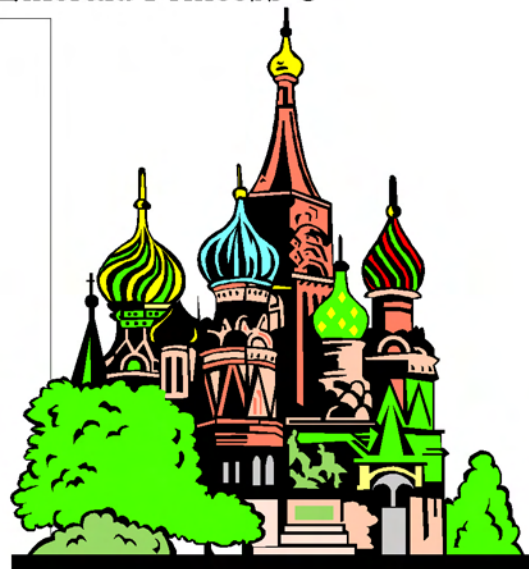
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4	Helsinki, Finland	10:00AM	6:00PM
5	St. Petersburg, Russia	6:30AM(Overnight Onboard Ship)	
6	St. Petersburg, Russia		6:00PM
7	Tallinn, Estonia	7:00AM	1:00PM
8	Gdansk, Poland(Gdynia)	9:00AM	6:00PM
9	Cruising the Baltic Sea		
10	Oslo, Norway	7:00AM	2:00PM
11	Copenhagen, Denmark	Disembark AM	



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## **VP of International Travel**

# **FWSA Back From Austria, Munich, Prague**

By Norm Azevedo

Mary and I are still getting over the jet lag. We were at Bad Gastein, Austria for our annual ski week with its Munich/Prague extension. Bad Gastein is a wonderful historic little village in the Gastein Valley. It's not only known for skiing but also as a renowned health spa resort. The slopes were a little icy to begin with, but we were blessed with snow during the



week, so skiing was good. The Bad Gastein Elizabeth Park hotel served great food and the rooms were big and comfortable.

After Bad Gastein those that

stayed for the extension were off for three nights in Munich. Munich has so much going for it, Marienplatz square, frothy beer halls (Hofbrauhaus), first class museums and so much more that it would take weeks to see.

After Munich we bussed to Prague. Prague, like Munich has so much to see and do. The day after arriving we were given a guided walking city tour, which gave us our bearing to really enjoy the city. It's a place you can't see enough of and feel you must return.

We closed this trip out with a going away party that had more than expected hors d'oeuvres, so much that I don't know of anyone going to dinner after. This trip was a great success. We will announce next year's international ski week by the end of April. Look for it at [www.fwsa.com](http://www.fwsa.com).

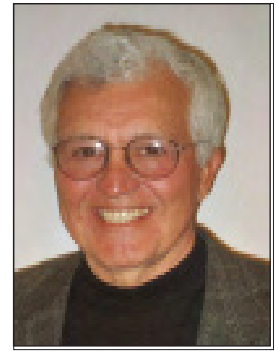
This summer we are off to Argentina/Chile. This "Ski & See" Trip, Aug 10 to 29, 2009, will start with a pre-trip extension to Valle Nevado, Chile. Valle Nevado is the newest Chilean winter resort; it is also the largest and most modern. Located 37 miles from Santiago; Valle Nevado boasts a skiable area of 21,600 acres and a 2,656-ft. drop. Together with La Parva and El Colorado-Farellones, these three ski centers form the largest skiing area in South America. After three nights and four days of skiing we bus

to Santiago Sheraton Hotel for three nights.

Day trips to Portillo are available. Portillo, home of world ski championships, lies in a bowl surrounded by towering serrated black mountains, some reaching 19,000 feet. Portillo is located a two and a half-hours drive from Santiago.

Please note that we've been asked for the Chile portion of the trip only and it is available, but you must add on air from LAX to Santiago. Contact me if interested.

After Chile, those on the pre-trip meet up with the basic Argentina tour group. The tour starts at Bariloche. It is Argentina's oldest and most famous ski area. The town has Alpine architecture and is known as the *Little Switzerland of South America*. The ski area consists of three side-by-side mountains located eight miles from Bariloche. There are forty miles of trails served by



Norm Azevedo  
VP of International Travel



thirty-three lifts including a cable car. After 5 nights in Bariloche, we fly to Buenos Aires, the home of the Tango. After Buenos Aires, it's home or off to an optional extension to Iguazu Falls, a massive array of over 200 separate waterfalls. We hope you can join us on the exciting summer skiing and sight-seeing adventure.

FWSA North American and International Travel have contracted with "The Cruise Company" for a Scandinavia & Russia Cruise, Sep. 13 to 23, 2009, On the Emerald Princess. It's a 10 day Baltic Sea voyage, which includes an overnight stay in St. Petersburg. Port stops include Copenhagen, Stockholm, Helsinki, Tallinn, Gdansk, and Oslo. A pre-cruise 3 night stay in Copenhagen is also available.



# Ski & See Argentina & Chile

## Basic Bariloche & Buenos Aires Argentina, Aug 16-25, 2009

Bariloche is Argentina's oldest famous ski area. The town has Alpine architecture and is known as the *Little Switzerland of South America*. The ski area consists of three side-by-side mountains located eight miles from Bariloche. There are forty miles of trails served by thirty-three lifts including a cable car.

Buenos Aires: After Bariloche we fly to Buenos Aires, charming port city home of the Tango, which stretches south-to-north along the Rio de la Plata gateway to Argentina. See the Avenida de Corrientes; the nucleus of the Theater & nightclub district, the Broadway of Argentina

## Post-trip Iguacu Falls, Aug 25-28, 2009

Iguazu Falls: For those wanting more after Buenos Aires, we offer an optional extension to Iguazu Falls, a massive array of over 200 separate waterfalls, a World Heritage Site, which forms a border between Argentina and Brazil.

## Pre-trip Valle Nevado & Santiago, Chile, Aug 10-17, 2009

Valle Nevado & Santiago, Chile offers an optional pre-trip extension. Valle Nevado is the newest Chilean winter resort; it is also the largest and most modern. It boasts a skiable area of 21,600 acres and a 2,656-ft. drop. Together with La Parva and El Colorado-Farellones, these 3 ski centers form the largest skiing area in South America.

Santiago: after Valle Nevado, Santiago is the centre of Chile political, economic and cultural life. Its distinctive characteristics are the beautiful valleys, where the well-known Chilean wines originated. Santiago is nestled between high peaks with their winter sports centers and coastline. Day trips to Portillo, home of world ski championships, lies in a treeless amphitheater on the edge of a glacial moraine and reaches 19,000 feet. Optional Portillo skiing is available from Santiago.

Basic Argentina, Aug. 16 (Arrives Argentina Aug. 17) to 25 (Arrives LAX Aug. 26), 2009, **\$2,280 pp\***

Included: 5 nights at 4 star Hotel Edelweiss, Bariloche, + arrival drink, orientation & dinner with wine  
3 nights at 5 star Melia Hotel, Buenos Aires, + half day city tour & Tango dinner show w. drinks

Optional Post Iguacu Falls, Aug. 25 to 28 (Arrives LAX Aug. 29), 2009, **\$690 pp\***

Included: 3 nights at 5 star Hotel Cataratas, Iguacu Falls, + full day falls tour

Optional Chile, Pre-Argentina, Aug. 10 (Arrives Chile Aug. 11) to 17, 2009, **\$1,450 pp\***

Included: 3 nights at 4 star Puerta Del Sol Hotel in Valle Nevado, Chile, + all dinners & ski snacks  
4-day Valle Nevado lift pass

3 nights at 5 star Hotel Sheraton in Providencia, Santiago, + half day Santiago tour. Optional ski days to Portillo available. Optional tours to Vina Del Mar and Valparaiso.

