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FWSA Team Plans for Growth and Change

By Randy Lew

Hello, I want to start by thanking you for your trust and confidence by electing me your 2006 - 2007 President and the opportunity that you have given me. I promise to do my best in continuing to execute the existing programs, growing and expanding the FWSA influence, and developing new programs to bring benefits and value to our membership.

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

I would like to thank Mike Sanford for his 3 years of great leadership and personal sacrifices in expanding the FWSA

influence into the national area with his participation in the Congressional Snow/Snowboard Caucus and developing significant relationships within the US Forest Service. Mike's dynamic leadership style and personality has had a very positive influence with the ski industry, National Ski Journalist Association, and US Skiing. Mike was also instrumental along with FWSA Convention Chairman Steve Coxen and Los Angeles Convention Chairperson Catherine Ohl in making our 75th Anniversary Convention in Long Beach a truly memorable and historic event.

The success of our conventions is the direct result of the many hours of planning and execution by former FWSA President Jane Wyckoff and Barbara Razo. They are the ones reviewing contracts, creating the events plan for the hotel BEO's, dealing with food, beverage and general hotel issues, soliciting and



Randy Lew, FWSA President

coordinating the ski industry silent auction, soliciting cash sponsorships, and getting volunteers to assist with the silent auction. Please join me in personally thanking them for their many years of dedicated service.

Tucker and Kathy Hoffmann who have done an exceptional and amazing job leading the International Travel program for the last 3 years. They have led wonderful trips to China, Costa Rica, Gallapagos, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, and Thailand. They have served on the FWSA Board for the last thirteen years. We thank them and wish them well on their "retirement".

A special thanks to dear friend and former VP of Council Services, Michael German. Michael, the first to volunteer, help, or give words of encouragement,

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has taught me the true meaning of leadership, courage and bravery. I've met no one braver nor more vigorous in their personal determination to do what it takes.



Randy Lew and Debbi Kor-Lew

The success of our 2006 Convention at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort in Chandler, Arizona was the result of many months of planning and work by Arizona Council Convention Coordinator Arleigh Meiners and the entire Arizona volunteers working with Steve Coxen and the FWSA volunteers. My thanks to the Zonies for a great party.

To our incoming Board, welcome. Welcome to the team that will formulate plans for the most extensive transition since FWSA was reformed in 1985. Welcome to the team that will plan for our future growth and execute our wide variety of programs.

I look forward to working with newly elected VP of Communications, Ray Craig from Los Angeles Council; VP of Councils, Fran Long, from Central Council; VP of

International Travel, Norm Azevedo from Bay Area Council; and Secretary, Debbie Stewart from Sierra Council. Catherine Ohl from Los Angeles Council is our new Awards Chairperson and John Watson, also from Los Angeles Council is our new By-Laws Chairman.

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

- Develop a transition plan for our silent auction and Convention sponsorship program
- Manage the successful transition of our International Travel program
- Develop and execute a Communications program for club members
- Post Functional VP and committee reports on our web site
- Plan and identify additional Family/youth events
- Identify and execute additional outreach programs
- Develop and execute an effective press release program
- Develop additional programmatic sponsorships
- Review our current membership program for content
- Increase our influence in the Western Region and National stages

This list is not meant to be comprehensive; however, it will definitely keep us busy for the next year.

FWSA is a non-profit volunteer based organization just like many ski clubs and councils. However, we are very different.. we don't have a large base of dues paying members. Ski clubs are generally funded by membership dues, ski councils are

funded by ski club dues. FWSA is funded entirely by:

- 1) the generosity of the ski industry through their silent auction donations;
- 2) the industry sponsorship of our programs; and
- 3) the success of our travel programs.

Our volunteers, the life blood of our existence, donate

countless hours of their personal and family time. In addition, the elected officers give up a minimum of 3 days vacation time and expend a minimum of \$1,000 out of pocket costs to attend the mandatory Board of Director meetings and Convention.

We need you!! For those reading this article and want to get more involved, this is your opportunity. The more volunteers, the easier the work load. If you want more information on volunteering either call or email me or one of our Functional VP's. All of our Functional VP's require a working committee to be truly successful.



The FWSA Board in Phoenix

VP of Marketing

Convention 2006, Absolutely Wild

By Debbi Kor-Lew



Debbi Kor-Lew
VP of Marketing

You know the build up you feel when you're a kid, when something really BIG is going to happen? You wait and wait for that special event to get here, and then, all of a sudden, it's here! You find yourself in the middle of something so fantastic, that you can't wait to get home to tell all of your friends about it. That's the way I feel each year, anticipating our annual Far West Convention.

This year, we gathered together at the beautiful Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Casino and Resort in Chandler, Arizona. There was something for everyone, from golfing and hiking, to baking in the sun, and participating in the pool side activities. It was a great time for mixing with our industry buddies, getting them just as wet in the pool as everyone else was.

Friday night's Silent Auction gave us a chance to meet with our industry partners to talk about trips, and set up appointments for the Travel Expo on Saturday. Along with the silent auction, an oral auction was held for a pair of skis and a trip to **Big Mountain/Grouse Mountain Lodge**. The proceeds of which will benefit the Far West Athletic Scholarship.

The Travel Expo held Saturday morning was very exciting. It gave the attendees a chance to meet one-on-one with the area reps to set up trips for their clubs and councils for the coming year, and to get their Travel Passport filled up. The Passport proved to be a free trip for one lucky attendee who will be joining for Ski Week at **Steamboat Springs** in January. Along with the trip to Steamboat, there were a number of other door prizes for those who participated in the Travel Expo. A quick thank you to our many donors: *Zero, Optic Nerve, Swans, Snow Skirts, Fitter First, Mountain Chalet, Moonlight Basin, Snow Basin, Deer Valley, Sun Valley, Tarra, Hot Chillys, Ski.Com, and Jimmy Petterson.*

Throughout the evening and at lunch on Saturday, tickets were sold for a chance on a 4-day trip to Barbados, which was given away on Sunday morning. The sale of these tickets was actually kicked off at Ski Week in **Telluride**, giving attendees a jump on the chance to win. Each council was asked to sell tickets through the weekend of Convention. A limited number of 1000 tickets were sold, and Sunday morning, Grant Westenberg and

Denise Marie, of **Barbados Tourism Authority** drew Peter Morrison's name as the winner of this exciting trip. Peter will have up to one year to use his prize package.

