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Far West Ski Association

74th Annual Convention

21st Annual Silent Auction & Travel Expo

Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa, Chandler, AZ

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74th ANNUAL FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

June 8-11, 2006 – Chandler, Arizona

Schedule of Events –



Thursday, June 8, 2006

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Delegate Registration <i>Delegate neck wallets sponsored by Intrawest</i>	Akimel O'otham Foyer
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Industry Exhibitor Registration	Akimel O'otham Foyer
6:00 pm - 10:30 pm	Rawhide Steakhouse Dinner (\$38 Optional Event) <i>Dinner sponsored by Aspen/Snowmass</i>	Conference Center Lobby

Friday, June 9, 2006

6:30 am - 3:00 pm	Golf Tournament at Whirlwind Troon Golf Course (\$95 Optional Event – Shotgun Start at 7:00 am) <i>Golf tournament sponsored by Snowbasin, a Sun Valley Resort</i>	Conference Center Lobby
7:00 am - 2:00 pm	South Mountain Hike (\$12 Optional Event)	Conference Center Lobby
By Appointment	Aji Spa Day (\$115 Optional Event)	Aji Spa at the Resort
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Welcome Pool Party (No Host)	Resort Pool Area
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Exhibitor Registration & Set Up	Akimel O'otham Ballroom
3:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Delegate Registration	Akimel O'otham Foyer
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	FWSA History Committee Meeting	Scorpion
5:00 pm - 5:15 pm	Exhibitor Meeting	Akimel O'otham Ballroom
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	"Happy Hour" Reception (No Host)	Resort Lower Lobby Bar
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Councils' Man & Woman Reception (Invitation Only)	Presidential Suite
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Silent Auction Welcome Party, <i>Hosted by ClubExpress.com</i>	Akimel O'otham Ballroom
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Silent Auction and Dance <i>Entertainment sponsored by Intrawest</i>	Akimel O'otham Ballroom
11:00 pm - 12:00 am	Exhibitor booth breakdown	Akimel O'otham Ballroom

Saturday, June 10, 2006

7:00 am - 12:00 pm	Delegate Registration	Akimel O'otham Foyer
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast	Akimel O'otham 3 & 4
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Opening Session	Akimel O'otham 3 & 4
9:00 am - 11:15 am	Travel Expo <i>Grand Prize – Far West Ski Week / sponsored by Far West Ski Association</i>	Akimel O'otham 1 & 2
9:00 am - 12:15 pm	Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Judging <i>Awards sponsored by Big White Ski Resort & Silver Star Mountain Resort</i>	Quail
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Outstanding Club Judging	Ant
9:45 am - 12:15 pm	Far West Racing Association (FWRA) Meeting	Scorpion
10:00 am - 12:15 pm	Bid Presentations – FWSA Ski Week (Invitation Only)	Jackrabbit
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Luncheon & Awards Presentation <i>Luncheon sponsored by Vail Resorts – Heavenly, Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, and Keystone</i>	Akimel O'otham 3 & 4
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	FWSA Snow Sports Celebrities Reception / Multimedia Show <i>Reception sponsored by Jackson Hole Mountain Resort</i>	Akimel O'otham 3 & 4
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Leadership Info Panel Sessions	Bird, Roadrunner, Deer & Scorpion
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Council Caucuses	Bird, Roadrunner, Deer & Scorpion
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception (No Host)	Akimel O'otham 3 & 4
7:00 pm - 12:00 am	Awards Banquet & Dance "Boot Scootin' Boogie" <i>Wine sponsored by Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation</i> <i>Band sponsored by Ski Banff – Lake Louise – Sunshine and Banff Lodging Company</i>	Akimel O'otham 3 & 4

Sunday, June 11, 2006

7:00 am - 8:15 am	Eye Opener Party, <i>Hosted by Arizona Ski Council</i>	Presidential Suite
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	General Meeting/Elections	Akimel O'otham 3 & 4
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Delegate Brunch	Akimel O'otham 3 & 4
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	FWSA Board of Directors and Trustees Meeting	Jackrabbit

Snow Sports Celebrities Reception

Schedule Saturday, June 10, 2006, 2-5:30 PM

Room	2:00 - 3:00 PM	Leadership Info Panel Sessions* 3:00 - 4:00 PM	Council Caucuses 4:00 - 5:30 PM
Akimel O'otham Ballroom 3 & 4	Snow Sports Celebrities Reception / Multimedia Show		
Bird		Public Affairs- (moderator Scott Bowker)	AZ/Sierra
Roadrunner			BAC/Central
Deer		Leadership Forum– Fran Long / Mary Olhausen	LA/Northwest
Scorpion		Volunteerism, Charities/Our Community – Sigrid Noack	San Diego/Orange

2:00-3:00 PM Snow Sports Celebrities Reception / Multimedia Show – Akimel O'Otham Ballroom 3 & 4
Meet your favorite snow sports celebrities and share some desserts with them. The reception continues with the showing of videos, movies, slide shows, and more.

3:00-4:00 PM Leadership Info Panel Sessions* – Bird, Deer, Scorpion Meeting Rooms

Public Affairs (Bird Room) – Moderator: Scott Bowker, FWSA VP Public Affairs. The guest speakers include Harv Forsgren (Regional Forester USFS Region 3), Troy Hawks (NSAA Journal Editor), Jimmy Petterson (international skier/author). Our distinguished guest speakers provide an exciting forum for discussing the wide range of topics under the umbrella of Public Affairs focusing on the impact snow sports enthusiasts have on issues with regards to area development; environmental impact of resort development, advertising, Planning Rule changes plus industry efforts such as NSAA Model for Success.

Leadership Forum (Deer Room) – Presenters: Fran Long, Central Council President; Mary Olhausen, Northwest Ski Council President. This popular open forum is ideal for Club Presidents to share ideas, concerns and solutions to issues facing many snow sports clubs today.

Volunteerism, Charities/Our Community (Scorpion Room) – Presenter: Sigrid Noack, Chair of FWSA Charities/Our Community Committee. A review of how FWSA and its councils and clubs support and involve themselves in their respective communities and a sharing of ideas on how we can increase that support and involvement.

* Please note that this is a preliminary list of guests which is subject to change.

4:00-5:30 PM Council Caucuses – Bird, Roadrunner, Deer, Scorpion
AZ/Sierra (Bird Room)
BAC/Central (Roadrunner Room)
LA/Northwest (Deer Room)
San Diego/Orange (Scorpion)

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Order of Business

Saturday, June 10, 2006

GENERAL SESSION

8:00 AM Call to Order (Mike Sanford)
Introduction of Officers, Trustees, Committee
Chairpersons, Council Presidents, FWSA
Appointed Representatives, League
Chairpersons and Special Guests.

Credentials Committee Report (Barbara Bryant)

Nominations Committee Report (Mike Sanford)

Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Report
(Donn Bryant)

Communication and Club Awards Report
(Fran Long)

Bylaws Committee Report (Randy Lew)

Industry Marketing Representative
(Jane Wyckoff)

Silent Auction Coordinator (Barbara Razo)

Travel Expo Report (Sigrid Noack)

RECESS FOR TRAVEL EXPO

9:00 am – 11:15 am Travel Expo (Sigrid Noack)

Sunday, June 11, 2006

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

8:30 am Call to Order (Mike Sanford)

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

10:30 am RECESS FOR BRUNCH AND HOTEL
CHECKOUT

11:31 am GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR GENERAL SESSION (Continued)

Secretary's Report (Mary Azevedo)
Acceptance of Minutes from 2005 Annual
Meeting

Credentials Committee Report (Barbara Bryant)

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)
(Jane Wyckoff & Barbara Razo)

FWSA Officers' Reports (FWSA VPs)

FWRA President Report (Bob Ellis)

FWSA Committee Reports (Committee Chairs)

FWSA 2007 Convention Report
(Dennis Heffley/Steve Coxen)

Old Business (Mike Sanford)

New Business (Mike Sanford)

Introduction of Newly Elected Officers and
Trustees (Mike Sanford)

Adjournment (FWSA President)



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DELEGATE TRAVEL EXPO INSTRUCTIONS Saturday, June 10, 2006

Greetings Delegates! Welcome to the Far West Travel Expo. Whether you've participated in past Travel Expos or are new this year, here are some tips to help you get the most out of your experience.

The Travel Expo is the Ski Industry's time for focused 1-on-1 time with our delegation and membership leaders. Our relationships with our Industry Partners and their participation in our Convention are invaluable. Their future participation and support is influenced by return value. In addition, the Travel Expo serves as a venue that attracts new vendors who will be willing to support our Conventions and FWSA Programs in the future. It is our goal to insure that our time with them is a positive and worthwhile experience.

The Expo

The Travel Expo is a forum where delegates [voting and non-voting] can meet with the Ski Industry [resorts, operators, and suppliers], up close and personal in a pre-scheduled 10 minute appointment format. These appointments are held every 15 minutes on the quarter hour starting at 9:00am till 11:15am, giving you nine opportunities to meet with ski industry. We are asking that delegates take advantage of all 9 opportunities.

There will be a maximum of 4 people per appointment. In some cases, the Industry may choose to meet with fewer than 4 people. Please respect their wishes. We are asking that no one club take all four spots for any one meeting unless the industry requests it.

Signing Up For Appointments

Your "Travel Expo Passport" was in your Delegate Packet, which you received at Registration. The Passport is for you to record your appointments as you sign up with our Industry. Make sure you also record your appointment on the Industry's Sign-up Sheet. If you miss the Silent Auction, you can sign up for appointments Saturday morning after the General Meeting.

So...you have two opportunities to sign up for Travel Expo Appointments:

- During the Silent Auction on Friday from 7:00pm – 11:00pm
- On Saturday morning from 8:30am – 9:00am, during the half hour prior to the start of Travel Expo

Meeting Suggestions

We strongly recommend that you schedule a few resorts, at least one tour operator and a supplier that you have not visited or used before.

If, after the two sign-up periods, your appointment slots are not totally filled, use your open times to meet with any industry person who also doesn't have a scheduled appointment at those

times. If someone from the Industry specifically asks you for an appointment, try to accommodate the request.

Expo time should not be used for finalizing a trip already in the works. Use the time Friday night for this, or schedule another time with this vendor, later during the weekend.

Bring club business cards with you to pass out to the Industry. To facilitate the meeting process, bring a one-page club profile to leave with Industry. The profile could be put together by your travel person. Copies should be made for each delegate to give out at appointments. The profile should include:

Club Name, Address, Internet Address, Email, Phone
President & Travel VP Contact Information,
of Trips taken each year, Average # of Participants per trip
What trips you are planning for 2007
Where you went in 2005 – 2006

There will be separate instructions for those involved in the Far West Ski Bidding, the Man and Woman of the Year judging, and the FWRA meeting. These meetings are by invitation only.

Meeting Etiquette

Remember, even if you are not your club's travel person, you are representing your club and will be bringing information and recommendations back to your board.

Please be on time for your appointment. Don't linger past your scheduled time. Be respectful of others at your appointments and try not to monopolize the conversation.

If you see an Industry person without an appointment, please take time to stop, chat for a few minutes, thank them, pick up their literature, ask a question, and leave a business card.

Please do **NOT** ask Industry to sign your Passport, if you have not sat down for a meeting with them.

The Meetings

The meetings this year will be in the **Akimel O'otham 1 & 2 Room**. An attempt will be made to have Industry seated in alphabetical order. Announcements will be made for the beginning and end of all appointments.

For those of you who keep **ALL NINE** appointments, and get all the Industry signatures on your Passport, you will be entered into a drawing for many prizes, including Two Grand Prizes: A ground package for one person (not to exceed \$800) on the 2007 annual ski trip to Steamboat with the Far West Ski Association January 27 – February 3, 2007 and a ski trip for two people with lodging and lift tickets to Big Mountain Resort Whitefish Montana.

Welcome

From Mike Sanford, President of Far West Ski Association

From the beautiful Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort, Chandler, Arizona welcome to all club delegates, invited guests and industry sponsors attending the 74th Annual meeting and Convention of Far West Ski Association.

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 Arizona Council volunteers who put in many hours of work to make this Convention a success. I would especially like to thank the Arizona Council committee who worked many hours on the Convention over the last twelve months: **Committee Chair Arleigh Meiners, Registrar Mike Smith, Hotel Liaison Lee Lambie, Travel Expo Coordinator Sigrid Noack and all the activity organizers.** Also in line for a pat on the back are the FWSA Standing Convention Committee **Steve Coxen, Nancy Kelly and Scott Bowker.** Their Committee of volunteers has done a great job in performing all the groundwork to keep the local effort enthusiastic and productive. And of course, we all owe a debt of gratitude to our Silent Auction Chairperson **Barbara Razo** and our Industry Liaison **Jane Wyckoff** who just keep pulling the rabbit out of the hat on the auction and keeping our sponsors happy. Lastly, I would like to thank **Catherine Ohl** for continuing the update our Convention Awards Book. Please take time to read the list of Convention Committee Volunteers in this Delegate Book and thank them personally for their hard work.

The annual Silent Auction on Friday night and our Travel Expo on Saturday is an excellent opportunity for all attendees to meet with representatives of the ski resorts. **Barbara, Jane and Sigrid** have done a terrific job coordinating these events for us all. Please visit with as many representatives as you can and thank them for their support of FWSA. You'll find a wealth of information 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.

Again this year we are replacing the normal Leadership Information Seminars with a Celebrity Reception that will follow lunch and include a multi-media show and introduction of our special guests. This Reception will be followed by a few forums at which some of our guests will be invited to speak on topics of interest – notable public affairs issues, charities and our community, and leadership forum. This is a great opportunity to mingle with the folks who got us here plus the FWSA volunteers and show our appreciation for the work they have done.

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 coupled with our strong volunteer corps keep FWSA the strong organization it has become today, a Nationally recognized organization and **"The Voice of the Western Skier."**



City of Phoenix
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MAYOR PHIL GORDON

June 2006

Greetings:

As Mayor, I am pleased to welcome you to Phoenix and the Far West Ski Association's 74th Annual Convention. The City and I are proud to be hosting your meeting at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Spa and Resort.

After your official business has ended, I hope you can take the time to find out for yourselves why I'm so proud of this City. Our restaurants, shopping, leisure activities, cultural amenities and sporting events are second to none – (some say the weather isn't too bad either). If you don't know by now, our residents are warm and friendly – and eager to make you feel right at home.

So again, welcome! I hope you have an enjoyable and productive convention.

Sincerely,

Phil Gordon
Mayor



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Dear FWSA Members:

Welcome to our community! The residents of Chandler are proud to be your hosts for the 74th Annual Far West Ski Association Convention. Thank you for choosing Chandler for your event.

While we do not receive much snow in Chandler, we realize the importance of skiing and other winter activities to our State's economy. More notably, the events you promote and sponsor support the critical areas of ski safety, travel, and family involvement. That is a commendable goal for the organization.

While you're here, I encourage you, your family members, and guests to take a little time to explore Historic Downtown Chandler, Chandler Fashion Center mall, our golf courses, and the numerous recreational and cultural opportunities we offer. Good luck to you all during the convention. Please enjoy your stay!

Sincerely,

Boyd W. Dunn
Mayor

Event Sponsors

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

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

Event		Sponsor	Website
Golf Tournament	 snowbasin A SUN VALLEY RESORT	Snowbasin, a Sun Valley Resort	www.snowbasin.com
Rawhide Steak House Dinner	 ASPEN SNOWMASS THE POWER OF FOUR	Aspen/Snowmass	www.aspensnowmass.com
Delegate Neck Wallets & Silent Auction Entertainment	 INTRAWEST	Intrawest	www.intrawest.com
Friday Welcome Party	 Club Express	ClubExpress.com	www.clubexpress.com
Saturday Luncheon	 VAIL RESORTS	Vail Resorts (Heavenly, Vail, Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Keystone)	www.vailresorts.com
Saturday Reception	 JACKSON HOLE	Jackson Hole Mountain Resort	www.jacksonhole.com
Awards Banquet Wine	 Steamboat	Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation	www.steamboat.com
Awards Banquet Band	 Ski Banff lake Louise Sunshine GENUINE WINTER ADVENTURE	Ski Banff – Lake Louise – Sunshine Banff Lodging Company	www.skibig3.com www.bestofbanff.com
Councils' Men & Women of the Year	 Big White SKI RESORT IT'S THE SHOW	Big White Ski Resort Silver Star Mountain Resort	www.bigwhite.com www.skisilverstar.com
Grand Prize Travel Expo	 FWSA FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION FOUNDED 1932	Far West Ski Association Travel Program	www.fwsa.org
Eye Opener	 Arizona Ski Council	Arizona Ski Council	www.arizonaskicouncil.org

Silent Auction & Travel Expo

Participants

by Barbara Razo & Jane Wyckoff

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

Alaska Airlines	Intrawest, BC, Canada	Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort, UT
Almond Resorts, Barbados, West Indies	Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, WY	Snow Tours, NJ
Alyeska Resort, AK	Jackson Hole Resort Lodging, WY	Snowmass Resort Association, CO
Alpine Meadows Ski Area, CA	Kirkwood Mountain Resort, CA	Solitude Mountain Resort, UT
Alpine Sports, UT	Lakeland Village Beach & Mtn Resort, NV	Southwest Airlines, CA
Anchorage Convention & Visitors Bureau, AK	Mammoth Ski Resort, CA	Sports America Tours, CA
Arizona Snowbowl, AZ	Miracle Springs Resort & Spa, CA	Steamboat Ski and Resort Corporation, CO
Aspen/Snowmass, CO	Moguls Mountain Travel, CO	Sunlight Mountain Resort, CO
Avis Car Rental, UT	Moonlight Basin, ID	Sun Peaks Lodge, BC, Canada
Banff Lodging Company, Alberta, Canada	Mont Tremblant Resort, BC, Canada	Sun Peaks Resort Corporation, BC, Canada
Barbados Tourism Authority, WA	Mountain Lodge at Telluride, CO	Sun Valley Resort, ID
Bella Italia Restaurant, BC, Canada	Mountain Resorts, CO	Sun Star Shuttle, Canada
Betty Donellan – Sengence Distributor	Mt. Bachelor, OR	Tahoe Mountain Resorts Lodging, CA
Big Mountain Whitefish Montana, MT	Mt. Rose-Ski Tahoe, NV	Tamarack Resort, ID
Big Sky Resort, MT	Northstar At Tahoe, CA	Tantalus Resort Lodge, BC, Canada
Big White Ski Resort, BC, Canada	Ogden/Weber Convention Visitors Bureau	Taos Ski Valley, NM
ClubExpress.com, IL	Park City Mountain Resort, UT	Telluride Mountain Lodging, CO
Copper Mountain, CO	Panorama Mountain Village, BC, Canada	Telluride Ski Resort, CO
Crested Butte Mountain Resort, CO	Purgatory at Durango Mountain Resort, CA	The Crestwood, CO
Davis Area CVB, UT	Ramada Inn – Hotel Colorado, CO	The Canyons, UT
Deer Valley Resort, UT	Red Property Management, Canada	The Cliff Lodge, UT
Delta Airlines, UT	Red Resort, BC, Canada	The Cruise Company of Modesto, CA
Destination Rockies Vail, CO	ResortQuest – Aspen/Snowmass, CO	The Deerfield Lodge at Heavenly, NV
Destination Resorts Snowmass, CO	Roosters Brewing Company, UT	The Radisson Inn, UT
El Dorado Ranch, Baja, Mexico	Rocky Mountain Tours, CO	The Village at Squaw Valley USA, NV
Eden's Red Moose Lodge, UT	Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau, UT	Trickle Creek Residence Inn by Marriott, BC, Canada
Fairmont Chateau Whistler, BC, Canada	Schweitzer Mountain Resort	Vail Resorts, CO
Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, AL, Canada	Silver Legacy Resort Casino, NV	USS Ogden Express, UT
Fechin Inn, NM	Silver Mountain Resort, ID	Whistler/Blackcomb, British Columbia, Canada
Fernie & Kimberley Alpine Resorts, BC, Can	Silver Star Mountain Resort, BC, Canada	Winter Park Resort, CO
Glenwood Hot Springs, CO	Ski Banff-Lake Louise-Sunshine, Alberta, Canada	Wolf Creek Grille, UT
Grouse Mountain Lodge, MT	Ski.com, CO	Wolf's Den Lodge, BC, Canada
Hampton Inn-Layton, UT	Snakedance Condominiums & Spa, NM	World on Skis, NJ
Hearthstone Lodge, BC, Canada	Snowbasin Ski Resort, UT	

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

Convention VIPs

FWSA President.....
 Arizona Council Convention Coordinator.....
 Arizona Council President.....
 FWSA Convention Committee Chairperson.....
 FWSA Silent Auction Coordinator.....
 FWSA Convention Sponsorship Coordinator.....
 Convention Registration.....
 Convention Accounting.....
 Convention Secretary.....
 Hotel Liaison & Banquet Coordinator.....
 Travel Expo Coordinator.....
 Optional Events Chairperson.....
 Rawhide Steakhouse Dinner Coordinator.....
 Golf Tournament Coordinator.....
 South Mountain Day Hike Coordinator.....
 Aji Spa Day Coordinator.....
 Eye Opener Party.....
 Entertainment.....
 Decorations.....
 Printing and Publicity.....
 Volunteer Coordinator.....
 Delegate Bag Coordinator.....
 Convention Bolo Tie.....
 Photographer.....
 FWSA Awards Book Editor.....
 FWSA Awards Chairperson.....
 Councils' Man & Woman of the Year Chairperson.....
 Delegate and Leadership Books Editor.....
 Travel Expo Prize Donations.....
 Parliamentarian.....