Basic & extensions include:

Air transportation from LAX to & between Chile / Argentina via LAN Airlines

Flights depart LAX early PM & arrive the next day. Argentina flights to LAX arrive home early AM the next day.

All ground transfers, with English speaking assistants

Daily breakfast at all hotels

Optional day trips to be announced later (costs not included in rates)

Single, triple rooms; also upgraded rooms are available at Bariloche & Valle Nevado

\*Rates do not include:

Connecting flights to LAX

All US air taxes & surcharge, \$102 pp estimated

All flight Fuel surcharges, \$330 pp estimated

Argentina departure tax of \$25, must pay when departing Argentina

Chile arrival tax of \$130, must pay when entering Chile

Gratuities



\$200 per participant deposit required to hold a place on the Basic Ski Week, \$200 for the Pre-Extension and \$100 for the Post- Extension. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for all cancellations. Deposits are refundable until April 1, 2009. Make 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.

# Enter Our FWSA Contests

By Scott Bowker



Scott Bowker  
VP of Public Affairs

### Safety Person of the Year

Contest 2009 - Due 4/30

Win free 6 day ski vacation for two at

#### *Aspen*

The FWSA Safety Program is looking to name the 2009 Safety Person of the Year! The winner of the 2009 contest, to be named the FWSA Safety Person of the Year, will receive a trip for two to Aspen, seven nights lodging and six days skiing plus rentals at any of the fabulous mountains in Aspen. The winner will also receive roundtrip airfare for two people (airlines may vary depending on departing city and may not be direct).

The judging criteria focuses on promoting safety awareness among FWSA members and demonstrating support for safety on the slopes. Judging will be done by an esteemed group of safety experts and leaders of FWSA.

Promoting safety may include any examples listed below: writing safety newsletter articles, creating safety banners or signs, speaking or arranging for professional or semi-professional safety speakers at club meetings.

In addition, you may create a committee to think of ways to raise safety awareness, volunteer for the Ski Patrol or similar on-mountain safety related activities, learn and then teaching members

*Safety person, cont'd from page 15*

### Club & Council History Recognition

Contest 2009 - Due 4/30

#### **Win \$300**

Donated in winner's charity of choice

In 2008, the Association solicited club, league and council histories. The objective of the annual program is to capture important information about skiing from the skier's perspective and especially that of the club skier. Selection for the prize will be based on digital presentation of club or council history according to a set of weighted criteria and judged by knowledgeable ski historians.

All submissions must be for unrestricted release and become the property of the Association. Multiple focal points for ski history will be designated as holders of the information. These holders may make the histories available on a loan basis from time to time.

The selection is not for outstanding club or council, although it is anticipated that some material may be common to both types of presentations. Think of these histories as museum or library reference resources.

Criteria is posted on the Association web pages with the address for mailing to the judging panel. Deadline for receipt of submissions is April 30, 2009. Winners will be announced at the FWSA annual convention. The first place

*Club/ Council History, con't on page 11*

### Western Ski Heritage

Contest 2009 - Due 4/30

Win free 5 day vacation for two at

#### *Steamboat*

The Association's Western Ski Heritage program recognizes efforts that contribute to skiing for the benefit of the community at large. The prize is sponsored by Steamboat Springs Ski and Resort Corporation and is awarded at the annual Convention held each June.

Steamboat Springs itself is an area rich in the history and personalities involved in the development of skiing in the West. Steamboat Springs, home of champagne powder, will annually make available a skiing vacation to the top history contender for the Western Ski Heritage Award.

The purpose of the Association's Western Ski Heritage program is to raise the awareness of skiers and non-skiers alike, of the contributions made by individuals, groups and companies to all aspects of skiing - competitive as well as that of outdoor winter recreation and fitness. A parallel purpose is to convey the positive role skiing has had in its contributions to the communities in the

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winner will receive \$200 to be donated to the winners' name to the charity of their choice. A memento will be awarded to the selected submission(s) and all applicants will be recognized at the FWSA convention. Applicant may be invited to prepare a tri-fold board display at the convention.

It is more important to capture your history than to *check off all the squares*. Liberal use of photos and graphics is encouraged.

These digital submissions should be readable with standard applications from CD or DVD. It is recommended that an *executive summary* be prepared in PowerPoint format not to exceed 20 slides. This will be your "presentation" as a speaker.

The bulk of the history material will be appended in sections as shown below. Submissions should try to cover as much detail as available against these roughly weighted criteria.

### CRITERIA

- Basic organizational identity, location and service area, corporate status, and mailing address, both postal and electronic (5)
- Objectives and purposes of the organization, mission and vision statements (if available), plan for the future (10)
- Membership profile, numbers, demographics (10)
- Timeline. Founding, significant events during your history to date (20)
- Annual event menu and descriptions - recreational, social, competitive, community service, travel (20)
- Description of major events and achievements from your timeline (20)
- Highlighted member profiles and special interest connections (5)
- Appendices may include governing documents such as by-laws, articles of incorporation, operations manuals, officer and member rosters, both historic and current (5)
- Accessing information on your media, ease of navigation, indexing (5)

Notify John Watson at [geospace@pacbell.net](mailto:geospace@pacbell.net) and copy Scott Bowker at [sbowker.fwsa@gmail.com](mailto:sbowker.fwsa@gmail.com) with words *FWSA Club & Council History Recognition* in the email subject line.

Check FWSA News, the Councilman and the web pages for updates to the above. Please forward to anyone who should enter but who may be *off the net*. We have a colorful and robust history – let's tell the world!

West. It recognizes outstanding effort in the area of ski history to find, preserve, document and share the history of skiing in the West.

The award is open to an individual or a group leader (it is not restricted to Association membership) and can be self-nominated or nominated by a club or club member. Materials and history programs will be evaluated against the objectives of the program by individuals selected for their knowledge of the history of Western skiing and that of the Association. Evaluations of history efforts will be conducted each spring in preparation for the annual convention.

A variety of methods may be used to achieve the objectives of the program. This can include any of the following: original documentation of facts of snowsports (in the legendary Bill Berry tradition); organization histories (club, council, league, company, etc); videos; photos; books; field trips; speaker programs; descriptions of past major events.

The winner of the Western Ski Heritage Award will be provided a 5 day vacation for two at Steamboat and will be announced at the FWSA convention.

The deadline for entry for selection is April 30, 2009. Entries should be made electronically to John Watson (FWSA History Chairperson) at [geospace@pacbell.net](mailto:geospace@pacbell.net) with a copy to Scott Bowker (FWSA VP Public Affairs) at [sbowker.fwsa@gmail.com](mailto:sbowker.fwsa@gmail.com) with FWSA Western Ski Heritage in the email subject line.

Hard copy addendums, documentation, articles or other media entry substantiation should be identified to John Watson who will provide further instruction. John Watson's mailing address is: Box 2768, Fallbrook, CA 92088. Entry form available at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), go to Awards section.

# VP of Communications

## Time to Sharpen your Editing Skills

By Mary Azevedo

It seems unbelievable that the skiing season is drawing to a close and that the Convention is on the horizon. My favorite part of the convention is catching up with friends and finding how they are doing and where they have been. It has taken me awhile to get to know lots of people in FWSA; it is certainly a nice group of people. On our last trip, the restaurant where we had our farewell party commented on what nice people we had in our group.



George Stewart

George Stewart is doing a great job on the web. He is posting pictures from all of FWSA Ski and Adventure trips. These pictures are also a great resource for newsletter editors who are looking for ski trip photos. His website format is easy to navigate. Check it out!!

Leigh Gieringer has done an awesome job on the Skier's Guide. It gets better every year. She is such a talented writer and editor. We are lucky we have such a talented person in our midst. Make sure you share a copy with your friends.