Barbados Tourism Authority joined Far West this year as our newest sponsor of the Far West Athletic Scholarship Program. I would like to say a very big "thank you" to them, and to our many other program sponsors for their continued support of our wonderful organization.

Thank you to **Big Mountain/Grouse Mountain Lodge, and Schure Sports, Inc.** as our other Scholarship sponsors.

Also, thank you for the continued and recently renewed three-year sponsorships to **Big White/Silver Star**; for the Far West Council's Man and Woman of the Year Program; to **Aspen Ski Company** for the Safety Person of the Year Award; and to our friends at **Steamboat Springs**, our Western Ski Heritage Program sponsors. Without you all, we would not be able to do what we do.

VP of Membership **New FWSA Tri-fold Brochure**

By Barbara Bryant

What a great convention! Thank you Arizona Council, Chairman Arleigh Meiners and all Zonies! This year's voting delegate count was down; only 165 delegates registered to vote. With many capable volunteers from several councils the election process on Sunday ran smoothly. I'd like to remind delegates that in order to vote you must have the proper credentials - namely your club roster and the credentials form. You need to check with your club president to verify that he/she sent the credentials to the Convention registrar prior to the event. This year we had over ten clubs fail to send in those credentials for their delegates. Unfortunately, that makes for disappointed delegates who were counting on voting at

the elections. In the next few months I will be reviewing our process to look for ways to improve communication about proper credentialing to club presidents.

This is the issue in which I remind Direct Members that their membership extends until September 30, 2006. You can download your Direct Member application from the FWSA web site, www.fwsa.org and click on membership. Who is a Direct Member? That is someone who does not belong to an affiliated ski club and pays an annual fee of \$20. This provides you with all the member privileges, including participation in trips and the FWSA publications.

Council and club presidents, be sure to check out the new FWSA tri-fold brochures. They are de-

signed for you to change to suit your own needs and your own information. The FWSA tri-fold includes who we are, the programs offered, and how to become a member. Both the club brochure and the council brochure were sent to your presidents. You can find the FWSA brochure on the web site.

Please remember to update your FWSA Ski Club / Officer Update immediately. Current information is needed in order to ensure that you receive the latest FWSA Councilman.



*Barbara Bryant
VP of Membership*

CLUB OUTSTANDING WEBSITE AWARDS

Clubs submitted their websites for judging in such categories as Content, Structure and Navigation, Visual Design, Functionality, and Interactivity and Experience.

Class A First Place to **The Unrecables**, Second Place to Fountain Valley Ski Club, and Third to Skiyente Ski Club

Class AA First Place to **Mountain High Snowsport Club**, Second Place to Don Diego Ski Club and Third Place to Torrey Pines Ski Club

Class AAA First Place to **Pacific Rim Alliance**, Second Place to Santa Barbara Ski Club, and Third Place to S'no Joke Ski Club

Class AAAA First Place to **Bergfreunde Ski Club**, Second Place to North Island Snowdrifters, and Third Place to Apres Ski Club

Councils First Place to **NWSCC**, Second Place to San Diego Council, and Third Place to LA Council

2006 Convention Western Dinner, Hiking, and Golf



Rawhide Western Theme Park where we had our Thursday night dinner



Golfers, On your mark, get ready, GO!!



TJ Barnes. Carla Kramer. Susie Vetter and Kathy Hoffmann, having a great time



Jaan Vehik, brave hike leader



George Kish and Shirley Thompson whooping it up with the western band



Bob Ellis, Nicole Haug from Sun Peaks, and Dennis Heffley

VP of North American Travel

2007 Ski Week at Steamboat

By Lynnell Calkins



*Lynnell Calkins,
VP of N American Travel*

2008 Ski Week

During the convention in Phoenix, the travel committee met to plan for our FWSA 2008 ski week.

The travel committee is composed of two representatives from each council and the FWSA ski week

travel staff. Presentations were heard from Big Sky with Ski.Com, Breckenridge, Sun Valley and Whistler/Blackcomb with Moguls.

The bid analysis was sent to each council. Read below to find out where our 2008 ski week will be held. It's a tough decision as each resort is an excellent choice for ski week.

2007 Ski Week

Meanwhile, sign-ups for our 2007 ski week are going well. If you have not already paid your deposit for Steamboat, you'd better do so soon, as several council trip leaders are already taking names for a waiting list. Go to the FWSA website, FWSA.org, for more information about the Steamboat Ski Trip.



Panama Canal Cruise

The Panama Canal Cruise will depart from San Diego on Sunday, October 29, with sixty FWSA members on board. We will cruise down the western coast of Mexico and Costa Rico, through the Panama Canal arriving in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Saturday, November 11. If you'd like to join us for this two week adventure, contact The Cruise Company at www.fwsacruises.com.



2008 Ski Week at Whistler/Blackcomb

The 2008 ski week will be in Whistler/Blackcomb January 2006. Whistler/Blackcomb has groomed trails, bowls, glades and chutes for all skiing ability levels. The mountains have approximately 20% beginner terrain, 55% intermediate terrain and 25% expert terrain. The 33 lifts have an hourly lift capacity of 59,000 providing access to over 200 trails within the

8000 acres of ski and snowboard terrain on Whistler/Blackcomb.

Whistler opened in 1966 with Blackcomb opening in 1980. The ski area is located 90

minutes north of Vancouver, British Columbia. The beautiful, scenic highway from Vancouver to Whistler/Blackcomb has been widened as part of the preparations for the 2010 Winter Olympics. Whistler Village provides great restaurants, bars, shops and lodging. FWSA lodging will be available in Whistler Village, the Fairmont

Chateau and in ski in/ski out condos on Blackcomb.

Plan now to join FWSA in Whistler/Blackcomb January 19 to 26, 2008.



Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year Competition

Mike Sanford Presents



Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year
*Class A 1st Place: Colleen Walter, Skiyente;
Sigrid Noack, Unrecables (tied for first)*



Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year
*Class AAA 1st Place: Catherine Ohl
and Gene Fulkerson, Pacific Rim*



Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year
*Class AA 1st Place: Linda McGavin
and Debbi Kor-Lew, Mountain High*



Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year
*Class AAAA 1st Place:
Rick Bonnett and Cheryl Riess*

FWSA Board Members



VP of International Travel

Destination Bormio for 2007

By Norm Azevedo



Norm Azevedo
VP of International Travel

We have terrific trips planned for 2007.

Bormio, Italy -

We have a ski week to Bormio, Italy on Mar. 3 to 11, 2007 scheduled. This trip includes an optional pre-trip to Interlaken, Switzerland starting on Feb 27th, 2007 and an optional post trip to Florence,

Tuscany and Rome with a return home on Mar. 18th, 2007. Those taking the pre-trip to Interlaken will fly to Zurich and coach on to Interlaken. Interlaken provides both an opportunity for world class skiing in the Jungfrau, Monch and Eiger mountains. For the tourist, it is an excellent place from which to explore the Thun and Brienz lakes, which are lined by a menagerie of castles, shops and restaurants. From Interlaken we motor coach through the majestic Swiss alps to our ski week in Bormio, Italy. Bormio is a historic town with thoroughly modern ski facilities. It's the site of the 2005 World Cup alpine ski races with skiing for every level and lots to do if you don't ski, e.g. day tours to Lake Como, Livigno, St. Moritz. The post trip starts with a motor coach ride stopping at Verona, three nights in Florence, San Gimignano, Siena overnight and three days in Rome. We will fly home from there. Size of the pre and post tours will depend on filling motor coaches and airline connections, which are limited at the price we've negotiated.

The advertising of the Bormio, Italy ski week and its pre and post extensions is well underway. We have deposits coming in daily. We sent scads of emails to people and organizations and still find people not receiving our fliers. We seek your help in getting the word out. We'd love to have everyone interested in traveling join us. But don't wait to signup, space is limited. See the flier on the following page.

Lhasa, Tibet & China - When we heard that the first passenger train from Beijing to Lhasa Tibet opened on July 1st, we wanted to be the first tour group to take it. So we have arranged an adventure trip to China including the train trip to Tibet starting on September 14, 2007. The train ride from Beijing to Lhasa takes 48 hours and is 2,500 miles long with terrain over 13,000 feet above sea level. Oxygen supplies are provided for passengers. What an experience this will be for FWSA adventurers. We have excursion options in Beijing and Shanghai for those who took the previous FWSA China trip with fascinating alternative places to visit. The basic trip is 15 days. Those who can stay longer will be offered a 21 day option. After Beijing and Lhasa the 15 day'ers will tour Chengdu and Xi'an before flying to Shanghai and home. Those staying for 21 days will fly from Chengdu to Lijiang, a world heritage site, from there we motor coach to Dali. After Dali we fly to Kunming, known as "City of Eternal Spring," then on to Guilin/Yangshuo, which includes a Li River Cruise. We end the trip in Shanghai then on to home.

On all our trips, we take participants based on first deposit in, first signed up. Getting the word out to all our members at the same time for this and all trips is essential. We will not take deposits for the Tibet/China trip until August 20, 2006. We should have a flier with pricing and airline reservations from SFO and LAX locked in at that time.

Summer of 2007 adventure trip - We are researching possibilities and welcome any ideas. Please give us your input.

Tucker and Kathy Hoffmann (who were wonderful, organized, and also fun people on a trip) have retired from hosting FWSA trips. Mary, my wife and I are taking over FWSA International Travel. We are not new to leading and managing ski weeks, so expect to have an adventuresome and exciting trips with us. I hope you will join us on one of our ski and adventure trips.



Ski Trip to Bormio, Italy

March 3 - 11, 2007

Prices range: \$1,335 (3 star) to \$1,440 (4 star)

For Single Supplement add \$150

Bormio was the site of 2005 World Cup Alpine Ski Races. Skiing for every level. Planned excursions for those who do not ski. To learn more, visit <http://www.fwsa.org> and then select "Travel."



Trip includes:

- Round Trip Delta Air (west coast departures)
- All ground transfers.
- 7 nights lodging, three and four star
- Buffet breakfast & dinner daily,
- Welcome Party and more

Interlaken pre-Bormio trip

February 27 - March 4, 2007

\$462 per person in double occupancy room

\$542 for one person in single room

The Jungfrau region is considered the birthplace of skiing and offers some of the most challenging slopes in Switzerland. If you want, ride the Jungfrau Railway, the highest railway in Europe, at 11,000 feet. Fly west coast to Zurich. Enjoy a 4 night stay at the four star Hotel St. Georges. Daily breakfast buffet and dinner. Transportation to Interlaken and Bormio is by motorcoach.

Florence/Rome post-Bormio trip

March 11 - 18, 2007

\$1,285 per person in double occupancy room

\$1,670 for one person in single room

Enjoy the fascinating cities of Italy. Visit Verona; stay in Florence for 3 nights with daily breakfast buffet, and then enjoy a wine tasting in San Gimignano. We motorcoach to Siena, staying one night, and then on to Rome for 3 nights with daily breakfast buffet. All hotels are four star. Transportation between Bormio and Italian cities is by motorcoach. Fly home from Rome. Space limited, register and send your deposit now.

Prices may vary based on current exchange rates and number of participants. Hotel placement is based on receipt date of deposit. Participants must be over 21 years of age and a member of a FWSA club or a direct member. For more information, call Norm Azevedo, FWSA VP of International Travel, at (925) 944-0420 or email fwsaitravel@sbcglobal.net.

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If you weren't at the Convention, you should have been...



