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19th Annual Silent Auction & Travel Expo

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WELCOME

From Mike Sanford, President of Far West Ski Association

Welcome to all club delegates, invited guests and industry sponsors attending the 72nd Annual Meeting and Convention of Far West Ski Association in Sparks, Nevada. We are celebrating the 74th Anniversary of FWSA. This weekend is a showcase for Far West, a celebration of our history and accomplishments, an opportunity to renew friendships, a period of time we set aside to do the Association's business and our most important chance to build on our relationships with our snowsports industry partners.

My thanks and appreciation goes out to both the FWSA Convention Committee and all the Sierra Council volunteers who put in many hours of work to make this Convention a success. I would especially like to thank the core FWSA committee who worked many hours on the Convention over the last twelve months: **Steve Coxen, Nancy Kelly, Scott Bowker, Linda Yamaguchi, Jane Wyckoff, Barbara Razo and Catherine Ohl**. Also in line for a pat on the back is the Sierra Council Committee chair **Joe Loader** and Council President **Barbara Bryant**. Their Committee of volunteers has done a great job in performing all the ground work to keep the local effort enthusiastic and productive. Please take time to read the list of Convention Committee Volunteers in this book and thank them personally for their hard work.

The annual Silent Auction on Friday night and our second Travel Expo on Saturday is an excellent opportunity for all attendees to meet with representatives of the ski resorts. **Barbara Razo, Jane Wyckoff and Catherine Ohl** have done a terrific job coordinating these events for all of us. Please visit with as many representatives as you can and thank them for their support of Far West. You will find a wealth of information from resorts to take back to your clubs for planning your travel activities. Remember our relationship with the ski industry is key to the success of FWSA, its clubs and councils.

I would also like to thank **Catherine Ohl** for continuing the updating of our Convention Awards Book. She has continued to accumulate more accurate information and refine the Awards Book in to one of the finest presentations of our storied history available. This excellent synopsis of the history of Far West and the Awards Program serves as a great educational tool and should be shared with your club and council members who could not attend this Convention.

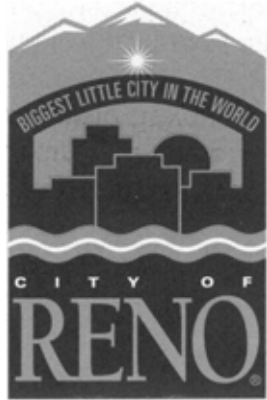
The Leadership Information Seminars are designed to provide an opportunity for you to learn skills and concepts to take back to your clubs and councils. I am especially pleased with the opportunity to hear our special speaker **Davy McCoy**, Founder and Owner of Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort. What a great opportunity to hear one of our true pioneers tell us how it was. All panel sessions will be very informative and I suggest you split up your delegation with club representatives attending all sessions. The Leadership Information Book synthesizes many of the sessions so keep and use the book for future reference.

The Awards Banquet on Saturday night will be the high point of the weekend. There we recognize the people who have made significant contributions during the year to Far West Ski Association, their clubs and councils. Their efforts keep FWSA the strong organization it has become today, a Nationally recognized organization and **"The Voice of the Western Skier."**

This is my first full year as your President and I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve. It has been a challenging experience and I thank our Board of Directors, Trustees and Council Presidents for their support and help. They have done an outstanding job in making FWSA a better organization. We have many goals and a lot more to accomplish on behalf of our membership. Lastly, thanks to my Angel of a wife. Her patience and support are indispensable.



Charles E. McNeely
City Manager



May 7, 2004

Joe Loader
FWSA Convention Coordinator

On behalf of the "Biggest Little City in the World," it is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all members of the Far West Ski Association, their guests, and their families as they hold their annual convention June 10 through June 13, 2004.

Reno is known for its gaming, recreation, and historic attractions. You will find that our City will provide you with all the luxuries of home...fine dining, top name entertainment, shopping, and superior accommodations to fit your every need.

During your visit, we hope you will have an opportunity to discover and enjoy Old West hospitality and many of the area's unique and historic sites. Lake Tahoe, Virginia City, and the Ponderosa Ranch are all within a short drive from Reno.

I hope everyone will have a safe and pleasant visit and that you will return to Reno in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Charles McNeely".

Charles McNeely
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MAYOR

June, 2004


Welcome!

On behalf of the City of Sparks, a very warm welcome to everyone attending the Far West Ski Association convention at John Ascuaga's Nugget. We are delighted that you are here and hope you enjoy your stay in the Truckee Meadows.

As ski enthusiasts, I'm sure you are familiar with the numerous first class ski resorts in our area. What you may not know about are other events and venues which make Sparks such a unique community. On Thursday evenings, we have the biggest and best Farmer's Market in northern Nevada, located right outside the Nugget in beautiful Victorian Square. Along with the freshest produce, there are all types of food, pastries, and beverages to tempt the most discriminating palate and a variety of musical groups to entertain you. One mile east of Victorian Square is beautiful Marina Park where you can walk, swim, boat, and fish to your heart's content.

I know your convention will be the best yet, and I hope you will take the opportunity to explore Sparks while you're here. You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,



Tony Armstrong
Mayor

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 10, 2004

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration <i>Sponsor: PRW Sports Luggage, Ohio; Mountain Chalet, Florida</i>	Rose A Foyer
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration	Rose A Foyer
4:30 pm - 10:30 pm	M.S. Dixie Dinner/Dance Cruise <i>Sponsor: Aspen Skiing Company & The Timberline Condominiums, Colorado</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby

Friday, June 11, 2004

6:45 am - 3:00 pm	Golf Tournament (Shotgun Start at 8:30 am) <i>Sponsor: Northstar at Tahoe & Sierra at Tahoe, California</i>	Meet in Hotel Lobby
7:30 am - 4:30 pm	Mt. Rose Hike	Meet in Hotel Lobby
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Tennis Tournament	Meet in Hotel Lobby
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Welcome Pool Party	East End of Hotel Pool
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Exhibitor Registration & Set Up	Rose Ballroom A
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	FWSA History Committee Meeting	Fremont Room
4:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Delegate Registration	Rose Ballroom A Foyer
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Cocktail Party (No Host)	Rose Ballroom A Foyer
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Welcome Party <i>Sponsor: Big Mountain Resort, Grouse Mountain Lodge, Pine Lodge, Montana</i>	Rose Ballroom A
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Silent Auction and Dance <i>Sponsor: Angel Fire Resort, New Mexico</i>	Rose Ballroom A
11:00 pm - 12:00 am	All Exhibitor booth breakdown	Rose Ballroom A

Saturday, June 12, 2004

7:00 am - 10:30 am	Delegate Registration	Rose Ballroom A Foyer
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Rose Ballroom B
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Opening Session	Rose Ballroom B
7:30 am - 12:00 pm	Man & Woman of the Year Judging <i>Sponsor: Big White Ski Resort & Silver Star Mountain Resort, British Columbia, Canada</i>	Star Suite (Room 2932), West Tower
8:45 am - 11:45 am	Travel Expo <i>Grand Prize – Far West Ski Week / Sponsor: Far West Ski Association</i>	Ponderosa A/B, Bonanza B/C
9:00 am - 3:50 pm	Outstanding Club Judging	Washoe Room
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Bid Presentations – FWSA Ski Week	Genoa Room
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	FWRA Meeting	Fremont Room
12:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Lunch & Awards <i>Sponsor: Vail Resorts (Heavenly, Vail, Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Keystone), Colorado</i>	Rose Ballroom A
2:00 pm - 3:50 pm	Leadership Information Seminars	Bonanza B, Bonanza C, Carson, Fremont
2:15 pm - 3:50 pm	Bid Presentations – FWSA Ski Week	Genoa Room
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucus Meetings	Ponderosa A (LA), Ponderosa B (BAC), Bonanza B (San Diego), Bonanza C (Sierra), Carson (Northwest), Genoa (AZ/NM), Fremont (Central/Inland/Orange)
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Cocktail Party	Rose Ballroom A
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Awards Banquet & Dance “Tahoe Boogie Nights” <i>Sponsor: The Sunshine Inn, Banff Lodging Company, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, Alberta, Canada</i>	Rose Ballroom A

Sunday, June 13, 2004









7:00 am - 8:15 am	Eye Opener Party <i>Sponsor: Sierra Ski Council</i>	Star Suite (Room 2932), West Tower
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	General Meeting/Elections	Rose Ballroom A
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Buffet Brunch	Rose Ballroom A
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Board of Directors Meeting	Genoa Room



Event Sponsors

by Jane Wyckoff, FWSA Industry Marketing Representative

We extend our appreciation to the following FWSA Convention sponsors. 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 registration fee for the delegates.

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Golf Tournament		* Northstar at Tahoe, California	www.northstarattahoe.com
		* Sierra at Tahoe, California	www.sierraattahoe.com
Welcome Party		* Big Mountain Resort, Montana	www.skiwhitefish.com
		* Grouse Mountain Lodge, Montana	www.montanafinest.com
		* Pine Lodge, Montana	www.thepinelodge.com
Silent Auction DJ		* Angel Fire Resort, New Mexico	www.angelfireresort.com
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Eye Opener Party



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Silent Auction & Travel Expo

Participants

by Barbara Razo, FWSA Silent Auction Coordinator

The Far West Ski Association and Sierra Ski Council extend their appreciation and sincere gratitude to the 19th 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 2004-2005.

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Hotel Mominoko, Japan	Santa Fe Ski Company, NM	
Hyatt Lake Tahoe Resort & Casino, CA	SeneGence International, Inc., CA	



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We greatly appreciate our industry partners who have presented to the Far West Ski Association a wonderful array of door prizes.

Our heart-felt gratitude is extended to:

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Convention VIPs

Host Sierra League & Council

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Host Council President.....	Barbara Bryant
Host Council Convention Coordinator.....	Joe Loader
FWSA Convention Coordinator.....	Steve Coxen
FWSA Silent Auction Coordinator.....	Barbara Razo
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Volunteer Coordinator.....	Lisa Collins
Leadership Information Seminars Coordinator.....	Scott Bowker
Door Prize Donations.....	Debbi Kor, Jan Holman, Barbara Bryant
Events: Lake Tahoe Dinner & Dance Cruise.....	Joe Loader
Golf Tournament	Glen Pederson
Tennis	Brian Walters
Mt Rose Hike.....	Chris Rutz
Welcome Pool Party.....	Marge Fons
Eye Opener Party (Hosted by Sierra Council).....	Karen Reber
Council's Man & Woman of the Year.....	Donn Bryant
Awards Book Editor.....	Catherine Ohl
Delegate Handbook & Leadership Information Book Editor.....	Scott Bowker
Parliamentarian.....	John Watson
Awards Chairman.....	Joe Loader
Awards Presentation Speaker.....	Steve Coxen
Publicity.....	Debbie Jost
Hotel Liaison & Banquet Coordinator.....	Jan Holman
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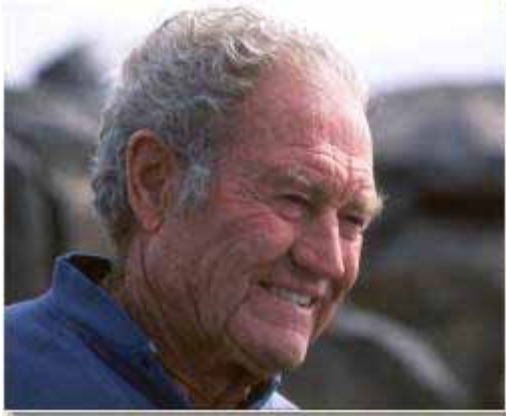
Our thanks and appreciation to all the other volunteers from Sierra Council and FWSA for their assistance in making this Convention a success.



Dave McCoy

A Man and His Mountain

Mammoth Mountain's founder, leader and inspiration



Dave McCoy was born in Los Angeles on August 24, 1915 to William Thomas McCoy and Edna Rachel Metcalf. Until the age of six, Dave lived a quiet life in El Segundo, California where his father worked in an oil refinery. His next nine years were spent traveling throughout California with his parents, living in various towns along California's Highway 99 while his father worked as a highway construction contractor.

In 1928, when Dave was twelve years old, his mother took him to Independence, California, a small town south of Bishop, for a visit. He instantly fell in love with the area and decided this was the place he wanted to settle.

After graduating as valedictorian of his class in the eighth grade, Dave moved to the state of Washington to live with his grandparents. During this time he often worked with his grandfather who was a supervisor in a coal mine. During his high school years, Dave traveled between California and Washington doing odd jobs to support himself while attending school in both locations. He worked on pig farms, grocery stores, grape vineyards and a variety of other places.

It was during his time in Washington that Dave was introduced to skiing by a group of Norwegian ski jumpers. Their motto was, "Just point 'em down the hill and ride!" Dave took every opportunity to hike up White Pass Mountain and ski straight down as fast as possible. His love affair with skiing had begun.

Dave graduated from Buckley High School in 1934 and instead of taking a job in the apple orchards of Washington he set out to pursue his dreams. He hitched his way working odd jobs (picking cherries, gold mining in Sierra City and tying flies for fishing) to pay his way back to Independence. He finally arrived late in the afternoon on Labor Day in 1935 and began working that night as a dishwasher and waiter. The owner of the restaurant let him live in the garage, where he stayed for two years. Dave believes that "Some power, some force kept holding me near Mammoth."



While working in Independence, he caught his first glimpse of the woman he would eventually marry. "I was working as a soda jerk when the Bishop Cheerleaders stopped in on their way to Lone Pine to a game. I took one look at this girl and knew she was something special. I didn't even get to ask her name." Roma recalls telling her sister, "One day I'm going to get a date with that guy." It wasn't until two years later when Dave was living in Bishop that he was introduced to Roma. In those days, Dave and a friend would tie their skis to the back of a motorcycle and take off for the mountains. As fate would have it, Dave's friend had a sister, and when he finally introduced Dave to her, she happened to be the Bishop cheerleader he had seen two years earlier. At the time, Roma was living with her



grandmother and aunt and was working to help support them. Dave and Roma dated for four years before they were married. The couple has since raised six children.

In March of 1937, Dave was asked to go to work for the Department of Water and Power (DWP) as a hydrographer. The job required collecting and interpreting data from snow surveys to predict future water supplies for Los Angeles. Dave's extensive ski experience coupled with a strong work ethic allowed him to excel in his position at the DWP where he remained for 18 years.



Dave's passion for the sport led him to skiing pioneers Tex Cushin and Corty Hill at McGee Mountain. As a member of the Eastern Sierra Ski Club, Dave helped keep the cable-sling lift maintained and running. Dave and two friends from the DWP, Sam Griggs and Ben Boyd, built the first portable rope tow in the Eastern Sierra. They took a Model "A" Ford truck, pulled the drive wheel off, locked the brake, jacked up the rear end and ran a rope up the mountain to a pulley. This "portable" rope tow allowed the club to ski anywhere in the valley from Independence to Bridgeport searching for hidden stashes of powder.

In 1941, Dave obtained a roving permit for his own portable rope tow. The Eastern Sierra Ski Club began losing interest in running their own lifts and agreed to sell their portable rope tow to Dave for \$85. To raise funds for the equipment, he tried to borrow the money against his Harley-Davidson motorcycle but the bank refused his loan. Upon leaving the bank, the secretary was able to convince them that Dave was a good risk. Little did the bank know that the kind-hearted secretary was also Dave's soon to be wife, Roma Carriere.

His extensive knowledge of snow pack and snowmelt gleaned from his hydrography job enabled Dave to set up his lift where the snow was the best. When the weather would allow it and the roads were clear, he took his portable rope tow to Mammoth Mountain. Dave and his friends were skiing at Mammoth on December 7, 1941 when news of the bombing on Pearl Harbor reached Mammoth. The skiers packed up the rope tow and loaded it into the truck. Skiing essentially came to a halt in the Eastern Sierra and Dave considered joining the Navy with his friends even though his hydrographer position exempted him from service. Ultimately, a ski injury would take the decision out of his hands.

Dave's love of skiing led to an interest in competitive ski racing. During the late 30's he emerged as a top competitor and was something of a local racing hero. In April of 1942, Dave made a spur of the moment decision to drive to Sugar Bowl, California to compete in the state championships. During the race he took a nasty fall, shattering the bones in his left leg. The doctors counted over 38 fractures and wanted to amputate, but Dave would not allow it. It took almost four years for Dave to rehabilitate his leg. Although he still walks with a slight limp, he continues to lead a very active lifestyle.

Eventually Dave returned to his surveyor job and resumed operation of his roving rope tow. The majority of the time the rope tow was stationed at Mammoth Mountain. The Main Lodge's predecessor known as "the Snake Pit," a 12' x 24' building with a dirt floor and outside toilet, served as combination first aid station and snack bar. The Forest Service decided to put the permanent permit to operate at Mammoth Mountain up for bid but no one bid on it, including Dave, because he didn't have the money. In 1953, the Forest Service awarded Dave the permit free of charge on the condition he begin developing the mountain. He already had a thriving rope tow business and soon Mammoth was entertaining more skiers than any other California operation, including those with chairlifts.

Dave went to the bank and asked for \$135,000 to build a chairlift, add on to the existing hut and pay salaries for a year. This time the bank thought it was too much of a risk and turned him down. Walter Martinoni, who built chairs for Donner Summit and Snow Summit, had built a chair for a client who decided he didn't want it. The two agreed that if Walter gave Dave the chair, Dave would install it himself and pay Walter as soon as he made



money. Dave and a group of hard-core skiers built their own crane, dug the tower holes by hand, mixed the cement and installed the motor, brakes, clutches and drive system. Mammoth Mountain's first chairlift opened on Thanksgiving Day, 1955, just in time to meet his permit requirements. Since 1955, Dave and his crew have installed an average of one lift annually.

Dave soon relocated his family to the small community of Mammoth Lakes where he skied, ran the business and coached young racers. Coaching 19 of his team members to the United States Olympic Ski Team, including two of his own children, Dave has been one of the most successful racing coaches in ski history. Dave's coaching success helped put Mammoth on the map as a great ski area. Parents began sending their children from all over the country to ski at Mammoth under Dave's tutelage.

After building his first chairlift in 1955, Dave went on to build one of the largest ski resorts in the country. In 1986, Dave bought nearby June Mountain, ensuring the future of great skiing in the Eastern Sierra. Today Mammoth Mountain has 27 lifts, four day-lodges, four hotel properties, four restaurants, a large maintenance facility and much more. Now a four-season destination resort, Mammoth Mountain is busy during the summer months as a world-class Mountain Bike Park and Adventure Center and operates a golf course and fly fishing guide service. Dave McCoy has been called one of the last great entrepreneurs in the skiing business.

Dave's commitment to the Mammoth Lakes community never waned. When he was asked to help establish a college in the Eastern Sierra, he joined with other town leaders to introduce the nonprofit Mammoth Lakes Foundation to pursue this goal. The Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC) opened in 1996 with seed money from the McCoy family. ESCC, a branch of Cerro Coso Community College, fulfilled the Foundation's mission to develop higher education and cultural enrichment in the area. Associate degree programs, professional and technical training as well as special interest programs are available. Long-term goals include bringing upper division courses to the school as a 4-year university and construction of student housing, a performing arts center and a 19,000 square foot campus building. Dave's tireless support contributes greatly to the success of the Foundation.

In the 1930s, Dave McCoy and his friends envisioned a bright and promising future for Mammoth. Dave took that vision and built upon it, making Mammoth an integral part of California's burgeoning tourist economy. The legendary founder of Mammoth Mountain saw Mammoth as one of North America's best-loved ski destinations, but also as an extraordinary four-season resort playground. Dave has teamed with Intrawest, the leader in mountain resort development, to bring his vision to life with Project Sierra. An estimated \$800 million master plan will see the convergence of natural beauty, exceptional resort amenities and international standards of excellence. Dave's visions are continuing to become realities this year with the opening of the Village at Mammoth and the Village Gondola.

Awards received:

2001 College Founder Award

2000 Texaco Star Award

1999 National Ski Areas Association Lifetime Achievement Award

1999 Ernst & Young LLP Master Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist

1999 Commendation from Senator Tim Leslie for "Exemplary Records of Community Service"

1996 Inducted into California Tourism Hall of Fame

1994 US Ski Association John Clair Award for Outstanding Support of the US Ski Team

1993 Southern California Edison Environmental Excellence Award

1993 National Society of Fundraising Executives Outstanding Philanthropist Award

1992 AT&T Skiing Award

1990 Ski Business Hall of Fame Award

1989 California Travel Industries Association Entrepreneur of the Year

1989 Jimmie Heuga Center Recognition Award for Outstanding Contribution in Re-animating the Physically Challenged



1988 Charley Proctor Award for Continued Improvement in Skiing Experience and Commitment to young skiers
1988 Ski Writers Association of Southern California Newsmaker Award for Dedication to the Spirit and Sport of Skiing
1986 City of Los Angeles Commendation for High Caliber of Recreational Activity Offered to the Citizens of Los Angeles
1986 Far West Ski Association Tommi Tyndall Award for Outstanding Ski Area
1986 Bishop City Council Outstanding Community Service
1985 US Department of Agriculture Certificate of Appreciation
1981 Rotary Club of America
1978 US Ski Writers Association Golden Quill Award
1968 National Alliance of Businesses for Public/Private Partnership
Boy Scouts of America in Appreciation of Untiring Work
Served on the President's Coalition for the Great Outdoors



Billy Kidd

1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist

Long time supporter and frequent convention special guest Billy Kidd will be joining us again this year. Billy is a skiing legend and became an American hero in the 1964 Olympics when he and teammate **Jimmie Heuga** became the first American men to win Olympic medals in skiing at Innsbruck, Austria. From Stowe, Vermont, Billy raced internationally for nine years on the U.S. Ski Team, becoming the first person to win both Amateur and Pro World Championships in a single year, 1970. Billy, inducted into the US Hall of Fame in 1976, has been Steamboat Resort's Director of Skiing www.steamboat.com for more than 30 years.

Born in Burlington, Vermont, he grew up water skiing on Lake Champlain. At the age of five he moved to Stowe, where his father ran the Buccaneer Ski Lodge and taught him to ski on Mt. Mansfield's National Trail. His first pair of skis were wooden hand-me-downs with Bear Trap bindings and six-foot leather thongs wrapped around the foot. Disqualified from his first race at Mad River Glen because he was only 12, he came in 66th in a field of 120. Two years later, coached by Austrian instructors, he made the Eastern National Junior Championship Team. Graduating with honors from Stowe High School in 1961, Kidd postponed admission to MIT in order to train. For nine years he raced internationally on the US Ski Team, while earning a 1969 degree in economics from the University of Colorado.

"Winning is mostly who's best at handling the variables," according to Kidd, whose racing career was plagued with ankle injuries. He bruised his right ankle while training for the Eastern Championships at Whiteface, New York (1963). He broke it at Sestriere (1964). The ankle collapsed at the Colorado Cup at Lake Eldora (1965). He broke his left ankle at Kitzbuhel (1966). He credits a broken right leg at Portillo prior to the FIS games (1966) with giving him a month in traction and seven months in a cast to "watch ski movies and devise the perfect way to go around the poles." Says Kidd, "I had time to think and it's the thinking that makes the difference."

Billy has been an ardent supporter and participant in the <http://snowexpress.kintera.org> Jimmie Heuga Express program, an event which generates funds for the Jimmie Heuga Center www.heuga.org in Vail, Colorado. The Center is known for "reanimating the physically challenged," providing support and assistance for individuals diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.



Billy has been involved in the Special Olympics www.specialolympics.org programs since 1977, an international year-round program of sports training and competition for mentally challenged individuals. More than one million athletes in over 160 countries train and compete in 26 Olympic-type summer and winter sports. "The generous donation of time and expertise that Billy

Kidd is making to Special Olympics athletes is an example of how national sports figures inspire greatness in the athletes we serve," stated **Timothy P. Shriver**, President and CEO of Special Olympics.

Promotion of Steamboat has involved Billy in stunts like sailing a Hobie Cat catamaran down Mt. Werner or skiing down a mound of crushed ice covered with snow imported from Steamboat Springs on the "Today Show." When you visit Steamboat, you'll find Billy up there on the mountain, wearing his trademark hat, and waiting to meet a new group of skiers to introduce to his mountain and to talk about the sport he loves – skiing. Billy truly exemplifies the spirit of the Far West Ski Association's Jimmie Heuga Award. Like his friend Jimmie, Billy has demonstrated courage and skill on the ski slope, in the human body, and with a courageous heart.



Deb Armstrong

1984 Olympic GS Gold Medalist



Debbie Armstrong will be joining us again at the 2004 FWSA Convention in Sparks. The bouncy, effervescent Debbie was a surprise winner in the women's giant slalom at the 1984 Winter Olympics. A fine athlete, she began skiing at the age of three and starred in basketball and soccer in high school. After graduating in 1980, she concentrated on ski racing.

She was named to the U.S. downhill team to take part in international competition, but a broken leg in training ended her season. Debbie was relatively little known going into the Olympics, although she finished second in the U. S. national combined in 1983. Her best World Cup finish was a third place in a super giant slalom early in 1984.

At the Olympics, Debbie had the second fastest time in the first run, .1 second behind teammate **Christin Cooper**. Debbie had only the fourth best time in the second run, but Cooper's run was fifth best, allowing Armstrong to win the gold. Asked by a sportswriter what she'd had to sacrifice to become a champion, she replied, "Nothing. Skiing is my life. That's what I love to do. It's fun."

Since retiring from skiing competition after the 1988 Calgary Olympics, Debbie has made significant contributions to her community — tackling issues such as drug abuse and bringing skiing to the disabled "Returning home, after I won my medal, I asked myself how can I use my 'celebrity' to make my community a better place to live," said Armstrong. "Skiing enabled me to not only lend my name, but to actively participate in some very important endeavors and I look forward to being involved in other projects."

- In 1987, she founded the "Debbie Armstrong Say No to Alcohol and Drugs Campaign" in partnership with the Washington State Substance Abuse Coalition. The program started at her old high school and expanded to include more than 150 schools across the state. Over six years, more than 200,000 young people pledged in writing to say no to drugs and alcohol.
- In 1988 **Governor Booth Gardner** appointed Debbie to the Washington State Governor's Alliance Against Drugs.
- Also in 1988, Debbie founded the "Walk with Debbie Armstrong" campaign which has raised over \$100,000 for the SKIFORALL Foundation www.skiforall.org, a non-profit in Washington State dedicated to providing skiing and other outdoor sports instruction and activities to persons with disabilities.

Debbie's involvement in non-profit organizations has been far reaching. Debbie returned to Sarajevo, where she won Gold, as a member and spokesperson for Global Relief Sarajevo, an organization involved with the reforestation of Sarajevo following the loss of trees during the Bosnian war. The program will replant 300,000 trees on the war-ravaged hillsides around Sarajevo and 3,000 trees on the streets of the ancient city. For details, click on www.american-forests.org.

Debbie is currently a member of the Ernie Blake Ski School at Taos Ski Valley www.skitaos.org. We are pleased to have her back with us because she is a notable Olympian and because her causes are close to each of our hearts — the environment and the Olympics. Not to mention, Debbie has become a favorite of ours and a true friend of FWSA



Ed Ryberg

Winter Sports Program Manager, Rocky Mountain Division U.S. Forest Service

B.S. Political Science, University of Utah, 1972

M.F. Forest Management, Utah State University, 1977

Fellowship in Natural Resource Economics, Michigan State University, 1981

U.S. Forest Service (USFS), 1978 to present

In his current position with the USFS, Ed provides oversight, guidance and coordination for both the National and Regional (Rocky Mountain) Winter Sports Resort programs. In this role he has provided expertise and guidance on winter sports management to state, other federal, and foreign government agencies. He works closely with trade associations representing the ski industry and in this respect, he coordinated USFS involvement with the National Ski Areas Association in developing Sustainable Slopes, a set of environmental principles to help the ski industry improve its environmental performance.

Ed has served in a variety of assignments with the USFS in Alaska, Colorado, Idaho, and Montana. These assignments have provided him experience in all aspects of recreation management including forest planning, permitting, development planning, environmental compliance, facility construction, and land use fees.

Prior to assuming his current position, Ed served as District Ranger on the South Platte District, Pike National Forest. In this assignment, he oversaw the planning and/or development of an extensive trail system including the Continental Divide Trail, the Colorado Trail, and the Buffalo Creek Mountain Bike Area. Ed led an effort involving a variety of local government and private partners in developing and implementing a new management strategy to enhance the recreation opportunities and ecosystem values of the South Platte River and initiated the ongoing Wind and Scenic River Study for this area.

Ed has been on the Board of Directors for the National Avalanche Foundation, the 10th Mountain Division Hut Association and a member of the Colorado Avalanche Information Center Advisory Committee.