Mike Sanford
 Arleigh Meiners
 Marge Fons
 Steve Coxen
 Barbara Razo
 Jane Wyckoff
 Michael Jones
 Nancy Kelly
 Candee Marsh
 Lee Lambie
 Sigrid Noack
 Linda Westlund
 Marie Grillo
 Gary Giertz
 Jaan Vehik
 Margaret Sharp
 Mary Neuman & Karen Bonine
 Dave Towar
 Marge Fons
 Andrea Barron
 Mary Beth Fitchlee
 Mary Beth Fitchlee
 Ron Lamoureux
 Brent Bowles
 Catherine Ohl
 Susie Vetter
 Donn Bryant
 Scott Bowker
 Debbi Kor-Lew
 John Watson

Our thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers from Arizona Ski Council and Far West Ski Association for their assistance in making the 2006 Convention a success.

Julia Mancuso

2006 Olympic GS Gold Medalist



ON THE SLOPES...

- 2006, Gold Medalist, Olympic Giant Slalom, Torino Italy – 3rd U.S. women’s GS gold since Debbie Armstrong in 1984 and Andrea Mead-Lawrence in 1952 and 8th gold medal all time for U.S. alpine women.
- Six top-five World Cup finishes in 2005 season
- 2004-05, Finished the World Cup season as the 9th ranked skier in the world
- February 2005, Captured World Championship Bronze Medal in Super G and Giant Slalom
- March 2004, For the second consecutive year, dominated US Championships winning a medal in each of the five events raced (Four Silvers and One Gold) – a first in US history
- February 2004, Won the Combined Gold Medal and the Super G Bronze Medal at the World Junior Championships running her overall World Junior Championships career medal tally to eight, the most in the history of American juniors
- 2000, 2001, 2002 & 2003 – Winner of the US National Team Sprint/Ski Racing Junior Alpine Skier of the Year Award
- March 2003 – Dominated the US National Championships winning Downhill, Super G and Giant Slalom Gold Medals - first female skier to win 3 gold medals at 2003 U.S. Nationals since Diann Roffe
- March 2003 – Won Gold in the Super G and Bronze in the Downhill at the World Junior Championships
- March 2002, Ruled the World Alpine Junior Championships, winning Downhill, Giant Slalom, and Combined Gold Medals
- 2002, Member of the US Olympic Team
- 2001, Earned her first World Cup points in Super-G and Slalom at the age of 16
- 2001, Took the bronze medal in the Combined Event in the Alpine World Junior Championships
- 2000, US Giant Slalom Champion at age of 16
- Followed her sister April into skiing at age 2 as youngest of three girls, started racing at age 8 and made her World Cup at age 15

OTHER

- Enjoys soccer, water-skiing, camping, hiking, mountain biking and surfing
- Soccer and varsity track athlete at North Tahoe High School (Calif.)
- Motto: “I do what I love and love what I do” and races with good-luck “Super Jules” underwear of her own design

QUOTES

“I do want to be a rock star. That would be awesome, to be able to sing in front of 60,000 people is, like, my dream.” “I really want to be on Broadway.” “Right now, I just enjoy painting and writing. It’s so hard to fit everything into your life, so I’m putting Broadway on hold, so don’t ask me to sing.”

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.

Harv Forsgren

Regional Forester, Southwest Region - U.S. Forest Service



Harv Forsgren is the Regional Forester for the Southwestern Region (U.S. Forest Service), Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is responsible for the management of 11 National Forests in New Mexico and Arizona and grasslands in Texas and Oklahoma.

He was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. Forsgren earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries Management from Utah State University in 1976, and a Master of Science degree in Natural Resource Management from Humboldt State University in 1980.

Forsgren began his career with the Forest Service as a volunteer in Wyoming in 1975. He joined the agency permanently in 1978 where he worked first to develop a vegetation classification system and later as a fisheries biologist on the Chugach National Forest in Anchorage, Alaska. Subsequently, he worked as a fisheries biologist on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Sawtooth National Forest in Idaho, and on the Mt. Hood National Forest in Oregon.

He became the fisheries program leader in the agency's Intermountain Region headquartered in Ogden, Utah, in 1988. He served, beginning in 1991, as the National Fisheries Program Leader in Washington, D.C. for several years before being named Assistant Director of the Wildlife, Fish and Rare Plant Staff. In June of 1998, Forsgren was named National Director for that Staff. As National Director, he had broad responsibilities for conservation of wildlife, fish, rare plants and threatened, endangered and sensitive species. While in that position he helped shape national policy related to conservation of Pacific salmon and steelhead, fostered partnerships and helped develop changes to national forest planning regulations.

In December 1999 he was named as Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region, where he served until named as the Regional Forester for the Southwestern Region in July 2002.

Forsgren, lives in Tijeras, New Mexico, with his wife Julie. They have two grown daughters, Myrica and Hailey.

Troy Hawks

Editor, NSAA Journal



The National Ski Area Association (NSAA) www.nsaa.org is located in Lakewood, CO and represents 326 alpine resorts that account for more than 90% of the skier/snowboarder visits nationwide. Additionally, it has 400 supplier members who provide equipment, goods and services to the mountain resort industry. The association's primary objective is to meet the needs of ski area owners and operators nationwide and to foster, stimulate and promote growth in the industry.

NSAA analyzes and distributes ski industry statistics; produces annual conferences and trade shows; produces a bimonthly industry publication and is active in state and federal government affairs. The association also provides educational programs and employee training materials on industry issues including OSHA, ADA and NEPA regulations and compliance; environmental laws and regulations; state regulatory requirements; aerial tramway safety; and resort operations and guest service.

NSAA Model for Growth addresses the 85% drop out rate of all people who try snow sports but don't continue. The goal of the Model for Growth is to increase number of beginners entering sport by 6% per year combined with increasing number of beginners converted into core skiers by 1% per year from 15% to 25%

Troy has been the editor of the NSAA Journal since 2004. In this capacity he directs all aspects of publication including developing editorial content, writing, assigning and editing stories, photography, and management of magazine production including art, design, print and distribution. He also manages NSAA public relations and association communications. A 1992 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire School of Journalism, his writing career spans 14 years as a staff writer, editor, photographer and freelance writer for several mountain newspapers and national trade and consumer magazines. He moved to Colorado in 1992 and worked 12 seasons as a children's ski instructor for Keystone Resort and also works as a fly fishing guide for Summit Guides, also in Keystone, for six years.

Jimmy Petterson

International Skier & Author



NASJA-West member Jimmy Petterson began his ski writing and photography career in South America back in 1985. After years of skiing and traveling, an odyssey that has taken him to over 60 different countries he has published a unique coffee-table book, *Skiing Around the World*. A 440-page volume that visits 47 countries, the work is comprised of 50 percent text and 50 percent photos, and includes close to 600 color photos.

It's experiential in style, with each destination that Jimmy has visited providing a freestanding story of his experiences in that location. Side bars rate areas in various categories, but this is not a guide book. The photos include shots of local people, scenery, and whatever else helps to create a total picture of what a skier might experience on a visit to that country.

Jimmy, one of the world's most widely traveled ski journalists, has been working on this project for four years. Ski writer Arnie Wilson, the editor of the the UK's *Ski and Board Magazine* and author of *Top Ski Resorts of the World*, had this to say: "Jimmy Petterson is a remarkable man and a remarkable skier—probably the most well-traveled skier on the planet. I can't think of a single country with some snow and the odd lift where he hasn't skied. Even countries without lifts have been visited by the indefatigable Petterson skiing machine. Not only does he ski everywhere, but he also takes excellent photographs to prove it. And of course, he writes entertainingly and with chutzpah about the places he skis. *Skiing Around the World* is the ultimate skiing book. The one I'd liked to have written—but never will."

The finished product is an inspiration to skiers and snowboarders with an adventurous spirit to widen their vistas and hit the road to the four-corners of the Earth. It will also help them to choose the snowsports locations most suited to their skills and dreams.

You can see a preview of the book at www.skiingaroundtheworld.net.

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FWSA Elections

Elections to be held Sunday, June 11, 2006

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Trustee (1) 1 yr

Trustee (2)

Trustee (3)

VP Communications

VP International Travel

VP Membership

VP Council Services 1 yr

President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected for one year terms. Trustees and Vice Presidents are elected for two year terms. In 2007, the two year term elective positions will be VP Council Services, VP North American Travel, VP Public Affairs and two Trustee positions.

Director Report

Treasurer's Report by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

Far West Ski Association

Treasurer's report

May 2005 through April 2006

Versus

May 2004 through April 2005

Attached are the Comparative Balance Sheet and Income Statements. Please note the figures for 2005/2006 are preliminary and not final.

The final accounting for the Far West trips has not been completed. The additional income/expenses will be reflected in the final year-end reports.

Accumulated depreciation for 2005/2006 will be updated and appropriately reflected in the final year-end reports.

Director Report

Comparative Balance Sheet by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

	30-Apr-06		April 30 2005	
Assets				
Checking/Savings				
General Account	2,047		3,374	
General Acct CD	93,666		91,316	
Convention Acct B of A	18,890		9,188	
North American Travel Acct. B of A	77,153		72,448	
Int Travel Acct WF	57,706		131,277	
Total Checking/Saving		249,462		307,603
Accounts Receivable	720	720		
Prepaid Expenses				
Convention	8,237			5,812
Federal taxes				401
Karbon Orders	634			
Prepaid Travel Expenses				
Zermatt 2005/2006			1,156	
China 2005/2006			16,551	
Telluride 2005/2006			2,500	
Machu Picchu 2005/2006	273,943		19,800	
Steamboat	3,500			
Total Prepaid Expenses		286,314		40,007
Total Current Assets		536,496		353,823
Fixed Assets				
Equipment				
Office Equipment	7,445		7,445	
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(4,993)		(4,993)	
Total Equipment	2,452		2,452	
Total Fixed Assets		2,452		2,452
TOTAL ASSETS		538,948		356,275
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	720	720		1,460
Other Current Liabilities				
Prepaid Income				
Convention	2,726		3,755	
Athletic Scholarship	2,516		770	
Shirts//Karbon Orders			40	
Prepaid Trips				
Machu Picchu 2005/2006	279,011		19,185	
China 2005/2006			107,450	
Telluride 2005/2006			19,050	
Zermatt			450	
Steamboat	23,918			
Total Current Liabilities		308,171	-	150,700
Long Term Liabilities				
Public Lands Research Fund		1,120		1,120
Total Liabilities		310,011		153,280
Equity				
Retained Earnings		202,995		188,693
Net Income		25,942		14,302
Total Equity		228,937		202,995
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		538,948		356,275

Director Report

Preliminary Comparative Income/Expense Statement by Nancy Kelly, Treasurer

	April 30 2006	April 30 2005
REVENUE		
Membership Dues	965	1,000
Public Affairs		
Development		
Travel		
Aspen January 2005		741,407
Alaska September 2004		1,840
Scandinavia August 2004		136,429
Japan February 2005		187,785
St Moritz March 2005		231,309
Telluride	507,160	
China	209,896	
Zermatt	658,987	
Total Travel	1,376,043	1,298,770
Council Man/Woman of Year	275	400
FWSA T-Shirts	150	385
Athletic Scholarship Fund	1,570	900
FWSA Calendars		1,730
Raffle	1,100	
Convention	127,760	101,648
Interest & Other Income	2,845	1,167
Total Revenue	1,510,708	1,406,000
DIRECT PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Travel Services		
Aspen		723,093
Alaska		313
Scandinavia		134,093
Japan		184,125
St Moritz		226,189
Telluride	492,711	
Zermatt	646,109	
China	205,558	
Various Pretrips	2,819	3,128
Total Travel Expenses	1,347,197	1,270,941
Convention	93,457	62,637
Man/Woman of Year	228	418
FWSA T-Shirts	271	423
Athletic Scholarship Fund	2,000	1,000
Scholarship Execution Expenses	451	
Calendars		4,034
Total Cost of Revenue	1,443,604	1,339,453
Net Revenue	67,104	66,547
EXPENSES		
President	1,463	1,108
Board of Directors Meetings	21,625	21,149
Secretary	848	1,243
Treasurer	1,897	5,757
Past President	-	-
Trustees	269	732
Awards Program	2,199	4,467
Recreation/Safety	-	185
Communications	3,737	5,673
Convention	5	30
Councils	978	1,742
Marketing	1,125	439
Membership	937	1,036
Public Affairs	907	473
History Committee		21
North American Travel	1,583	1,960
International Travel	2,004	1,207
Database	299	147
FWRA Racing	1,250	1,250
Unclassified-Insurance		2,500
Depreciation & Equip Disposal		1,073
Unclassified-Misc	36	53
Total Expenses	41,162	52,245
NET INCOME(LOSS)	25,942	14,302

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	237			40	629	409			148			1,463
Board of Director Meetings						21,625						21,625
Secretary	30		164		654							848
Treasurer	248			110					100	1,439		1,897
Past President										-		-
Recreation/Safety												-
Charities Committee												-
Communications-General							133				400	533
Communications-Councilman			1,204									1,204
Communications-Skiers Guide	2,000											2,000
Councils	81			77	420						400	978
Marketing	160		8	7	550	400						1,125
Membership	70		729	138								937
Public Affairs					257	510	140					907
History												-
N Amer.Travel Services		973		60		275			275			1,583
Int'l. Travel Services	37	584	13	811					559			2,004
Trustee	9					260						269
Awards							2,199					2,199
Database Services	45		137	117								299
Convention									5			5
FWRA Racing										1,250		1,250
Miscellaneous-Insurance												-
Miscellaneous-Other									33			36
												-
TOTAL	2,917	1,557	2,255	1,360	2,510	23,479	2,472	-	1,120	2,689	800	41,162

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 executed the new FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program, managed the database, acted as the Awards Committee, and participated in the changes to the organizational structure and By-Laws of the Association.

The FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program has now awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to five deserving junior racers due to the efforts of Chairman **Robb Margrave** and the Athletic Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of the Board of Trustees and the VP of Racing. The applicants for the scholarships, which include USSA and PNSA affiliated athletes competing in the J1, J2, and J3 age groups, were evaluated on financial need, academics, competitive achievements, community activities, and goals and desires. The 2005 scholarships were awarded in to Chris Hinkley who races for the Sugar Bowl Academy, and to Anton Hiltz and Andee Wallace who race for the Mt. Bachelor Ski Team.

Family/Youth Involvement Committee co-chaired by **Linda Westlund** and **Mike German** 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. Skiyente Ski Club ran a very successful family ski trip to Big White with 32 participants. The 4 day trip included a welcome reception, Nastar racing and a pizza party. Skiyente has already made plans to run a family trip to Big Mountain on Amtrak in 2007. We look forward to more exciting programs in the future as FWSA continues to endorse family and youth activities.

Nancy Ellis has taken the responsibility for the FWSA database and has been working diligently to insure a smooth transfer and insuring the data is accurate and timely to all functional programs that need this information.

The 2006 Ski Week at Telluride, with 489 participants was extremely successful, despite the travel issues caused by multiple gateways, small aircraft and delayed luggage, through the efforts of **Lynell Calkins** and the FWSA ski week staff. Everyone enjoyed the great snow and weather along with the variety of Telluride's terrain. The international ski trip led by **Kathy & Tucker Hoffmann** to Zermatt, Switzerland with 168 people attending was outstanding based on comments from the participants. This trip had an exciting pre trip to Davos with 58 participants and a post trip to Egypt including a Nile River Cruise with 94 participants. In September 2005, Tucker & Kathy led both 2 and 3 week trips to China with a total of 76 participants. We enjoyed the history, culture, and food of China along with standing in Tiananmen Square, climbing to the top of the Great Wall, or cruising through the Three Gorges Dam, a truly tremendous experience.

The 2006 – 2007 travel program is projected to be very exciting and successful with a Panama Canal cruise in October, Ski Week at Steamboat in February, and an international ski trip to Italy in March.

Mary Azevedo has done a tremendous job since assuming responsibility for "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-Lew 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. This year Debbi obtained a major sponsorship from Barbados Tourism for the Athletic Scholarship Program along with renewing the Karbon Ski Wear, Aspen, Big White/Silver Star, and Steamboat sponsorships. Debbi also chairs the Income/Sponsorship Committee to identify and develop additional income sources for the association. Potential items for the future include logo wear and logo luggage

The Safety program under Dr. **Richard Lubin** has generated numerous safety articles for club and council publication. In addition, the 1st FWSA safety poster was widely distributed to the ski industry this past year. Richard is now moving forward on creating FWSA thermometers for display at ski areas. In addition, Richard administers the FWSA Safety Person of the Year program to recognize individuals for club or council safety programs.

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 **John Reinhardt**, our Tax Advisor, have assisted in finalizing our tax audit.