Billy Kidd and Barbara Bryant



*Gary Giertz and Steve "Yeti" Andrus
from Snowbasin, golf sponsor*



*Jeanne and John Reinhardt
with Michelle Nightengale*



Norm and Mary Azevedo



Colleen Waltr, Dale and Sheri Parshall with Mary Olhausen



Laura Priess, Bennett Patrick, and Debi Warzynski



George and Debbie Stewart



Ken and Lynnell Calkins, Gloria Raminha, with Bob and Nancy Ellis



*John Watson with Mike Sanford receiving
a friendship plaque sent by Michael German.*

VP of Public Affairs

2006 Convention Personalities Were Impressive

By Scott Bowker



Scott Bowker
VP of Public Affairs

The FWSA Snowsports Celebrities Reception/Multimedia Show provided a wonderful opportunity to meet the special guests and notables in a one-on-one setting. Special guests included: Billy Kidd (1964 Olympic Silver Slalom Medalist), Jimmy Petterson (international skier/author of "Skiing Around The World"), Harv Forsgren (Regional Forester USFS Region 3) and Troy Hawks (NSAA - National Ski Areas Association Journal Editor).

MULTIMEDIA SHOW

The Multimedia Show included the following video clips: Inspiring Olympic highlights of *Ted Ligety's* 2006 alpine combined gold; *Julia Mancuso's* 2006 GS gold medal performances and *Lindsay Kildow's* 2006 brave return to race in the downhill race after crashing horrendously in practice (along with associated commentary by Steve Porino, NBC Olympic alpine skiing reporter and former U.S. Ski Team downhill racer); highlights from some classic skiing films such as *The Basic Principles of Skiing* (Otto Lang 1941), *Skillfully Yours* (Otto Lang 1947), *Ski Down the*

Years (John Jay 1966), *Last of the Ski Bums* (Dick Barrymore 1969). Ted's alpine combined gold is the 1st official U.S. Olympic alpine combined gold and 4th U.S. Olympic men's alpine gold medal ever. At 21 years of age, Ted is the youngest U.S. alpine gold medal winner since Deb Armstrong in Sarajevo in 1984. Julia's GS gold is the 3rd U.S. women's GS gold since Deb Armstrong in 1984 and Andrea Mead Lawrence in 1952 and the 8th gold medal all time for U.S. alpine women.

LEADERSHIP PANELS

The Leadership Info Panel Sessions included Public Affairs, Leadership Forum, and Volunteerism, Charities/Our Communities.

Scott Bowker (FWSA VP Public Affairs) led the Public Affairs session with guest speakers *Harv Forsgren* (Regional Forester USFS Region 3), *Troy Hawks* (NSAA - National Ski Areas Association Journal Editor), and *Jimmy Petterson* (international skier/author). The wide ranging discussions covered USFS approval of the use of reclaimed wastewater by AZ Snowbowl to make artificial snow and subsequent challenge by the Navajo Nation which was the first major legal challenge to the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act that could set a Supreme Court precedent. Other topics included USFS advertising directive encouraging resorts to partner with sponsors to promote public service messages, USFS Planning Rule changes and industry efforts such

as the NSAA Model for Success.

Fran Long (Central Ski Council President) and Mary Olhausen (Northwest Ski Council President) led the Leadership Forum where participants shared ideas, concerns and solutions to issues facing many snowsports clubs today.

Sigrid Noack (chair of FWSA Charities/Our Community Committee) led Volunteerism, Charities/Our Community session in a review of how FWSA and its councils and clubs involve themselves in their respective communities and a sharing of ideas on how to increase that support and involvement.

FWSA HISTORY COMMITTEE

The FWSA History Committee met on Friday at the convention. The committee's focus is to ensure the rich history of the development of snowsports in the western U.S. and the contributions to it by the FWSA are recognized and preserved. The 75th Anniversary History Expo was reviewed and Catherine Ohl's efforts were recognized. Electronic capture process of materials exhibited at history expo, potential history article topics/authors for upcoming Councilman issues, historically significant potential guests for the 2007 convention, and historical skiing spectacles from the Bay Area were discussed. If you are interested in joining the committee and/or writing history articles, please contact John Watson at geospace@pacbell.net, membership is open to anyone.

Charities & Our Community Chair

Charity Award Discussed

By Sigrid Noack



*Sigrid Noack, Charities
& Our Community Chair*

Thank you Arizona Council for organizing a fantastic convention! Congratulations to Arleigh and his whole crew. I worked with Arleigh and many other Zonies, since I took over the Travel Expo, and I thoroughly enjoyed the whole bunch of them! Thank y'all so very much, and also a great big thank you to Mary Ohlhausen, president of NWSCC for being such a major help in putting on the Travel Expo.

The Volunteerism & Charities Leadership session on Saturday afternoon was well attended. Many new and wonderful ideas for Charity support were discussed. Everyone received a list of all the charitable organizations, that FWSA clubs and councils have been involved with in the past. I believe that everyone went away from the meeting with some fresh ideas for their club and council.

We also discussed a future Charities Award, which hopefully will become reality in 2007. This award can be won by any club or council within the FWSA. The idea behind this award is to recognize and further encourage community involvement and charity support within our FWSA. Also, by publicizing all the good

deeds that we do, other clubs and councils will get new ideas for their own future charity and community involvements. Clubs and councils will send updates on their charity and community time and money donations to Sigrid, who will work with a committee to make the selection for the award winner. We could use some more suggestions from any of you, regarding guidelines for this award. Please contact Sigrid at skisig@earthlink.net with any recommendations you might have.

Los Angeles Council Update: Auslich Ski Club members have been very generous with their charity dollars this past year. The Long Beach Rescue Mission and the Women's Shelter of Long Beach received \$900 from the club. These 24/7 facilities have various programs for the homeless and needy citizens of Long Beach. Besides food and bedding, the two organizations offer clothing, personal health items, job training, drug programs and personal counseling.

Through funds raised in a charity auction and cash jar at the meetings, Auslich also gave \$1000 to The Free Wheelchair Mission. This donation will help 22 people receive the gift of mobility. This non-profit organization was born in

Orange County by mechanical engineer Don Schoendorfer, who was determined to make the world's cheapest wheelchair. Made from the ubiquitous white plastic lawn chair, inexpensive bike tires, and metal casters and bearings, the wheelchairs are made in two Chinese factories and can be built and delivered anywhere in the world for \$41.17. Over 120,000 have been shipped to 50 under-developed countries. But there are over 130 million disabled poor in these developing countries, so the need is still great.