Order of Business

Saturday, June 12, 2004

GENERAL SESSION

Call to Order – 8:00 am.....	Mike Sanford
Introduction of Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairpersons, Council Presidents, FWSA Appointed Representatives, League Chairpersons and Special Guests.	
Credentials Committee Report.....	Sheri Parshall
Nominations Committee Report.....	Randy Lew
Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Report.....	Donn Bryant
Communication and Club Awards Report.....	Karen Davis
Bylaws Committee Report.....	Randy Lew
Industry Marketing Representative	Jane Wyckoff
Silent Auction Coordinator.....	Barbara Razo

RECESS FOR TRAVEL EXPO

Travel Expo – 8:45 am – 11:45 am

Sunday, June 13, 2004

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

Call to Order – 8:30 am.....Mike Sanford

FWSA General Meeting and Election of Officers 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

RECESS FOR BRUNCH AND HOTEL CHECKOUT – 10:30 am

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED – 11:31 am

Order and timeframe of Sunday session to be determined by the FWSA President



Order of Business

Sunday, June 13, 2004 cont.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR GENERAL SESSION (Continued)

Secretary's Report.....	Candee Marsh
Acceptance of Minutes from 2002 Annual Meeting	
Credentials Committee Report.....	Sheri Parshall
Parliamentarian's Report.....	John Watson
Voting on proposed Bylaw Amendments.....	Mike Sanford
Nominations of Candidates for Officers & Trustees.....	Mike Sanford
Speeches by Candidates (3 minutes time limit each)	
Election and voting for new President, Trustees, and Officers	
Substantive Resolutions	
Treasurer's Report.....	Nancy Kelly
Board of Trustees Report.....	Randy Lew
Industry Marketing Report (Silent Auction).....	Barbara Razo
FWSA Officers' Reports.....	FWSA VPs
FWRA President Report.....	Bob Ellis
FWSA Committee Reports.....	Committee Chairs
FWSA 2005 Convention Report.....	Steve Coxen/Catherine Ohl
Old Business.....	Mike Sanford
New Business.....	Mike Sanford
Introduction of Newly Elected Officers and Trustees.....	Mike Sanford
Adjournment.....	FWSA President



Travel Expo

Instructions for Delegates Meet with the Ski Industry Up Close & Personal

We are very excited about the Travel Expo at the 72nd Annual FWSA Convention at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks/ Reno, NV on Saturday, June 12, 2004. The Travel Expo is open to all registered delegates, voting & non-voting.

The Travel Expo brings ski service suppliers together with ski club and council representatives in a pre-scheduled 10-minute appointment format. These appointments will be held every 15 minutes on the quarter hour starting at 9:15 AM and ending at 11:45 AM, giving you ten opportunities to meet with resorts, operators and suppliers.

The ski service participants will be assigned tables numerically based on their Silent Auction table number. There will be a large sign posted in the area to help you locate your appointments. We will also have staff available to help. We will make an announcement at 10 minutes after the quarter hour to let you know that your current appointment should be finished. There will be an announcement again in 5 minutes to let you know that you should be starting your next appointment. There will be a limit of a maximum of 4 people per appointment. In some cases, ski service participants may prefer to meet with less than four people at a time. These meetings are designed for you to make initial contact with industry and therefore they should not be used to finalize a club or council trip.

We strongly suggest that you schedule some resorts, operators, and suppliers that you have not visited or used before. Please try to limit the number of members from your club at the same appointment.

How do Delegates Sign Up for Appointments with Industry

There will be two opportunities for you to sign up for appointments. Appointments will be limited so it is best that you schedule your appointments on Friday night during the Silent Auction.

- Each Expo participant will have a booth at Friday night's Silent Auction with a sign-up form available for you to pencil in one of your ten scheduled appointments. Be sure to list your scheduled appointments with their appropriate table number on your Travel Expo Passport (found in your registration package).
- Starting at 8:45 AM on Saturday morning, immediately following the opening General Session, you will again have half an hour to sign up for appointments. At this point, the industry should be at their assigned table awaiting your arrival.

What's in it for You?

The Expo should be a fun experience giving you an excellent opportunity to make some great contacts within the industry in a "one stop shopping" environment. If you are not currently your club/council travel person, remember that you still have a voice in where your club/council goes on future trips.

Win a Trip to Aspen Colorado with FWSA

The Far West Ski Association has generously donated a trip for one to Aspen on January 29 - February 5, 2005. Lodging (double occupancy), air, ground transfers, lift tickets, races, picnics and parties are included. To have the chance to win this Grand Prize and many other great prizes, you must attend ten appointments and get your passport signed off by each presenter. Do not ask a presenter to sign your passport if you did not attend their presentation.

At the close of the sessions (11:45 AM), there will be a designated person collecting completed Passports for your chance to win the Grand Prize or one of the many great prizes that will be raffled off at Saturday's lunch.

Please be courteous and show up for your appointments on time!

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Travel Expo Coordinator.



Leadership

Seminar Schedule Saturday, June 11, 2004

Room	2:00 - 2:50 PM	3:00 - 3:50 PM	Council Mtg. 4-5:30 PM
Bonanza B	Public Affairs	Public Affairs (cont.)	San Diego Ski Council
Bonanza C	Leadership Forum	Volunteerism, Clubs & Community	Sierra Ski Council
Carson Room	Newsletter Design Workshop	Web Design Workshop	Northwest Ski Council
Fremont Room	Communications/Membership	Marketing Your Club/Sponsorships	Central/Inland/Orange
Ponderosa A			Los Angeles Council
Ponderosa B			Bay Area Council
Genoa			Arizona & New Mexico

Public Affairs Session 1 — Moderator: **Scott Bowker**, FWSA VP Public Affairs. The guest speaker is **Ed Ryberg**, Winter Sports Program Administrator, U.S. Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region). Our distinguished guest provides an exciting forum for discussing the wide range of topics under the umbrella of Public Affairs focusing on the impact recreational skiers have on issues with regard to area development/land use and environmental impact of resort development, on-mountain advertising, and logging.

Leadership Forum — Presenters: **Mike Sanford**, President FWSA. This popular open forum is ideal for Club President's to share ideas, concerns and solutions to problems facing many "snow sports" clubs today.

Newsletter Design (Workshop) — Presenter: **Catherine Ohl**. Catherine has won the Wentworth award for a number of years in various classes. This workshop will cover design, production, distribution and editing of your newsletter by reviewing Club and Council publications.

Communications / Membership — Presenters: **Sheri Parshall**, FWSA VP Membership; **Karen Davis**, FWSA VP Communications. Learn how to attract and keep new members and to get them involved within your Ski Club organization. Attendees will be encouraged to share experiences and ideas with others.

Public Affairs Session 2 — Moderator: **Scott Bowker**, FWSA VP Public Affairs. Continues the impressive panel from session 1. Expect new Public Affairs topics that were not covered in session 1, including topics such as safety, fitness, history, consumer advocacy, and transportation.

Volunteerism, Clubs & Community — Moderator: **Sigrid Noack**, Chair FWSA Charities Committee. A review of how FWSA and its clubs and councils support and involve themselves in their respective communities and how we can increase that support and involvement.

Website Design (Workshop) — Presenter: **Catherine Ohl**. Catherine owns her own graphic design business, A Cat Meowz Designz. The workshop will cover planning, designing, producing and maintaining your web site by reviewing Club and Council sites.

Marketing Your Club / Sponsorships — Presenters: **Debbi Kor**, FWSA VP Marketing; **Leigh Gieringer**, Editor Far West Skier's Guide. Learn how clubs can connect with the skiers and boarders in their community. Learn how to attract and retain sponsors.



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1987-88	Howard Wickersham
1985-87	Janie "Frankie" Hansen
1981-85	Jane Wyckoff
1976-81	Ed Gehle
1973-76	Dick Croft
1971-73	John Watson
1969-71	Richard Goetzman
1968-69	Carl F. Grover
1966-68	Stanley V. Walton, Jr.
1963-66	Leonard Speicher
1962-63	Sutter E. Kunkel
1959-62	Byron Nishkian
1957-59	Ed Johnson
1955-57	Wesley Hadden
1954-55	Robert J. Schenck
1952-54	Paul H. Smith
1951-52	Frank Ferguson
1950-51	Arthur H. Van De Kamp
1949-50	B.M. Zimmerman
1948-49	Cortlandt T. Hill
1945-48	Albert E. Sigal
1941-45	Frank Howard
1938-41	James Connel
1935-38	Arnold Weber
1932-35	Cecil Edmunds
1930-32	Wendell Robie



FWSA Elections

Elections to be held Sunday, June 13, 2004

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Trustee (1)

Trustee (2)

VP Communications

VP International Travel

VP Marketing

VP Membership

President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected for one year terms.

Trustees and Vice Presidents are elected for two year terms.

In 2005, the two year term elective positions will be VP Councils, VP Public Affairs, VP Recreation Safety, VP Domestic Travel, and two Trustee positions.



Director Report

Comparative Balance Sheet by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

	<u>April 30, 2004</u>	<u>April 30, 2003</u>
Assets		
Checking/Savings		
General Account	10,133	3,244
General Acct CD	90,296	104,946
Convention Acct B of A	9,725	19,454
Dom Travel Acct. B of A	51,887	191,353
Int Travel Acct WF	87,924	169,548
Total Checking/Saving	249,965	488,545
Accounts Receivable	144	441
Prepaid Expenses		
Convention	2,396	7,189
Sports Fest		
Prepaid Travel Expenses		
Kenya Africa SV 2003/2004		10,406
Kenya Africa TH 2003/2004		10,210
Lake Louise 2003/2004		2,500
Scandinavia 2004/2005	9,200	
Japan 2004/2005	1,500	
Aspen 2004/2005	7,500	
St Moritz 2004/2005	1,000	
Total Prepaid Expenses	21,596	30,305
Total Current Assets	271,705	519,291
Fixed Assets		
Equipment		
Office Equipment	10,726	7,890
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,327)	(5,327)
Total Equipment	5,399	2,563
Total Fixed Assets	5,399	2,563
TOTAL ASSETS	277,104	521,854
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	1529	640
Other Current Liabilities		
Prepaid Income		
Convention		15,370
Prepaid Trips		
Kenya Africa SV 2003/2004		139,836
Kenya Africa TH 2003/2004		155,548
Lake Louise 2003/2004		12,500
Scandinavia 2004/2005	64,888	
Japan 2004/2005	200	
China 2004/2005	2,000	
Aspen 2004/2005	16,443	
St Moritz 2004/2005	800	
Total Current Liabilities	84,331	323,254
Long Term Liabilities		
Public Lands Research Fund	1,120	1,120
Total Liabilities	86,980	325,014
Equity		
Retained Earnings	196,840	207,985
Net Income	(6,716)	(11,145)
Total Equity	190,124	196,840
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	277,104	521,854



Director Report

Preliminary Comparative Income/Expense Statement by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

	April 30 2004	April 30, 2003
REVENUE		
Membership Dues	840	560
Public Affairs		
Development		
Travel		
Thailand		102,723
Big Mountain		232,756
Austria		298,160
Africa - August 2003	168,171	
Africa - September 2003	221,782	
Lake Louise	460,396	
Morzine	393,374	
Heavenly	3,345	
Total Travel	1,247,068	633,639
Council Man/Woman of Year	275	925
FWSA T-Shirts	151	
Convention	96,304	105,381
Interest & Other Income	948	1,741
Total Revenue	1,345,586	742,246
DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Travel Services		
Thailand		98,937
Big Mountain		231,137
Austria		289,704
Africa - Aug	166,556	
Africa - Sep	218,818	
Lake Louise	457,779	
Morzine	384,493	
Heavenly	3,738	
Various Pretrips	3,363	2,228
Total Travel Expenses	1,234,747	622,006
Sportfest/Golf		167
Convention	68,751	78,696
Man/Woman of Year	267	717
FWSA T-Shirts	196	
Total Cost of Revenue	1,303,961	701,586
Net Revenue	41,625	40,660
EXPENSES		
President	1,746	1,044
Secretary	2,076	1,354
Treasurer	4,582	606
Past President	72	115
Trustees	38	54
Awards Program	4,026	4,864
Recreation/Safety	0	0
Charities	0	11
Communications	7,238	9,314
Convention	0	60
Councils	1,714	600
Marketing	553	1,156
Membership	1,386	1,098
Public Affairs	2,247	263
History Committee	572	1,251
Domestic Travel	1,017	2,920
International Travel	855	0
Trailblazer	0	223
Database	191	283
FWRA Racing	0	7
Board of Directors Meetings	17,516	22,838
Unclassified-Insurance	2,500	2,500
Depreciation & Equip Disposal		1,244
Unclassified-Misc	12	
Total Expenses	48,341	51,805
NET INCOME(LOSS)	(6,716)	(11,145)



Director Report

Preliminary Detailed Expenditures by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

Cost Center	Postage	Phone	Printing	Supplies	Promotion Donations	Travel	Service Awards	Special Committees	Other	Taxes & Insurance	Web Outreach	Total
President		88			102	349		660	547			1,746
Secretary	82		495	41	1,323				135			2,076
Treasurer	122		60	277		40			100	3,983		4,582
Past President		30	22						20			72
Recreation/Safety												-
Charities Committee												-
Communications-General											1,624	1,624
Communications-Councilman	829		2,410						375			3,614
Communications-Skiers Guide	2,000											2,000
Councils	3	50		120	900	16					625	1,714
Marketing	96					457						553
Membership	119		1,100	17	150							1,386
Public Affairs	48	19			595	464			1,121			2,247
History								572				572
Dom.Travel Services	31	836		66					84			1,017
Int'l Travel Services		541		280					34			855
Trustee	6		32									38
Awards							4,026					4,026
Database Services	15		8	143					25			191
Convention												-
FWRA Racing												-
Board of Director Meetings					32	17,484						17,516
Miscellaneous-Insurance										2,500		2,500
Miscellaneous-Other												-
									12			12
TOTAL	3,351	1,564	4,127	944	3,102	18,810	4,026	1,232	2,453	6,483	2,249	48,341



Director Report

Board of Trustees by Randy Lew, Chairman

The Far West Ski Association Board of Trustees has the responsibility for long range planning as well as insuring that the Associations corporate records are properly maintained and timely government filings are made. In addition, the Trustees revised the FWSA Awards Program, took responsibility for the FWSA database, set the criteria for the 75th Anniversary convention, and participated in the changes to the organizational structure of the Association.

Family/Youth Involvement Committee co-chaired by **Linda Westlund** and **Sherri Parshall** addressed concerns from the membership regarding direct membership. The on-going committee will be responsible for short and long-range planning for family and youth involvement, with the objective of developing programs and services to welcome families and youth into our ski organizations. While 2 council events had only limited participation, we look forward to exciting programs in the future as FWSA continues to endorse family and youth activities.

The revamped awards program has been well received due to the efforts of Chairman **Joe Loader** and the Awards Committee, which is comprised of the Board of Trustees. The committee developed hard criteria for each award, revised the execution timeline, revised the nominating documentation, and revised the presentation format.

Ken Calkins has taken the responsibility for the FWSA database and has been working diligently at insuring the data is accurate and timely to all functional programs that need this information.

The 2004 Ski Week at Lake Louise with 409 participants was very successful, despite the extremely cold temperatures, through the efforts of **Lynnell Calkins** and the FWSA ski week staff. The international ski trip led by **Kathy & Tucker Hoffmann** to Morzine, France with 147 people attending was outstanding based on comments from the participants. Two safaris to Africa and Kenya (87 total participants) were led by **Susie Vetter** and **Kathy & Tucker Hoffmann**, respectively. All attendees had a great time visiting the wild game preserves, and sampling the food. In addition, Travel organized a small trip to Lake Tahoe for the FWRA Championships in April.

The 2004 – 2005 travel program is projected to be very exciting and successful with an Alaska cruise this fall, Ski week at Aspen, international ski trips to St. Moritz, Switzerland and Nagano, Japan, and a cultural tour to China.

Cheryl Reiss has done an outstanding job of publishing “The Councilman”, which is the major communications vehicle with our member councils and clubs. The new & improved “Skiers Guide”, which is our publication targeting the general skiing population, has been very well received in ski shows, ski shops, and clubs due to the superb effort of **Leigh Gieringer**.

Debbi Kor has made a significant contribution as V.P. of Marketing by attending various trade and vendor shows to meet hard and soft good companies, obtain product for FWSA programs, and to develop opportunities for future sponsorships. Debbi also chaired the Source of Income/Sponsorship to identify and develop additional income sources for the association. Potential items for the future include logo wear, logo luggage, and a pictorial calendar.



Director Report

Board of Trustees continued

The Public Affairs program under **Scott Bowker** is mounting an effort to support the Mount Bartholomew campaign to name an unnamed 11,099 foot mountain near the Minarets in the Sierra National Forest after Orland Bartholomew, who scored the first winter ascent of Mount Whitney in 1929. In addition, Scott is working in conjunction with Diane Stearley (FWSA Airline Committee Chair) to address some of the airline baggage rules issues especially an easily accessible, consistent definition of snowsports equipment and has created a helpful summary of airline baggage rules on the FWSA website.

The closer relationship with Far West Racing Association and the efforts of V.P. of Racing, **Bob Ellis, Mike Sanford** and **Steve Coxen** led to the FWRA and it's member race leagues being covered by the FWSA insurance policy. In addition, V.P. of Marketing, Debbi Kor, obtained raffle prizes for the FWRA Championship Awards Banquet.

Nancy Kelly has done an excellent job in providing the Association with detailed, timely, and accurate financial reporting and budget control. In addition, Nancy and Tax Advisors **Christine Megowan** and **John Reinhardt** have provided insight and advice in handling a tax audit.

Steve Coxen has continued to improve the web site by revising the member benefits and sponsorship sections, linking to the new 2005 Convention site, and adding Convention registration forms and agendas. In addition, Steve assumed the role of FWSA Convention Chairman and has worked very diligently with both the Sierra Council 2004 and Los Angeles Council 2005 convention committees.

Mike Sanford has done an outstanding job in his first year as President in partnering with the industry to provide an outstanding venue for our December Board of Directors meeting in Ogden, Utah. In addition, Mike's tremendous organization and leadership skills have produced very efficient BOD meetings, which included time for working committee meetings and an exchange of ideas while reducing the time needed for verbal reports. Mike is constantly striving to improve all aspects of the Association.

The major action items for 2004 are: 1) planning for the 75th Annual Meeting and Convention in 2005; 2) growing our travel program through the split of responsibilities and specialization between domestic and international travel; 3) executing the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program; and 4) develop specific program sponsorships through partnering with the ski industry.

I would like to thank **Ken Calkins, Joe Loader and Linda Westlund** for their time and efforts in improving the organization. In addition, I would like to thank the Board of Directors, FWSA committee and staff volunteers, and all council and club volunteers for their continued outstanding efforts in making the Far West Ski Association "THE VOICE OF THE WESTERN SKIER".



Director Report

Board of Trustees continued

2003 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1 – V.P. North American Travel

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with the passage of the proposed bylaw that changes the office of V.P. Travel to V.P. Domestic Travel and V.P. International Travel, then at the 2004 Convention the office of V.P. Domestic Travel be changed to V.P. North American Travel.

A bylaws change has been proposed to change the title from V.P. Domestic Travel to V.P. North American Travel..

RESOLUTION #2 – Increase Direct Member Dues

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Trustees be charged with the responsibility of drafting a bylaw recommendation that addresses the issues of direct membership benefits and associated costs, direct family membership, and a staggered dues system.

The President appointed a committee to develop family activities through club & council events. The activities this year were only partially successful. The Bylaws committee and the Board of Directors did not feel that a new membership category for “Direct Family Members” is warranted at this time. The FWSA will continue to endorse and organize family activities.

RESOLUTION #3 – John Gambill Award

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the award for Ski Week’s outstanding volunteer be known as the “John Gambill Award”.

Referred to the Travel staff for recommendation.

RESOLUTION #6 – 2005 Convention Site

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the FWSA Board of Directors reconsider the site for the 2005 Convention and open the bidding process to all councils with bids due before the July 18 Board of Directors meeting.

The Board of Directors accepted this recommendation.

RESOLUTION #7 – Los Angeles Council Bid

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Far West Ski Association Board of Directors provide the opportunity for the Los Angeles Council to submit a bid at the July Board of Directors meeting to host the 75th Anniversary Convention.

The Board of Directors accepted the recommendation and allowed the Los Angeles Council to submit a bid which was accepted.



Director Report

2004 Proposed Bylaws Changes by Randy Lew, Chairman

The Board of Trustees and the By-Laws Committee recommend these changes and the Board of Directors has endorsed these changes to the by-laws; therefore, we propose the following amendment for consideration of the registered delegates at the 72nd Annual Meeting & Convention June 10-13, 2004 at John Asquaga's Nugget Resort & Casino in Sparks, Nevada.

Proposal: Amend description V.P. of Domestic Travel to V.P. of North American Travel to better describe the function of this position.

Section 11.2 Titles of Elected Officers

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 11.2.6 V.P. of Domestic Travel

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 11.2.6 V.P. of North American Travel

Proposal: Clean-up the staggered election wording for V.P. of North American Travel.

Section 11.3 Terms of office of Elected Offices

CURRENT WORDING

Section 11.3.3 The remaining elected offices shall be for two (2) year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered with the offices of the Vice Presidents of Marketing, Membership and Communications and International Travel being elected in the alternate years from the Vice Presidents of Domestic Travel, Public Affairs, Recreation & Safety and Councils.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING:

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Director Report

2004 Proposed Bylaws Changes continued

Rationale FOR the Proposed By-Law Change

Domestic Travel to North American Travel

For two reasons I support this by-law change:

1. The responsibilities of VP of Domestic Travel include our FWSA ski week, which has traditionally been held at a ski resort in the United States or Canada. The title VP of North American Travel better defines the location and gives recognition to the Canadian resorts that host the FWSA ski week.
2. Changing the name expands the area for this Vice President to plan trips. It provides more travel opportunities for this position.

Lynnell Calkins, FWSA VP Domestic Travel



Director Report

75th Anniversary by Mike Sanford, President & Steve Coxen, Past President

START YOUR PLANNING FOR THE 75TH NOW!

John Watson, History Chairman

Now is the time to start laying out **your** plan for participation in the 75th celebration in 2005. Ski club and council histories shall be a part of this “time capsule” and we all know how much work this entails just to get started. Here’s some suggestions.

- Make an outline of the important events in your organization’s history, including achievements and officers. Officer lists are useful because they bring to mind associations with events and people and can serve as a framework upon which to hang your history. This also provides you with a list of potential contacts.
- Identify resources. This includes especially photos and programs, but also minutes, schedules, reports.
- Set up responsibilities and schedule for completion. All these histories belong in a soft cover book. Completion of this compilation will take several months prior to May, 2005. This means your contribution needs to be in the hands of the Association’s editor in autumn, 2004. **That is about one year from now!**
- Make your work satisfy several objectives if possible. For instance, if you do displays at shows or intend to display at the 75th, maximize the common pieces of both.
- Record your work electronically. This will mean scanning imagery and printed pages. This will make your work transportable to multiple end users.
- Identify what paid professional help you may need.

Councils and leagues are a vital part of the Association. **Committees will have to be formed** to dig out this information. Histories of these organizations are just as important as those of clubs. Our club racing program is second to none, has enjoyed a long history and we should take credit for it. We ought to have a list of all leagues with founding date, initial members and current members if still in operation. Our councils program has allowed us to spread our wings from Canada to Mexico and eastward to outposts in New Mexico and Idaho.

Ski areas and vendors will be invited to display their role in the **Western Ski Heritage**. This will be lead by Steamboat Ski Resort and supported by other areas with a special role in ski history. This invitation will be a part of the 2005 Ski Industry Liaison process for the annual meeting. Areas got a heads up at the 2003 meeting and will receive printed information next year.

Start thinking about your display type and space needed. This information will be used by the Convention Chairman and Ski Industry Liaison for their planning. We will need this from you starting from the 2004 annual meeting.



A LITTLE SKI HISTORY QUIZ # 93-1

(The first of a series of brain teasers)

John Watson

1. What was the founding date of the California Ski Association? (The date in the Skiers Guide is wrong). We became the Far West Ski Association in 1948. We use this date for FWSA even though the Pacific Northwest has a date that is about one month different.
2. Who is considered to be the founder of FWSA?
3. Who is considered to be member number one of FWSA?
4. When was the intramurals program started in FWSA (now "recreational racing"), and what were the founding leagues?
5. What do these names have in common: Sue Kane, Don Simpson, Karen Kimball, Kermit Wagner, Pat Venturino, John Rosenfeld?
6. Name the first ski club in FWSA. Hint: it was in the Lost Sierra in the 19th century.
7. In what years were there major overhauls of the FWSA bylaws?
8. What was the highest **dues-paying** membership of FWSA? (within 5000)
9. What was the Uniform Ski Test (Proficiency Ski Test) and how many levels did it have? When did it start?
10. Name the living past-presidents of FWSA.
11. What are Skiyente and Bergfreunde?
12. When were the first USSA Ski Week and FWSA Ski Week and where were they?
13. Who was Christie Harrison?
14. Who is Bruce Bell and what did he do?
15. Was the Donner Party a ski event?
16. Who is Snoshu Thompson?
17. Where is Snowshoe Thompson buried?
18. What do these areas have in common: Moses-Maggie, Independence Lake, Mineral King, Early Winters, San Geronio?
19. Who is Joe Harris and what is he known for? Helen Navoy Harris is known for what achievement?
20. Who is Joe Ross? From what ski club and known for what?
21. Who belongs to these handles: the Germ, Chuckie-Poo, Cougskier, Frankie, Sandman, Kermit the Hermit, Cat, Gooch?
22. When and where was the Councilman started and who was the first editor?
23. What FWSA president served the longest term? Second longest?
24. In what museum do the records of service awards reside? Where is it?
25. Where is the newest ski museum in FWSA?
26. Who is Bill Berry? What was his last mailing address and phone number?
27. What is the 10th Mountain Division? What is it known for? Where is it now?
28. Who were Dave Tollakson and Chap Wentworth?
29. Who designed the FWSA logo? What was his ski club?
30. What is a Ruell Christie? What is gelandesprung?





Far West Ski Association

75th Anniversary Celebration

& Annual Convention

June 9-12, 2005

The Westin Long Beach

333 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach

562.436.3000



www.fwsa2005celebration.org





The 75th Celebration—

The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs is already hard at work planning the *2005 FWSA Convention and 75th Anniversary Celebration* to be held at the Westin Long Beach on June 9-12, 2005.

This convention will be a bit different in that it will feature a significant ski historical event that runs concurrently with the normal convention business. Changes to the convention include:

- Addition of a Ski History Exhibit that would be on display in the main ball room & foyer from Friday night through Saturday evening.
- Saturday afternoon will be dedicated to ski history with multi-media presentations, discussion groups, and a reunion reception.
- All normal FWSA business activities will be finished by Saturday lunch.

We will have the usual Thursday night Pub Crawl, Friday Golf & other activities, Friday Silent Auction and Saturday Travel Expo.

This convention will draw not only the usual Far West club members but also a young, athletic and affluent population from the newly renovated downtown Long Beach area.

It's not too early to reserve your hotel accommodations. This event is sure to sell out. Visit www.fwsa2005celebration.

The Exhibits—

The scope of the ski history presentations and exhibits will depend largely on the participation of our clubs, councils, resorts, museums, and guest speakers. We already have a number of soft commitments from National Ski Museums, Ski Resorts, and clubs wishing to display their history of skiing.

History exhibition space will be free and available on a first-come first-served basis. We urge you to sign up for your booth space as soon as possible.

Note: There will be a charge for electricity if required. For the industry, the history booths are in addition to the Friday night Silent Auction booth which serves a different purpose.

Booth size will be limited to 10' x 10' for industry and 8' x 10' for clubs, council and FWSA. We feel that the best way to display history at this event will be through the use of photos. We would suggest using 8"x10" photos mounted on a board with a few words of description in large print. We recommend that you display copies of all original photos.

Photo albums, scrape books and trophies will not be allowed. Multi-media displays are welcome. Feel free to wear vintage ski outfits. **Sign up for your history booth today!** Contact **John James** at jsjxski@sbcglobal.net or 818-249-5982.





LA Council of Ski Clubs presents FWSA 73rd Convention & 75th Anniversary

The Westin Long Beach

333 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach

562.436.3000

June 9-12, 2005

Convention Highlights

- Special 75th Anniversary Celebrations
- Far West Ski History Reunion, Reception & Exhibit
- Celebrity Guest Speakers
- Silent Auction & Travel Expo
- Saturday Awards Luncheon & Dinner Dance
- FWSA Business Meeting

Hotel Reservations (Single, double, triple, quad occ)

- \$129 before May 15, 2005
- Call 800-228-3000, say you're with Far West Ski Assoc.
- Visit www.FWSA2005Celebration.org
- Room rate available 3 days before/after event

Westin Long Beach Hotel Amenities

- A Starwood Hotel
- Turbo Net High Speed Internet Access Available
- In-room Mini Bar, Coffee & Tea Maker, Hair Dryers, Robes
- Fitness Facility, Outdoor Heated Pool
- Lounge, Restaurants, 24-hour room service
- Great Location and rooms with ocean view



Optional Fun Activities

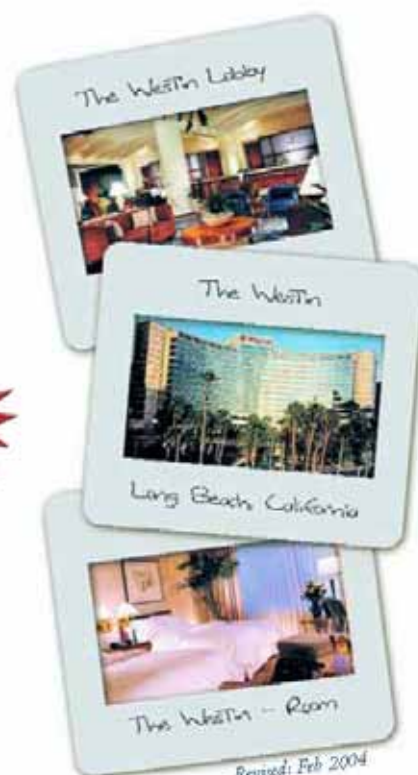
- Thursday Pub Crawl
- Friday Golf & other Optional Activities

Nearby Attractions for the Whole Family

Aquarium of the Pacific, The Queen Mary, The Pike at Rainbow Harbor, Shoreline Village, Catalina Island Disneyland & California Adventure, Knott's Berry Farm Universal Studios, Beverly Hills

Information

- Catherine Ohl, ohl@acatmeowz.com or 858-467-9469



Revised: Feb 2004





FWSA 73rd Convention & 75th Anniversary

Proposed Schedule

rev: February 16, 2004

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Delegate / Industry Registration –
	6:30 PM – 10:30 PM	Pub Crawl –
Friday	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Golf Tournament –
	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Other Optional Activities –
	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Exhibitor Booth Set Up –
	3:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Delegate / Industry / Exhibitor Registration –
	5:00 PM – 5:15 PM	Exhibitor Meeting –
	7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	Silent Auction and Dance –
	7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	History Exhibit –
Saturday	7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast –
	7:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Delegate Registration –
	8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Opening Session for FWSA Delegates & Guests (optional for industry) –
	8:45 AM – 11:45 AM	Travel Expo –
	8:45 AM – Noon	Bid Presentations for 2007 FWSA Ski Week (invitation only) –
	8:45 AM – Noon	Man & Woman of Year Judging –
	8:45 AM – Noon	Outstanding Club Judging –
	8:45 AM – Noon	Far West Race Association (FWRA) Meeting –
	12:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Luncheon & Award Presentations –
	2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	History Exhibit, Presentations, Reception & Reunion –
	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Council Suite for Legends staying for Dinner –
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Cocktail Party –
	7:00 PM – Midnight	Awards Banquet & Dance –
Sunday	7:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Eye-Opener Reception hosted by Los Angeles & Orange Councils –
	8:30 AM – 2:00 PM	FWSA General Meeting & Elections (optional for industry) –
	10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Delegate Brunch –
	11:31 AM – 2 PM	FWSA General Meeting reconvenes –
	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	FWSA Board of Directors & Trustees Meeting –

This is the Basic Convention Schedule with a number of major ski history events added. Seminars & Caucuses have been replaced by History Reception.