Leigh Gieringer

Another person who deserves our thanks is Catherine Ohl. She has revamped the newsletter and website contest process. As a judge for many years, I appreciate her new list of criteria for websites and newsletters judging. Her emphasis on *best practices* should in turn, improve the quality of newsletters and websites. She is certainly well qualified to make these lists, since she publishes a ski newsletter and is also the webmaster for a club website. Having been in the data processing field myself, doing a project such as hers, I am sure, took hours and hours.



Catherine Ohl

Catherine, we appreciate your know-how and many diligent hours putting this program together.

In April, I am sending out newsletter suggestions on how to improve ski club newsletters. I plan to send out suggestions throughout the year so that Catherine's criteria becomes more familiar to club newsletter editors along with a how-to. Unfortunately, I don't have all the names of the newsletter editors. If your club editor does not receive an email from me, let me know and I will send it out.

In addition, I am offering to work with any newsletter editor who would like suggestions on how to revamp their newsletter. They just need to email me or mail me a copy of their newsletter and I will be happy to collaborate with them.

If there is interest in having someone help with website design, I will find someone who can help your webmaster. The other comment I would like to make is this: I have gone to many sites that are really out of date. I guess what I need to ask is, are the club presidents keeping tabs on their club websites? Is your website linked to the FWSA site, council site, and NSCF site so that anyone browsing your site can find information for all levels of FWSA.

One more comment on skiing: I remember in the olden days, I woke my children up at the crack dawn, in Tahoe, so we could be at the ticket window before the lifts opened. We skied until the lifts were closed, feeling high from the awesome experience on the snow. My son skies on a mono-board now, so if I skied with him I'd probably kill myself. I am also more of a *fair weather skier*. The exception? Banff was really cold last year; however, as Norm and I skied down the slopes it didn't matter one bit.

Skiing is one of the sports where you can do it alone, or travel to the snow with skiers you can meet through FWSA. Skiers with like ability find each other and ski together as a group for the day and sometimes make plans to ski together in the future. That is one of the big advantages of joining in the activities that FWSA has to offer.



Mary Azevedo  
VP of Communication

# FWRA Championship

## Silent Auction and Raffle 2009 Donors

Far West Racing Association would like to thank all of the generous donors to the Silent Auction and Raffle held at the 2009 Far West Racing Association Championships at Northstar-at-Tahoe. A portion of the proceeds helps to fund the Far West Ski Association Athletic Scholarship Program for J1-J3 racers.

Alpine Meadows	Head North	Resort at Squaw Creek
Alta Ski Area	Heli-Tahoe	Resorts of the Canadian Rockies
Big Red Cats – cat skiing	Holmenkohl	Soar Truckee
Big Sky Resort	Jackson Hole Mountain Resort	Solitude Ski Resort
Body Talk System	Jackson Hole Resort Lodging	Sorenson’s Resort
Booth Creek	Keystone Resort	Sports Exchange
Brundage Mountain Resort	Kirkwood Mountain Resort	Squaw Valley Ski Corp.
Bryant, Donn	Lakeside Inn Stateline	Start Haus
Canyons Ski Resort	The Last Frontier Heli-skiing	Steamboat Ski and Resort
Copper Mountain Ski Resort	Mammoth Mountain Inn	Sugar Bowl Ski Resort
Dynastar	Mammoth Mountain Ski Area	Tahoe Adventure Company
Elite Feet Northstar	Mammoth Race Camp	Tahoe Mountain Club
Ellis, Bob	Panorama Ski Resort	Telluride Ski Resort
Fairmont Hotels and Resorts	Parshall, Dale and Sherri	TLH Heli-skiing
Granite Chief	Prestige Hotels and Resorts	Truckee Tahoe Inn Best Western
Haber Vision	Paul Vlastad	Vail Resorts
Hampton Inn & Suites Truckee	Red Mountain Resort	Village Ski Loft

### Nomination of Officers

President:	Randy Lew
Secretary:	Debbie Stewart
Treasurer:	Cindy Krupp
VP Council Serves:	Mary Ohlhausen
VP No AmerTrvl:	Gloria Raminha
VP Public Affairs:	Scott Bowker
VP Racing:	Bob Ellis
Trustee:	Steve Coxen
Trustee:	Jane Wyckoff

*Information provided by Mike Sanford*

### Baltic Sea Cruise

Gloria Raminha and Norm Azevedo are organizing a Baltic Sea Cruise from September 13 to 23, 2009 with a three day Copenhagen pre-trip for September 10 to 13. Check out the flyer in this Councilman.

Prices on the flyer are the contracted prices; however, the cruise lines are always running specials that may be lower in price. We continually monitor the cruise line for the lowest price and drop our price to match. Price deals are time sensitive, so don’t wait to sign up. If interested, contact The Cruise Company 1-800-274-FUNN for more information.

# *Charities & Our Community Chair*

## **Charity & Community Service Recognition**

After a very successful second annual FWSA Charity & Community Service Recognition last year, we are in the midst of receiving applications for the 3rd annual club and council recognition. The award will be presented at this year's Convention in Reno this June, where one of our wonderfully caring groups will receive a \$100 recognition from FWSA to be donated to their favorite charity. It is very exciting to see so many charity and community service activities happening within our FWSA family, and that so many clubs and councils are taking the time to participate in this official FWSA charity recognition.

Hopefully, your club and/or council has already sent me an application, which was due on March 15th. The top three competing groups will bring their photos and charity activity descriptions to convention to be displayed on picture boards. This way our FWSA delegates, our Industry friends and other convention guests will be able to get an idea of just how our FWSA clubs and councils have chosen to be involved with charities and community work. Thank you and congratulations to the clubs and councils who have applied. You are already our winners!

As a reminder to all groups: This FWSA Community Service Recognition is presented to encourage charity and community involvement for all our FWSA councils and clubs, to recognize a club or council for its outstanding financial and/or volunteer support to one or more charitable organiza-

tions, to show the ski world how much the FWSA encourages volunteerism and charity involvement, and to show our Industry partners what a big and kind heart the members of FWSA have. This award will be presented to the FWSA club or council, that has shown an outstanding effort in donating time and/or financial support to one or more charitable organizations.

If your club/council missed the deadline and has not sent in the application for this annual recognition, you can look forward to applying next year. FWSA will continue to offer this recognition in future years. Please take time to check out the displays at this year's convention to give you an idea of what kinds of community activities these very active groups have done this past year.

Community involvement updates: This comes to us from Lenia Machen of Idaho Falls Ski Club in the Intermountain Ski Council: IFSC has collected funds for a gift to the school district's education foundation *Learn-to-Ski Program*. They sponsor 10 skiers at \$100 each, and hope to increase this number with the support of private donations.

At the completion of the annual ski sale they will give about \$10,000 to their race team, Kelly Canyon Ski Team, to offset costs for travel and team membership for local skiers. This all-volunteer team sent three J2-J3 skiers to the regional Olympics last season. They were the only volunteer team attending and placed well against professionally coached and spon-



*Sigrid Noack, Charities  
& Our Community Chair*

sored teams from Sun Valley, Park City, Jackson, etc.) With the club's support the cost of joining the team is reduced considerably, making it affordable for local kids to enjoy racing and learning to ski.

The IFSC also donates time and materials to provide two fully appointed wall tents as warming huts in the local Kelly Canyon Nordic Area. In addition, members groom trails and provide maps and trail guides free of charge. The huts are open to the public for day and overnight use.