Many LAC clubs donated to the Memorial Fund for the three Mammoth Ski Patrollers, who were killed this past April, when they fell into a volcanic vent on Mammoth Mountain. Gases released through the vent, or fumerole, may have melted the heavy snow on top and formed a cavity, into which one skier fell and the other two tried to rescue him. Auslich ski club donated \$600 to this memorial fund.

Very Special FWSA People.....



Safety Award - Catherine Ohl



Special Recognition
Eileen Sanford



President's Award
Michael German



J. Stanley Mullin Award - Robb Margrave
receives the 2006 award from Mike Sanford



President's Award, Kathy Hoffmann



Kris McKinnon receives the 2006
Bill Mackey Award *from Mike Sanford*



President's Award - Steve Coxen

Athletic Scholarship Chairperson **Spread the Word about** **FWSA Athletic Scholarships**

By Robb Margrave

When an athlete gains a position on the U.S. Ski Team it is a culmination of years of training and dedication. It is also liberation day, of sorts, for the parents since the United States Ski Association now begins to pick up the tab for the athlete's training, travel and equipment. However, before the athlete obtains team membership, expenses for coaching, entry fees, equipment and travel can quickly send parents to the poor house. Many dedicated and gifted athletes cease their racing careers prior to attaining this goal due to a lack of financial resources.

Since September 2004 the Far West Ski Association (FWSA) has been providing financial assistance to young alpine ski racers in the form of scholarships to help pay coaching, training, and competition entry fees. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of the racer's financial need (30%), academics (25%), competitive record (20%), community activities (15%) and personal goals and desires (10%). Additionally, applicants must be junior alpine ski racers licensed by the United States Ski Association (USSA) and participate in racing programs in the states represented by the councils of the FWSA. The FWSA Scholarship Fund is administered by a committee which includes the Board of Trustees plus the FWSA VP of Racing.

Funding for the first scholarships awarded in 2004 was made possible by donations from Big Mountain and Grouse Mountain Lodge at the Reno FWSA convention that year. Thanks to these two sponsors, a trip to Big Mountain and Grouse Mountain Lodge was auctioned and \$900 was raised. The FWSA added to this amount, enabling the FWSA to fund two \$500 scholarships.

In 2005 Big Mountain and Grouse Mountain Lodge were joined by Schure Sports, Inc., the makers of Karbon brand ski clothing. Schure Sports donated a jacket/bib combination that was auctioned at the 2005 Ski Week in Aspen. Big Mountain and Grouse Mountain Lodge again donated a trip that was auctioned at the FWSA convention in Long Beach. Money from the auctions created a Scholarship Fund of \$1,800. The fund was again supplemented by the FWSA, bringing the total to \$2,000. The FWSA selected three racers to share the \$2,000 in available scholarship money.

FWSA has awarded a total of five scholarships worth \$3,000 over the two years they have been available. As successful as those years have been, the FWSA has even higher hopes for 2006.

This year the FWSA is pleased to announce the Barbados Tourism



*Robb Margrave, Athletic
Scholarship Chairperson*

Authority has joined the list of scholarship sponsors. The Tourism Authority donated a 5-day, 4-night trip to the island which was raffled at the Convention with a return of more than \$4,000. Like the last two conventions, Big Mountain and Grouse Mountain Lodge our charter sponsors, have donated a trip to be auctioned at the convention Friday night. These monies will add to the \$1,600 raised at this year's Ski Week in Telluride where a Karbon jacket/bib combination donated by Schure Sports was raffled. Together, more than \$6,500 is available for scholarships in 2006.

To learn more about the application process and the racers who have received our scholarships, visit the FWSA web site, www.fwsa.org, click on "About FWSA", then "Athletic Scholarship Program". We also encourage you to spread the word about our scholarships and we invite those interested in applying for a scholarship to also visit our web site for applications and information on how to apply.

VP of Council Services What a Fantastic Ski Season

By Fran Long



*Fran Long
VP of Councils*

As your new VP of Council Services, I would like to thank all the delegates attending the FWSA Convention in Arizona for your vote of confidence. I know I have big shoes to fill. I owe a heartfelt THANK YOU to my predecessor, Michael German, for his outstanding modeling, help, guidance, and friendship over the past couple of years. He has been such an inspiration and I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to know him.

One of the greatest honors our volunteers can possibly receive is to be recognized by their peers for the many countless volunteer hours they put in for the good of the organization. Each council in the Far West Ski Association has the opportunity to select one such outstanding male and female volunteer for special recognition as the council's Man and Woman of the Year.

Each council's Man and Woman of the Year then submits a lengthy resume and attends a personal interview to be considered for the honor of being the Council Man and Woman of the Year for the Far West Ski Association. All of the honorees are recognized at the convention in June, and the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year are announced.

As you can see, this is a very lengthy and detailed process. It takes excellent leadership and

many hours on the part of the person in charge as well as the judges making the decisions. Donn Bryant has organized the Man and Woman of the Year event for the Far West Ski Association for several years and always does an excellent job. This year's judges, Linda Indrebroe, Jan Horn, Bonnie West, Diane Hicks, Helen Harris, and Woody Hogan, faced a huge challenge in selecting the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year from a slate of outstanding candidates.

This year's FWSA Man of the Year is Jeff Peebles, from Arizona Ski Council. This year's FWSA Woman of the Year is Mary Beth Fitchlee, also from Arizona Ski Council. Congratulations to both of them. Arizona Ski Council is lucky to have two such dedicated volunteers. Along with the recognition they have received, each will also enjoy a week-long lodging and lift ticket package, compliments of Big White and Silver Star Resorts.