Steve Coxen has shown his leadership skills as the FWSA Convention Chairman, and has worked very diligently with **Jane Wyckoff**, **Barbara Razo**, **Catherine Ohl** and the Los Angeles Council 2005 convention committee in planning and executing the 75th Anniversary celebration. This epic event celebrated the history of the FWSA, councils and clubs as well as skiing in the Western US with many displays, multimedia presentations, and honored guests. Steve has continued to work with **Arleigh Meiners** and the Arizona Council convention committee to insure the 2006 convention is just as successful. Steve has also continued to improve the web site by revising the member benefits and sponsorship sections, putting the Convention registration forms up, and continuing to keep the web site current.

Mike Sanford is to be commended for a truly outstanding job in his third and final year as FWSA President. The countless hours spent on insuring the 75th Anniversary Convention was successful and partnering with the industry to provide an outstanding venue for our December Board of Directors meeting in Sun Valley, Idaho. Mike has also increased FWSA visibility at the national level developing a very strong working relationship with NSAA, the US Forest Service, and Representative Mark Udall's office when he was asked to attend a Congressional Caucus on winter sports. 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 2006 are: 1) executing a seamless and efficient transition of functional programs from retiring long-term volunteers; 2) executing the plan for the 76th Annual Meeting and Convention; 3) developing specific program sponsorships through partnering with the ski industry; 4) continued growth of the FWSA Athletic Scholarship Program; and 5) continuing to expand our North American & International travel programs.

I would like to thank **Ken Calkins**, **Robb Margrave** 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**".

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2004 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1 – Award Nominations

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, a survey of all past honorees be made to determine whether the nominator's names should appear on future FWSA nominations sent out for voting.

The Awards Committee acted on the results of the 2005 survey by only allowing a nominator and co-nominator name on nomination forms sent out for voting.

2005 CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #6 – Active Skier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Only clubs which still have at least 10% of its membership as active skiers be admitted.

The By-Laws Committee considered this as too difficult to administer since any club with at least 10 members may join as an affiliated club by belonging to a recognized council and that it is up to each club to determine their own membership requirements. In addition, the definition of "active" is very subjective.

RESOLUTION #9 – History Be Continued At Conventions

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the delegates recommend to the directors and committee people that history be a continuing element in the convention agenda.

In addition to the History Committee meeting, the FWSA Convention Coordinator will include a history element at future conventions.

Director Report

2006 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 amendments for consideration of the registered delegates at the 74th Annual Meeting & Convention June 8-11, 2006 at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Casino in Chandler, Arizona.

Proposal: To automatically change section references as result of a By-Laws amendment that is passed.

Section 16.0 Amendments to These By-Laws

CURRENT WORDING:

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.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

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. Any section numbering changes will automatically change their appropriate reference in any other section of the by-laws.

Director Report

75th Annual Convention (2007) by Linda Indreboe,
BAC Convention Coordinator

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Convention Highlights

- Silent Auction
- Celebrity Guest Speakers
- Saturday Awards Luncheon & Dinner Dance
- Travel Expo
- Educational Breakout Sessions
- FWSA General Meeting and Elections
- Sunday Eye Opener

Optional Activities (subject to change)

- Thursday Night Pub Crawl
- Friday Golf, Kayaking, Santa Cruz Mountain Wineries Tour & Other Optional Activities

Nearby Places to See/Things to Do

- Amusement Parks:
Paramount's Great America
Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
- Museums:
San Jose: Intel Museum;
The Technology Museum of Innovation,
Children's Discovery Museum
- San Francisco: De Young Museum,
- Aquariums: Monterey & San Francisco
- Zoos: San Francisco & Oakland
- Sports: Windsurfing, Surfing,
Rollerblading, Hiking, Fishing
- Other: Winchester Mystery House

Director Report

Athletic Scholarship Committee by Robb Margrave, Trustee

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

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

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

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

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

This year the FWSA is pleased to announce the Barbados Tourism Authority has joined the list of scholarship sponsors. The Tourism Authority donated a 5-day, 4-night trip to the island with raffle tickets being sold for the chance to win this trip. Tickets for this extraordinary travel opportunity have been available since Ski Week and are sold for \$5.00 each or six tickets for \$25. A minimum of two hundred tickets will be available at the convention prior to the drawing on Sunday, June 11th. No more than 2000 tickets will be sold. Like the last two conventions, Big Mountain and Grouse Mountain Lodge our charter sponsors, have donated a trip to be auctioned Friday night. These monies will add to the \$1,600 raised at this year's Ski Week in Telluride when the Karbon jacket/bib combination donated by Schure Sports was raffled.

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

FWSA Athletic Scholarship - 2005 Winners



Anton Hilts (Bend, OR) races for the Mt Bachelor Ski Education Foundation (Bend, OR). As a J3 (ages 13-14) Anton was selected (4/05) as one of three boys (14 and under) to represent the U.S. Ski Team at the prestigious Whistler Cup. In February. He finished 1st in GS at J3 National Race of Champions as part of the U.S. Ski Team National Development System and 1st in SG at Western Regional J3 Junior Olympics. Anton maintains a 3.8 GPA at Summit HS in Bend, OR.



Chris Hinkley (Juneau, AK) races for the Sugar Bowl Ski Team (Norden, CA). As a J2 (ages 15-16) he achieved significant results in slalom and GS at USSA regional events. As a sophomore, Chris started as quarterback on the HS varsity team and plays as a 3rd baseman and a pitcher for the baseball team. His teachers said he is “a stand-up kid, full of strong character and a warm heart” while being “an academically gifted individual”. Chris maintains a 4.0 GPA at Sugar Bowl Academy in Norden, CA.



Andrea Wallace (Sunriver, OR) races for the Mt Bachelor Ski Education Foundation (Bend, OR). As a J3 (ages 13-14), she achieved notable results in GS, slalom and SG at USSA regional events. As a J4 (ages 11-12) she finished 1st in slalom at the PNSA regional Buddy Werner Championships in 2004. Andrea is a straight A student and was class valedictorian in 8th grade at Three Rivers School (Sunriver, OR). She also was president of the student council. Andrea does community service by volunteering at the Sunriver Nature Center and Sunriver Public Library. Her teachers commented on her “self awareness, determination and amazing tenacity”.

Director Report

Charitable & Community Activities Summary by Sigrid Noack

"The Far West Ski Association and its ten participating Ski Councils are committed to supporting charitable giving and volunteerism. Through donations and volunteer services of our individual members in clubs and councils, we hope to enhance the quality of life within our communities."

The ten Councils, made up of approximately 160 Ski Clubs, representing the Far West Ski Association, actively support their favorite community and ski area charities. Some of FWSA's favorite charity groups are athletic groups for the mentally and physically challenged. Three of the most popular charities for our councils and clubs are Disabled Sports USA, Special Olympics, and the Jimmie Heuga Center for MS. You can go to the following page www.fwsa.wbees.com/page/page/686807.htm at the FWSA website for more information on how to become involved with these charities. Members also get involved with many other worthwhile causes in their communities.

Heuga Center 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. All of The Heuga Center's www.heuga.org 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. For more information to get involved: <http://www.heuga.org>.

Congratulations to FWSA's own **Pacific Rim Snow Sports Alliance**, member club of LAC and SDC, who put together a "Vertical Express" team in Telluride to raise money for The Heuga Center for MS. The 2007 Vertical Express for MS is already in the planning stages. So, let's get FWSA more involved in this wonderful cause... start planning now for next year.

Disabled Sports USA (DS/USA) was founded in 1967 by disabled Vietnam veterans to provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to gain self-confidence, greater independence, dignity, and mobility through sports, recreation and educational programs. The organization is the nation's largest multi-sport, multi-disability organization serving more than 60,000 people nationwide. Their trained staff is familiar with the challenges that physical, neuromuscular, and developmental impairments present. The programs offer a safe and exciting experience that helps persons with disabilities make the most of their abilities. As a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, DS/USA offers sports rehabilitation and recreation programs through its nationwide network of over 85 community-based chapters.

FWSA councils have a long term relationship with three California Chapters of Disabled Sports, USA: The Tahoe Adaptive Ski School (TASS) at Alpine Meadows, the US Adaptive Recreation Center at Big Bear (USARC), and the Unrecables Ski Club in Los Angeles. For more information to get involved: <http://www.dsusa.org>.

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. For more information to get involved: <http://www.specialolympics.org>.

Special Olympics has published the results of a multi-legged study of the impact of Special Olympics programs on the lives of its athletes in the United States. According to Changing Lives through Sport — A Report Card on the Impact of Special Olympics, the benefits of participation in Special Olympics are substantial.

The research shows that there is an overwhelming consensus among Special Olympics athletes, coaches and family members that there is significant improvement in athletes' sense of self, social skills and social interactions due to their participation in Special Olympics. Parents see health benefits that are critical, given the unmet health needs of people with intellectual disabilities. The evidence from these studies clearly illustrates that Special Olympics enables people with intellectual disabilities to demonstrate and experience sports competence and suggests that gains in self-confidence, self-esteem, employment and socialization can carry beyond Special Olympics. More than half of adult Special Olympics athletes have jobs, which suggests a strong relationship between Special Olympics participation and the ability to be employed.

Special Olympics athletes have much in common with other athletes. They enjoy the social experiences that accompany participation in sports training and competition. Teammates provide an important and valuable source of friendship, with more than half of the athletes socializing with teammates outside of Special Olympics. As with other athletes, Special Olympics athletes are motivated to participate by their enjoyment of sports and by the competition Special Olympics provides. They are serious about their sports and are not seeking sympathy or even special treatment.

Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project The Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project is a great opportunity to support our Service Men and Women returning from Iraq and Afghanistan: The Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project is a partnership between Disabled Sports USA, its chapters and the Wounded Warrior Project, providing year round sports programs for severely wounded service members from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflict and the Global War on Terrorism.

Thirty-seven years of experience has shown early intervention with active sports results in successful rehabilitation, leading to employment. The “Wounded Warriors” and their family members are provided these opportunities free of charge, including transportation, lodging, adaptive equipment and individualized instruction in over a dozen different winter and summer sports.

Programs take place at sites throughout the United States of America offering Wounded Warriors the opportunity to integrate as participants and mentors in their home communities.

Why is the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project Important? “If I can do this, I can do anything!” These soldiers, airmen and marines are going through a very difficult time. They are warriors, athletes with the majority in their twenties. This sudden, traumatic change in physical ability makes service members vulnerable to psychological and emotional, as well as physical trauma; which severely impacts them and their families.

What they need is action NOW that will show them the promise of a bright and active future. Sport provides this. With the proper adaptive equipment and trained instructors, they can successfully learn a sport - almost any sport—in ONE day. This immediate success provides a foundation for the development of a positive self-image and outlook on life. This transformation is a key factor in leading an independent, full and productive life.

About The Wounded Warrior Project

Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) is a 501 (c) (3) non profit organization dedicated to assisting those men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have been severely injured during the wars on terrorism in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots around the world. Beginning at the bedside of the severely wounded, WWP provides programs and services designed to ease the burdens of these heroes and their families, aid in the recovery process and smooth the transition back to civilian life.

How Can YOUR COUNCIL OR CLUB Support the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project?

80% of DS/USA's budget goes toward direct programming costs. These vital services are 100% private sector funded. Your donation is needed TODAY to sponsor a Wounded Warrior.

To find out more please visit www.woundedwarriorproject.org, or call 1-800-404-2898.

Charity & Community events are happening in all FWSA councils and clubs

Arizona Ski Council obtained over \$10,000 in donation value for their second annual Silent Auction held at the beautiful and historic Wrigley mansion in Phoenix, Arizona. This was the second year that they raised enough funds to send deaf and blind students from Arizona to learn to ski with the Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP). Thanks to ASC's Family Chairperson, they have explored offering discounts on family events, including giving back a portion of the proceeds to ski related charities. The council also continues to support the Special Olympics and the US Ski and Snowboard Team.

Phoenix Ski Club supports the Shoebox Ministries and participates in the Adopt-A-Highway program. They also partake in the annual MS150 bike ride to support Multiple Sclerosis.

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club continues to support the Thomas J. Pappas School for homeless children and is part of the Adopt a Highway program in Scottsdale.

Bay Area Council 's Fund Raising for Disabled Sports USA has continued forward with amazing support from all. The annual BAC/DSUSA Ski for All this year raised \$11,000! BAC is also sponsoring an Oakland A's Baseball game in September, when they play the LA Angels ~ also to benefit DSUSA!!

Central Council

SLO Skiers walk in the 24 Hour Relay for Cancer, donate several times a year to the local food bank, and adopted a family from the women's shelter for Christmas. All members of the adopted family received gifts from their Christmas list as well as everything they needed to set up housekeeping in their own apartment.

Camber Ski Club members volunteer for the California International Air Show, which contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to various charities throughout Monterey County.

Snow Trackers of Exeter participates in the 24 Hour Relay for Cancer each year. Snow Trackers has had a team in the Relay for Life for the past 11 years.

Los Angeles Council and many of the LAC ski clubs donated funds to send a disabled skier from The Unrecables - Disabled Sports,USA, and her companion to Telluride on the annual week-long ski trip. Many ski clubs also donate funds, ski equipment and clothing to The Unrecables. Many club members, their families and friends also participate in the Ralph's Food Store Community Program, which is a wonderful fund-raiser for The Unrecables.

Northwest Ski Club Council: NWSCC participants contributed \$3,900 to the 2006 Oregon Cancer Ski Out which raised a total of \$39,000 to support the OHSU Cancer Institute, the Willamette Falls Hospice, and the Candlelighters (a support group for families of cancer patients). The "FWSA GERM TEAM" with Randy and Debbi Lew, Steve and Linda Coxen, Mary Olhausen, and John Orefice skied in honor of our good friend Michael German, who is waging a courageous battle against cancer. They sprouted rubber caps with spikes, showed off their "FWSA GERMS" t-shirts and skied their hearts out for Michael and the cause. Look for that great photo in the next Councilman.

Other recent charity ski/snowboard events in Oregon and Washington were the Mt. Bachelor Food Drive, the Mt. Ashland Ski Patrol fundraiser, the Mt. Hood Skibowl Vertical Challenge for Cystic Fibrosis, the Crystal Mountain Jimmie Heuga Vertical Express, the White Pass Vertical Challenge for American Cancer Society, the Mt. Bachelor Jimmie Heuga Vertical Express, and the Mt. Bachelor Riders For The Cure.

Bergfreunde Ski Club provided volunteers at the annual Winter Special Olympics at Mt. Bachelor and held its 2nd annual Le Tour de Valley in May. Club members hiked, walked, and biked the Willamette Valley at the Iris Gardens. For the first time, Oregon Special Olympics is participating in the Oregon Charitable Tax Checkoff Program this year. This is a statewide program in which Oregon taxpayers can designate all or part of their tax refunds to eligible charitable organizations. Skiers also took part in the 73rd annual Golden Rose Ski Classic, held on June 3rd at Timberline Lodge. This is a benefit for Mt. Hood Race Academy athletes and the NW SnowSports Foundation for aspiring young skiers and snowboarders.

Skiyente Ski Club raised \$800 for Shepherd's Door, a local women's and children's shelter, which is a part of The Portland Rescue Mission. They held a silent auction at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum in Government Camp, and presented Skiyente's 50 years of history along with the history of women skiing. The club was featured in a TV segment produced by the Clackamas County Development Commission. The silent auction brought in enough funds to throw a party and still donate over \$2,200 to the museum's Capital improvements. Skiyente also sponsors a Masters Race Weekend at Mt. Hood Meadows every year, raising about \$500 to sponsor an up and coming female racer through their Erin Nicole Scholarship. Recently, Skiyente also planned, organized and executed a meal for nearly 200 racers at the Mt. Hood Cultural Center and Museum.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs and its member clubs are very active supporting many different charities, such as the Youth At Risk program, the annual Toys for Tots drive, the United States Adaptive Recreation Center, and the Jimmie Heuga Center for MS.

* If your club/council has a charity/community event or a donation of time/money to an organization which is not listed, please email the details to Sigrid Noack (FWSA Charities & Our Communities Chair) at skisig@earthlink.net. FWSA relies on its clubs/councils to communicate to Sigrid their charity/community events or donations as they occur during the year.

2005-2006 Recipient Donation Summary by Sigrid Noack

Summary of organizations to which volunteer time and/or money has been donated by Far West Ski Association councils, clubs and their members.

9/11 Red Cross National Relief Fund
9/11 Rescue Dogs Relief Fund
9/11 Robin Hood Foundation Relief Fund
Adopt-a-Classroom program at Long Beach Aquarium
Adopt-a-Family program
Adopt-a-Highway program
Adopt-an-Olympian
AIDS Bike Ride
American Cancer Society's Relay for Life
American Stroke Association
Bear Valley Ski Patrol for Oxygen Unit
Becky's House, a battered women's shelter
Blood Drive
Book Drive
"Bookman" for Senior Centers
Breast Cancer Walk
Brighten a Life, a Home Start Agency
California Foundation for Children for underprivileged and at-risk
California International Air Show, Monterey County
Cedar House for Abused Mothers & Children
Chamber of Commerce
Chris Klug Foundation for Organ Donations
Christmas in April for the Needy
Christmas Toy Drive for women/children shelters
Clothing to the Homeless
Clothing & Equipment for Skiers with Disabilities
Compton Homeless Education Project
Disabled Sports, USA, Mother Lode Chapter
Disadvantaged Youth Mentoring
Disadvantaged Youth Recreational Skiing & Boarding Program
Eppie's Great Race for disabled sports
Feed the Homeless program
Female Racer Scholarship Fund
Food Drives
Habitat for Humanity
High School Ceramics Program
Highway Clean-up
Home for the Holidays with the Marines
Jimmie Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis
John Tracy Clinic for deaf children
Junior Ski Racer Scholarship Fund
Kidney Donation
Kids' Ski Program
Los Angeles November Flood Catastrophe
Leukemia Association
Lymphoma Association

Mammoth Lakes Foundation for Cerro Coso College
Marine Expeditionary Unit
Montrose Search & Rescue
Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum
Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation
Multiple Sclerosis Society Walks & Bike Rides
NCAA ski/race program
Northwest Harvest, hunger relief agency
Northwest Snow Sports Foundation, scholarships for junior racers
Pacific Burn Institute, Code 3 races
Paso Robles Earthquake Relief fund
Pierce College Disabled Ski Program
Polinsky Children's Center
San Diego "Cedar" Fire victims
Sarajevo Olympic Site, reforestation
Scholarship Fund for Female Racers
Search & Rescue of Montrose
Shoebox Ministries for the homeless
Ski for All for Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
Ski Patrol, Sponsor a Rescue Sled
Ski Swap for NCAA Ski/Race Program at U. of Nevada
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Special Olympics, Arizona Ski Patrol
Special Olympics, Arizona Winter & Summer Games
Special Olympics, Oregon
Stop-Gap for Schools, Hospitals, Cancer Patients & Abused Women
Stroke Walk
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome
Sun Peak's Health Association
Sunshine Kids with Cancer Program
Swim With Mike at USC
Tahoe Adaptive Ski School
Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP)
The United Way
The Unrecables Ski Club
Thomas J. Pappas School for homeless children
Thousand Oaks Women's Shelter for battered women & their children
Toys for Tots
Tree People Organization
US Adaptive Recreation Center
US Ski Team
Valley View Vaulters for Disabled Children
Women's shelters
Youth Sports Mentoring Program

FWSA Minutes

Annual Meeting, June 11-12, 2004, Long Beach, CA
by Mary Azevedo, Secretary



MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION
FAR WEST SKI ASSOCIATION
JUNE 11-12, 2005
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The 73rd Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association was held at the Westin Hotel in Long Beach California.