The club also subsidizes lessons for kids to learn to ski. Grand Targhee offers them their normal half day group lessons for only \$25. Members then pay for the lessons for any kid under 14, taking any level lesson, skiing, boarding, nordic, etc. They offer the same deal to adults for only \$5, since the club subsidizes the rest. There are 8 lesson opportunities each year, with 3 other trips to small, local ski areas costing only \$15 to \$19 for lift tickets, all levels of lessons, and ski rentals for beginners. The club also subsidizes about \$25 a day for members attending their organized trips. This makes the trips affordable to the community. Idaho Falls

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# *Athletic Scholarship*

## **Making a Difference**

Three FWSA scholarship recipients joined Far West revelers at the Big Sky awards banquet on 31, January 2009. Anton Hiltz from Bend, OR; Macaulay Lyon from Woodinville, WA; and Jake Perkins from Truckee, CA; happened to be competing in the USSA Junior Nationals qualifier for DH and SG in Big Sky. They were more than happy to have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the Far West members at the banquet. Putting a face on the names of scholarship winners must have had a beneficial effect on people's enthusiasm for the scholarship program, because there was a surge in raffle sales following their introduction. The raffle brought in approximately \$3000, a new record. Mike Sanford was the lucky winner of the Karbon snowsports outfit. The Far West Ski Association again owes a debt of gratitude to Schure Sports, the maker of Karbon clothing, for their continued support for this very worthwhile program.

We've often drawn attention to the high cost of alpine ski competition. Training, equipment, lift tickets, travel, housing and meals, etc., can raise the price of competing to well over \$10,000 per season. For some competitors and their families, the cost is too great and aspiring young athletes may have to curtail, suspend, or even terminate their quest for excellence. Today with the recession, the need has never been greater. Far West established the scholarship program in an effort to, in some small way, ameliorate these expenses. However, there are other benefits to athletes that have here-to-fore gone unnoticed.

While trying to connect with our scholarship recipients at Big Sky, I had the pleasure of meeting one of their mothers. She expressed her profound appreciation for the scholarship, but surprisingly, she did not emphasize the financial benefit. She described how much the scholarship boosted her son's self-esteem and sense



*Dick Shawkey*  
*Athletic Scholarship Chairman*

of accomplishment. He has had a tough journey in having to overcome severe injury and now he is bounding back to top ranking as a junior competitor. Our scholarship was the first time he had been recognized for his determination and hard work. In effect, our scholarship was praise and support for this young promising athlete.

We continue to express our appreciation to our sponsors for their unwavering support: Whitefish Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge, Schure Sports Inc., and the Far West Racing Association. As a Far West member, you can be proud of our association's commitment to our sport and America's youth. The Far West Ski Association and its members are making a difference, one kid at a time. Feel the power!

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*Safety Person of the Year,*  
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safety practices, showing safety videos at meetings or on trips, creating a written club safety policy, creating similar club or council contests for prizes rewarding safety involvement, reaching out and cooperating with ski areas to jointly promote safe skiing or

just being a constant proponent of safe skiing.

The deadline for entry for selection is April 30, 2009. Entries should preferably be made electronically to Scott Bowker (FWSA VP Public Affairs) at sbowker.fwsa@gmail.com with FWSA Safety Person in the email subject line. Entry form available at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org), go to Awards section.



## *Awards Committee Chairman*

# Far West Communications Competition

There has been a request to bring the club & council communication contest into the electronic age, to update the criteria and streamline the process. This is the first step. Sign up, criteria, participants, score sheets and judging can be done on-line at

<http://www.acatmeowz.com/FWjudging/index.html>



*Catherine Ohl, Awards  
Committee Chairman*

Links to all the club and council web sites can be found within these pages. In addition, most of the newsletters that will be judged can be downloaded from here.

Judges will be evaluating entries from classes other than their own. The goal is to have each judge review only one class. Classes are based on membership as of May 2009 and are listed below.

This year, there are 20 clubs and 3 councils participating in the Club of the Year, Web Site and/or Newsletter competitions. We would especially like to welcome three clubs from the newly joined Intermountain Council.

The following clubs and councils are participating. Be sure to stop by the web site to check out their web site and newsletters. There are some very impressive entries.

**Class A**— Membership of 10 to 149.

Inskiers Ski & Snowboard Club, Edelweiss Ski and Sport Club, The Unrecables, Snowchasers, Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski Club, Sacramento FaGoweers.

**Class AA**— Membership of 150 to 249.

Single Ski Club of Los Angeles, Fresno Ski Club, Cheyenne Ski Club, Torrey Pines Ski Club, Santa Barbara Ski and Sports Club.

**Class AAA**— Membership of 250 to 399.

Balboa Ski & Sports Club, Reno Ski and Recreation Club, Mountain High Snowsport Club, Arizona Outdoor and Travel Club, Phoenix Ski Club, Apres Ski Club, Bogus Basin Ski Club.

**Class AAAA**— Membership of 400 or more.

Bergfreunde Ski Club, Idaho Falls Ski Club.

**Council**—

Intermountain, Northwest, Sierra.

Winners will be announced at the Far West Convention in Reno June 4-7, 2009. See you there.

If you are interested in getting involved or putting in your two cents, please contact Catherine at [ohl@acatmeowz.com](mailto:ohl@acatmeowz.com).

## 2009 Host Committee Coordinator

# Discover Sierra Silver in Reno at the FWSA 2009 Convention

Discover Sierra Silver at the 77th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention to be held at the fabulous Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, Nevada, June 4-7, 2009, hosted by the Sierra Council. The Peppermill Resort has been selected as one of the "Top 10 Casinos in America" by MSN with Citysearch. The new Tuscany Tower is the centerpiece of the \$400 million Tuscan-themed expansion. The Peppermill Tower and Montego Bay Wing were renovated in 2008. Rooms are available at a FWSA discounted group rate based upon resort location:

- Montego Bay Wing - \$115 (double occupancy)
- Peppermill Tower - \$135 (double occupancy)
- Tuscany Suites - \$205 (double occupancy)

Make your room reservation now! Call 1.800.282.2444 and use Group Code: AFWSA09. Arrive early and stay after the Convention to enjoy all the entertainment that Reno has to offer. Room rates are lower on Wednesday and Sunday—see convention the flyer on the next page. All major airlines service Reno International Airport, and the resort is a short 15 minute trip on a complimentary Peppermill shuttle. For those driving, there is an abundance of parking surrounding the resort, also complimentary.

A host of fun activities are being planned by the host council to make your Convention experience enjoyable. The Thursday evening pub crawl is a "hub crawl" at the National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection), ranked one of the top ten automobile museums in the nation by *Car Collector* magazine. The Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday will be at the Wolf Run Golf Course in south Reno. Other Friday activities include a Lake Tahoe Lunch Cruise, a Virginia City Tour, and Kayak-

ing for the more adventurous. FWSA's newest council, the Intermountain Ski Council, will host a Pool Party in the late afternoon.

The 24th Annual Silent Auction/Dance on Friday Evening will feature over \$100,000 in ski/adventure trips and sports equipment. Locals will have a Happy Hour before the Silent Auction, continuing after the doors open at 6:30 PM with a complimentary drink for all attendees.

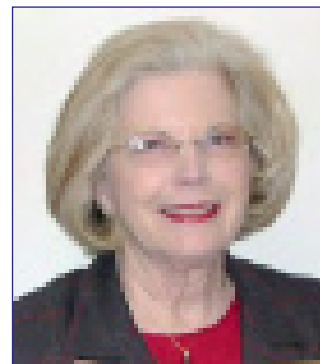
At Saturday's Travel Expo, attendees will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with over 100 industry representatives attending the Convention. Snowsport celebrities will be featured at the Saturday Luncheon, followed by the highly acclaimed FWSA Snowsports Leadership Academy. This year's modules will be:

Trippin' Out and Risky Business. Certificates of Completion will be given to all attendees at each session. The Public Affairs Panel will have guest speakers, including members of the U.S. Forest Service. Volunteer and industry recognition awards will be presented at Saturday Evening's Awards Banquet and Dance, and FWSA officers will be elected at Sunday's General Session.