Man and Woman of the Year

I want to publicly recognize all of the Man and Woman of the Year honorees for the outstanding contributions they have made to their ski clubs and councils. I hope they know how much they are appreciated! Fran Long

Arizona
Bay Area Council
Central Council
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- Sunday Eye Opener

Optional Activities (subject to change)

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Arizona Ski Council

By Marge Fons

The 74th Annual convention was held June 8-11th, 2006 at the beautiful Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa in Chandler, Arizona. Located on the Gila River Indian Community, this spectacular resort is a great desert escape! ! Kudos go to Lee Lambie for her tireless coordination with the resort to make this an outstanding convention! About 240 participants and Industry representatives arrived in time on Thursday for the Wild, Wild, West festivities to begin!

With the Wild West theme for this year's FWSA Convention, the kick-off event was an evening at Rawhide Steakhouse and Saloon. There were 128 delegates, volunteers, and industry participants for the BBQ dinners. All enjoyed a nice meal, live country music, and dancing. Cowgirl Marie Grillo is to be commended for arranging this spectacular event!

Congratulations go to all the individuals that braved the intense heat to participate in the 74th Annual Far West Ski Association 2006 Golf Tournament held at the Whirlwind Golf Club at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort! Special thanks to Joe Palomarez and Jon Busnell from the Whirlwind Golf Course and all the support personnel for all their help. A big thank-you goes to **Snow Basin, a Sun Valley Resort**, and Steve 'Yetti' Andrus for their sponsorship and participation in this tournament.

Sixty-eight diehard golfers started off the Friday morning with a shotgun start on this fantastic course in Arizona. It was only 95 degrees when they started. Fortunately, each golfer was treated to chilled herbal towels on each side of the front and back nine holes. Thanks to the **Mountain Chalet** for the gift of Vegas Golf Poker Chips.

Everyone had a great time The day ended with some good drinks and a great luncheon. During the luncheon, prizes were raffled off which were donated by **Snow Basin and Party Time Sports**.

1st Place: Ron Lamoureaux, Norman Kreutz, Murray Blaney, Denise Austin; 2nd Place: Dale Parshall, Lindsay Gillo, Martin Wascher; 3rd Place: John Talley, Brandon Bang, Sandy Gaudette, Ken Schnad ; High Score: Debbie Warzynski, Devon Purdy, Joe Coles, Casey Leach.

Special recognition and thanks goes to Gary Giertz, of **Partytime Sports**, for organizing and coordinating this exceptional golf tournament!

On Friday, 20 participants treated themselves to a day of luxury and pampering in the tranquil setting of the Aji Spa on Friday June 9, 2006. Mud wraps, massages, and facials were enjoyed by all. Special thanks go to Margaret Sharp for her work

Despite the temperatures exceeding 100 degrees, 20 brave souls encountered the wilderness of the Sonoran desert on Friday morning. Jaan Vehik, led the enthusiastic mostly female group to the Marcos de Niza rock and various petroglyphs scattered throughout the park and up through Fat Man's Pass. The six-mile hike gave hikers a breathtaking view of the Sonoran desert and Phoenix skyline.

Candee Marsh hosted for the Arizona Ski Council cocktail party for the Man and Woman of the Year on Friday in the Presidential suite. In attendance were Donn Bryant, Chairman of the MWOY, as well as the contestants from the other councils. Jeff Peebles and Mary Beth Fitchlee represented the Arizona council. On Saturday evening, the winners were announced; Jeff Peebles and Mary Beth Fitchlee of Arizona Ski Council were named FWSA Man and Woman of the Year. Each honoree receives a week-long lodging and lift ticket package, compliments of **Big White and Silver Star Resorts**.

Saturday night was the awards banquet and dance. After a delightful dinner and awards ceremony, the group danced throughout the night to the music of the Rhythm Express Band. Convention delegates participated in the first FWSA Championship of Poker, a fun mixer requiring a team of 5 people to put together a winning hand. Helen Harris of Don Diego (SDSCC) and her team of new friends took home top honors with their Royal Flush of Spades. Prizes were donated by our sponsoring FWSA Ski Week resorts, **Aspen/Snowmass, Steamboat, and Telluride**! Thank you



Marge Fons, Arizona
Ski Council President

Bay Area Snow Sports Council



*Dennis Heffley
BAC President*

The Bay Area Snow Sports Council was again well represented at the Far West Ski Association's 74th Annual Convention. The facilities were amazing! Arizona Ski Council did a great job with the facilitation of the Convention. I must say though, playing golf in the desert is a Hot Experience.

Mark your calendars from May 31 - June 3, 2007 for the FWSA 75th Annual Convention hosted by the Bay Area snow Sports Council. We have hit the ground (or snow!) running! We have a vast number of

experienced people with the energy to get the job done. Don't miss it!

Going into the later summer and early fall ~ this is the time of year our clubs make plans to promote and revitalize themselves. There are two (2) keys to the process. 1 ~ advertising. 2 ~ retention!

Advertising your club can be done by handing out Council Directories and/or FWSA Skiers Guides at your local snow sports shops or any other location that will get exposure to those who are interested in snow sports. Another place is www.craigslist.org. This is a FREE place to let the public know what you are doing and how much fun they will have by being a part of your club. You might write an article for your local paper or get a PSA on the radio. Share what is working the best for you with your council and fellow clubs!

After you've gotten the word out ~ you need to retain prospects when they walk through the door at your meetings and events. This is

where the challenge is! Yes, we all like to talk to our friends and catch up with each other. The challenge is to be aware of ANYONE new entering your meetings or events. You'll be surprised at the effect of just saying "Hello"!!

The Bay Area Snow Sports Council is in great shape. We have had an impressive "guest speaker" program at our monthly BAC meetings and are currently lining up another series for this coming winter. If you have a person or location that would like to participate, please let me know! Our meetings are the second Monday of the month through October. In November and December we meet the first Monday of the month.

The 33 clubs that make up BAC have a plethora of events and trips going for them. This list is way too long to include in this message. You can learn what's happening by checking fliers and links to their websites at the BAC website ~ www.skibac.org.

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sponsors and our poker-superstar, Linda Westlund!

The eye opener was held early Sunday morning, hosted by the Arizona Ski Council.