Saturday, June 11, 2005

GENERAL SESSION

President Mike Sanford called the meeting to order on June 11, 2005 at 8:05 a.m. A warm welcome was extended to all those attending the convention. He introduced the 2004-2005 FWSA Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, New and Old Council Presidents, Committee Chairs, Appointed Representatives, League Chairs and Special guests.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Sylvia Kearns, VP Membership, announced that this morning, we have 254 regular delegates. The final count will be taken at 5:00 p.m. this evening. After this time, no credential changes may be made.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Steve Coxen, chairman of the nominating committee, introduced the candidates running for office. Each candidate introduced themselves to the convention attendees.

President:	Mike Sanford (incumbent)
Secretary:	Mary Azevedo, Susan Shaffer, Bonnie West
Treasurer:	Nancy Kelly (incumbent), Ray Craig
Trustee 1:	Randy Lew (incumbent)
Trustee 2:	Linda Westlund (incumbent)
VP Council Services:	Michael German (incumbent)
VP Public Affairs:	Scott Bowker (incumbent)
VP North American Travel:	Lynnell Calkins (incumbent)

COUNCILS' MAN & WOMAN RECOGNITION PROGRAM REPORT

Donn Bryant announced the nominees for the Man and Woman of the Year would be introduced at the noon luncheon. The winners will be announced at dinner.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bylaws chairman, Randy Lew, directed our attention to the delegate book page 48 and read proposals to amend the bylaws. Voting will take place on Sunday. The proposals included:

1. Eliminate the V.P. of Recreation and Safety position (the responsibilities of the position will be allocated to other functional V.P. positions). This amendment would not change the voting privileges under Section 13.4.5, but would decrease the quorum required for meetings of the Board of Directors from 7 to 6 under Section 13.5.1 which is the same as prior to the addition of the V.P. of International Travel position in June 2003.
2. Amend the description of V.P. of Councils to V.P. of Council Services to better describe the functions of this position.
3. Eliminate the staggered election wording for V.P. of Recreation and Safety and change the title of V.P. of Councils to V.P. of Council Services.
4. Correct the reference of the definition of ski clubs which was missed after the addition of Honorary Members in June 2003.

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

John Watson, parliamentarian, explained voting procedures and what to expect tomorrow during voting.

INDUSTRY MARKETING REPORT

Jane Wyckoff, Industry Marketing Representative, announced that we had received \$19,000 in prizes and \$15,000 in certificates for fund raising at our convention. She introduced Catherine Ohl our host convention coordinator. The audience honored Catherine by long applause. Catherine then thanked her staff and the Los Angeles Council.

SPEAKER DR. MICHAEL ADAMS

President Mike Sanford introduced our luncheon speaker, Dr. Michael Adams, son of the famous photographer, Ansel Adams.

He also spoke about the official home of FWSA memorabilia, located at Boreal Ski Resort in Tahoe. Bill Clark has much to do with our finding a home for our many trophies, plaques, and other items that commemorate FWSA history.

President Mike Sanford declared the meeting recessed until tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Azevedo, Acting secretary

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENED

The 73rd Annual Meeting and Convention of the Far West Ski Association reconvened and was called to order by President, Mike Sanford, at 8:39 A.M. Secretary for this session was Bonnie West.

Mike Sanford reintroduced the current Board members and Trustees

PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

John Watson, Parliamentarian, added three additional names added to the list of those who have passed, Robert Vogel, John Maloney and Jerry Wilmont.

He reminded every one that the bylaws must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the registered delegates.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bonnie West, Acting Secretary, referred to the 2004 Convention Minutes, prepared by Candee Marsh at the 72nd Convention in Portland, Oregon.

MSC

Moved Delegate #14, that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Seconded by Delegate #219.

Secretar

Motion carried.

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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Sylvia Kearns announced there are 257 voting delegates.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Randy Lew referred to the delegate book regarding proposed amendments: (Note: all amendments passed.

Proposal:	Eliminate the V.P. of Recreation and Safety position (the responsibilities of the position will be allocated to other functional V.P. positions). This amendment would not change the voting privileges under Section 13.4.5, but would decrease the quorum required for meetings of the Board of Directors from 7 to 6 under Section 13.5.1 which is the same as prior to the addition of the V.P. of International Travel position in June 2003.
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Section 11.2 Titles of Elected Officers

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 11.2.9 V.P. of Recreation and Safety

Section 11.2.10 V.P. of Councils

Section 11.2.11 V.P. of International Travel

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 11.2.9 V.P. of Councils

Section 11.2.10 V.P. of International Travel

Motion Passed.

Proposal:	Amend the description of V.P. of Councils to V.P. of Council Services to better describe the functions of this position.
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Section 11.2 Titles of Elected Officers

CURRENT WORDING:

Section 11.2.10 V.P. of Councils

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 11.2.9 V.P. of Council Services

Motion passed.

Proposal: Eliminate the staggered election wording for V.P. of Recreation and Safety and change the title of V.P. of Councils to V.P. of Council Services.

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, Communications and International Travel being elected in the alternate years from the Vice Presidents of North American Travel, Public Affairs, Recreation & Safety, and Councils.

PROPOSED NEW 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, Communications and International Travel being elected in the alternate years from the Vice Presidents of North American Travel, Public Affairs, and Council Services.

Motioned Passed.

Proposal: Correct the reference of the definition of ski clubs which was missed after the addition of Honorary Members in June 2003.

8.4 Requirements and Application for Membership or Affiliation

CURRENT WORDING

Section 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.

PROPOSED NEW WORDING

Section 8.4.2 A ski club, ski association or other ski organization must qualify as a Ski Club as defined in Section 8.2.5, herein, to become affiliated with FWSA.

Eliminating V.P. of Recreation & Safety

Delegate #14, Ed Knott spoke for the elimination of VP amendment.

On behalf of the Far West Ski Association's Board of Directors and Board of Trustees, I request that the office of Recreation and Safety be discontinued. As vice president of this office, I have visited a number of councils and talked to the presidents of other councils regarding recreational events that FWSA could sponsor. As a result, I have concluded that councils and their clubs provide sufficient recreational opportunities to their members. Any recreational activity sponsored by FWSA would only encroach on these events. I was left with the distinct impression that individuals have only so much discretionary time and funds they can devote to recreation. Please vote to abolish this position.

Motion Passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Steve Coxen, Nominating Committee Chairman, outlined the ballot procedure. There will be nominations from the floor, with seconds not required. Speeches will be 3 minutes in length. Ballots were distributed to the delegates.

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

Delegate #185 moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate 106 seconded the motion.

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

TRUSTEES

Trustee #1

The Nominating Committee entered the names of Randy Lew. Linda Westlund and Rinda Wohlend were nominated from the floor.

Delegate #219 moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #239 seconded the motion.

Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken. Randy Lew was elected Trustee #1.

Trustee #2

The Nominating Committee entered the names of Linda Westlund. Rinda Wohlend was nominated from the floor by Delegate #19. Judith Miller nominated Donn Bryant. Rinda Wohlwend withdrew her name as a candidate.

Delegate #219 moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #89 seconded the motion.

Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken. Linda Westlund was elected Trustee #2.

SECRETARY - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Mary Azevedo. Susan Shaffer and Bonnie West were nominated from the floor

Delegate #106 moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate #219 seconded the motion.

Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken. Mary Azevedo was elected Secretary.

TREASURER - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Nancy Kelly. Ray Craig was nominated from the floor.

Delegate #185, Dennis Heffley, moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate # 149 seconded the motion

Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken. Nancy Kelly was elected Treasurer.

VP OF MEMBERSHIP - The Nominating Committee entered the name of Barbara Bryant and Marilyn Sigler.

Delegate # 253 moved the nominations be closed.

Delegate # 219 seconded the motion

Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken. Barbara Bryant was elected VP Membership to fill the remaining year.

VP Council Services - The nominating committee entered the name of Michael German. Bonnie West was nominated by Delegate # 11, Fay Mumbauer.

Delegate #239 moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate #219 seconded the motion.

Each candidate gave a speech and a secret ballot was taken. Michael German was elected VP Council Services.

VP Public Affairs - The nominating committee entered the name of Scott Bowker.

Delegate # 185, Dennis Heffley, moved the nominations be closed.

The Nominating Committee entered a ballot of acclamation for Scott Bowker, VP Public Affairs.

VP North American Travel - The nominating committee entered the name of Lynnell Calkins.

Delegate #239 moved the nominations be closed.
Delegate # 152 seconded the motion

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

The meeting **recessed** for brunch at 11:00 A.M.

The FWSA 73rd Annual Meeting **reconvened** at 11:20 A.M.

FWSA RAFFLE

Sponsors for the FWSA Raffle were recognized and thanked for their contributions. A drawing was then held for the raffle.

WENTWORTH AND TOLLAKSON AWARDS

Awards were presented to the best club newsletter and website. In addition, The Tollakson Award was presented to clubs with outstanding structure, organization, skiing, sports, social events, and giving in their community

TREASURER'S REPORT

Nancy Kelly referred to the delegate book for her treasurer's report, including Preliminary Comparative Balance Sheet, Income/Expense Statement, and Detailed Expenditures by Cost Center, comparing 2004 to 2005.

MSC
Treasurer's Report

Moved: Delegate #143 that the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted.
Seconded: Delegate #166.
Motion carried.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Chairman Randy Lew discussed the Trustee's Report in the delegate book, including the Awards Program. He announced that FWSA gave two \$500 scholarships to junior racers. He reported that Family day at Mammoth was quite a success. A Karbon jacket, raffled at the Heavenly Valley Championships brought in money to support these scholarships. Randy mentioned that a survey was conducted on whether nominators' names should be included on future awards ballots. This was referred to committee

INDUSTRY MARKETING REPORT

Jane Wyckoff announced that FWSA had received more than triple the amount of cash we received in sponsorships from last year. She asked all members to please support our industry sponsors.

Barbara Razo reported that the silent auction brought in \$51,000. She was pleased that the Industry continues to support FWSA. The industry has commented that they enjoy attending our convention.

FWRA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bob Ellis announces he will be putting on a national race at Keystone. The FWRA finals will be held at Kirkwood, March 31 to April 2, 2006.

FWSA OFFICERS' REPORTS:

VP NORTH AMERICAN REPORT

Lynnell Calkins reminded everyone about the Hawaiian cruise October 9 – 16, 2005.

RESOLUTIONS

John Watson read the following resolutions:

Resolution #1 – Laudatory Resolution – Candee Marsh Proclamation

WHEREAS, the business of recording the proceedings of the FWSA is complex and becoming more so, and
WHEREAS, Candee Marsh has served for five years as recording secretary, and
WHEREAS, she has “set the bar” for this increasingly demanding and essential position,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The 2005 delegates extend their highest regards to Candee Marsh for a job
extremely well done, and
BE IT RESOLVED THAT, We the delegates earnestly look forward to seeing Candee Marsh in Phoenix in 2006.

Moved by Delegate #245, Seconded by Delegate #14, Ed Knott. Motion Passed

Resolution #2 – Laudatory Resolution – LAC and Zonies

WHEREAS, LAC has done a wonderful job putting on the 75th anniversary FWSA convention, and
WHEREAS, those of us from the Northwest are appreciative at LAC's attempt to make us feel at home with gray sky's and
Mild temperatures,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The *Zonies* promise to not make the Northwest contingent feel at home by
assuring that the sky's will be blue and temperatures hot.

Moved by Delegate #181 Dale Parshall; Seconded by Delegate #180 Sheri Parshall. Motion Carried

Resolution #3 – Laudatory Resolution - 16th Floor Parties

WHEREAS, the 16th floor has been the venue for exciting and essential services to the annual meeting, and
WHEREAS, the Saturday night party was a rousing success, and
WHEREAS, the victuals in the eye opener were, for the first time, *HEALTHY*,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Single Ski Club be awarded a *Best Nutrition* honor for helping the delegates
to remain robust and with sustained stamina, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Gene Fulkerson be given a special *Shushing* – not schussing – tool to maintain order on
Saturday nights.

Moved by Delegate #245; Seconded by Delegate #219. Motion Passed

Resolution #4 – Laudatory Resolution – The 2007 Convention

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Council has rocked the 2005 convention with some shake, rattle, and roll this morning as a result
of last nights' dancing and partying. We are also looking forward to a *kickin* hot time at the Wild Horse Pass Resort in
Arizona for the 2006 convention,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Bay Area Snow Sports Council promises a *rockin* good time if we are selected
to host the 2007 convention.

Moved by Delegate #185, Dennis Heffley; Seconded by Delegate #122, Linda Indreboe. Motion Passed

Resolution #5 – Laudatory Resolution – Discriminating Delegates

WHEREAS, this is the convention of *hair*, and
WHEREAS, serious hair is in, and
WHEREAS, this convention is composed of very discriminating delegates,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Mo-hawk(Glen Plack) and Rick Marlin (Do DGen Fan) do something about the
do's.

Moved by Delegate #90, Michael German; Seconded by Delegate #14, Ed Knott. Motion Passed

Resolution #6 – Substantive Resolution – Active Skier Resolution

WHEREAS, this is the Far West Ski Convention, and

WHEREAS, all clubs are Ski Clubs,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Only clubs which still have at least 10% of its membership as active skiers be admitted.

Moved by Delegate #45, Louis Baher; Seconded by Delegate #189, Ginla Rayln. Referred to the Bylaws Committee

Resolution #7 – Laudatory Resolution – Motorola Ski Club

WHEREAS, Motorola Ski Club of Arizona Ski Council has enjoyed FWSA ski weeks and conventions for many years, and

WHEREAS, 2004-2005 is our last year of ski club operation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Former Motorola Ski Club members will continue to support FWSA as new members of East Valley, Scottsdale and Phoenix Ski Clubs.

Moved by Delegate #249, Lind Westlund, and Seconded by Delegate #247, Doris Westlund. Motion Passed

Resolution #8 –Laudatory Resolution– FWSA Convention Highlighting Skiing History

WHEREAS, the history of FWSA and organized skiing is paramount to future of all riders. Our future involves all aspects of industry and families as well as recreation,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, LAC Council be acknowledged for this convention's highlight of FWSA history. Thank you.

Moved by Delegate #185, Dennis Heffley, Seconded by Delegate 65, Karen Davis. Motion Passed

Resolution #9 – Substantive Resolution – History be continued at Conventions

WHEREAS, this history-themed meeting has been a tremendous success, and

WHEREAS, the scope of history presented has been very thought-provoking, and

WHEREAS, we, the FWSA membership needs to be continually reminded of the responsibilities of our heritage,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The delegates recommend to the directors and committee people that history be a continuing element in the convention agenda

Moved by Delegate #245; Seconded by Delegate #19. Motion Passed

Resolution #10 – Laudatory Resolution – Cane Memorialized

WHEREAS, Michael Sanford needed assistance of a cane to travel to St. Moritz, Switzerland on the FWSA ski trip. He miraculously recovered and skied the Swiss Alps, but transferred his misfortune to a smaller zone, and

WHEREAS, Michael kindly passed the cane to this little blonde to facilitate her return to the states,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The cane is being returned to Mike to facilitate other skiers suffering misfortunes.

Moved by Delegate #83, Marge Fons; Seconded by Delegate #249, Linda Westlund. Motion Passed.

Resolution #11 – Laudatory Resolution – LA lauded

WHEREAS, LA Council hosted the historic 75th Celebration of FWSA in beautiful Long Beach, California, and

WHEREAS, we enjoyed crawling down Pine Avenue, Kayaking, golf, and sightseeing, and

WHEREAS, Clubs and Councils shared their rich histories and showed appreciation for the ski industry and our Olympic friends,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Arizona Ski Council salutes LA Ski Council for setting a new standard for FWSA Conventions. We take our hats off to you!

Moved by Delegate #83, Marge fons; Seconded by Delegate #249, Linda Westlund. Motion Passed

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

CONVENTION REPORT 2006

Mike Sanford reported that Arliegh Meiners of Arizona Ski Council is the chairman of next year's convention at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa in Phoenix, Arizona. It will be held on June 8-11, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Delegate #, Dennis Heffley, that the 75th Annual Meeting be adjourned.

Seconded: by Delegate #143, Randy Lew.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie West, Acting Secretary

FWSA Bylaws

As Amended June 12, 2005 by Randall K. Lew, Chairman of Board of Trustees

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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 8.2.5, 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:

No. of members in a Ski Club or in the <u>Direct Members' bloc</u>	Total Number of Delegates Entitled <u>to be Appointed</u>
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 North American Travel
- 11.2.7 V.P. of Public Affairs
- 11.2.8 V.P. of Communications
- 11.2.9 V.P. of Council Services
- 11.2.10 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 North American Travel, Public Affairs, and Council Services.

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.

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 Elaine Cobos, 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 18 years **Leigh Gieringer** has produced first-rate issues of the FWSA Skiers Guide, and the 2005-2006 issue is as good as ever! Use the Guide as an information or membership tool. Be sure to note the discounts provided by vendors in their ads to FWSA members. Clubs and councils must have updates to Leigh by August 1, 2006, for the next issue. Thanks, Leigh, for your efforts and continued dedication.

Many thanks to **Mary and Norm Azevedo** for their efforts on this year's FWSA quarterly Councilman. Each issue again surpassed the one before and all of FWSA has benefited from their quality publications. As begun last year, the newsletter is now available almost immediately upon completion on the website, www.fwsa.org. Thanks, Mary and Norm, for bringing us into the 21st century.

This year's winners for club/council newsletter and website competition will be announced during the convention. In addition, the Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year competition again involved a revered panel of judges reviewing all entries. ALL clubs in FWSA were eligible to enter this competition. Entries this year again consisted of an essay describing how your club deserves to be named FWSA's Outstanding Club of the Year. The essays highlighted what each club did this past year for community outreach, sports awareness and promotion activities, as well as addressed the other categories that are always part of the judging criteria for this award. These winners will also be announced at the convention.

This year FWSA is providing additional recognition for winning entries in these competitions. A charitable donation will be made by FWSA in the name of the winning club/council and FWSA to the winner's designated local charity. The local charity must be a "Qualified charity" and provide proof to FWSA that they are a valid 501(c)(3) organization in order to receive funds. \$50 will be awarded to a qualified charity of choice for FIRST place in *each* class, for Wentworth Outstanding Publication and Outstanding Website. \$100 will be awarded to a qualified charity of choice for FIRST place winners in *each* class, for Tollakson Outstanding Club of the Year.