Complete Registration Packets have been mailed to all the ski clubs. For additional information contact:

- Jo Simpson, Sierra Council President, [jo\\_simpson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jo_simpson@sbcglobal.net)
- Debbi Kor, VP Marketing, [fwsadebbi@comcast.net](mailto:fwsadebbi@comcast.net)

This is a wonderful opportunity for all ski club members, and especially officers, to share ideas with other ski club and council members. We look forward to seeing you in Reno!



*Jo Simpson, 2009  
Host Committee Coordinator*





# FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION'S 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention



Hosted by Sierra Council

**Discover Sierra Silver**

*Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, Nevada*

*June 4-7, 2009*



## Convention Highlights:

Silent Auction, Travel Expo  
Celebrity Speakers  
Saturday Awards Luncheon  
Celebrity Multi-Media Presentation  
Saturday Awards Banquet & Dance  
FWSA General Meeting and Elections  
Snowsports Leadership Academy

## Fun Optional Activities:

"Hub" Crawl at National Automobile Museum  
Cruise on Lake Tahoe, Virginia City Tour  
Kayaking, Pool Party  
Annual Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament

## Information:

Steve Coxen, FWSA Convention Chairman  
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## Hotel Amenities:

New Convention Center and Tuscany Suites  
Two Pools, Fitness Center  
Salon and Spa  
Casino, Entertainment, 10 Restaurants  
Wireless Internet Service

## Hotel Reservations:

The Peppermill Resort Spa Casino - Reno  
2707 S. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89502  
Rates per night plus tax, double occupancy

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Montego Bay Wing	\$59	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$59
Peppermill Tower	\$79	\$135	\$135	\$135	\$79
Tuscany Suites	\$139	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$139

Call 1-800-282-2444

Internet: [www.peppermillreno.com](http://www.peppermillreno.com)

Group Code: AFWSA09

*Complete 2009 Convention information is available on the FWSA website: [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)*



77th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION  
June 4th – June 7th, 2009, Reno, Nevada

## WELCOME LETTER



**February 2009**

### Dear FWSA Club Presidents and Convention Delegates:

Enclosed you will find the pre-registration materials for the **Far West Ski Association's 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention** which will be held Thursday through Sunday, **June 4 – June 7, 2009**, at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino located in Reno, Nevada. Please read all the materials enclosed in this pre-registration packet carefully. The pre-registration forms are also available in .PDF format on the Convention website at [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org).

### Deadlines:

- ☐ **April 30, 2009 is the deadline** for the early registration savings of \$30. Price goes up to \$175 on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ☐ **May 13, 2009 is the deadline** for submission of ALL event fees. These include the Thursday evening Hub Crawl at the Auto Museum, Friday Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament, Truckee River Kayak Excursion, Virginia City Tour, and the Lake Tahoe Luncheon Cruise
- ☐ **May 26, 2009 is the deadline for fees at \$175.** Fees go up to \$190 beginning May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Please submit all forms and payments to:

**FWSA Registrar**  
**c/o Nancy Ellis**  
**PO Box 9681**  
**Truckee, CA 96162**

The sooner you get your money in the better your chance of not being left out.

### Make Your Hotel Reservations NOW!

The Peppermill Resort Spa Casino is located at 2707 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89502. FWSA has special group rates for rooms in the Montego Bay Wing, Peppermill Tower, and Tuscany Suites. Make your reservation directly with the Peppermill by calling 1-800-282-2444. Tell them you are with the FWSA Convention and mention group code AFWSA09. Information is at their website, [www.peppermillreno.com](http://www.peppermillreno.com). Our room blocks will be released on May 13<sup>th</sup>, so don't miss out on our special group room rates. Get your room reservations before May 13<sup>th</sup>!

### Transportation Information:

Flights should be booked in and out of Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Reno, NV. The Peppermill is located 2 miles from the airport and offers easy, convenient shuttle service to the hotel every half hour 4:15 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. Shuttle service from the hotel to the airport operates daily 4 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

### Contact Information:

<b>Jo Simpson</b>	Host Council President	<a href="mailto:jo_simpson@sbcglobal.net">jo_simpson@sbcglobal.net</a>	775-722-6468
<b>Nancy Ellis</b>	Convention Registrar	<a href="mailto:nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net">nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net</a>	530-582-0566
<b>Steve Coxen</b>	Convention Chairperson	<a href="mailto:sacoxen@aol.com">sacoxen@aol.com</a>	503-679-9022

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate person above.

Sincerely,  
Steve Coxen, Nancy Ellis, and Jo Simpson



**77th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION**  
**Peppermill Resort Spa Casino • Reno, Nevada • June 4 - 7, 2009**

**DISCOVER SIERRA SILVER**  
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**



**Thursday, June 4, 2009**

- 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Delegate Registration  
Tote Bags – *Sponsored by Ski Dazzle* and Neck Wallets – *Sponsored by Vail Resorts*  
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Industry Exhibitor Registration  
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm Pub Crawl – National Automobile Museum - *Sponsored by Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority* (\$65 Optional Event)

**Friday, June 5, 2009**

- 7:00 am - 3:00 pm Michael German Memorial Golf Tournament - *Sponsored by Snowbasin, a Sun Valley Resort*  
Wolf Run Golf Course - Shotgun Start 8:00am. (\$110 Optional Event)  
7:00 am - 3:00 pm Kayaking (\$64 Optional Event)  
7:00 am - 3:00 pm Virginia City Tour (\$66 Optional Event)  
7:00 am - 3:00 pm Cruise Lake Tahoe (\$80 Optional Event)  
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm Industry Exhibitor Registration & Set Up  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Pool Party – Hosted by Intermountain Ski Council  
3:00 pm - 9:30 pm Delegate Registration  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm FWSA History Committee Meeting  
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm Industry Exhibitor Meeting  
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Councils' Man & Woman Reception (Invitation Only)  
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Ski Club Happy Hour (No Host)  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Silent Auction Happy Hour – *Sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass*  
6:30 pm - 10:30 pm Silent Auction and Dance – *DJ Sponsored by Sun Valley Resort*  
10:30 pm - 11:00 pm Exhibitor Booth Breakdown

**Saturday, June 6, 2009**

- 7:00 am - 12:00 pm Delegate Registration  
7:00 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast  
8:00 am - 8:30 am FWSA General Meeting - Opening Session  
8:45 am - 10:40 am Travel Expo  
9:00 am - 12:15 pm Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging (Invitation Only)  
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Outstanding Club Judging (Invitation Only)  
9:45 am - 12:15 pm Far West Racing Association Meeting (Invitation Only)  
10:00 am - 12:15 pm Bid Presentations – FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)  
10:45 am - 12:15 pm Snowsports Leadership Academy  
10:45 am - 12:15 pm Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Luncheon – *Sponsored by Vail Resorts*  
Award Presentations  
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Snowsports Multi-Media Presentation  
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Snowsports Leadership Academy  
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm Public Affairs Panel & Guest Speakers  
4:15 pm - 5:30 pm Council Caucuses  
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm Reception (No Host)  
7:00 pm - 12:00 am Awards Banquet & Dance  
Band - *Sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation*

**Sunday, June 7, 2009**

- 7:00 am - 8:15 am Eye Opener Party – *Hosted by Sierra Council*  
8:30 am - 10:30 am FWSA General Meeting/Elections – Coffee *Sponsored by Telluride*  
10:30 am - 11:30 am Break/Door Prize Giveaway - Delegate Brunch  
11:30 am - 2:00 pm FWSA General Meeting/Elections  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm FWSA Board of Directors and Trustees Meetings

*Delegates are welcome to attend all events unless otherwise indicated. Participation in Travel Expo is especially encouraged and the Grand Prize will be awarded only among those who participate. Delegates with mandatory assignments to other meetings during Travel Expo will receive instructions from their Meeting Chairman.*



77th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION  
June 4th – June 7th, 2009, Reno, Nevada



# **INDIVIDUAL PRE-REGISTRATION FORM** Due to FWSA by April 30, 2009 (This Form Must Be Completed for Each Attendee)

## **VERY IMPORTANT – Registration Type**

- ☐ Voting Delegate (Record Name on Credentials Form)      ☐ Non-Voting Delegate/Guest/Other  
☐ Alternate Delegate      ☐ FWSA Direct Member

*Please Print Clearly*

<b>Affiliated Ski Club</b>	<b>SKI CLUB NAME</b>	<b>COUNCIL NAME</b>
<b>Member's Name</b>	First Name _____ Last Name _____	
<b>Member's Address</b>	Phone # (    ) _____ Street Apt # _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
<b>Email Address</b>		
<b>Option to Exclude Information</b>	Except for your email address, which is not divulged, the information submitted above will be provided to industry sponsors and donors to the Silent Auction. You may exclude your information from this list by initialing here _____.	