Coffee, O.J., Bloody Mary's, fruit and pastries were served to over 120 sleepy-eyed people. Delegates & industry started arriving right at 7:00. Special thanks go to the committee - Mary Neuman, Karen Bonine, Marie Grillo, and Karen Pound.

Special recognition goes to the Arizona chairperson; **Arleigh Meiners**. His devotion and dedication made the convention run smoothly. Extra thanks go to both Sigrid Noack and Mary Olhausen for their spectacular help with the Travel Expo- we couldn't have

done it without you! We cannot forget our tireless behind the scenes volunteers; Dan Romanenko, Brent Bowles, - photographer, Dave Towar, Joe Loader, Andrea Barron, Mike Jones, and numerous other ASC volunteers.

With the 2006 convention behind us, ASC can concentrate on the wonderful outdoor summer activities they have planned; Grand Canyon hiking and Colorado River rafting, Lake Powell house boating, Windjammer cruise, kayaking, camping, golfing, and excursions to Las Vegas, LA and Mexico! We provide many opportunities for our members to escape the heat!

Central Council of California

By Fran Long



*Fran Long
Central Council of
California President*

Central Council of California stretches from Salinas to Santa Barbara and from the beach to the Sierra Nevada. Our clubs and activities are as diverse as the geographic area we encompass. We all have one thing in common, however. We all ski or ride in the winter, put our skis and boards away with a little regret sometime in the spring, and then quickly forget all about that cold, fluffy, wonderful snow and gear up for our summer of fun. It's hard not to be excited about summer when you live in such a beautiful area, with such a wonderful summer climate.

Some of our clubs take a little break during the summer months, providing just a few activities for members. Other clubs treat summer like the ski season with trips going on all the time...just different equipment. Here is a sampling of what one can expect from the Central Council ski and sports clubs during the summer months.

SLO Skiers in San Luis Obispo never slow down!

The 3rd Wednesday of every month is a picnic BBQ in one of the many parks located throughout the county. Members and guests share food, stories and fun. Frisbee

golf, night golf, and just plain old golf are always a hit.

Once a month the SLO Skiers find their way to one of our two local lakes for a weekend campout of water fun. There's usually a theme, with costumes, camp decorations, drink contests, group dinners, and semi-valuable prizes. There's even been a hula hoop contest!

Other summer activities include bike rides (bikes with

peddles and bikes with motors), hiking, river rafting, and a luau.

To learn more about SLO Skiers and the activities

available go to their website: www.sloskiers.org.

Santa Barbara Ski and Sports Club is just what its name implies!

The Santa Barbara summer calendar is as full or fuller than the winter calendar. Camping, concerts, kayaking, hiking, biking, tennis, golf, pool party...the list goes on and on. The activities are far too numerous to list with dates and locations. Many activities are local, some are at the local lakes, and some are totally out of the area. There is definitely something for everyone in the club, with all activity levels covered.

To learn more about Santa

Barbara Ski and Sports Club and the activities available go to their website: www.sbski.org.

Avalanche Ski Club in Bakersfield provides several summer activities.

The second Tuesday of each month there is a club picnic at Yokuts Park. Other activities include a campout and a golf tournament.

To learn more about Avalance Ski Club, contact club trip director, Mary Alexander by email: maryalexander@sbcglobal.net.

Snow Trackers of Exeter and Camber Ski Club in Salinas take a little break during the summer. Rather than plan their own activities they enjoy the summer activities organized by Central Council. We're all looking forward to many hours of fun as we float down the King's River, camp at Kelly's Beach, and enjoy an evening of friendship together. This annual event takes place July 14-16 this year.

That's it for our summer, 2006. It makes me tired just thinking about trying to keep up with all those activities!



Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs

By Judith Miller



Judith Miller, Los Angeles
Council of Ski Clubs

The summer activities of LAC's clubs run the gamut. First, because most of our clubs are located near the ocean, we hold an LA Council Volleyball Tournament; approximately 32 clubs participate in the four Sundays of the tournament. The Council is also hosting a beach picnic/kayak day. Then several clubs hold golf tournaments. There are numerous camping trips to such

places as Point Magu, Pismo Beach, and Bass Lake as well as hikes, bike rides, kayaking, along with jet skiing and water skiing now that liability insurance is available for water sports.

Single Ski Club and *Century City Ski Club* are joining for a houseboat trip on Lake Mead. *The Over the Hill Gang* will be doing a bicycle trip through a particularly scenic county in Wisconsin. There are also bike trips to the wineries in Santa Barbara County, a trip to the Balloon Festival in Temecula, and, of course, numerous parties with a variety of themes such as Rock 'n Roll and a Texas Bar-B-Que. Many areas of LA County hold free concerts, even one at the LA Zoo.

There are Dodger games, walking tours of downtown LA, Hollywood Bowl concerts, California Philharmonic concerts, and a visit to the Reagan Library.

All in all, the summer for LAC is busier than the winter as there is an activity for practically every weekend day and some during the week. LAC also plans to participate in the Clean the Beach Sunday in September. Then in early November, we will hold our Snow Gala to select our Man and Woman of the Year. Following that, the clubs begin to hold their "Pray for Snow" parties to shift our attention to the white stuff we hope blankets Mammoth Mountain and to start focusing on skiing.

Wentworth Outstanding Publication Award

Clubs submitted their newsletters chronicling their activities. Newsletters during the past year are judged according to pre-set criteria surrounding content and journalistic quality.

Class A: First Place to **The Unrecables**, Second Place to Skiyente Ski Club, and Third to Fountain Valley Ski Club

Class AA: First Place to **Don Diego Ski Club**, Second Place to Mountain High Snowsport Club and Third Place to Torrey Pines Ski Club

Class AAA: First Place to **Pacific Rim Alliance**, Second Place to S'no Joke Ski Club, and Third Place to Santa Barbara Ski Club

Class AAAA: First Place to **North Island Snowdrifters**, Second Place to Bergfreunde Ski Club, and Third Place to Apres Ski Club

Councils: First Place to **LA Council**, Second Place to San Diego Council and Third Place to NWSCC

Northwest Ski Club Council

By Mary Olhausen



Mary Olhausen
Northwest Ski Club
Council President

Northwest Ski Club Council would like to thank the Arizona Council for

hosting a great and fun Convention!! Our hats are off to our NWSCC Man & Woman of The Year - Dale Parshall and Colleen Walter. Also congrats to NWSCC clubs that competed in Outstanding Club, Publications & Website competitions and came away winners in these areas.