All entries for the 2007 competition must be submitted before September 1, 2006. 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 2005 FWSA Convention, unless the club wishes to remain in a higher class.
 - i. Class AAAA – Membership of 325 or more
 - ii. Class AAA - Membership of 200-324
 - iii. Class AA - Membership of 150-100
 - iv. Class A - Membership up to 149

CLUBS ENTERED by Class - Clubs Entered for 2006 Wentworth Publication Competition and Website

A Clubs 1-149 mbrs	AA Clubs 150-199 mbrs	AAA Clubs 200-324 mbrs	AAAA Clubs 325 + mbrs
Skiyente	Don Diego	Pacific Rim	Bergfreunde
Unrecables	Mountain High	Santa Barbara	North Island
Fountain Valley	Torrey Pines	S'no Joke Ski Club	Apres

COUNCILS

Los Angeles - newsletter, website

Northwest - newsletter, website

San Diego – newsletter, website

Big Thanks to the Judges for 2005-2006!!

Newsletters

Nancy Sanford, *Fountain Valley*

Gordon Cardona, *Unrecables*

Louise DuFresne, *Skiyente Ski Club*

Don Bentrrott, *Don Diego*

Laura Meldrum, *Torrey Pines*

Emilio Trampuz, *Mountain High*

Ed Martin, *Apres*

Mary Olhausen, *Bergfreunde*

Cheryl Riess, *North Island Snowdrifters*

Catherine Ohl, *Pacific Rim Alliance*

Jane Ferry, *Santa Barbara*

Jerry Fitts, *S'no Joke Ski Club*

Mary Olhausen, *NWSCC*

Karol Koerner, *San Diego Council*

Catherine Ohl, *LAC*

Websites

Jerry Seifert, *Torrey Pines*

Leslie Pally, *Don Diego*

Sue Bennett, *Mountain High*

Janet Siverts-Smith, *Mountain High*

Dorothy Pantel, *Apres*

Cheryl Riess, *North Island Snowdrifters*

Don Violette, *North Island Snowdrifters*

Diane Hicks, *Skiyente Ski Club*

Peggy Knight, *Fountain Valley*

Georgina Hackett, *Unrecables*

Don Alexander, *Bergfreunde*

Catherine Ohl, *Pacific Rim Alliance*

Marti Verkuilen, *S'no Joke Ski Club*

Linda Coxen, *NWSCC*

Catherine Ohl, *LAC*

Judy Schultheis, *San Diego Council*

Our program depends on volunteers. 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 2007 competitions – deadline September 1, 2006. (The judging timeframe is October 2006 through April 2007.)

Director Report

Council Services by Fran Long, Acting 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, primarily the Phoenix metro area); **Bay Area Snow Sports Council** (San Francisco area); **Central Council of California** (the central California area); **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** (San Diego County), **Sierra Council Race League** (Nevada, plus Lake Tahoe, Sacramento, and Chico, California); and the **New Mexico Ski Club Council**. FWSA is looking into 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 Telluride, attended the international ski week at Zermatt, Switzerland, and the FWRA Championships at Kirkwood. You may also have traveled to China and be looking forward to your next adventure in Machu Picchu or cruising the Panama Canal! The travel opportunities open to you through the Far West Ski Association are limited only by your own time and resources. I urge you to continue to check the FWSA web site for travel updates and new travel opportunities.

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 any officer at www.fwsa.org.

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. 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.

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 to organized skiing.

Director Report

By Nancy Ellis, Database Manager

FWSA maintains a database with information about clubs and councils such as officers and their addresses, meeting dates and locations, and membership information. Additionally, individual members who are interested in receiving FWSA publications and ski industry information may wish to have their mailing/contact information in the database.

Most clubs and councils have just completed their election of officers for the coming year. It is important that a *Club Officer Update* form be completed and sent to me soon after the changes have been made so that the new officers receive FWSA communications in a timely manner. The update form can be found on the Far West Ski Association web page at www.fwsa.org. Locate the link *Membership* and then *Club Officer Update*. Clubs are to send the completed form to their Council Presidents. Councils may then send the form to me via email, fax, or U.S. mail using one of the addresses below. Individuals are requested to send their changes directly to me in any format that is convenient for them. It is important that information be clearly printed or typed so that the correct information is entered into the database.

Individuals please send to:

Nancy Ellis
P.O. Box 9681
Truckee, CA 96162

Fax (530) 582-0566

Email: Nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net

Clubs—Send updates to your Council Presidents

FWSA is protective of member information in the database. Requests for a member listing must have prior approval of the FWSA President. Typically, membership information is given to Convention Sponsors and Partners, and to FWSA staff for distribution of their information. Be sure to let me know if you do not wish to receive FWSA information so that your name and information will not be distributed.



Far West Ski Association

Ski Club Officer Update Form 2006/07

Please Print or Type Clearly

Ski Club Name		Effective Date:	
Ski Club Council		Race League:	
Club Mailing Address	Street/P.O. Box:		
	City/State/Zip:		
Club Hotline	Phone:	Email:	
		Web site:	
Meeting Location	Name:		
	Street:		
	City/State/Zip:		
Meeting Frequency	Day of week/month:	Election month:	
	Time:	Date Club Established:	
Club Publication Name		Club Dues:	
		Single \$ _____ Couple \$ _____	
		Family \$ _____	
Number of Members	Active/Voting:	Non-voting:	Total:

PRESIDENT _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Res. Phone _____
Wk. Phone _____
E-mail _____

___ Please do not publish my name on behalf of FWSA

This roster has been submitted by:

Name _____
Title _____
E-mail _____

If you have any questions regarding the information to be provided on this form, you may contact the Database Coordinator, Nancy Ellis at 530.582.0566

WEBMASTER _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Res. Phone _____
Wk. Phone _____
E-mail _____

___ Please do not publish my name on behalf of FWSA

After completing this form please return mail to:

FWSA DATABASE
c/o Nancy Ellis
P.O. Box 9681
Truckee, CA 96162
Or email to: nancyellis2@sbcglobal.net

NEWSLETTER _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Res. Phone _____
Wk. Phone _____
E-mail _____

___ Please do not publish my name on behalf of FWSA

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Director Report

North American Travel by Lynnell Calkins, VP

Hawaii Cruise
October 9 – 16, 2005

FWSA members enjoyed the Hawaiian Islands aboard the *Pride of Aloha* in October of 2005. The ship had six restaurants, thirteen bars and lounges, two swimming pools, spa, hot tub, fitness center, library and a video arcade which we put to good use as we sailed among the islands of Hawaii. With shore excursions on Oahu, Kauai, Hawaii and Maui, we visited all the major Hawaiian Islands. Thanks to Montrose Travel who took care of all the details for this adventure and Harry and Karen Davis, FWSA trip leaders for the cruise.

Telluride
February 4 – 11, 2006

Ski week for 2006 was in Telluride, Colorado. Beautiful snow and weather provided a wonderful week of skiing. Telluride's groomed trails, bowls, glades and chutes provided great skiing for every ability level. Tom Watkinson from Telluride along with Patrick Rothe and Kurt Schroeder of Ski.Com assisted us with a wonderful week of skiing and parties.

Special thanks to our ten council trip leaders: Dan Romanenko, Arizona Council; Steve Grevstad, Bay Area Council; Mary Alexander, Central Council; Wayne Stolfus, Inland Council; Bonnie West, Los Angeles Council; Bob Stearley, New Mexico Council; Debbi Kor, Northwest Council; Jim Hughes, Orange Council; Susie Vetter, San Diego Council; and Debbie Stewart, Sierra Council.

Our ski week travel staff spent many hours preparing for ski week. Thanks to Gloria Raminha, Marilyn Sigler, Ken Calkins, Bob Ellis and Nancy Ellis who worked hard to provide all ski week participants with a great week.

The Skier of the Week awards were presented to:

1 st	Laura Preiss	Don Shafe
2 nd	Barbara Bryant	Bob Ellis
3 rd	Mary Alexander	Rick Harrington

Race awards were given to the following councils and clubs:

1 st	Los Angeles Council	Castro Valley Ski Club
2 nd	Bay Area Council	Conejo Ski Club
3 rd	Sierra Council	Reno Ski & Rec Club

Sierra Council won the Council Challenge Race.

John Schulthies from Bay Area Council won the Volunteer of the Week Award presented in memory of John Gambill. Thanks, John, for your assistance with our races and parties during the week.

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.

Panama Canal Cruise
October 29 – November 11, 2006

You'd better hurry if you want to sign-up for the FWSA Panama Canal Cruise! You can use your credit card and sign-up on line at www.fwsacruises.com. We set sail from San Diego on Sunday, October 29, cruise through the Panama Canal and arrive in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Saturday, November 11. Our ports of call include Cabo San Lucas, Acapulco and Huatulco, Mexico; Puntarenas, Costa Rica; and Oranjestad, Aruba.

This thirteen night cruise is aboard Royal Caribbean's *Serenade of the Seas*. The ship has a solarium with an indoor/outdoor swimming pool with six whirlpools and a sliding roof. The Ship Shape Day Spa provides full service treatments, sauna and steam room, a fully equipped fitness center and aerobics classes. The Royale Casino has blackjack, roulette, craps, Caribbean stud poker and slot machines. In addition to the dining room, a buffet for casual dining and several cafes, bars, grills and lounges, the *Serenade of the Seas* offers 24 hour room service. There is always plenty to do aboard this ship!

Current prices range from \$1289 for an inside cabin to \$1689 for an ocean view cabin to \$2119 for a balcony cabin. Rates are per person, double occupancy for this thirteen night cruise. If you want to join us for this adventure contact the above web site. Please sign-up soon as the number of cabins at these prices is limited.

Steamboat
January 27 – February 3, 2007

Located in the Colorado Rockies, Steamboat is one of North America's largest ski mountains. With 143 trails, 3600 vertical feet, and nearly 3,000 skiable acres, Steamboat provides a variety of terrain for every level of skier/boarder. The trail classification is 13% beginner, 56% more difficult and 31% advanced/expert. There are definitely runs for every ability level.

Steamboat is a complete mountain range with Mt. Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Thunderhead Peak, Christie Peak and Pioneer Ridge. Steamboat's six peaks are filled with groomed cruisers, bumps, steeps, open meadows, and legendary tree skiing. The term "champagne powder snow" was coined in Steamboat.

Our council trip leaders are taking deposits for this ski week, so contact your trip leader:

Arizona Council	Mary Beth Fitchlee	marybeth.fitchlee@wellsfargo.com
Bay Area Council	Norm Azevedo	nazevedo@sbcglobal.net
Central Council	Mary Alexander	maryalexander@sbcglobal.net
Inland Council	Wayne Stolfus	spiderRx@aol.com
Los Angeles Council		
New Mexico Council	Bob Stearley	dmstear@att.net
Northwest Council	Rod Robinson	rdrobinson@aol.com
Orange Council	Judy Chapel	judy104@adelphia.net
San Diego Council	Susie Vetter	sevetter1@yahoo.com
Sierra Council	Debbie Stewart	gwstewart@prodigy.com

2007 Ski Week

Where are we going for our 2008 ski week? Bids from several ski resorts are being presented Saturday morning 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 date and location for our 2008 ski week.

Director Report

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

Responsibilities for the Industry Marketing program include: producing the Silent Auction, sponsorship development, serving on the Convention Committee, and promoting advertising sales for the *Far West Skier's Guide*. The FWSA Vice President of Marketing is responsible for the membership benefits program and product sponsorship development. This year Barbara Razo is again Chairman of the annual Silent Auction, and Jane Wyckoff concentrated on Convention sponsorship development.

The ski industry invested over \$175,000 this year in Association industry programs (*does not include travel program sponsorships*): Silent Auction Donations Value (\$100,000), Convention Sponsorships (\$4,250 cash and \$6,150 trade-out value in certificates and major product donations); advertising for the 2004-05 *Far West Skier's Guide* (\$60,000), and \$5,000 in product donations in addition to member benefit discounts.

Silent Auction

Last year we celebrated not only the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the Far West Ski Association, but also the 20th Anniversary of the FWSA Silent Auction. The FWSA truly values the working relationship the Association has developed with the ski and sports industries. During the past 21 years the Association has received over \$1,600,000 in Silent Auction donations to generate revenue to support its programs. Countless hours have been spent by dedicated ski club, council and FWSA volunteers, who assist with conducting a successful Silent Auction every year.

The Silent Auction began back in 1986 at the Irvine Hilton and Towers, when the Balboa Ski Club of Orange Council of Ski Clubs, host for the 54th Annual Convention, organized the event as a fundraiser to be held in conjunction with the Convention. In 1990 the *Travel Carousel* was added to the industry Convention programs at the 58th Annual Convention, hosted by the Orange Council of Ski Clubs, when the Association returned to the Irvine Hilton. The format remained the same until the 2003 Convention held at the Rancho Las Palmas Marriott in Rancho Mirage, California, hosted by the San Diego Ski Club Council. The *Travel Carousel* became the *Travel Expo*, and *Passports* replaced the Lift Tickets. Convention delegates now schedule appointments with industry representatives, and travel from table to table in a timed sequence. Each year we look forward to seeing our industry friends at our Annual Convention, some of whom have attended for many years, and others who are new to our program.

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 Arleigh Meiners, support members Andrea Barron, Joe Cusack, Mary Beth Fitchellee, Marge Fons, Gary Giertz, Sam Harris, Mike Jones, Lee Lambie, Ron Laboureaux, Candee Marsh, Nancy Robinson, Dan Romanenko, Margaret Sharp, David Towar, Linda Westlunc and the rest enthusiastic Arizona Ski Council Committee members. Steve Coxen was instrumental in the design, maintenance and user-friendly web pages providing information about the convention and its events. A special extension of gratitude goes to: Tucker Hoffman, Auctioneer; Nancy Kelly, Nancy Furtado and Bill Funkhouser, Accounting. Our dedicated team of volunteers returned to assist with the Silent Auction Bid Board collection process and the Travel Expo. As the years of experience running this program grows so does our expertise of operations. Our gratitude is extended to

all the workers from the “Zonies” and the FWSA Board Members and friends from other councils that assist with last minute preparations prior to the Silent Auction.

Convention Sponsorships

The Convention sponsorship program reduces the amount of money needed to be taken from Silent Auction proceeds to offset Convention costs. A registration fee of \$135 basically covers food and not too much else. Sponsorships are extremely important to the financial success of our event. We were exceptionally pleased to learn this year that our sponsorship benefits program is highly regarded in the industry, and has been emulated by other groups in other parts of the country. One of the primary benefits for the sponsors is the link from our *fwsa.org* site to their own website. A special thank you is extended to Steve Coxen (aka “Genius Junior”) for his untiring efforts producing the FWSA website and especially the Convention coverage.

Convention Committee

Our responsibilities with the FWSA Convention Committee seem to have gradually expanded over the years. A primary responsibility is the negotiation of a contract for the next Convention, now planned at least two years in advance. These contracts have become more detailed and complex, as each year we seem to face new challenging issues. A detailed Convention Planner is now given to the hotel, which is exceptionally valuable for the staff to use to create the Banquet Event Orders (BEOs).

Far West Skier’s Guide

As the Silent Auction/Travel Expo and sponsorship program has expanded, so too, has the *Far West Skier’s Guide*. Extensive industry special sections and editorial coverage makes the publication ever more popular in industry marketing efforts. Potential sponsors find promotion in the Skier’s Guide especially attractive. 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 Annual Convention in 2007!!

The contract was negotiated and finalized this year to conduct the 75th Annual Convention at the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, California, May 30 – June 3, 2007. We are both looking forward to working with the Dennis Heffley, Linda Indreboe and the enthusiastic members of the Bay Area Snowsports Council in planning for our annual event.

Thank You Prez

As Mike Sanford passes on the gavel of the Presidency of the Far West Ski Association to a new president this year, we both want to extend our heartfelt appreciation for his untiring and dedicated support of industry and marketing programs during his tenure. His dynamic and focused leadership of our programs has been instrumental in the great success we have achieved during in presidency in attracting celebrities and legends to our annual event and developing our sponsorship programs.

A Final Reminder

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 Tucker Hoffmann, VP

THE PAST YEAR.....

FWSA International Travel offered three unusual and different trips this past year. Far West members were able to travel to China, Switzerland and Egypt, Machu Picchu, Peru, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. The Adventure Trips have proved to be a very popular addition.

CHINA & THE YANGTZE RIVER.....September 10th we took 36 people to China for a two-week adventure that included a cruise on the Yangtze River. In Beijing we were able to visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace on Kunming Lake, the Great Wall, the Ming Tombs and the Sacred Way, In Wuhan we toured the Hubei Provincial Museum. In Yichang we boarded our cruise ship for the five-day trip up the Yangtze River. Along the way we visited the construction site of the Three Gorges Dam, the Ghost City and the Red Pagoda. In Chongqing we got to see the Panda Bears at feeding time and in Xian the 6,000 Terra Cotta Warriors, horses and chariots. In Shanghai we visited the Museum, the Bund, Yu Yuan Bazaar and the Yiang Yang Clothing Market or “knock-off market”. As soon as the two-week group flew out of Shanghai for home, Kathy and I flew to Beijing to meet the next group of 50 coming in for a three-week trip. We did the same Trip all over again except for the extra week in Guilin, Yangshou, and Hangzhou. An adventure trip that proved to be very popular.

ZERMATT with DAVOS and EGYPT.....March 10th to March 18th. 168 people from 9 councils traveled to Zermatt Switzerland for an incredible week of skiing. 58 flew in four days earlier to ski in Davos before boarding the Glacier Express for a trip across the Swiss Alps to Zermatt and the Matterhorn. The week went by quickly with great skiing, sunny days, lots of parties and good food. From Zermatt, 94 went on to Egypt to visit the Cairo Museum and the Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. Then on to Luxor to board our cruise ship for the next five days on the Nile. While in Luxor we saw the Karnak and Luxor Temples, the Valley of the Kings and Queens, the Temple of Queen Hatshepsut and the Clossi of Memnon. In Edfu it was the Temple of Horus and in Kom Ombo it was the Temple of Sobek and Haeroeis In Aswan we completed our cruise and visited the High Dam and the Temple of Philae. From Aswan we flew to Abu Simbel and the colossal temple that was carved from solid rock by the great Ramses II. Next to it is the Temple Hathor, built to honor the pharaoh’s wife, Nefertari. From there back to Cairo and home. The full trip lasted three weeks and was the adventure of a lifetime.

MACHU PICCHU, PERU, ECUADOR and the GALAPAGOS ISLANDS..... On May 22nd Kathy and I will escort 68 FWSA members on this exciting trip. Known throughout the world for its amazing ruins and stunning location high in the mountains, Machu Picchu was accidentally discovered in 1911 and remained inaccessible until the 1940s. The beauty of its location and genius construction make Machu Picchu- “lost city of the Incas”- the archaeological jewel of South America. We will also visit Lima and Cuzco, the fabled capital of the Inca Empire, before flying on to Quito, the colonial capital of Ecuador. Then on to San Cristobal to board our first class cruise boat, our home for the next four days while visiting the enchanted Galapagos Islands. Charles Darwin turned these fascinating isles into a unique living laboratory to study evolutionary changes that led to a new understanding of life on earth.

Machu Picchu will be the last trip that Kathy and I will organize and lead for the Far West Ski Association. After 13 years of being on the board of FWSA and 9 years of doing travel it is time to step aside and pursue other interests. We have had a great time and it has been a wonderful experience. We have met a lot of terrific people and gained many new friends.

Director Report

Marketing by Debbi Kor, VP

Hey, what a great winter we've had! Unlike last season, this year everyone got more snow than we know what to do with. It made for some great trips, though.