## **FWSA Convention Pre-Registration Package Selection: Please Read Instructions**

Selection	Description	Price	Amount Enclosed
Friday Saturday Sunday June 5--7	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Package</b> – All FWSA business meetings, election & panel sessions, convention pin & books and all other hosted parties & activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Friday</b> Silent Auction &amp; Dance, Beverage</li> <li><b>Saturday</b> Continental Breakfast, Travel Expo, Luncheon, Cocktail Party, Awards Dinner &amp; Dance (Discover Sierra Silver)</li> <li><b>Sunday</b> Eye Opener and Buffet Brunch</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Delegate Book</b> – The Delegate Book will be included on a CD in your packet. Indicate here if you would like to purchase a printed copy for \$10.	<b>\$145</b> by 4/30/09  <b>\$175</b> after 4/30/09  <b>\$190</b> after 5/26/09  <b>\$10</b>	  \$ _____  \$ _____
<b>OR</b>			
Saturday Sunday June 6-7	<b>Meetings ONLY</b> – Attendance at FWSA business meetings, election & panel sessions and convention books – <b>No Meals or Parties</b>	<b>\$50</b>	\$ _____
Saturday June 6	<b>Awards Dinner &amp; Dance ONLY</b> – Saturday night Banquet and Dance. Dinner must be purchased in ADVANCE. (Seating LIMITED – Priority will be given to Delegates who purchase the Full Package). [Black Tie Optional]	<b>\$75</b>	\$ _____

## **AND Optional Activities. See event fliers - You must sign up for these activities using the event forms.**

Thursday June 4	<b>HUB CRAWL—NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$65</b>	\$ _____
Friday June 5	<b>FWSA 3rd ANNUAL MICHAEL GERMAN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$110</b> Club Fee <input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$25</b>	\$ _____
Friday June 5	<b>TRUCKEE RIVER KAYAKING</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$64</b>	\$ _____
Friday June 5	<b>VIRGINIA CITY TOUR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$66</b>	\$ _____
Friday June 5	<b>LAKE TAHOE LUNCH CRUISE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$80</b>	\$ _____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b> – make checks payable to FWSA (No Refunds): for members of affiliated ski clubs, payment must be made by delegates' ski club. Submit all forms and payment to FWSA Convention Registrar, Nancy Ellis, P.O. Box 9681, Truckee, CA 96162. <b>DEADLINE: April 30, 2009</b>			\$ _____

## *VP of Council Services*

Our eleven councils, which represent thousands of ski club members, continue to offer great ski trips and numerous non-ski related activities all year long. While finishing this ski season, we are turning our attention to *Convention* - that is the Annual FWSA Convention. This year we are going to Reno and Sierra Council will no doubt show us all a really great time!! Convention brings together and recognizes all the hard work our clubs and councils do all year long. We hold our club/council competition for websites, newsletters, and outstanding clubs. Catherine Ohl, who has done a fabulous job with the FWSA Awards Program, is taking the club/council competition into the electronic age. We'll cultivate this program to be a viable program for all clubs and councils - increasing participation.

A large part of Convention is the Council Man & Woman of The Year Competition. Donn Bryant manages this program and Big White/Silver Star supports it with offering a trip to their resorts for each council winner.

I can't say enough about attending Convention! This is just such a great time to meet up with skiers and boarders from all over the Western United States and compare notes on trips, club leadership, public

affairs, etc. Information on all the many aspects of running a ski club can be found at Convention. I always come away energized to lead my club or council in new ways.

Our FWSA Leadership Panels offer guidance with a variety of topics--a lot of "how to" can be found on topics such as newsletters, websites, trip management, insurance, public affairs, etc. In addition, Convention is the greatest opportunity to meet and talk with the ski industry - the folks who put on ski trips. The annual Silent Auction on Friday night at Convention is an event not to be missed. Come bid on fabulous ski trips and meet all the ski industry who support FWSA.

Travel Expo on Saturday morning gives you one-on-one time to meet industry and plan your future ski trips. Convention--simply put, is an incredible three days to energize yourself for club leadership, planning travel, and learning about what makes FWSA so special. See you all in Reno!!!



*Mary Olhausen  
VP of Councils*

**Lindsey Vonn** (age 24) is the first U.S. woman to win the world cup overall title twice and with 22 world cup wins (U.S. record of 9 wins in this season eclipsing 8 season wins by Phil Mahre 1982) is now 3rd on the all time U.S. list behind Bode Miller (31) and Phil Mahre (27). She competed with her right hand duct taped to her pole for the final month of races after slicing the flexor tendon of her right thumb. Vonn also won her 2nd back-to-back world cup downhill season title (matching the U.S. record set by Picabo Street 1996) and her 1st world cup super G season title with 4 super G wins (matching world cup women's record set by Katja Seizinger 1998 and Renate Goetschl 2007). With these 3 world cup titles in one season, she matches Phil Mahre's U.S. record from 1982. FIS Alpine World Cup 2009 season women's rank for Lindsey with last year's rank in parentheses: Overall 1st (1), Downhill 1st (1), SuperG 1st (6), Combined 2nd (2), Slalom 3rd (32), Giant Slalom 8th (13). She also first became the first American woman in 57 years to win 2 gold FIS Alpine World Championship medals (SG & DH) in the same year since Andrea Mead Lawrence won SL & GS in 1952 at Oslo, Norway.

**Actress Natasha Richardson** fell without a helmet during a lesson in the middle of a beginner slope (Nansen trail at Mt Tremblant in Canada) with reportedly slushy and sticky conditions. After declining medical attention from the first ambulance, she complained of a headache a few hours later at her hotel room when a second ambulance arrived, she was transported to various hospitals, and later died from an epidural hematoma. Natasha age 45 is survived by her mother Vanessa Redgrave, husband Liam Neeson and two sons Micheal and Daniel. Make an informed choice about helmets and become educated about concussions.

# Arizona Ski Council

By Arleigh Meiners

Thirty-seven adventurous skiers left warm and sunny Arizona for an eighty degree differential at Big Sky, Montana.

We spent five glorious days on the slopes of Big Sky, never skiing the same run twice unless we wanted to!

On Tuesday, several groups headed out to Yellowstone National Park. The groups toured either by Snow Coach or snowmobiles. Bison, elk, eagles and trumpet swans were all seen in the park. Old



Faithful even gave a brief show despite the minus twenty degree temperatures!

Our evenings were almost as adventurous! We



ventured to the infamous Snow Bar. We partied in true Far West fashion- the Welcome party was spectacular; complete with food, drinks and music! On Council Night, we joined forces with our friends from the

San Diego Council and had a scrumptious buffet! Only the Best in the West could attend! Prizes were awarded to the best dressed cowboys and cowgirls! Yeehaa!