When the summer months hit, NW clubs have many activities to choose from - all of our clubs have non-ski events and we have several ski resorts close by for summer skiing and activities. The Council will hold its 8th annual "Clubs 4 Play" Golf Tournament, July 30th at the Oregon City Golf Course. Club teams compete in this event for the perpetual club trophy. Besides the usual hiking, biking, camping and golfing, our clubs are busy planning some interesting events as well - *Skiyente* held a SockHop on June 24, celebrating their 50th year anniversary.

Bogus Basin Ski Club will hold a Mountain Madness Weekend in July with lots of sports activities. They also have a Star Party in June and will be mountain biking at Tamarack Resort. *Altair Ski Club* will enjoy Indy Car Races in Portland and participate in the 11th Annual Bridge Pedal Bike race, also in Portland. September will find them at their 14th annual Crawdad Campout. *Cascade*

Primetimers are taking members to Belgium and Holland for a Bike & Barge trip in July. They will also hold a Fish Fry at the Oregon coast in Pacific City and attend the St. Paul Rodeo. In September, *Mt. Hood Ski Patrol* will hold its annual golf tournament to raise funds for the 939th Search & Rescue Wing and members and families will enjoy a Fun Day at Mt. Hood Skibowl. NW Ski & Recreation Club held their Funky Formal in June and are going on a Caribbean Cruise this fall.

S'noJoke Ski Club participated in the annual "Shoot The Pass" cycling event. They will hold a Whistler All Sports Weekend in August and go kayaking and cycling in the San Juan Islands. Seattle Singles Yacht Club holds several on-water cruises in Seattle/Puget Sound area, as well as off-water parties. *Bergfreunde Ski Club* will be taking members to Glacier Yellowstone-Grand Teton Parks via Amtrak and a cruising to the Caribbean this fall with a side trip to Disney World.

Ski Shows are on our calendar!! The Annual NWSCC Ski Fair will be held on Monday, November 6, 2006 at the Monarch Hotel. Ski Fair is open to all club members and the general public. Clubs, ski resorts, industry representatives and several ski related non-profits will have booths to inform attendees about their activities and products. NWSCC Commercial Members donate items for the silent auction. Discounted lift ticket packages will be available from several Northwest ski resorts.

November 3-5 will find us at the Portland Ski Fever & Snowboard Show and our Seattle clubs will have a booth at the Seattle Snow Sports Expo, November 17-19.

NWSCC and member clubs are beginning to put their ski trips together. *Bergfreunde Ski Club* is going to Utah and Whistler. *Mt. High Ski Club* is going to Utah. *S'noJoke Ski Club* is going to Sun Valley and *Skiyente Ski Club* is again hosting a 4-day "family" ski trip - this year they will go to Big Mountain, traveling on Amtrak.

PACRAT racing is gearing up for another great race season! They have six races scheduled for Mt. Hood ski areas and the grand finale "Rat Attack" party in April. We are quite excited to have the FWRA Race Championships in our own backyard - at Mt. Bachelor. Stay tuned for an awesome awards banquet hosted by NWSCC. PACRAT racing information can be found at www.pacrats.org.

NWSCC held its annual elections in June. Our monthly Council meetings are a great way to meet other club members and network about club issues and travel. Each month we have a different "theme" for the meetings which include topics such as charities/fundraising, club officer night, safety, travel/trips, family night, convention night, etc. In addition we usually always have a guest speaker from the ski industry. Please visit our website at www.nwskiers.org to find out more about NWSCC and all the great things, both ski and non-ski, that our Council and clubs are doing!!

Silent Auction & Travel Expo

Participants

by Barbara Razo & Jane Wyckoff

The Far West Ski Association and Arizona Ski Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 21st Annual Silent Auction and Travel Carousel participants. The success of this event is made possible by the continued support from our industry partners to the efforts of our Association. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2006-2007.

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Our FWSA Industry Family continues to grow strong and deep. We anticipate our next gathering of this wonderful partnership in Santa Clara, California for the 22nd Annual FWSA Silent Auction and Travel Expo at the 75th Annual FWSA Convention!

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74th Annual FWSA Convention by Jane Wyckoff, Industry Marketing Representative

We extend our appreciation to the following sponsors of Far West Ski Association's 74th Annual Convention. Their generous support was a significant contribution to the financial success of this year's Convention. By offsetting Convention costs through the sponsorship program, we are able offer a more affordable delegate registration fee. Please include these industry partners in your travel plans for 2006-07.

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Far West Honors their Award Winners



Randy Lew presents Mike Sanford with **President's Plaque**



Bill Berry Award Feature Article
Mike Sanford presents award the to Jimmy Petterson, author of "Skiing Around the World"



John Watson accepts the **Western Ski Heritage Award** from Scott Bowker and Steamboat representatives Billy Kidd and Devon Purdy.



Mike Sanford and Nancy Kelly ('05 recipient) present the **Hans Georg Award** to Ken Calkins



Billy Kidd and Mike Sanford present the 2006 **Jimmie Heuga Award** to Sigrid Noack



Josh Foster and Jim Loyd receive the **Tommi Tyndall Award** from Jane Wyckoff and Barbara Razo

Information Services Director

Did You Change?

By Nancy Ellis



Nancy Ellis, Information Services Director

It's time to send in Ski Club and Council Officer information for the 2006-2007 year. This includes 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. Ski Clubs and

Councils may go to the Far West Ski Association website (www.FWSA.org) and download the Ski Club

Officer Update Form.

Completed forms can be mailed to me at:

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C/O Nancy Ellis

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You can also email the form to me at nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net. Direct members may send changes to me at the address above. Don't hesitate to call me at (530) 582-0566 if you have questions. Requests for information from the database must be sent to the FWSA President (Randy Lew) for approval before it will be dispersed.

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