In talking with our clubs and council, I have learned that Far West members have traveled to Canada, France, Switzerland, and all over the Western United States this past ski season: Whistler, Big White/Silver Star, Sun Peaks, Red Mountain, Zermatt, Val d'Saire, Breckenridge, Steamboat Springs, and Telluride, along with many others areas.

Pre-season, I hit the ski shows, both in Seattle and Portland, checking out what's new, who's new, and all the latest happenings. Some interesting things....Big Sky and Moonlight Basin have joined together, providing an all mountain pas for the adventurous skier. Tamarack is promoting the heck out of their area, and getting lots of new visitors. One of our Northwest Council clubs did a bus trip, which included Tamarack. The folks who went on the trip said "it's a fun little area". And, the folks at The Canyons, in Utah, are looking forward to having some of us visit soon.

The SIA show was a spectacular event this year, focusing on fashion. Leigh Geiringer and I met with a representative from Hot Chilly, and are looking at partnering up with them to enable Far West members to purchase select items at a discounted rate. We thought we'd start with two or three items, and see what we could work into.

I had a chance to meet with several other vendors, who have offered up some deals to us. Swans Goggles and Rocky Mountain Sunscreen will provide 10-15% off their products, while Cal Neva and Hampton Inn in Lake Tahoe will give a break in the price of accommodations. All of this information, and more can be found on the Members Benefits Page of the Far West website.

Ski Week was incredible, as always! Aside from a few luggage problems, 490 of us spent a fabulous week in Telluride, Colorado, experiencing two feet of fresh snow, which arrived just a few days ahead of us. Sunny skies daily, great snow, fun events, and a farewell banquet that was Olympic in every respect. Thanks to Kurt Schroeder and Patrick Rothe of Sportours, and to Tom Watkinson, and crew for showing us such a wonderful week.

Throughout Ski Week, we had an on-going sale of raffle tickets for a Karbon ski outfit, donated for the second year by Schure Sports, Inc. The proceeds, benefiting the Far West Athletic Scholarship, totaled \$1670. We are thrilled with the idea that we will be able to pass this on to some of our deserving junior racers, in the form of scholarships.

Ski Week was also the launching pad for a new fund-raiser, again benefiting the Athletic Scholarship. The Barbados Tourism Authority has generously offered up a trip package for two, including round trip air, and four nights lodging at the all inclusive Almond Resort, in beautiful Barbados. The tickets went on sale during Ski Week, and will be sold by individual clubs and councils through Convention in June. The prize winner will be drawn on Sunday morning, June 11th, by a representative from the Barbados Tourism Authority, who will have a booth set up for you to visit.

Some news on sponsorships: I'm happy to announce that all of our current Program sponsors: Aspen/Snowmass for the Safety Person of the Year, Steamboat Springs, for the Ski Heritage Award, and Big White/Silver Star for the Far West Council's Man and Woman of the Year, have all recently confirmed a new three-year commitment to continuous sponsorship of these outstanding programs through 2009. Thank you, and welcome back!

In early April, I attended the Mountain Travel Symposium at Squaw Valley. What an incredible venue, for a terrific exchange between the ski industry and clubs and councils throughout the country. What a great way to come together to share ideas with others, and gain new knowledge of the ski areas all of our groups want to visit.

Enjoy this year's convention. It has all the earmarks of a wild, wild one!

Director Report

Membership by Barbara Bryant, VP

DIRECT MEMBERS

Renewal applications will be going out to direct members. The family program continues to be an effort that the board is looking at. Stay tuned for more information.

I think congratulations to Tucker 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 people and their staffs do an outstanding job, as evidenced by the direct membership.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Applications for direct membership for the 2006-2007 year will be mailed out to direct members, lifetime members and honorary members. This application is also available on-line at "<http://www.fwsa.org>".

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards will be sent to council presidents. 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 this past year.

Director Report

Public Affairs by Scott Bowker, VP

The Far West Ski Association Public Affairs Program has been very active for the year 2005/2006. 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.

As part of the 75th FWSA anniversary celebration, FWSA conducted a History Expo which consisted of a Legends Reunion Reception, a Multimedia Presentation, and Sharing of History Forums. Also as part of the History Expo there were many wonderful history displays with outstanding photos, timelines, and stories created by the hard work of councils, clubs, museums, resorts/industry and other organizations and effectively coordinated by John James and Catherine Ohl.

The Legends Reunion Reception provided a wonderful opportunity to meet the special guests and notables in a one on one setting. Special guests included: Dr. Michael Adams (son of photographer Ansel Adams), Billy Kidd (1964 Olympic Silver Slalom Medalist), Jimmie Heuga (1964 Olympic Slalom Bronze Medalist), Deb Armstrong (1984 Olympic Giant Slalom Gold Medalist), Doug Pringle (Executive Director, Disabled Sports USA - Far West), Marlene Finley (Winter Sports Program Manager, Pacific Southwest Division of US Forest Service), Laura Menozzi (Director of Finance, National Ski Areas Association), Richard Kun (President of Snow Summit Ski Corp), Joe Jay Jalbert (filmmaker), Glen Plake (Heavenly Lake Tahoe Ski.E.O.), Bob Salerno (1971 Professional Freestyle Champion), Chris Davenport (1996 World Extreme Skiing Champion). Notables included: Bruce Campbell (10th Mountain Division, 86-I,M), Howard Koch (10th Mountain Division, 86-C; National Historian & Southern California Chapter President of 10th Mountain Division Association Inc.), Doug Pfeiffer (freestyle skiing pioneer, long time editor of Skiing, NASJA), and Walter Roessing (NASJA - North American Snowsports Journalists Association)

The Multimedia Presentation included the following videos: Aspen, Billy Kidd, Deb Armstrong, Bob Salerno, Glenn Plake, Chris Davenport, Disney Skiing Cartoon (originally previewed at 1941 FWSA Convention), 10th Mountain Division (Fire on the Mountain segment), Disabled Sports USA, and Banff.

The Sharing of History Forums included: Challenges in Skiing Forum hosted by Sigrid Noack with Jimmie Heuga (1964 Olympic Bronze Medalist), Billy Kidd (1964 Olympic Silver Medalist) and Doug Pringle (Disabled Sports USA). Early Days of Ski Resorts/Growing Up With Far West Forum hosted by Steve Coxen & John Watson with Dr. Michael Adams, Marlene Finley (US Forest Service), Richard Kun (Snow Summit Ski Corp), Laura Menozzi (National Ski Areas Association), and Doug Pfeiffer (freestyle skiing pioneer). The World of Free Skiing hosted by Scott Bowker with Chris Davenport (1996 World Extreme Skiing Champion), Glen Plake (Heavenly Lake Tahoe Ski.E.O.), and Bob Salerno (1971 Professional Freestyle Champion).

History displays included the following:

COUNCILS: Bay Area Snow Sports Council, Los Angeles Council, Northwest Ski Club Council, Orange Council, San Diego Council.

CLUBS: AEA Ski Club, Auslich Ski Club, Balboa Ski & Sports Club, Bergfreunde Ski Club, Big Pines Ski Club, Bota Baggers, Buckhorn Ski Club, Conejo Ski & Sports Club, Convair/Don Diego Ski Club, Eastern Sierra Ski Club, Edelweiss Ski & Sport, Grindewald Ski Club, Long Beach Ski Club, Modesto Ski Club, Mountain High

Snowsport Club, North Island Snowdrifters, Pacific Rim Alliance, Phoenix Ski Club, Radar River Rats, Sequoia Ski Club, Singles Ski Club, Skiyente, Torrey Pines Ski Club, Tri Valley/Woodstock Ski Club, Unrecables, Yosemite Winter Club

MUSEUMS: California Ski Library (Ingrid Wicken), International Skiing History Association (Doug Pfeiffer), Mammoth Ski Museum (T.J. Chase), Mt Hood Cultural Center & Museum (Sherry Parshall), US National Ski Hall of Fame, Western SkiSport Museum (Bill Clark)

RESORTS/INDUSTRY: Big White/Silver Star, B.C., Canada; Mountain Chalet; Red Mountain, B.C., Canada; Snowbird, UT; Snow Summit, CA; Steamboat, CO; Telluride, CO

ORGANIZATIONS: Jimmie Heuga Center, National Ski Patrol, 10th Mountain Division, California Chapter, US Adaptive Recreation Center, Western Lost Ski Area Project (Ethan Chickering)

I would like to acknowledge all of the wonderful contributions and effort by the many individuals and organizations mentioned above that made the History Expo such a rousing success.

Our line up for Chandler is amazing. Guest Speaker is scheduled to be will be **Julia Mancuso**, 2006 Olympic GS Gold Medalist. The convention you are attending will also include some other new faces and many that are familiar to you. Anther notable planning to attend is familiar face **Billy Kidd**, (1964 Olympic Slalom Silver Medalist, Steamboat Springs). Additional special guests scheduled to be present include **Harv Forsgren** (Regional Forester USFS Region 3), **Troy Hawks** (NSAA Journal Editor), and **Jimmy Petterson** (International Skier/Author).

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. U.S. District Court Judge Rosenblatt for Arizona concluded that Forest Service met all procedural requirements for approval of facility upgrades at Arizona Snowbowl and use of reclaimed wastewater to make artificial snow on 1/11/06. Judge Rosenblatt concluded that the goal of providing a reliable ski season is consistent with the Forest Service's multiple-use mandate. This case is one of the first legal challenges to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. This latest decision sets an important precedent which extends American Indians the right to practice their religion in a way and to an extent the federal government deems appropriate and adequate instead of protecting American Indians' religious rights as they themselves define those rights and the necessary circumstances for practicing their religions. The Navajo Nation appealed this decision on 2/27/06 to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. Ultimately this case is predicted to go to the Supreme Court.
- Bitterroot Resort, Missoula, MT (rancher Tom Maclay) requested a special use permit for use of 1,780 acres to develop alpine ski runs on Lolo Peak in Bitterroot National Forest and 2 lift systems on north facing slopes. April 2006.
- Intrawest announces sale of majority of its real estate holdings (future development of 1,100 residential units and 40,000 square feet of commercial space) in town of Mammoth Lakes for \$60 million. March 2006.
- Mt Hood Meadows Ski Resort Snowmaking, OR. Environmental Assessment expected March 2007, implementation July 2007. Mt Hood National Forest Hood River Ranger District Permit Administrator Doug Jones dgjones@fs.fed.us 541-352-6002

- Ski Dubai, the world's 3rd largest indoor ski slope, opened in December 2005 in the desert city of Dubai, UAE. Ski Dubai www.skidxb.com is 25 stories high 80 meters wide and covered with real snow all year round. It includes 5 slopes, quad chair lift, tow lift, snowboard stunk park and quarter pipe snowboard area.
- Summit at Snoqualmie Pass, WA. Master development plan draft environmental impact statement 12/31/05, final EIS expected November 2006, implementation April 2007. Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Sean Wetterberg swetterberg@fs.fed.us 425-744-3403
- Timberline Express Chairlift Proposal, OR. Final environmental impact statement released 11/1/05, expected implementation July 2006.
- Timberline, Mt Hood Meadows & Mt Hood Skibowl memorandum of understanding of 3/13/06 sets priorities for transportation and development including building mass transportation hubs, bypass from Oregon 224, and expansion of U.S. 26.
- White Pass Ski Area Expansion, WA draft environmental impact statement (EIS) released 12/23/04 and final EIS expected September 2006, implementation November 2006. Wenatchee National Forest Naches District Recreation Planner Susan Ranger sranger@fs.fed.us 509-653-1446
- US Forest Service issued 10 final directives on 1/31/06 for 2005 Planning Rule which represents a more flexible approach to forest management. For further information on NFMA and the 2005 Planning Rule go to www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/.

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

- Keep Winter Cool www.keepwintercool.org, a joint effort of NRDC (Natural Resources Defence Council) and NSAA (National Ski Areas Association) continued its 4th season as part of NSAA Sustainable Slopes initiative. One example of this initiative is that 11 ski areas in Pacific Northwest in collaboration with Bonneville Environmental Foundation are purchasing green energy for their operations and making mini Green Tags www.greentagsusa.org available for purchase by resort customers.
- NSAA Environmental Charter is currently endorsed by more than 175 U.S. ski areas, 14 partnering organizations and 54 participating organizations. 2006 marks the 5th anniversary of the Sustainable Slopes initiative.

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 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

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 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 Long Beach, the sixth Western Ski Heritage Prize was given to Award Six went to Ingrid Wicken who established the California Ski Library (www.skilibrary.com) in Norco, CA which is an extensive collection of books, magazines, photographs, scrapbooks, oral history interviews, posters, brochures, catalogs, movies, and videotapes pertaining to skiing in the U.S. especially the West. The seventh WSH Prize will be awarded during our convention in Chandler. Steamboat has agreed to extend its partnership with FWSA through the award year of 2008, 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 history committee is open to all interested parties. FWSA History Committee Chairman is **John Watson** and Administrative Officer is **Catherine Ohl**. We also continued membership in the International Ski History Association (ISHA).

Steamboat Ski & Resort Corporation continues sponsorship of FWSA Western Ski Heritage Prize through 2008.



- U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame 2005 inductees include Hilary Lindh '92 Olympic silver downhill; Erich Sailer director of Buck Hill, MN race program whose protégés include U.S. Ski Team members Kristina Koznick, Sarah Schleper, Lindsey Kildow, and Resi Stiegler; David (Darcy) Brown 22 year Aspen president and assisted in founding National Ski Areas Association; and Walter Foeger developer of Jay Peak Ski Resort, VT.
- 3rd Annual Vermont Antique Ski Race benefit on 3/19/06 for Vermont Ski Museum included 35 ski celebrities competing in Woodies and Metal/Fiberglass divisions on a race course with yellow bamboo slalom poles.
- Ski Museum of Maine puts skiing history photo exhibit online at www.mainmemory.net.

Consumer Advocacy/Trends

HIPAA Update - National bills reintroduced

Health Care Parity for Legal Transportation and Recreational Activities Act H.R.4289 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:HR04289:@@L&summ2=m&> was reintroduced in the House on 11/9/05 as the successor to H.R.1749 from 4/10/03. This is the companion bill to S.577 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:SN00577:@@D&summ2=m&> that was reintroduced in the Senate on 3/9/05 as the successor to S.423 from 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 (aka “source of injury” exclusion loophole). As of 5/1/06 H.R.4289 was referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations.

As of 11/21/04 an important step occurred when the Senate passed S.423 “HIPAA Recreational Injury Technical Correction Act” with a key amendment. This changed the language to cast its protections more broadly to a “legal mode of transportation or a legal recreational activity” which essentially includes all legal recreational activities. S.423 summarized reads as follows: “A group health plan, or a health insurance issuer offering group health insurance coverage in connection with a group health plan, may not deny benefits otherwise provided under the plan or coverage for the treatment of an injury solely because such injury resulted from the participation of the individual in a legal mode of transportation or a legal recreational activity”. Unfortunately, time ran out last year before the House could act on it. Therefore, S.423 was reintroduced on 3/9/05 as S.577 <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:SN00577:@@D&summ2=m&> by Senators Susan Collins R-Maine and Russ Feingold D-WI. S.577 then was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

NSAA needs our help in contacting our respective Congressional delegations to support the passage of the new bills, introduced as bills S.577 and H.R.4289. 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

The Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus is an informal, bipartisan group of Members of Congress formed in 2003 to increase and promote skiing/snowboarding and address issues affecting the greater ski/snowboard community. These issues include: awareness and promotion the benefits of physical activity to overall health and wellness, public lands management, transportation, wildlife, education and housing in ski-resort communities. This, of course, lines up well with FWSA’s Public Affairs interests. Representatives Mark Udall (D-CO) and John Sweeney (R-NY), who will help promote its efforts, sponsor the Caucus. 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 advised the Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus of our concerns especially the airline baggage issue and the lack of consistent policy among the airlines regarding the definition of what snowsports equipment (skis, poles, boots, bindings, snowboard, snowboard boots, helmet, ski bag, ski boot bag) counts as one item and/or is allowed. Representatives Udall and Sweeney offices met in the spring of 2005 and deemed the airline baggage project worthy of pursuing by the Congressional Ski and Snowboard Caucus as one of its projects.

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).

Headlines

- 2005/06 set an all-time record with total U.S. skier/snowboarder visits currently projected at 58.8 million, up 3.3 percent from last year according to the annual Kottke National End of Season Survey. Snowboarding participation rose slightly to over 30%. National snowfall averages were up by 9 percent this season.
- Overall sales for entire winter sport market including specialty and chain stores increased 4% in dollars to \$2.3 billion and 6% in units for the August 2005 through March 2006 period according to SIA (Snowsports Industries America). Snowboard equipment sales advanced 3% in dollars to \$206.2 million.

Twintip ski sales jumped 59% in dollars to \$8.7 million while fat alpine skis climbed 45% in dollars and superfat skis leapt 144% in dollars for 3,500 units sold.

- US Forest Service issued interim directive 11/25/05 allowing resorts to advertise inside buildings and encourages resorts to partner with sponsors to promote public service messages.
- Blind skier Kevin Alderton, 34, from Dartford, Kent UK set downhill speed skiing record by a blind person of 100.94 mph at Les Arc in France. "It shows disability is no barrier to achievement. If I can inspire somebody to do something they would not normally do, my aims have been achieved.."
- Colorado College State of the Rockies Report Card issued 4/06 projects 43-82% ski area snow pack loss by 2085 for many Colorado resorts according a climate trends model.
- Calaveras County Superior Court, CA ruling reaffirms assumption of risk doctrine. The court ruled in April 2006 that Bear Valley Ski Company is not liable for a terrain park accident in 2000 that left former employee Charlene Vine paralyzed from the waist down.
- California Snow Campaign launches with a 30 second ad featuring California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger skiing along with greetings from CA snow sports figures such as Glen Plake, Shane McConkey, and Daron Rahlves. The ad encourages visitors to "grab (their) sunscreen and party hat and head to California." Campaign includes print and broadcast ads, internet website (www.VisitCaliforniaSnow.com) and interactive online game where you can Race The Gov in a slalom course.
- NextSnow Search All Stars event to kick off 2006 Winter Olympics on NBC. This Snow Monsters event will include a race, Superpipe, slopestyle and big air.
- Winterkids SnowSchool www.WinterKids.org program invites 5th through 8th grade students and teachers to their local ski areas for a half-day on-hill math or science lesson and an afternoon of skiing, snowboarding or other healthy outdoor activity.
- Squaw Valley, CA 3rd Annual Military Discount Program allows active military personnel to ski/snowboard for free except on holidays.
- New snow toy. Airboard is an inflatable sled/snow bodyboard with underside runners for turning and stopping produced by Swiss engineer Joe Steiner who is a quality control expert for the shipping service DHL.
- 3 backcountry skiers will pay \$1,200 for rescue operation costs when they ducked a rope at Breckrenridge and triggered an avalanche in Sky Chutes near Copper Mountain. Two of the skiers were employed as Copper Mountain instructors.
- Big Sky & Moonlight Basin, MT to sell a combined ticket offering about 5,300 acres of skiable terrain and the 2nd biggest vertical U.S. descent at 4,350 feet. This is the 3rd such joint lift ticket in the U.S. for resorts with separate ownership to follow the European interconnect model.
- World's highest gondola ski lift at 4,390 meters opens in Kashmir, India at Afarwat peak May 2005.
- Alpine erosion best practices developed in "The Sediment Source Control Handbook" released in June 2005 by Sierra Business Council of Truckee, CA which worked with ski resorts, state agencies and scientists.
- Quicksilver bought a majority stake in Rossignol from controlling Boix-Vives family March 2005.
- Atomic owner (Amer Sports Corp) to acquire Salomon from Addidas effective September 2005.