2005 FWSA Convention Committee

5/11/04

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Resolution

Far West Ski Association Resolution Submission Form

Maker of resolution – Name _____ Delegate No. _____

Seconded by – Name _____ Delegate No. _____

Type of resolution Laudatory Substantive*

***If this is a Substantive Resolution complete the following:**

1. Committee(s) to be referred to (if any), if this is a substantive resolution, and action(s) required: _____

2. Would there be a financial impact to FWSA if this resolution is passed? If yes, explain. _____

Provide date resolution is to take effect: _____

Resolution

WHEREAS, _____

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, _____

Do Not Write Below This Line

Resolution # _____

Passed

Defeated

Tabled

Referred to Committee





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Director Report

Communications by Karen Davis, VP

This year has been very exciting! FWSA has many programs with a great deal of interaction and participation, and I have been proud to be a part of FWSA. Many thanks to **Steve Coxen** for his continued dedication to the website. You can find all the news on the website – clubs, travel, convention, awards, etc!

For 16 years **Leigh Gieringer** has produced first-rate issues of the FWSA Skiers Guide, and the 2003-2004 issue is the best ever! It doesn't get better. Use the Guide as an information or membership tool. Clubs and councils must have updates to Leigh by August 1, 2004, for the next issue. Thanks, Leigh, for your efforts and dedication.

Many thanks to **Cheryl Riess** for her efforts on this year's FWSA quarterly Councilman. Each issue surpassed the one before and all of FWSA has benefited from her quality publications. Thanks, Cheryl.

This year winners for club/council newsletter and website competition, and Outstanding Club, will be announced. In addition, certificates, representing percentages of completion points by each club and council for the “**Voice of the Western Skier Performance Recognition**” will also be available. Last year, in 2003, for **newsletters**, clubs winning Gold certificates were Apres, Bergfreunde, Pacific Rim, and Los Angeles Council. Silver certificates were won by Asian, Capital, Inskiers, Plaza/Edgeset, Snowchasers, Torrey Pines, Tri Valley, Unrecables, Wailers, and Councils Arizona, Sierra, and Northwest. Bronze certificates were won by Castro Valley, Concord, Don Diego, Monterey, North Island, and Phoenix.

For **websites**, clubs winning Gold certificates were Bergfreunde, Conejo, and Northwest Council. Silver certificates were won by Apres, Asian, Cascade, North Island, Tri Valley, Unrecables, and Wailers. Bronze certificates were won by Capital, Don Diego, Edelweiss, Long Beach, Monterey, Pacific Rim, Phoenix, Reno, Snowchasers, Torrey Pines, and Councils Bay Area, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Sierra.

FWSA Tollakson Outstanding Clubs, Wentworth Publication Awards, and Club/Council Website Awards will be announced at the 2004 Convention in Sparks NV. In addition, all entries for the 2005 competition must be submitted before September 1, 2004. Entry forms will be available on the website and through Councils.

1. **CLUBS** – For the purposes of judging, affiliated clubs shall be divided into four groups. Class designation will be determined by the actual membership of the club as reported at the 2002 FWSA Convention, unless the club wishes to remain in a higher class.
 - i. Class AAAA – Membership of 351 or more
 - ii. Class AAA - Membership of 176-350
 - iii. Class AA - Membership of 101-175
 - iv. Class A - Membership of 100 or less



Director Report

Communications continued

CLUBS by Class - Clubs Entered for 2004 Wentworth Publication Competition

A Clubs 1-100 mbrs	AA Clubs 101-175 mbrs	AAA Clubs 176-350 mbrs	AAAA Clubs 351 + mbrs
Capital	Asian	Action	Apres
Inskiers	Auslich	Motorola	Bergfreunde
Skiyente	Bota Bagger	Pacific Rim	No Island
Snow Drifters	Don Diego	Phoenix	Scottsdale
Tri Valley	Plaza/Edgeset	Reno Ski & Rec	
Unrecables	Snowchasers	Santa Barbara	
	Wailers	Single	
		Torrey Pines	

COUNCILS

Arizona – newsletter, website

Bay Area - newsletter, website

Los Angeles - newsletter, website

Northwest - newsletter, website

San Diego - website

Sierra - newsletter, website

OUTSTANDING CLUB Entries

Class A	Snow Drifters
Class AA	Auslich
	Bota Baggers
	Plaza/Edgeset
	Wailers
Class AAA	Action
	Torrey Pines
Class AAAA	Apres
	Bergfreunde
	North Island Snowdrifters
	Scottsdale

CLUBS Entered

Action Ski & Snowboard Club (AAA) - newsletter, website, outstanding club

Apres Ski Club (AAAA) - newsletter, website, outstanding club

Asian Ski & Snowboard Club of LA (AA) - newsletter, website

Auslich Ski Club (AA) - newsletter, website, outstanding club

Bergfreunde Ski Club (AAAA) - newsletter, website, outstanding club

Bota Bagger Ski Club (AA) - newsletter, website, outstanding club

Capital Ski & Sports Club (A) - newsletter, website

Don Diego Ski Club (AA) - newsletter, website

Inskiers Ski Club (A) - newsletter

Motorola Ski Club (AAA) - website



Director Report

Communications continued

CLUBS Entered continued

North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club (AAAA) - newsletter, website, outstanding

Pacific Rim Alliance (AAA) - newsletter, website

Phoenix Ski Club (AAA) - newsletter, website

Plaza/Edgeset Ski Club (AA) - newsletter, outstanding club

Reno Ski & Recreation Club (AAA) - newsletter, website

Santa Barbara Ski/Sports Club (AAA) - newsletter, website

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (AAAA) - newsletter, website, outstanding club

Single Ski Club (AAA) - newsletter

Skiyente Ski Club (A) - newsletter

Snow Drifters (A) - newsletter, website, outstanding club

Snowchasers Ski & Snowboard Club (AA) - newsletter, website

Torrey Pines Ski Club (AAA) - newsletter, website, outstanding club

Tri Valley Ski Club (A) - newsletter, website

Unrecables (A) - newsletter, website

Wailers (AA) - newsletter, website, outstanding club

Big Thanks to the Judges for 2003-2004!!

Phil Alfonso

Connie Burdette

Ruth Chickering

Harry Davis

Diane Hicks

Linda Indreboe

Kristen Kirschenmann

Karol Koerner

Laura Meldrum

Chris Miller

Judith Miller

Jan Scharnikow

John Schilling

Jerry Seifert

Connie Smith

Bonnie West

Our program depends on volunteers. The objective is to allow each judge most of the year to look at websites or newsletters for judging. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, or have suggestions about our programs, please let us know. We would like to be sure that each of you are indeed a Voice of the Western Skier! Thank you for being part of this Convention and a member of your club and Far West Ski Association!

NOTE: Clubs and Councils must submit an entry for the 2005 competitions – deadline September 1, 2004. (The judging timeframe is May 2004 through April 2005.)



Director Report

Councils by Michael German, VP

Originally founded as California Ski Association in 1930 as an affiliate division of the National Ski Association of America (predecessor of USSA, United States Ski Association), FWSA has evolved into a strong and independent organization comprised of ten Ski Club Councils representing snow skiers and snowboarders in six western states. Member councils are: **Arizona Ski Council** (serving the State of Arizona and primarily the Phoenix metro area), **Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs** (San Francisco area), **Central Council of California** (the area between Los Angeles and San Francisco), **Inland Racing League Council** (Inland area of Southern California), **Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs** (Los Angeles and Ventura Counties), **Northwest Ski Club Council** (states of Oregon and Washington), **Orange Council of Ski Clubs** (Orange County), **San Diego Ski Club Council**, **Sierra Council Race League** (Nevada, plus Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, and Chico California) and the **New Mexico Ski Club Council**. 2004 brings expectations for expansion into other western states.

By now you should have received your FWSA membership card, Skier's Guide, discounts and benefits at various local and national businesses, attended ski week at Lake Louise, attended international ski weeks at Andorra & Barcelona, Morzine, France and the post-trip extension on the Rhone River cruise, Nice and the FWRA Race Championships at Heavenly Resort. I urge you to continue to check the FWSA web site for travel updates and new travel opportunities. Deposits are currently being accepted for Scandinavian Explorer, August 26 - September 8, 2004, Alaskan Cruise, September 19-26, 2004, Ski Japan, February 19-27, 2005, St. Mortiz European Ski Week, March 12-19, 2005 and China Adventure Trip, September, 2005.

FWSA has numerous opportunities for ski club volunteers to continue their involvement in programs that have impact throughout the FWSA community. If you are interested in serving the FWSA Board, local council or your ski club, contact any board member and your services will be utilized and appreciated. If you require assistance, contact me at mgermancv@hotmail.com

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Recognition Program

FWSA recognizes top volunteers from each council during the Council's Man and Women of the Year Recognition Program. Councils honor dedicated men and woman who have made significant contributions to organized skiing within their council this year. These honorees have volunteered their time to support club, council, community service, race league and FWSA efforts to enhance the skiing-plus experience for our members.

Please join me in congratulating the to-be-named overall winners of the FWSA Council's Man and Women of the Year Award as well as each of the honorees being recognized by their councils. Winners will be announced at the Saturday night banquet and awarded a prize package sponsored by Big White Ski Resort and Silver Star Mountain Resort.



Director Report

Councils continued

	Council Man of the Year	Council Woman of the Year
Arizona Ski Council:	Greg Shaffer	Marge Fons
Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs:	John Schultheis	Sandra Beecher
Central Ski Council:	Rob Orlando	Fran Long
Inland Ski Council	No entry	No entry
Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs:	Irv Jacobs	Lisa Felkner
New Mexico Ski Club Council:	No entry	No entry
Northwest Ski Club Council:	Emilio Trampuz	Barbara Parshall
Orange Council of Ski Clubs:	Ken Muzzy	Cindy McKenzie
San Diego Ski Club Council:	Robb Kirschenmann	Helen Harris
Sierra League & Council:	Joel Marlowe	Jan Holman

A big "Thank You" goes to **Big White Ski Resort** and **Silver Star Mountain Resort**, for their sponsorship, and to our chairman **Donn Byrant**, for conducting this important program to honor the council volunteers who have made significant contributions.



Director Report

Database by Ken Calkins, Trustee

Your database is now up to date with all the information that has been submitted. Each time your club changes officers a new officer sheet should be sent to the database manager. After updating the information a copy is returned to you for verification. Individuals are requested to send their changes also. A typed form will produce fewer spelling errors. A new form can be obtained at www.fwsa.org. Click on membership and then Club Officer Update. Download the form and fill it out.

Please send to:

Ken Calkins

2211 Gates Avenue #B

Redondo Beach, CA 90278

or

Email: fwsaken@aol.com.

There is an option to not have your address published; however, you will not receive any of the FWSA publications. Any request for a member listing of the Far West Data Base must be sent to the President. If approved, a list is then produced. Normally, we only give lists to our Convention Sponsors & Partners and FWSA Vice Presidents for distribution of their information.



Director Report

Domestic Travel by Lynnell Calkins, VP

Lake Louise and Jasper

Over 400 skiers attended our 2004 FWSA ski week in Lake Louise, Canada. In spite of the cold temperatures, we had a “hot” time with parties, dancing and skiing! While some waited for warmer temperatures, many skiers braved the cold to find the backside of the mountain had an inversion layer and great skiing. As the word quickly spread, we all enjoyed the fresh snow!

Christine Grimble and her assistant, *Jose Reineking*, did an excellent job of planning for our 2004 ski week. In addition to our usual mountain picnic and parties, we all attended the Mountain Rocker dinner with dancing, and several councils went to the Torchlight Dinner. Shopping in Banff and skiing at Lake Louise, Norquay or Sunshine provided many enjoyable experiences.

With lodging at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise we received the best of care from the hotel staff. Upon arrival, we were impressed with how quickly we were able to check-in and the swiftness with which our luggage arrived in our room. Special thanks to *John Schlichting*, *Marc Ducharme* and the entire staff at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

Our awards banquet in the beautiful Victoria Ballroom was the finale for ski week. At the awards banquet *Dave Cunningham* was honored with the Volunteer of the Week Award. This year the award was given in memory of John Gamble.

The Skier of the Week awards were awarded to:

1 st	Marilyn Sigler	Alan Writz
2 nd	Nancy Manter	Blair Wallace
3 rd	Elaine Hilliker	Chris Rutz

Race awards were given to the following councils and clubs:

1 st	Bay Area Council	Modesto Ski Club
2 nd	Arizona Council	Phoenix Ski Club
3 rd	Sierra Council	Reno Ski and Recreation Club

The Joe Ross Awards were distributed to the winners. The winners had to compete in all three races and obtain the most points within their age groups.

Our trip leaders did a great job! My thanks to *Steve Coxen*, *Steve Grevstad*, *Jim Hughes*, *Judith Miller*, *Gloria Raminha*, *Amur Rutz*, *Jaan Vehik*, and *Susie Vetter*. Your hard work is truly appreciated.

Thanks to *Judy Fjeld*, *Kurt Schroeder* and *Andi McLure-Mysza* from Sportours for their assistance and *Tom Mielke* and *Gloria Raminha* for our ski week badges. Once again the ski week staff, *Ken Calkins*, *Kathy Hoffmann*, *Tucker Hoffmann*, *Joe Loader*, *Jim Sommer*, *Susie Vetter* and *Marilyn Sigler* did an excellent job with their duties and ski week responsibilities.



Director Report

Domestic Travel continued

44 of us continued from Lake Louise to Jasper where we spent three nights in the Jasper Park Lodge and skied Marmot Basin. In Jasper we enjoyed sunshine and beautiful scenery. Elk, deer, big horned sheep and even a wolf were seen by some of us. Our time in Jasper ended with a wine and cheese party on our final night together.

Heavenly at Tahoe

A three-day trip to Heavenly assisted southern California racers and skiers in attending the Far West Racing Association's championship races at Heavenly at Tahoe. *Nancy Sanford* led 30 participants from LAX to South Lake Tahoe. With racing, skiing and gambling available, plus the warm sunshine sparkling on Lake Tahoe, it was a beautiful, busy, fun-filled weekend. Thanks to *Nancy Sanford*, *Tammie Anstendt* from Heavenly, and *Diane Rettos* at the Horizon Casino for their assistance with this trip.

Alaska Cruise

FWSA has reserved rooms on Royal Caribbean's ship the *Serenade of the Seas* the week of September 19-26, 2004, for an Alaska Cruise. We will depart from Vancouver, British Columbia to cruise Alaska's Inside Passage. The itinerary includes the Hubbard Glacier, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and Misty Fjord. Prices start at \$829 for an inside cabin, \$1029 for an outside cabin and \$1329 for a cabin with a balcony. (All prices are per person, double occupancy). Check out the website fwsacruises.com where you can sign-up with your credit card, or call The Cruise Company at 800-274-3866.

Aspen/Snowmass

After a successful 2004 ski week in Lake Louise, we now focus on our 2005 ski week in Aspen/Snowmass! The councils have asked for a record number of rooms and many participants have already made their deposits. The council trip leaders and FWSA travel staff are making plans for a wonderful week. Several councils have chosen lodging in both Aspen and Snowmass, which gives their participants a choice of lodging location for the week.

Our lift ticket for Aspen/Snowmass will allow us to ski at Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Snowmass. After skiing all day, the town of Aspen and Snowmass Village will provide plenty of nightlife to party the night away!

January 29 thru February 5, 2005, are the dates for our next ski week. This ski week will be the start of our celebration of the 75th year of Far West Ski Association. Fireworks and other surprises are in the planning stages, so make your deposit now!

2006 Ski Week

Where are we going for our 2006 FWSA Ski Week? Bids from several ski resorts are being presented this weekend at our convention. The results will be tabulated and announced on the FWSA website in late July. Be sure to check www.fwsa.org to discover the dates and location for our 2006 ski week.



Director Report

Industry Marketing by Jane Wyckoff, Industry Marketing Rep & Barbara Razo, Silent Auction Coordinator

Responsibilities for the Industry Marketing Representative include: producing the Silent Auction, sponsorship development; and generating advertising sales for the *Far West Skier's Guide*. A recommendation was made last year to change the VP Development position to VP Marketing, and this position has encompassed more responsibility with the expanding industry programs. This year Barbara Razo was the Chairman of the 19th Annual Silent Auction, and Jane Wyckoff concentrated on Convention sponsorship development, retiring as Silent Auction Chairman after 18 years.

The ski industry invested over \$164,000 this year in Association industry programs (does not include travel program sponsorships): Silent Auction Donations Value (\$100,000), Convention Sponsorships (\$7,000 cash and \$9,000 trade-out value in certificates and major product donations); and, advertising for the 2003-04 *Far West Skier's Guide* (\$50,000).

Silent Auction

19th Annual Silent Auction/Travel Carousel: The Silent Auction is the Association's major fund raising effort and not only provides financial support for our programs but also subsidizes delegate fees to the Convention. Appreciation is extended to this year's Host Council Chairman Joe Loader, support members Barbara Bryant, Jan Holman, Marilyn Sigler, Joel Marlowe, Lisa Collins, and the rest of the highly competent and active Sierra Council Convention Committee members. Steve Coxen was instrumental in the design, maintenance and user-friendly web pages providing information about the convention and its events. Catherine Ohl provided great support by coordinating the Travel Expo again this year. A special thanks goes to: Tucker Hoffman, Auctioneer; Nancy Kelly, Nancy Furtado and Bill Funkhouser, Accounting. I would like to also thank all the workers from the Sierra Ski Council and the FWSA Board Members and friends from other councils that assist with last minute preparations prior to the Silent Auction.

Sponsorships – Convention 2004: Convention sponsorships set a new record this year, because as of press time, our industry partners have contributed \$7,000 in cash and \$9,000 in certificates and terrific give-a-way items for the delegates.

<u>Sponsorship</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Website</u>
Delegate Neck Wallets	* PRW Sports Luggage, Ohio	www.prwsl.com
Delegate Ski Boot Glasses	* Mountain Chalet, Florida	www.mountainchalet.net
MS Dixie Cruise	* Aspen Skiing Company, Colorado	www.aspensnowmass.com
	* The Timberline Condominiums, Colorado	www.thetimberline.com
Golf Tournament	* Northstar at Tahoe, California	www.northstarattahoe.com
	* Sierra at Tahoe, California	www.sierraattahoe.com
	* Big Mountain Resort, Montana	www.skiwhitefish.com
Welcome Party	* Grouse Mountain Lodge, Montana	www.mountainasfinest.com
	* Pine Lodge, Montana	www.thepinelodge.com
Silent Auction DJ	* Angel Fire Resort, New Mexico	www.angelfireresort.com
Saturday Luncheon	* Vail Resorts (Heavenly, Vail, Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Keystone), Colorado	www.snow.com



Band for Awards Banquet	* Intrawest Colorado – Winter Park Resort & Copper Mountain Resort	www.intrawestcolorado.com
	* The Sunshine Inn, Alberta, Canada	www.skibanff.com
Wine for Awards Banquet	* Banff Lodging Company, Alberta, Canada	www.bestofbanff.com
	* Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, Alberta, Canada	www.fairmont.com
Councils Man & Women of the Year	* Big White Ski Resort, B.C., Canada	www.bigwhite.com
	* Silver Star Mountain Resort, B.C., Canada	www.silverstarmtn.com
Grand Prize Travel Expo	* Far West Ski Association – Far West Ski Week	www.fwsa.org
Eye Opener Party	* Sierra Ski Council	www.sierraleague.com

The purpose of the Convention sponsorship program is to reduce the amount of money needed to be taken from Silent Auction proceeds to offset Convention costs. A registration fee of \$125 basically covers food and not too much else. A benefit for the sponsors is the link from fwsa.org to their own website. A major time commitment is required to solicit and coordinate sponsorships, and to fulfill those sponsorships. A special thank you is extended to Steve Coxen (aka “Genius Junior”) for his untiring efforts producing an awesome FWSA website!

Far West Skier’s Guide: As the Silent Auction/Travel Expo and sponsorship program has expanded, so too, has the Skier’s Guide. Extensive industry special sections and editorial coverage makes the publication ever more popular in industry marketing efforts. Leigh Gieringer is to be commended for outstanding efforts in professional journalism and her dedication to the production of this publication.

On to our 75th Anniversary Convention in 2005!!

We are both looking forward to working with the dedicated and tireless Catherine Ohl and her fabulous Los Angeles Council/Orange Council Committee on next year’s 75th Anniversary Convention! The possibilities for sponsorship development and Silent Auction participation are exciting.

A final reminder - the ski industry programs will continue to grow as long as the ski clubs and councils support them. Show your support for the companies that participate in the Convention, provide sponsorships, and advertise in the *Far West Skier’s Guide* by including them in your travel and ski/sports equipment purchase plans. Otherwise, the industry’s marketing dollars will be spent elsewhere, where proven results can be achieved.



Director Report

International Travel by Kathy Hoffmann, VP

THE PAST YEAR.....

WOW! What a year FWSA International Travel has had. Far West members have traveled the world over. The Adventure Trips have proved to be a very popular addition.

KENYA & SOUTH AFRICA..... a trip of a lifetime!

Susie Vetter took a group of 37 to South Africa and Kruger National Park with a pre-trip to Victoria Falls and a post trip to Cape Town in August. I have heard they all had a fantastic time. Special THANKS to **Susie Vetter** for leading this trip.

Tucker & I led a group of 50 on Safari in Kenya, with a pre-trip to Victoria Falls and a post trip to Tanzania in September. At no time did we feel unsafe and the people were absolutely wonderful. Read the article on this trip that Elaine Cobos, President of Arizona Council wrote.

MORZINE, FRANCE.....

Next on the agenda was the European trip with 147 members from all over the Far West with a 7-day pre-trip extension to Andorra & Barcelona and a 7-day post trip extension on a River Boat down the Rhone River with 2 nights in Nice. We probably had the best snow ever on a European Trip in March and Morzine is a wonderful little village. If you ever get a chance to do a riverboat or barge cruise down the rivers in Europe I would highly recommend it. We went 1st class and it was much more than we ever expected. Special THANKS to **Tucker Hoffmann** for co-leading this trip.

SCANDINAVIA.....we will be taking 46 people to Scandinavia in August. We will be visiting the Fjords, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Oslo, Bergen and Helsinki.

THE COMING YEAR.....

2005 Ski Japan Trip: Feb 19-Feb 27, 2005

Nagano-Hakuba, Japan

Pre-trip to Kyoto & a post-trip to Hong Kong

2005 European Trip: St. Moritz, Switzerland

March 12th-19th, 2005

Possible post-trip to Malta off of Sicily

2005 Adventure Trip: CHINA –15 day & 21 day

September –exact dates TBA



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International Travel continued

FWSA Kenya Wildlife Safari

Submitted by Elaine Cobos

When you finally treat yourself and go on one of the FWSA adventure trips, you'll wonder why you waited so long. Believe me, you'll never want it to end. The *Kenya Wildlife Safari* was everything and more that anyone could have hoped it would be. We saw wildlife in all its variation and glory. We ate sumptuous feasts that had us waddling from the tables. We visited native villages and had the opportunity to bargain for local crafts. We can't wait to sign up for the next trip.

Due to our work schedules, my husband and I were the only ones who went on only the main part of this latest FWSA adventure, from September 11 – 23, 2003. Everyone else in the group went on either the three day pre-trip to *Victoria Falls* or the three day post-trip to *Tanzania*, or *both*. Of course, almost all the other people had traveled with experienced guides Tucker and Kathy Hoffman before, so they knew every portion of the trip would have something not to be missed. We know now why they get "repeat" customers.

Africa is definitely a long way away, a 16 hour flight from Atlanta. South African Airways did their best to make the long journey "fly" by. Our first stop over on the way to Kenya was a night in Johannesburg. We stayed in Sandton, a very Westernized and developed suburb. The following day we arrived in Nairobi, Kenya's capital, staying at the Nairobi Serena Hotel, one of the nicest properties in the city. The next eight (8) days were filled with game drives and "wild toad" rides, traveling on the poorly maintained roads between the different park preserves. Our van drivers were very experienced, though, especially at changing flat tires, which occurred fairly regularly due to the poor road conditions.

On the game drives, our drivers were magnificent at finding us game. At Lake Nakuru, one driver helped his group find a cheetah lounging on an uppermost tree limb. Through the binoculars, as the rest of the vans crowded around the area, we could see the cheetah playing with a small twig just like you would see your pet cat at play. Kathy and Tucker worked to include all sorts of interesting extras on our trip. On the way to the Samburu Preserve, we had lunch at a restaurant called the Trout Tree Restaurant, which was set up with tables in a tree. The food was excellent (trout of course!), and we were even treated to a close up view of a tree hyrax while we waited for the food to arrive. Another extra included in the trip was a visit to one of the Masai villages. It was interesting to learn about their culture, which can be viewed as simple, but harsh. The women entertained us with a welcome song, and the men demonstrated the very high jumping skills for which the Masai are famous. Here, we were tempted to purchase, after heavy bargaining of course, the local Masai crafts such as beadwork and wood carving. Some people successfully bargained for a rare souvenir, a lion's tooth.

Many of us brought and left pens with the elders of the villages. In Kenya, education is provided up to grade eight for free. However, the government only pays for the teachers, not for the buildings or school supplies. Our tour guide, Eddie, and his tour company, told us about an organization they have started to gather donations to fund anything from schoolroom books to entire classrooms, depending on donations gathered and needs assessed at the time. I'm sure we'll hear more from Tucker and Kathy in the future about opportunities for us to help them out.

Another adventure excursion most people added on to their trip was a hot air balloon ride over the Masai Mara Preserve. We were lucky enough to visit the region during the *Great Migration*, the annual movement of millions



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International Travel continued

of wildebeests. From the air, it was an incredible sight to behold. Balloon rides are truly dependent on Mother Nature. One group just barely got off the ground and was swept along by some high winds, while our group the following day meandered so slowly that one of the balloon groups recorded from the air a lion eating a fresh kill. All the balloon rides finished off with a magnificent bush breakfast, including champagne and made to order omelets. Of course, our group drank all the champagne they could provide.

We had a unique opportunity at one of our lodges to really observe the wildlife. We stayed one night at the famous Treetops Lodge, favored by British royalty. The lodge is built on stilts with salted watering holes on both sides. We were able to observe the “pecking order” between water buffaloes and elephants. There was even a “blind” on the ground floor so we could observe the animals up close. One of our group said she could hear a baby elephant nursing from its mother. We also had the amazing treat of being woken up by the “cat” alarm when a cheetah came out of the woods in the middle of the night to check out the activity around the watering hole, usually a rare sight.

There are just too many experiences to tell about here. Yes, we saw the big five (5), something we all had on our wish list. There were elephants at almost all the preserves, sometimes just across the river from our lodges. We saw rhinos at Lake Nakuru, where we were also treated to millions of flamingoes. We saw hippos on our boat ride at Lake Naivasha. Our vans successfully found several lions at the Masai Mara, everything from lions with fresh kills to lionesses with their cubs. We saw two kinds of giraffes and two kinds of zebras, found both below and above the equator. And, yes, the water really does flow in the opposite direction when draining while south of the equator. Leave it to the vendors to have a display all set up to prove it to us at one of our many bathroom and curio shopping stops.

I don't know where the next international FWSA adventure will be going, but you'll want to sign up as soon as you hear about it. Everything about these trips is well planned and loads of fun. Thank you, Tucker and Kathy!



Director Report

Marketing by Debbi Kor, VP

Welcome to Far West Ski Association's 72nd Annual Convention. We're here again with our friends, our ski industry "family", to share stories of the past season, to hear about things that happened throughout the year, and learn of new things to come for the next one.

At last year's convention, in Rancho Mirage, the position of VP of Development was reclassified to that of Vice President of Marketing. Since that time, I have had some wonderful opportunities to build on the relationships that I have formed with the many members within the ski industry.

One of my biggest coups, which occurred early on, was securing a three-year agreement with **Big White and Silver Star** to sponsor Far West's Man and Woman of the Year. Jim, Michael J. and crew will be providing a one-week, all expenses paid trip for two for each of our finalists, and a two-day trip for two for each named council's Man and Woman through the year 2006.

In mid-January, I joined other Council Representatives and our "travel team" on a FAM to Aspen to view the area for **Ski Week 2005**. We visited some terrific properties, tried out some super restaurants, skied at Aspen Highlands, Apex and Buttermilk at Snow Mass, and had an overall great time!