Far West put on a great week complete with a picnic buffet lunch, après ski happy hour and a fantastic farewell party. Many raced, some went over to ski Moonlight Basin, and all had a marvelous time!



*Arleigh Meiners, Arizona  
Ski Council President*



Phoenix Ski Club took 44 avid skiers to Telluride for Arizona Days – January 15th through 18th. The group stayed at Bear Creek Lodge – the beautiful condos in Mountain Village. It even had its own funicular to get you to the slopes! The snow was great and there was plenty of it. One of the highlights was a spaghetti dinner cooked by the trip captains, Lee Lambie and Ron LaMoureux, for the 44 participants.



# Bay Area Snow Sports Council

By Dennis Heffley



*Dennis Heffley  
BAC President*

The Bay Area Snow Sports Council is looking forward to an amazing experience at the FarWest Ski Association Convention being held at the Peppermill in Reno, NV.

We are excited about the focus of the FWSA on the needs of our individual clubs and members. The Leadership Seminars will be well attended! From talking with Ms. Jo Simpson (Sierra Council President!) this year's FWSA Convention is going to be one to remember!

Despite the economic downturn, people within BAC have done an amazing amount of traveling! First and foremost was the FWSA Ski Week at Big Sky, Montana where BAC (again) had the highest amount of participants and brought home the Council Challenge Award.

Traveling actually began with the Keystone National Championship Race. The BAC now has its name on the Cup for three years in a row! In addition BAC ran it's own trip to Park City, Utah! We are not sitting back and relaxing . . . I hear that we already have over 50 people signed up for the 2010 Ski Week in Keystone, CO.

Club and individual wise . . . you can name every ski resort in the Great Tahoe Region as having people from BAC making turns either on skis or boards down their

slopes, hiking trails on snowshoes or gliding along on cross country skis.

I also know of BAC club trips that have gone to Vail, Aspen, Beaver Creek & Steamboat Springs. Individuals from BAC who have visited Fernie/Kimberly, Whitefish, Jackson Hole, Schweitzer, Kicking Horse, Big White/Silver Star, just about every place in Utah, . . . In other words, we have BAC people who enjoy skiing/boarding and they are going places!

Lest we forget the amazing in-



ternational traveling that the FWSA Provides. Our members just got back from Austria where they got to take in the culture during another exceptional European experience. Others and many of the same are looking forward to the Baltic and South American adventures awaiting them in the near future.

It is with pride that I share with you that the Election of Officers in the Bay Area Snow Sports Council is again going very well. Dennis Heffley is entering into his 6th year as BAC President. All other posi-

tions have nominees and those elections will be taking place on April 6th.

It is with deep appreciation that I say Thank You as we have two (2) BAC Board Members who are moving on to other ventures.

They are Ms. Linda Hennings ~ BAC Travel Director who has led the BAC Trips to a new level!

Linda has added so much to our meetings with her experience and skills as a true leader! Linda made sure that the needs of the BAC members were met not only in the planning stages of the trip ~ but during the event.

Then there is Sig Kalteis ~ BAC Communications Director. Sig developed procedures that have been beneficial to our clubs and members. Most of you have heard of Sig's accomplishments for the last three years in a row at the FWSA Convention when the FWSA Council Newsletter Award was presented!

Thank You to Linda Hennings and Sig Kalteis for your energy, focus, contributions and for being the individuals that you are ~ you both are wonderful and will be missed at our BAC Board of Directors meetings.

# Intermountain Council

By Don Anderson

Intermountain Ski Council, with 5,000 members in Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, Colo. and So. Dakota is making plans to increase their participation in the FWSA annual convention at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino of Reno in June. For the first time since ISC was voted into Far West a year ago, clubs have been asked to enter the Councils' Man/Woman of the Year contestants. Competition will then determine who moves on to Reno to represent the council.

Several clubs have volunteered experienced board members to assist in the FWSA judging of Newsletter and Website contests. The Idaho Falls club leads the way in preparing entry forms in several club categories. This is quite an accomplishment for such a young council, competing against clubs that have been doing this for decades.

*We are so proud of these club leaders, willing to risk so much, to compete at this level and hopefully learn from the competition at Far West.*



Don Anderson  
Intermountain Council President

Next year the council hopes to promote more clubs to enter the competition of Outstanding Club Newsletter, Outstanding Club Website and Outstanding Club by club size. Last year the council was represented by Michael Bouton from Bogus Basin (Boise) ski club and Don Anderson from Pocatello Ski Assoc. This year in Reno, the council hopes to have 10 to 12 delegates from the various nine clubs. Delegates will be asked to attend training and informational sessions to bring back this valuable material to their local clubs. Intermountain will assist the host council, Sierra, by organizing the convention pool party on Friday afternoon.

For more information see:  
[www.intermountainskicouncil.com](http://www.intermountainskicouncil.com)  
and [www.fwsa.org](http://www.fwsa.org)

*Charities, continued from page 14*

Ski Club has about 2000 members each year and the members try hard to give back to their community.

Dale Parshall reports from Schnee Vogeli Ski Club in Northwest Ski Club Council: The club supports high school racing by purchasing the awards for junior racers on Mt. Hood. Members clean 3 miles of highway twice a year. The club helps to raise funds for the Welches Lion's Club by having members attend their Club Championship Awards dinner.

Michael Bouton from Bogus Basin Ski Club in Intermountain Ski Council reports: The club's Scholar Dollar Program provides under-funded elementary school age children an opportunity to go to the ski area with their school for a day of skiing. The children receive equipment, lift tickets, lessons, and lunch. The ski area offers all of this at \$25 per student. BBSC ski club raised these funds through donations, a Red Cross Blood Drive, and barbeques.

Other Charity Reminders: It's really beautiful to see many of our clubs and ski councils so actively supporting their favorite charities. If YOUR group has not been able to decide which charity to become involved with, here are some groups, which many of our FWSA member clubs support:

Disabled Sports USA, Special Olympics, and the Jimmie Heuga Center for MS.

Please go to [www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/686807.htm](http://www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/686807.htm) for more information on how to become involved with these charities.

## Safety Thermometer

Don Anderson, ISC President, awarded Jackhole Hole's Spencer Long a FWSA Safety thermometer in late January of this year. The thermometer has been placed outside the Bridger restaurant atop the new tram. A picture of it *on duty* will appear in the next FWSA Skiers Guide. If at Jackson Hole, please report back to us how it looks.

A Safety thermometer was happily received by Steve "Yeti" Andrus of Snowbasin in early February in front of the whole resort management team. Snowbasin was the first resort to assist in the formation of the council and has supported FWSA by sponsoring the convention golf tournament each year. They have also been very good about working with our member ski clubs. The thermometer location has not been disclosed yet.

# Los Angeles Council

By David Krupp

The tough thing about our sport this time of year is that it's hard to get in contact with others because everyone is skiing.

Now, this is what I've heard and I have to say that this is more than likely a falsehood. But, I'll stick to the story anyway because that's the way it should be. And, I can justify being a slacker for the slopes.

This is how it works: I'm a day late for this article because I was up at Mammoth Mountain for the So-Cal Championships. However, I believe the first contact-recipient of our articles, Mary Azevedo, just got back from the Austria trip. I'll bet she just couldn't wait to dive back into this stuff. Maybe she's not back yet. Hey, it's Austria, maybe she's never coming back. So, I guess I'm not late. This is the mind-set of the true skier.

*See what I mean?*

*So, on to the business at hand:*

Each of the council presidents was asked to say a word (or several) on our FWSA Conventions. Many would say that the pinnacle of the convention is the Awards Dinner which celebrates the contributions made on behalf of our volunteer organizations. It was great fun last year with Dennis Heffley and Sheri Parshall winning Man and Woman of the Year. Far West and its affiliate organizations (the councils and clubs, of course)...just so many great people. One could make the argument that you don't have to be a skier to enjoy the benefits of being part of the group. As a matter of fact, I know such a person. Doesn't ski.