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.

- Southwest Airlines to begin service in Denver area in January 2006 after a 20 year hiatus with expected initial service to about 39 cities which includes direct flights to Phoenix, AZ; Las Vegas, NV and Chicago, IL.

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.

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

USFS National Forest Management Act – 2005 Planning Rule – Final Directives Issued

Forest Service released a landmark update to the 1976 National Forest Management Act (NFMA) on 12/22/04 with a final planning rule. The 2005 planning rule will affect land use and activities on more than 192 million acres of public forests and grasslands, and represents a more flexible approach to forest management, according to the Forest Service. US Forest Service issued 10 final directives on 1/31/06 for 2005 Planning Rule.

Under the 1976 NFMA, managers of each of the nation's 155 national forests and 20 national grasslands must draw up plans every 10 to 15 years outlining how the lands will be managed. These plans guide forest uses ranging from logging and grazing to mining and gas drilling to skiing and road building. A typical plan outlines

the impact of a proposed activity on plant and animal life and can take 5-7 years and as much as \$7.5 million to complete.

Under the new planning rule forest plan revisions could be completed with 2-3 years and reduce costs by up to 30%.

The 2005 Final NFMA Planning Rule includes the following:

- Gives regional forest managers more flexibility and streamlines environmental reviews. This flexibility and new categorical exclusion (CE) for plan development, amendment and revision may reduce the need for environmental impact statements (EIS) or environmental assessments (EA) in certain cases.
- Requires an environmental management system (EMS) during the planning process to improve performance and accountability. One feature of the EMS is independent audits of forest plans. Another feature is comprehensive evaluations every 5 years.
- Does not promote or discourage any particular forest use, such as recreation, grazing, timber harvest, or mineral development. Decisions regarding such uses will be made on a forest-by-forest basis and will be informed by local conditions, science and public input.
- Relaxes the previous requirement which focused on the species level by providing for viable populations of plant and animal species. The new requirement focuses on the ecosystem level as a whole by providing ecological conditions to support diversity of native plant and animal species. The best available science must be taken in account in this process.

According to Forest Service Associate Chief Sally Collins "This rule applies the most current thinking in natural resources management," Collins said. "It takes a 21st century approach to delivering the full range of values that Americans want for their quality of life: clean air and water; habitat for wildlife, and sustainable uses that will be available for future generations to enjoy."

For further information on NFMA and the 2005 Planning Rule go to www.fs.fed.us/emc/nfma/.

Northwest Airlines Backs Down On Skiing/Snowboarding Equipment Policy Change After Significant Opposition from Travel Industry & Ski Clubs

In the fall of 2005 Northwest Airlines tried to change its skiing/snowboarding equipment policy to count skis and boots as 2 separate pieces of luggage. After significant opposition in the form of emails and letters from the travel industry and ski clubs including FWSA, Northwest Airlines changed its policy back to its original policy which allowed skis and boots to count as one piece of luggage. This one piece of luggage can not exceed Northwest's standard 50 pound weight limit or it will incur a \$25 overweight fee up to 70 pounds and a \$50 overweight fee up to 100 pounds.

Skiing and Snowboarding Equipment (www.nwa.com/travel/luggage/specialitems.html#ski)

Northwest accepts one item of skiing/snowboarding equipment in lieu of one piece of luggage included in the free luggage allowance. Skiing/snowboarding equipment is accepted as checked luggage only. An item of ski equipment is defined as one of the following:

One (1) ski bag containing up to two (2) pairs of skis and one (1) boot bag; One (1) snowboard; One (1) snowboard bag containing up to two (2) snowboards.

Thanks to our travel industry partners for notifying FWSA of this attempted change. Please notify FWSA (PublicAffairs@fwsa.org) immediately if you hear of any airlines trying to change their skiing/snowboarding equipment policies. To reduce hassles on your next trip, go to Airline Baggage Rules in the Travel or Public Affairs sections of www.fwsa.org, click on the relevant baggage rule link(s) and print out the airline's policy.

Director Report

Racing by Bob Ellis, VP

Far West Championships at Kirkwood Result in Powder, Racing and Fun

The 2006 Far West Championships turned out over 200 racers and several skiers at Kirkwood on March 17-19. When everyone arrived they found several feet of light powder that cancelled the Pacesetter races on Friday, so those that were there had a great time trying to find the perfect run for powder. The group I was with had fresh virgin powder all day long on Chair 4. It was great skiing for all, in spite of the lost and found skis and numerous falls in the light powder.

Kirkwood worked long and hard to prep the race courses for Saturday's Giant Slalom and we were able to put on five fun race courses with a little new snow throughout the day. In addition to that, we were able to squeeze in a couple of pacesetter races that had been cancelled on Friday.

Later on Saturday night, we had our Awards Dinner and Silent Auction at the Red Cliffs Lodge. There were numerous compliments about the absolutely wonderful prime rib and salmon buffet dinner that Kirkwood provided for us. After dinner, the winners of the Giant Slalom were awarded their plaques for their efforts earlier in the day, and the pacesetters were given ski caps. The DJ turned up the music and the dancing started for those that still had some energy after a great day of skiing and racing.

The silent auction was a huge success as Barbara Bryant did a tremendous job in corralling over thirty auction items and over 25 raffle items. Our thanks go out to every company that made this possible. The buyers of the silent auction items walked away with great values from ski trips to ski equipment all night long.

Sunday started with a little more new snow and some well set slalom courses on the Short Spoke and Buckboard runs. After the sun arrived, we completed the slalom courses as planned and later that afternoon we presented the award winners of the slalom races. Overall, it turned out to be a fun championship weekend at Kirkwood.

In 2007 the Far West Championships will be at Mt. Bachelor, and the lodging will be in Bend, Oregon. Last time we were at Mt. Bachelor we had great powder and racing.

On January 17-21, 2007, we will also be hosting the 2nd Annual Keystone Nationals at Keystone in Colorado. This is an open race event to any skier that would like to compete against other racers from around the country with different ability classes like we have in Far West.

Director Report

Awards Program by Susie Vetter, Awards Chair

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.

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

Media Awards

The Bill Berry Award

The Bill Berry Award is for Print Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing from writers and authors for printed media.

Criteria:

- 2 categories - Featured Article and Hard News.
- One of two FWSA Awards that allows self-nomination.
- May receive this award more than once but not in consecutive years in the same category.

The Warren Miller Award

The Warren Miller Award is for Modern Media Coverage of Skiing. This award is given for outstanding service to skiing media, including cinematographers, photographers, and radio or television broadcasters.

Criteria:

- Modern Media.
- One of two FWSA Awards that allows self-nomination.
- May receive this award more than once but not in consecutive years in the same category.

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.

Public Affairs

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.

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

**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 10th 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 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

Family/Youth Involvement by Linda Westlund, Trustee

Family/Youth Involvement Committee Report, 2005-2006

The **Family/Youth Involvement Committee** of FWSA was established in July 2003 and meets at breakout sessions held during FWSA Board of Director Meetings. This committee works throughout the year to evaluate, develop and execute plans that provide opportunities for families and youth to participate in snowsports and ski club related activities.

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. The intent is to build a program that would not disrupt service to our member base that enjoys adult-only activities.

Dependent on volunteer and participant interest, a FWSA Family Ski Trip will be planned and offered offer in future years. Destination, dates, activities, and pricing will be set based on appeal to the family/youth market. Trip size would be small initially, and would be expected to grow in future years. FWSA Ski Week, as we know it today, would continue to be a trip for members age 21 and over.

The Family/Youth Involvement Committee will also work on developing other benefits for Family Members, such as discounts available thru the FWSA Membership Card. We will identify youth skier programs available to the public and make our membership base aware of opportunities. Racing Programs for youth will be explored and expanded, with consideration to affordability for families.

FWSA Direct Family Membership Status

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. Therefore we determined that recommendations for family membership bylaw changes should be deferred to 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.

Volunteers and Participants Needed

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

Director Report

History Committee by John Watson, History Chair

The salient activity for this Association year was the 75th anniversary celebration in Long Beach. This was an incredible display of ski histories from all sources – clubs, companies, and material generated from original sources. **The role of Catherine Ohl in the development of this event cannot be underestimated.** It had to be the biggest ski history event ever held in FWSA, certainly on a par with the International Ski History Association meeting in Mammoth.

We have not heard the end of the materials from this event. These comprised a serious resource from which to create further history products. I hope those displaying will take an action to further preserve this material, including submission to the California Ski Library. Ingrid Wicken will be pleased to take in this historical material, especially since she is working on a new book. Contact her at 951-735-5106.

Catherine Ohl continues her intensive effort to development more history pieces, which can be deployed into print or onto the Internet. She generated a substantial amount of material for the 75th, which also will be recognized.

Also on the horizon is a new photo essay book by Robin Morning, which could be completed by next annual meeting. This will cover her experiences at Mammoth and with the McCoy family. The Western Ski Heritage (WSH) prize for 2006, again supplied by our cosponsor, Steamboat Ski and Resort, is awarded to Robin Morning, one of our own Olympians, for her prior work on the research for the Forstenzer book “Mammoth” and for her work on displays in the Mammoth Ski Museum. For a full citation and historical summary see the WSH report.

The ground rules for the WSH award may be obtained from the web or from your Association officers. Participation is invited for this important recognition of skisport’s history and contributions to the world of winter activity.

Director Report

Safety Committee by Richard Lubin, D.C., Safety Chair

Safety

All snow sports participants can appreciate how critically important safety is to all of us.

Many are aware of deaths occurring at ski areas this year, even among ski patrollers at Mammoth Mountain. In the Lake Tahoe area at least 4 deaths occurred at resorts just in the month of April. These were the result of skiers/riders going to fast and striking an object. There is little doubt that in each person has to set their own standards of what they consider to be conscientious and prudent behaviors. It requires a constant attention to the hazards and potential hazards around us.

Our sports take place in ski areas which do a great job at controlling many things which could cause us harm.

Excessive speed, inattentiveness, and failure to look around are some of the main causes for injuries.

Issues of safety are both relevant to the ski industry 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.

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 (2004-2005) Skiers Guide included an informative article on Frostbite 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 continued to interact 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 many 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.
- H) **The FWSA Safety Poster** which reads **Be Safe Wear Your Helmet, Ski With Pride, Let it Ride, Watch All Sides**. The Safety chair has delivered several of these to each Tahoe resort and several ski shops. Other board members have taken these to various other resorts.

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), (2003) Elaine Cobos, (2004) our own Far West Racing Association President, **Bob Ellis**.

The 2005 winner was Teresa TJ Barnes. TJ, who is also a nurse, came up with a unique logo for hearing impaired individuals. It has a very visible ear with a question mark in it. This would be worn on the back of the individual. Immediately anyone viewing this would recognize that this person may not be able to hear. We congratulate her on her distinctive idea.

RESORTS

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. Each ski area has its own unique set of 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.

We applaud the efforts of some of the national programs like **Burrton's Smart Style, the National Ski Area Association's (NSAA) Heads Up Safety Program, Lids on Kids, 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.

Some resorts go the extra mile to make safety a priority. Aspen Skiing Company has won the NSAA award two years in a row. We applaud these efforts. Sunday River has an interesting program "Go With the Flow". This Zen- like concept to think safety is promoted by giving out cards and buttons. The theory: Adjust your skiing/riding to join the flow around you and becoming aware of people with different abilities, and adjust your speed. What a great idea. In Tahoe several resorts have specific safety personnel that are non-ski patrollers. These are visible at Sierra, Northstar, Sugar Bowl, and Heavenly to name a few.

ISSUES

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

- Analysis as to where injuries take place
- Modifying behavior to decrease injury risk
- Special safety considerations for snowboarders
- Helmet use

INTERACTION RESORT SAFETY PERSONELL

The safety chair has personally interacted over 100 ski patrollers this past season. He has also met with the Risk Manager from Heavenly and the Safety manager for Sugar Bowl. A unique meeting was with two ski patrollers from Hunter Mountain, New York. This smallish 240 Acre resort in the Catskills Has 11 chairlifts and a huge uphill capacity of over 15000 skiers per hour with high density. Each ski area presents with its own set of risks due to their unique nature.

The FWSA Safety Chair is an avid snowboarder, with the second consecutive season of over 50 days of riding at 10 resorts this season. Interactions have occurred on a weekly basis with the ski patrollers, both professional and National Ski Patrol (amateur). We discussed safety concerns like injury areas, profiles of injured skiers, locations, terrain parks and skier/snowboarder interactions. A unique situation came up this year at the end of the season at Heavenly whereby the ski area was closed due to lightning.

TERRAIN PARKS

Interestingly there has been a large industry push to provide parks and terrain feature. Since a disproportionate number of injuries take place in these regions it has been a great safety concern.

Some of the discussions have focused on making these parks safer. One of the strategies is to have multiple areas for skiers/riders of different ability levels. Four or more separate park areas may be provided at the larger resorts giving the public a great choice in diversity and intensity. A beginner snowboarder is less likely to get hurt if they have a choice for a smaller, less dangerous park. The larger, more extreme features attract those of a higher skill level.

There is little doubt that the trend for freestyle has attracted many to skiing and boarding. I posed the question to a group of patrollers at Sierra-At-Tahoe who referred to terrain parks as “TRAUMA PARKS”.

Yes they may be considered to be danger spots, but consumers demand these at ski areas. The public exposure in the media is frequently of these more extreme maneuvers, even though most skiers and riders do not participate. Even in the recent Olympics the snowboard half pipe event was prime time, whereas the Alpine snowboard racing events were buried in a non-primetime spot which few people saw.

Education and safety in these park areas will decrease the risks, however we expect people to continue to injure themselves. Burrton’s Smart Style is a sensible approach. Respect the other people, look before you leap, and easy style it. It promotes rational incremental increases in ability.

A DEGREE OF SAFETY and FWSA EXPOSURE

The FWSA is also investigating providing **thermometers** with the FWSA logo and a safety slogan to be provided to some resorts free of charge. This idea has been presented to a few ski areas with a positive response. 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.

CONCLUSION

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.

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 takes an active role in promoting safety. We have teamed with Aspen/Snowmass in giving a fantastic award for many years. Through our other methods we are leaders and proponents of safe snow sports.

Remember **SAFETY IS HAVING FUN CONSCIOUSLY!**

Director Report

Far West Skier's Guide by Leigh Gieringer, Editor

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 to affiliated ski clubs. To date, eighteen annual issues have been produced. The issues are currently distributed in the geographic area between Seattle, Washington and San Diego, California; east to Albuquerque, New Mexico to Reno, Nevada. 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 snowsport 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 member clubs, as well. 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.

Each issue updates the various FWSA and council programs, including travel, racing, annual Convention, current winners of special Far West awards and much more. It also featured the new resort areas of Tamarack, Idaho and Moonlight Basin, Montana – the first new ski resorts able to open since Beaver Creek in 1980. Government regulations and special interest groups have made new ski resort development extremely difficult. As an Organization, the Far West Ski Association welcomes these two new resorts and I'm certain its members look forward to experiencing them in future trips.

The Far West Skier's Guide is about to enter its nineteenth year. I wish to thank everyone who will be associated with this publication for their efforts in making this the best regional ski publication in the country. My goal is to continue to create an informative publication for our readers to enjoy. Look for our next issue in October.

Council Report

Arizona Ski Council by Marge Fons, President



Arizona Ski Council (ASC) represents five ski clubs and 1,000 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

Corporate, family-oriented activity club

East Valley Ski Club

Adult ski club, family-friendly

Party Time Sports

Adult ski and social club

Phoenix Ski Club

Adult ski and social club

Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club

Adult ski and social club

Our 2005-2006 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 strong showing in competitive racing programs during FWSA ski week. We also had family fun while providing support for community service organizations such as Telluride Adaptive Sport Program, US Ski and Snowboard Team, and Special Olympics.

2005-2006 Ski Season

We started the ski season with our annual “Arizona Days” trip to Telluride, Colorado in December, bringing about 150 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 again 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 racecourse on Saturday.

We brought a small contingency of Zonies, both alpine and cross-country skiers and snowboarders – to Telluride, Colorado, for 2006 FWSA Ski Week. The skiing, pub-crawl and parties, and race events were great, with near perfect snow conditions! Special thanks to ASC trip captain, Dan Romanenko, who effectively coordinated our group. Watch out for us next year at Steamboat, as we’re looking to take back the top awards as we will be in full force.

We also sent a good-sized contingency of Arizona skiers to the FWSA International Ski Weeks in Zermatt, Switzerland. A smaller group continued on for a cruise down the Nile- sampling bits and artifacts of Egyptian history. They returned with raves about the trips and the excellent planning and organization by leaders Kathy and Tucker Hoffmann.

In addition to Arizona Ski Council and FWSA winter travel, our ski clubs ran several great trips this year. Both *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club (SSSC)* and *Phoenix Ski Club (PSC)* rang in the New Year in Durango. *PSC* adventured up to Breckenridge, CO for some good fresh and deep snow. *SSSC* also ventured up north to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to get their last rides in the famous Jackson Hole tram! *SSSC* also took advantage of the fantastic snow in the Lake Tahoe area in late March. Both *East Valley Ski Club (EVSC)* and *SSSC* took a group up to Steamboat to check out their ski runs before next year's FWSA Ski Week there! Both *PSC* and *SSSC* returned to Telluride in April for the annual end of season bash, "Surf the Rockies." All enjoyed pink flamingos, wild bikini races and flamboyant costumes!

Competitive Racing in Arizona Ski Council

ASC strongly promoted participation in FWSA Ski Week races and NASTAR race events on council and club trips. For a council with no regular racing program or race league to our name, our racers scored!

The "Jagermeister 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 fourth 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 racecourse, at the on-mountain picnic following the competition, and at the awards happy hour held on Saturday night. Congratulations to the *Scottsdale Ski Club* for winning the Jagermeister Cup for this year!

Other Activities – Social, Recreational and Community Service

The ASC Annual Ski Season Kick Off Party this year turned into our first ever Silent Auction. We succeeded in raising an ambitious goal over last year's amount to send deaf and blind students from the *Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind* up to Telluride to learn to ski with the *Telluride Adaptive Sports Program (TASP)*. Our Silent Auction occurred on October 21, 2005 at the beautiful Wrigley Mansion in central Phoenix. Everyone who attended felt like they came away a winner, supporting this worthy, snow-related cause.

In addition, the council Charities' Committee successfully expanded offering discounts on movie tickets and family events, including giving back a portion of the proceeds to ski related charities.

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 beachfront resorts in Mexico, treks to California – both northern and southern, and houseboat outings 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 events. Our clubs also support charities and serve the community.