At the end of January, I made my annual trek to Las Vegas to attend the 50th Celebration of the Ski Industries of America (SIA) show. Attracting more than 400 exhibitors, this trade show is *the premier show* in the world market. It is the only place to preview new product, new trends, new styles of skis, clothing and gear all under one roof. This venue is a vital source of revenue for Far West. Not only do we benefit from the advertising that many of the vendors purchase in the annual Far West Skier's Guide, but we gain from the generosity of those who do contribute items to Convention, Ski Week, or who become participants in our Members Benefits Program.

February was my month to make contacts with those folks I visited with at the SIA show, in anticipation of obtaining donated items for door prizes for convention. I also made contacts in search of a sponsor for our desired Athletic Scholarship. We have several resort areas, who have expressed an interest in various sponsorships. I will continue to work with them to find the best fit for everyone.

April 4th through April 6th, I attended the annual Far West Race Championships at Heavenly Resort in Lake Tahoe. **Ski Metrix**, a participant in our Members Benefits Program, donated 12 pair of Booster Straps as raffle items at the awards banquet.

I had the opportunity to attend my first Mountain Travel Symposium in Banff, April 21st through April 25th. The Symposium allows clubs, councils and industry to come together, in a massive Group Exchange of information, to plan trips, arrange lodging, set up race camps, and other events. It is a great time to meet and greet old friends, and make lots of new ones. Out of 118 club and council representatives, 85 of us were there for the first time. What an experience!

Enjoy the convention. There are plenty of activities for everyone, a lot to learn about what's coming up for the coming year, and opportunities to re-establish old acquaintances with those friends you made in Rancho Mirage.



Director Report

Membership by Sheri Parshall, VP

DIRECT MEMBERS

Direct membership greatly increased in 2003-2004. Based on telephone calls and e-mails received, this is attributable directly to the travel program. Renewal applications will be going out to direct members this next week. Included in the cover letter was information regarding the proposed by-law change for family memberships. It will be pointed out that this change may affect their dues and that they would do well to wait until after convention to see if the proposed by-law is successfully added.

I think congratulations to Kathy Hoffman and Lynnell Calkins are in order for putting together travel programs that attract new faces to FWSA. This is probably the most critical “product” FWSA has to offer in terms of member benefits and these ladies and their staffs do an outstanding job, as evidenced by the growing direct membership.

The April Board of Directors meeting included lengthy discussion regarding a proposed amendment allowing for family direct membership. There are excellent supporting arguments both for and against this amendment, and we look forward to hearing the opinions of the general membership at the convention.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applications for direct membership for the 2004-2005 year have been mailed out to direct members, lifetime members and honorary members. This application is also available on-line at www.fwsa.org. Another revision, including family membership option, will be prepared and given to Steve in the event that the proposed by-law change is approved by delegates at the June convention.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards will have been sent to council presidents prior to convention. Please advise the quantities you will be needing. My thanks to Steve Coxen who has always been a great help in the production of the cards.

MISCELLANEOUS

It has been my pleasure to represent the members of Far West Ski Association as your V.P. Membership. Thanks to everyone for your support these past two years. I look forward to assisting the next membership vice president.



Director Report

Public Affairs by Scott Bowker, VP

The Far West Ski Association Public Affairs Program has been very active for the year 2003/2004. As you may know, the Public Affairs portfolio of programs is designed to present to the outside world the interests, activities and positions of the Association. As the “voice of the Western skier” we have been involved in a whole host of activities in all areas of interest.

Our 2003/2004 year kicked off with our sixth successive wonderful Convention panel session. **Chris Klug**, Bronze Medalist, Snowboard, 2002 Olympics was panelist as well as the featured speaker. You may remember Chris was the recipient of a liver transplant just 18 months before his appearance at Salt Lake. During the weekend and at the luncheon/dinner we also had special guests **Billy Kidd** (Olympic Silver Medalist, Steamboat Springs), **Jimmie Heuga**, (Olympic Bronze Medalist), **Deb Armstrong** (Olympic Gold Medalist, Taos) and **Nancy Greene** (Canadian Olympic Gold Medalist and Canadian Athlete of the Century) joining in the fun. The panel sessions were informative, lively and well attended. Topics ran the gamut from resort development to safety and included discussions on helmet safety, history and recent legislation.

Our line up for Reno/Sparks is amazing. Guest Speaker will be **Dave McCoy**, founder and owner of Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort. The convention you are attending will also include some other new faces and many that are familiar to you. Other notables attending are familiar faces **Billy Kidd**, (1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist, Steamboat Springs) and **Deb Armstrong**, (1984 Olympic Gold Giant Slalom Gold Medalist, Taos). Also scheduled to be present is **Ed Ryberg**, Winter Sports Program Administrator, U.S. Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region).

Areas of interest were addressed throughout the year utilizing mailers containing electronic files, web articles, Councilman articles and specific topic mailings covering a wide variety of topics. Highlights include:

Area Development

Area development covers ski area expansion and enhancement, proposed new areas, and the preservation of potential areas for future snowsports. It also includes the increasingly contentious debates between the developers, the ski areas and the environmentalists.

- Arizona Snowbowl. Final environmental impact statement on Arizona Snowbowl’s improvement and snowmaking proposal is expected mid-summer 2004. Coconino National Forest Supervisor Nora Rasure.
- Mt. Hood Meadows submission of Master Plan proposal for Cooper Spur expansion to the Forest Service is expected in early summer 2004. Hood River County Planning Commission is expected to schedule new public hearings in early summer 2004 on Goal 8 Mapping Process (Cooper Spur).
- U.S. Forest Service amended the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan (Framework) to release the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and initiated the Forests with a Future campaign in January 2004 which dramatically increases logging. www.fs.fed.us/r5/forestsfuture/



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Public Affairs continued

FWSA also endorses the NSAA “Environmental Charter” and the “Sustainable Slopes” initiative.

- Sustainable Slopes Outreach Day 2/21/04. Arapahoe Basin launched its new Climate Club. For \$20 the purchaser receives discounts at A-Basin as well as contributes to the decrease of global warming. By joining the club, a purchaser buys Emission Reduction Credits, which are generated by renewable energy companies. Membership credits account for a one-ton reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

We have aggressively strengthened our relationship with U.S. Forest Service. Utilizing our contacts in the U.S. Forest Service we stay abreast of a number of issues. We have invited Ed Ryberg, Winter Sports Program Administrator, U.S. Forest Service (Rocky Mountain Region), to join us in Reno. He should be able to update on the latest happenings in the White River National Forest area where your much loved ski areas of Aspen, Vail, Beaver Creek, the areas in Summit County, Loveland and many more are located. Ed will focus on the impact recreational skiers have on issues with regard to area development/land use and environmental impact of resort development, on-mountain advertising, and logging. We will continue to work to provide forums in which FWSA is able to educate U.S. Forest Service winter sports program administrators and NSAA on the operations of the FWSA Public Affairs Program and the concerns of our organized recreational snowsports participants and racers. We routinely address our issues to both U.S. Forest Service and NSAA in order to better educate them on FWSA’s PA program and to further cement our place as a partner on important issues we all face. You can help increase our influence with U.S. Forest Service by calling or stopping in at the local U.S. Forest Service office when you visit ski areas and let them know you are there. You are the VOICE!

Ski History

The History committee is focused a number of topics, the most urgent of which is the planning for the upcoming 75th FWSA Birthday Celebration. That entire effort, along with a planning outline will be included in the Leadership Panel Book under the History Committee Chair’s annual report. The Fifth Annual History Committee Convention meeting will take place Friday night, June 11. This will allow the History Committee its annual business meeting. Ethan Chickering will be presenting WELSAP (Western Lost Ski Areas Project) at this meeting.

Far West Ski Association is supporting the campaign by Phil Bartholomew, the son of Orland Bartholomew, to name Mount Bartholomew – an unnamed 11,099-foot mountain near North Fork, CA in the Minarets, a section of soaring spires in the Ansel Adams Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest. Mount Bartholomew should be named to honor Orland “Bart” Bartholomew, a Sierra High Adventurer, who made an incredible three month, 300 mile solo mid winter trek skiing the Sierra crest from south of Mt. Whitney to Yosemite National Park - just for the challenge and the photographs. Orland made the first winter ascent of Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states at 14,495’ and the first winter ascents of Mt. Langley and Mt. Tyndall, both over 14,000’ during this three month journey from Christmas Day 1928 to April 3, 1929.

A number of further details make this an amazing feat for a true mountain man. Orland skied on custom made 6’ long wooden skis without metal edges with only a crude wax system for climbing and used ski poles made from hickory garden rake handles. He didn’t have a sleeping bag or much of a tent. Bartholomew cut tree boughs and used them as a base to pitch a small shelter on the snow. He built fires for cooking. Orland wrapped himself in a down robe to sleep. He carried a 70 lb pack, a folding bellows camera and a double bit ax. Orland wrote extensive journal entries and shot 320 photos. The trek is the equivalent of traveling from Pasadena to Salinas at



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an elevation of 9,000 feet through fierce blizzards and avalanche-prone canyons. Gene Rose, author of "High Odyssey", wrote that Bartholomew's three-month trek "stands as the ski exploration of the first half-century, unmatched as a feat of winter survival until very recently when solo ski expeditions reached both Arctic and Antarctic poles." Orland worked for Southern California Edison as a hydrographer who measured the snowpack and stream levels to gauge how much hydroelectric power SCE could wring from the Sierra in the early 1920s. Orland later worked as a ranger (fire guard in those days) in the Ansel Adams Wilderness of the Sierra National Forest for 20 years from the early 1930s to the early 1950s. This campaign is also supported by Congressman George Radanovich of California's 19th Congressional District who has already written a letter of support which has been entered into the Congressional Record. Look for more information on the Mount Bartholomew page www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/1180431.htm in the Public Affairs section of the FWSA website for details on how to send your letter of support for Mount Bartholomew to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names of the U.S. Geological Survey.

At our Convention in Rancho Mirage, the fourth Western Ski Heritage Prize was given to Catherine Ohl of Pacific Rim Alliance Snowsports Club for her extensive efforts www.pacificrimalliance.org/history.html to document the history and development of FWSA and skiing in southern California. The Fifth WSH Prize will be awarded during our convention in Reno/Sparks. Steamboat has agreed to extend its partnership with FWSA through the award year of '06, thus assuring the long term health of the program and we hope to continue that relationship for future years. Steamboat Springs Ski Resort has provided a 5-day vacation for two to Steamboat including lodging, lifts and a lot more.

Catherine Ohl, Los Angeles/San Diego Councils, continued significant work in documenting a large portion of LA Council's documents. She has also constructed a very informative web page containing significant references and connections to a myriad of interesting research sites, <http://pacificrimalliance.org/history.html>. The importance of history to the Association has been frequently highlighted by our membership. This committee focuses on the historical aspects and will continue to provide a valuable input to the Public Affairs program. Membership of the committee is open to all interested parties. FWSA History Committee Chairman is **John Watson** and Administrative Officer is **Catherine Ohl**. The museum has provided, on a permanent basis, a number of historical pictures and articles which have become part of our Friday night and Saturday convention display. We also continued membership in the International Ski History Association (ISHA).

Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation continues sponsorship of FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize through '06.



Consumer Advocacy

HIPAA Update - National bills introduced

Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act H.R.1749 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:HR01749:@@L&summ2=m&> was introduced in the House on 4/10/03. This is the companion bill to S.423 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d108:SN00423:@@L&summ2=m&> that was introduced in the Senate on 2/14/03 to correct some the problems caused by the initial HIPAA regulations which allow group health insurers to deny coverage based on participation in specific allegedly "dangerous" activities such as skiing, snowboarding, motorcycling, horseback riding and snowmobiling. These bills currently are in committee. As of 4/22/03 H.R.1749 was referred to the Subcommittee on Health. As of 10/29/03 the Senate



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Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions ordered S.423 to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

NSAA needs our help in contacting our respective Congressional delegations to support the passage of the new bills, introduced as bills S.423 and H.R.1749. I will extract the NSAA sample letter that we can use in contacting congressional delegations. If need be you can visit www.congress.gov for contact information for your state's representatives.

Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus Launched

The Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus is an informal, bipartisan group of Members of Congress formed to increase and promote skiing/snowboarding and address issues affecting the greater ski/snowboard community. These issues include: increase awareness and promote the benefits of physical activity to overall health and wellness, issues related to public lands management, and issues related to affordable housing, transportation and wildlife, and providing after school activities through increased access to the sport.

FWSA strongly supports the goals of Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus and looks forward to Members of Congress support of them over the coming years. FWSA was privileged to be a invited participant in the kick off of the newly formed Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus. Mike Sanford ably represented FWSA at this kickoff.

Over 100 Congressional representatives and staffers as well as Diane Roffe (gold and silver Olympic medalist in 1994 and 1992), Shannon Bahrke (silver Olympic moguls medalist in 2002), snowsports retailers, resort executives and other industry professionals attended the Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus kickoff press conference on September 17, 2003 to promote the health and physical benefits of winter sports and to discuss ways to help keep ski areas to continue being the economic engines that they are in many communities across the country. Some of the industry representatives included the National Ski Areas Association which represents 326 alpine resorts that account for more than 90 percent of the nearly 58 million skier/snowboarder visits nationwide and SnowSports Industries America (SIA) which is a group of 750 snowsports manufacturers, distributors and suppliers.

"Skiing and other winter sports are fun sport and provide opportunities for people and their families to enjoy the outdoors, face challenges and appreciate the beauty of our nation and our communities. We want to work with elected officials and the ski industry to keep this recreational opportunity healthy, vibrant and environmentally responsible," said Mark Udall (D-CO-2nd)

"Skiing and snowboarding are two of the most fun ways people can enjoy the great outdoors and the beauty of our mountains and forests," said John Sweeney (R-NY – 20th). "I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Ski and Snowboard Caucus and the industry to educate people about the benefits of winter sports and their positive impact on local economies."

Diane Roffe told the group, "Winter sports are good medicine for the mind and body." Shannon Bahrke added, "The idea is to support families and kids to get off their butts. There's so much to do in winter."



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Some of the members of the Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus include: Mark Udall (D-CO - 2nd), John Sweeney (R-NY - 20th), John Doolittle (R-CA - 4th), Doug Ose (R-CA - 3rd), Loretta Sanchez (D-CA - 47th), Jim McGovern (D-MA - 3rd), Dennis Rehberg (R-MT - At Large), Jeb Bradley (R-NH - 1st), Jim Gibbons (R-NV - 2nd), John McHugh (R-NY - 23rd), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR - 3rd), Chris Cannon (R-UT - 3rd), Jim Matheson (D-UT 2nd), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Jim McDermott (D-WA - 7th), Barbara Cubin (R-WY - at Large).

Transportation

You would be well advised to click on the relevant baggage rules link for the airline that you will be traveling on and print out the actual policy to take with you on your trip since the airline baggage rules vary on what snowsports equipment (skis, poles, boots, bindings, snowboard, snowboard boots, helmet, ski bag, ski boot bag) counts as one item and/or is allowed. Snowboard boots are not specifically addressed by most baggage rules.

Be aware that you may be charged for an extra bag if you decide to risk packing other items in your boot or ski bag since airline baggage rules do not specifically address in most cases the allowability of anything else beyond skis, boots or poles. You will be totally dependent upon the goodwill of the person checking you in.

Most of the airlines (American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, United and US Airways) have lowered weight limitations to 50 pounds, down from 70 for checked baggage on domestic flights.

Public Affairs has created an Airline Baggage Rules Summary at www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/1102029.htm and links to airline baggage policies plus formed a FWSA Airline Committee. We are also working the Congressional Ski & Snowboard Caucus to bring attention to these airline baggage issues.

Snowsports Baggage Problems: If you have had any snowsports baggage problems, please advise us via email with a description of the problem, date, airline, flight number and if possible, copies/summaries of any correspondence/phone calls with the airline and the airline's response. Please email Diane Stearley (FWSA Airline Committee Chair) dmstear@worldnet.att.net and copy Scott Bowker (FWSA VP Public Affairs) PublicAffairs@fwsa.org at your convenience.

Taxation

The IRS has announced special focus on travel programs. Ski Clubs may be the target of special IRS audits. The IRS has also announced special audits of organizations that run travel tours. These reviews are "special emphasis audits" where the IRS focuses its attention on a specific market segment with common characteristics. Ski clubs that operate travel programs may be the target of a special IRS audit.

The Treasury Department and the IRS have developed regulatory guidance for the operation of travel tours. Ski clubs should expect the operations of trips to become more closely regulated. Two areas that clubs should be especially mindful of is Free Group Leader Travel and Fam Trips. FWSA is not qualified to provide legal or tax advice. If you have questions you should consult professional advisors concerning the interpretation of this information and how it may apply in your club's specific circumstances.



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The Exempt Organizations (EO) function of IRS has initiated market segment studies of five exempt organization market segments including social clubs 501(c)(7) organizations. IRS is using a checksheet www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=96088,00.html to capture information about the activities and compliance levels of the organizations examined in the studies. These studies will enable IRS to accurately assess the risks of noncompliance; identify education and outreach needs; and more efficiently use IRS resources – READ THIS AS LIKELY AREAS OF FOCUS FOR SPECIAL AUDITS.

Resource contacts:

- Exempt Organizations (EO) function in the Tax Exempt & Government Entities Division (TE/GE) of the Internal Revenue Service www.irs.gov/charities/index.html
- Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) Nonprofits Tax Advisory Services www.pwcglobal.com/education



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Racing by Bob Ellis, VP

The Far West Racing Association is an independent organization that sponsors and conducts recreational ski and snowboard races for Far West Ski Association affiliated clubs and their members. Racing is conducted through our nine leagues located throughout California, Nevada and Oregon. In addition to local league racing, the Association also sanctions races at the FWSA Ski Week, and organizes the Far West Racing Association Championships. This past year we are thankful to have a new sponsor, *Mills, Koster, & Gaines Realty* in Kings Beach, CA as the Championships were hosted by Heavenly in Stateline, Nevada. In past years the Championships have been hosted by Northstar-At-Tahoe, Mammoth Mountain and Mt. Bachelor in Oregon. In 2005 the Championships will once again be hosted by Heavenly.

Why is racing encouraged?

Racing and race training improve your skiing and snowboarding skills so you will ski or board better. Several ski areas provide race training for both juniors or adults on weekends and weekdays. If you are interested in race training, contact your local ski area or one of our leagues in your area and we will gladly let you know about the various programs available. Quality instruction and practice is the only way to really improve your technique and skills. Getting pointers from your friends may be inexpensive and fun, but chances are the pointers may not help you.

Race training teaches you to execute a turn where you normally may not turn. It teaches you how to read terrain changes and use the slope to your advantage. It also teaches you the proper body positions and how to anticipate the unexpected. It also forces you to look ahead and not down at your feet, which in turn teaches you to ski more safely because you are looking where you are going, you are in a better body position, and your technique is better.

Racing is fun and social. Friendships are made with other racers which can last a lifetime. Skiing and Boarding are very social sports, and racing gives you an opportunity to interact with other people. Racing can be as competitive as you want. You can compete against yourself, the mountain or your friends, or all of the above. It is a great way to meet new friends and see old friends.

Anyone can participate in racing, nobody is turned away. There is a class for every participant where they can be competitive. Racers are grouped according to age, sex and ability level, or forty-four different classes. We have racers that have just learned to ski on up to ex-college racers, and each ends up in a class of people close to their age and ability.

Lately we have included more dinners with dancing to encourage the social aspect of the sport, and have received a good deal of positive comments from these events. Last year we organized 43 races with nine leagues at ten different resorts and averaged about 150 racers per race. For a good time out, come join us at a race.



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Racing Ahead To 2005
by Bob Ellis

The 2004 Far West Championships were just completed at Heavenly on April 2-4, 2004 in Stateline, Nevada. In spite of 3 weeks of sweltering heat and very little new snow, the Heavenly Race Department did an outstanding job of putting on the races. The competitors came to Heavenly to win a plaque, and the swifter ones prevailed in beautiful weather.

On Friday April 2, we had five pacesetter races in which 66 racers from 10 different leagues from California, Nevada, Oregon and Arizona. The competition for the top spots was fast and furious, and a whole lot of fun.

The Slalom race on Saturday was a huge success as everything went on schedule, and the competitors that finished enjoyed the six different slalom courses that were set on East Bowl and World Cup runs at Heavenly.

Later that night we celebrated at the Horizon Casino Resort with our first Far West Awards Dinner. Nancy Gaines of our new sponsor Mills, Koster & Gaines Realty spoke to our group briefly about their real estate services. It appeared to be a huge success in many ways as people enjoyed discussing the days skiing and race results, and enjoyed the buffet food, while bidding on several items in our first Silent Auction. After the dinner and the awards were presented, some of the livelier skiers hung around to dance until our DJ had to pack up. We learned quite a bit from these events, and we hope to improve everything for next year. Already we are planning what we can do better next year.

On Sunday April 4 we put on the Giant Slalom on East Bowl to World Cup. The course was challenging and exciting with many spectators watching from the grand stands by the finish arena. The awards for each course were presented immediately after each course was completed, and it appeared to be very well received by most competitors, especially when they were able to stand on the podium high above the crowd.

Earlier in the year we added a \$2,000,000 Liability Policy for the participating race leagues, officers, participants and sponsors, which is being paid for equally by all the leagues. It is coverage that was long overdue.

In 2005 the Championships will be at Heavenly on March 18-20, 2005. We are planning to improve the Silent Auction, the Awards Dinner and of course the races. Remember to practice your racing, and we will see you next year at the races.



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Recreation & Safety by Ed Knott, FWSA VP; Richard Lubin, D.C. "The Snowboarding Chiropractor" & FWSA Safety Chair

Safety

Safety is preeminent in participation in any sports. Snow sports, in particular, can involve high speed and high risk. Therefore the area of safety is both relevant and very important to the Association. The position of Safety Chair was created in the fall of 2002, with two time Safety Person of the Year winner ('01 & '02). **Richard Lubin, D.C.** Mike Sanford and Dr. Lubin drafted a new Committee Charter, Mission Statement and Objectives.

Starting in 2003 Recreation and Safety have been combined and given vice presidential status. At the 2003 convention, **Ed Knott** was named the VP of Recreation and Safety. He and Richard have been promoting safety throughout the association since that time.

The Association promotes safety by a number of methods.

- A) There is a special section of the webpage (**FWSA.org**) with articles on safety.
- B) In our annual **FWSA SKIERS GUIDE**, publication, the widely distributed magazine. Our most recent (2003-2004) Skiers Guide included an informative article on safely skiing in the trees by our snowboarding chiropractor.
- C) The associations' quarterly newsletter, **The Councilman**, has featured regular articles on safety by Dr. Lubin and others.
- D) Our Safety Chair has interacted with a number of Risk managers and Ski Patrollers at the Ski Resorts to discuss issues of Safety.
- E) The Safety chair has regularly e-mailed original articles to dozens of the ski clubs' websites and newsletters.
- F) Our slogans– "**Ski With Pride, Let It Ride, Watch All Sides**" and **First With Safety Awareness** appear in many places letting all know that safety is an important issue with the association.
- G) Our **Safety Person of the Year** Contest brings greater exposure to our concerns and dedication to safety in snow sports.

Safety Person of the Year (SPOY)

Starting in 1999 the FWSA has been awarding a Safety Person of the Year to the individual within the association that has done the most to promote safety through a number of criteria. This contest has been sponsored by **ASPEN SKIING COMPANY**. They have announced that they will continue sponsorship through 2006 and perhaps beyond. While every ski resort promotes safety, Aspen has proven their dedication to making safety an important issue by rewarding these individuals with a fabulous ski vacation. This includes a 7 day package for 2 including airfare, lodging, 6 days of lift tickets, rental equipment, lessons, a mountain tour with an employee, and an appearance on the local TV show, Aspen Today.

The winners have been ('99) Catherine Ohl, Century City and Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Clubs (LA/SD Councils), ('00) Denise Vance, North Island Snowdrifters (SD Council), and ('01 & '02) Richard Lubin, D.C., Bota Baggers Ski Club (BAC). The latest winner in 2003 was Elaine Cobos, current president of the Arizona Ski Council. We will pick a new winner at the 2004 convention.



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The ski resorts take great measures to ensure that skiing and snowboarding can be a safe sport. Long before a ski area is open, the patrollers check the slopes. Issues like avalanche danger, lifts, marking obstacles, padding lift towers, marking out of bounds, grooming are among the many safety concerns. Resorts are careful to emphasize safety. Most resorts have a Risk Manager to address some of these concerns. “The Skiers Responsibility Code”, which outlines safe practices, is displayed prominently at nearly every US resort on posters, on napkins and in restrooms. Ski patrollers issue warnings and sometimes pull the passes of those who demonstrate unsafe practices. We ultimately recognize that the issue of safety is most dependent on each individual’s own cognizance.

The Association has reviewed lift safety issues, Occupational Health and Safety Codes affecting skiers and, of course, the helmet issues. In addition, FWSA reviews and may take positions on various public initiatives in the applicable state or regions. Generally, any initiative or bill is reviewed for its impact on skiers. We currently have representatives in six “regional areas” covering six states that are actively involved in keeping abreast of recreational skiing related events.

We applaud the efforts of some of the national programs like **Burton’s Smart Style**, the **National Ski Area Association’s (NSAA) Heads Up** Safety Program, and **Safety Awareness Week**.

Some of us remember the relatively archaic boots and bindings of yesteryear. Equipment manufacturers have contributed to increased safety in skiing. Material science and improved design have helped to bolster the numbers of safe snow sport participants.

A few issues to be addressed in the coming year with the FWSA Safety committee are:

- Helmet Use
- Snowboard safety tips
- Terrain Parks
- Lift safety bars
- Interaction between skiers and snowboarders
- ‘Buckling in’ for snowboarders on the lift

The FWSA is also investigating providing **thermometers** with the FWSA logo and a safety slogan to be provided to some resorts free of charge. Who could resist looking at these while getting off the lift? This will help increase the degree of exposure of the association, reaffirm its dedication to safety, and of course, give the temperature.

Skiing and snowboarding present the most risks ultimately to the individual user. Like driving, one has to use common sense and ski or ride defensively, watching and anticipating all possible dangers. A special concern that has not received much attention is the disproportionate number of injuries in terrain parks and terrain features. These areas have become a big ‘selling point’ for almost every resort to attract younger skiers and riders. Casual, unofficial research is showing that as many as 50% or more of the injuries are occurring in these areas where maybe only 10-15% of individuals go. It is also likely that there are many more ‘unreported’ minor injuries in these parks. Further investigation will help to elucidate some of these issues.

At all FWSA conventions, safety has remained a major issue. FWSA has continued to focus its efforts on promoting safe snow sport practices.

The Far West Ski Association is interested in getting people out there to maximally enjoy the snow while staying safe. We continue to be a leader in this arena.

Remember **SAFETY IS HAVING FUN CONSCIOUSLY !**

Recreation

In addition to focusing on the safety issues described above, we will attempt to coordinate off-season recreational activities that members can enjoy and be used as membership incentives.



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Awards Program by Joe Loader, Trustee

The modern day Awards Program was initiated in 1966 and has witnessed a series of expansions over the years. The more recent expansions have included recognition of Club and Council short-term achievement as well as various industry acknowledgments.

In a volunteer organization such as Far West Ski Association nothing happens without volunteers contributing their time and talent to produce programs. These dedicated individuals could never be compensated for the contribution they make to the association. For volunteer organizations, recognition is the most valuable thank-you that can be offered. In many ways the maturity and stature of an organization can be measured by the value that individuals place on the recognition program. Far West has the broadest program of any regional ski association in the country and there are many opportunities for aspiring individuals, clubs and councils to gain recognition.

The Far West program is divided into four (4) distinct areas as follows:

1. Club and Council Achievement
2. Significant Service by Ski Volunteers
3. Athletic Competitions
4. Industry Competitions

Overlapping all of the above is the FWSA “Great Awards“. To be considered, someone from the awards committee (FWSA Officer’s & VP’s & Trustees, Council Presidents, FWRA Officers & past Recipients – more than 100 people) makes a nomination by submitting a citation.

The awards chairman certifies the citation is accurate and appropriate then conducts a balloting of the awards committee. All accepted citations are archived in the Western American Ski Sports Museum as a living history of FWSA volunteerism. In addition to commemorative plaques and medallions a permanent display of past recipients is showcased at the Museum. The “Great Awards“ are as follows:

Hans Georg Award: Awarded for distinguished accomplishment and long-term contribution to skiing, this award is given to an individual who has contributed significant achievements to skiing, not necessarily organized skiing. It reflects a long-term contribution and is the highest award of the Far West Ski Association.

Elizabeth “Schatzi“ Wood: Awarded to the woman, in the Far West region, who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national, or international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year.

J. Stanley Mullin: Awarded to the man, in the Far West region, who has, through efforts in ski club, council, region, national of international activities, made a decisive contribution to skiing during either the past year or in a prior year.



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Jimmie Heuga: Awarded to the individual who, like Jimmie, has made a significant contribution to disabled skiing and/or has overcome a physical disability and has been an inspiration to others.

Terry Smith: Awarded to the outstanding individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of intramural ski racing.

Jordan-Reily: Awarded for a one or two year activity and achievement in ski related Public Affairs programs – area development, skier safety, liability protections, governmental affairs, taxation, and transportation.

Bill Mackey: Awarded for outstanding service to the skiing public by a ski industry or ski area employee.

Tommi Tyndall: Awarded to the ski area, ski area operator, tourism bureau, or ski area association who has made a distinguished contribution to skiing and/or the Far West Ski Association in the past year or in a prior year.

Club and Council recognition

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year: This award is presented to both an outstanding man and woman at the grassroots level. Selection criteria is based on each individual's involvement in skiing; club, council, regional and national activities; and knowledge and enthusiasm for the sport of skiing. Candidates should have awareness of Far West programs and, in particular, its public affairs involvement.