The events that made the most impact though were the education programs. The topics struck a real

chord with the participants. At the club level, we're all on common ground. How clubs attract new members was probably the most engaging topic. As part of the Education Committee, I can attest that this will be a success at the coming convention this June in Reno. Not to be missed.

It's also a salute to our industry partners present. It is with their support that we are able to have successful events. Like trips.

*So, to segue...*

LA Council went to Vail the first week of February. An entourage just shy of 100 people were in attendance.

First, let's get the casualties out of the way. John Freeman and Linda Holcombe had a concussion and broken leg respectively. Both are from Century City Ski Club. Ya' know, I think the folks in CCSC have this happen 'cause they're missing the fear gene. All of this is OK now as both are on the road to recovery.

Dave Felker ran the trip and from his experience at running trips, it was guaranteed to be a great trip from day one. Some of the highlights; many, here's a few:

Tubing...awesome. The awards dinner at the top of the mountain...elegant. The best though--skiing that mountain...epic.

Mary may be home now as the last half of this article was done two days after deadline. And—I gotta go ski.

*See you on the slopes.*



David Krupp  
Los Angeles Council President



# Northwest Ski Club Council

By Sheri Parshall

Northwest Ski Club Council welcomes you to Spring in the Northwest! And that means rain. Lots and lots of rain. But to paraphrase Duane Bridge, longtime Schnee Vogeli ski club member, you just have to look at all of those raindrops and know that up in the mountains, all that rain means lots and lots of snow.

First of all, we are so happy to be celebrating the birthday of not one, but two of our favorite Oregon ski resorts. Here's a big NWSCC shout out to Mt. Bachelor, who just turned 50; and Mt. Hood Skibowl, celebrating 80 years of making snowriders happy in the Northwest. And a big NWSCC *thank you* to ALL of our resort friends for doing what they can, with reduced lift ticket and pass prices. Keep skiing and snowboarding affordable during these challenging times.

Speaking of challenges, NWSCC skiers helped two outstanding charities this past winter with two major fundraisers, starting with the Oregon Cancer Ski Out. Teams of racers skied down an easy-for-all course at Mt. Hood Meadows, aiming not for fast times but for consistent times. The race was followed by a fabulous party and silent auction, raising tens of thousands of dollars for cancer research in Oregon.

Another March event, and the first event of its kind on Mt. Hood, was the first annual Hope on the Slopes, hosted by Mt. Hood Skibowl. This event challenged snowriders to spend 24 hours on the slopes, collecting as many vertical feet as they could. Winning teams have been determined, with only three showing their skiing prowess and fundraising abilities. NWSCC looks forward to continuing to grow and support both of these deserving events.

April meant *Back to the Blitz!!* We headed to Central Oregon to enjoy fabulous spring skiing on the slopes of Mt. Bachelor. Included on this Easter Weekend was a Friday night martini party (co-sponsored

by FWSA), a Saturday night dinner, and a Bunny Tailgater on Saturday. It was a fabulous way to spend Easter Weekend with NWSCC families, and we look forward to growing this event.

PACRAT racing was hugely successful this season, with two additional teams added, making over 200 racers tearing down Northwest resort slopes. PACRAT is celebrating 25 years of racing on Mt. Hood. They will, of course, be celebrating at their annual "Rat Attack" party. This year the theme is *Reunion 1984...* hmmm...I'm thinking shiny tights and leggings.....

NWSCC is also celebrating a birthday—30 years of fun with Northwest ski clubs. And, we've got a

great party in the works. September will see a fabulous fundraiser supporting the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum. Come to be wine and dine!! We already have lot of fabulous silent auction items (skis, ski camps on Mt. Hood, and lots more) and we'll have lots of special guest celebrities who will share their skiing stories. We hope you can come. It will be worth

the trip, we promise!

And congratulations to our Council Man and Woman of the Year Honorees: Colleen Walter of Skiyente Ski Club, and Dale Parshall of Schnee Vogeli Ski Club. These two have been great volunteers for their clubs, their council, Far West Ski Association, and Far West Racing. We're very proud to have them as representatives of Northwest Ski Club Council.

*See you at the Convention in Reno!*



Sheri Parshall  
NorthWest Council President



# San Diego Council

By Eileen Sanford

SDCSC has always had an outstanding representation at FWSA conventions. Last year at Seattle's Western Bellevue Square, the southern California group was well represented by twenty-seven members who journeyed north to support our good friends NW Council. Torrey Pines had an especially good representation to support their club president, Debbie Schroeder, who was the SDCSC Woman of the Year. Don Diego also brought their fun loving RV group to support Carl Cobb, the SDCSC man of the year from that club.

The weekend started with a lively pub crawl to the Needle and a Happy Hour at a nearby bar. SDCSC always has an amazing amount of camaraderie during the conventions. We braved the rainy day on the golf course with plastic raincoats given out by the clubhouse



*Mike and Eileen Sanford,  
Brian Flinckinger, National  
Sales Manager of Vail Resorts*

and took turns stopping at the clubhouse to share hot toddies and warm up. Everyone was cheerful

and enjoyed the day despite the rain. It did clear up for a wonderful lunch on the covered patio. Friday night's Silent Auction brought free microbrew Northwestern beer and many bargains on trips for our SD members. SDCSC likes to show our crazy personalities by wearing boas to every convention. We



*Island Snowdrifters with the first place trophy that San Diego Council won at the SoCal races at Mammoth.*

match the color to the theme of the dance. Last year's theme was *Forever Plaid*. It was a challenge, but we found multicolored boas with flashing lights that seem to suit the occasion. At Reno we hope to flash again. You will know us by our unbridled enthusiasm, devilish devotion to FWSA, and willingness to volunteer for anything. Well, almost anything.

This ski season has been a powder setting record holder. Mike and I have personally experienced 16 days of powder skiing so far. He loves it, I do half a day and then go shopping. Our council trips have included Aspen and Big Sky. Each trip had record setting powder while we were there.



*Eileen Sanford  
San Diego Council President*

Torrey Pines went to Park City, Utah and Mammoth, NIS went on four Mammoth trips and a week-long trip to Jackson Hole; Pac Rim did a Canadian Safari, as they call it, a Kootenanny Tour and are planning a New Zealand /Australia trip in August. Don Diego has done two mid-week Mammoth trips with again, great powder! Action had a great time, and of course great powder on their fly away to Aspen in March. Speaking of Aspen, we voted to take our 12th annual pre-Christmas there next year.

We were hosted by Brian Flickinger, National Sales Manager of Vail Resorts, on March 10 at the NIS meeting. Brian kicked-off the FWSA trip to Keystone next year with his winning smile and a DVD presentation to get the SD skiers revved up to a great FWSA ski week experience in Keystone next year.

We are also looking forward to a large delegation going to Reno for Sierra Council's hosted 79th FWSA convention. We are working hard on the initial planning stages of our 80th FWSA Convention to be held in beautiful Palm Springs. Stay tuned, we have huge plans!



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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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## WORDS FROM THE EDITOR:

Here we are, publishing our convention issue. We hope many of you attend, since it is at Reno, adjacent to the gorgeous area of Lake Tahoe. There were two themes for this newsletter. First, we asked the council presidents to let us know where they skied this past winter and spring. Many of them are also letting us know what they enjoy about attending conventions. One of the best parts of convention is making new friends. Since many of the attendees hang out with members of their club, please make an effort to talk to new people and sit at meals with new people. There are so many opportunities to say hello: rooms, hallways, meetings, etc. Say hello to someone who looks like they would be interesting to get to know. Don't forget to talk to our noted ski guests, when else do you have an opportunity to get to know a ski icon? Get a picture taken with them, too.

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