Communication Programs

Club contact and event information is also posted on our website www.arizonaskicouncil.org, in addition to each club's individual site. 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. We also participate in Singles Showcases and other community functions. This year our focus was to develop a flyer to promote our organization to new members and encourage new clubs to join us. We are presently coordinating meetings with various clubs around the valley. Check back with us on our progress during the year!

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. Unfortunately, due to lack of snow, we were unable to thoroughly promote and run family day trips this year. We are looking forward to expanding this next year.

Arizona Ski Council's fourth annual family event is a day of fun at the Castles & Coaster Park in Phoenix. 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 *East Valley Ski Club* for planning and coordinating this event each year.

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. 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.

Special recognition goes to:

Council Officers: Past President, Elaine Cobos
Vice President, Sam Harris
Treasurer, Marybeth Fitchlee
Secretary, Jeff Peebles
Race Director, Jaan Veehik

Club Reps: Ken Sparks, Bob Owen, *Boeing Adventure Club*
Roger Sevison, Greg Schaffer *East Valley Ski Club*
Sam Harris, Gary Giertz, *Party Time Sports*
Tim Avedovech, Paul Lebond, Dave Towar, *Phoenix Ski Club*
Mike Jones, Dan Romanenko, Sue Thiebes, *Scottsdale Sea & Ski Club*

ASC Racing Program: Jaan Veehik

ASC Charities Committee: Jeff Peebles, Linda Westlund, Arleigh Meiners, Tony Davino, Joe Cusack, Nancy Robinson

ASC Trip Captains: Jaan Veehik, Telluride, Arizona Days
Dan Romanenko, Telluride FWSA Ski Week

2006 FWSA convention in June 2006

Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa had been chosen as the site for the FWSA convention in June 2006. Committees and volunteers set up to make this "escape to the heat" a memorable experience. The committee, under the expert guidance of Arleigh Meiners, is planning a *Wild West* extravaganza in the beautiful Sonoran desert. The core list of volunteers whose tireless planning worked throughout the year include:

Chairperson: Arleigh Meiners

Committee Members:

Andrea Barron	Mary Beth Fitchlee	Mike Jones	Dan Romanenko
Karen Bonine	Marge Fons	Lee Lambie	Margaret Sharp
Elaine Cobos	Gary Giertz	Ron Lamoureux	David Towar
Joe Cusack	Sam Harris	Candee Marsh	Linda Westlund

Looking Ahead to 2006-2007

Planning for 2006-2007 ski season trips is already underway. After sending representatives to Mountain Travel Symposium in Lake Tahoe, clubs are working together to coordinate and create the best ski trip schedule ever!

Council Report

Bay Area Snow Sports Council
by Dennis Heffley, President



Welcome to the 2006 Far West Ski Association (FWSA) Convention in beautiful Chandler, Arizona. BAC is very happy to support FWSA and our ski industry partners. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Arizona Council for their 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 & Ms. Paula Kinahon of the Castro Valley Ski Club.**

The FWSA Convention in 2007 is being hosted at the Hyatt Regency in Santa Clara, CA by the Bay Area Snow Sports Council (BAC). Ms. Linda Indreboe ~ Public Affairs Director of the BAC is our Convention Chair Person. We have an amazing event planned and look forward to sharing the wonders of Northern California with you. The dates are May 31 ~ June 3, 2007!

The BAC had a busy year with ski club membership drives, the corporate discount program, traveling, racing and just skiing/boarding. Highlights for this last year have to be the ~ **FWSA Ski Week to Telluride, FWSA trip to China, FWSA trip to Switzerland, BAC trip to Beaver Creek and BAC Singles League trip to Jackson Hole.** BAC is looking forward to the **2007 travel season!** There are the **FWSA trips to Panama, Steamboat Springs and Bormio, Italy.** Our BAC trips will be visiting **Panorama and Sun Peaks, British Columbia.**

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, and Homewood were some of the resorts that hosted the races. Norcals were held at Alpine Meadows and the Far West Race Championships were held at Kirkwood. The BAC ~ Open League won the Norcal Championships and the Far West Race Championship were won by our BAC ~ Singles League!. **Congratulations to all of 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 as a special annual event ~ **The BAC/DSUSA Ski for All** hosted at Alpine Meadows this year during Norcal Championship Races. This year BAC raised again over \$20,000 for DSUSA. **Mr. Harry Davis** (past president of FWSA) put together cart racing events to raise money. The BAC with the assistance of the **Oakland Athletics ~ Major League Baseball Team** held their first annual Fund Raiser for DSUSA. There were 178 people in attendance! Our second annual baseball game with the Oakland Athletics is planned for Sept. 22, 2007. We have 300 tickets for the game!! **THANK YOU ~ to all who participated in gathering donations!**

I am very lucky be going into the third term of the position of the President of the Bay Area Snow Sports Council. It is wonderful to have the support 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!

Being given the opportunity to continue on with the **Mountain Travel Symposium, National Ski Council Federation** and the **FarWest Ski Association** are true experiences that I look forward to attending and sharing the information from, with the Bay Area Snow Sports Council.

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

In May elections were held for new board of directors. The BAC Board Members for 2006 – 2007 are as follows.

Secretary – Mary Azevedo	Industry Liaison – David Cunningham
Treasurer – Walter Johnson	V.P. Communication – Sig Kalteis
V.P. Travel – Norm Azevedo	V.P. Public Affairs – Linda Indreboe
V.P. Membership - Michelle Nightengale	Benefits Director - Paula Kinahon
BAC Webmaster – Lee Holzschuh	Singles League President – Kathy Silver
Open League President – open	Open League Race Chairperson – John Schultheis
Singles League Race Chair – Craig Faitel	Marketing Director – Scott Bowker
Community Services Chair – Sandy Kiyomura	Historian – open

I would like to acknowledge the following people who served on the BAC Board during 2005-2006. Their contributions, dedication and love for BAC are greatly appreciated. People like them help in making BAC successful.

Karen Halpin – Singles League President
Steve Grevstad – V.P. Travel ~ **for the last 6 years!!**
Cosmo DiFrancesco – Historian ~ **more years then can be remembered!!**

I always end my monthly BAC article by sharing ***“You’re the one who makes the difference”***. EVERYONE that I’ve listed above ~ along with all of our volunteer members ~ ***are the ones who make the difference!***

Council Report

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



Central Council of California represents ski/snowboard and sports clubs throughout the central California area.. Membership in Central Council is free for all ski/snowboard and sports clubs serving members 21 and older. Central Council promotes skiing/riding and friendship among all its member clubs, safety on the slopes, and opportunities for enjoying the comraderie of fellow skiers/riders. Our 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
- Snow Trackers Ski Club of Exeter

Central Council sponsored two ski trips this year. Our first was a weekend trip to Mammoth Mountain, where about 50 members enjoyed outstanding ski conditions. In addition, we all enjoyed our friendships and a great party on Saturday night.

In February, 15 members enjoyed the FWSA weeklong trip to Telluride. The weather and skiing were excellent and we all had a great time. Central Council was represented in the racing by 8 not-so-serious racers. We fared well in the regular competition; each taking home a few medals. Being good team players, we bailed San Diego out by taking the Anchor Award in the Council Challenge once again.

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 weekend trips to Tahoe and Mammoth as well as week long trips to Aspen/Snowmass and Sun Valley.

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. In addition, Central Council sponsors a float trip on the Kings River in late June or July each year. This year's trip will be July 14-16, with camping and partying at Kelly's Beach in Reedley.

Congratulations to Central Council's Man and Woman of the Year candidates for 2006, Mary Alexander and Dave Swartz. Mary is a member of the Avalanche Ski and Sports Club of Bakersfield. She is trip director for her club, as well as trip director for Central Council. She has been a ski club member and officer for many years and

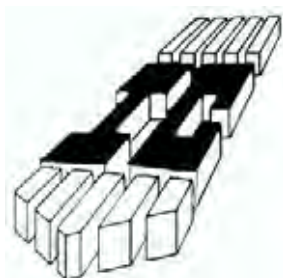
always does an excellent job. Dave is a member of SLO Skiers in San Luis Obispo. Dave is currently president of SLO Skiers, and will serve as trip director next year. He has served in many capacities with SLO Skiers, and has been on the Central Council board. We are proud to have Mary and Dave represent Central Council as our Man and Woman of the Year.

Ski clubs and ski councils are run by volunteers, and are only as good as the volunteers agreeing to run them. Thank you to Central Council's 2005-2006 board of volunteers!

President	Fran Long
Vice President of Finance and Treasury	Kiyomi Stineman
Vice President of Clubs	Billy Ellis
Director of Ski Trips	Mary Alexander
Director of Non-Ski Activities	Jayne Camic
Director of Alpine Racing	Jim Grady
Director of Nordic Skiing	Carollane Grady
Secretary	Donna Barnes

Council Report

Inland Council by Bud Allie, President



Inland Council is again very pleased to report the admission of a new club to the FWSA/FWRA family. The Flatlands Ski Club was formally accepted to the Inland Council on March 18, 2005. The club is based in Lee's Summit, Missouri with members residing all over west and mid-west regions of the country. The Flatlands club has been sending racers to Inland events for more than a decade, and has qualified pacesetters at Championships in each of the past four years. Hosting several events in Colorado each year, the club will be one of Inland's most active, and will offer new skiing and racing opportunities to its FWSA/FWRA sister clubs and leagues. Dan Crawford, Flatlands President, will represent the club on the Inland Council Board as

Vice President for Events and Travel. Dan will be in attendance at the Convention, so please help Inland extend a warm welcome to Dan and the entire Flatlands club.

The Sitzmarkers Club of Riverside had another great year and represented Inland at the 2005 Ski Week trip to Aspen - Snowmass. Our appreciation and congratulations are extended to trip leader Dennis Nickelson for a job well done. Dennis may share trip leader duties with Wayne Stolfus, also of the Sitzmarkers, for the 2006 Telluride trip. The Sitzmarkers host a wide variety of recreational and social events for singles in the Riverside/Corona/Moreno Valley/San Bernardino area.

The Blitzsnell club hosted six training camps this year, which represents a re-kindling of Blitzsnell's local racing program for kids and adults. While two of the camps were three-day events at Mammoth - not quite as local as we would like - four others were one-day events at Snow Valley. We are very optimistic about scheduling a couple of GS events for the coming season at Snow Valley, so save space for a local family race on your 2005-2006 calendars.

Inland Council Officers 2004-2005. Elections held in October.

President, Bud Allie

Vice President, Richard Orosco

Vice President Events and Travel, Dan Crawford

Statistician/Rules Chairman, Bob Warzynski

Secretary/Treasurer, Debbie Warzynski

Program Development, Ben Vandenberg

Past President, Don Shore

Council Report

Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs by
Rinda Wohlwend, President



The Los Angeles Council of Ski Clubs represents 30 clubs that cover Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Whether it's winter or summer, all the clubs have a full calendar of events, including Rokka and ULLR league racing in the winter. You can find all the council and club activity information at www.lacouncil.org.

Each year, usually in November, we host a formal dinner dance to kick off the ski season and select our candidates for the FWSA Man and Woman of the Year award. This year **Laura Priess** from **Single Ski Club** and **Ray Craig** from **Conejo Ski and Sports Club** are our distinguished candidates. We wish the best for them.

Every year LAC sponsors a week-long ski trip. You are always welcome to join us on any trip or activity.

LA Council Officers 2006-2007

President: Judith Miller , Secretary: Karen James, Treasurer: Kathy Faris, VP Membership: JoAnne Taylor, VP Travel: Iris williams, VP Communications: Gordona Cardona; VP Programs: Mary Albritton, Past President: Rinda Wohlwend

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Council Report

New Mexico Ski Club Council by Diane Stearley, President



The New Mexico Ski Club Council had one of it's best ski season in a long time. The snow in New Mexico was awesome: providing a lot of local skiing. Our five clubs were in powder heaven! We are certainly hoping for a repeat next year.

However, our club members did trek out of state to destinations far and wide. Whistler, Vail, Telluride, Heavenly, Aspen., Steamboat, Purgatory, and Europe to name just a few.

The New Mexico Ski Club Council took about a dozen happy participants to the Far West Ski Week in Aspen this year for a wonderful time skiing, partying, carousing, and just having fun being together.

It has been an exciting and fun year and we are all looking forward to another great year with all our wonderful Far West friends.

Happy Trails.

Council Report

Northwest Council by Steve Coxen, President

www.nwskiers.org



Northwest Ski Club Council represents 35 clubs and 9,000 ski club members in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. 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.

2005-2006 Ski Season

Northwest skiers kicked off the ski season with a trip to Breckenridge in December. This was a joint trip with San Diego Council. In February, Skiyente Ski Club hosted a "family trip" to Big White which was a huge success--Big White being a great place for kids! They are making plans for the 2nd annual "family trip" in 2007 to Big Mountain via AMTRAK.

Northwest club members enjoyed another fantastic Far West Ski Week at Telluride in February. The Far West travel program is very popular among the Council membership. Travel opportunities with Far West can be found on their website as well as the Council newsletter and website.

This past season, Northwest ski areas experienced an abundant amount of snowfall. Our PACRAT Race League had excellent conditions for all their races. Council members traveled to Mt. Bachelor for a St. Patrick's Weekend in mid-April and S'No Joke Ski Club hosted a Council trip to Whistler in April where they had some fantastic spring skiing!

Northwest Council held the "Ski Oregon Challenge" this ski season. Skiers and snowboarders were encouraged to ski nine of the eleven resorts in Oregon and then be eligible for prizes. We had three winners who skied all eleven resorts - one downhill skier, one snowboarder, and one telemarker! Watch for this program again in 2007 and expanding into Washington.

Public Affairs

Now in our fourth year, the Northwest Snowsports Advocates has a 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 and several other Northwest resorts. These letters are posted on this webpage.

Northwest Council has held a seat on the board of directors of Oregon Snowsport Industries Association (OSIA) for over 12 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 (PNSAA) 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 the Oregon and Washington 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 early November. The annual Northwest Council "Ski Fair" was also held in November. This event always draws a large crowd with sales of discount passes and a great silent auction. All three shows were excellent opportunities to interact with ski resort and industry representatives and with the general public. Our NW Skiers Directory is released at these shows - a great resource of resorts and retailers who support Northwest Council as well as some interesting articles about the sport of skiing.

Community Service

The PACRAT race league sponsored a Special Olympics team, 10 racers made up of Special Olympics athletes and coaches who competed in several PACRAT races. Northwest Council will have several racers in the Golden Rose Ski Classic on June 3rd at Timberline Ski Area. This event is a fundraiser for Mt. Hood Ski Education Foundation. 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. The Mt. Hood Cultural Center & Museum continues to grow and is enlarging and adding to their impressive exhibits of the history of Mt. Hood - several clubs hold events at the Museum and sponsor fundraisers for the Museum. Northwest Council teams raised over \$3600 for Oregon Cancer Ski Out and one team stands out - "The FWSA GERM TEAM" - in honor of our good friend Mike German. The state of Washington has a new *Ski & Ride* license plate, released in January 2006. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Washington NW Winter Sports Foundation.

PACRAT Racing

We had 15 teams, plus a Special Olympics team compete in the PACRAT alpine racing league, a division of FWRA. Five races were held on Mt. Hood at Mt. Hood Meadows, Timberline, and Skibowl. Each team is made up of ten members, of all levels of racing abilities. Mt. High's Psychothermia team took first place this year. The post-season awards party was held in April at the Downtown Greek Cuisina in Portland. Awards were presented and King and Queen Rats were crowned. The Northwest Council looks forward to the FWRA Championship Races being held in Oregon in 2007 at Mt. Bachelor. Look for Northwest Council to treat you to a fantastic awards banquet. The PACRAT League has a new website at www.pacrats.org

Recognition

I would like to thank all members who worked on behalf of our clubs and Northwest Council during the 2005-06 year, especially the Northwest Council Board of Directors: **John Reinhardt, Jeanne Reinhardt, Steve Coxen, Linda Coxen, Linda McGavin, Debbi Kor-Lew, Jack Folliard, Sheri Parshall, and Barb Parshall.** And a big thanks to all the ski resorts and industry who support Northwest Council and club activities.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our Far West friends at the 74th Anniversary Convention in Chandler, Arizona. A huge thank you to all of the Arizona Council volunteers who have worked very hard to organize a fun and productive weekend for all of us.

Council Report

Orange Council of Ski Clubs by George Kish, President



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 nine 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.

Orange Council had about 64 members participate in the FWSA 2006 Ski Week at Telluride and there are already 30 members signed up for the FWSA 2007 Ski Week at Steamboat.

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 Chandler and being with friends once more.

Council Report

San Diego by Cheryl Riess, President



Welcome to the 2006 Far West Ski Association 74th Annual Convention. We look forward to participating in this year's activities. Thank you Arizona Ski Council and the FWSA staff for all your hard work.

San Diego Council of Ski Clubs enjoyed a wonderful ski season. Visit our Council web site at www.skisandiego.org for a current list of council sponsored activities and link to our clubs.

Congratulations to **Gene Fulkerson** (Pacific Rim Alliance Ski Club) and **Cheryl Riess** (North Island Snowdrifters 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 2005/2006 Board of Directors and Club Representatives. These hard working volunteers make our programs successful. Special recognition goes to:

Executive Board:

Cheryl Riess, President
Michael German, Past President
Judy Schultheis, 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
Sabina Alberti, Torrey Mesa Ski Club
Debbie Schroeder, Torrey Pines Ski Club

We look forward to another year of participation with the Far West Ski Association. Good luck to all the FWSA councils and hope to see you during the convention.

Council Report

Sierra Council by Cliff Young, President



Council Activities:

- ❖ Sierra Council / League Annual BBQ, Election of Officers, and Awards was held Saturday, April 23 at Mount Rose following a morning of spring skiing. Our major awards consisted of a **Legends Award**; the **Bill Ramoni Award**; and the **Lifesaver Award**. Race Awards are the **“Top Gun” Award** for most race points and awards for the top five **men and top five women point earners** plus **Most Improved Racer** title. Several humorous awards such as

the “Lookin’ Good Award; “Balls Out Award”; “Energizer Bunny”; “Band-aid Award”; and “First Sergeant Award”.

- ❖ Officers elected: **Cliff Young**, President; **Frank App**, Treasurer; **Debbie Stewart**, VP of Travel; **Pavel Bosin**, Web Master; and **Beth Perryman**, Newsletter Editor.

Racing:

- ❖ Sierra League completed all eight league races – four slalom races and four giant slalom races. We coordinated our schedule with Far West Masters to enable our racers to race in one another’s races.
- ❖ Sierra League co-chaired Nor Cals at Alpine Meadows along with Singles and Open Leagues from the Bay Area. We hosted around 225 racers and gave out T-shirts to all participants. Spring snow conditions and huge class sizes led to a difficult slalom on Saturday, while winter snow and wind gales prevailed on Sunday, making those courses extremely hard.
- ❖ We also participated in the rescheduled FWRA Championships at Kirkwood.

Charities and Community Service:

- ❖ Sierra League participated in the Code 3 races on April 7 at Northstar. The event benefits the Pacific Burn Institute. Sacramento Fagowees participates in Eppies Great Race which benefits the Sacramento Disabled Sports; Reno Ski & Rec held a benefit for the Great Basin Outdoor School.