In addition, clubs and councils may submit their newsletters, web sites and yearbooks for recognition in the following categories:

Tollakson Outstanding club

Wentworth Outstanding Publication

Outstanding Web Site

Clubs are divided into four award classes:

Class A: Membership up to 100

Class AA: Membership of 101 to 175

Class AAA: Membership of 175 to 350

Class AAAA: Membership of 351 or more



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Media Awards

Bill Berry Awards: Awarded for Outstanding Media Coverage of skiing. These awards are given for outstanding service by the media, including cinematographers, photographers, radio or television broadcasters and writers for the printed media. This competition is open to all individuals who have been published in the past two years. These awards are highly revered within the industry and are given in three categories:

Hard News
Featured Articles
Modern Media

Significant Contributions by the Ski Industry and Volunteers

Presidents” Award: The FWSA President selects the Recipient. This award recognizes one or more individuals who have made a significant contribution during the year to the goals of the Far West Ski Association or to the skiing experience of the “Western Skier”.

Ski Industry: Long-term ski industry supporters of the FWSA annual convention are recognized with certificates of appreciation.

Athletic Competition

Joe Ross Memorial: Awarded to the ski racers at FWSA ski week who earn the highest point totals for the entire week in their age bracket both male and female. The age brackets are:

21 to 30
31 to 40
41 to 50
51 to 60
61 to 70
71 and above

Council of the Week: Awarded to the council that earns the most points ski racing at FWSA ski week.

Ski Club of the Week: Awarded to the ski club who earns the most points at FWSA ski racing at ski week.

Skier of the Week: Awarded to the female and male skiers who earn the most points ski racing at FWSA ski week.

Roma McCoy: Awarded to the FWRA Ski League that earns the most points per racer start at the FWRA Championships.

FWRA Championship: Awarded to the FWRA Ski League that earns the most points over all at the FWRA Championships.



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Western Ski Heritage Prize: Recognizes outstanding effort in the area of ski history by Historians in the identification of resource material, preparation of historical publications and/or recording or documenting of significant historical events. The Prize also recognizes interest in FWSA history through collection, preservation and protection of appropriate articles and material. The Prize acknowledges the utilization of all types of media and is not limited to FWSA members. Applications are due approximately three weeks before convention.

Recreation & Safety

Safety Person of the Year Award: This award honors the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe skiing and safety programs at the club and/or council level through the utilization of organized events, educational forums, print and electronic media, on mountain activities and partnering with other, safety focused community and industry organizations. Applications are due approximately two weeks before convention.

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION'S COUNCILS MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR CHAIRMAN TIMELINE

The following is the time line for information, submission, requests, and forms.

Mid Jan	Notify council presidents on MWOY Program
Mid Feb	Request Name of Council MWOY Chairperson; \$25 Council cost for each Honoree
Mar 1	Request Names of Honorees and Judges' names/phone numbers E-mails/addresses from council presidents
April 1	Request Honorees' resumes
May 1	Deadline for submittal of resumes to me
May 14	Mail resumes and judging criteria to judges
May 14	Mail typical questions to honorees/judges for review before convention; provide time schedule to judges



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FWSA AWARDS TIMELINE AND GUIDELINE

January 10th: Nomination packets sent to all eligible nominators. A cover letter and website reference should be included.

Eligible nominators include:

1. FWSA Board of Directors
2. FWSA Board of Trustees
3. Past FWSA service award recipients, excluding Bill Berry, Tommi Tyndall, and Bill Mackey award recipients.
4. Terry Smith Award Nomination packets are also to be sent to the FWRA elected officers, league chairman, and past Terry Smith award recipients.
5. Past Terry Smith Award recipients are only eligible to nominate for the Terry Smith Award unless eligible from another category

February 1st: Bill Berry nomination packets sent to Bill Berry Award database.

March 1st: Nominations close for all FWSA service awards except the Bill Berry Award.

1. Nominations must be postmarked on or before the 1st of March to be accepted.
2. Nominees will be allowed one citation, nominator, and one co-nominator only, if more citations, nominators, and co-nominators are received the Awards Chairman will contact interested parties and allow them to make a decisions on whom they wish to be the nominator and co-nominator to be and which citation to be used in the balloting process. Without agreement from the nominators the Awards Chairman will choose the earliest postmarked citation. Nominator and co-nominator will not be allowed to list past FWSA awards that they have received on the citation form.

April 1st: Nominations close for the Bill Berry Awards.

1. Awards Committee Chairman will impanel a jury of qualified people to select Bill Berry Award winners.

April 15th: Award ballots sent out. Award plaques ordered.

1. All ballots are to be numbered and sent with a stamped return envelope and a separate envelope marked ballot.

May 1st: Ballots due back. President's award recipient named.

1. Ballots must be post marked by May 1st to be accepted.
2. Ballots to be opened and counted in the presence of at least two members of the awards committee.
3. Ballots and return envelopes are to be separated before ballots are opened and counted.
4. Committee members separating and counting ballots may not be in the running for an FWSA service award.



Director Report

Charities & Our Community by Sigrid Noack, Chair

Our FWSA Councils and Ski Clubs are involved in a wonderful variety of Charities. Here is some valuable information about Disabled Sports USA, Special Olympics, and the Jimmie Heuga Center with which your club may want to become affiliated.

DISABLED SPORTS USA

What is Disabled Sports USA?

A national nonprofit, 501(c)(3), organization established in 1967 by disabled Vietnam veterans to serve the war injured. DS/USA now offers nationwide sports rehabilitation programs to anyone with a permanent physical disability. Activities include winter skiing, water sports, summer and winter competitions, fitness and special sports events. Participants include those with visual impairments, amputations, spinal cord injury, dwarfism, multiple sclerosis, head injury, cerebral palsy, and other neuromuscular and orthopedic conditions.

Nationwide Chapter Network in Every Region: A Wide Variety of Recreational Opportunities.

Disabled Sports USA is a nation-wide network of community-based chapters offering a variety of recreation programs. Each chapter sets its own agenda and activities. These may include one or more of the following: snow skiing; water sports (such as water skiing, sailing, kayaking, and rafting); cycling; climbing; horseback riding; golf; and social activities.

Sports As Rehabilitation: Gaining Confidence and Dignity

Rehabilitation professionals and even the Federal Government recognize the importance of sports and recreation in the successful rehabilitation of individuals with disabilities. When first faced with the reality of a disability, many experience a loss of confidence, depression, and believe their lives have ended. They are often alienated from family and friends because there are no shared positive experiences. Sports and recreation offer the opportunity to achieve success in a very short time period; to use this success to build self-confidence and focus on possibilities instead of dwelling on what can no longer be done. The ability to participate in a sport, such as cycling, skiing, and sailing, to name a few, provides the opportunity to reunite with family and friends in a shared activity.

Competition as Rehabilitation: Dealing with Challenge and Change

As an extension of the rehabilitation process, Disabled Sports USA offers competitive programs in summer and winter sports. Competition improves sports skills. It allows individuals to experience the excitement of competition and the thrill of victory, as well as the agony of defeat. These experiences help prepare individuals after rehabilitation to face the adversity of a disability in their lives and to learn to bounce back in the face of challenge and change.

The Road to the Paralympic Games: Quest for Excellence

As a member of the United States Olympic Committee, DS/USA sanctions and conducts competitions and training camps to prepare and select athletes to represent the United States at the Summer and Winter Paralympic Games. The Paralympic Games are the Olympic equivalent competitions for individuals with disabilities and are recognized by the International Olympic Committee. For those who want to achieve their highest potential, opportunities are available for national and international competitions in alpine and nordic skiing, track and field, volleyball, swimming, cycling, powerlifting, and other sports. The highest achieving athletes in each sport can qualify for the Paralympics.



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The Paralympic Games - September 17-28, 2004 - Athens, Greece.

<http://www.athens2004.com/athens2004/>

DS /USA Chapters

Arizona

Mesa Association of Sports for the Disabled

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Mesa, AZ 85211-4727

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Email: gjbaumga@mpsaz.org or mesasports@geocities.com

Web Site: www.geocities.com/HotSprings/5896

Major Events Conducted: Desert Challenge Games (April), Mesa Swim Challenge (October), Learn to Ski / SkiAbilities (January), Mesa Bowling Challenge (December)

Equipment available for use: Mono-ski, bi-ski, ski bra, bocce & bowling ramps, racing chairs

Programs Offered: 18 Special Olympic sports; 8 sports for physically challenged; alpine skiing program.

California

Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra

P.O. Box 7275

Mammoth Lakes, California 93546

Contact Person: Kathy Copeland, Director

Phone: 760-934-0791

Fax: 760-934-0712

Email: info@disabledsportseasternsierra.org

Web Site: www.disabledsportseasternsierra.org

Equipment available for use: Mono skis, bi-skis, outriggers, ski tip connectors, walker, blind bibs, seizure belts, reins, leashes and harnesses

Programs Offered: Adapted alpine skiing and snowboarding

Disabled Sports USA Far West

6060 Sunrise Vista Drive, Suite 2540

Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Contact Person: Doug J. Pringle

Tel: 916-722-6447, Fax: 714-449-7736

Email: doug@dsusafw.org or dsusa@dsusafw.org

Web Site: www.dsusafw.org

Equipment available for use: - Alpine skiing and water-ski equipment

Winter Program: Tahoe Adaptive Ski School - alpine skiing

Summer Program: Regional water-skiing camps, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, camping, white water rafting, traveling water ski clinics



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Tahoe Adaptive Ski School - DSUSA

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Email: info@dsusafw.org
Web Site: www.dsusafw.org

Major Events Conducted: "Thrills & Skills" Ski Camp (April), "Benefit Bash" and "Ski for All" Fundraisers (March), "Foam Fest" Fundraiser (October)

Equipment available for use: Mono-ski, bi-ski, superlight outriggers, ski walker Programs Offered: Tahoe Adaptive Ski School

Summer: Tahoe Mountain Adventures; water skiing, National Operation Challenge Adaptive Water Sports' white water rafting; jet ski program and backup jet skis.

Discovery Blind Sports

27685 North Chaparral Court
Pioneer, CA 95666
Contact Person: Natalie Ostergaard
Tel: 209-295-3641
Email: dbb@volcano.net
Web Site: www.discoveryblindsports.org

Equipment available for use: Alpine and nordic ski equipment

Programs Offered: Beginning and advanced guide training clinics, group learn-to-ski weekends, coordination of individual alpine and nordic ski dates

"The Achievers"- DS/USA Orange County Chapter

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Fullerton, CA 92838
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Tel: 949-460-6969, Fax: 714-241-7736
Email: dsusaoc@mac.com
Web site: www.dsusaoc.org

Major Events Conducted: Ski-A-Thon in April

Equipment Available: Bi-ski, mono-ski, sit-ski

Programs Offered: Alpine skiing instruction

"The Unrecables"- DS/USA Los Angeles Chapter

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Los Angeles, CA 90024-0856
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Web Site: home.earthlink.net/~unrecables/.

Equipment available for use: Mono-skis, bi-skis, ski bras

Programs Offered: Alpine skiing at Mammoth Mountain, whitewater rafting, camping, water skiing, kayaking, sailing, Hollywood Bowl concerts, parties, and monthly socials

U.S. Adaptive Recreation Center

P.O. Box 2897

Big Bear Lake, CA 92315-2897

Contact Person: KelLe Malkewitz

Tel: 909-584-0269, Fax: 909-585-6805

Web Site: www.usarc.org

Email: malkewitzk@usarc.org

Major Events: Ski-A-Thon, Peak 2 Peak Bike Ride, Tennis Tournament

Equipment available for use: Mono-and bi-skis, kayaks, sailboat, water skis, outriggers, off-road wheelchairs

Programs Offered: - Adaptive skiing, snowboarding, water skiing, sailing, kayaking

Nevada

Lakeside Chapter

749 Veterans Memorial Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89101

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Major Events Conducted: Camp Malibu, Camp TLC, Tee It Up Classic, Adapted Waterskiing

Equipment available for use: Canoes, kayaks, sports chairs, gymnasium, bicycle, golf

Programs: Full range of participating and competitive sports for individuals with disabilities.

New Mexico

Adaptive Ski Program

1304 Calle Joya

Santa Fe NM 87501

Contact Person: Christi Hield

Tel: 505-995-9858

Email: christi.hield@juno.com

Web Site: www.adaptiveski.org

Major Events Conducted: Celebrity Ski Challenge (February), Learn to Ski Program (January-march), Charity Ball March)

Equipment available for use: Mono-skis, bi-skis, 3/4 track, guides

Programs Offered: Skiing and ski racing



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Challenge New Mexico

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Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Email: Exec. Director - director@challengenewmexico.com

Web Site: www.uwsfc.org/pages/cnm.html

Major Events Conducted: Ride-a-Thon (October), Arts & Crafts Festival (June), The Voice (4 times a year)

Programs Offered: Horseback, riding, skiing, tennis, rafting, basketball, Little League, Youth Adventure Camp, after school programs, day program, arts & crafts, pottery, performance art residential, and music.

Oregon

Oregon Adaptive Sports

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Bend Oregon 97701

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Washington

Disabled Sports USA Northwest - Team USAble

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Issaquah, WA 98027-8654

Phone: 360-663-2265

Contact Person: Kris Lanning

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Email: klanning@dsusa.org

Major Events Conducted: Ski to Sea, DS/USA celebration (May), Northwest Adaptive Skifest at Crystal Mountain (March)

Equipment available for use: Kayaks, canoes, bi-skis, mono-skis, outriggers, tethers, harness, reins, ski bibs, and spreaders

Programs Offered: Downhill skiing, soccer, kayaking, canoeing, camping, and education programs



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Footloose Sailing Association

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Seattle, WA 98103

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Email: bewing@footloosesailing.org

Web Site: www.footloosesailing.org

Major Events Conducted: Center for Wooden Boats Sailaway Challenge - Black Island;

Pacific NW US Sailing Regionals and day sails

Equipment available for use: Three sailboats, two trailers and safety equipment.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

GET INVOLVED AS A COACH, OFFICIAL OR VOLUNTEER

Coaches and Official are integral elements to Special Olympics. Through coaches, Special Olympics athletes get the necessary skills and training to perform both on and off the field. The sport official ensures the adherence of the rules and the safety of competition and the athletes. .

Coaches - the Key to Athlete Development: Coaches play a unique and indispensable role in Special Olympics around the world. Coaches provide the sports skills and spirit that define a true athlete. In addition, coaches are role models and character builders. Coaches give Special Olympics athletes the most immediate awareness of their own worth, ability, courage, and capacity to grow and improve.

Special Olympics coaches:

- Obtain necessary facilities and equipment for training.

- Help to recruit athletes and assistant coaches.

- Assist athletes in learning sports skills and applying them in competitions.

- Encourage confidence and self-esteem through sport.

- Conduct demonstrations in the community.

- Help start Partners Clubs® of peer coaches with their athletes.

- Start Unified Sports® teams.

Becoming a certified Special Olympics coach

The key to improving athlete performance and well being is based on the quality of training and experiences provided by the Special Olympics coach. The Special Olympics Coaches Education System identifies basic standards and competencies necessary and essential for being a Special Olympics coach.



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Becoming a certified Special Olympics coach involves the following components:

1. Attend a Special Olympics General Orientation
2. Participate in an approved course.
3. Complete a minimum of 10 hours in teaching and coaching Special Olympics athletes.
4. Submit the Special Olympics Application for Sports Training Certification

Upon completion, he or she is eligible for certification. Education and certification is looked at as an ongoing experience. In order to provide the best experiences for athletes, continuing education (updating, or upgrading education) is necessary and essential. For further information on courses available for coaches, see Training Opportunities for Coaches.

Special Olympics coaches often find that the personal rewards received are equal to or even outweigh the benefits they offer the athletes. Special Olympics coaches have a unique opportunity to work with athletes in competitive situations to assist in their training for life.

Officials - The Key to Quality Competition

Sport officials complete the third component necessary for sporting competition - athletes, spectators and officials. The sport official ensures the adherence of the rules and the safety of competition. Special Olympics encourages all persons officiating Special Olympics competitions to become certified in their sport.

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Special Olympics provides an opportunity for anyone interested, including Special Olympics athletes to become a certified Special Olympics sport-specific official. There are two ways to become a certified Special Olympics sport-specific official. Track 1 - Persons with sport-specific officiating certification(s) and no Special Olympics experience. Track 2 - Persons with neither sport-specific officiating certification(s), nor Special Olympics experience.

Get Involved as a Volunteer

Special Olympics would not exist today – could not have been created - without the time, energy, dedication, and commitment of the more than 500,000 Special Olympics volunteers. Special Olympics as a movement relies on dedicated volunteers to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people eight years of age and older with mental handicaps.

Volunteers include students, senior citizens, business people, family members of athletes, amateur and professional athletes and coaches, teachers and many others. They fill a wide variety of roles for Special Olympics programs at the local, state, national and international levels, from the role of coach, to fund-raiser, to timer and scorer - the Volunteer Opportunities are numerous.



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Anyone can be a Special Olympics volunteer. Volunteering for Special Olympics can create lifetime friendships and rewards of immeasurable value. If you're already involved, take pride in knowing that you are an important part of a program that offers opportunities to athletes with mental retardation around the world.

Get involved! Contact your Local Program office to volunteer in your area!

Special Olympics as a movement relies on dedicated volunteers to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people eight years of age and older with mental retardation. The Special Olympics global community includes athletes, volunteers, coaches, family members and sponsors/supporters.

Competition & Events Calendar

The Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" never goes out. Every day, somewhere around the world, Special Olympics athletes are training and competing. This calendar lists upcoming regional and World Games, and other major Special Olympics events around the world. For information about competitions and events near you, contact your local Special Olympics Program.

4th Special Olympics Middle East/North Africa Regional Games
4-7 September 2004
Tunisia

2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games
26 February - 5 March 2005
Nagano, Japan

2006 Special Olympics U.S. National Games
3-8 July 2006
Iowa State University Ames, Iowa, USA

2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games
10-19 October 2007
Shanghai, People's Republic of China

Special Olympics International (SOI)
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Website: <http://www.sosc.org/>

Inland Valley

Website: <http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Field/5425/>

San Luis Obispo County

Website: <http://www.slonet.org/vv/ipsoslo/>

San Diego County Special

Website: <http://www.specialolympicssandiego.com>

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Website: <http://www.specialolympics-stbarb.org>

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THE JIMMIE HEUGA CENTER

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Email: info@heuga.org
Website: www.heuga.org

Drawing a Distinction Between Health & Disease

All of The Heuga Center's programs are based on the philosophy that you can have a chronic condition AND have your health. By drawing on a wide range of medical professionals and focusing on all aspects of health - exercise, nutrition, social support and disease management - The Heuga Center helps people with MS learn how to live healthier, happier, more active lives.

Personal attention is the key to the success of The Heuga Center's programs. All our staff members have experience in working with people with MS. They take the time to listen, answer questions and provide individual recommendations.

About the Organization

Former Olympic ski racer, Jimmie Heuga, founded The Heuga Center in 1984 to teach people with multiple sclerosis (MS) how to exercise to help manage their life with this chronic disease. He wanted to share the principles that transformed his life from one of despair to one of health and well-being.

Heuga was diagnosed with MS in 1970, at the height of his racing career. At the time, people with MS were advised to avoid physical activity. Defying conventional wisdom, Heuga began a program of exercise, nutrition, and psychological motivation and found not only his physical condition but his outlook on life improved.

Jimmie's success revolutionized the management of MS. Today, The Heuga Center has expanded Jimmie's approach to focus on the whole person and family living with the impacts of MS. Programs include education, nutrition, mental well-being, and exercise, as well as learning specific, individualized life management skills and ways to integrate wellness activities into everyday life.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

CAN DO Program: Using a multidisciplinary team of nationally recognized professionals, this intensive five-day program provides a comprehensive education about MS - its effects, treatment options and lifestyle adaptations. During this program, participants develop a personalized "lifestyle prescription" designed just for them. In addition, sessions for significant others provide education and support for partners, parents and friends. The CAN DO Program has a staff to participant ratio of 2:1.

CAN DO2: A follow up program for CAN DO graduates, this two-day medical program is designed to refresh and re-motivate past participants.

One-Day Programs: Using the wellness model of its other programs, The Heuga Center has begun to offer a series of one-day seminars for people with MS. Although topics vary, all one-day programs carry the Center's message of making the most of your abilities.



Clinical services: With an on-site physical therapy clinic, The Heuga Center provides individual consultations and fitness training for people with MS and other chronic conditions.

ABOUT THE SNOW EXPRESS

At Jimmie Heuga's Snow Express for MS, people of all ages and abilities take to the slopes for a day of friendly competition and serious fun. But the real reason people take part in the Snow Express is that simply by being there they are helping someone with MS better manage this mysterious, often disabling disease

Snow Express competition is based on your performance both on the snow and in fundraising, with points being awarded for each dollar raised and your place in the Dual Giant Slalom and the Mountain Challenge Events.

Prizes are awarded based on point totals as well as for reaching set fundraising goals.

You participate in two of these three events at the Snow Express near you: Dual Giant Slalom: Go head to head with another racer as you speed through the gates on parallel courses. Points are awarded based on a team's combined raw time taken from the better of two runs. Mountain Challenge Marathon: Race against the clock as you complete as many laps as possible on a single run in a set time period. Terrain varies from resort to resort and there are options for racers who want to tuck straight down the course and those who want to take a more conservative approach. The typical marathon lasts three to four hours. Mountain Challenge Poker Run: Problem solving and mountain familiarity are the keys to this event as you follow clues to stations located throughout the resort. At each station you will receive a playing card, which you will collect to create a poker hand. Points are awarded based on your poker hand and/or number of stations visited. The number of stations will vary from event to event and there is typically a time limit for completing the course.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Form a team of three: Your team can be made up of any combination of skiers, snowboarders and telemarkers. Age and ability level do not matter. The most essential consideration in forming your Snow Express team is finding people who have fun on the slopes and care about helping others!

Register your team: We ask that you register your team as soon as possible before the event. This allows us to plan adequately for meals, prizes and race logistics. Registering is no cost to you and is easy! You can fill out the registration form online, or print it out and return to us via mail or fax.

Start raising money: A minimum donation of \$1000 per team (only \$333 per person) is requested to participate in the Snow Express, but the more money you raise, the better the prizes you are eligible for. During the event, scoring is based on a combination of your fundraising and on-snow performance. With one point being awarded per dollar raised, the teams that come out on top are typically the ones that raise the most money. Prizes are also awarded for reaching fundraising goals.

Prizes aside, it is also important to remember that the money you raise for the Snow Express goes to help people with MS and their families learn how to live with the disease in a healthy, positive way.



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2004 - 2005 Calendar of Events

www.heuga.org/events/snowset.htm

2004 CAN DO Program Dates:

May 19 - 23	The Lodge at Vail, Vail, Colorado
October 13-17	Garden City Hotel, Long Island, New York
November 3-7	The Governor Hotel, Portland, Oregon

The 2004-2005 Snow Express Calendar will not be available until later this year. Please check the website for places and dates

The minimum fundraising goal is US\$1,000 per team of three. That's US\$333.33 per person!

The "Virtual" Snow Express for MS

No need to leave your home to help people with MS. If you are not able to attend a Snow Express event, you can now form a team and raise funds on your own. You will be eligible for all of the great fundraising prizes, including an all-expense paid trip to the Vail International Finals.

So form your Virtual team today! Go to the "Participant Registration" section and go through all the steps to form a team. When you are asked for an event location, just click on "Virtual Snow Express" in the drop-down box. If you do not have anyone with whom to form a team, we will try to match you up with other individuals. Or, you can go solo! As a solo Virtual Snow Express participant, you need only raise \$5,000 to win the grand prize of a trip to Vail.



Director Report

Family/Youth Involvement by Linda Westlund, Trustee

Family/Youth Involvement Committee Report, 2003-2004

The Family/Youth Involvement Committee of the FWSA was established in July 2003. Meetings were held during breakout sessions at the July and December 2003 FWSA Board of Director Meetings, and the April 2004 FWSA Board Meeting.

Mission: To sustain and grow the sport of snow skiing by attracting and building the family and youth market. Short and long-range planning for family and youth involvement, with the objective of developing programs and services to welcome families and youth into our ski organizations.

Strategy and Objectives: Our strategy is to build interest in family ski outings thru events hosted at the Council levels. We will provide the opportunity for the youth/family audience to get familiar with our ski councils, FWSA, and the experience and value that we provide, and then add FWSA level programs to serve this growing member base. Our FWSA objective is to offer a multi-day or weeklong FWSA Family Ski Trip by 2007. The intent is to build a program that would not disrupt service to our member base that enjoys adult-only activities.

FWSA Ski Week, as we know it today, would continue to be a trip for members age 21 and over. A Family Ski Trip would be planned and offered, likely with a different destination, dates, and set of activities, and with pricing to appeal to the family/youth market. Trip size would be small initially, and would be expected to grow in future years. We will also work on developing other benefits for Family Members, such as discounts available thru the FWSA Membership Card. Racing Programs for youth will also be explored and expanded, with consideration to affordability for families

Thank You to Committee Members

The Family/Youth Involvement Committee is co-chaired by *Sheri Parshall, VP Membership*, and *Linda Westlund, Trustee*. FWSA Program areas and member Councils are well represented on the Committee. Thank you to *Barbara Bryant (Sierra Council President)*, *Ken Calkins (Trustee)*, *Michael German (VP Councils)*, *Ed Knott (VP Recreation & Safety)*, *Richard Lubin (Safety Chairperson)*, *Cheryl Riess (The Councilman Editor)*, and recent addition *Bud Allie (Inland Council President)*.

Council Level Programs

The Family/Youth Involvement Committee developed the concept of regional ski days at local ski areas. San Diego, Orange, and LA Ski Councils teamed together to offer a family ski day at Bear Mountain Resort in February 2004. NorthWest Ski Club Council planned a family fun day at Cooper Spur, near Mt. Hood, also in February. Arizona Ski Council worked with Sunrise Ski Resort to promote an early season family visit that rewarded children attending with a free season ski pass. Participation in these first ski season events ranged from disappointing to worthwhile. All councils are enthusiastic about better planning and communication for next season's events, to attract more interest from current and new members. Bay Area and Sierra Council are already talking about planning a family ski day in the Tahoe area for the '04-05 ski season.

Many of our Councils and Race Leagues welcome youth participation in their race events. Sierra Ski Council has a young man, age 12, Adam Wells, who serves as a pace setter. Adam's whole family is now joining him at on and off mountain events, and he is likely to become a role model among kids his age who will want to hit the slopes with their friends and families.



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Volunteers and Participants Needed

Future programs and services for family members will depend on interest from our membership and availability of volunteers to plan and lead family activities. If you are interested in volunteering to help plan a family or youth event at the FWSA level or thru your council, please contact a Family/Youth Involvement Committee Member.

Direct Family Membership is Under Evaluation

The Family/Youth Involvement Committee carefully considered the opportunity and risk related to creating a Direct Family Membership category for FWSA in 2004. Establishing a Direct Family Membership category would enable us to build and assess our potential audience for FWSA Family Programs, however we are just beginning to develop family and youth programs and therefore have little to offer to Family Members at this time.

FWSA's primary membership base is Club Members, who are members of FWSA by the association of their Ski Council and Ski Club. FWSA also has a small contingent of Direct Members at this time. Given the relatively low Direct Member count as compared to the larger FWSA membership base of Club Members, do we really need a direct Family Membership or expect to grow our membership with such an offering? We concluded that our primary member base will continue to be Club Members, but also agreed that FWSA must take a leadership position within the community of organized skiing to remove limitations on serving the family/youth market by providing for their membership.

FWSA determined that recommendations for family membership bylaw changes should be deferred to the 2004-2005 business year. This will allow for further development and success of Family Programs at the council levels, as well as review and coordination of changes required throughout the bylaws to support the category and definition of Family Membership. Your input on the provisions for Family Membership, pro or con, will help us determine the guidelines and timing for making this new class of membership available. Please submit questions and feedback to Linda Westlund, Family/Youth Involvement Committee Chair, at skierwesty@aol.com.

Preliminary draft of Family Membership changes to be introduced in 2005:

Proposal: To amend the by-laws to allow direct Family Membership

A "Family Member" shall be any individual named on the membership application of a family who has fulfilled the requirements and application procedures established by the FWSA Board of Directors and has paid the established Family Member annual dues. Family Memberships shall be available to adult partners who share a household as a family unit and to adults and their related children under age 21. Family Membership may include a maximum of two adults and four minor children.



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Family/Youth Involvement continued

Proposal: Resolution to establish dues for Family Membership

*WHEREAS FWSA is updating its bylaws to allow Family Members and,
WHEREAS current dues for Direct Members (individual) is \$20 per year and,
WHEREAS cost of providing service to a Family Unit of two or more individuals is estimated at less than
the cost of providing service to two Direct Members,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the annual dues for Family Membership shall be set effective
immediately at \$35.*

Providing for family membership and offering valued services to this class of membership will be a multi-year endeavor. Please check the new *Family Activities* page on the FWSA Web Site, www.fwsa.org to stay informed on our progress!



Director Report

History Committee by John Watson, Chair

ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE HISTORY PROGRAM 2004

John Watson, Committee Chairman

Progress. Thanks to the enthusiasm of many members, intense effort by several volunteers, and the continuing support from the **Steamboat Springs Ski Resort**, I can report that the Association's History Program is alive and flourishing. We started with a committee meeting in 2001 and have come a long way since then. The anticipation and the preparations for our 75th anniversary in 2005 have stimulated interest in skisport history and it resonates throughout our community. In addition, history works seem to have captured the Jordan-Reily award, at least for the moment.

Let's take a look backward at our recognition of some of the research effort that has graced our history program. The late, great **Sutter Kunkel** (Grindelwald SC) provided us a look at his portfolio of FWSA historical photos and mementos from the early 1960s. **Chris Miller** (Cascade SC) continues his research on the pioneer Cascade SC and its involvement in the early development of skiing on Mount Hood. **Ingrid Wicken** (Norco) is constructing a building on her property to house her comprehensive collection of materials, especially that on Southern California, and is contemplating her second book. **Catherine Ohl** (PacRim SC) continues to compile resource material, expand the information on her PacRim website, and is tenacious in pursuit of new facts and images.

Current events. In the last 18 months, the superb book "**Mammoth**" by Martin Forstenzer has been published and further printing is underway. Ethan Chickering launched and is expanding his efforts in the Western Lost Ski Areas Project) (**WELSAP**). WELSAP has a website and is linked to the FWSA pages.

The new ski museum at Mammoth opened with the annual meeting of the **International Ski History Association** in March. The museum is underwritten by a special foundation with a professional staff and houses the famous **Mason Beekley Collection** of ski publications, imagery and artifacts.

Planning ahead. Many new efforts are underway in preparation for the 75th anniversary in Long Beach. Guidelines and tips to history display developers have been published in the Councilman. Just to repeat, here are the important ones: start assembling your papers and especially photographs now, develop the project organization, and decide what your final product(s) are going to be. There will no scarcity of prize-winning research products at the 75th, but more on the 75th below.

There are several thin spots in our history documentation and these will be addressed hopefully at the 75th. Here is a starter list.

- Skiing in Arizona and New Mexico
- Comprehensive ski history in the Pacific NW
- Biographical sketches of principal players in Far West history (or even lists)
- Public Affairs history – campaigns to expand ski availability, skier reconnaissance
- League histories and consolidated intramural history
- Cross country skiing in Far West
- Council Development



Director Report

History Committee continued



Preparation for the 75th. The annual meeting in Long Beach will be hosted and conducted by committees formed from Los Angeles and Orange members. In addition to the normal issues of logistics, space, paper flow, and schedule, there are matters regarding historical displays that must be accommodated as well.

Catherine Ohl has taken charge of the steering committee and has had several meetings as of this writing. She has designed the flyer for the convention as well as submitting several logos for her committee's review and selection. We are fortunate in that she is a ski historian herself and has accommodated the special history events with points of contact for these events. The History Committee will provide input to these points of contact. Until her committee is firmly populated, inputs should be to her or to this committee chairman.

- *Council History Liaison*

Overall liaison to work with Far West/Councils/clubs for the History events.

- **Exhibits**

Determine & coordinate exhibit space & criteria of displays for industry, museums, clubs, council, others. Send out invites and specs. Accept requests for display. Plan where exhibits will go.

- *Collateral Material*

Work with Far West and/or sponsors to create ski history collateral material. (A CD/DVD may be produced, is certainly desirable)

- *Multi Media Presentation*

Work with Far West and/or sponsors to create a multi-media presentation on ski history.

- **Reception**

Coordinate history reception, invite ski legends. Accept reservations from Ski Legends.



Director Report

History Committee continued

GOT History



LA Council of Ski Clubs presents
FWSA 75th Anniversary
June 9-12, 2005
The Westin Long Beach
333 East Ocean Blvd., Long Beach
562.436.3000

The Los Angeles Council is already hard at work planning the 75th Anniversary of the Far West Ski Association at the 2005 FWSA Convention to be held at the Westin Long Beach on June 9-12, 2005.

This Convention will be a bit different in that it will feature a significant historical event that runs concurrently with the normal convention business.

Changes to the convention would be the addition of a Ski History Exhibit that would be on display Friday night through Saturday night. On Saturday, we expect that all normal business activities will be finished by lunch to allow for an afternoon full of ski history with multi-media presentations, discussion groups, and a reunion reception.

The scope of the history presentations and exhibits will depend largely on the clubs, resorts, museums, and our guest speakers. We already have soft commitments from a number of National Ski Museums and Ski Resorts to display their history.

We would like the clubs to start thinking about presenting their history. We are in the process of defining a standard for displays. For more information, please contact **John James** at jsjxski@sbcglobal.net.

Convention Highlights

- Special 75th Anniversary Celebrations
- History Reunion, Reception & Exhibit
- Celebrity Guest Speakers
- Silent Auction
- Travel Expo
- Saturday Awards Luncheon & Dinner Dance
- FWSA Business Meeting

Reservations at the Westin Long Beach

- \$129 before May 15, 2005
- Call 800-228-3000, say you're with Far West
- Visit www.fwsa2005celebration.org
- Room rate available 3 days before/after event

Hotel Amenities

- A Starwood Hotel
- Turbo Net High Speed Internet Access Available
- Mini Bar, Coffee Maker, Hair Dryers, Robes
- Fitness Facility, Outdoor Heated Pool
- Lounge, Restaurants, 24-hour room service
- Great Location and rooms with ocean view

Nearby Attractions for the Whole Family

Aquarium of the Pacific, The Queen Mary, Pine Av., The Pike at Rainbow Harbor, Shoreline Village, Catalina Island, Disneyland & California Adventure, Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Beverly Hills

Information

- Catherine Ohl, ohl@acatmeowz.com, 858-467-9469



Director Report

Far West Skier's Guide by Leigh Gieringer,
Editor & Publisher

The *Far West Skier's Guide* - an Official Publication of the Far West Ski Association - is an important communication tool to reach FWSA members and to attract potential new members. Sixteen annual issues which currently are distributed from Seattle, Washington to San Diego, California; and from Albuquerque, New Mexico to Reno, Nevada have been completed. It is a major undertaking and one of the FWSA most visible programs. Although I have the prime role in producing this publication, there are others that need to be acknowledged, because without their assistance, this publication would not exist in its present form.

First mention would have to be the ski industry which has supported the *Far West Skier's Guide* throughout the years. We have a synergistic relationship. Our membership is able to be informed about different resorts. *The Guide* provides the resort community with a platform to get their messages to our members, as well as other snowsports enthusiasts - allowing them to make informed travel decisions. On behalf of the *Far West Skier's Guide* and the Far West Ski Association, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the ski industry for their continued support of and participation in our publication. I look forward to including you in future issues.

Additionally, officers of FWSA/FWRA and member councils have played important roles. Although the names change, office holders' contributions and perspectives are essential to producing an informative and multi-faceted publication. Each council has the opportunity to outline their major activities and club information. Council presidents disseminate *The Guide* to their clubs. Additional copies of *The Guide* are distributed to ski shows and ski shops in each council area which helps attract new members to the clubs.

Producing the *Far West Skier's Guide* is a huge undertaking. I'm at the helm, but I couldn't do it without a lot of participation from advertisers and Association leaders. Thank you very much for your efforts. They are sincerely appreciated. The *Far West Skier's Guide* is about to enter its seventeenth year. It is also the issue that will commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Far West Ski Association. Our goal is to produce the best publication we can for our readers to enjoy. Look for it in October.



Council Report

Arizona Ski Council by Elaine Cobos, President



Arizona Ski Council (ASC) represents six ski clubs and 1,200 ski club members, primarily in the Phoenix metro-area, with membership open to non-profit ski clubs in the State of Arizona. Our clubs serve skiers, snowboarders and social members.

Boeing Adventure Club

East Valley Ski Club

Motorola Ski Club

Party Time Sports

Phoenix Ski Club

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club

Corporate, family-oriented activity club

Adult ski club

Corporate ski club, family-friendly

Adult ski and social club

Adult ski and social club

Adult ski and social club

Our 2003-2004 ski season and year round activities were fantastic! Included was an extensive list of ski season trips offered by our member clubs, and by ASC and FWSA. We had great participation in our trips and local events, and are particularly proud of our continued progress in competitive racing programs. We also had fun while providing support for community service organizations such as Special Olympics.

2003-2004 Ski Season

We started the ski season with our annual "Arizona Days" trip to Telluride, Colorado in December, bringing about 200 skiers and riders to enjoy great early season conditions. This low cost bus trip offers 3 or 4 ski days and multiple departure times and is always a great value and draw for longtime members as well as first-time skiers who want to check out our clubs. This year we stayed in the Mountain Village at the luxurious ski-in ski-out Wyndham Peaks Hotel and Lodges, with ski valet service, a terrific pool and several Jacuzzis, and access to the Golden Door Spa. The Telluride Conference Center was the venue for our Friday evening party and dance, and an on-mountain picnic greeted hungry skiers at the bottom of the race course on Saturday.

We brought 84 Zonies --both skiers and snowboarders -- to Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada, for 2004 FWSA Ski Week. The skiing, pub-crawl and parties, and race events were great, despite the record cold temperatures! Our Council Night party was a fantastic torchlight dinner mid-mountain, including dancing and a challenging ride back down the hill afterwards. Arizona Ski Council took second place in the Ski Week Council Trophy for racing, and *Phoenix Ski Club* placed 2nd among all the clubs! Watch out for next year, BAC, at Aspen, as we'll be looking to take back the top awards. The Zonies thank our leaders, Jaan Vehik, ASC trip captain, and all the support from the various clubs' trip captains, for another terrific experience.

We sent a good sized contingent of Arizona skiers to FWSA International Ski Week in Morzine, France, with options of a pre-trip to Andorra and Barcelona, as well as a fantastic post trip cruise down the Rhone River. They returned with raves about the trip and the excellent planning and organization by leaders Kathy and Tucker Hoffmann.



Council Report

Arizona Ski Council continued

In addition to Arizona Ski Council and FWSA winter travel, our ski clubs ran several great trips this year. *Phoenix Ski Club (PSC)* rang in the New Year in Lake Tahoe, enjoying fancy dance parties at the casinos, while *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (SSSC)* celebrated New Year's in Sun Peaks, Canada. *PSC* spent time skiing Colorado this year again – at Wolf Creek and Steamboat Springs. *Motorola Ski Club* members hit the slopes at Vail, Steamboat Springs, and Ogden, Utah. *SSSC* enjoyed skiing at Salt Lake City ski areas and Winter Park. They also ran another Europe trip to St. Anton, Austria. Both *PSC* and *SSSC* returned to Telluride in April for the annual end of season bash, “Surf the Rockies”, enjoying the new Prospect Bowl terrain with over 700 skiable acres accessible by 3 new high-speed quad chairlifts.

Mindful of the hot weather and not willing to give up skiing so easily, ASC has expanded its travel program this year to include an international adventure away from our “dry” heat. Over 30 ASC members will traverse the globe in search of that perfect ski run this August/ September. Our summer adventure will include skiing in South America, and then exploring the amazing Inca Ruins. This trip will be from August 26 – September 2, 2004, for the ski portion, and continuing on through September 7, 2004, for the post-trip to Peru. We will ski for five days in the Valle Nevado region in Chile before exploring Machu Picchu.

Competitive Racing in Arizona Ski Council

ASC strongly promoted participation in FWSA Ski Week races and NASTAR race events on council and club trips. Two of our racers participated at the Far West Race Association (FWRA) championships, April 2-4, 2004, at Heavenly, Lake Tahoe. One of our racers, Jaan Vehik, even qualified as a pace setter.

The “Jager Cup Challenge” is the Arizona Ski Council interclub NASTAR race competition held on our annual “Arizona Days” trip to Telluride. This year we held our second annual Race Clinic on the day prior to the race for competitors to get some tips and hone their skills. On race day, first timers and veterans, both skiers and snowboarders, competed for individual and club recognition. Fun was had by all on the race course, at the on-mountain picnic following the competition, and at the awards happy hour held on Saturday night. Congratulations to the *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club* for winning the Jager Cup this year. It was a close race for all three clubs, and we look forward to the competition again next year.

Our Lake Louise trip captains encouraged all Zonies to sign up for and participate in the FWSA Ski Week races. We earned several individual medals and ended up taking second in the Ski Week Council Trophy. The *Phoenix Ski Club* finished second for clubs overall. We'll be sharpening our edges and honing our skills to give BAC a run for their money next year in Aspen!

Other Activities – Social, Recreational and Community Service

The Annual Ski Season Kick Off Party and Open House was held in October 2003 at a new venue, Graham Central Station, with multiple music and dance floor options. It was a great way for us to highlight all the different clubs in our council to folks who may not have ever heard of us before.

Our clubs have extensive offerings of social events and year round activities to keep our members entertained. Off season trips include weekend get-aways to beach front resorts in Mexico, treks to California Wine Country, and a 4th of July Houseboat outing on beautiful Lake Powell. We have regular Friday night Happy Hours -- always at a different location – local weekend bike rides in our cooler months, monthly dinner outings, lake trips, a Graffiti T-shirt Party, Wine & Cheese parties, Halloween costume parties, Luaus ... and an endless list of fun



Council Report

Arizona Ski Council continued

events. Our clubs also support charities and serve the community.

The ASC Board, through the new newly formed ASC Charities Committee, has started communications with the Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP) regarding awareness programs, sponsorships, etc. We are just getting started with what will hopefully be a successful relationship with the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind, sponsoring some of their students for a weekend of skiing at Telluride with TASP next season.

Among the most exciting news for skiers and riders in Arizona is a Ski Area Improvement Proposal that seeks National Forest Service approval for snowmaking and other improvements to Arizona Snowbowl. Components of the proposal include snowmaking capabilities, improvements to the Agassiz Lodge, features to bring the area into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, creation of a snow play area, installation of limited ground lighting for lower mountain night skiing, realignment and replacement of chairlifts to improve capacity and better distribute skiers across the mountain, construction of new runs for intermediate skiers and a snowboarding half-pipe and terrain park, and addition of a Native American cultural center. Snowbowl just recently received approval of their proposed snowmaking and other improvements from the Forest Service (selection of Alternative Two as the Preferred Alternative). The open comment period by the public ended April 13, 2004. The final Environmental Impact Statement should be released in mid-summer 2004. The resort hopes to be able to start construction in the spring of 2005 and open for the 2005/2006 season with man-made snow. For current information on status of the Ski Area Improvement Proposal, and to add your name to the Supporters Database, please visit www.arizonasnowbowl.com.

Communication Programs

Our periodic newsletter, the "Snowcactus News," is published three times per year and features information on council and club trips and events, race results, skier safety, and community service and other public affairs of interest to our skiers. Club contact and event information is also posted on our website www.arizonaskicouncil.org. We reach the skiing public and look for new members for our clubs at showings of the Warren Miller Ski Film thanks to partnership with **Arizona Snowbowl**, and provide for distribution of the FWSA Skiers' Guide at local ski shops as well as ski swap venues in which our clubs participate.

Family Programs

We have formed a Family Programs Committee to evaluate and plan family activities and trips. Our family-oriented clubs and individual parent and grandparent members in adult ski clubs have asked the Council to offer family ski trips. Our opportunity to successfully plan and run family trips is growing as several former ski club and council leaders now have young children or are expectant parents. Several of these families joined us at *Arizona Days* in Telluride December 2003 and on the *Motorola Ski Club* trip to Steamboat Springs February 2004.

Arizona Ski Council's annual family event is a day of fun at the Castles & Coaster Park in Phoenix, slated this year for fall 2004. Members and guests will enjoy early access to the park, an all you-can-eat luncheon, and a pass for unlimited all-day use of rides and miniature golf. Thanks to Jeff Peebles of *Boeing Employee's Adventure Club* for planning and coordinating this event each year.



Council Report

Arizona Ski Council continued

Thank You to Volunteers!

Thank you to the hard-working volunteers that have brought their time, energy and talents to Arizona Ski Council and made our programs successful this year. Our representatives helped us in strengthening Arizona Ski Council and the programs and benefits offered to clubs and their members. ASC strives to provide service, rather than competition, to member clubs.

Special recognition goes to:

Council Officers: Past President, Linda Westlund

Vice President, Marge Fons

Treasurer, Ben Velasquez

Secretary, Thecla Chomicz

Race Director, Joe Cusack

Club Reps: Jeff Peebles, *Boeing Adventure Club*

Ed Schwebel, Roger Sevison, Greg Shaffer *East Valley Ski Club*

Michael Brewer, Jeff Marvin *Motorola Ski Club*

Sam Harris, Gary Giertz *Party Time Sports*

Ron LaMoureaux, Arleigh Meiners, Bill Pond *Phoenix Ski Club*

Nancy Bower, Will Cromer *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*

ASC Communications:

Marge Fons

ASC Racing Program:

Joe Cusack, Melynda Harris, Gary Thomas

ASC Charities Committee:

Linda Westlund, Greg Shaffer, Arleigh Meiners, Tony Davino, Joe Cusack

ASC Trip Captains: Marge Fons, Telluride, Arizona Days

Jaan Vehik, Lake Louise, FWSA Ski Week

Congratulations to Greg Shaffer of *East Valley Ski Club* and Marge Fons of *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*, honored as Arizona Ski Council's Man and Woman of the Year. Their contributions to organized skiing in Arizona this year were outstanding.

Looking Ahead to 2004-2005

Planning for 2004-2005 ski season trips is already underway. Arizona Ski Council, *Motorola Ski Club*, *Phoenix Ski Club*, and *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club* participated in the Mountain Travel Symposium at Lake Louise in April 2004. Arizona Ski Council will be bringing a group of 140 to FWSA Ski Week at Aspen.



Council Report

Arizona Ski Council continued

Please join me in congratulating the 2004-2005 newly elected Officers of Arizona Ski Council:

President, Elaine Cobos (*Motorola Ski Club*)

Vice President, Arleigh Meiners (*Phoenix Ski Club*)

Secretary, Thecla Chomicz (*Motorola Ski Club*)

Treasurer, Greg Shaffer (*East Valley Ski Club*)

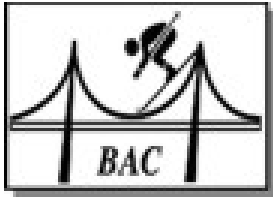
Race Director, Dan Romanenko (*Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*)

Our ASC clubs have also elected new boards, with continuing board members helping to set direction, and new volunteers bringing new energy and fresh ideas.



Council Report

Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs by Dennis Heffley,
President



Welcome to the 2004 Far West Ski Association Convention in beautiful Sparks, Nevada. BAC is very happy to support FWSA and our ski industry partners. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Sierra Council for the hard work, dedication and care in putting on this event. Along with that BAC wants to congratulate our candidates for FWSA Man/Woman of the Year, **Mr. John Schultheis of the Après Ski Club** and **Ms. Sandra Beecher of the Castro Valley Ski Club**.

Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs (BAC) had a busy year with ski club membership drives the corporate discount program, traveling, racing and just skiing. We had a great turn out for the **Lake Louise ~ FWSA Ski Week**. There were 94 participants for the BAC more than doubling our participation last year, bringing us the award for **Best Council** and our **Modesto Ski Club** being awarded the **Best Club** for the ski week! Great skiing, après parties, dinner and races were events that make FWSA Ski Week a special time whether you are married or single! BAC has set aside 202 “pillows” for the FWSA 2005 trip to Aspen, Colorado. Other ski trips that BAC and their clubs offered included Sun Peaks, Vail, Big White/Silver Star, Jackson Hole, Park City and Whistler. For 2005, BAC is planning a trip to Whistler/Blackcomb and other resorts to be determined later this year.

Racing makes up a big part of the BAC. Open League and Singles League Race teams went to a number of local resorts in the Lake Tahoe area to race. Northstar, Alpine Meadows, Sugar Bowl, Heavenly, Homewood, and Diamond Peak were some of the resorts that hosted the races. Norcals was held at Alpine Meadows in March and the Far West Race Championships were held in April at Heavenly Valley. Open League Racing won Norcals and the Far West Race Championship with Single League coming in second at both. **Congratulations to all BAC Racers!**

BAC supports and donates money to Disabled Sports USA (DSUSA), which sponsors the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School (TASS) at Alpine Meadows. BAC has a special annual event ~

The BAC/DSUSA Ski for All hosted at Alpine Meadows this year during the Norcal Championship Races. This year BAC again raised over \$20,000 for DSUSA. This year I visited many of the BAC clubs discussing this special organization and **Sandy Kiyomura** wrote wonderful articles about TASS. But it is the members of BAC who got their friends, co-workers and fellow members excited about the event. **THANK YOU ~ to all who participated in gathering donations!**

I am very lucky to hold the position of the President of the Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs. It is wonderful to have the support and guidance of such a great list of Past Presidents ~ Ms. Linda Yamaguchi, Ms. Karen Davis and Mr. Harry Davis who is also a Past President of the FarWest Ski Association!

For further information about the exciting year that we are planning for the BAC please go to www.skibac.org for updates.



Council Report

Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs continued

In April elections were held for new board of directors. The BAC Board Members for 2004 – 2005 are as follows.

Secretary - Phyllis May	Industry Liaison – David Cunningham
Treasurer – Walter Johnson	V.P. Communication – Norm Avezedo
V.P. Travel - Steve Grevstad	V.P. Public Affairs – Linda Indreboe
V.P. Membership - Michelle Nightengale	Benefits Director - Paula Kinahon
BAC Webmaster – Lee Holzschuh	Singles League President – Chuck Roncancio
Open League President – Sandra Heck	Open League Race Chairperson – Mike Rogers
Singles League Race Chair – Craig Faitel	Marketing Director – Scott Bowker
Community Services Chair – Sandy Kiyomura	Historian – Cosmo DiFrancesco

I would like to acknowledge the following people who served on the BAC Board during 2003-2004. Their contribution, dedication and love for BAC are greatly appreciated. People like them help in making BAC successful.

Rita Oatney – Treasurer
Chris Freeman - BAC Webmaster
Connie and Skip Gast - Industry Liaison
Keith Oatney - V.P. Public Affairs
Lisa Burgess – Singles League President
And most of all ~ **Linda Yamaguchi** – who is still here as the BAC Past President!

Have a wonderful time here at the convention!

Remember ~ You Are The One Who Makes The Difference!



Council Report

Central Council of California, Inc.
by Fran Long, President

Central Council represents 4 ski clubs located in central California, from Salinas to Santa Barbara and east to Bakersfield. Our ski clubs serve adult skiers, snowboarders, and members interested in a variety of non-snow sports and activities.

Member clubs include:

Avalanche Ski and Sports Club of Bakersfield
Camber Ski Club of Salinas
Santa Barbara Ski and Sports Club
SLO Skiers, Inc. of San Luis Obispo

As a recently reactivated council, we had a very successful first year. We started small, sponsoring only two council trips this year.

We had a very successful weekend trip to Mammoth Mountain in January. All clubs were represented and had a great time skiing, partying, getting to know one another, and renewing past friendships. The “hit” of the weekend was the flying jello shooters in the hot tub. We had 40 happy skiers barking like seals to get another shot.

A small group of 20 Central Council skiers joined the USRSA week-long trip to Banff. They were small but mighty and had a great time participating in all the activities provided on the trip.

In addition to the council trips we had this year, each of our member clubs had an active ski calendar. We had many skiers participate in trips to Breckenridge, Jackson Hole, Sun Peaks, Taos, and more, as well as numerous weekend trips to Tahoe and Mammoth.

All of our member clubs have active calendars throughout the year. Volleyball, bike riding, lake campouts, water skiing, etc. can be found on many summer calendars. Central Council will be sponsoring a float trip on the Kings River in late June, with a bike ride, wine tasting, and volleyball tournament to follow later in the summer and fall.

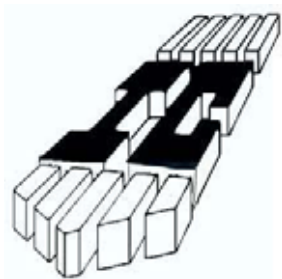
Congratulations to Central Council’s Man and Woman of the Year, Rob Orlando and Fran Long. Both are members of SLO Skiers. Rob is currently Vice President and webmaster. He has been very involved in the organization of SLO Skiers this year and will serve as President for the coming year. Fran has put her energies this year into leading Central Council back into the mainstream as an active and involved council. We are both honored to serve as the Man and Woman of the Year for Central Council.

Ski clubs and ski councils are run by volunteers and are only as good as the volunteers agreeing to run them. Central Council’s 2003-2004 board of volunteers deserves recognition for their outstanding efforts in getting Central Council up and running again. Thank you!



Council Report

Inland Council by Bud Allie, President



Inland Council is very pleased to report the admission of a new club to the FWSA/FWRA family. The Canyon Lake Alpine Club was formally accepted to the Inland Council on March 10, 2004. The Council is busy introducing the new club to the many opportunities now available to their membership. We hope the Canyon Lake club will be able to send representatives to the Reno Convention.

The Sitzmarkers Club has accepted the leadership role for the 2005 Ski Week trip to Aspen - Snowmass. Trip leader Dennis Nickelson reports a great deal of excitement and has already increased the number of spaces allotted to the Inland Council.

Inland sent 13 racers and 17 total participants to Heavenly for the 2004 FWRA Championships. Preliminary results indicate we did pretty well!

The Blitzsnell club represented Inland at Mammoth Mountain's Ski Club Appreciation weekend on April 24th and 25th. Mammoth billed this year's festivities as a "Family" event. The weekend featured a team GS race, the first Annual Dummy Downhill race, and a "cocktail" party with limbo and costume contests. Angelique Foust finished both runs of the GS in her first attempt at alpine racing. Steven Foust guided "Duh," the club's entry in the Dummy Downhill to an Honorable Mention. There were also lots of Mammoth trivia prizes – does anyone out there know what Warming Hut 2 was called before it was Warming Hut 2?

Inland Council Officers 2003-2004. Elections held in October.

President, Bud Allie
Vice President, Richard Orosco
Statistician/Rules Chairman, Bob Warzynski
Secretary/Treasurer, Debbie Warzynski
Program Development, Ben Vandenberg
Sponsorship and Marketing, Eric Smith
Travel Coordinator, vacant
Past President, Don Shore



Council Report

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs by Jacquie Nemor, President



It's been a great year for the **Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs**. We had two trips for the first time. The LAC Ski Week was to Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada and a wonderful 4-day trip to Salt Lake City. We are looking forward to running three trips in 2005. Our LAC Ski Week will be to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, another week trip to Sunshine Village, Canada with the **Northwest Ski Club Council**, and a 4-day trip to a destination that hasn't been decided as of this date.

We had some very close races this year. Congratulations to **Westwood Ski Club** for winning the **Rokka League Championship Race** and **Single Ski Club** coming in second. The **Ullr League Championship Race** was won by **Aerospace Ski Club** and **Century City Ski Club** coming in second. The **Los Angeles Council Championship Race** was won by **Single Ski Club** and **Westwood Ski Club** coming in second and **Conejo Ski Club** taking third. During our LAC ski week in Whistler/Blackcomb, the **Dave Seret Memorial Ski Race** was won by **South Bay Ski Club**. Next year we will be in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, February 5 – 12, 2005 for our LAC ski week. Come join us after the FWSA 2005 ski week to Aspen, Colorado, January 31 – February 5, 2005. Contact **Bonnie West**, VP Travel, travel@lacouncil.org for information.

Best wishes to our FWSA Man and Woman candidates, **Lisa Felker** of **Century City Ski Club** and **Irv Jacobs** of **Single Ski Club**. **Andy Vogel**, the presiding Far West Man of the Year, is also from **Century City Ski Club**.

The new LAC Board of Directors are: President, **Jacquie Nemor**; Secretary, **Karen James**; Treasurer, **Ray Craig**; VP Travel, **Bonnie West**; VP Competition, **Kathy Knott Faris**; VP Communications, **Catherine Ohl**; VP Membership, **Iris Williams**; VP Programs, **Celeste Coleman**; Past President, **Ed Knott**. You can always find out what's happening with the LAC Council and clubs at our Web site: www.lacouncil.org.

Thank you, **Sierra Council**, for hosting this FWSA 2004 Convention in Reno. **Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs**, along with **Orange Council**, is very much looking forward to hosting the 75th anniversary FWSA 2005 Convention in Long Beach, California. We are preparing for the biggest celebration ever and looking forward to all the clubs and councils participating in the history portion of this spectacular event. **Catherine Ohl** is the chair. You can make your room reservations now by calling (800) 228-3000 and say you're with Far West. Also visit the 2005 Convention Web site at www.2005FWSACelebration.org.

Enjoy the FWSA 2004 Convention!!



Council Report

New Mexico Council by Diane Stearley, President



What a great ski season this past year has been for the New Mexico Ski Club Council. However, the Snow Gods have certainly been fickle. Some ski areas were blessed with an abundance of much needed snow, like Taos, and other areas had little or no snow at all. Sandia Ski Area could not even make snow for their bunny hills this year due to the drought we have been experiencing for the past four years. Let's hope next year the 'powers that be' will see fit to spread the power around.

As one of the smallest Councils in the Far West Ski Association, I have to say that our clubs are big on knowing how to have fun. All clubs reported a fabulous and exciting year of social activities and ski trips.

Last year the New Mexico Ski Club Council met with the Ski New Mexico ski area reps and together came up with a ski safety program which included posters and other advertising encouraging safety and ski helmets. We are definitely seeing more helmets worn by both skiers and boarders on the slopes this year.

Last year New Mexico Representative Rhonda King presented a House Joint Memorial, that was passed, supporting the wearing of ski helmets by persons 15 years old and younger while engaging in snow skiing, snowboarding or sledding. This Memorial was greatly supported by the ski community. Our thanks to Rep King for sponsoring this Memorial and supporting this issue. I will be glad to send a copy of the Memorial to anyone interested.

And so, we in NMSCC look forward to another year of participation with Far West Ski Association and hope to see you on the trails next year when the snow flies. And don't forget to wear your helmets!
www.skinewmexico.org.



Council Report

Northwest Council by Steve Coxen, President

www.nwskiers.org



Northwest Ski Club Council represents 35 clubs and 8,000 ski club members in Oregon and Washington. Our clubs offer many skiing opportunities at the exceptional ski areas we have in the Northwest and some clubs offer choices for other regional and international trips. Northwest Council offered several trips and other activities during the year to complement the activities provided through the clubs.

2003-04 Ski Season

Northwest skiers kicked off the ski season with a trip to Vail in December. Fifty skiers from Oregon and Washington traveled to Colorado not knowing if the early season trip would get the snow that has made Vail famous. Well, the snow was terrific and the weather perfect. Many people skied at both Vail and Beaver Creek. We are planning another Council trip to Vail and Beaver Creek in December 2004.

Forty-four members of Northwest clubs attended the Far West Ski Week at Lake Louise in January and about half that number journeyed to Morzine in March on the Far West European Ski Week. The Far West travel program is gaining popularity among the Oregon membership. We are trying hard to spread awareness of the Far West travel opportunities to our Washington members.

Unlike last year, Northwest ski areas have received massive amounts of snow early this year and snow levels remained high throughout the season. Many clubs took advantage of the good skiing at Mt. Hood, Mt. Bachelor, Crystal Mountain and other ski areas in Oregon and Washington. For some of the best snow in the Northwest and superb cat skiing, clubs went to Anthony Lakes, a gem of a ski area in Eastern Oregon. Clubs also skied at two Willamette Valley ski areas, Hoodoo and Willamette Pass. Both are popular ski areas in the central Oregon Cascade's. With over 40 ski areas in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia, Northwest skiers have many choices and, what seems like, so little time.

We finished off our ski season with the 2nd annual Whistler trip in mid-April. Approximately 180 members from clubs throughout Oregon and Washington were in attendance. Plans are underway for the 3rd annual trip next year.

Public Affairs

Last September, we organized a new skier's group called Northwest Snowsports Advocates with a new web page linked to the Northwest Council site at www.nwskiers.org. The web page provides information on Oregon and Washington ski areas with development projects and describes what actions we can take to show our support, either by writing letters to the US Forest Service or by appearing for public testimony. Our group believes that responsible ski area development can provide a better skiing and boarding experience for all of us while protecting the environment at the same time. In recent months, Linda McGavin and other Council members have written letters in support of development projects at Timberline, Cooper Spur, Mt. Ashland, Crystal Mountain and White Pass. These letters are posted on this webpage.



Council Report

Northwest Council continued

Last August I attended a meeting at historic Timberline Lodge to discuss how to protect Mt. Hood but in doing so also recognize that this unique mountain serves as a recreation destination for 6 million people who visit the area annually. A second summit, titled “Mt. Hood: A Vision for the Future” will be held June 7th. On the table for discussion will be a proposal by Senator Ron Wyden to double the size of the protected wilderness area and another proposal to make Mt. Hood a national park. Northwest Council expects to participate in this process to make sure the voice of the western skier is heard.

Northwest Council has held a seat on the board of directors of Oregon Snowsport Industries Association for over 10 years. The Council maintains a close relationship with Oregon ski resorts and other businesses and associations involved in the ski industry – lodging, transportation, retail, manufacturing and tourism. Pacific Northwest Ski Areas Association is also an active partner in OSIA. These industry organizations look to the Northwest Council for advice and representations of the skier’s point of view.

Outreach Programs

Northwest Council participated in both NW industry trade shows this year. We had booths at the Washington State SnowSports Expo in Seattle and the Portland Ski Fever and Snowboard Show. Both shows were held in late October. The annual Council Ski Fair was also held in October. All three shows were excellent opportunities to interact with ski resort and industry representatives and with the general public.

Community Service

The Council actively supports two popular community events – the 28th Annual Pole, Pedal, Paddle competition in Central Oregon on May 15th and the 66th Annual Golden Rose Ski Classic at Timberline on June 5th. Both events raise money and awareness for junior racing programs at Mt. Bachelor and Mt. Hood. The Council encourages all clubs to recruit teams and volunteer to help in each event. Other club activities include fundraising and volunteer work for Special Olympics, highway cleanup on Mt. Hood, the annual Cancer Ski Out and other fundraising events for junior racing.

PACRAT Racing

We had 15 teams and 150 racers compete in the PACRAT alpine racing league, a division of FWRA. Five races were held at the three major ski areas on Mt. Hood, three races at Mt. Hood Meadows, one at Timberline and one at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl. Mountain High’s team, Avalanche Express, took first place this year.

Family Activities

Northwest Council sponsored a family ski day at Cooper Spur Mountain Resort in February. This was the first event in our newly created family activity program. More events are planned this summer at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl and next ski season at Mt. Hood Meadows.

25th Anniversary

This year marks the 25th anniversary of our Council. To celebrate this milestone the Council is planning an anniversary party and dinner cruise on the Willamette River on the Sternwheeler Rose on August 21st. We expect up to 100 participants from clubs and industry partners.



Council Report

Northwest Council continued

Recognition

I would like to thank all members who worked on behalf of our clubs and Northwest Council during the 2003-04 year, especially the NWSCC Board of Directors: **John Reinhardt, Sylvia Kearns, Linda Coxen, Mary Olhausen, Linda McGavin, Jodie Dierickx, Marilyn Sigler** and **Jack Folliard**. All of them have worked tirelessly throughout the year. And if you were to add up all the years of service of this Board to the Council, collectively it would total over 100 years. Thanks also to **Debbi Kor**, who has been very involved in Northwest Council activities throughout the year in addition to her duties as FWSA VP of Marketing.

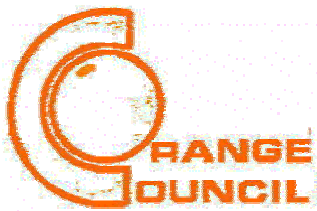
I would also like to congratulate **Barb Parshall**, Skiyente Ski Club, our Woman of the Year and **Emilio Trampuz**, Mountain High Snow Sports Club, our Man of the Year. Both are very deserving of their award for their contributions to their clubs, our Council and the community.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Far West friends at the Convention in Reno. A huge thank you to all of the Sierra Council volunteers who have worked very hard to organize a fun and productive weekend for all of us.



Council Report

Orange by Nancy Sanford, President



ORANGE COUNCIL OF SKI CLUBS

Most of our member clubs meet in Orange County but we have a couple that meet in the Long Beach or Diamond Bar area. Our ten busy clubs that have a variety of activities that would please any skier, snowboarder, traveler, or social person who just loves to have fun.

We have gotten many calls from people inquiring about joining an Orange Council member club and they ask us which club they should consider. Our standard answer is to tell people they should go to several different club meetings, meet the people and officers who run those clubs. See what kind of ski trips, summer and winter social activities and even charitable things that the club typically has over the year. Check them out and then make a decision as to which one would be the best for you. Each club has its own personality and sometimes location isn't as important as finding folks that you want to spend your leisure and active time with.

Orange Council's motto since its inception has always been "Toward Better Skiing" and our clubs are constantly working to become more receptive to ideas and projects that will enhance the skiing and snowboarding experience. A proud member of the Far West Ski Association we participate in their very popular domestic ski week and some of our members have gone on the wonderful European ski weeks. These ski weeks help promote the friendship and enjoyment found by going with people having the same interests even though they are from different parts of the West and different age groups.

All our clubs in Orange Council are looking to increase membership, build better relationships with each other and others in the skiing industry. We have participated in several familiarization trips this season to new ski areas. This experience is invaluable to our clubs, with the participants bringing back important information and insights which they share with our whole group.

Look for us at the convention, say hello to our delegates. Join us in sharing the unique experience that brings us all together several times a year. We are looking forward to spending the weekend in Palm Springs and being with friends once more.



Council Report

San Diego by Nancy Schultheis, President



Welcome to the 2004 Far West Ski Association Convention. San Diego was very proud to host the 2003 FWSA convention in Palm Springs. We look forward to participating in this year's activities. Thank you Sierra Council and the FWSA staff for all your hard work.

San Diego Ski Council clubs enjoyed a wonderful ski season. We started the season with a great council trip to Aspen. Followed by our clubs skiing in Telluride, Steamboat, Sun Peaks, Sun Valley, Lake Tahoe, Banff, Park City and Mammoth. We held our first annual ski trip to Mountain High.

Seventy-four San Diegans ventured to Lake Louise for the FWSA Ski Week. Everyone enjoyed the great skiing and wonderful parties. The FWSA Ski Week to Aspen/Snowmass is selling fast. Visit our Council web site at www.skisandiego.org for a current list of council sponsored activities and link to our clubs.

Congratulations to **Robb Kirschenmann** (Action Ski and Snowboard Club) and **Helen Harris** (Don Diego Ski Club) for representing San Diego in this year's Man and Woman of the Year competition.

I would like to extend a special thanks to our 2004/2005 Board of Directors and Club Representatives. These hard working volunteers make our programs successful. Special recognition goes to:

- Executive Board:
- Bobbie Owen**, Vice President
 - Michael German**, Past President
 - Michelle Langmaid**, Treasurer
 - Rusty Etzel**, Secretary
 - Susie Vetter**, Travel Director
- Appointed Board:
- Connie Smith**, Activities Director
 - Michael Sanford**, Public Affairs/Safety Director
 - Laura Meldrum**, Communications Director
- Club Representative:
- James Dart**, Action Ski and Snowboard Club
 - Ed Langmaid**, BAE Ski and Snowboard Club
 - Helen Harris**, Don Diego Ski Club
 - Bob/Nony Milmo**, Get Off Your Rockers Club
 - Ken Zuorro**, North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club
 - Gene Fulkerson**, Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Club
 - John Tyson**, San Diego Ski Club
 - Bob Morton**, Solar Ski Club
 - Maggie Land**, Top of the Hill Ski Club
 - Sabina Alberti**, Torrey Mesa Ski Club
 - Debbie Schroeder**, Torrey Pines Ski Club

Good Luck to all the FWSA Councils and hope to see you during the convention.



Council Report

Sierra Council by Barbara Bryant, President



Council Activities:

- ❖ During the April BOD meeting Sierra Council will be hosting the Board with a Western BBQ and activities such as golfing and a tour to the historic Thunderbird Lodge on the east shore of Lake Tahoe.
- ❖ The council has a full slate of activities planned for the Convention 2004; a hike to the top of Mt. Rose; a dinner dance cruise on Lake Tahoe on the M.S. Dixie; golf and tennis tournaments; and the Dinner / Dance “Tahoe Boogie Nights”.
- ❖ Sierra Council / League Annual BBQ, Election of Officers, and Awards will be held Saturday, April 24 at Alpine Meadows following a morning of spring skiing. Our awards consist of a **Legends Award**, the **Bill Ramoni Award**, the **Lifesaver Award**, the “**Top Gun**” Award for most race points, the top five men and top five women point earners and several humorous awards such as the “Lookin’ Good Award, the “Foot in Mouth” Award, the Crash Craddock Award.

Racing:

- ❖ On February 28 Sierra Race League joined with Singles League from the Bay Area for the first ever joint giant slalom at Heavenly Valley. Lake Tahoe was a glittering cobalt blue and the snow soft and deep from four feet of recent storms. Race conditions were difficult and thrilling and so many racers participated that all of the races weren’t concluded until 4 PM. Then both leagues joined for awards, dinner, dancing, and camaraderie.
- ❖ Sierra League co-chaired Nor Cals at Alpine Meadows along with Singles and Open Leagues from the Bay Area. We hosted close to 350 racers, had an awards banquet with music, and gave out T-shirts to all participants.
- ❖ We also participated in the FWRA Championships at Heavenly. Race conditions were difficult due to the spring snow conditions. Sierra contributed volunteers at registration, provided course officials, pacesetters, starters, and finishers. Sierra League also chaired the Silent Auction, raising several thousand dollars for FWRA.

Charities and Community Service:

- ❖ Sierra League participated in the Code 3 races on March 16 at Northstar and provided volunteers to help put on the race. The event benefits the Pacific Burn Institute. Reno Ski and Rec contributed close to \$1000 at the Multiple Sclerosis Fundraiser at Diamond Peak in March.

Travel

- ❖ Reno Ski & Rec skied and raced with USRSA during the February Ski Week to Banff, Canada. Sacramento Fagowees is planning their annual Clam Dig to Dillon Beach in June.



Council Report

Sierra Council continued

Spring / Summer Activities

- ❖ We are beginning our spring and summer activities with May Day! May Day!, a ski event at Squaw Valley to mourn the closing of ski season.
- ❖ Picnics, outdoor theater, hiking, mountain biking, cycling, river rafting, TGIF's, and golfing are among the activities that we look forward to in the warmer months. Come join us in the activity of your choice!

Sierra Council Officers 2004-2005

President:	Barbara Bryant
VP:	Donn Bryant
Secretary:	Jo Simpson
Treasurer:	
Statistician:	Dan Jeffrey
Web Master:	Pavel Bosin
Newsletter Ed.:	Beth Perryman
VP of Travel:	Amur Rutz
Head Gatekeeper:	Lisa Collins
Past Pres:	Joe Loader

Awards: Sierra Racing League

Top Gun - Paul Laudenschlager 72 points

2. Dan Jeffrey 65 points
3. Greg Peairs 64 points
4. Pavel Bosin 60 points
5. John Manter 55 points

1. Kathy Ann Wilson 54 points
2. Nancy Manter 45 points
3. Amur Rutz 36 points
4. Kathy Stewart 30 points
5. Nancy Pita 30 points

Most Improved Racer - Kathy Stewart

- 1st Place Club: Reno Ski & Rec
2. Capital Ski & Sports Club
 3. Rat Pack

Bill Ramoni Award: Nancy Manter
Legends Award: Donn Bryant
Board Member of the Year Award: Beth Perryman

Swivel Hips Award: Paul Laudenschlager
Upside Down Award: "Shifty" (Greg Peairs)
Frozen Toe Award: Joe Loader



FWSA Minutes

Annual Meeting, May 31-June 1, 2003, Palm Springs, CA
by Candee Marsh Hendricks, Secretary



MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION
FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
MAY 31 AND JUNE 1, 2003
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

The 71st Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association was held at the Rancho Las Palmas Marriott Resort and Spa in Palm Springs, California.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2003

GENERAL SESSION

President Steve Coxen called the meeting to order on May 31, 2003 at 8:00 am. A warm welcome was extended to all delegates and industry representatives, with special appreciation to the San Diego Council and leaders and volunteers for hosting this convention. Steve introduced the 2003-2004 FWSA Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, Committee Chairpersons, Council Presidents, Appointed Representatives, League Chairpersons and Special Guests to the delegation.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Sheri Parshall reported the list of delegates is not complete due to people still registering. The final count will be given on Sunday morning.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Coxen introduced the following candidates for office:

Trustees (2)	Randy Lew (incumbent), Tucker Hoffmann (incumbent), Linda Westlund, Sigrid Noack, Gene Fulkerson
President	Mike Sanford
Secretary	Candee Hendricks
Treasurer	Nancy Kelly
VP of Domestic Travel	Lynnell Calkins
VP of International Travel	Kathy Hoffmann
VP of Public Affairs	Harry Davis
VP of Councils	Michael German
VP of Athletics	Gloria Raminha



Steve Coxen explained the caucus process and requested that candidates meet at 4:00 pm outside the caucus rooms located in the Las Flores area.

COUNCILS' MAN & WOMAN RECOGNITION PROGRAM REPORT

Chairman Donn Bryant reported on the Man & Woman Recognition Program, including sponsorship by Big White and Silver Star Resorts, location of meeting, acknowledging council candidates and judge volunteers, and thanking everyone for their involvement and competitive enthusiasm.

COMMUNICATION AND CLUB AWARDS REPORT

Karen Davis, VP Communications, reports the winners of the Tollakson Outstanding Clubs, Wentworth Publication Awards, and Club/Council Website Awards will be announced at the Saturday Awards Banquet. Voice of the Western Skier Performance Recognition certificates will be mailed to each club.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bylaws Chairperson Randy Lew directed our attention to pages 25-28 of the delegate book and read proposals to amend the bylaws. Those amendments included: (1) To amend the bylaws to allow Honorary Membership; (2) To add the VP of Racing position and delete the voting privilege for the FWRA representative; (3) To amend the descriptions VP of Athletics to VP of Recreation & Safety, and VP of Development to VP of Marketing, and VP of Travel Services to VP of Domestic Travel; (4) To add the elected office of VP of International Travel; and (5) To clean up the staggered election wording for new and revised functional positions. Voting will take place on Sunday.

INDUSTRY MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Jane Wyckoff, Industry Marketing Representative, announced industries donated more than \$100,000 in donations. Jane recognized the sponsors for their participation, including name badge lariats by Whistler Blackcomb, tote bags by Aspen/Snowmass, ski mugs by Mountain Chalet, Golf Tournament by Big Mountain Resort, Saturday Continental Breakfast by Ski Banff, Saturday Luncheon by Vail Resorts, Wine for Awards Banquet by Sunshine Village, Table Decorations for Awards Banquet by Travel Haus Tours. Jane thanked Catherine Ohl for her artwork on the delegate books, and Judy Schultheis and her committee, as hosts of the San Diego Council, for coordinating this convention. Catherine Ohl explained the procedure for the travel carousel, rotating rooms, and how to use the passport tickets. The Grand Prize trip is to Lake Louise.

Moved by Delegate #149, Randy Lew, that the meeting recess.

Seconded by Delegate #228, Jane Wyckoff.

Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 8:40 am until Sunday morning.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2003

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

The 71st Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association reconvened and was called to order by President Steve Coxen at 8:50 am.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Candee Hendricks, Secretary

Candee Hendricks referred to the June 6-9, 2002 Annual Meeting and Convention Minutes, located in the delegate book, after the council report on pages A-1 to A-8, prepared by Candee Marsh Hendricks, Secretary, at the 70th FWSA Convention in Portland, Oregon.

Moved by Delegate #149, Randy Lew, that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Seconded by Delegate #248, William Funckhouser.

Motion carried.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Sheri Parshall announced there are 223 voting delegates. A two-thirds majority vote is 149 votes.



PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT - John Watson, Parliamentarian

John Watson announced this meeting will abide by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT – Randy Lew

Randy Lew referred to the delegate book, pages 25-28, regarding proposed amendments. Each amendment was individually discussed and voted on. Randy explained that for a bylaw to pass there must be a two-thirds majority vote or 149 votes out of 223 voting delegates.

AMENDMENTS:

- (1) To amend the bylaws to allow Honorary Membership;

A vote was taken by standing up and a count being taken.

Motion carried.

- (2) To add the VP of Racing position and delete the voting privilege for the FWRA representative;

Delegate #21, Harry Davis, called the question.

Motion carried.

- (3) To amend the description VP of Athletics to VP of Recreation & Safety, and VP of Development to VP of Marketing, and VP of Travel Services to VP of Domestic Travel;

Delegate # 136, Norbert Knapp, called the question.

Motion carried.

- (4) To add the elected office of VP of International Travel;

Delegate #147, Nancy Kelly, called the question.

Motion carried.

- (5) To clean up the staggered election wording for new and revised functional positions.

Delegate #7, Susie Vetter, called the question.

Motion carried.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

Randy Lew referred to the Proposed Resolution to Increase Direct Member Dues in the delegate book, page 28. This resolution had failed a majority vote at last year's convention and was referred to the Board of Trustees was brought back for another vote. The Board of Directors has withdrawn support for this proposed amendment to increase direct member dues. After considerable discussion a vote was taken.

Delegate #197, Dave Swartz, called the question.

Motion failed.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Steve Coxen, Chairman

The Nominating Committee entered the following names for offices:

Trustees (2)	Randy Lew (incumbent), Tucker Hoffmann (incumbent), Linda Westlund, Sigrid Noack, Gene Fulkerson
President	Mike Sanford
Secretary	Candee Hendricks
Treasurer	Nancy Kelly
VP of Domestic Travel	Lynnell Calkins
VP of International Travel	Kathy Hoffmann
VP of Public Affairs	Harry Davis, Scott Bowker
VP of Councils	Michael German
VP of Recreation & Safety	Gloria Raminha

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sheri Parshall outlined the ballot procedure. There will be nominations from the floor, with seconds not required, and speeches will be 3 minutes. Ballots were distributed. Steve Coxen, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, conducted the elections.

TRUSTEES

Trustee #1

The Nominating Committee entered the names of Randy Lew, Tucker Hoffmann, Linda Westlund, Sigrid Noack, Gene Fulkerson.

Randy Lew deferred to the second ballot.

Delegate #77, Candee Hendricks, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #169, Mike Rogers, seconded.

The candidates gave their speeches and a secret ballot was taken. Linda Westlund was named Trustee #1.

Trustee #2

The Nominating Committee entered the names of Randy Lew, Sigrid Noack, Gene Fulkerson.

Delegate #169, Mike Rogers, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #197, Dave Swartz, seconded.

The candidates gave their speeches and a secret ballot was taken. Randy Lew was named Trustee #2.

PRESIDENT - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Mike Sanford.

Delegate #21, Harry Davis, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #149, Randy Lew, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Mike Sanford, President.



SECRETARY - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Candee Hendricks.

Delegate #147, Nancy Kelly, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #232, Dick Shawkey, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Candee Hendricks, Secretary.

TREASURER - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Nancy Kelly.

Delegate #169, Mike Rogers, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #172, Maxine Hanlon, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Nancy Kelly, Treasurer.

VP OF DOMESTIC TRAVEL - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Lynnell Calkins.

Delegate #197, Dave Swartz, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #185, Tucker Hoffmann, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Lynnell Calkins, VP of Domestic Travel.

VP OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Kathy Hoffmann.

Delegate #185, Tucker Hoffmann, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #182, Don Green, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Kathy Hoffmann, VP of International Travel.

VP OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Harry Davis and Scott Bowker.

Delegate #180, John Fagan, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #223, Dennis Heffley, seconded.

The candidates gave their speeches and a secret ballot was taken. Scott Bowker was named VP of Public Affairs.

VP OF COUNCILS - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Michael German.

Delegate #180, John Fagan, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #77, Candee Hendricks, seconded.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Michael German, VP of Councils.

VP OF RECREATION & SAFETY - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Gloria Raminha.

Delegate #218, Jim Ortiz, nominated Ed Knott.

Delegate #23, Ken Calkins, moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #29, Bob March, seconded.

The candidates gave their speeches and a secret ballot was taken. Ed Knott was named the VP of Recreation & Safety.

The meeting **recessed** for brunch at 10:50 am.



The FWSA 71st Annual Meeting **reconvened** at 12:00 noon.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

Nancy Kelly referred to the delegate book, pages 20-22 for the Treasurer's report, including Comparative Balance Sheet, Preliminary Comparative Income/ Expense Statement, and Preliminary Detailed Expenditures by Cost Center, with each report comparing 2002 to 2003.

Moved by Delegate #147, Nancy Kelly, that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted.

Seconded by Delegate #22, Karen Davis.

Motion carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT – Randy Lew

Chairman Randy Lew discussed the Trustee's Report in the delegate book on pages 23-24.

INDUSTRY MARKETING REPORT - Jane Wyckoff

Jane Wyckoff discussed her report in the delegate book, pages 32-33, including silent auction proceeds, sponsorships for Convention 2003, sponsorship development, and the website. Wayne Cimperman of Mountain Chalet is the Product Sponsor for the coming year. Jane recognized Leigh Gieringer for her contributions to Far West Skier's Guide.

VP OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS – Mike Sanford

Mike Sanford discussed his report in the delegate book, pages 32-37, including convention panelists, ski area development, Richard Lubin being named Safety Committee Chair, history committee meeting to discuss upcoming Far West 75th Anniversary Convention, and consumer advocacy.

VP OF COMMUNICATIONS REPORT- Karen Davis

Karen Davis discussed her report in the delegate book, page 45, including names of councils and clubs who entered the contests of: Tollakson Outstanding Clubs, Wentworth Publication Awards, and Club/Council Website Awards. Karen recognized the judges by asking them to stand. Karen thanked Leigh Gieringer for FWSA Skier's Guide, Cheryl Riess for The Councilman, and Steve Coxen and Linda Westlund for their work on the website. Clubs and council entries are due by September 1, 2003.

VP OF TRAVEL SERVICES REPORT – Susie Vetter, Tucker Hoffmann

Susie Vetter discussed her report in the delegate book on page 38. She announced the 2004 FWSA Ski Week will be at Lake Louise. Tucker Hoffmann reported the 2004 FWSA European trip will be to Morzine, France, with a pretrip to Barcelona and Andorra, Spain and a post trip on a cruise down the Rhone River.

VP OF MEMBERSHIP

Sheri Parshall requested names of new council board members in order to update the database.

CONVENTION REPORT 2003, PALM SPRINGS, CA – Judy Schultheis

Judy Schultheis recognized the members of the San Diego Council who organized this convention.

CONVENTION REPORT 2004 – Steve Coxen

Steve Coxen reported next year's convention is June 10-13, 2004 at the Nugget/Sparks in Reno, Nevada.

RESOLUTIONS - John Watson read all resolutions.

Resolution #1 – Substantive Resolution – VP North American Travel

WHEREAS, our Canadian brethren are great supporters of ski sport and the Far West Ski Association, and we wish to give clear recognition to our close bond;



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, with the passage of the proposed bylaw that changes the office of V.P. of Travel to V.P. of Domestic Travel and V.P. of International Travel, then at the 2004 Convention the office of V.P. Domestic Travel be changed to V.P. of North American Travel.

Moved: Delegate #58 – John S. James
Seconded: Delegate #24 – Lynnell Calkins
Referred to the Board of Trustees

Resolution #2 – Substantive Resolution – Dues Increase

WHEREAS, the subject of dues for direct members has been discussed thoroughly for the last 12 years since the direct member fee was established, based on costs associated with direct member;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Trustees be charged with the responsibility of drafting a bylaw recommendation that addresses the issues of direct membership benefits and associated costs, direct family membership, and a staggered dues system.

Moved: Delegate #172 – Maxine Hanlon
Seconded: Delegate #20 – Linda Westlund
Referred to the Board of Trustees

Resolution #3– Substantive Resolution – John Gambill Award

WHEREAS, John Gambill was an outstanding member of the Far West Ski Association in his contributions to the annual Ski Week; and

WHEREAS, we will never be able to take a shower without wondering where it would hit John if he were in it; and

WHEREAS, John always had a smile and a beer or margarita in hand on every pub crawl, the venues for which had all become his “favorite bar”; and

WHEREAS, we will never use a Ski Week souvenir without knowing it was personally selected by John,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the award for Ski Week’s outstanding volunteer be known as the ‘John Gambill Award’.

Moved: Delegate #117 – Judith Miller
Seconded: Delegate #7 – Susie Vetter
Referred to the Board of Trustees

Resolution #4 – Laudatory Resolution – Cougars versus Sooners

WHEREAS, the WSU Cougars recently completed the greatest football season in their history; and

WHEREAS, the mighty Cougs triumphed over its weaker PAC-10 competition from the south, including victories over the Wildcats, Sun Devils, Ducks, Golden Bears, Cardinals (what’s with that tree anyway?), Trojans, and Bruins (on one leg no less); and

WHEREAS, the mighty Cougs spectacular season culminated in a trip to the Rose Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Dale and Sheri Parshall, diehard Cougs through and through, made the pilgrimage to the promised land to watch their beloved Cougs take on the Oklahoma University Sooners, Alma Mater of John Watson, parliamentarian extraordinaire; and

WHEREAS, the mighty Cougs wilted under the Sooners relentless defensive pressure and lost the game;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the flyover by the stealth fighters and bombers, before the game started, made the experience for Dale and Sheri priceless, and that if Jason Gesser’s leg had been fully healed, Oklahoma would still have kicked WSU’s hinnies!! Boomer Sooner!!

Moved: Delegate #106 – Dale Parshall
Seconded: Delegate #13 – Sheri Parshall
Motion carried



Resolution #5 – Laudatory Resolution – Second Best Far West Convention

WHEREAS, Northwest Council travel quite a distance from our 70 degree weather; and
WHEREAS, we are so dependent on our Starbucks coffee; and
WHEREAS, San Diego not only met the coffee challenge but put on an awesome “Cool Desert Nights” – although we question the “cool”;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, NWSCC takes our hats off to you for putting on the second best Far West Convention.

Moved: Delegate #191 – Marilyn Sigler
Seconded: Delegate #13 – Sheri Parshall; #190 – Linda Orlando
Motion carried

Resolution #6 – Substantive Resolution – 2005 Convention Site

WHEREAS, the FWSA Board of Directors has voted to conduct the conventions for 2004 and 2005 in Reno, Nevada; and
WHEREAS, Councils devote tireless hours and dedication as hosts of the FWSA convention; and
WHEREAS, back to back conventions in the same location would compromise these volunteer efforts; and
WHEREAS, the 75th Anniversary Convention requires a two-year dedication effort for this momentous event,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the FWSA Board of Directors reconsider the site for the 2005 Convention and open the bidding process to all councils with bids due before the July 18 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved: Delegate #65 – Jacquie Nemor
Seconded: Delegate #20 – Linda Westlund; #124 - Elaine Cobos
Referred to the Board of Trustees

Resolution #7 – Substantive Resolution – Los Angeles Council Bid

WHEREAS, the Far West Ski Association is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2005; and
WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs was founded in the early 1950's and appreciative of the importance of this momentous occasion; and
WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Council has 32 clubs with a large contingency of enthusiastic volunteers; and
WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Council has established a convention committee to prepare a bid to host the 2005 Far West Ski Association Convention;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Far West Ski Association Board of Directors provide the opportunity for the Los Angeles Council to submit a bid at the July Board of Directors meeting to host the 75th Anniversary Convention.

Moved: Delegate #65 – Jacquie Nemor
Seconded: Delegate #66 – Ed Knott
Referred to the Board of Directors

Resolution #8 – Laudatory Resolution – Deep Powder/Sunny Skies

WHEREAS, Resolution #9 on page A-7 of the Minutes in the Delegate Book, where NWSCC and PACRAT Councils state the 2003 FWRA Championships were to be in *sunny* Central Oregon; and
WHEREAS, in fact, Friday was nice and Saturday and Sunday was a snowstorm; and
WHEREAS, we in the FWSA and FWRA expected *sunny* skies at Mt. Bachelor; and
WHEREAS, we find no fault with NWSCC and PACRAT for the snowstorm;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, FWSA and FWRA find waist-deep powder an acceptable substitute for *sunny* skies.



Moved: Delegate #169 – Mike Rogers
Seconded: Delegate #224 – Dianne Wolf
Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Outgoing President Steve Coxen thanks outgoing board members for their service on the Far West board.

ADJOURNMENT

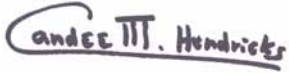
Moved by Delegate #23, Ken Calkins, that the 71st Annual Meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Delegate #123, Lisa Burgess.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Candee M. Hendricks in purple ink.

Candee M. Hendricks, 2003-2004 FWSA Secretary



FWSA Bylaws

As Amended June 1, 2003

By Randall K. Lew,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees



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06/01/2003

FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

1.0 NAME

1.1 The name of this organization shall be "FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION".

2.0 PURPOSES

2.1 The purposes for which Far West Ski Association was formed and is operated and conducted are exclusively charitable, educational, civic, recreational and social; and its primary objectives are

To take an active civic interest in and to encourage, develop and maintain the sport of skiing as a healthful outdoor recreation.

To promote, encourage and maintain friendly relations between skiers, members and other organizations interested in the sport of skiing; to cooperate with other such organizations instituted and maintained for purposes comparable to the purposes of this Association.

To cooperate, if required, with any governmental or other agency engaged in activities affecting the sport of skiing and winter sports, to the end that the public at large may obtain the fullest appropriate use and enjoyment of areas particularly adapted to wintertime use and recreation.

To develop skill in skiing and to standardize rules governing ski competitions, races and other ski events.

To establish and maintain uniform tests of amateur standing among skiers in conformity with the higher ideals of a gentlemanly sport.



To render such services as do not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits or dividends to its members and for all the purposes for which individuals may associate themselves subject to the laws and regulations applicable to nonprofit corporations of the State of California.

In general, to carry on any business and to exercise all rights and privileges and do all things incidental or desirable for carrying out the foregoing purposes.

3.0 AUTONOMY

3.1 Far West Ski Association, sometimes referred to as "FWSA" or the "Association", herein, is an autonomous non-profit California corporation.

4.0 CONTROL OF PROPERTY

4.1 The Association shall not be liable for any debts other than its own, shall not enter into any form of guarantees for the debts of another, and no property, real or personal, belonging to the Association shall be subject to the debts of or control from any other organization.

5.0 FISCAL YEAR

5.1 The fiscal year shall begin May 1 of each year.

6.0 GEOGRAPHIC AREA

6.1 Far West Ski Association shall restrict its membership recruiting to those geographic areas as determined by the Board of Directors of this Association which for most part will cover those geographic areas which have historically been recognized as the Far West Region.

7.0 RULES OF ORDER

7.1 All meetings of the Association, and meetings of the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Councils Committee shall be run in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order except where otherwise stated in these By-Laws.

8.0 MEMBERSHIP

8.1 Membership shall be open to all individuals who subscribe to the goals and purposes of this organization.

8.2 Definitions for Membership

8.2.1 A "Member" shall be any individual who has fulfilled the requirements and application procedures for membership as set forth in Section 8.4.1, herein, and has paid the annual dues, if any, as prescribed by the Association.

8.2.2 A "Club Member" shall be any individual Member who is a member in good standing of an FWSA "Affiliated Ski Club".



8.2.3 A “Direct Member” shall be any individual Member who is not a member of an FWSA “Affiliated Ski Club”.

8.2.4 A “Honorary Member” shall be any deserving individuals who by affirmative vote of the Board of Directors is so designated.

8.2.5 A “Ski Club” shall be a ski club, ski association or other ski organization which has at least 10 individual members in good standing in accordance with the membership requirements of that club, association or organization.

8.2.6 An “Affiliated Ski Club”, hereinafter referred to as “Ski Club”, herein, shall be a Ski Club which has fulfilled the requirements and application procedures for affiliation as set forth in Section 8.4, herein, has had its affiliation request accepted and processed by FWSA and has paid the current annual affiliation fee, if any, as prescribed by the Association.

8.2.7 An “Unaffiliated Club” shall refer to any Ski Club which is not affiliated with FWSA.

8.2.8 A “Council Club” shall be any “Affiliated Ski Club” which is a member in good standing of an FWSA Council.

8.2.9 A “Direct Club” shall be any “Affiliated Ski Club” which is not a member of an FWSA Council.

8.2.10 FWSA Members or Individual Members shall refer to the total number of Club Members and Direct Members of the Association.

8.2.11 FWSA Affiliated Ski Clubs shall refer to the total number of Council Clubs and Direct Clubs of the Association.

8.3 Categories of Membership

8.3.1 Club Member (individual)

8.3.2 Direct Member (individual)

8.3.3 Honorary Member (individual)

8.4 Requirements and Application for Membership or Affiliation

8.4.1 Application for membership shall be submitted in writing/on the Association’s Membership Application Form, accompanied by the appropriate dues as set by the Association and addressed to the V.P. of Membership of the Association.

8.4.2 A ski club, ski association or other ski organization must qualify as a Ski Club as defined in Section 8.2.4, herein, to become affiliated with FWSA.

8.4.3 Any ski club, ski association or other ski organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, with its regular meeting place within the membership recruitment area of the Far West Ski Association, may apply to become an Affiliated Ski Club of the Association by following the procedures as set forth, herein.

8.4.4 Application for Ski Club affiliation shall be submitted in writing/on the Association’s



Affiliation Application Form, accompanied by appropriate fees; addressed to the V.P. of Membership of the Association; and signed by the responsible executive officer of the applicant/Ski Club.

8.4.5 Application for Ski Club affiliation shall be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's Articles of Incorporation, Partnership Agreement, Unincorporated Association Agreement, Constitution or other similar enabling document; a copy of its By-Laws, if any; and a list of all of its members at the time of application.

8.5 Additional Categories of Membership

8.5.1 The Board of Directors is authorized to create additional categories of membership, to be effective as specified by the Board of Directors and such action by the Board of Directors shall be subject to ratification by the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting of the Association, but no changes may be made by the Board of Directors to the existing categories of membership as set forth in these By-Laws.

8.6 Benefits of Membership

8.6.1 Individual members shall have the right to attend meetings of the Association; express their opinions on matters considered at those meetings; hold an elected office or position on the Board of Trustees; hold Committee positions within the Association; receive all regularly issued publications of the Association and any special benefits offered by the Association, from time to time; and have such other rights, privileges and benefits as are set forth in these By-Laws.

8.7 Expulsion from Membership or Affiliation

8.7.1 Any individual Member or any Affiliated Ski Club may be expelled from membership or affiliation, respectively, by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all votes actually cast on the issue at any Annual Meeting or at any Special Meeting called for such purpose.

9.0 DUES AND FEES

9.1 Establishment and changing of Dues and Fees

9.1.1 Dues and fees shall be established or changed at the Annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the establishment or change is being considered.

9.1.2 The Board of Directors is authorized to establish appropriate membership dues for any categories of membership established pursuant to Section 8.5, herein, and such action by the Board of Directors shall be subject to ratification by the Delegates at the next Annual meeting of the Association, but no changes may be made by the Board of Directors to the dues which have been previously ratified by the membership for any existing categories of membership.

9.1.3 Dues for Direct Members shall always be set at least \$5.00 higher than the dues for Club Members of Non-100% Ski Clubs, as long as 100% and Non-100% Ski Clubs' dues are different amounts, otherwise, dues for Direct Members will just be set at least \$5.00 higher than dues for Ski Club Members.

10.0 MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

10.1 Definitions for Meetings of the Association



10.1.1 A person shall be considered registered at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association after filling out the required registration form(s) and paying the required registration fee(s), if any, for such meeting.

10.1.2 A “Delegate” shall be an individual who is a Member in good standing of FWSA as set forth in Section 8.0, herein, is registered as set forth in Section 10.1.1 and is officially registered with the Credentials Committee as set forth in Section 10.4.2, herein, at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Association then in session.

10.1.3 A member of a Ski Club shall be a person who has been officially accepted as a member of said Ski Club in accordance with said Ski Club’s membership requirements and policies, is currently a member in good standing of said Ski Club and may not be a person who is still an applicant of said Ski Club.

10.1.4 The “Direct Members’ bloc” shall be made up of all of the current Direct Members of record of the organization.

10.2 Annual Meeting of the Association

10.2.1 The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held between April 1 and July 1 of each year, on a date to be determined by the Board of Directors.

10.2.2 The agenda at the Annual Meeting of the Association shall include the following:

- Presentation and consideration of credentials
- Reading of minutes of last meeting.
- Reports from the President and Treasurer.
- Committee and panel meetings.
- Reports from Committees, which have not previously been submitted to the members.
- Unfinished business.
- New business.
- Report from the Nominating Committee and election of Officers and Trustees.
- Adjournment.

10.3 Special Meetings of the Association

10.3.1 Special Meetings of the Association shall be called by the Secretary, upon the written request of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or upon written request of either one-third (1/3) of the individual members or one-third (1/3) of the Ski Clubs.

10.4 Delegates to Meetings of the Association

10.4.1 A Delegate may represent either Club Members or Direct Members at a Meeting of the Association, but not both and may not be a Delegate for more than one Ski Club.

10.4.2 To be an officially registered Delegate, a person must be on the Delegate list submitted by the Ski Club which they will represent or Delegate list from the registered Direct Members representing the Direct Members’ bloc. Such lists must be submitted to the Credentials Committee prior to the time set for such submission at the Meeting then in session.

10.4.3 Each Ski Club may appoint Delegates to all Annual and Special Meetings of the Association pursuant to Section 10.7.1, herein, and these Delegates shall be representing Club Members of the Association, but no person shall be appointed as a Delegate of a Ski Club, by that Ski Club,



unless that person is a member in good standing of that Ski Club.

10.4.4 Delegates representing the Direct Members bloc shall be appointed by the Direct Members registered at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Association then in session and pursuant to Section 10.7.3, herein.

10.4.5 Each Ski Club shall be entitled to appoint Delegates, based on its number of members as set forth in Section 10.7.1, herein, according to the formula as set forth in Section 10.7.3.

10.5 Quorum for Meetings of the Association

10.5.1 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total number of officially registered Delegates.

10.6 Voting Procedures for Meetings of the Association

10.6.1 Votes at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association may only be cast by officially registered Delegates to said meeting.

10.6.2 Each Delegate present at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association and present at such Meeting at the time a vote is taken on any motion, matter or issue presented to the Delegates for consideration, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on such motion, matter or issue, unless otherwise stated, herein.

10.6.3 Passage of any motion, matter or issue presented to the Delegates for consideration at an Annual or Special Meeting of the Association, shall require a majority vote of the quorum as set forth in Section 10.5.1, herein, unless otherwise stated, herein.

10.7 Determination of the Number of Delegates at Meetings of the Association.

10.7.1 The number of Delegates which may be appointed by a Ski Club or the Direct Members' bloc shall be determined pursuant to Section 10.7.3, herein, based on the number of members of record of said Ski Club or the Direct Member bloc as of forty-five (45) days prior to the date of each Annual meeting or as of the date of any Special Meeting.

10.7.2 Any dispute concerning the number of Delegates shall be resolved by the Credentials Committee.

10.7.3 The formula for calculating the number of Delegates which may be appointed by each Ski Club and the Direct Members' bloc at Annual and Special Meetings of the Association is:

<u>No. of members in a Ski Club or in the Direct Members' bloc</u>	<u>Total Number of Delegates Entitled to be Appointed</u>
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At least:

10	2
15	3
20	4
30	5
40	6
50	7
60	8
70	9
80	10



90	11
100	12
125	13
150	14
175	15
200	16
250	17
300	18
350	19
400 or more	20

10.8 Notice of Meetings of the Association

10.8.1 Notice of all Annual and Special Meetings of the Association shall be given at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the meeting and shall include the important items on the agenda for the meeting.

11.0 ELECTED OFFICES

11.1 Definitions for Elected Offices

11.1.1 An "Officer", sometimes referred to as an "Elected Officer", herein, of the Association shall be any individual elected to an elected office as set forth in Section 11.2, herein.

11.2 Titles of Elected Offices

- 11.2.1 President
- 11.2.2 Secretary
- 11.2.3 Treasurer
- 11.2.4 V.P. of Membership
- 11.2.5 V.P. of Marketing
- 11.2.6 V.P. of Domestic Travel
- 11.2.7 V.P. of Public Affairs
- 11.2.8 V.P. of Communications
- 11.2.9 V.P. of Recreation & Safety
- 11.2.10 V.P. of Councils
- 11.2.11 V.P. of International Travel

11.3 Terms of office of Elected Offices

11.3.1 Terms of office shall begin on the day of the election.

11.3.2 The elected offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be for one (1) year terms and shall, therefore, be elected annually.

11.3.3 The remaining elected offices shall be for two (2) year terms and the elections for these offices shall be staggered with the offices of the Vice Presidents of Marketing, Membership, Communications and International Travel being elected in the alternate years from the Vice Presidents of Domestic Travel, Public Affairs, Recreation & Safety and Councils.

11.3.4 The Officers shall serve the terms as set forth in Sections 11.3.2 and 11.3.3, herein, or until their successors take office.

11.4 Eligibility for Election to Elected Offices



11.4.1 Any individual Member may be nominated and elected at an Annual Meeting of the Association for any one of the elected offices of the Association up for election at that Annual Meeting.

11.4.2 Any individual nominated for an elected office shall hold an individual membership in the Association as required in Section 8.0, herein, and if elected to an elected office, said individual shall maintain such membership in the Association during their term of office.

11.5 Voting for Elected Offices

11.5.1 Each Delegate, as defined in Section 10.1.2, herein, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for one (1) candidate in each elected office up for election at an Annual meeting of the Association.

11.6 Election to Elected Offices

11.6.1 The candidate who receives the highest number of the votes cast in an election for an office of the Association, shall be elected to such office.

11.6.2 In the event of a tie for the highest number of the votes cast in an election, there shall be a run-off vote between the candidates tied for the highest number of the votes cast.

11.7 Duties of Elected Officers

11.7.1 The Officers of this Association shall perform such executive and administrative duties and functions as shall be within the designation of their respective offices as well as such additional duties and functions as may be assigned, from time to time, by the President or Board of Directors.

11.8 Line of Authority for Elected Officers

11.8.1 The Secretary, Treasurer and all Vice Presidents of the Association shall report directly to the President and shall be directed by the President in the performance of the duties and functions of their offices.

11.9 Resignation from Elected Offices

11.9.1 Any Officer of the Association may, at any time, resign their position and said resignation shall become effective in accordance with its terms upon receipt of said resignation, in writing, by the President or Secretary of the Association.

11.10 Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices

11.10.1 In the event of a vacancy in any elected office of the Association, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint a qualified person to fill such vacant office or position until that office or position is filled by an election by the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. If the position, filled by the appointment by the Board of Directors, would not normally be scheduled for election at the next Annual Meeting, the election, referred to above, of the new Officer shall only be for the length of time which remains in the original term for that office.

11.11 Dual Positions in Elected Offices



11.11.1 No individual may hold or be elected to more than one elected office at the same time, or serve as Immediate Past President and hold an elected office at the same time.

11.11.2 No individual may hold or be elected to an elected office while holding an elected position on the Board of Trustees.

11.12 Removal from Elected Offices

11.12.1 Notice of intent to propose removal of an Officer to the Members of the Association and notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the proposed removal will be considered shall be mailed to all members of the Board of Directors and the Officer whose removal is sought at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting and the Officer whose removal is being sought shall be afforded the opportunity to respond to the Board of Directors prior to the Board of Directors taking a vote on the proposed removal at the meeting referred to in the above mentioned notice.

11.12.2 Upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number members of the Board of Directors, a recommendation for removal of an Officer shall be presented to the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Association called for said purpose. Written notice of said meeting stating the purpose of said meeting shall be mailed to the Members of the Association not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.

12.0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

12.1 Definitions for the Board of Trustees

12.1.1 A "Trustee" of the Association shall be any individual who is a member of the Board of Trustees as set forth in Section 12.3, herein.

12.1.2 An "ex officio" member of the Board of Trustees is a member by virtue of their position or office as set forth in Section 12.3.2, herein.

12.2 Number of Members on the Board of Trustees

12.2.1 The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven (7) individuals.

12.3 Members of the Board of Trustees

12.3.1 There shall be four (4) elected members of the Board of Trustees.

12.3.2 There shall be three (3) ex officio members of the Board of Trustees, being the President, Immediate Past President and Treasurer of the Association.

12.4 Terms of Position on the Board of Trustees

12.4.1 Terms of position for Trustees shall begin on the day of the election.

12.4.2 Trustees shall be elected for two (2) year terms and the elections for the Trustees shall be staggered so that two (2) Trustees are elected each year.

12.4.3 The Trustees shall serve the terms as set forth in Section 12.4.2, herein, or until their successors take office.

12.5 Eligibility for election to the Board of Trustees



12.5.1 Any individual nominated for a Trustees position shall hold an individual membership in the Association as required in Section 8.0, herein, and if elected to said Trustees position, said individual shall maintain such membership in the Association during their term as a Trustee.

12.5.2 Any individual Member may be nominated and elected at an Annual Meeting of the Association for one (1) of the two (2) Trustees positions up for election at that Annual Meeting.

12.6 Voting for Trustees

12.6.1 Each Delegate, as defined in Section 10.1.2, herein, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for one (1) of the candidates running for each Trustee position up for election at an Annual meeting of the Association.

12.7 Election to the Board to Trustees

12.7.1 The candidate who receives the highest number of the votes cast in an election for an open position on the Board of Trustees of the Association, shall be elected to such office.

12.7.2 In the event of a tie for the highest number of the votes cast in an election, there shall be a run-off vote between the candidates tied for the highest number of the votes cast.

12.8 Chairman of the Board of Trustees

12.8.1 The Chairman of the Board of Trustees must be one of the elected Trustees and may not be the Association's President, Past President or Treasurer.

12.8.2 The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be elected annually by the members of the Board of Trustees at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following each Annual Meeting of the Association pursuant to the requirements for action by the Board of Trustees as set forth in Section 12.11, herein.

12.9 Meetings of the Board of Trustees

12.9.1 The Board of Trustees shall meet at least two (2) times annually.

12.9.2 The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, as set forth in Section 12.8, herein, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Trustees.

12.9.3 Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be called, scheduled and/or authorized by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees or any four (4) Trustees.

12.9.4 Minutes of all meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be accurately kept and copies of those minutes shall be mailed to every member of the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors and Councils Committee in a timely manner.

12.10 Quorum Required for meetings of the Board of Trustees

12.10.1 A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall be necessary for the Board of Trustees to take action.

12.10.2 A quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority of the total number of Trustees.



12.11 Requirements for Action by the Board of Trustees

12.11.1 Action by the Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 12.10.1, herein, shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees present, unless otherwise stated, herein.

12.11.2 No member of the Board of Trustees may vote upon a matter being considered at any meeting of the Board of Trustees unless that member is present at said meeting and present at the time the vote is taken.

12.11.3 The members of the Board of Trustees shall have no powers to act individually in their capacities as members of the Board of Trustees, but may act only as a Board.

12.12 Duties of the Board of Trustees

12.12.1 The Board of Trustees shall be in charge of long-range planning for the Association as well as insuring that the Association's corporate records are maintained and timely filings are made.

12.13 Resignation from the Board of Trustees

12.13.1 Any Trustee of the Association may, at any time, resign their position and said resignation shall become effective in accordance with its terms upon receipt of said resignation, in writing, by the President or Secretary of the Association.

12.14 Filling Vacancies on the Board of Trustees

12.14.1 In the event of a vacancy in an elected Trustees position, the Board of Directors shall, within thirty (30) days, appoint a qualified person to fill such vacant position until that position is filled by an election by the Delegates at the next Annual Meeting of the Association. If the position, filled by the appointment by the Board of Directors, would not normally be scheduled for election at the next Annual Meeting, the election, referred to above, of the new Trustee shall only be for the length of time which remains in the original term for that Trustee position.

12.15 Dual Positions on the Board of Trustees

12.15.1 No individual may hold or be elected to more than one elected Trustee position at the same time.

12.15.2 No individual may hold or be elected to a Trustee position while holding an "elected office".

12.16 Removal from the Board of Trustees

12.16.1 Notice of intent to propose removal of a Trustee to the Members of the Association and notice of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which the proposed removal will be considered shall be mailed to all members of the Board of Directors and the Trustee whose removal is sought at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting and the Trustee whose removal is being sought shall be afforded the opportunity to respond to the Board of Directors prior to the Board of Directors taking a vote on the proposed removal at the meeting referred to in the above mentioned notice.

12.16.2 Upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of members of the Board of Directors, a recommendation for removal of a Trustee shall be presented to the Delegates at a Special Meeting of the Association. Written notice of said meeting stating the purpose of said meeting shall be mailed to the Members of the Association not less than fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting.



13.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

13.1 Definitions for the Board of Directors

13.1.1 A “Director” of the Association shall be any individual who is a member of the Board of Directors as set forth in Section 13.2, herein.

13.1.2 The “Immediate Past President” is the individual who last held the elected office of President immediately prior to the individual currently holding the office of President.

13.2 Members of the Board of Directors

13.2.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of the Elected Officers (as set forth in Section 11.2, herein), Immediate Past President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Association.

13.3 Chairman of the Board of Directors

13.3.1 The President of the Association shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

13.4 Meetings of the Board of Directors

13.4.1 The Board of Directors shall meet at least two (2) times annually.

13.4.2 The Chairman of the Board of Directors, as set forth in Section 13.3, herein, or in his/her absence the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, as set forth in Section 12.8, herein, shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors.

13.4.3 Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called, scheduled and/or authorized by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or by any seven (7) Directors.

13.4.4 Minutes of all meeting of the Board of Directors shall be accurately kept by the Secretary of the Association and copies of those minutes shall be mailed to every member of the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees and Councils Committee in a timely manner.

13.4.5 Voting privileges shall be extended, at all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors, to

- a) Those (FWSA area) Council Presidents present.
- b) The Far West Racing Association’s President, who is designated FWSA V.P. of Racing, when present.
- c) The Far West Ski Association’s “non-Director” Trustees, when present.
- d) Any other representative or representatives from other affiliated or associated organization/s as authorized by the current Board of Directors, which authorization expires at the following annual meeting/convention; with the total of those authorized representatives not to exceed 20% of the then current Board of Directors.

13.4.5.1 Persons casting a vote under Section 13.4.5 have a fiduciary responsibility to the Association/FWSA, and so shall act in the best interests of the Association as a whole and not those confined to one of its component elements or programs. The minutes of the Board



meetings where any person, or persons, covered under Section 13.4.5 casts a vote must accurately record which of those persons, if any, did cast a vote on each motion/action item voted upon.

(clarification) ---> [On each motion voted upon, each “vote-extended-to” person is to either 1) vote “yes” or 2) vote “no” or 3) not vote at all - a “no” vote IS counted as a vote. Only #3, “not vote at all”, relieves the “vote-extended-to” person of having to making a fiduciary commitment on that motion/action item being decided/voted on. The minutes should record/ reflect/indicate which “vote-extended to” people (their names and the names of the organizations they represent) voted - to be recorded is the fact that they voted/cast a vote, NOT how they voted.]

13.5 Quorum Required for Meetings of the Board of Directors

13.5.1 A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be necessary for the Board of Directors to take action.

13.5.2 A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the total number of Directors.

13.6 Requirements for Action by the Board of Directors

13.6.1 Action by the Board of Directors, pursuant to Section 13.5.1, herein, shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors present, unless otherwise stated, herein.

(clarification added 4/17/96) ---> [Per “Robert’s Rules of Order”, “a majority vote means a majority (more than half) of the votes CAST, ignoring blanks (abstentions), at a legal meeting, a quorum being present.” Therefore, if, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the BOD, any “additional” votes are cast (votes in addition to those cast by the Directors present, additional votes as are authorized by, and “otherwise stated, herein” in, Section 13.4.5 “Voting privileges shall be extended, at all regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors, to”), it will then take an affirmative vote of a majority of the total (all) votes CAST to adopt a motion/for “Action by the Board of Directors” at that meeting.]

13.6.2 No member of the Board of Directors may vote upon a matter being considered at any meeting of the Board of Directors unless that member is present at said meeting and present at the time the vote is taken.

13.6.3 The members of the Board of Directors shall have no powers to act individually in their capacities as members of the Board of Directors, but may act only as a Board.

13.7 Duties of the Board of Directors

13.7.1 The Board of Directors shall be responsible for administering the affairs of the Association, the operation and management of the Association and setting policies for the guidance of the Officers and Trustees of the Association.

13.8 Dual Positions on the Board of Directors

13.8.1 No individual may hold more than one position on the Board of Directors at the same time.

13.9 Resignation from the Board of Directors



13.9.1 Any Director/member of the Board of Directors of the Association, not covered under Sections 11.9 (Elected Officers) or 12.13 (Board of Trustees), herein, may at any time resign their position and said resignation shall become effective in accordance with its terms upon receipt of said resignation, in writing, by the President or Secretary of the Association.

13.9.2 In the position of “Immediate Past President”, that Director shall be deemed to have resigned his/her position on the Board of Directors upon missing three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors within the twelve (12) months following any annual convention.

13.10 Vacancy in the Position of “Immediate Past President”

13.10.1 Upon receipt of a resignation, in accordance with Section 13.9.1, or upon missing three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors, as set forth in Section 13.9.2, the position on the Board of Directors of “Immediate Past President” shall immediately be declared vacant by the President and removed from the positions on the Board of Directors until such time as the position can again be filled by the current President when he/she no longer holds the elected office of President.

14.0 COMMITTEES

14.1 Definitions for Committees

14.1.1 A “Committeeman” shall be any designated individual serving on a Committee of the Association, as set forth in Section 14.0, herein.

14.1.2 Special Committees shall be Committees formed for the purpose of performing specifically stated tasks or functions and shall exist until such tasks or functions are completed.

14.2 Categories of Committees

14.2.1 Standing Committees

14.2.2 Special Committees

14.3 Authority for Creation of Committees

14.3.1 The Board of Directors may establish such Standing and/or Special Committees of the Association as may be necessary for the guidance, operation or administration of the affairs of the Association.

14.4 Chairman and Members of Committees

14.4.1 The Committee Chairmen to chair such Committees as established pursuant to Section 14.3.1, herein, and the members of such Committees so formed shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Board of Directors. The President and the Board of Directors may delegate the appointment of the individual members of said Committees to the Chairman of the Committee or the Officer of the Association within whose area of function the Committee will operate.

14.5 Eligibility for being a Member of a Committees

14.5.1 All Chairmen and members of Committees shall be required to hold and maintain individual memberships in the Association as set forth in Section 8.0, herein, while serving on any Committees so established.



14.6 Line of Authority for Committees

14.6.1 The Chairman of each Committee shall report to and take direction from the Officer within whose area of responsibility such Committee operates. If there is no Officer of the Association whose area of responsibility covers the function of the Committee, the Committee Chairman shall report to the President.

15.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

15.1 No elected officer or Trustee shall serve in a capacity which has an adverse effect upon a similar Far West program as determined by the Board of Directors.

15.2 At any time that the Board of Directors considers, discusses, or votes upon a contract or other transaction between the Association and one or more of its Directors, or between the Association and any corporation, firm, association, or business in which one or more of its Directors are financially interested, or in any position of control, the fact of such interest, shall be fully disclosed by the Director involved and noted in the minutes.

15.3 The Board of Directors may authorize, approve, or ratify any such transaction in good faith and shall require a vote which would be sufficient for that purpose without counting the vote or votes of the interested Director or Directors.

15.4 Any transaction undertaken by the Board of Directors in violation of this provision shall be void.

16.0 AMENDMENTS TO THESE BY-LAWS

16.1 Amendments to these By-Laws may be considered and voted upon at any Annual or Special Meeting of the Association.

16.2 All proposed Amendments to these By-Laws shall be presented, in writing, to the Secretary or President/Chairman of the Board of Directors.

16.3 The proposed Amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted, pursuant to Section 16.2, herein, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date on which the meeting at which they are to be considered is scheduled to begin.

16.4 Proposed Amendments shall bear the signatures of any five (5) Club Members and/or Direct Members of the Association.

16.5 No later than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed Amendments are to be considered, a written notice of proposal to amend which also states the date of the start of and the location of said meeting, along with a copy of the text of each proposed Amendment shall be mailed to each Ski Club at its last known address.

16.6 The information contained in Section 16.5, herein, shall be published, in its entirety, in such regular publication of the Association as shall be regularly sent to all Club Members and Direct Members, in the edition published closest to the date thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.

16.7 Approval of any proposed By-Laws Amendment shall require an affirmative vote by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the registered Delegates at the meeting at which the Amendment is being considered.

16.8 Amendments to proposed By-Laws amendments cannot be made at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Association.

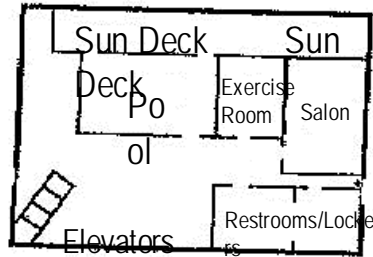


17.0 DISSOLUTION OF THIS CORPORATION

- 17.1 This corporation may be dissolved only at an Annual Meeting of the Association and such dissolution shall require a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of all registered Delegates at said Annual Meeting.
- 17.2 Proposal of recommendation for dissolution shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Association or President/Chairman of the Board of Directors in the same manner as a proposed Amendment to these By-Laws.
- 17.3 Notice of such intended dissolution shall be given to the membership of the Association in the same manner as a proposed Amendment to these By-Laws.
- 17.4 It is expressly understood that this organization is a nonprofit corporation, organized under the non-profit Corporation Laws of the State of California, and upon dissolution, none of its assets shall inure to the benefit of any individual Member but shall be distributed to the Far West Ski Foundation, and in the event that said Far West Ski Foundation is not then in existence, to such other fund or foundation, as is designated by the Board of Directors, whose property is dedicated to the exempt purposes as are specified in the Revenue and Taxation Code of the State of California.



Meeting Layout



5TH Floor East Tower

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